

## City, engineer relationship eyed

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In her last meeting in the Port St. Joe Group 3 Commissioner seat, Commissioner Lorinda Gingell proposed ideas to the board to help ensure a clean audit trail and transparency for the city.

"I think in order to have faith in our city government, we have

to have transparency," Gingell said. "We have to be able to follow an audit trail on everything we do."

Gingell cited an earlier wastewater treatment plant workshop with a handful of engineers from Preble Rish, and questioned why the city doesn't have an in-house engineer, instead of relying on private company engineers to tell the city how to spend money.

"We have an engineer whose company profits from this project telling us how we need to spend the rest of this contingency money," Gingell said. "Somebody whose company is going to profit from the bottom line, are they representing the city, or are they representing their company?"

Gingell questioned whether the city's current contracted engineers are acting as true

consultants or salesmen.

Commissioner Bill Kennedy said any consulting firm, including engineers, would make a profit. He said no matter what firm the city hires, the profit margin will be similar.

Mayor Mel Magidson said most small cities can't afford an in-house engineer.

"I don't know that it would be cost-effective," Magidson said.

"What I do know is that most smaller cities don't have a staffed engineer."

Gingell said with many projects lined up for capital improvement, the city needs to be able to track who set up the plan and how it works.

"There's a lot of money involved in these projects," Gingell

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## PRISON PETS

DAWGS in Prison program celebrates third anniversary

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Max is a gorgeous husky who looked anything but gorgeous months ago when dropped off at the St. Joseph Humane Society.

Tom Rush is a DeFuniak Springs resident who traveled last week to Gulf County to pick up Max and take him to his new home.

John Kelly is the leader of the team that made that match, that transformation in Max, possible.

Literally and symbolically those are three of the underpinnings to the foundation

for the DAWGS in Prison (Developing Adoptable Dogs With Good Sociability) program which had a celebration on several levels last week.

The program has been in operation three years through collaboration between the Florida Department of Corrections, the Board of County Commissioners and the dedicated volunteers and staff at the Humane Society.

After 20 graduations, with 231 dogs saved from a potentially cruel fate, adopters from 13 states — from Maine to Wisconsin to Louisiana to Port St. Joe — have received newly-trained dogs for their families.

Almost 250 inmates have participated in the program, several going on to use

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The bond between trainer and dog after eight weeks is evident here as Derek Joseph, one of three team leaders, talks to Shea, who won the Smiley Award as most improved dog in the class.

At right, Max was an abandoned dog before being placed in the DAWGS in Prison program by the staff at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.



## Bryan seeks seat on commission

Special to The Star

Joanna Bryan officially has qualified as a Republican candidate for Gulf County Commissioner District 3.



JOANNA BRYAN

Bryan graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. She went on to obtain her law degree from

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## Jones eyes clerk post

Special to The Star

Keith "Duke" Jones announced last week his intent to seek the position of Gulf County Clerk of the Court.



KEITH JONES

Jones cares about Gulf County and is ready and qualified to help make government more accountable.

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## Norris seeks re-election as clerk

Special to The Star

Rebecca L. "Becky" Norris is pleased to announce her desire to continue in service as your Gulf County Clerk of the Circuit Court.



REBECCA NORRIS

Becky has worked in the Clerk of Courts Office for 28 years, and has served

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## Election qualifying ends with full field

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The green flag officially has dropped on the 2012 campaign season and the field is crowded headed toward the first turn, the Aug. 14 primary election.

Thirty-five candidates qualified in 13 county races, with only one race decided last week when Gulf County Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins, for the second-straight time, faced no opposition, automatically earning another four-year term.

Qualifying also saw the loss of one incumbent, as District 3 County Commissioner Bill Williams did not submit his qualifying papers. He becomes the

third county commissioner to lose or give up his seat since 2010; his term ends after the November general election.

Several candidates jumped into races at the last minute, paying a qualifying fee to run for office rather than gathering petition signatures. Petition deadline elapsed earlier this year.

Keith Jones paid the qualifying fee to challenge incumbent Becky Norris for Gulf County Clerk of Courts; Melissa Farrell did the same to challenge sitting School Board District 3 representative Linda Wood; and William Koran paid the qualifying fee to run for the District 5 Board of County

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Many of the 35 candidates in this year's county elections showed up at Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin's office for a photo on the final day of qualifying, which ended at noon last Friday.



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# County students hold their own against tougher FCAT

By **TIM CROFT**

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New test, similar results: Gulf County students demonstrating proficiency in reading and math equivalent or better than their peers around the state.

The latest batch of Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test scores — reading, math and science for grades 3 through 10 — were released in the past two weeks and for the most part local students are learning at or above grade levels at healthy levels.

“It is nothing really to shout about, but for the most part our students performed above the state average,” said Sara Joe Wooten, assistant superintendent for instruction. “This is a more difficult test. I think this was a year that teachers were adjusting, students were adjusting, the whole state was really adjusting.”

“This test takes us more to Common Core Standards.”

Florida transitions to Common Core Standards in 2013-14. Moving to the Common Core State Standards, which will be the national standard in 2013-14, is a natural progression for the state and its students, said Commissioner of Education Gerard Robinson.

The test also featured some online testing for the first time, meaning some students tested the old-fashioned pencil-and-paper method and others

used computers to take the FCAT components.

And as Wooten noted, the test was not only more difficult than previous years — this was the first for FCAT 2.0 — but the state also moved the bar higher to be considered learning at or above grade level.

Scoring a Level 3 on any component of the test is considered being proficient at grade level, the equivalent of a C grade.

Scores higher than Level 3 reflect learning above grade level; scores under Level 3 indicate learning below grade level.

Among district fourth-graders, 60 percent were at Level 3 or above in math and 57 were at Level 3 or above in reading; the state averages were 60 and 67 percent, respectively.

That sort of scoring was seen throughout each grade level.

In math, district fifth- and seventh-graders fell just below state averages in math, but at every other grade level district student scores surpassed state averages.

In reading, at every grade level save fourth and high school sophomores, the district students were at or above — even well above, as with 69 compared 57 percent among sixth-graders, 67-58 percent among seventh-graders-state averages.

“I think teachers teaching reading and pushing students, from kindergarten on up, on sight words and other things has made a real difference there,” Wooten said of reading

scores. “The state is also stressing reading.”

“They are encouraging every student to read one book every two weeks during the summer. And not the lighter books, but more along the classics, books that make you think.”

In science, fifth-graders were well ahead of the state average while eighth-graders fell just short of the state average.

In the ninth-grade Algebra I end of course exams, new this year to the FCAT scores, 73 percent of district students were at or above grade level compared to 58 percent of ninth-graders statewide.

“When you get 50 percent or better and better than the state average, that is pretty good,” Wooten said. “And we had a lot of areas where we had 60 percent or better, so that is pretty good.”

“Every principal and teacher is trying to break down these scores and figure out where our strengths and weaknesses are. We are going to fix the areas where we are weak and build on our strengths.”

Wooten also emphasized that the scores released so far are for all students, the total number taking the FCAT 2.0 this school year. In prior years, scores were released broken down in order that districts could identify special needs students, students for which English is a second language and so forth.

“Once we are able to fully break down the scores, the results will start to look better and better,” Wooten said.

# 14 condos at Paradise Shores sold for \$2.6 million at auction

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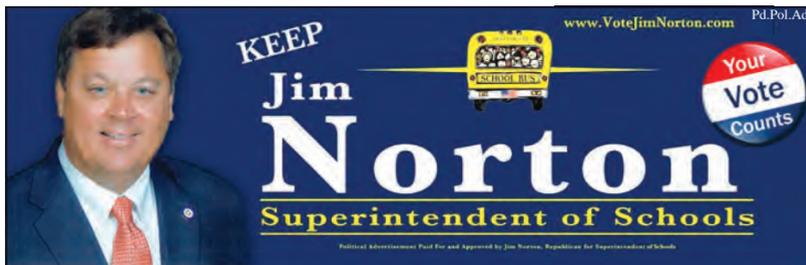
Fourteen spacious and beautifully-appointed condominiums in the Paradise Shores community on Mexico Beach were sold May 19 at absolute auction for a total price of \$2,684,500.

Each of the 76 registered bidders from nine states, including South Dakota, Indiana and Connecticut, was required to bring \$10,000 in personal check, business check or certified funds per two

bedroom unit and \$15,000 for the three bedroom units. The auction was conducted by The National Auction Group, Inc. of Gadsden, Alabama, specialists in the auction of quality, high-end properties. Over the past two years the company has sold more than \$100 worth of condos on the Gulf coast.

“Once again this demonstrates that the condo market is alive and well on the Gulf Coast for qual-

ity properties and shows that there’s no reason for developers to sit on unsold inventory when they can be sold efficiently and quickly by auction,” said William Bone, President of National Auction Group. “We had a happy seller and many happy buyers and that is always our primary objective. We are, and will continue to, negotiate with interested parties regarding other two and three bedroom condos in the community.”



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.

Most Sincerely,

Jim

Paid for and approved by Jim Norton, Republican Superintendent of Schools.

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## Make your vacation security checklist

By Jason Alderman

With summer vacation right around the corner, you're probably busy planning itineraries, shopping for new bathing suits and finishing up work projects. But before you completely check out, take a few minutes to review a few financial safeguards that could save you a ton of grief and money — and protect your identity.

Credit and debit cards. If you're planning to travel — especially overseas — follow these precautions:

- Tell your card issuers where and how long you're traveling so they'll be on guard against unauthorized transactions. Also, bank fraud departments have sophisticated systems for detecting unusual account activity, so if a transaction raises concern and you're not home to field their call, your account could be frozen until you can be reached.
- Immediately report lost or stolen cards and/or unauthorized transactions to your card issuer.
- Carry at least two cards in case one gets damaged or closed temporarily. It might take a few days for the bank to mail you a new card.
- In case of theft, carry a list of card issuers' fraud hotlines and your account numbers separate from

your wallet. Perhaps leave a copy with a trusted friend. I also program these numbers into my cell phone for quick access.

- Some bank's toll-free numbers may not work internationally, so ask for the right numbers before you leave.

- Avoid using standalone or unusual-looking ATMs not located in secure areas. They might be altered or have hidden cameras that can "shoulder surf" your account information and PIN.

- Beware of card skimming, where dishonest restaurant or store employees use a portable card reader to copy information from your credit or debit card's magnetic strip.

- Save and check all receipts against your statement; also scan your statement for unauthorized transactions.

Safeguard your home. If no one will be house-sitting in your absence:

- Have the post office hold your mail.
- Suspend newspaper subscriptions.
- Park a car in the driveway and put a prominent interior light on a timer.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to remove fliers, packages or free newspapers.

Have a great vacation.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Gulf Countian for life

Dear Editor: Having called Gulf County home for the past 16 years, something continues to amaze me about news pronouncements. With very few exceptions they state, "So and So was born, raised, educated, married, raised children and eventually died in Gulf County." Some of these pronouncements I totally agree with. If it is a graduation announcement, a marriage, a birth and a death of an individual you would want to acknowledge the family and community which nurtured such positive growth.

The pronouncement that continues to amaze me is that all candidates for political or civil service offices always begin with, "I was born, raised ... etc. in Gulf County. Think about it. Why would you promote that you came from a long line of local thinking that continues to provide leadership that boasts

average annual income 23 percent lower than the average Florida income; also boasts of poverty 30 percent higher than the average state level. We could also mention a high school graduation level of 45 percent above state averages but college graduation levels which are 57 percent below state averages. Finally unemployment levels which are 30 percent above state level.

I am not suggesting that all native Gulf County people are not bright and capable with these continuing issues. What I am suggesting is that perhaps we should look at someone who now calls Gulf County home but has experienced how other places in Florida and the U.S. have successfully dealt with and corrected the same issues we have in Gulf County. Just a thought!

Jim McKenzie  
St. Joe Beach

# They are *NOT* singing my song

I don't think my life would make a very good country song. I haven't had a drink in over forty years. I have never one time had to get my mother out of jail. I've never shot anyone that I know of. I've never danced on a sawdust floor ... unless you count the time John Charles Sasser's bull got loose at the Tri-County Stockyards and I did a few pirouettes and a couple of "buck and wings" till I could vault to safety. My first wife is, well, still my first wife. And I can't sing a lick.

You'd think a man that liked Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash and Marty Robbins as much as I do would have something in common with the music they play. I have never been to Butcher Holler, Folsom Prison or El Paso. I can understand Loretta when she's singing about that barnyard shovel, but I've never drilled for No. 9 coal, dressed in black or slapped leather against Texas Red.

Listen, except for Leon, David and a couple of cousins, I've never been in a real fight. I will admit I stopped into the Skyway Grill for a hamburger the night Rollin Truell and some of those boys from Huntingdon tied up. The whole place erupted into a brawl. But they were setting the tables back up and putting tape on the juke box by the time I got there. The police didn't even bother to get my statement.

I've never been

stabbed, shot in the chest, bushwhacked, tied to a railroad track or hung on a cold, dark night. I did one time jump off a fence onto a nail sticking out of an unseen board. I rammed that rusty thing right through my foot! It hurt like the dickens ... but I don't think they write country songs about stuff like that.



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

I've never crossed the Brazos at Waco, hauled a load of chickens over Wolf Creek Pass, took my guns to town or busted a guitar over anybody's head. I've never met Ruby, Lucille, Kate, Ruben James, the gambler, Felina, Oney or Jesse Taylor.

I do have a few friends in low places.

I didn't meet my wife behind any swinging doors, at a boot scootin' boogie, wrestling match, cow-chip throwing or down at Joe and Mable's 12th Street Bar and Grill. I've never pulled an 18-wheeler into a road house in Texas. I've never crushed a soft aluminum can or grabbed a tiger by the tail. And I'm not walking the floor over anyone!

Alan Jackson couldn't even write a song about me. I quit chewing tobacco back in the early '90s, when Levi-Garrett went to \$1.59 a pack. I've never ridden night herd or panned for gold just a little southeast of home. I've never ran moonshine from Harlan County to Memphis. I don't know sweet Betsy from Pike.

I've never ridden the Wabash Cannonball, a

raging Brahma bull or the wayward wind. I've never climbed Wolverton Mountain or hid out behind chute No. 1 with Bandy, the rodeo clown. I've never been to Gilley's. I don't have any ex's living in Texas. I've never shot a jukebox, and listen, I've never "woke up the next morning" staring at a waitress whose name I did not know.

In the early days, if I needed advice, I sought out my parents. Later, I'd ask my brothers or a good friend but mostly I leaned on my first wife. If it was serious, I called in the pastor. It never, in all my born days, occurred to me to seek life changing advice from a guy on the next bar stool. It seems to me those flashing neon lights might hinder your concentration. I've never had a protracted conversation with a bartender.

I reckon I have drowned my sorrows a time or two with a Diet Coke and a piece of apple pie.

Me and Bobby Magee never thumbed down a ride. I don't remember ever digging up bones. Where I came from we didn't have mansions on the hill. I don't smoke old stogies, I have found and I don't know every engineer on every train and all of their children and all of their names. Listen closely here, I don't want to have to die to stop loving anyone.

Jerry Lee Lewis once sang, "My Life would make a good country song." And, following his career over the years, I'd say he was absolutely right, but what

a price to pay. Jerry Lee has had more ups and down than that Thunder Mountain ride at Disney World.

Hank Williams didn't "make up" many songs. He just waited for something to happen to him and then he wrote it down right quick. He roared and flamed and made some of the best music ever heard on this planet. He also died at twenty-nine.

I may need to rethink this country song living thing. Maybe you can get too close to the music. You know what I mean? I'm not smart enough to understand that "life imitating art" thing. That's for folks like Hank and Johnny Cash, Spade Cooley and Jerry Lee. But maybe it's like bull fighting. I really wouldn't mind seeing a real bull fight, as long as I'm not the guy in the ring. A good bungee jump is best appreciated from about two hills over watching some fool leap off a thousand foot high bridge with just a rope tied to his leg.

On second thought, maybe I've had the right approach to the country music business all along. Let the other guy suffer, bleed, go to jail, have the heartache ... and I can tune it in or out ... depending on my mood or choice at the moment.

That's a heap better than being busted flat in Baton Rouge. Or being a boy named Sue. Or so lonesome I could cry.

Respectfully,  
Kes

## Going green is bringing me brown

In the spring of 1970, the environmental movement was born, which eventually led to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. We were "going green."

During the past 40 years, we have seen the changes that have come as a result of this concern for a cleaner environment. We have electric cars and hybrid cars, although it has been reported that many folks who buy these types of vehicles do not choose to do it again.

Plastic grocery bags are banned in various cities in California and Texas, because of concerns about the environment. It seems that a lot of birds and marine animals die each year because of "plastic pollution."

I do not want birds or marine animals to die, however I do enjoy grilling chicken and frying catfish. I know a chicken is a bird, but I'm not so sure about a catfish being a marine animal. I would think that it was a marine animal, but I'm a math guy and only know that I like to eat them fried with a mixture of tartar sauce and Tabasco on the side for dipping.

A comb and two wattles.

When did my hair come into this? It didn't. I'm not talking about that kind of comb. I'm referring to the red stuff on top of a chicken's head; it's called a comb. Chicken folks know this,



**CRANKS MY TRACTOR**  
BN Heard

*I do not want birds or marine animals to die, however I do enjoy grilling chicken and frying catfish. I know a chicken is a bird, but I'm not so sure about a catfish being a marine animal.*

and also know that the wattles are the two red things hanging under a chicken's chin.

The comb and wattles are a chicken's built in air conditioning system that cools him off by circulating blood and lowering his body temperature on hot days.

We all need to know these things. In addition, the chicken's comb and wattles are what distinguishes it from other birds. I'm still not so sure about the catfish, but I'm pretty sure it could eat a plastic bag and keep going. Therefore, it may not be a marine animal.

The green business, like all movements, has a lot of good intentions. Some, maybe most of these ideas existed before we had all of the agencies and acts. Things like checking your tire pressure, turning off your power and washing a full load of clothes make pretty good sense to everyone.

Also, anytime someone comes up with a better light bulb, I will give it a try. However, I do want the option of using the light bulb of my choice.

Then, there are some things that beg me to ask more questions. They want us to "keep our electronics out of the trash." Well, the way I see it, if they would make better electronics, we wouldn't have to throw

them away. Cellphones are made to fall apart after about a year of use.

I miss Dixie cups attached with a piece of string for communication. They never worked very well, but it was fun trying. Dixie cups and string are probably bad for birds and fish.

Why am I worried about all of this? I will tell you.

Years ago, I used to have a nice garden and a tiller. I had tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and all kinds of herbs. It was nice and I enjoyed it.

Some twenty years later, I have two or three tomato plants, a couple of pepper plants and a couple of terracotta pots of herbs on my back deck that I try to grow each year.

Recently, I went outside on my deck to find my tomato plants covered with little red mite looking things and it bothered me a lot. I watered my plants hoping to wash the mites off; there just seemed to be more. Maybe they were having some sort of pool party or something on the leaves of my tomato plants.

I couldn't take it; I needed to save my plants from these creatures. After looking in the garage and everywhere else I might have had some sort of insecticide to kill these tomato eating beasts, I was still

defenseless. Nothing could be found in my depleted arsenal.

Then I remembered buying this spray bottle of "Eco-friendly" insecticide/ant killer for ants in the kitchen about a year back. I found it under the kitchen sink, still looking happy with a big green "Eco-friendly" label on it. I remember quitting on it and going with another name brand, not so green, ant eliminator.

However, I did keep it under the sink (because it was eco-friendly).

I figured I would give it a try on my tomato plants and other plants on the deck. If it was supposed to kill ants, I thought it would surely kill the little red mites (and it was eco-friendly).

After spraying the white foamy, supposedly earth friendly stuff on all of my plants, I waited. Within an hour, all of my plants had shriveled up and pretty much were down for the count.

They were dead — the victims of the "Eco-friendly" movement. My plants had "gone brown."

The next time, I will go to the hardware store and buy Sevin dust. For now, I will go to the grocery store and buy tomatoes that were probably imported from a country without all of these green ideas. Please note, I'm not against them, but they did brutally destroy my tomato plants and my beautiful Kentucky Colonel Mint plant.

Put those tomatoes in a plastic bag and I'll have to wait a year for that Mint Julep or Mojito.

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Commissioners seat held by Warren Yeager.

The largest fields can be found in the races for office where the incumbent has announced retirement or, in the case of Williams, chosen not to stand for re-election.

With the retirement of Kesley Colbert, the Gulf County Property Appraiser's race will be contested by Mitch Burke and Jamie Lester in the Republican primary while James Rish runs as a Democrat and Dan Christie runs with No Party Affiliation, guaranteeing at least three candidates in the mix for the general election.

With Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin also announcing her

retirement, Brittany Beauchamp and John Hanlon will face off in the Republican primary while Shawn Butler and Wyvonne Pickett square off in the Democratic primary.

Vying to replace Williams will be Joanna Bryan and Johnny Mize, both Republicans, Democrat Jimmy Rogers and John Grantland, who will run with No Party Affiliation, meaning at least three candidates will survive until November.

The race for BOCC District 5, clerk of courts as well as the two School Board races, both non-partisan campaigns, will be decided in the August primary.

In the BOCC District 5 race,

incumbent Yeager and challengers Koran and Barbara Radcliff are all Republicans; whoever pulls the largest total, regardless of percentage, will win the seat as there is no Democrat in the race.

In the clerk of courts race, Jones and Norris are both Democrats. Whoever garners the most votes in August wins.

The two School Board races — Billy Quinn must fend off a challenge from Lois Byrd for his District 4 seat — also will be decided in August.

The race for county judge, where Brian Hill and Jarred Patterson are challenging Judge Tim McFarland, also could be de-

ecided in August should one of the candidates secure 50 percent-plus one of the vote. If not, the top two will advance to the general election.

The race for Gulf County sheriff will not be on the ballot until November as Republican Mike Harrison challenges Democrat incumbent Joe Nugent. Neither have a primary challenge.

The race for Gulf County superintendent of schools and BOCC District 1 also are guaranteed to last into November.

Challengers Jay Bidwell and Phil Lanford will face off in the Democratic primary for superintendent of schools to earn the right to square off with incum-

bent Jim Norton.

Incumbent Carmen McLemore, a Democrat, will meet challenger Freddie Whitfield in the primary for the BOCC District 1 seat McLemore holds. Waiting for the winner will be Kenny Peak, a Republican.

Primary day is Aug. 14. The registration books close at 5 p.m. ET on July 16 so if you are new voter, have changed addresses or have other changes to make to your voting registration information contact Griffin's office at 229-6117.

The last day to request absentee ballots for the primary is 5 p.m. ET on Aug. 8.

The general election is Nov. 8.

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said. "We need to get a hold on where it's being spent and who's spending it."

City resident Jim Garth addressed the board regarding Gingell's propositions during the meeting and asked the commissioners to at least look into the feasibility of hiring an in-house engineer.

"You don't need to get a full-time engineer," Garth said. "It could be part time, or you could share with the city of Wewahitchka or the county."

Commissioners agreed to have City Manager Jim Anderson

look into their options and examine research Garth has done on a series of city invoices.

### Fireworks

Despite a motion from Commissioner Bo Patterson to provide \$5,000 to help fund a Fourth of July Fireworks display, commissioners ultimately decided the city will not contribute.

"The city of Port St. Joe would like to have fireworks and they should have them," said Patterson, whose motion died when it

failed to garner a second from the board.

This year's fireworks display will be joint-funded by Gulf County and the Gulf County Tourism Development Council, each of which contributed \$5,000. The entities hoped to also garner \$5,000 from the city to provide a bigger show in the area.

Gingell said the city already provides the police force and cleanup for the fireworks each year, and the city taxpayers would pay double for the display if the city funded it along with the county.

"We just can't afford it," Commissioner Rex Buzzett said. "We will still have fireworks, but it won't be \$15,000 worth of fireworks, it will be \$10,000."

### Homeless shelter ordinance

County Attorney Tom Gibson reported to commissioners that he has met with the county homeless committee, headed by Port St. Joe resident Christie McElroy, to address a series of drafted ordinances to eliminate the possibility of the development of a

homeless shelter in the area.

He said on the city side, the ordinances will need to redefine its definition of "nuisance" to encompass any business or organization that requires significant monitoring by law enforcement.

The ordinance will also need to delineate what you can and can't do in city parks and public property within the city limits.

The commissioners agreed the ordinances should first go through the city's Planning Development and Review Board before going to the commission for approval.

## NORRIS from page A1

as your elected clerk for the past eight years.

"It has been my privilege to serve the people of Gulf County during these last two terms, and I look forward to continuing the work; pledging to keep our office accessible, transparent, and efficient. I have also been blessed to lead one of the best staffs, as we have all worked together to find ways to do more with less," Norris said.

The clerk of courts is a very complex office; serving as the Clerk of the Circuit and County

Courts, Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, and County Recorder. The Clerk is one of the five Constitutional Officers that serves as a "checks and balance" in county government.

"While it is obviously important that all monies, whether tax dollars or other, be accounted for, there are many other day-to-day tasks that are performed within the office. One department alone is devoted to serving the needs associated with the court system. Another maintains all recorded instruments such as deeds, mort-

gages, liens, etc. ... And of course, the Finance Department verifies that all expenditures have been approved by the proper Department Head, serve a public purpose, and are in compliance with Florida Statutes and Board policy. In all phases of our work, we are always seeking ways to improve efficiencies, and continue to make adjustments as needed to our internal controls to make sure Gulf County is best served.

"It will also be my honor this year to represent Gulf County by serving as the president of the

Florida Association of Clerk of Courts and Comptrollers. While serving as the vice president during this past year, I have had the opportunity to meet with different clerks throughout the state and hear firsthand the issues they face, whether they are smaller than us, or much larger. I believe that by serving in this way, it has given me a better understanding of my responsibilities, and helps me see opportunities for improvements in our office."

Married to Steve Norris for more than 31 years; they have two

children, Zac and Ashton. Becky is a hometown resident of Gulf County. She grew up in Wewahitchka and graduated from WHS in 1979, then moved to Port St. Joe in 1990 where she and Steve raised their children.

"Your vote on Aug. 14, 2012, will be much appreciated, as I look forward to continued service to the people of Gulf County. I am thankful for the trust that the citizens of our county have afforded me, and pledge to continue leading this office with honesty and integrity if re-elected."

## JONES from page A1

Jones has more than 22 years of leadership in state government, corporate and private business. Upon graduating from Florida State University with a degree in accounting, Jones became a licensed CPA and has been a leader in his industry ever since. He has served as a board member and officer with the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants for more than 15 years. He is serving his sixth term on the prestigious Florida Board of Governors representing accountants throughout Florida. He also serves as a trustee on the Educational Foundation for the FICPA, which raises funds to send students to college to be accountants.

The constitutionally-elected position of clerk is one of great importance. The clerk serves as the watchdog of county funds used to insure they are best used to benefit the public. This office is a place where public trust and confidence are built in local govern-

ment. The Office of Clerk of the Court assists local residents with many of their day-to-day needs, from acquiring a marriage license or a copy of a property deed, to paying traffic fines and providing forms for court filings. Jones brings a wealth of educational and professional experience and has the tools needed for the job.

Born and raised in Gulf County, Jones has a local understanding of our area and our current government needs. He knows the people of Gulf County, loves the area and cares about our future.

"I am prepared to lead this office and insure our county dollars are properly spent for all the constituents of Gulf County," Jones said. "I humbly ask for your support and vote to be our next clerk."

If you would like to share your concerns, meet or have your group meet with Jones, contact him at 340-0828, 229-1040 or keith@keithjonescpa.com.

## BRYAN from page A1

Nova Southeastern University.

In addition to her academic accomplishments Joanna has a broad-based work history that has given her a great appreciation for hard work. Before becoming an attorney Bryan worked as an industrial route truck driver for UPS. She also worked for the Lake Worth Police Department as a crime prevention specialist, and then she went on to work for the Broward County Sheriff's Office before completing law school.

Bryan has her own law practice which is on the third floor of the Centennial Bank Building in Port St. Joe. She specializes in all aspects of real estate law. She also has considerable experience in the areas of commercial transactions and commercial law.

Bryan said she believes her skills and experience set her apart from the other candidates and make her

uniquely qualified for the position of County Commissioner. Bryan said she knows and appreciates how hard the citizens of Gulf County work to earn a living and she feels that they deserve commissioners who will work to responsibly manage the taxpayers' money for the best interests of all the citizens.

"There are many complex and controversial issues that currently face Gulf County, including but not limited to county-wide voting, pending budget shortfalls, landfill questions, potential funding through the RESTORE Act, and TDC accountability to name just a few. I have the professional background and personal determination necessary to help solve these problems that we face. By far the biggest issue facing our county is that of jobs and economic growth. The best way to encourage economic growth is to have a business-friendly envi-

ronment. Business-friendly means rules that are easy to understand and processes (permitting, zoning, etc.) that are reasonable to comply with. But most important of all, the rules should apply equally and fairly to all. I promise a fair and level playing field for everyone. I will do all that I can to promote responsible economic growth and job creation in our county," Bryan said.

"Running the business of the county is a big operation. It should be conducted based on sound business principles — not political favoritism that benefits only the well-connected at the expense of the average taxpayer. I promise to work for all of the people of Gulf County 3 not just a few."

Joanna welcomes your questions and your thoughts. Feel free to contact her via email at Joanna@Vote4Bryan.com or give her a call at 615-5015.

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## SHELL ON A HALF SHELL

Visitors Macie Rogers of Bowdon, GA and T.J. North of Ranburne, AL found this shell, or shells, during recent excursions along the shores of St. Joseph Peninsula and St. Joseph Bay. Though the exact location of the find was unknown, their unique discovery was a 50-caliber machine gun shell, common in World War II, ensconced within a seashell. Under the seashell there are remnants of what appears to be a powder burns and sticking out from within the seashells that have encased the bullet shell over the years appears to be the end of the shell casing. As Bill Musselwhite of Port St. Joe, who obtained the shell from the visitors, said, "Nature has a way of taking care of things."

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## Visitor snags 30-inch sea trout

Star Staff Report

Richard King of Winder, GA caught this 30-inch long sea trout on May 26. He was fishing with Tim Hartman from Lawrenceville, GA and Mexico Beach from a large bass boat. The nice fish was caught off Cape San Blas and King was fishing 18 inches up from

weight. He had a pin bobber and was using live shrimp and pinfish for bait. He had a nice fight on his hands. Congratulations to Rick and thank you to Tim Hartman for taking Richard out on his boat. This brought the end of his vacation much delight and memories to share. Richard spends every vacation in the area.

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, June 14	86°	73°	40 %
Fri, June 15	85°	72°	40 %
Sat, June 16	86°	71°	40 %
Sun, June 17	85°	73°	20 %
Mon, June 18	86°	73°	0 %
Tues, June 19	87°	74°	0 %
Wed, June 20	88°	75°	40 %

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

## ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
14	Th	7:01am 1.6		5:14pm 0.0	
15	Fr	7:26am 1.7		5:49pm -0.1	
16	Sa	7:59am 1.7		6:29pm -0.2	
17	Su	8:36am 1.8		7:11pm -0.2	
18	Mo	9:15am 1.8		7:52pm -0.3	
19	Tu	9:53am 1.9		8:28pm -0.3	
20	We	10:29am 1.9		9:00pm -0.3	
21	Th	11:04am 1.8		9:25pm -0.3	
22	Fr	11:38am 1.7		9:46pm -0.2	
23	Sa	12:11pm 1.6		10:00pm 0.0	
24	Su	12:44pm 1.3		10:03pm 0.2	
25	Mo	1:05pm 1.0		9:46pm 0.3	
26	Tu	6:29am 1.0		8:38pm 0.6	
27	We	5:52am 1.2		3:05pm 0.3	

## APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
14	Th	2:23am 1.0	11:24am 1.4	5:30am 1.0	8:01pm 0.0
15	Fr	3:47am 1.0	11:58am 1.4	6:30am 1.1	8:48pm -0.1
16	Sa	4:39am 1.1	12:35pm 1.5	7:31am 1.2	9:31pm -0.2
17	Su	5:18am 1.2	1:15pm 1.5	8:25am 1.3	10:09pm -0.2
18	Mo	5:50am 1.2	1:56pm 1.5	9:13am 1.3	10:44pm -0.3
19	Tu	6:18am 1.3	2:38pm 1.5	9:55am 1.3	11:16pm -0.2
20	We	6:43am 1.3	3:21pm 1.5	10:35am 1.3	11:44pm -0.2
21	Th	7:07am 1.3	4:06pm 1.5	11:15am 1.2	
22	Fr	7:29am 1.3	4:54pm 1.4	12:10am -0.2	11:59am 1.2
23	Sa	7:52am 1.3	5:46pm 1.3	12:37am -0.1	12:48pm 1.1
24	Su	8:15am 1.3	6:45pm 1.2	1:07am 0.0	1:44pm 0.9
25	Mo	8:40am 1.3	7:58pm 1.0	1:39am 0.2	2:51pm 0.8
26	Tu	9:06am 1.4	9:30pm 1.0	2:13am 0.4	4:07pm 0.6
27	We	9:36am 1.4	11:30pm 0.9	2:50am 0.6	5:26pm 0.4

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## FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



### Inshore

Recent rain has the St. Joe Bay muddy and churned up right now. Before the rain we had great reports from the Eagle Harbor area of red fish and trout caught in the grass on live shrimp. Towns' beach has had a few reports of nice trout and a few red fish this week also. Get in all your inshore fishing in before the 2012 Scallop Season opens soon.

### Offshore

Red snapper season is well under way. Hi winds and rough seas have kept many anglers at the docks hoping for better weather. Good sized red snapper are still close to shore, some as close as 6 miles out. Try using live bait first to catch the bigger ones up off the bottom, but cut bait, such as cigar minnows and squid will work fine.



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# TURTLE TIME

Season begins with lots of nesting activity

Special to The Star

This year, the turtle nesting season started with a rush activity on St. Vincent Island. In May there were 32 turtle nests. This is already half the total number of nests for last year, and there are three more months of turtle nesting. This increased number of nests is keeping the staff and trained turtle volunteers busy with surveys and other important maintenance tasks. You can help support the turtle program on St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge by participating in our "Adopt-a-Nest"

program. For \$25, you will be able to name the turtle whose nest you adopt and will receive the following:

- adoption certificate
- photo of adopted nest
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Proceeds from nest adoptions help offset refuge costs for the turtle monitoring program. These costs include fuel for the survey vehicles and materials to construct cages to protect nests from predators. Turtle adoptions make a wonderful gift for people of any age who care about turtles and wildlife preservation. With so many turtles choosing to nest on St. Vincent Island this year, we are hoping for an equal increase in turtle adoptions. To adopt a nest or learn more about the program, email [supportstvin@hotmail.com](mailto:supportstvin@hotmail.com) or leave a message at 229-7635.

The busy turtle season just reemphasizes the importance of our volunteers and the need for more help from the local community. Major budget cuts and reduced staffing have increased the need for St. Vincent NWR volunteers. We have opportunities for people of all ages and physical abilities, including those younger than 18 if accompanied by a parent or other adult. Also, one-time service projects can be

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scheduled for scouts, students or church groups.

Volunteers can serve on a regular basis or help with one-time projects. Whatever time you can give will be greatly appreciated. Both outdoor and office-based volunteer work is available. At our Apalachicola office you can help with visitor services, assist with administrative tasks or help write proposals seeking grant funding. On the island, you can monitor wildlife such as red wolves and sea

turtles, participate in bird counts, clean up trash on the island's beautiful beaches, remove invasive plants or do maintenance work. Other opportunities include assisting in environmental education programs, leading community outreach programs, documenting St. Vincent Island's history or serving on the Board of our Supporters group. To volunteer or learn more about how you can help, email [stvin@hotmail.com](mailto:stvin@hotmail.com). Also watch for volunteer opportunities in The Star. Give your spare time and help make a difference.

There will be no monthly tours of St. Vincent Island during the summer months — bugs and heat make the experience less than pleasant. The tours will resume in the fall, but you can still visit the island on your own. You can get to the island by boat or kayak or take the St. Vincent Island Shuttle Service (call 229-1065 or visit [www.stvincentisland.com](http://www.stvincentisland.com)). The island is primitive — bring everything you need, including drinking water — and leave only your footprints behind.

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# PETS from page A1

the skills learned while training a strange dog or two to lead productive lives outside of prison, even an inmate with more than 20 years behind bars.

"I'm not sure (co-director) Judy (Miick) and I could see three years of DAWGS in Prison when we thought about this four years ago," said DAWGS co-director Sandi Christy.

To understand the keys to success, a closer look at three important ingredients in the program.

## The dog

Max, the husky had a life not unlike many other dogs saved through the DAWGS in Prison program, which generally deals with stray or abandoned animals.

Max lived his early life chained in a backyard, his only contact his owner and two other dogs chained with him. The owner was evicted from the property and Max and the other two dogs were left behind, eventually to be collected by Gulf County Animal Control.

"We were worried about Max," Christy said of the dog that had zero sociability, particularly toward humans, and was in poor health.

In time, though, Max's health, physical and mental, improved and Christy, Miick and Melody Townsend, the director of the Humane Society, tested Max's temperament to gauge whether the DAWGS in Prison program would be a good fit.

Turned out Max fit the bill and after eight weeks in the DAWGS program he was headed to DeFuniak Springs last week, Rush walking him on a leash and feeding him treats within minutes of the completion of commencement exercises.

## The adopter

As Christy put it, "Without adopters, we would not have a program."

Rush was a surprising adopter. He had not considered a dog since his last husky died in 2007. Rush was wiping away tears while listening to Max's story last week, a large man with a proportional connection to the breed.

Rush had grown up in upstate New York, his father a husky owner and Rush learned at an early age the dogs were loyal, but stubborn, as well as smart — according to sled dog trainers, Rush said, huskies respond to a vocabulary of as many as 26 words.

He had owned two huskies, but had said no more in 2007.

"My daughter told me that I needed to adopt another," Rush said. "They are so smart and so loyal. The last one I had, he followed me everywhere I went. They are just very



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Tom Rush of DeFuniak Springs, in orange with neck brace, gets acquainted with his new dog, Max, while Jay King of King Dog Academy in Tallahassee, who helped start the DAWGS in Prison training program, and John Kelly (left) provide some pointers. **Below,** Claudette, with her inmate trainers, was named Top Dog in the 20th graduation of the DAWGS in Prison program.

good dogs.

"I swore I would not get another after (the last husky died). I couldn't do it. But my daughter convinced me."

He searched the Internet for what he was looking for: another husky. He found DAWGS in Prison, and lo and behold, there was Max.

"I have two granddaughters, 4 and 1½, and when we came to meet Max he actually liked them better than me," Rush said. "I heard about his story and thought that dog needs a good home. When we met him and he rushed past me and put a paw in my granddaughter's lap, that's what turned it for me."

Matching dog and adopter is a full-time occupation or at least at times it seems that way to Christy. She is dogged in her pursuit for the right home for each dog, others in the program noted.

"Sandi does a lot of work just making sure each dog has the right home," said Officer Donna Haddock of the Gulf Forestry Camp. Haddock supervises the DAWGS routine in the compound. "We want to make the perfect match. We work really hard on that."

## The trainer

Kelly was the leader of the inmate team that trained Max, and while Haddock said she tries to switch things around every couple of weeks during the eight-week course, Kelly became particularly attached to Max.

"This one will be tough to see go," Kelly said. "You try not to get too attached,

but I've worked a lot with her."

Kelly, Mark Whited and Derek Joseph are the three team leaders for what Haddock calls "the pack" or the entire ensemble, dog and up to four team members per dog.

And it is much more than training. Dogs are bathed once a week. Their ears are cleaned and teeth brushed twice a week. They must be fed and allowed to use the bathroom on a set schedule each day and night and each team member chips in.

After lunch on a recent weekday, while the trainers and handlers took the dogs outside to begin the next session — which is preceded by an opportunity for the dogs to be "off leash" and play — other members of the team were cleaning food and water bowls, checking on bedding in the dog cages.

All this documented on a set of ledgers, with inmates responsible for logging times, who did what and with what dog, when the work started and when it finished, what equipment or food was used.

The dogs, Haddock noted, probably have the finest meals they've enjoyed in some time and coats make a remarkable recovery as good health returns. Max hardly resembles what he did when he arrived at the Humane Society, Miick said.

"I try to give the inmates as many jobs and as many responsibilities as I can," Haddock said. The inmates are

volunteers and must apply to be part of DAWGS.

Haddock has a waiting list and those who don't get with the program don't stay with the program.

And they move up the ladder once in, from caretaker to handler to trainer to team leader.

"Each position has a different responsibility," Whited said. "It is a team effort."

And a learning one. "It has taught me a lot about patience and a lot about respect," Kelly said. "You also learn how to respect and deal with a lot with different people."

"Dogs are sometimes easier because they don't talk back."

For men who have, as Joseph acknowledged, been takers during their lives — one reason for their imprisonment — they have learned how to give.

"You learn how to deal with people of all shapes and sizes and colors," Whited said. "You learn how to be responsible, to yourself and others. Every person is different just as every dog is different. And everybody needs a second chance."

Joseph added, "You have something new every day because each dog is different. It is a continuing education."

Kelly, Whited and Joseph said they would use the skills gleaned from their months with the DAWGS program when they are released.

But for last Wednesday, it was time to say goodbye to the graduates and welcome in the "newbies" later that afternoon and begin the eight weeks all over again.



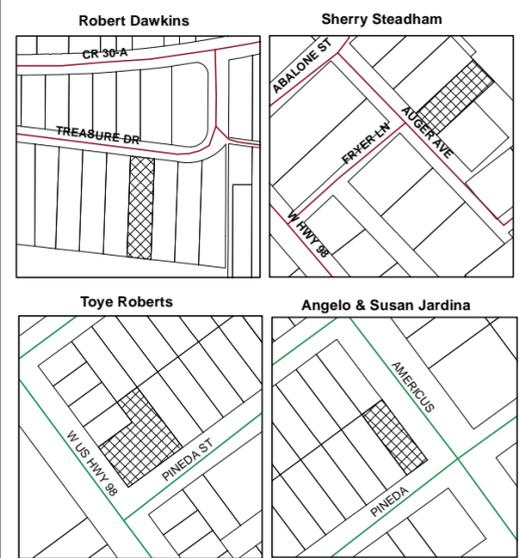
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Reconvene the Variance Application - Robert Dawkins - Parcel ID #03180-235R - Corrective action to an existing access ramp and dune walkover.
2. Variance Application - Sherry Steadham - Parcel ID # 03765-000R - Located in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - road setback variance of 4' and a side setback of 1'6".
3. Sign Variance - Toye Roberts - Parcel ID #03946-000R - Located in Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - variance to install an offsite business sign.
4. Variance - Angelo and Susan Jardina - Parcel ID #03946-002R - Located in Section 5, township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Setback encroachment from construction error.
5. County Ordinances and LDR Revisions
  - Land Use -Homeless Shelter ordinance
  - HB 503 impacts
  - Animal Control
6. Public and Open Discussion

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Planning Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 311.



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### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

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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.

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR  
A loggerhead sea turtle nests on St. Joseph Peninsula.

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### Why you should volunteer

Star Staff Report

This country was started by men and women who were willing to give their time and use their skills to build a nation where they could have better life. They were volunteers.

Today, so many people expect so many things to be done for them and so much to be provided for them.

We need to take a step back and participate with our time to help get this country back on the right track.

With all the problems with the economy and balancing budgets, there will continue to be a reduction in the services and the benefits that federal, state, and local governments will be able to provide.

It is time for a resurgence of volunteering. It will be up to us "the people who care about our communities, our parks, our arts, our natural resources," to give our time and use our skills to preserve what is important to us.

This country cannot continue to operate with an attitude of entitlement and spending beyond our budget.

Colleges and universities now ask applicants to list their volunteer and community service activities. They see the importance of volunteering in the development of successful students and citizens.

In our area we have many groups that could use more volunteers. Our churches, our schools, senior citizen centers, national wildlife refuges, state parks, nature preserves and the arts alliance are some of the organizations in our community that can use more volunteer support.

The Star will run a monthly column called "Volunteer Opportunities" on the front page of the community section of the paper.

It will list volunteer needs of various organizations and who to contact if you can help.

A little help from a lot of volunteers can make such a difference in the quality of life in our community. Please help make that difference!

# Turtle tracking

## GPS trackers provide insight into loggerheads' journeys

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Meg Lamont describes the night shift at the Fish Inn on Cape San Blas as similar to being a new parent—sleep is rare, and you never know what to expect.

The Fish Inn is not a motel or bed and breakfast; it's the home-base for the University of Florida Marine Turtle Research Group, an organization dedicated to protecting the threatened and endangered sea turtle species that nest in Northwest Florida.

Lamont, who oversees the program, has been tagging sea turtles on St. Joseph Peninsula since 1998, and new satellite tagging technology has recently allowed more insight into a turtle's journey than ever before.

With the help of University of Florida biologist Brail Stephens and a house full of college interns from across the country, every night from May to August is spent patrolling the beach, from the Stump Hole to the southern boundary of St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, for nesting sea turtles to tag.

The group at the Fish Inn is essentially nocturnal, spending their nights surveying the beach on ATVs with red headlights from sunup to sundown, their eyes peeled for movement in the sand.

"It's sort of like being a new parent when



you work this job," Lamont said. "When you do sleep it's just two hours here, two hours there."

Last week, the group satellite-tagged 10 sea turtles on the Cape as part of an oil spill research project in the Gulf. The high-tech satellite tags provide a turtle's exact GPS coordinates when the turtle comes up for air.

While nesting female turtles have been known to return to nest within five kilometers of where they previously nested during their nesting period, Lamont said GPS tracking the nesting females has shown something unexpected.

"It's the first time we've been able to see what the turtles are doing during their nesting

periods," Lamont said. "These guys are going 100 to 150 kilometers away. It's not what's expected."

She said many of the turtles that have nested on the Cape have shown up in Alabama, where oil spill research is also being done with satellite tracking.

While the group works mostly with loggerhead turtles, a threatened species, they do also see endangered green sea turtles on Cape San Blas.

"We don't know very much about turtles once they're in the water or where they go once they leave the beach," said Lamont, who noted satellite tracking has helped to show where their habitats lie and what paths they take to get there, information that is essential for protecting the species.

GPS trackers have provided insight into the turtles' foraging grounds, typically located in Southwest Florida and off the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

"Their foraging areas have all been shallow-water, inshore areas," Lamont said. "When you're looking to protect turtles, it's equally if not more important than protecting their nesting area."

"The turtles have such an intimate relationship with the inshore environment—it's so dynamic."

See **TURTLE B5**



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

**Top:** The University of Florida Marine Turtle Research Group marks a sea turtle nest on Cape San Blas. **Left:** Clara, a satellite-tagged sea turtle, returns to the Cape to nest earlier this month. **Middle:** An intern with the University of Florida Marine Turtle Research Group, based in Cape San Blas, surveys the beach for nesting sea turtles. **Right:** Amelia, a loggerhead sea turtle, was tagged with a satellite tracker while nesting this season on Cape San Blas. Track Amelia here: [http://www.seaturtle.org/tracking/?project\\_id530](http://www.seaturtle.org/tracking/?project_id530).

## Veteran's remains returned to family on his birthday

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**WEWAHITCHKA** — Rickey Hopkins looked down at a brass plaque and an urn he thought he never would see — the remains of his father, Lemon Troy Hopkins.

The items were on the porch of Donald Baxter's Wewahitchka home. It was just a few days ago Rickey Hopkins learned his father's remains had been discovered.

"I didn't even know he was dead," Hopkins said.

For the past two decades Hopkins, who lives in the Pensacola area, has wondered what had happened to his father. He rode to Wewahitchka last Friday along

with his brother, Wendell Troy Hopkins, and sister, Vickie, to pick up his father's headstone/plaque and his remains.

"I'm sorry I'm not crying," Hopkins said. "I think I'm all cried out."

After talking to Baxter earlier this week, Hopkins peered down at his calendar: June 8, 2012. He looked down at the photo that had appeared in The News Herald a few days before with a photograph of a plaque and the name "Lemon Troy Hopkins, U.S. Navy, June 8, 1937, to November 1, 1986."

"I thought, 'Wow, we're bringing him home on his birthday,'" Hopkins said.

**The homecoming**

Last Friday, the midday



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Lemon Troy Hopkins' remains were returned to his family, who didn't know he was dead, on June 8, his birthday.

heat began to rise near the Baxter homestead, just before the Hopkins family was slated to arrive.

Baxter lives in the 300 block of Myers Road, across

See **VETERAN B5**

## Downtown merchants plan community Independence Day

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The Port St. Joe Downtown Merchants Committee is making plans for a red, white and fun Fourth of July.

The committee has begun putting in place plans for a community-wide celebration of Independence Day, to be jointly funded by the county and the Tourist Development Council, with a slate of activities leading up to the evening's fireworks.

"We want to have a small-town old-fashioned Fourth of July," Dana Boyer, chairwoman for the event, said. "This is being funded by the downtown merchants.

When we all work together we do great things.

"The business community appreciates their patrons and wanted to give something back."

The festivities will begin at, and center on, City Commons Park at 3 p.m. ET when a special weekday version of the SaltAir Farmer's Market will open. The market will feature a number of produce and arts and crafts vendors as well as some of the usual representatives from organizations, such as the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

"We try to get as many people down there as we can," John Parker of the Merchants Committee, who is spearheading the market, said

The George Boyer Band, a.k.a. George, Cletus and Dave, will be playing throughout the day at the Commons area.

Boyer said on Reid Avenue adjacent to the Farmer's Market there will be a car show, with everything from antiques to the unusual and vintage on display.

At 6 p.m. ET (lineup is at 5:45 along First Street for those wishing to participate) will be a red, white and blue themed parade of bicycles and golf carts, led by the Port St. Joe Police Department, followed by a Port St. Joe fire engine and flanked by the color guard from Port St. Joe High School's NJROTC program.

Prizes will be awarded  
See **DOWNTOWN B1**

# Wewahitchka patriotic beautification program

Special to The Star

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club Inc., in partnership with the Wewahitchka VFW Chapter 8285, would like to extend an invitation to everyone to show their patriotism by sponsoring an American flag that will be flown on the light poles on State Road 71 in downtown Wewahitchka. The flags will be flown for 10 days on Flag Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day. Fifty-two flags have been put in place so far. Seventy-five have been sold, and the remainder will be put up soon. The goal is to put up as many flags as possible to show our patriotism and support to our military services.

The group would like to thank Ralph Fisher and employees of Fisher's Hardware for placing the flags. Flags can be purchased for \$35, which will cover the cost of the 3- by 5-foot American-made American flag, a rod and brackets to hang it, and an engraved plaque. The sponsor will have the option of either placing their name or business on the plaque or it can be in memory of a military veteran or active duty member of the Armed Forces or a loved one. Please specify this when ordering your flag.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this project, make your \$35 check payable to GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club Inc. Send your check to P.O. Box 94, GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club Inc., Wewahitchka, FL 32465. You may order as many flags as you like.

For more information, call Patty Fisher at 639-9794.

# Happy BIRTHDAY



**Bailey celebrates birthday**  
Happy Birthday Bailey!

We Love You Very Much!!  
Love,  
Daddy, Momma Kari, Rylan,  
Taylor, Bubba, Marissa and Nena



**Azaleah Rhodes-Seefeldt turning 7**

We are so proud of Azaleah turning 7 years old on July 24  
Happy Birthday! We Love You!



**Spencer Seefeldt turning 30**

Oh My, look who is turning 30! Spencer Seefeldt  
We are proud of you! Happy Birthday, Son!

## PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



**JUNE IS "ADOPT A SHELTER CAT MONTH"** and we have so many to choose from, such as the lovely Jayden. She is an older adult cat in need of a forever home to retire in. Jayden is very friendly and docile. She would make a wonderful pet for a quite family or a senior adult. Jayden is not demanding or overly active. She spends her days napping waiting on her forever home. If you can give this wonderful old girl a home to spend the remainder of her retirement in, do not hesitate to contact us.

(We are recruiting dependable volunteers for offsite events. Contact Debbie if you are willing to help.)  
If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a kitty litter donation.

All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email [townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com](mailto:townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com) or [adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com](mailto:adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com) or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Applications are available at [www.sjbhumane.org](http://www.sjbhumane.org) and can be emailed to our office or faxed 850-227-1191. We require all potential adopters to complete an application form. Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations.

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

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



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Capital City Bank Group Foundation recently donated \$500 to the Gulf Coast State College Foundation. From left, Amy Geiger- Capital City Bank president for Gulf County, Margie Mazur, executive director; and Jamie Braun.

## Capital City Bank donates to area organizations

Star Staff Report

Capital City Bank Group Foundation recently donated funds to several local organizations.

The Foundation provided \$500 to the non-profit Port Theatre Art & Culture Center, which hopes to purchase and renovate the Port Theatre, as well as \$500 to the Gulf Coast State College Foundation.

Other recipients of Foundation funds were the Friends of the Gulf County Public Libraries, Inc. (\$250); The St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, Inc. (\$250); and the Growing Minds Center, Inc. (\$250).

"We are grateful to be in a position to help organizations make an impact in our communities," said Gulf County President Amy Geiger. "Community involvement has always been a hallmark of Capital City Bank and by donating valuable funds to worthwhile organizations such as these, the CCBG Foundation can help build stronger communities."



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The bank Foundation also donated \$500 to the effort to purchase and renovate into a cultural center the Port Theatre. From left, Amy Geiger, Gulf County bank president; Sandy Price, market leader for Capital City Bank and Tom Gibson and Joanna Bryan with the Port Theatre Art & Cultural Center.

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## Lewis named Pythian of the Year

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Sir Knight David Lewis was selected as Pythian of the Year at the 123rd Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. David is a member of R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge No. 77 Knights of Pythias Port St. Joe.

The Pythian of the Year Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates the ability to contribute to the continuous improvement of the Pythian Order.

In nominating Sir Knight Lewis for the award, Chancellor Commander Clarence Monette stated that, "David has achieved the highest and deepest respect of his Pythian brothers and maintained a clear sense of the Pythian Principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence through his participation in Local, District, State and community activities. On account of his mature approach and his dedication to the Order of Knights of Pythias, Sir Knight David Lewis is the ideal candidate for Pythian of the Year."

The Fraternal Order of Knights of Pythias and its members are dedicated to the cause of universal peace. Pythians believe that friendship is an



DAVID LEWIS

essential ingredient in live and make Benevolence, Kindness, Generosity and tolerance a reality in their lives. For more information about the Knights of Pythias, visit [www.knightsofpythiasfl.com](http://www.knightsofpythiasfl.com).

## Senior citizens group seeks donations

Star Staff Report

Gulf County Senior Citizens at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe is asking for donations for low-income seniors of non-perishable foods such as juice, canned tuna and chicken, soup or vegetables. Small inexpensive bingo prizes are needed for clients who love to play bingo several times a week. The organization provides a hot, nutritious noon meal Monday through Friday to seniors 60 and older. Transportation might be available to meal sites. Anyone interested in coming to our sites in Port St. Joe or Wewahitchka for meals and activities, or who would like to donate any of items, should call Debbie at 229-8466.

# GCEC sponsoring Washington, D.C., trip for local students

**Special to The Star**

Alexa Allison and Blake Brannon will go to Washington, D.C., on Saturday as winners of the Washington, D.C., Youth Tour Contest that rural electric cooperatives across the nation participate in. Allison is a rising senior at Wewahitchka High School, and Brannon is a rising senior at Deane Bozeman School.

Allison and Brannon are eligible to go on the trip as winners of Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour Contest. Each year, the Cooperative sponsors the contest for 11th-graders whose parents or guardians are members of GCEC. Contestants are interviewed by a panel of three judges from the electric cooperative industry, and two winners are cho-

sen to travel on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June.

While in Washington, the students are scheduled to tour the American History Museum, the Holocaust Museum, the Air and Space Museum, the Newseum Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Monument, the U.S. Capitol area, the mall area, the Korean, Lincoln, Vietnam, FDR, Jefferson and World War II memorials; Mt. Vernon; and the National Cathedral. They will also see the U.S. Marine Corps Sunset Parade, a boat cruise and dance on the Potomac River; and will end their trip with a visit to the Kennedy Center to see the play Memphis.

A highlight of the trip will be the National Youth

Day rally, where they will join about 1,500 other 11th-grade students representing electric cooperatives from all over the United States.

"We are proud to have Alexa and Blake representing Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative in Washington. We hope that they have a wonderful time on their trip, enjoying the sights and making new friendships," GCEC Manager of Marketing and Member Services Kristin Evans said.

The Washington, D.C., Youth Tour Program has been in existence since 1957 when co-ops sent students to Washington, D.C., to work during the summer. By 1964, the program was catching on, and the National Rural Electric

Cooperative Association began to coordinate the efforts of the co-ops. Since then, thousands of young people have experienced this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit our nation's capitol and learn about our government.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is part of the Touchstone Energy national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. About 75 employees serve more than 20,000 meters and 2,500 miles of line in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties and in the municipalities of Wewahitchka, Ebro, Lynn Haven, White City, Fountain and Southport.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Alexa Allison of Wewahitchka High School earned a trip to the nation's capital through a contest sponsored by Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative.

## STUDENTS HONORED FOR CREATIVE WRITING

Five students in Ruby Knox's language arts class at Port St. Joe High School will soon have the honor of having their poetry featured in publications recognizing young, creative writers from across the United States. Lilly Meizner (far left) will have her poem "Insecure" published in the Spring Creative Communication Poetry Book. Callie Capps's poem "Spring" will be printed in the same publication. Also are Rebecca Kerigan and Chloe Focht who will have their poetry published in the "Award-Winning Young Writers of America 2012" book. Kerigan's poem is titled "Nature Speaks", while Focht will see her poem, "What My Family Means to Me" in print. Not pictured is Carly Windolf, whose poem "Day's End and Night's Beginning" will also be published in the Spring Creative Communication Poetry Book.

VALERIE GARMAN | The Star



Three group plays written by students in Knox's wheel creative writing classes received honorable mention for the 2012 Young Playwrights Festival held recently in Sarasota, Fla. Pictured from left to right are the three playwriting teams: Hayden Lee and Kennedy Thacker (7th), Jeremy Ard and Clay Raffield (8th), and Maddie Flanagan, Caroline Rish, and Anna Frabel (8th) (Frabel not pictured).



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# PSJ's Joffe graduates from Mercer University

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Katie Joffe of Port St. Joe earned a Master of Medical Science from the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences of Mercer University during the spring commencement ceremony on the University's Atlanta Campus on May 12.

The ceremony included more than 6,000 attendees, and more than 900 participants from the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, the James and Carolyn McAfee

School of Theology, the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics, Tift College of Education and College of Continuing and Professional Studies.

In all, the University held five ceremonies in the spring in Savannah, Macon and Atlanta and conferred more than 1,700 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

**About Mercer University:**

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate,

graduate and professional education. The University enrolls more than 8,300 students in 11 schools and colleges – liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing and continuing and professional studies – on major campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah and at four regional academic centers across the state. Mercer is affiliated with four teaching hospitals - Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, the Medical Center of

Central Georgia in Macon, and The Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital in Columbus - and has educational partnerships with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Warner Robins and Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta. The University operates an academic press and a performing arts center in Macon and an engineering research center in Warner Robins. Mercer is the only private university in Georgia to field an NCAA Division I athletic program. www.mercer.edu.

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## Obituaries

### John Wayne Dady

John Wayne Dady of Port St. Joe, Fla., a cherished member of the Church of God of Highland View, he was ushered into heaven by Jesus on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

He was preceded in death by his dad, John Angus Dady; and his brother, James Danny Dady of Highland View, Florida.

His survivors include his wife of 47 years, Betty Joe Dady of Highland View; his daughter, Faith Bearden and husband, David Bearden of Highland View; son, John Wayne Edward Dady of Wewahitchka, Florida and wife, Deana Dady of Mulbury, Florida; also his

beloved grandchildren, Brandi Dady, Rebekah Bearden, Jessika Turner and husband, Joey Turner of Highland View, John G. Dady of Wewahitchka and Austin Dady, Gunner Dady, Trenten Dady and Leigh Dady of Mulbury, Fla.; also his special beloved great-grands, Lee Lee Dady, Nathanyal and Conner White and Sonja Turner of Highland View; as well as a host of family, church family and friends.

His memorial service was held at 2 p.m. ET on Saturday, June 9, 2012, at Highland View Church of God with the Rev. Vickie Summers officiating. He was loved by his mother Dollie L. Dady of Highland View.

### William Philip Remington

William Philip Remington, 76 of Port St Joe passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at his residence. A

memorial service will held in New York at a later date according to Southerland Family Funeral Home.

## Card of thanks

### Gulf County is the greatest

No one person can ever make the pain of the loss of a loved one disappear, but the collective effort of many during such times can sure help ease the hurt. During the recent loss of our loved one, Courtney Erin McMillion, our son Zac's fiancée, we were reminded of how great a place we live in, not only because of the natural beauty of the area, but mostly because of the people.

For sure, none of us are perfect, and yes, even during normal days some of us have tendencies to show our not so better side; but when part of the Gulf County Family is hurting, then the rest respond in

ways that make us thankful to call this place home. It even seemed like, that for a short time, the Mason-Dixon Line at Cypress Creek disappeared as friends from each end of the county gathered in Wewa to comfort a family in their time of loss. So many gave their time to sit and talk, to bring food, or to offer help in any way.

Thanks to all who were there for us — it was very humbling and overwhelming. We still hurt and grieve, but each of you has challenged us to be better "family members."

Thanks is not enough,

Steve, Becky, Zac, and Ashton Norris

## Sonlight Youth Choir and band to perform at First United Methodist

### Special to The Star

The Sonlight Youth Choir and Band of Trinity United Methodist Church of Gainesville will perform a concert on their 2012 Summer Concert Tour in Port St. Joe, at 7 p.m. ET on June 21, outside, under the Sails at First United Methodist Church.

This year's concert promises a high-energy program with youth performing a collection of songs by Coldplay, James Taylor, Goo Goo Dolls, The Eagles, Dixie Chicks, Matthew West and others. Directed by DJ Head Jr., Sonlight provides the music for home churches worship service every Sunday with more than 60 voices and a full rhythm section and horn line. The instrumentalists and soloists are middle and high school students.

"Today, there's such a battle raging between faith and the contemporary world. Sonlight is such a unique musical ensemble in that we challenge these teens to take the common and translate it into a sacred and spiritual message as a



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Members of the Sonlight Youth Choir from Gainesville perform a concert. Sonlight will stop in Port St. Joe during their 2012 Summer Concert Tour.

*"Sonlight is such a unique musical ensemble in that we challenge these teens to take the common and translate it into a sacred and spiritual message as a way of helping them connect with God and themselves in their every day lives."*

### DJ Head Jr.

Sonlight director

way of helping them connect with God and themselves in their every day lives. It helps us look beyond that line that seems to separate the lives and bring those lives closer

together. The music that we perform is speaking to this generation now, not unlike a parable or a Psalm. Some very powerful and life changing music," Head said.

Simply put, Sonlight's mission statement reads, "We are a community of youth connected in faith, sharing diverse music to explore and express our love for God."

## JESUS FIRST

Jesus prayed for the saved to be unified.

He asked it of His Father before He died.

He prayed for all to be as one, Just as the Father is with His Son.

To be like Jesus we should strive,

Lead others to Him while we're alive.

To be as one has a good ring.

But it's hard for us to agree on everything.

To put Jesus first and self last,

Is the only way it will come to pass.

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## VETERAN from page B1

from green pastures in a house filled with knickknacks collected from years of traveling around the country.

It is Baxter who saved the plaque and urn from the melting pot and Dumpster, respectively, and who contacted The News Herald in an attempt to solve the mystery.

Baxter pulled his pickup truck in front of an abandoned home at 2321 State 71, paint peeling from the walls, a result of neglect. In the back of the property is a dilapidated shed, weathered and crumbling, where the plaque and remains of Lemon Hopkins were found.

"It was right back there," Baxter said as he pointed to the rickety shed.

Baxter said the plaque was brought into his place of business, Granny's Hideaway, a local pub in Wewahatchka, a few years ago.

"Somebody wanted to dump it," Baxter said. "I said 'no.' It wasn't right and I said I would find out who it was. I didn't have much luck."

Until the newspaper story appeared in The News Herald this month.

Now, the Hopkins family will take their father back to Pensacola and make sure the extended family knows Lemon Troy Hopkins has returned home for proper burial. The family, and those who have been searching for them, believes Lemon Hopkins can be buried in Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola.

"We are going to get these ashes put in their proper place," Rickey Hopkins said. "I'm sure he is looking down from heaven and smiling."

### A window to home

In the early 1970s, Rick-

ey Hopkins was 12 years old. He had two younger brothers and a younger sister Lemon Troy Hopkins left behind. Hopkins said he believes his father had his own demons to deal with.

Hopkins believes his father was in the Vietnam War, but he can't be sure. What he does know is his father had problems adjusting to society after being released from his Navy obligation.

"There was a lot going on back then," Hopkins said. "It was a tragedy."

Lemon Hopkins had died in a Veterans Affairs hospital in Tuskegee, Ala.

Rickey Hopkins said the family has been scattered for years.

He wondered if his father didn't care to visit them and often wondered where his father was, if he really was dead. He had heard rumors

but never could confirm.

Wendell Hopkins said he came down to visit his dad in the 1980s, but after that everyone lost touch.

"Everybody was doing their own thing," Wendell Hopkins said. "I was doing a lot of traveling."

Wendell Hopkins said he thought his father died but couldn't confirm the burial plot. He said he believed the third wife left his father's remains behind, possibly in the shed along State 71.

"When Linda Husband called me was the first time I knew he had died," Rickey Hopkins said, referring to the woman from Wewa who saw The News Herald's story and tracked down the family.

That was earlier this week.

Husband said she didn't know what to say when she finally reached Rickey Hop-

kins by telephone.

"He was silent for a minute then he said, 'Yes, ma'am, that was my dad,'" Husband said. "It is just an amazing story."

### A healing

On a front porch, last Friday at midday, Rickey Hopkins gave kudos to Baxter.

"God touched his heart to do the right thing," Hopkins said with a smile.

Baxter smiled, but he brushed the compliments aside and, like a good host, asked if anyone needed anything to drink.

The Baxters, their new-found friends who helped search for the Hopkins family, and the Hopkins family all were sitting and talking, just like a family gathering.

Sadly, Vickie said her mother did not want to

come. "She didn't think it was her place," Vickie said.

Asked how her mother took the news her ex-husband's remains were found, Vickie lowered her voice and said: "She cried."

Lemon Hopkins and their mother were married 17 years.

But, overall, the gathering was upbeat. After being away for 26 years, Lemon Troy Hopkins is coming home.

As Rickey Hopkins gathered up his father into his arms, carrying the remains to the cars, the Baxter family and friends wished the Hopkins family the best.

"They are taking him home where his family will know where he is at," Baxter said.

"And we can visit him when ever we want," said Vickie, smiling.

## TURTLE from page B1

Although technology and research has improved, it is still difficult to know whether the turtle population is increasing or declining.

"It's difficult to tell with turtles because they're long-lived," Lamont said. "When I first came (to this area) there were a lot of nests, and it declined, but it declined nationally. In the past few years, we've seen an increase."

Lamont said they have seen more nests on the Cape this year than ever before, with 25 turtles tagged this season, and the peak nesting season still approaching.

Lamont started tagging turtles more than a decade ago as a dissertation project while studying at the University of Florida, and estimates more than 500 turtles have been tagged since then.

She began using flipper tags, small metal tags with a serial number that clamp to a turtle's flipper, a process the group still uses in addition to satellite tagging.

"I came to do my dissertation and I just never left," she said. "It started with two of us tagging in five kilometers of Eglin—it just got more and more interesting."

She said every day is an adventure for

the research group on the Cape.

In 2010, a 9-foot alligator took up residence on their survey path and hissed and growled at the interns as they rode by.

They've seen bears and bobcats, tons of storms, broken down vehicles and vehicles stuck in the sand.

The beach is also patrolled every morning from 6:30-11 a.m. by a group of volunteers who mark nests and gather information to track the hatching success of the turtles.

Sea turtles nest about every two to three years and nest several times during that nesting year, Lamont said, so the group often sees the same tagged turtle several times a year, and sometimes years later.

Lamont remembered one turtle she has seen about 13 or 14 times through the years. She even remembered the serial number on her tag.

"Every year you want to see what turtles will come," Lamont said. "It's like you're seeing an old friend."

Track the group of turtles satellite tagged on Cape San Blas here: [www.sea-turtle.org/tracking/?project\\_id530](http://www.sea-turtle.org/tracking/?project_id530)

## DOWNTOWN from page B1

Prizes will be awarded in various categories for parade participants.

"All participants will be winners," Carlene Parker said. "They will all get something. They are all stars. One thing this event shows is that you don't need big money to put on a good event."

Follow the parade from First Street down Reid Avenue to City Commons because next will be a pie baking contest and auction.

Those wishing to enter the contest are asked to bake two.

"We are asking for two, one for the judges and one to be auctioned off for future events," Dana Boyer said. First place in the judging will earn the baker \$100, second \$75 and third \$50.

In addition, Steamers will be sponsoring a hot dog eating contest at City Com-

mons, the event to begin at 7 p.m. There will also be lemonade sold and, for the young at heart, a watermelon-seed spitting contest.

"This event will be giving visitors and residents a place to gather and have fun before the fireworks," Marie Todd of the Merchants Committee said.

The Chamber of Commerce, the TDC and the BOCC have provided support in various ways.

"This shows it is a community event," Boyer said.

Throughout the festivities, Mayor Mel Magidson and his brother Guerry, president of the board of the Chamber of Commerce, will serve as masters-of-ceremony.

"They've been told we want a Smothers Brothers-type of routine, and they said that would be no problem," Boyer said.

There are also plans, though not yet finalized, for a dunking booth, a way to drench an elected official or candidate or two during the afternoon and evening.

There will also be a face-painter on hand for the kids as well as other activities for the wee ones.

For information on the pie baking contest, contact Boyer at 227-3777.

For more information about the parade and other events, call Gail Alsobrook at 229-6899 or Todd at 227-1950.

For those wishing to participate in the SaltAir Farmer's Market, contact John Parker at 404-906-2637.

"Enthusiasm is building among the volunteers, and enthusiasm is building in the public," Boyer said. "This is everybody's celebration. It's a community event. People have really bought into it."

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## Nature Photo Workshop, Photo Contest

### 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 may see some of the Boothers' photos at their website, NatureInFocus.com.

Bill Boothe, a professional naturalist and wildlife photographer, and his wife Marcia now reside in the Florida Panhandle, an area where wildlife and wildflowers abound. 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 Bay 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 [st-josephbaypreserves.org/photo-contest](http://st-josephbaypreserves.org/photo-contest).

Entries must be received by Monday August 27.

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

## WATER CARNIVAL RESCHEDULED

### Special to The Star

Bring your kids and support a great cause, this Saturday, June 16, with giant water slides, bouncy houses, games, food and more. The event, sponsored by the Karate School of Port St. Joe, was rescheduled from last Saturday due to inclement weather and is being held in Frank Pate Park at the corner of U.S. Highway 98 and State Highway 71 beginning at 10 a.m. ET. All proceeds collected will help Karate School students pay for summer camp at the National U.S. Tong Soo Do Alliance headquarters in West Virginia.

Unlimited access to all of the rides all day long will come with the onsite purchase of a \$10 wristband. Cool off with a sno cone, cotton candy, popcorn and more. Food and beverages are not included in the ride price. For more information call 527-4691.

## FOOD PANTRY FEEDS NEEDS IN GULF COUNTY

### Special to The Star

This past Tuesday, June 12, a new food pantry opened in Port St. Joe to help feed the needy and hungry in Gulf County. The food pantry will be open from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET at the North Port St. Joe Community Resource Center in the Washington Improvement Group building at 401 Peters Street in Port St. Joe.

The food pantry will offer individuals and families in Gulf County canned goods and non-perishable food items that have been collected from a variety of sources including donations from various churches, supermarkets and community food drives. The food pantry will open and distribute food at least once a month depending on community need.

In order to receive food items, individuals must:

- Be a resident of Gulf County (must show proof of address such as a bill)
- Show picture ID
- Submit a completed application form by noon the Friday before the food pantry opens for distribution. Applications are available at the Port St. Joe Community Resource Center Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET (closed from noon 1 p.m. daily for lunch).

The food pantry is the latest community service now available at the Port St. Joe Community Resource Center. In February 2012, the Center officially opened and began offering a variety of free services to the community including job search assistance, career and financial counseling, access to emergency assistance, and referrals to other resources/services.

The food pantry is operated by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board in partnership with the Washington Improvement Group and the Christian Community Development Fund with funding and support from the Fund for Gulf Communities/Catholic Charities as well as support from many churches in and around Port St. Joe, Florida.



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87394S 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

87538S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 482
Application No. 2012-25
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No. 01888-180R

Description of Property:

Commence at a 4" square concrete monument marking the Southwest Corner of Oak Gardens Unit II, according to the official map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 20, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida; thence North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 43 Seconds West along the West, boundary line of Oak Gardens Unit II, 10.00 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 48 Seconds West, along the Northerly right of way boundary line of Pridgeon Street, 114.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said Point of Beginning, continue South 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 48 Seconds West, 50.00 feet; thence leaving said right of way boundary line, North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 105.00 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 48 Seconds East, 50.00 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 43 Seconds East, 105.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel having an area of 0.12 acres, more or less.

Name in which assessed: Taunton Development Inc.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 18th day of July, 2012. Dated this 12th day of June, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2012

87540S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1351
Application No. 2012-27
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No. 05444-010R

Description of Property:

Lot 6, Block 89, according to the Official map of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, recorded in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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

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Tax Sale Certificate No. 349
Application No. 2012-26
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No. 01511-060R

Description of Property:

Commence at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence run North 89 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds West, along the Northerly Boundary line of said Section 2, for a distance of 492.15 feet; thence leaving said Northerly Boundary line of Section 2, run South 00 degrees 28 minutes 57 seconds West for a distance of 37.58 feet to the approximate Southerly Right-of-Way line of Kate Glass Road per County maintenance and occupation for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said Point of Beginning, thence continue South 00 degrees 28 minutes 57 seconds West for a distance of 218.00 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 31 minutes 02 seconds West for a distance of 100.00 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 28 minutes 57 seconds East for a distance of 218.00 feet to the aforesaid approximate Southerly Right-of-Way line of Kate Glass Road per County maintenance and occupation; thence run South 89 degrees 31 minutes 02 seconds East along said approximate Southerly Right-of-Way line, for a distance of 100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said lands lying in and being a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida and having an area of 0.500 Acres, more or less.

Name in which assessed: Harold C Lester & Robin L. Lester.

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 18th day of July, 2012. Dated this 12th day of June, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2012

87711S 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 certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 319
Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-21

R.E. No. 01785-010R

Description of Property:

COMMENCING at the NW Corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, thence run East 402 feet to the South side of Old Panama City Wewahitchka Public Road; thence run 316.8 feet, more or less, Southeasterly along the Southern boundary line of said Public Road, for POINT OF BEGINNING, thence running due South to an Iron Pipe, which iron pipe is 135 yards South of the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence run East 85 yards, thence run South 85 yards, thence run West 85 yards, thence run North 85 yards to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1 1/2 acres, more or less. And being in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida.

LESS AND EXCEPT: That Deeded to Odell Jones, as per Deed recorded in O. R. Book 81, Page 524, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida. (Now owned by Augusta C. Russ, as per Deed recorded in O. R. Book 361, Page 256, of the

Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, Having a Parcel ID#01785-002R).

PARCEL NO. II: COMMENCE at the NW Corner of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, thence run East 402 feet, to the Old Panama City Wewahitchka Public Road, thence in a Southeasterly direction along the Southerly side of said Public Road 647.4 feet, thence run South 250 feet, for a POINT OF BEGINNING, thence West 75 feet, thence South 237 1/2 feet, thence East 75 feet, thence North 237 1/2 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

All in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West.

Name in which assessed: Gwendolyn Jackson

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 11th day of July, 2012.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2012

87544S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, Having a Parcel ID#01785-002R).

PARCEL NO. II: COMMENCE at the NW Corner of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, thence run East 402 feet, to the Old Panama City Wewahitchka Public Road, thence in a Southeasterly direction along the Southerly side of said Public Road 647.4 feet, thence run South 250 feet, for a POINT OF BEGINNING, thence West 75 feet, thence South 237 1/2 feet, thence East 75 feet, thence North 237 1/2 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

All in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West.

Name in which assessed: AT & T Wireless Services of Florida, Inc.

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

Dated this 5th day of June, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012

87713S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No: 290

Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-22

R.E. No. 01570-100R

Description of Property:

A portion of Section 11, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the NW Corner of said Section 11, thence along the North line of said Section 11, South 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 59 Seconds East for 1168.83 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 02 Minutes 01 Second West for 44.48 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence South 13 Degrees 25 Minutes 03 Seconds West for 560.00 feet; thence North 46 Degrees 34 Minutes 57 Seconds West for 560.00 feet; thence North 73 degrees 25 Minutes 03 Seconds East for 560.00 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO:

A non-exclusive perpetual easement on, over and across the following description: A portion of Section 11, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the NW Corner of said Section 11, thence along the North line of said Section 11, South 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 59 Seconds East for 1016.06 feet to a point on the Southwesterly R/W line of Stone Mill Creek Road, said point being on the arc of a non-banging curve concave to the NE; thence Southeasterly along said Southwesterly R/W line along the arc of said curve, having a radius of 768.00 feet, a central angle of 02 Degrees 21 Minutes 18 Seconds, an arc distance of 31.57 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING (chord to said curve bears South 70 Degrees 58 Minutes 50 Seconds East for 31.57 feet) thence continue

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Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, Having a Parcel ID#01785-002R).

PARCEL NO. II: COMMENCE at the NW Corner of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, thence run East 402 feet, to the Old Panama City Wewahitchka Public Road, thence in a Southeasterly direction along the Southerly side of said Public Road 647.4 feet, thence run South 250 feet, for a POINT OF BEGINNING, thence West 75 feet, thence South 237 1/2 feet, thence East 75 feet, thence North 237 1/2 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

All in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West.

Name in which assessed: AT & T Wireless Services of Florida, Inc.

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

Dated this 5th day of June, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012

87715S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate No: 797

Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-24

R.E. No. 03391-011R

Description of Property:

COMMENCE at the Northwest Corner of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, and running South along 40 line for 120 feet; thence turn right and run West for 350 feet to County Road, thence turn left and run South for 120 feet along right of way of County Road; thence run East for 350 feet to the West line of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of said Section, thence run North for 120 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

Name in which assessed: Valerie Dodds

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 11th day of July, 2012.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2012.

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

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June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012

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Certificate No: 25

Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009

Application No: 2012-23

R.E. No. 00334-048R

Description of Property:

The South 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 5, of Howard Creek Properties, an unrecorded Subdivision of that portion of the West 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying South of State Road No. S-387; Also described as follows: COMMENCE at the Southwest Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, Florida, thence North 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 35 Seconds West along the South line of said Section 5, for 20 feet; thence North 0 Degrees 09 Minutes 25 Seconds East parallel with the East line of said SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 for 250 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue North 0 Degrees 09 Minutes 25 Seconds East for 75 feet, thence North 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 35 Seconds West for 140 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 09 Minutes 25 Seconds West for 75 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 35 Seconds East for 140 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO:

The North 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Lot #6, Block 5, Howard Creek Properties, an unrecorded Subdivision of that portion of the West 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying South of State Road No. S-387; also described as follows: COMMENCE at the Southeast Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, Florida, thence North 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 35 Seconds West along the South line of said Section 5 for 20 feet; thence North 0 Degrees 09 Minutes 25

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Southeasterly along said R/W line along the arc of said curve, having a radius of 768.00 feet, through a central angle of 13 Degrees 24 Minutes 43 Seconds, an arc distance of 179.77 feet (chord to said curve bears South 78 Degrees 51 Minutes 51 Seconds East for 179.36 feet), thence leaving said R/W line North 89 Degrees 37 Minutes 01 Second West for 153.17 feet; thence South 13 Degrees 25 Minutes 03 Seconds West for 481.14 feet; thence North 46 Degrees 34 Minutes 57 Seconds West for 34.64 feet, thence North 13 Degrees 25 Minutes 03 Seconds East for 491.22 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Name in which assessed: James E. Watford, Jr.

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 11th day of July, 2012.

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Second East parallel with the East line of said SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 for 175 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue North 0 Degrees 09 Minutes 25 Seconds East for 75 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 35 Seconds West for 140 feet, thence South 0 Degrees 09 Minutes 25 Seconds West for 75 feet, thence South 89 Degrees 51 Minutes 35 Seconds East for 140 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Name in which assessed: James E. Watford, Jr.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012

87717S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000105

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

TIMOTHY M. HIGHTOWER; LARRY LEE HIGHTOWER; JEFF HIGHTOWER; RANDY LYNN HIGHTOWER; JOANN SHIVER; ANNETTE FAY HIGHTOWER; CHRISTINA STRADER; SHEILA RUTH REGISTER; DOVE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, successor in interest to CHASE BANK, USA, N.A.; CAPITAL CITY BANK; and any unknown heirs of Martin F. Hightower or, or any other parties claiming an interest in the estate of Martin F. Hightower, deceased, and any unknown heirs of Charlotte L. Sims a/k/a Charlotte L. Hightower, deceased. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: All persons claiming by, through, under, or

**ADOPTIONS**  
1130

Adopt: Doctor, caring family lovingly waits for miracle 1st baby \*Monica\* 800-552-0045 \*FLBar42311\* Expenses Paid\*

**MERCHANDISE**  
3100-3350

- 3100 - Antiques
- 3110 - Appliances
- 3120 - Arts & Crafts
- 3130 - Auctions
- 3140 - Baby Items
- 3150 - Building Supplies
- 3160 - Business Equipment
- 3170 - Collectibles
- 3180 - Computers
- 3190 - Electronics
- 3200 - Firewood
- 3210 - Free Pass It On
- 3220 - Furniture
- 3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
- 3240 - Guns
- 3250 - Good Things to Eat
- 3260 - Health & Fitness
- 3270 - Jewelry/Clothing
- 3280 - Machinery/Equipment
- 3290 - Medical Equipment
- 3300 - Miscellaneous
- 3310 - Musical Instruments
- 3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies
- 3330 - Restaurant/Hotel
- 3340 - Sporting Goods
- 3350 - Tickets (Buy & Sell)

**GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
3230

**NEW TODAY**

Port St. Joe  
118 Bridgeport Lane.  
Saturday June 16th  
8:00 am-11:00 am  
**YARD SALE**  
Moving: furniture, household & more  
Text FL13154 to 56654

**NEW TODAY**

Port St. Joe, 1002 Ave A, Sat/ Sun 6/16 & 17,  
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Furniture & misc household items.  
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Thurs, Fri, & Sat.  
9am-4pm  
**Garage Sale**  
Washer, dryer, linens kitchen items, living room, dining room, bedroom furniture, TV's and everything for the home.

**MOVING/STORAGE**  
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**GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
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**NEW TODAY**

Wewahitchka  
215 Charles Ave, White City, June 15th & June 16th. 8:00 - 4:00.  
**HUGE 4-FAMILY YARD SALE**  
Furniture, appliances, grill, books, collectibles, new belly rings, linens and much, much more. Rain cancels.  
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**GUNS**  
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**APARTMENT RENTALS**  
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**320 Marina Drive**  
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The City of Port St. Joe (pop. 3445) is accepting applications for the following position:  
**Full time Police Officer**  
Please submit an application to The City of Port St. Joe, Attn: Charlotte Pierce, POB 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457. Applications and a full job description can be found on our website cityofportstjoe.com. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Pierce at (850)229-8261. The position will close on June 29, 2012. The entry level salary for a Police Officer will be \$15.50 per hr. not including benefits. The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

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