



Area ready to salute wounded warriors

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A salute and a wave of the red, white and blue are in order.

The warriors have arrived. Today and Friday is the chance for the community to come out and show appreciation for those laying lives and limbs on the line in order that the rest of us enjoy such pleasures as a luxurious beautiful Memorial Day weekend.

In a sense, that weekend continues the next few days as the community is provided a chance to say "Thanks" to soldiers who have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan during the third annual Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend.

"This is truly an event for and about our community and surround-

ing area," said George Duren, a member of the Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Foundation, a local non-profit which underwrites the weekend.

"The FCWW has nothing to do with local or national politics. It is specifically about our community and the surrounding area coming together as one and doing something very special in honoring some of our county's sons and daughters who have borne the brunt of defending our nation over the last 10 years. We believe that they deserve all the honor and favor we can give them."

The warriors — the number doubled this year to 20 along with their caretakers — arrived Wednesday in Port St. Joe and will enjoy a private lunch put on by one of several restaurants providing meals during

the coming days — Sunset Coastal Grill, Dockside Café and Boondocks among them — and activities before tonight's formal dinner.

The dinner will be at the Centennial Building with Brig. Gen. Bill Wolf from Fort Rucker the keynote speaker.

Friday brings more fun during the Wounded Warrior Offshore Shootout, which will begin at 7 a.m. ET from the Port St. Joe Marina, with weigh-ins between noon and 1:30 p.m.

Between and around those public events will be private time for the Navy, Air Force, Marines and Army warriors and their caretakers to get away, catch their breath and enjoy a little quiet time along the beaches of St. Joseph Bay and the Gulf of

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WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

The community is encouraged to come out and wave flags and salute the 20 warriors here for the weekend tonight and Friday.

A motorcade, led by the Warrior Watch Riders, will arrive at the corner of First Street and U.S. 98 about 5:40 p.m. and move on to Long Avenue by 5:45 p.m. The motorcade will travel Long Avenue to the Centennial Building to arrive at 5:55 p.m. People are encouraged to line those streets and give these soldiers a Gulf County welcome.

On Friday, the weigh-ins for the FCWW Offshore Shootout will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Port St. Joe Marina. The warriors will depart from the marina at 7 a.m. People are encouraged to come out and be part of the fishing fun.

DIPLOMAS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO GRADUATES



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Wewahitchka High School graduate Katie Jones helps fellow grad Hailey Harris with her collar before the WHS ceremony last Saturday. **Below**, PSJHS students embrace before their graduation ceremony last week.

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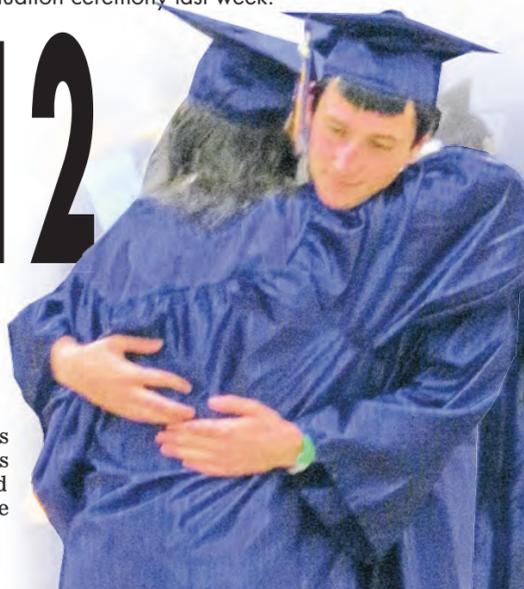
It was a weekend of pomp and circumstance as 134 Gulf County seniors received their diplomas, turned their tassels and took their first steps into the adult world.

Port St. Joe High School's graduation on May 24 packed the R. Marion

Craig Coliseum as eager students draped in purple gowns adorned with tassels of gold walked across the stage and into the next chapter of life.

Wewahitchka High School's graduation was May 26 as dozens of students in red sheath embraced each other and said goodbye to the

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Lester eyes post as property appraiser

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Local real estate appraiser and consultant Jamie Lester officially has announced his intention to seek the office of Gulf County property appraiser.

Lester, 46, was raised in Gulf County from which he grew up in Port St. Joe on Marvin Avenue and later graduated from Wewahitchka High School in 1984. His father, a life-long resident of Wewahitchka, is Bo-John Lester, and his mother is Joyce Wynn, a former Gulf County property appraiser who was raised in Port St. Joe. Jamie resides in Wewahitchka, where he raises his two children, Trey Lester, 16, and Luke Lester, 12. Both children attend Wewahitchka High School.

Lester earned his master's degree in business administration from Liberty University and his bachelor's degree in public administration with a minor in political science from the University of Central Florida. Since that time, he became a Florida real estate broker, a Florida state certified residential appraiser and is a Florida state certified general appraiser. He has been active members in the Appraisal Institute and the American Society of Appraisers where he holds the designation of an SRA (Senior Residential Appraiser) and another designation as an ASA. He also earned the designation as a certified Florida evaluator.

Lester also was certified as a Florida Supreme Court County Court mediator and Florida Supreme Court family mediator. In addition, Lester served as

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Gulf County revenue to drop \$500,000 with property values

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Gulf County is preparing for a 6 percent decrease in property values for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, a drop that will cost the county an estimated \$500,000 in revenue.

County Administrator Don Butler presented the Board of County Commissioners with

recommendations from the budget committee on how to make up for the \$500,000 deficit during a special budget meeting May 22.

The commission agreed they did not want to raise the millage and would make up for the loss through further budget cuts and examination of additional revenue sources.

Butler presented a long list of line items that the budget com-

mittee culled including potential sources of revenue, places to cut dollars and mandatory budget increases.

The revenue sources presented totaled \$314,250 in potential revenue for the county.

One major source of revenue would come from the county doubling the landfill tipping fee to \$70 per ton, potentially providing an additional \$115,000 each

year. Other sources of revenue presented included increasing EMS fees by requiring the city of Mexico Beach to pay the county's EMS department for runs to Bay County and charging "dry run" fees.

Dry runs are those to which EMS responds, but the patient does not allow transportation to

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As with last year, the Port St. Joe Fire Department will have a huge American flag to greet the Wounded Warriors as they arrive in Port St. Joe for tonight's formal dinner.

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Mexico. This year, the group is joined by several soldiers who participated in the FCWW in the past and will serve as something akin to mentors to help the soldiers, many not long off the battlefield, relax and enjoy.

"It is often overlooked that many of these warriors go from the battlefield, to a hospital, to a rehabilitative center and then home," Duren said. "It is easy for them not to ever experience a celebration that honors them specifically. Our goal, on behalf of our community and the Forgotten Coast, is to bring these Warriors together so that they might have the opportunity to bond and experience a weekend of fishing and our kind of fun here in Port St. Joe."

"Simply put, there is no nobler cause than giving back to those who have given so much for us."

The effect on the soldiers can be profound, as explained in an email from Army Sgt. FC Gary C. Everett. The event he attended last year at this time, he said, turned "his life upside down."

After four years back stateside

from Iraq, four years of nightmares and medical issues that seemed without end, Everett acknowledged a desire to end his life, he had enough, he was "done, tired."

Then came a phone call and invitation to the FCWW. Everett liked to fish so he went expecting nothing more than some time away from doctors and the chance to catch a fish or two.

He quickly realized he had set the bar way too low.

"Port St Joe is not your average, normal, everyday community," Everett wrote. "These people are like something you would have to write a script about. Imagine being in a speeding car or van with police escort, coming in from Panama City, all the roads are blocked off, not a scenic drive until you come to this one community (Mexico Beach) ... Here comes the ocean on the right, some condos, looks like a tourist area, now that community is gone. Then comes the bridge (the Tapper Bridge), over the bridge and then we start to see what I have never before seen with my eyes."

"This little community, these patriotic, freedom-loving, military-supporting people, these unbelievable people of Port St Joe. People everywhere waving flags screaming and blowing kisses on every corner of every street. I think I was hugged at least 200 times. My hand was constantly shaking someone's ... (It) was an attack of kindness and love from perfect strangers, the kind of affection that shows that person, or soldier going through those difficult times, that it will pass. What makes a community do things like this but be so heavy on the impact, what is the reason. Just because?"

And that is largely the point of the FCWW, as any of the committee members would tell you. A community - from folks waving flags tonight on Long Avenue to the 20 boat captains who donated a day of fishing to the restaurants and stores - opening their arms and wares to these soldiers, these warriors.

"They just get it in Port St. Joe," said Marine Staff Sgt. Glen Silva, who attended last year's event and is returning this week.



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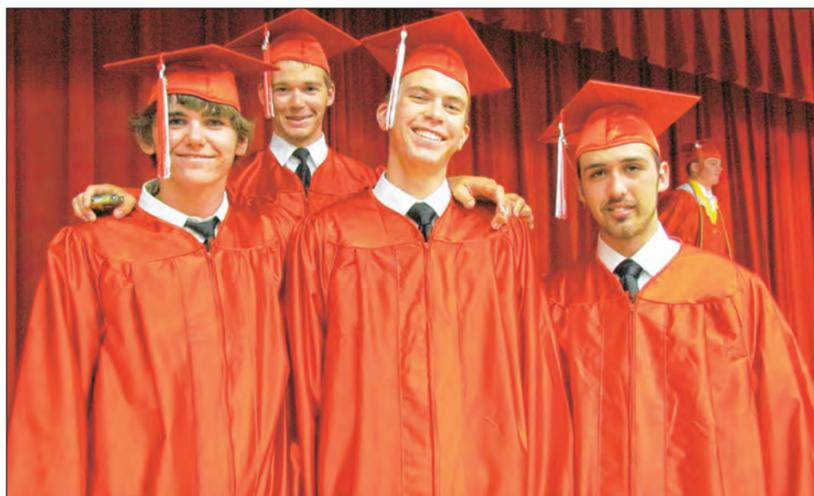
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From left to right are WHS grads Tyler Whitten, Beau Boggess, Austin Chumney and Austin Bryan.

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teachers and halls of WHS.

In addition to the ceremonial walk across the stage for the diploma and a congratulatory handshake, several hundred thousand dollars of scholarships were awarded to seniors on graduation night.

Scholarships awarded to Port St. Joe students last Thursday night

Linda Lewis Wright Teacher, \$500, Sylvia Sheline; Kiwanis Academics (English), \$100, Michelle Hiscock; Kiwanis Academics (math), \$100, Kristina Furstenberg; Kiwanis Academics (Social Studies), \$100, Ian Frost; Kiwanis Academics (science), \$100, Rachel Jones; Kiwanis Vocational-Haney, \$1,000, Blake Buskens; Kiwanis Academics (GCSC), \$950 each, Sylvia Sheline, Samantha Taylor; Marilyn Witten Scholarship, \$1,000 each, Alyson Harvey, Connor Clark; Gold Card academic girl, \$250, Alexandria Thomas; Gold Card academic boy, \$250, Ian Frost;

George Tapper Scholarship (valedictorian), \$1,000, Michelle Hiscock; Billy Tapper Local 1564 (African-American), \$390, Alex King; Billy Tapper Local 1713 (Caucasian), \$390, Avery Little; Gibson Rotary (up to four years), \$1,000 per year; Kristina Furstenberg; Walter Wilder Scholarship (up to two years at GCSC), \$1,950, Andrew Burke; Jimmy and Susan Wilder Scholarship, \$950 each to GCSC, Lora Williams, Sadik Padilla, Michaela Wiegand, Cole Warren; Gulf Coast State College, \$950, Karah Bradley; Zedoc Baxter Memorial Scholarship, \$500, Daniel May; Oliver and Laura Taylor Scholarship, \$500, Kristina Furstenberg; Methodist Care Closet, \$1,000, Rachel Jones; Junior Beta Club (two), \$250, Connor Clark and Karah Bradley; C. Leonard Belin Lions Club, \$950, Austin Howze and Sarah Pippin; City Wide Missionary Society Scholarship, \$500, Autumn Merriel; J. Lamar Faison Scholarship, \$500, Lacey Strickland; Duren's Piggly Wiggly NJROT Scholarship (two), \$500, LeAnna Collins and Brittany Anthony; VFW Post 10069 Leadership Scholarship, \$500, Nic Dickinson; VFW Post 10069 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship, \$500, LeAnna Collins; CFES Scholarship (two year GCSC tuition and book stipend), \$3,200, Brittany Anthony;

A Challenge Scholarship (Quinn and Wood, two), \$500, Arion Ward and Jenny Miles; Sam Cox Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500, Blaine Bush; Herman Dean Scholarship (band), \$500, Michelle Hiscock; Band Boosters (two), \$500, Michelle Hiscock and LeAnna Collins; WASWA Scholarship (two), \$500, Katie Lacour and Rachel Jones; Pepper's Spanish Award, \$100, Avery Little; R. Marion "Coach" Craig, \$500, Dylan Dunaway; Bryce Nelson Memorial Scholarship, \$500, Austin Howze; Pecola and Joe Smiley Scholarship (two), \$250, Brittany Anthony and



A Port St. Joe High School graduate hugs a teacher before his graduation ceremony on May 24.

Autumn Merriel; PACE 379 (four), \$950 each, Alex King (two), Patricia Davidson and Austin Howze; Margaret Key Biggs, \$500, Lacey Strickland;

GCEA, \$400, Natalie Wood; Port St. Joe Garden Club, \$500, Patricia Davidson; Pam Nobles Studio Scholarship (two), \$2,000 and \$200, Erin White (\$200); Deanna Ramsey, \$250, C.J. Butts; Class of 1955 (one male, one female), \$1,000 each, Lora Williams and C.J. Butts; Knights of Pythias, \$300, Katie Lacour; Fairpoint, \$600, Michelle Hiscock; Gulf County Sheriff Dept., \$500, Caleb Kesterson; Hosi and Christine Owens GCSC, \$3,000, Avery Little;

Frances Jean Mahon Little, \$300, Michelle Hiscock; Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic, \$500, Kaley Wilder; Megan Walker, full ride to Mississippi State; Emerald Muniz, full ride to North Carolina State; Michelle Hiscock, \$20,000 from UF; Kristina Furstenberg, \$12,000 from UCF; Ian Frost, \$1,000 per year from UWF; Karah Bradley, \$2,100 from Florida Realtors; Katie Gardner, \$950 from Tapper Foundation; Blaine Bush, \$1,250 from American Military Engineers and \$1,000 from Tyn-dall Federal Credit Union.

Scholarships awarded to Wewahitchka High School students last Saturday night

GCSC College Honor, two year scholarship, Anna Gaskin and Cory Walding; FASFEPA Vivian Scott Scholarship, \$1,000, Oliver Gerber; DAR, \$100, Donia Lanier; Society of Military Engineers, \$1,250, Cory Walding; Tupelo Lodge Scholarship (two), \$500, Oliver Gerber and Anna Gaskin; VFW, \$350, Megan Setterich; Dixie Youth Scholarship (three), \$2,000, Megan Setterich, Austin Guffey and Justin Flowers; Dixie Boys Scholarship, \$1,500, Cory Walding; Methodist Care Closet, \$1,000, Kristopher Cox; BBB Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000, Oliver Gerber; Wewahitchka Woman's Club (four), \$500, Heath Bailey, Raven Forehand, Trey McGill and Megan Udell; Wewahitchka Search and Rescue (three), \$500, Heath Bailey, Austin Guffey and Oliver Gerber; Employees Club of Wewahitchka (five), \$500, Heath Bailey, Irjara Pippin, Anna Gaskin, Megan Setterich and Benjamin McDaniel; Florida Realtors (three), Cory Walding

(\$1,400), Megan Setterich (\$1,400), Oliver Gerber (\$600); Bateman-Wooten Scholarship, \$500, Megan Udell; Junior Service League of Port St. Joe, \$1,000, Cory Walding; GCEA Scholarship, \$400, Austin Guffey; Gator Booster Scholarship (seven), Oliver Gerber and Donia Lanier (\$250 each), Austin Guffey, Cory Walding, Taylor Husband, Nicholas Combs and Jeremy Morrill (\$100 each); Florida Catfish Classic Employee's Club Scholarship, \$500, Kristopher Cox; NHS Scholarship (11), \$75 each, Heath Bailey, Kristopher Cox, Anna Gaskin, Oliver Gerber, Taylor Husband, Donia Lanier, Irjara Pippin, Lyndsey Ramsey, Katelyn Roberts, Megan Setterich and Cory Walding;

Gulf County Sheriff's Office Employee's Club Scholarship, \$500, Raven Forehand; Distinguished Young Woman Scholarship, \$500, Lyndsey Ramsey; Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship, Kristopher Cox and Lyndsey Ramsey; Florida Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship, Heath Bailey, Nicholas Combs, Oliver Gerber, Megan Setterich, Anna Gaskin, Taylor Husband, Donia Lanier, Trent McGill, Jeremy Morrill, Katelyn Roberts, James Strickland, Cory Walding; African-American Collegiate Scholarship, Ciara Jackson, Travis McGill, Quentin Carter and Bridgette Myers (\$350 each), Trey McGill, Megan Udell, Trent McGill (\$400), Taylor Husband, Heath Bailey, Kristopher Cox, Cory Walding, Donia Lanier, Lyndsey Ramsey, Anna Gaskin, Megan Setterich (\$450 each), Oliver Gerber (\$550); Geraldine Williams Scholarship (two), \$300, Bridgette Myers and Quentin Carter; Alfredia Owens Scholarship (two), \$250, Bridgette Myers and Quentin Carter; Gaskin-Graddy Scholarship, \$500, Jeremy Morrill; Baptist State College, \$8,000, Lyndsey Ramsey; Full Sail University, \$6,000, Nicholas Combs; UWF, Jeremy Morrill, \$750; UWF, \$1,200, Jeremy Morrill; GCSC Foundation Scholarships (amounts TBD), Megan Udell, Justin Flowers, Benjamin McDaniel, Quentin Carter, Raven Forehand, Trey McGill, Ciara Jackson, James Strickland; CFES (amount TBD), Megan Udell; FSU Transfer Scholarship, \$3,000, Oliver Gerber; FSU Grants and Scholarship, \$2,750, Katelyn Roberts; Chipola College Cross Country, full tuition, Donia Lanier; MMI wrestling, part tuition, Beau Boggess.

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Serving as your Gulf County Superintendent of Schools has truly been a rewarding experience. Growing up in a home where education was paramount and attending the local schools, I've had the unique opportunity to experience firsthand the school system I now serve as Superintendent. I am pleased to report that we have already begun the task of balancing our current and projected budget for next year by making some tough decisions on where to cut without impacting our children's educational opportunities. It is in this process of lowering costs and developing other sources of revenue that I believe my business experience and professional contacts are of the greatest value to the citizens of Gulf County.

We are already doing more with less...

- The 2011-2012 current year budget is \$2.2 million less than the 2010-2011.
- The projected 2012-2013 budget is \$1.25 million less than the current year.

Historically, our school system has benefited from sufficient financial resources propped up in the early years by the St. Joe Paper Company and in recent times by soaring property values that escalated available funds for education. In 2005 the property market bubble burst and the Gulf County citizens stepped up to the plate to fill the revenue shortfall by voting for a one mill tax increase. The one mill ad valorem tax (currently \$1,500,000) sunsets next year and coupled with the continued property value decreases, declining student enrollment and state budget cuts, the district faces financial challenges.

Already, during my short time as Superintendent, we have worked collaboratively with the public and private sectors to improve our facilities and schools, specifically:

- A cooperative agreement with Gulf CI resulted in the inmates performing the assembly of new lockers purchased for one school which allowed the purchase of needed lockers for both elementary schools; amounting to thousands in savings.
- Resurrected PECO (State) dollars that have allowed for facility upgrades without burdening the Gulf County tax payers. Those facility upgrades to be completed this summer include: a new cafeteria at Port St. Joe Elementary, newly refurbished classroom/locker rooms for the boys and girls at Port St. Joe High School.
- Private donations have provided much needed shrubbery and plants for the beautification of Wewahitchka Elementary, Wewahitchka High and Port St. Joe Elementary Schools.
- Private donations have provided for the replacement of the Wewahitchka High School football scoreboard which has embarrassingly malfunctioned during the past seasons.

Plans for our future...

- Develop a Career Academy in cooperation with Gulf Coast State College and Gulf Coast Workforce Board that can prepare students for employment in this region's workforce.
- More emphasis on technology and virtual classrooms that enhance available courses for university bound students and lowers the need for costly new facilities.
- Career path planning and training programs that prepares students for pursuit of well paying technical and industry certification required jobs.
- Enhance our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education programs.

As I continue to serve as your Superintendent, I ask for your support and promise to listen to your ideas and suggestions. Further, I pledge to continue my dedication for the responsibility of educating our children while remaining accountable to those who pay for it.

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Opinion

Prepare your kids for summer job expenses

By JASON ALDERMAN

High school and college students hoping to find temporary jobs may be in for a tough time this summer — once again — as they compete with older, more experienced workers in a still-struggling economy. But if your kid is fortunate enough to find work, there are a few things he or she — and you — should know about the economic and tax ramifications of temporary employment: Payroll deductions. If this is their first job, warn your kids about common payroll deductions that can take a big bite out of take-home pay. Common culprits include state and federal income taxes, Social Security and Medicare (FICA), health and unemployment insurance, uniforms and union dues.

When starting a new job your child will be asked to fill out IRS Form W-4, the Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. Employers use this form to determine how much income tax should be withheld from your paycheck. The form's instructions help determine how many personal allowances can be claimed.

Note: If you claim your children as dependents and they earn less than \$5,950 during 2012, they probably won't owe any income tax for the year. If so, they can request that employers not withhold income taxes by claiming an "exemption from withholding" on Line 7 of the W-4. However, if you notice on their year-end W-2 form that the employer did indeed withhold federal and state income taxes, your child must file a tax return in order to get a refund.

Self-employed status. Many teens start their working careers by being self-employed, doing part-time jobs like babysitting, yard work or housekeeping. It's important to know that this income is also subject to income tax. If their self-

employment net earnings exceed \$400 in 2012, your kids also must pay self-employment tax, even if they owe no income tax. This tax is similar to the Social Security and Medicare taxes that get withheld from regular wages. Self-employment tax is assessed at 13.3 percent of net self-employment income reported.

The IRS provides a handy guide called "Taxable Income for Students" guide that explains what types of income are and are not taxable (www.irs.gov). For example, tips, bank account interest and certain scholarship-paid expenses (such as room and board) must be reported as taxable income.

IRA contributions. Retirement is probably the last thing on your teenager's mind, but you should know that they are allowed to open and contribute earned income up to \$5,000 to an IRA each year. If you or the grandparents want to make a down payment on your kid's future, consider funding an IRA. For teens it usually makes sense to open a Roth IRA as opposed to a traditional IRA. Here's why:

With a Roth, you pay tax on the contributions that year — and kids are usually in the lowest tax bracket. Then, contributions and investment earnings grow tax-free forever. With a traditional IRA, you make pretax contributions but pay income tax on withdrawals at retirement — usually at a much higher tax rate.

If someone opened a Roth IRA at age 16 and contributed only \$1,000 a year, the account could be worth over \$300,000 by age 60. Sit down with your kid and play around with the Roth IRA Calculator at www.dinkytown.net — it's a great way to teach the importance of compound earnings.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

'What so proudly we hailed'

"How are you celebrating Memorial Day?" It was my little brother on the phone and he got right to the point. He didn't mention his year in Vietnam. He didn't go into his Special Forces training. He didn't launch into a patriotic treatise on the soldiers that he personally knew that had paid the supreme sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today

"K.C., let's go to Tennessee for a family reunion."

"OK."

It doesn't take me long to make up my mind about seeing kinfolks. Besides, I was home alone. Cathy has been for the last seven and a half weeks—I know this is going to shock you—up in Georgia playing with grandchildren. I did get a post card from her in April. I figured the trip would at the very least get me out of an awfully quiet house.

And, before we even get in the car, let me fill you in on country kin. I've heard all the jokes and stories ...but the truth is the association, bond, family ties or whatever you choose to call it, is real and special. I must have a hundred first cousins up there. My parents and their parents were brothers and sisters in a farm community that struggled to "make ends meet" during the Great Depression. They were blessed with very few material things which naturally caused them to gravitate to each other. I'm not talking Hatfield and McCoy stuff here. I'm talking about people that took a keen interest in each others thoughts, hurts, problems, work load, play time and spiritual welfare. They didn't have much. But they had each other. What a heritage us "first cousins" share today.

When World War II came along my father and uncles were drafted off the farm for places like New Guinea, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Belgium. They didn't complain, buck the system or shirk their

responsibility. Faith, loyalty, honor and country ran deep among the families living along the banks of Sugar Creek

And we were all first cousins. You didn't "marry into the family". You married Martha, you became a cousin! You married Charles, you married the family. There was no "step" uncle or "cousin by marriage on Aunt Delia's side of the family".

We wouldn't have dreamed of that. Uncle Womack married my mother's sister. He was about the best uncle a boy could ever have. There was no asterisk.

But, there is definitely another side of that coin. If you were an odd ball, contrary sort, pretty much son of a gun, we may not "claim you".... even if you were an identical

twin. It was a family matter and that's the way we worked it out. And, of course, we would never have married our first cousin. We loved them too much to marry them.

J. C. showed us around as soon as we got there. What a treat to visit some of the old hang outs. And it allowed me a chance to tell the "fishing with the .30-06" one more time. David or J. C. would stand on the bridge and fire down in amongst a school of fish. The concussion would stun a dozen fish or so. Me and Joe would be thigh deep out in the creek just downstream throwing the dazed bream up on the bank. We probably fished that way about twice in our lives. It was the two thousandth time I had told the story.

None of us mentioned the horrific wounds J.C.'s father received during the Battle of the Bulge or C's time in Vietnam. We talked about the night Aunt Ruby Nell woke us up at 3 am, "borrowed" Uncle Clifford's truck and let us shoot rabbits "off the hood" racing down the Steadman Ridge Road. We laughed at Uncle Ben's dry wit and the talking capacity of most all of the Kennedy women.

We visited the old home site



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'CAKE DOUGHNUTS & DOUGHNUT CAKES'

My godmother, Phyllis and I had been talking about doughnuts in the days after her birthday. Phyllis lives alone in Gary, Indiana, but has folks in and out checking on her on a regular basis. It was her 91st birthday and I sent her a fancy pink "Birthday Girl" ribbon to wear.

Wouldn't you know it? Her male nurse had upstaged my pink "Birthday Girl" ribbon and brought her doughnuts for her 91st birthday. At 91, I think you should be able to eat anything you want to, Phyllis agrees.

Cake Doughnuts are Phyllis' favorite. Phyllis explained to me that cake doughnuts make the best bread pudding. I got busy and found a business card to write on and something to write with. I wrote down Phyllis' recipe for the Cake Doughnut Bread Pudding.

Phyllis and I are on the same page when it comes to recipes, she wasn't quite sure on the exact measures and noted it really didn't matter. "Two or three eggs, you would use three if they (the eggs) are little, two if they are big," Phyllis noted. The butter, the milk, the sugar, the apple sauce, the baking powder; they were all "abouts," in terms of how much to use.

She could tell I was excited as I wrote down my 91 year-old godmother's secret bread pudding recipe. Phyllis laughed and told me I had to call her when I made it. I asked her, "Don't I call you almost every day anyway?" She laughed and said, "Yes, you do and I answer the phone, but you have to call me when you try it."

I've learned not to argue with Phyllis; I've learned not to complain. She has an answer for everything and she follows her answers with, "Blessed be His name."

If there's a 10 mile backup on the interstate, Phyllis notes how lucky I am to be going slow. If there's a thunderstorm or ice or snow, Phyllis points how many people are spending time together inside. Then she will always ask me, "Isn't God wonderful?" I simply say, "Yes ma'am."

When I talk to her about the many bad things going on or the things I worry about, she asks me, "Are you in control?" I simply say, "No ma'am." Then she reminds me of who is in control and tells me He has it worked out.

On Sunday afternoon, I got a hankering to try Phyllis' Secret Cake Doughnut Bread Pudding. There was only one problem; I had left the business card with the recipe and all of the abouts at my office. It was a holiday weekend and I wasn't driving a half hour to go get it.

I was pretty sure I could wing it;

I thought I remembered all of the ingredients and if I didn't, I could still make it work.

My supermarket didn't have a single cake doughnut. I checked the doughnut case, the boxed doughnuts and the bagged doughnuts.

No cake doughnuts.

I asked the bread lady and she didn't have any idea, so she called "Georgia" on her headset. Georgia (a lady, not the state) was quick to respond.

After explaining my problem to Georgia, she asked me, "Are you from North Carolina?" I told her I wasn't; she then began to tell me that I sounded like her relatives in North Carolina. "I'm from Alabama, I've been here for more than ten years, I guess I just sound like I'm from North Carolina, Georgia."

All this talk of states was getting me confused and I was on a cake doughnut mission.

Georgia said they didn't have cake doughnuts and asked me if something else would work. I explained to her that it was Phyllis' recipe and she might be upset if I didn't use cake doughnuts. "Hmm, how about a Vanilla Crème Cake, they are \$3.00 off, it's about the same consistency," Georgia pointed out.

Georgia showed me the cake, it was a bundt cake — you know the one with a hole in it. "This might work," I thought to myself, "It's a "Doughnut Cake," that has to be close to a cake doughnut."

As Georgia personally guided me around the store getting the other things I needed, I was reciting lines from the movie, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." In the movie, the groom to be's mother shows up at the Greek bride's parents' house with a bundt cake. It takes a while for the bride's mother to figure out that "the bundt" is actually a cake. When she does figure it out, she proclaims, "There's a hole in this cake!"

My doughnut cake bread pudding worked out nicely. My daughter helped me and I think I can share the recipe with you. I say, "I think," because sometimes I forget what I put in.

Bread Pudding

½ Doughnut Cake (Vanilla Bundt Cake)
1 stick of butter
5 eggs (trust me)
2 cups of heavy cream (don't use anything else)
1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon real vanilla extract (not imitation)
½ cup raisins

where Grandmother was raised. The house burned years before but you still stood there in awe. It was hard to picture Granny as young. But we each had that definite picture of the "happiest" lady on earth loving us, making a fuss over us, shooing us out of the kitchen or chasing a "black bug" up our arm. Somehow that spot just seemed to "put us back in touch". As we ate supper that night I couldn't keep my eyes off Teresa. She reminds us so much of Granny. What a special privilege she has in life to bear that for all of us!

I hugged Martha and Kathy smiled a smile that I remembered from fifty-five years ago. What I wouldn't give to crawl through that old barn with them just one more time. We didn't take family trips to the beach or out to Hollywood. I'd never been to Memphis or Nashville. We would "vacation" at Pa's house. And stay with the different cousins as the need and occasion arose. I'm telling you, I love these people more than life itself. As a matter of fact, it wouldn't be life without them.

Pa and Gran, Uncle Clifford, Aunt Beatrice, Mom and Dad, Uncle Womack, Uncle Hugh, Uncle F. D., Aunt Delia, the list goes onthey are not physically with us anymore. But they shall never leave us. As long as any of us can draw a breath that wonderful generation will live on. Just by gathering up on this night we honored them once again. Somehow, I know they heard us.

Family and country are kinda hard for me to separate at this particular time of year. I realize so fully that we wouldn't be the family we are today without the love and care that each of these aunts and uncles contributed so willingly to the future and well being of their "off spring".

I reckon the American soldier has done exactly the same thing for this country.

Gratefully,
Kes

Imitation Rum Sauce

About 4 tablespoons butter
½ pound confectioners' sugar (about 1 & 7/8 cups - I did the math)
Imitation rum extract to taste (not too much, not too little)
A little water (enough to make it pourable)

Preheat your oven to 350.

In a food processor, combine butter and sugar, until it gets clumpy. Add eggs, heavy cream, cinnamon, and vanilla, and mix it up good.

Butter up or spray Pam in a baking dish (you figure out the size). Slice half of the Doughnut Cake into normal size slices (not your cousin Earl's sized slices, normal slices). Now cut the slices into about 8 – 10 pieces each and layer in the pan. Scatter the raisins over the top. Pour the egg mixture over the Doughnut Cake pieces; let it soak for 10 minutes. Make sure all the pieces get hit with the egg mixture.

Cover with foil and bake at 350 for about 40 minutes. Remove foil and bake for additional 10 – 15 minutes to brown the top (watch it). Your Doughnut Cake bread pudding is done when the custard is firm, but still a little soft.

To make the imitation rum sauce: melt the 4 tablespoons of butter over medium heat in a saucepan, and take off the heat. Add confectioners' sugar to the melted butter and whisk to blend. (It probably will be too thick to whisk). Add imitation rum extract, to taste and a little water to thin it out (Try whisking it again). Pour the sauce over the bread pudding and watch it soak in. If you want, replace the imitation rum extract with dark rum; you might not need to add water. It wouldn't be imitation rum sauce anymore.

I think you will enjoy it. I call it, "Phyllis' Godson's Big Fat Doughnut Cake Bread Pudding." I called Phyllis and told her what I did (replacing the cake doughnuts with the doughnut cake). I expected her to either laugh or get mad at me for not following the recipe.

She didn't do either one.

Phyllis simply asked, "Did it turn out pretty good?" I said, "Yes Ma'am," then we talked about horses and basketball.

After I hung up, I realized I had forgotten the three tablespoons of applesauce. I also used more eggs, real cream instead of milk and more butter and more sugar. I also invented the imitation rum sauce. You could use 14-16 cake doughnuts instead of the doughnut cake. It all worked out; because I'm not in control. Things tend to work out when you have a mouthful of sinfully good bread pudding.

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DOT holds 30-A project meeting

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The Florida Department of Transportation held a public meeting last week to answer residents' questions and hear their concerns about a major road construction project that

will begin next year. The \$7 million project will resurface the 6.8-mile stretch of SR 30-A between SR 30-E (Cape San Blas Road) and Highway 98, widening the travel lanes to 12 feet and adding five-foot paved shoulders to the roadway. Construction will begin in the fall of 2013.

DOT Public Information Director Ian Satter said although the project won't begin for more than a year, the DOT tries to get the word out early, especially with a vital road like 30-A. The DOT provided aerial maps of the roadways, outlining the construction pathway at the meeting.

"We hold majority of our meetings in open-house format," Satter said "This is more of an intimate atmosphere." Satter said the project won't ever completely close the road but will produce interim lane closures. Speed limits along 30-A will be adjusted for safety

purposes, Satter said, but residents will receive warning weeks before the changes are made. He said the Sabal Palms along the roadway must also be removed for safety purposes. Satter said the DOT is still collecting feedback from area residents and

will complete their final plan design for the road improvements by November of this year. "Obviously people have businesses and homes along the road," Satter said. "We plan on maintaining entrances to business and homes at all times during the project."

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a hospital or other health care provider, effectively, as it was explained by EMS director Houston Whitfield during budget committee discussions, using EMS as a primary care provider.

Another revenue source would come from a 5 percent local option gas tax, which could bring in \$140,000 for the county in the first nine months. Increasing the building department's fees was also suggested, for about \$25,000 in additional revenue.

Mandatory budget increases total \$210,381 for the upcoming fiscal year, with increases coming from utilities, Medicaid payments, retirement, the IT department and insurance coverage.

Butler presented \$696,115 worth of budget decrease opportunities from the budget committee for the upcoming year.

These included \$50,000 budget cuts for both the library and the county courthouse and a 6 percent funding decrease for outside agencies like the Humane Society, Wewahitchka Search and Rescue, the Senior Citizens Center and the Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens.

Another suggestion was to transfer parks and recreation upkeep to the Tourism Development Council, eliminating \$25,000 from the county budget. Other proposed cuts included \$16,600 from the Economic Development Council budget, \$150,000 from not filling vacant public works positions, decreasing property and casualty insurance, decreasing fuel, and turning over the commodities program to a non-profit organization, which would save the county nearly \$20,000.

Butler said if commissioners chose to adopt the budget committee's recommendations as is, they would be in "pretty good shape." The budget decrease would be \$799,984 if commissioners adopted all suggestions, more than clearing the lost \$500,000 from decreasing property values.

"There are ways to make up the \$500,000," Butler said. "In a nutshell, by doing some things here, you don't have to worry about laying someone off."

Each commissioner took a moment at the meeting to voice their opinion on the budget committee's recommendations.

"I think several things

on this sheet will definitely work," Commissioner Warren Yeager said. "At some point, we do need to go down line item by line item."

Yeager said the county needs to look into what surrounding areas are charging for their landfills and look into charging service fees for mandatory garbage pickup through MTSUs and MTBUs.

"I'm for MSTUs; I'm for all of those issues," Yeager said. "Anything to lower the property tax, that's the way to do it."

Yeager said he has preached for years that ad valorem, or property tax, is not a fair tax.

"We've cut nearly 40 percent out of our budget," Yeager said. "Manpower wise it's getting harder and harder to do that number."

Commissioner Ward McDaniel stressed he was not in favor of raising taxes.

"I do not want to see a tax increase," McDaniel said. "We just need to keep narrowing it down and working it and working it."

Commissioner Tan Smiley agreed he did not want to see a tax increase, but also didn't want to have to limit certain services the county offers.

"We're faced with a very difficult problem," Smiley said. "We just need to take our time and look at this budget."

BOCC Chairman Bill Williams pushed for a motion to declare that the board is firm against raising the millage.

"It is my objective as the chair that we do not raise the millage," Williams said. "I think it's important that we don't mislead the public and the budget committee."

Commissioner Carmen McLemore said it was too early to put that motion on the table.

Yeager agreed he was in full support of not raising the millage, but stated the board should discuss the specifics of each recommendation at another special meeting.

"I do think there are some items we need to look at from both sides," Williams said. "I think some of the recommendations are good — this is the beginning phase."

The BOCC called for another special meeting to discuss the specifics of each line item at a later date.

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this story.

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a special magistrate for years in several surrounding counties such as Bay, Okaloosa and Leon. During this time, he heard the cases between the county property appraiser and property owners concerning their assessments.

"I have heard the cries of property owners and the pleas for fair assessments," Lester said. "In addition, to changes needed in the taxation system."

"The education, experience and being a state certified general appraiser will allow me to examine the market and use the knowledge gained to work with a property owner in getting all they deserve in a fair assessment, not only in value, but in exemptions," he said. "Being in the real estate business for over 28 years and being from both ends of the county has allowed me to build a vast knowledge of the property and lands that make up our great county."

In addition, being raised up in the Gulf County Property Appraisers office from the days of Sammy Patrick when he was property appraiser Lester has witnessed the changes

the county has gone through. Since that time, he has worked in the Bay County Property Appraiser's office under Richard Davis and was the director of appraisals in the Okaloosa County Property Appraiser's Office for more than two years.

Lester said he always has believed in compassion with understanding and his community involvement is evident. He has helped raise money and supported projects of the local VFW Post in Wewahitchka. He has been the entertainment chairman for the American Cancer Society for the Relay for Life. He is past president of the Port St. Joe Kiwanis, past president of the Seminole County Young Republicans and past president of College Republicans for the University of Central Florida.

"This campaign is about positive change with new ideas and creativity to help property owners in valuing their property with conservative ideas and notifying property owners of what is available to them and what they are entitled to," he said. "The county appraiser is also a voice for the citizens to be heard at the state level. Gulf County needs to be

heard at the state level to campaign for taxation changes that affect our property owners and citizens of our county. I lobbied several years ago for a five-year average assessment so we would not ever face spiked property values in one year.

"I lobbied to cap spending at the local level and created an assessment methodology on a volume discount method at the local level for multiple lot ownership," he continued. "In addition, I worked with several legislators and created a valuation formula for calculating a fair assessment mythology for those Floridians affected by the Chinese drywall issue."

Lester also worked to protect the local fishing industry by working to implement the legislation on working waterfront properties to protect our local fishing industry from increased assessments and not value them on highest and best use.

"The people of Gulf County need positive, effective leadership, not a follower, but a doer and someone that will stand up for the rights of the people, someone not afraid to tackle the issues," Lester said.

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FWC to Florida residents: Be 'bear aware'



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Love is in the air for Florida black bears. Breeding season for bears runs from June to July, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is reminding homeowners that bears are moving around, foraging for food and looking for mates.

According to
FWC

bear management program coordinator Dave Telesco, the agency is seeing an increase in calls about bears in neighborhoods around the state. The animals are lured into neighborhoods to feast on unsecured trash. His best advice: Do not feed the bears.

It is also illegal to feed bears in Florida.

"Problems arise when bears have access to people-related food sources such as pet foods, garbage, barbecue grills, birdseed or livestock feed," Telesco said. "Bears learn very quickly to associate people with food, and this puts the animals at increased risk of illegal kills or crossing highways and getting hit by vehicles."

Black bears normally are too shy to risk contact with humans, but their strong food drive can overwhelm these instincts. Residents can help these bears "move on," so they don't cause a conflict.

"If people remove the attractants, the bears will stay where we want them to stay — in wooded areas — and not enter urban and suburban neighborhoods," Telesco said.

Properly storing and securing garbage is a proven method of discouraging bears. Barbecue grills should be stored in a secure place, such as a garage or a sturdy shed when they are not in use (typically evenings). Keep garbage cans secure and only place them outside on the morning of pickup, rather than the night before. People can encourage their neighbors, community or local government to use bear-resistant trash containers or dumpsters. To find out where to get them, go to MyFWC.com/Bears and select "Brochures & Other Materials."

"Another way people can help is to feed pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding," Telesco said.

"Relocating bears is not always the best option," Telesco explained. "Most bears do not stay where we put them, and more than half of the bears we move just end up causing conflicts again in a new location."

"If you see a black bear, remain calm. Don't run. Walk calmly toward a building or vehicle and get inside," Telesco said. "If you have children or pets, bring them inside. Once you are in a secure location, encourage the bear to leave by banging pots and pans, blowing a car or air horn or whistle. The more stressful a bear's encounter with you, the less likely it is to come back."

If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Remove people and dogs from the area. The bear usually will come down and leave when it feels safe, which is typically after dark.

If the bear is threatening the safety of humans, pets or livestock or is causing property damage, report it to the FWC at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Residents can find out more about living with black bears at MyFWC.com/Bear.

Frequently asked questions about bears

Q. How many bears are there in Florida?

A. The best scientifically valid population estimates total 2,500 to 3,000 bears statewide. Bears currently live in eight relatively isolated areas. While some populations appear to be doing well, others are still recovering.

Q. What do I do if I see a bear?

A. If you encounter a bear at close range, remain standing upright, back up slowly and speak to the bear in a calm, assertive voice. Do NOT feed or intentionally attract bears. If a bear eats something on your prop-



erty, take note of what it is and secure it once the bear leaves. NEVER approach or surprise a bear. If you see a bear from a distance, enjoy the experience, but do not move toward the bear. If you are close, do not make any sudden or abrupt movements. Back away slowly and be sure the bear has an obvious escape route.

If you are in your yard, make sure you are in a safe area and that the bear has a clear escape route. Then, make noise or bang pots and pans to scare the bear away.

Do NOT turn your back, play dead, climb a tree or run. Back away slowly into the house or a secure area.

Avoid direct eye contact. Bears and many other animals may view this as aggressive behavior.

Report any bear that is threatening the safety of humans, pets or livestock to the FWC's Wildlife Alert hotline, 888-404-FWCC (3922) (see the "contact us" page). Cell phone users can call *FWC or #FWC.

Q. Are black bears fast runners or good climbers?

A. Absolutely! Bears can run up to 35 mph and climb 100 feet up a tree in 30 seconds! Do NOT run or climb a tree when you encounter a bear.

Don't run. Running triggers a chase instinct in many animals, including bears. You can't outrun a bear.

Don't climb a tree. Bears are excellent tree climbers. Mother black bears often send their cubs up a tree when they sense danger. You don't want to end up in a tree with a couple of cubs above you and a mother bear below you! If a bear chases you, you'll just end up fending off a bear in a tree rather than on the ground.

Don't play dead or turn your back on the bear. Back away slowly, make sure the bear has a clear escape route. Stop and hold your ground if your movement away seems to irritate instead of calm the bear.

If bears feel threatened, they may clack their teeth together; moan, blow, huff or paw the ground. The bear is showing you that it is as uncomfortable with the situation as you are. These are not indications of aggressive intent or an imminent attack. Truly predatory or aggressive black bears are eerily silent.

Q. What do I do if the bear stands up on its hind legs?

A. If the bear stands up, this is NOT an aggressive behavior. The bear is only trying to see you better to figure out what you are and assess whether or not you are a threat. Back away slowly, making sure the bear has a clear escape route.

Q. What do I do if a bear comes toward me or attacks?

A. If the bear paws the ground, huffs and puffs, clacks and snorts, or runs directly at you but stops before reaching you and returns to where it started, it is trying to scare you off. If you stand your ground, the bear will likely stop and move away. No matter what happens, do not run away. Continue slowly backing away, talking and holding up your arms. The bear may charge or vocalize several times until it is comfortable turning its back on you and leaving.

While there have been no predatory bear attacks on people in Florida, more than a dozen people have been bitten and scratched by bears defending themselves, cubs or food sources.

If a black bear attacks you: Fight back aggressively. People in other states have successfully fended off black bear attacks using rocks, sticks or even their bare hands. Bears are wild animals and must be respected. Even though they are typically quiet and shy animals, they have the potential to seriously harm humans. Do not take unnecessary risks.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, May 31	88°	73°	20 %
Fri, June 1	87°	73°	40 %
Sat, June 2	87°	73°	10 %
Sun, June 3	89°	73°	0 %
Mon, June 4	90°	74°	10 %
Tues, June 5	90°	74°	10 %
Wed, June 6	88°	74°	30 %

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
31	Th	7:16am 1.3		4:23pm 0.0	
	Tu	9:53am 0.9	7:58pm 0.8	1:42am 0.3	2:21pm 0.7
2	We	8:44am 1.0		1:24am 0.6	3:43pm 0.4
	Th	8:26am 1.2		4:45pm 0.1	
4	Fr	8:37am 1.6		5:45pm -0.2	
	Sa	9:07am 1.8		6:50pm -0.3	
6	Su	9:49am 1.9		8:00pm -0.4	
7	Mo	1:03pm 2.0		9:13pm -0.4	
	Tu	1:13pm 2.0		10:23pm -0.4	
9	We	1:22pm 2.0		11:24pm -0.3	
	Th	1:17pm 1.8			
11	Fr	2:04pm 1.6		12:10am -0.2	
	Sa	2:41pm 1.3		12:40am 0.0	
13	Su	2:08pm 1.0		12:47am 0.2	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
31	Th	1:56am 1.1	12:14pm 1.6	6:13am 0.9	8:17pm 6.0
	Tu	1:23pm 1.2		6:07am 0.4	7:14pm 0.6
2	We	12:51am 1.0	12:59pm 1.3	7:03am 0.6	8:05pm 0.3
	Th	2:20am 1.1	1:25pm 1.3	7:55am 0.8	8:52pm 0.0
4	Fr	3:37am 1.2	1:53pm 1.4	8:41am 0.9	9:39pm -0.2
	Sa	4:46am 1.3	2:24pm 1.5	9:24am 1.1	10:26pm -0.3
6	Su	5:48am 1.3	2:59pm 1.6	10:03am 1.2	11:15pm -0.4
7	Mo	6:47am 1.3	3:39pm 1.6	10:42am 1.3	
8	Tu	7:43am 1.3	4:24pm 1.6	12:05am -0.4	11:23am 1.3
	We	8:35am 1.2	5:14pm 1.5	12:57am -0.3	12:13pm 1.3
10	Th	9:23am 1.2	6:10pm 1.4	1:51am -0.2	1:16pm 1.2
	Fr	10:06am 1.2	7:16pm 1.2	2:47am 0.0	2:37pm 1.1
12	Sa	10:43am 1.2	8:39pm 1.1	3:42am 0.1	4:07pm 1.0
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Gulf of Mexico red snapper season begins June 1

Special to The Star

The 2012 Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational harvest season begins June 1 in state and federal waters. The last day of the 40-day season is July 10.

This year's state season, which is the same as the 2012 federal recreational red snapper season in the Gulf of Mexico, was set in May at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission meeting.

Florida state waters in the Gulf extend from shore to nine nautical miles; federal waters extend beyond that line to 200 nautical miles.

The Gulf red snapper stock is improving, but the population still needs an increase in

the number of older fish for it to be sustainable.

Red snapper are estimated to live more than 50 years, but the current stock consists primarily of fish that are only a few years old. Older fish are the key to rebuilding the population because older female red snapper produce more eggs than younger females. This season will help continue to rebuild the red snapper population so that more red snapper fishing opportunities will be possible in the future.

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• Summer is close at hand and the air and water temperatures are up, making for some great fishing opportunities on the Forgotten Coast. Great trout and flounder catches are being reported in the deeper channels of Pig Island and Black's Island as well. Some red fish are still in the I.C.W. this week, but are hit and miss.

Offshore

• King fish and Spanish mackerel are still holding on the buoy's out of Mexico Beach in good numbers. All eye's will be on the season opener of red snapper this Friday, June 1st. Great snapper catches can be found on many of the M.B.A.R.A numbers close to shore. Plenty of Mahi-Mahi are holding close to shore south of the Cape and west to Panama City.

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Representatives from Valu Teachers, a private school retirement plan provider, visited Wewahitchka High School last week to present a check for a new scoreboard in the WHS gymnasium. From left to right are Gator Booster member Daniel Jordan, Gulf County maintenance director Greg Layfield, Tony Strange, district maintenance foreman in Wewahitchka, WHS JV Coach Ben Ranie, Superintendent Jim Norton, Principal Debbie Baxley, WHS Athletic Director Dennis Kizziah, and David Koran and Benjamin MacNabb of Valu Teachers.

WHS receives funds for new scoreboard

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Thanks to a generous donation from a private organization, Wewahitchka High School sports fans will have a better view to cheer on their favorite indoor Gator sports teams this upcoming school year.

Valu Teachers, a company specializing in school retirement plans, has donated funds to supply the WHS gymnasium with a second digital scoreboard so fans can better cheer on their favorite wrestlers and basketball and volleyball

players.

WHS Athletic Director Dennis Kizziah said an additional scoreboard will mean a great deal for indoor athletics.

"We're probably the only school in the district that doesn't have two scoreboards—we're looking forward to being able to see the score on both ends of the gym," Kizziah said. "We're just glad we were able to find someone to help us out on this."

Valu Teachers provides retirement education and retirement planning services for more than 7,100 school districts across the

United States, including Gulf County.

"We're a big provider of school retirement services in the state of Florida," said Benjamin MacNabb of Valu Teachers. "We're grateful for the opportunity to help support this community."

Superintendent Jim Norton said he is grateful for the district's partnership with Valu Teachers.

"It's hard to have a basketball season or a wrestling match with only one scoreboard," Norton said. "We've found a good partner in Valu Teachers—it's just a great public/private partnership."

PSJ women's softball league

Star Staff Report
The Port St. Joe Women's Softball League will begin play on Tuesday, June 5. For details call 340-1389 or visit facebook.com/PSJWomensSoftball.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

Star Staff Report

All-Pro Soccer, will be holding two Summer Soccer Camps in the area, on Monday-Friday, June 11-15. The first will be sponsored by the Gulf County Soccer Boosters and is at the Port St Joe Soccer Complex from 9-11:30 a.m. (ET) on those dates. On those same dates, the Callaway Arsenal Soccer Club will be hosting the camp from 4-6:30 p.m. (CT) 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 currently both 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 7-17. Spaces will be limited. For questions or to obtain a registration form, contact Coach Hindley at 276-6353 or gihallpro@aol.com.

FREE GOLF LESSONS THIS JUNE

Star Staff Report

During the month of June, the St. Joseph's Bay Golf and Country Club is pleased to offer free golf lessons to local boys and girls ages 8-16.

Highly skilled instructors will introduce students to all aspects of the game including such basics as grip, stance, posture and swing. Other topics will deal with the correct full swing, short game, trouble shots, chipping and putting.

The junior golf clinic will be held every Friday in June from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET beginning June 1. All equipment and practice balls will be provided free of charge and special tee times and prices are available for parent/student matches.

Limited space is available, so please register early. For more information call 227-1751, visit our web site at www.stjoebaygolf.com or email info@stjoebaygolf.com.




Wednesday, May 30, 2012
Arrival of 20 Wounded Warrior Heroes and their Guest plus 4 returning Warriors as Volunteers
Private Welcome Dinner at Windmark for Warriors & their Guest.

Honor Motorcade Parade for Our Community to Welcome Warriors
5:30PM EDT Motorcade

Departs Windmark to Centennial Bldg, (see map for route)

Come out wave flags, cheer & welcome our Warrior Hero Guests.

Thursday, May 31, 2012

6:00 PM EDT HONOR BANQUET at Centennial Bldg with Brigadier General Bill Wolf for Warriors, Partner Sponsors & Special Guests

Friday, June 1, 2012

7:00AM EDT Departure from PSJ Marina of Boats for Warrior Offshore Shootout Fishing Tournament
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PLEASE JOIN US FRI. MORNING AT 7:00 am, at PSJ MARINA AND WAVE FLAGS AT JETTY PARK AS WARRIORS & BOATS LEAVE!!!

Noon -1:30PM EDT Return and Weigh In of Fish for Warriors
Fish will be cleaned by Volunteers from VFW

Saturday, June 2, 2012

8:00AM EDT Farewell Breakfast especially prepared for Warriors & Guest by VFW Post 10069 and American Legion 116 along with the VFW Post 10069 Ladies Auxiliary

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Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Economic and Property Damages Settlement

Providing Money to Individuals and Businesses

If you have economic loss or property damage because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get money from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT?

The Economic and Property Damages ("E&PD") Settlement Class includes people, businesses, and other entities in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and certain counties in Texas and Florida, that were harmed by the oil spill. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in the E&PD Settlement. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail questions@DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The E&PD Settlement makes payments for the following types of claims: (1) Seafood Compensation, (2) Economic Damage, (3) Loss of Subsistence, (4) Vessel Physical Damage, (5) Vessels of Opportunity Charter Payment, (6) Coastal Real Property Damage, (7) Wetlands Real Property Damage, and (8) Real Property Sales Damage. There is no limit on the total dollar amount of the E&PD Settlement; all qualified claims will be paid.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request a payment. You can get a copy of the various Claim Forms by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted online or by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the E&PD Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain economic and property damage claims. If you stay in the E&PD Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of \$75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Medical Benefits Settlement

Providing Benefits to Clean-Up Workers and Certain Gulf Coast Residents

If you have a medical claim related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get benefits from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim Form by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted by mail. If you have

questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Medical Benefits Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain medical claims. If you stay in the Medical Benefits Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Task force raises \$4,000 for domestic violence awareness

Special to The Star

More than 100 women stood up for domestic violence awareness on a recent Thursday night.

The Gulf County Domestic Violence Task force hosted a Ladies Night Out fundraiser, designed to raise awareness to the severity of domestic violence.

The task force raised \$4,000 through the event, funds that will go toward victim advocacy, public awareness and education programs.

“Our mission is to stop domestic

violence and sexual abuse in Gulf County,” said task force chairwoman and founder Debbie Ashbrook. “We provide funding for the victims advocate at The Salvation Army.”

Ashbrook said the task force has a complete curriculum plan for Gulf County’s public schools next year, complete with classes, support groups and information boards to display in the hallways.

“This event is to raise money for victim’s assistance and PR work,” Ashbrook said. “We are our own

entity. The Salvation Army provides the victims advocate; we provide the funding and awareness.”

Event organizer Patricia Mamo-ran said she was blown away by the community support in only the second year of Ladies Night Out.

The majority of the funds raised was through a silent auction, complete with dozens of items donated by local vendors and merchants in the community.

“The sponsors were great,” Mamo-ran said. “The community really gave from their hearts.”



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Event attendees browse donated items for the silent auction.

Local play shines at Playwrights Festival

By VALERIE GARMAN

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Brantley Lake’s comedic tale about a “Wittle Piggy, Miss McKitty,” and a mysterious little chicken has earned him a spot on the young playwright radar.

Lake, a seventh-grade language arts student at Port St. Joe High School, was chosen as a winning playwright in the 2012 Young Playwrights Festival in Sarasota.

Lake was honored at a ceremony last weekend in Sarasota, where he watched his play was performed by a local theater group.

In his play, the Wittle Piggy and Miss McKitty team up to stop the mysterious little chicken from taking over the township.

It ends with a fairytale ending, in which the good guys triumph, fall in love and live happily ever after in their defeat of the evil chicken.

“I definitely wanted it to be really funny and I wanted it to be with animals,” Lake said.

Lake said he was smiling the entire time his play was performed at the small theater in Sarasota. The performers didn’t wear full costume, but they did work with a variety of props such as a crown for the mysterious chicken and a purple cloak for his dragon character.

“We had to write a play during class so I said ‘why not?’,” Lake said. “I got really into it. The bell rang, and I was typing as fast as I could trying to get it done.”

Lake also had the opportunity to meet poet Robert Pinsky at the awards ceremony at Holly Hall after the theater performances.

Although he doesn’t plan on keeping up with play writing, he said it was an overall great experience.

“Most of the plays there were sad and deep and stuff,” he said. “Mine was different. It was really funny.”



BRANTLEY LAKE

A glimpse of the sunken lighthouse

By HERMAN JONES
Special to The Star

This article first appeared in the “Panhandle Beacon” in June 2000. With renewed interest in the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, I thought it would be of interest to rerun this story with a few changes.

The 1980s and ’90s were the “Golden Age” of diving. There still were virgin wrecks and reefs, plenty of fish, not as many fishermen, fewer rules and inexpensive gas. Whenever the Gulf was calm and the weather good, I, my wife, Pam, friends Erik Tomlinson and Regina Capps would explore new dive sites — one was the third Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

We watched with subdued excitement as our depth recorder printed the silhouette of a large pyramid-shaped object rising from a depth of twenty feet to within a few feet of the surface. Being a half mile from Cape San Blas, I found it hard to believe that just 100 years ago a proud lighthouse stood here surrounded by pine and palm forests and family or two of lighthouse keepers.

We had been here several times before, but each trip was doomed because the chocolate-colored Gulf had prevented us from diving. On this day, with tides and currents in our favor, the water was an eerie translucent green; clean enough to dive but not enough to make it enjoyable. We gazed apprehensively over the side at the dark shadow just below the surface.

The iron skeleton tower that sits on the Cape today is the fourth tower built here. It was preceded by three impressive brick towers that lie far offshore. In fact the Cape San Blas lighthouses were not the first lighthouses in what is now Gulf County. The first lighthouse was built on St. Joseph’s Point on the end of St. Joseph’s Peninsula. (I use the possessive as the old cartographers used). It was finished in February 1839 for shipping to the ill-fated city of St. Joseph that stood where Oak Grove is today. It was only 45 feet

tall. After the demise of St. Joseph in the fall of 1841, the tower was abandoned.

In 1846, contracts were awarded for new lighthouses to be built on Cape San Blas and Cape St. George, and the contractors had the rights to salvage the “old” lighthouses on St. Joseph’s Point and on the west end of St. George Island. Thus the tower on St. Joseph’s Point was torn down; the bricks loaded into wagons and simply hauled down the beach to the Cape. The contractors saved some money as bricks were not made locally, but always shipped in; sometimes as far away as New England. So, very little was left of the tower except broken bricks.

A few decades ago, Capt. Dave Maddox showed me the site of the lighthouse. It is located a few yards inland from the old Anderson fish camp known as Anderson Flats. A few years ago, archaeologists from the University of West Florida came to the Park and couldn’t find the old lighthouse. The reason—they were looking for “curved” bricks and walked over the regular bricks of the tower. Lighthouses were always made of straight brick. Many authors still refer to the St. Joseph’s Point Lighthouse as “disappeared forever.”

The first Cape lighthouse was completed in 1847 and stood for

See LIGHTHOUSE B6



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This photo, taken about 1881, shows the third Cape Lighthouse. It sits a half-mile offshore and was the one our diving adventure.

MADISON BURKETT DONATES 12 INCHES OF HAIR



Madison Burkett, 7, recently donated 12 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to disadvantage children suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

Madison wanted to donate her hair because she knows what its like to be sick.

Madison suffers from severe asthma which limits her participation in many physical activities, and she knows what it's like to be different. She is thrilled that a little girl somewhere will have hair like her now and plans on growing her hair out again to donate.

HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY NATHAN WATSON!



Nathan spent his April 30 birthday at Rock'it Lanes in Panama City bowling, playing games and having lots of fun with family and friends. Happy birthday, Nathan! Love, Mom & Dad, Granny & Papa

PET OF THE WEEK
St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



ADOPTERS AND FOSTERS URGENTLY NEEDED! WE ARE OVER CAPACITY AND NEED YOUR HELP!

Puppy and kitten season is in full bloom and we have a bumper crop. We have so many to choose from it is going to be hard to take just one home. These little guys and girls are in desperate need of adopters and foster homes. If you can give anyone of them a home, even if it is only temporarily it will help. We also need volunteers to help around the shelter. Donations of kitty litter is in great demand as well as puppy toys. Any donation no matter how small will be greatly appreciated. PLEASE HELP US SAVE A LIFE. SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS!

If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com or adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Online applications are available at www.sjbhumane.org

Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations. Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Faith's Thrift Hut is always in need of donations also, and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! The hours for the store are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

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

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SENIOR CITIZENS SELLING SPAGHETTI PLATES

Gulf County Senior Citizens will be selling spaghetti plates on Friday, June 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. ET at the Senior Center at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe. The plates will cost \$7.50 and will include spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks, salad and dessert. You may eat at the center or carry out. All proceeds will go to providing services to the elderly in Gulf County. Tickets are available at the Senior Citizens Center or from any employee or board member. Call 229-8466 for more information. Remember, donations are very necessary and greatly appreciated.

WEWAHITCHKA PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING

Star Staff Report

"Dream Big, Read" is the theme for this summer's reading program at the Wewahitchka Public Library. The program will be held each Wednesday through July 25 beginning at 3 p.m. CT.

The program is for youngsters kindergarten through fifth grade.

There will be reading, singing, crafts and special guests.

The program is free. For more information contact 872-7510.



PSJ GARDEN CLUB SHOW

Star Staff Report

The Port Saint Joe Garden Club is pleased to announce the flower show "Garden Melodies" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET on Saturday, June 9.

It is a small standard show registered with the National Federation of Garden Clubs and will include both design and horticultural entries. Besides the flower show, a plant sale will be held on the grounds. The garden center, a historic building of Port St. Joe, is at 216 Eighth Street.

CALLING ALL DREAMERS

PSJ Public Library launches summer reading program

Star Staff Report

Young readers will explore the night this summer as the Gulf County Public Library presents "Dream Big, READ!" during the 2012 Summer Reading Program. Children entering grades K4 thru fifth will enjoy programs on stargazing and moon lore, dreams and wishes, space exploration and nocturnal animals. There are certain to be some

surprise visitors as well! Each child is invited to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge while families may join the Read-to Me portion of the program. Space for "Dream Big, READ!" is limited, so register now. Programs begin at 1 p.m. ET on Tuesday, June 5. For more information, visit or call the library at 229-8879.

Programs are free of charge and open to children of all abilities.

Generous support for the Summer Reading Program is provided by the Friends of the Gulf County Public Library.



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Wilder, Frabel JA essay winners

Star Staff Report
Kaley Wilder from Port St. Joe High School and Anna Frabel from Port St. Joe Middle School were named winners last week among county students in the annual Junior Achievement Essay Contest.

Wilder was the overall winner among area high school students; Frabel placed second among area middle school students.

All students who participate in Junior Achievement classes during the school year are given the opportunity to participate in the essay contest. The students answer the question, "What was the most important thing I learned from Junior Achievement and why?"

The applicants are divided by 5th, 8th, and

high school levels to compete. Each school selects their top three essays and forwards them to Junior Achievement in Panama City. They are then forwarded to Gulf Coast State College to be judged.

The college judges select the top three places from each grade category. Those students, as well as their parents, teacher, principal, and volunteer who taught their class are invited to a complimentary lunch at The Bonefish Grill in Panama City. The students shared their essays and received their awards, including a medallion, savings bond from Panhandle Educators Federal Credit Union and gift cards from Target and Walmart.

Junior Achievement is a worldwide non-profit

organization dedicated to teaching students K-12 about entrepreneurship, personal finance, and work-readiness skills. Each year, Junior Achievement reaches over 2,500 students at 32 schools in Bay, Gulf, and Washington counties. All classes are taught by volunteers from the business community. Junior Achievement is not an associate of the United Way, and therefore depends on contributions from individuals and companies in our local communities to purchase the classroom materials and curricula to teach these life-skills classes.

For more information on becoming a volunteer or sponsoring a class in your community, please contact Jackie Brooks at 624-0524 or email jabay@knology.net.



Junior Achievement Day at PSJES

Star Staff Report
The JA in a Day program was taught to all fifth-graders at Port St. Joe Elementary School on May 15.

The program teaches students about entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system. The students create ideas for new businesses, review skills necessary to be employed, assess different levels of education and lifelong learning, practice greeting and interviewing skills, and examine how we are all a part of a worldwide economy.

The fifth-grade curriculum is one in a four-part program being taught to students in Bay, Gulf, and Washington counties. In the eighth and 11th grades, students are taught about skills, interests, and values and how that relates to education and career choices. They learn about budgeting, credit cards,

credit scores, identity theft, and insurance. Ask high school seniors, students are taught about preparing a resume and have mock interviews with business professionals from the community.

Junior Achievement now provides classes to all fifth- and eighth-grade students in Port St. Joe, while reaching about 25 percent of the high school juniors and seniors. Efforts are being made to train more volunteers this summer in the "Personal Finance," and "Success Skills" curricula to reach the balance of the high school students.

Junior Achievement is a worldwide, non-profit organization dedicated to teaching students K-12 about entrepreneurship, personal finance, and work readiness skills. It provides 110 classes each year in 32 schools reaching over 2,300 students in Bay, Gulf, and

Washington counties. All classes are taught by volunteers from the business community. Junior Achievement is not an associate of the United Way, and depends on class sponsorships from individuals and the community to help pay for the class room materials and training of volunteers.

This year, sponsors for classes in Gulf County included The Tapper Foundation, Progress Energy, The Port St. Joe Capacity Building Fund, Capital City Bank, Centennial Bank, Bluewater Outriggers, and the Piggly Wiggly. For more information on how you can volunteer to teach or sponsor a class, please contact Jackie Brooks, Executive Director of Junior Achievement of NW Florida, Eastern Region at 624-0524 or email at jabay@knology.net. Volunteer training will be available this summer.

2012 JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT ESSAY CONTEST

High School — First Place

Kaley Wilder
Port St. Joe High School
During the few weeks spent in Junior Achievement class, I can personally say that I learned a lot of valuable, important life lessons. In particular, the most important piece of information I learned was how to maintain a budget. I'm grateful that the Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida sent Mrs. Karen Fontaine to my school to teach me about money management, especially budgeting. These tips will not only help me in college, but in life as a whole.

The official definition of a budget is a spending plan for managing money during a given period of time. Most people don't have a budget, therefore they experience troubles like going into debt, having no money, and not knowing how to get out of this trouble. Now that I know what a budget is and how to actually have one, I can proudly say I will not fall into that category. A monthly budget consists of fixed expenses such as car loans, mortgage payments, or rent, and periodic expenses as well. Things like car insurance and home repairs are examples of periodic expenses. A budget is very important to have and go by. Without one, you would just spend your money left and right, leaving you broke.

In my Junior Achievement class, I learned a phrase that will be valuable

to me all throughout life, "Pay yourself first." This means setting aside money for savings prior to paying monthly expenses. After learning about paying myself first, I actually took a shot at it. I saved the tips I made each night at work, and put them in a jar in my room, and I put my checks in my savings account. After about two months of saving these tips, I decided to see how well I was doing and counted fifty-two dollars! I am pleased to say that to this day I still save my tips. If I had not learned how to pay myself first, I probably would have spent all my tips on junk, rather than saving my tips to buy something I really want or need in the future.

Overall, the Junior Achievement class is a great course to participate in. You not only learn about budgeting, but things like insurance, identity theft, credit, bank accounts, and much, much more! Although all of this information is very valuable, budgeting was by far the most important thing I learned throughout the course. I am interested to see how well I will manage my money when I'm on my own. Thank you Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida for taking the time to tell me how important it is to manage my money!

Middle School — Second Place
Anna Frabel
Port St. Joe Middle School
When I was told that we

were going to have a six week course with Junior Achievement, I was very disgruntled. I thought that it would be extremely boring and that I wouldn't get anything out of it; I was wrong. We learned many things throughout this experience, but perhaps the most important for me was learning how to manage finances responsibly.

As an adult, and even now, I won't have any desire to be up to my eyeballs in debt. Who would want that? Fortunately for me, I now know how to control that thanks to Junior Achievement. I know to stay away from credit cards, as they can be dangerous and because you spend a great deal of money that you don't have. It's not wrong to have a credit card for emergencies, but it shouldn't be part of your everyday life. Debit cards are much better because you are spending money that you already have in your bank account. However, you can still get carried away and end up having way less money in your account when you get home than when you left.

The best way to buy things, in my opinion, is with cash on the barrel. Paying straight up money when you buy something leaves you less tempted to buy frivolous things that you don't really need. I already knew the basics of saving and spending money, but now I have a deeper knowledge and overall understanding of how to be smart with it.

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Mega Sports Camp at FUMC

Hey Parents! Ready to drop a ton of fun right into your child's summer? Then Mega Sports Camp is right for you!

First United Methodist Church in Port St. Joe is offering kids ages 5-12 one awesome time.

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Between sports sessions, coaches lead in songs, tell stories and do cool object lessons that help character-building themes take hold in kids' hearts. And most importantly, kids will discover God's great love for them.

So come on over! You can join the MEGA Sports Camp team. While FUMC of Port St. Joe is sponsoring this event, it will take place at the Shark Football Stadium. The camp will be 5:30-8 p.m. ET and starts on Sunday, June 3 and lasts through Thursday, June 7. For complete information call (850) 227-1724. Pre-registration is preferred but not required. Registration will open at 5 p.m. each day of MEGA Sports Camp. Forms are available at the church office located at 1001 Constitution Drive in Port St. Joe.

Amazing Wonders at Highland View Baptist

Join us for a fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School as we celebrate an awesome God with awesome power!

The VBS will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. ET from June 4-8 and is for kids ages 4-12. Enjoy learning more about God, music, crafts, food and recreation.

The church is located at 310 Ling St. Call 227-1306 for more information.

Vacation Bible School at Zion Fair

Time is approaching for our community-wide Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed to support this blessed event. This year's theme is "Fishin' on a Mission for Jesus" from scripture Matthew 4:19. Vacation Bible School will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET June 4-8 at Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church. For more information, contact Mrs. Gant at 227-7441 or Mrs. Likely at 229-8155.

Obituaries

Eloise G. Keels



ELOISE G. KEELS

Eloise G. Keels passed away on Sunday morning, May 27. Wife, mother, grandmother; there wasn't a role she couldn't handle. She was at her happiest cooking for a house of friends and family. The extended family at Bay St. Joseph was close to her heart as always. Port St. Joe was close to her heart always. Port St. Joe has been her home for over 66 years.

The daughter of George and Julia Glass, she is preceded in death by her husband Grady H. Keels and her sons, George F.

Dennis and Riley D. Dennis.

She is survived by her daughter, Audrey Anderson, and husband Paul Anderson; her sons, Billy R. Dennis, Robert A. Dennis and wife Patti, and Harold Keels and wife Linda; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 29 at Holly Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Howard Browning officiating. Interment followed.

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

Annie Marie Nunery Hysmith

Annie Marie Nunery Hysmith, 75 years old of Wewahitchka, went to be with the Lord Wednesday May 23 with her children by her side.

She dedicated her life to her home and children. She loved working in her yard and flowers.

She is preceded in death by her parents Vertis and Winnie Nunery, a son Oscar Hysmith, brother Franklin Nunery and sister Gertie Bell Porter.

She is survived by four sons, James (Tammy), Billy (Faye), Danny (Jean) and Andy Hysmith; a daughter Sylvinie (Lyle) Ake; a very special daughter-in-law Connie Hysmith; her brothers

Lonnie (Bessie), Bill (Donna), Dewey (Hazel), Charles (Ann), Jimbo (Pat) Nunery, her sisters Ruby Sapp, Ouida (Dan) Singley; 22 grandchildren, and 38 great grandchildren.

Her visitation was held at Sounds of Freedom Church located at 636 S. 2nd St., Wewahitchka, Fla., from 6-8 p.m. CT on Friday, May 25.

The funeral was held at Sounds of Freedom Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, interment following in Buckhorn Cemetery.

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

Marjorie Lee Smith Rowan



MARJORIE LEE SMITH ROWAN

Marjorie Lee Smith Rowan, beloved only daughter of Lee Watson Smith and Dana P. Rowan; and Pauline Stoutamire was born in Port St. Joe, Fla., on Nov. 12, 1930.

Everyone called her "Sug".

She died at home in Tallahassee after a long illness. She was a "beach baby" and her love of the ocean was life-long. While raising four children, she worked for many years at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Sug was preceded in death by her son, Richard L. Rowan, Jr. She is

survived by her children, Deborah L. Zimmermann, Michael W. Rowan and Dana P. Rowan; her grandchildren Zoe L. Todd, Cody Rowan, Allie Lee Rowan and Dalton Rowan; her great-grandchildren, Cameron and Amelia

Todd, and other dear friends and family from the Stoutamire, Smith, Bradwell and Gatlin clans. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial celebration for "Sug" Rowan will be held at 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, June 23 in Church of the Advent Chapel on Piedmont Road in Tallahassee.

Jesus paid the cost

Why would someone die for a person they never knew?
Love is the reason, and He did it for me and you.
Some don't know, many don't care, and to some it's unbelief.
If only they'd believe, they would save a lot of grief.
Then, there are those who believe, but still want things their way.
What do you think Jesus would say, if he walked in First Baptist today?
He'd probably think, was it worth the cost?
I suffered for these folks and they still act lost.
Folks running the preacher down, the preacher trying to run members away.
Folks, we "all" need to get on our knees, and not get up until we can do it God's way.
He came and suffered and died for us all.
Why don't "we" just humble ourselves and answer the Master's call.
We can't be a testimony to those who are lost, until we remember who paid the cost.
He's coming back soon, only God knows when.
Could you face Him with a clear conscience, today my friend?

— Billy Johnson

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Front Row: Isis Johnson-Owens, Deandria Williams, Tessa Myers, Vanecia Andrews, Shawn Elia, Lexi Lara, Janiah Keith, Gabrielle Jones, Lavender Abdullah

Gulf County 4-H district event winners

Star Staff Report

The 2012 4-H District III Event was held in Jefferson County on May 5. 4-H District III is made up of the counties of Gulf, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla. This annual event is an opportunity for 4-Hers to give presentations about their 4-H projects, public speeches and showcase talent acts.

The following Gulf County participants placed in their competition area, which is based on their age and topic.

Share-the-Fun (Talent Competition): Senior Individual – Gauge Combs – Blue Ribbon, Interpretive Worship: “Better Than a Hallelujah” by Amy Grant.

Food Preparation Category: Junior Individual – Deandria Williams – White Ribbon, Simple Chocolate Chip Cookies; Junior Team – Lexi Lara and Lavender Abdullah – Blue Ribbons, How to Bake Brownies; Intermediate Individual – Kimberly Sims – Red Ribbon, Quick & Healthy

Snack – Caramel Heath Dip; Intermediate Team – Ennesia Hughes and Vanecia Andrews – Red Ribbon, An Easy Party Dish – Spicy Black Eyed Pea Dip; Senior Team – Gabrielle Jones & Mikaleh Graham – White Ribbon, Making a Taco Ring.

Food Safety Category: Junior Team – Tessa Myers and Janiah Keith – Red Ribbon, Handling Meat Properly.

Food Science/Nutrition Category: Intermediate Team – Hope Freeman and Jantezia Smith – Blue Ribbon, Five Uses of the Peanut.

Health & Safety Category: Intermediate Individual – Kenderick Sims – Blue Ribbon, Skateboard Safety; Senior Individual – Daneysia Wymes – Red Ribbon, Cheerleading Safety Tips; Senior Team – Quentin Carter and David Russ – Blue Ribbon, Basic First Aid.

Animal Science – Horse Category: Intermediate Individual – Shawn Elia – Blue Ribbon, Keep-

ing Your Horse Healthy.

Plant Connections Category: Intermediate Team – Jeff Hunter and Daniel Wymes – Blue Ribbon, How to Properly Plant a Tree.

Civic and Leadership Development Category: Senior Individual – Isis Johnson-Owens – White Ribbon, Making a Difference through Volunteerism.

Due to this competition the senior age (14-18) participants that received blue ribbons are now eligible to attend State 4-H Congress in July. This week-long teen leadership experience will be held on the campus of the University of Florida in Gainesville. Congratulations to all of the 4-Hers that participated!

4-H programs, clubs, camps, activities, etc. are held throughout the year. If you or your child has an interest in participating in 4-H as a youth or adult volunteer please contact Melanie Taylor at the Gulf County Extension Office at 639-3200 or 229-2909.

Zoysia grass may not be best for Fla.

You’ve probably seen advertisement in magazines and newspaper supplements for a lawn grass called Zoysia. An established, well-maintained Zoysia grass lawn is indeed a beautiful sight. Some of the advertising claims lead us to believe that Zoysia grass also is easily established and trouble-free. As we’ll find in this article, that may not be true, at least not in Florida. We’ll also offer some tips in Zoysia cultural care.

Many horticulturists believe Zoysia grasses are among the most attractive lawn grasses grown in the South. In addition to Zoysia’s appearance, it has many cultural advantages that make it an ideal choice for certain areas. We’ll begin by discussing these, then we’ll talk about the disadvantages of growing a Zoysia grass lawn and leave the final choice up to you. My information was provided by Extension Turf grass specialist Dr. J. Bryan Unruh with IFAS, located at the West Florida Research and Education Center in Jay, Fla.

Advantages – Zoysia grasses are adapted to a variety of soils and have good tolerance to shade, salt and traffic. They provide an extremely dense sod that resists weed invasion. Once established, the slow growth of some Zoysia grass varieties is an advantage because mowing frequency is reduced. When properly maintained,



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

however, Zoysia grasses make excellent turf.

Disadvantage – Zoysia grass must be propagated vegetatively and some varieties are extremely slow to establish. For some varieties, two growing seasons may be required for coverage when propagated by plugging or sprigging; others establish much more rapidly. All Zoysia grasses form a heavy thatch that will require periodic renovation. Other disadvantages of the older varieties include slow recovery from damage, poor growth on compacted soils, high fertility requirements and poor drought tolerance. Some varieties are also prone to damage by nematodes, hunting billbugs and several diseases. Zoysia grass also tends to form shallow roots and is weakened when grown in soils low in potassium. Several species and varieties of Zoysia grass are used for residential and commercial landscapes and athletic fields.

“El Tore” is an improved Zoysia grass released in 1986 from California. It has a faster establishment rate, improved cool-season color, better cold tolerance and less thatch buildup than other older varieties. “El Tore” is also reported to have early spring green-up, more shade tolerance and improved resistance to rust disease. “El Tore” performed well in the trials

conducted in Gainesville and Pensacola.

“Emerald” – This hybrid combines the winter hardiness, color and foster growth rate of 1 percent with the fine texture and density of the other parent. Emerald Zoysia grass is highly recommended for top-quality lawns where time and money allow for adequate maintenance. “Emerald” produces and excessive thatch layer and is susceptible to dollar and leaf spot. Large (brown-patch) disease also can occur.

“Empire” is a cultivar that is gaining popularity in Florida. It is similar in texture to “El Tore” and has a very dense growth habit. It maintains a nice green color, and compared to other New Zoysia grass cultivars, it has a moderate rate of establishment. “Empire” has performed well in sandy and clay soil types with aggressive growth from its stolons and rhizomes, but it can be mowed with a standard rotary mower due to its broader leaf and open growth habit. It does not do as well in shade as other Zoysia grass cultivars. “Empire” is being planted in numerous communities in Florida and seems to do well in many areas throughout the state; however it is susceptible to brown patch disease.

For more information on Zoysia grass, contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200, 229-2909 or visit our website: gulf.ifas.ufl.edu.

NATURE PHOTO WORKSHOP

Photo Contest to benefit St. Joseph Bay Preserves

Star Staff Report

A two-day nature photo workshop led by nature photographers Bill and Marcia Boothe will be held at the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Friday and Saturday, June 15-16.

During the workshop participants will access the Buffer Preserve via vehicles or tram to take photographs, which will be reviewed and post-processed in Lightroom in an indoor class session. In the evening, photographers will have the opportunity to shoot spectacular sunsets.

Workshop participants will also have the chance to enter their photos in the “At the Buffer and St. Joseph Bay” or other categories in the upcoming Nature Photo Contest.

Participants must bring a digital camera (DSLR or point and shoot) and its manual. It is not required, but, if possible, they also should bring a laptop on which to review their photos. Trial copies of Lightroom will be provided to participants. A basic knowledge of how to use a camera is expected—this class is not intended for those who do not know the basic operation of their camera.

You can see some of the Boothe’s photos at their website, NatureInFocus.com.

Bill Boothe, a professional naturalist and wildlife photographer, and his wife Marcia reside in the Florida Panhandle, an area abound with wildlife and wildflowers. Through the camera lens, they share their vision of the inner beauty of nature that surrounds each of us.

Bill began his professional photographic career in the early 1990s. His photos have won numerous awards and have been published in nature-oriented books, magazines and websites. Through his natural history classes and wildlife photography workshops, he has inspired others to become better stewards of our natural world.

As an active supporter of environmental causes, he has donated time and

images to conservation organizations. Bill and Marcia Boothe have served on the Board of the Friends of St. Joseph Bay Preserves for almost six years.

Details on the workshop schedule and fees are still being finalized, but it is anticipated that the estimated cost will range from \$50 to \$70. Friends of St. Joseph Buffer Preserves will receive a discounted price. Minimum class size is 10. For participants’ convenience, overnight lodging in shared rooms at the Preserves Center will be available on a limited basis.

To register or get more information, please contact Bill Boothe at photonaturalist@natureinfocus.com or 643-2583.

Nature Photo Contest

The Friends of St. Joseph Bay Preserves is sponsoring its second Nature Photo Contest with an entry deadline of Monday, Aug. 27. Winning photos will be exhibited beginning Sept. 8 at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art and later at the Buffer Preserves Center.

Once again, the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art is graciously allowing us to use its facilities to exhibit winning photos in Apalachicola. This year, photos will be exhibited at the same time as locally renowned nature photographer John Spohrer.

Entry fees from this annual event will benefit the Friends of St. Joseph Bay Preserves. Friends of St. Joseph Bay Preserves pay discounted fees. The hope is that some of the exhibited photos showcasing the natural beauty of St. Joseph Bay and surrounding region will inspire others to protect the natural areas and heritage of St. Joseph Bay.

Download entry form and contest rules at stjosephbaypreserves.org/photo-contest. Entries must be received by Monday August 27.

To register or get more information, please contact Bill Boothe.

Community MEETINGS

Buffer Preserve management planning public meeting

Star Staff Report

A public meeting on the management plan for the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve will be held at 6 p.m. ET on Tuesday, June 12 at the Buffer Preserve Center, 3915 State Road 30-A in Port St. Joe.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas (CAMA) is responsible for the management of Florida’s 41 aquatic preserves, three National Estuarine Research Reserves, including one located in Apalachicola, a National Marine Sanctuary and the Coral Reef Conservation Program.

These protected areas comprise more than 4 million acres of the most valuable submerged lands and select coastal uplands in Florida.

CAMA is updating these management plans and is currently seeking input on the draft St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve plan.

Meeting objectives include: 1) review purpose and process for revising the

St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve management plan; 2) present current draft plan with focus on issues, goals, objectives and strategies; and 3) receive input on the draft management plan.

The information from the meeting will be compiled and used by CAMA in the revision of the draft management plan.

For more information please contact Matt Greene at 229-1787 or matt.greene@dep.state.fl.us or visit the website www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/stjoseph_buffer/. Written comments are welcome and can be submitted by fax to 245-2110, attn: St. Joseph Buffer or email floridacoasts@dep.state.fl.us on or before June 19.

Juvenile Justice Council meeting

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Juvenile Justice Council will meet at 3:30 p.m. ET on Wednesday, June 6 at the Port St. Joe Fire Station. We welcome the public attendance and participation. Point of contact is Amy Rogers, chairperson, at 227-4041.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY. CASE NO.: 12-24-PR IN PROBATE

IN RE: The Estate of CHARLES A. GASKIN, SR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

The administration of the estate of CHARLES A. GASKIN, SR., deceased, File Number 12-24-PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Jr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and that personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 24, 2012

CHARLES A. GASKIN, JR., P.O. Box 862, Wewahatchka, FL 32465
Personal Representative
Estate of Charles A. Gaskin, Sr.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
THOMAS S. GIBSON
FL Bar No. 0350583
RISH, GIBSON & SCHOLZ, P.A.
206 E. 4th Street
P.O. Box 39
Port St. Joe, FL 32457
(850)-229-8211
May 24, 31, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA000054

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2007KS1, Plaintiff,

vs.
WAYNE E. BLEVINS, JR., ET AL., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: WAYNE E. BLEVINS, JR. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 587 PLANTATION DRIVE PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage

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on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Gulf County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK "G", CAPE PLANTATION PHASE II, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A ST. JOE PAPER COMPANY MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION FOR 1476.75 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE ST. JOSEPH BAY COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE; THENCE ALONG SAID GOLF COURSE BOUNDARY AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 18 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 240.59 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 955.81 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 522.02 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 285.71 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 51.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE LEAVING SAID GOLF COURSE BOUNDARY SOUTH 44 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST ON A NON-RADIAL LINE FOR 193.33 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON A CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 728.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 2 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 35 SECONDS FOR 26.17 FEET; SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 1 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST, 26.17 FEET TO AN IRON ROD MARKING THE POINT OF COMPOUND CURVE WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 18 SECONDS AND THE RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE FOR 18.59 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 2 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 49 SECONDS FOR 163.18 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 6 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 161.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE SOUTH 6 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST 7.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 728.06 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 7 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 18 SECONDS FOR 91.34 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 3 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 91.28 FEET; THENCE, LEAVING SAID CURVE ON A NON-RADIAL LINE, NORTH 44 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 193.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LOT 1, BLOCK "G" IS SUBJECT TO COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS AS CONTAINED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 107, PAGES 1058-1072 AND AS AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 125, PAGES 737-739 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

MINERAL RIGHTS RESERVED BY PREVIOUS GRANTORS.

THIS PROPERTY IS INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN AN BECOME PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK "G", CAPE PLANTATION SUBDIVISION.

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Pendergast & Morgan, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 6675 Corporate Parkway, Suite 301, Jacksonville, FL 32216, within thirty (30) days of the first publication. Please file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Port St. Joe, Florida, on

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the 8th day of May, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS As Clerk, Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this hearing should contact ADA Coordinator not later than one (1) day prior to the proceeding at Amber Baggett. For the hearing and voice impaired 850-482-9844.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Jean C. Zabin Florida Bar # 418439 Pendergast & Morgan, P.A., 6675 Corporate Parkway, Ste 301, Jacksonville, FL 32216 Telephone: 678-534-3844 May 24, 31, 2012

873115 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: 138

Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-17

R.E. No. 00741-093R

Description of Property:

FARM #22 (5 acres, more or less) of Gulf County Farms, Inc., Properties, an unrecorded subdivision of that portion of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of State Road No. 71, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE AT the intersection of the North line of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida, and the Westerly right of way line of State Road No. 71, said State Road having a right of way of 66 feet; thence South 18 Degrees 16 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

The sole member of the Assignor, the Aloha Station Trust, LLC, is Jeanette Tully.

The officers, directors, and members owning more than a 10% interest in the Assignee, Omni Broadcasting, LLC, are Ron H. Hale, Jr., James F. Hale, and Jennifer F. Hale.

A copy of the application is on file for public inspection at 1834 Lisenby Avenue, Panama City, Florida, during normal business hours. May 31, 2012 June 7, 14, 21, 2012

874375 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Investments 2234, 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: 491

Date of Issuance: May 28, 2008

Application No: 2012-19

R.E. No. 03186-065R

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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 Northwesterly 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.

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

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

873945 PUBLIC NOTICE

On May 15, 2012, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., requesting its consent to the assignment of license of Station WPBH(FM), Port St. Joe, Florida (93.5 MHz), from the Aloha Station Trust, LLC to Omni Broadcasting, LLC.

The sole member of the Assignor, the Aloha Station Trust, LLC, is Jeanette Tully.

The officers, directors, and members owning more than a 10% interest in the Assignee, Omni Broadcasting, LLC, are Ron H. Hale, Jr., James F. Hale, and Jennifer F. Hale.

A copy of the application is on file for public inspection at 1834 Lisenby Avenue, Panama City, Florida, during normal business hours. May 31, 2012 June 7, 14, 21, 2012

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Certificate No: 491

Date of Issuance: May 28, 2008

Application No: 2012-19

R.E. No. 03186-065R

Description of Property:

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arc being North 74 Degrees 20 Minutes 50 Seconds East 328.75 feet; thence continue along said right of way run, South 00 Degrees 01 Minute 25 Seconds East 325.96 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue South 00 Degrees 01 Minute 25 Seconds West 186.60 feet to a point lying on the approximate mean high waterline of the Gulf of Mexico; thence run along said waterline South 85 Degrees 17 Minutes 29 Seconds West 5.02 feet; thence leaving said waterline run North 00 Degrees 01 Minute 25 Seconds East 187.02 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 58 Minutes 35 Seconds East 5.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

Name in which assessed: Gregory J. Scroggs & Jackie P. Scroggs

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 20th day of June, 2012.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk May 17, 24, 31 June 7, 2012

874755 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 08-00015-CA

EMIGRANT MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., a Foreign profit corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEAN THOMPSON, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered May 2, 2012 and entered in Case No. 08-00015-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein Emigrant Mortgage Company is Plaintiff, and Jean Thompson, Unknown Spouse of Jean Thompson, John Doe and Jane Doe are Defendants, The Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 on this 7th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 18, Block 1022, MILLVIEW ADDITION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, UNIT THREE, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page(s) 53, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Property Address: 104 Apollo Street, Port Saint Joe, Florida 32456-1410.

DATED this 10th day of May, 2012.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Courts Gulf County

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Becker & Pollakoff, P.A. Steven M. Davis FL Bar No. 894249 121 Alhambra Plaza 10th Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548-2533 (305) 262-4433 Fax (305) 442-2232 May 24, 31, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 12-26-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF CASON J. CALLAWAY, JR. Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of CASON J. CALLAWAY, JR., deceased, whose date of death was March 20, 2011 is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is May 24, 2012.

Personal Representatives: Phebe C. Robertson 2126 Piedmont Lake Rd. Pine Mountain, GA 31822

Kenneth H. Callaway 3505 GA Hwy 116 Hamilton, GA 31811

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles A. Costin FL Bar No. 699070 P O Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850)-227-1159 May 24, 31, 2012

875775 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROPOSAL NO. 1112-21

Sealed proposals may be mailed or hand delivered to the Clerk's Office located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Room 148, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. All proposals, with original signature and twelve (12) additional copies, must be received at the Office of the Clerk by Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. ET. Proposals received after the closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals will be opened on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Office of the Clerk at the above address.

GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

All interested insurance companies, or trusts, are invited to respond with proposals. Each proposal document must be clearly marked "Proposal for Group Health Benefits"

Any questions concerning the proposal should be addressed and submitted to the County's Agent-of-Record and Employee Benefits Consultant, Todd Torgersen, Combined Insurance Services, at 850-433-9996. Inquiries may also be submitted via FAX (850-432-5726), or E-mail (todd@cisc.companies.com). Combined Insurance Services' mailing address is: 2704 North 12th Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32503. Proposals are not to be

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk May 31, June 7, 2012

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gulf County Board of

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mailed to Combined Insurance Services. It is requested, however, that electronic copies be sent to his e-mail address (todd@cisc.companies.com) on Friday, June 22, 2012.

Gulf County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to award proposals by product, to waive any proposal informalities and to re-advertise for proposals when deemed in the best interest of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

/s/ William C. Williams, III Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk May 31, 2012

876335 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2009-CA-000617

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES SCOTT SEYMOUR, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 14, 2012, in Case No. 2009-CA-000617 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit for Gulf County, Florida, in which REIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, is Plaintiff, and CHARLES SCOTT SEYMOUR; CALLAWAY BAY DEVELOPMENT, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND #2, AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the courthouse lobby at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL, at 11:00 a.m. E.T. or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, on the 21st day of June, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, BLOCK 49, OF ST. JOSEPH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, UNIT NUMBER THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.

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County Commissioners will hold (2) two public hearings to consider adoption of an Ordinance with the following title:

AN ORDINANCE OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA: WHEREBY AMENDING GULF COUNTY SIGN ORDINANCE NO. 88-3 TITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF SAID SIGNS ON COUNTY RIGHTS OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" AND HEREIN REPLACING IT BY ADOPTION OF "GULF COUNTY SIGN ORDINANCE" AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Complete Ordinance on file in the Clerk's Office

The first public hearing will be held during the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners' Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. est. in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex, Port St. Joe, Florida.

The second public hearing will be held during the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners' Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. est. in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex, Port St. Joe, Florida.

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

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS III, CHAIRMAN
May 31, June 7, 2012

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HUGGINS/LANIER WEDDING



Mike Huggins and Donna Lanier will be married on June 23, 2012, on Gulf Aire Beach at 6:00 pm EST. A reception will follow at the Centennial Building in Port St. Joe. Due to a limited number of invitations, few will be sent locally. All friends and family are invited to attend. Text FL10743 to 56654

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