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Gulf Pines project moves forward

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Appraisal in hand, Port St. Joe officials moved ahead recently with the next step in bringing the property on which the former Gulf Pines Hospital stands to develop-

ment and the tax rolls.

A private appraisal assessed the worth of the building, decaying steadily since the 2005 closure of the hospital by the state, and grounds at \$60,000.

Given its potential uses and the condition of the building, city attorney Tom Gibson said, "There is just

not a lot of value there."

Commissioners voted to take the title to the property last November at no cost in hopes of creating a residential area and putting the property back on the tax roll.

Now, removing tax liens becomes the priority and the order in which the city will

address those liens, a huge lien from the Internal Revenue Service and several county tax certificates, has been tweaked by the IRS.

The city has long been in discussions with the IRS concerning bringing down what was originally a tax debt of \$1.2 million. The IRS had come down to \$75,000,

but the hope is to apply to the IRS to discharge the entire debt.

However, the IRS has told city officials that the county tax certificates should be addressed first before the agency would consider discharging the federal tax lien.

"We knew going into this

deal that there were two outstanding tax certificates that would have to be paid," said Gibson, who noted the certificates are held by two separate private companies. "We were hoping that we could make a deal with the IRS and deal with the

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Rish seeks property appraiser office

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James Rish, a local property developer, beekeeper, and a native of Gulf county is the Democratic candidate for Gulf County Property Appraiser.

Politically he is a conservative to moderate. Ecclesiastically he is a mild-mannered Presbyterian and part time Episcopalian, Methodist, and a Baptist by night. As to military service he served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Marines and later as a chaplain in a National Guard combat engineers unit. He is a 40 percent disabled veteran (knee injury), a member of the DAV, and VFW post 8285 in Wewahitchka.

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County seeks Presidential declaration after tropical storm

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Tropical Storm Debby may have washed another \$10 million in sand back into the Gulf.

Gulf County Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson said Monday that the preliminary damage estimate for erosion on Cape San Blas is more than \$10 million, nearing the \$15 million in damage that Hurricane Gustav brought in 2008.

Nelson announced at the

Gulf County Commission Meeting June 26 that he will seek a Presidential declaration for the damage done on the Cape.

"That's where the money comes from," Nelson said. "You don't have any federal money flowing until the president declares it."

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) visited Cape San Blas last Tuesday to assess the damage.

But with the county in its second appeal with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove the

Coastal Barrier Resources Area (CBRA) designation, a Presidential declaration alone won't harness money from FEMA.

"If they deny our second appeal, all the money goes away—the Gustav money and this mony," Nelson said. "We're just rolling the dice right now. We've got to keep the pressure on them."

Nelson said the Gulf waters are getting extremely close to the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, and despite efforts made by Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson to relocate the structure, it may not come to fruition soon enough.

Magidson reported in the midst of the storm that 6-10 feet of beach in front of the lighthouse had already been whisked away by Debby.

While the beaches farther north on Cape San Blas may have fared better than the southernmost lighthouse area, a 3-5 foot drop was observed at most of the peninsula's beach ramps last week, showing where the waves carved out sand from the beach.

"By far our biggest concern

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Halifax Media Group closes purchase

Staff Report

DAYTONA BEACH — Halifax Media Group last week closed a deal with Freedom Communications to purchase eight daily and 11 weekly publications located in Florida and North Carolina. The acquisition further expands Halifax Media's reach in these states, following the Jan. 6 purchase of the New York Times Regional Newspaper Group.

With the Freedom purchase, total circulation for the Halifax Media Group will grow to 635,000 daily and 752,000 Sunday.

Florida newspapers involved in the transaction include:

- * The News Herald, Panama City
- * Northwest Florida Daily News, Fort Walton Beach
- * The Destin Log, Destin
- * The Santa Rosa Press Gazette and the Santa Rosa Free Press, Milton
- * The Crestview News Bulletin, Crestview
- * The Holmes County Times-Advertiser in Bonifay
- * The Washington County News, Chipley
- * The Walton Sun, Santa Rosa Beach
- * The Times, Pensacola

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City/County relations questioned

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Gulf County Commissioner Bill Williams said at the June 26 meeting that the Gulf County is hurting financially just as bad as the City of Port St. Joe.

Williams motioned to schedule a workshop with the Port St. Joe City Commission as soon as possible to look at a series of county/city collaborations to which he feels the city is not holding up their end of the deal.

After the city refused to help fund the July 4 fireworks show, further financial partnerships were brought into question.

"They're not honoring their obligation," Williams said of the city's quarterly

payment to the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council. "They have a dollar amount they need to put in."

The county has put off sending their payment to the chamber due to questions about the city's contribution. Through an annexation agreement the county and city both budgeted a specific dollar amount to contribute.

"There are things in that agreement they haven't followed through on," said Commissioner Warren Yeager, who motioned to send the budgeted amount to the chamber. The motion passed 4-1, with Williams in opposition.

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RESTORE Act legislation awaits Obama's signature

By TOM McLAUGHLIN

As expected, the RESTORE Act passed the U.S. House and Senate last Friday as part of a major transportation appropriations bill.

If President Barack Obama signs the bill into law, as also expected, Florida and four other Gulf Coast states affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill can rest assured that billions of BP dollars will be funneled their way.

"This is going to send billions of dollars in fines against BP directly to Florida and the other Gulf Coast states that were harmed by the oil spill," Florida

Sen. Bill Nelson said in a statement.

The RESTORE Act states that 80 percent of all fines paid by BP in future settlements with the government will go to Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas.

And thanks to legislation sponsored by state Sen. Don Gaetz, 75 percent of Florida's share will go to eight Northwest Florida counties directly affected by the spill.

"This legislation is a critical step forward in ensuring that coastal families and small businesses receive the support they

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District finalizes budget, plans for PSJ school renovations

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A little leaner in scope, a little late getting started, a little more costly than initially estimated, renovation projects at the Port St. Joe schools got started this week.

The projects to renovate the kitchen and cafeteria at Port St. Joe Elementary School and to refurbish the athletic locker rooms at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School were given the notice to proceed last week by the Gulf County School Board after the general manager of the project, Ajax Construction, submitted a "guaranteed maximum price" to the board.

That price, just north of \$1.5 million, will be funded through a mix of dollars, though none of those dollars

are linked to any increase in property tax collections.

The bulk of the money, a fuel for the project, is \$900,000 in state capital outlay dollars the district would have to return if not spent in short order.

"It is imperative we spend those dollars," said district financial officer Sissy Worley.

The money represents savings on a roofing project in Wewahitchka and the district petitioned the state to hold onto the money for other purposes. Having not expended any of the dollars over the past year, the Florida Department of Education began inquiring about the district spending the money or returning it to the state.

The district will also use half-cent sales tax dollars from the levy benefiting construction at Port St. Joe Elementary School and comple-

ment those with local capital improvement dollars.

Originally, the hope was to break ground on the projects immediately after school let out in May, but that was not possible as Ajax and architect Bayne Collins worked through the scope of the projects while trying to stay within budget.

With the late start - work began this week - the deadline for the projects is Dec. 31.

The boys' locker room at Port St. Joe High School and the cafeteria will be substantially completed by the August beginning of school, however, fabrication time spans for the lockers and kitchen equipment will mean completion of each project will not take place until after school is in session.

The major complication is likely to be at the

elementary school, where the kitchen will be shut down and a mobile kitchen brought in - with students eating in the gymnasium - while major equipment is installed.

"We are still going to be doing all the cooking on site, there will no need to bring in meals," said maintenance supervisor Greg Layfield. "But we will be eating in the gym for awhile."

Another hiccup was encountered with the girls' lockers at the high school. Those are the lone lockers remaining from the high school's original construction. They were discovered to be painted with lead-based paint.

While not a threat installed - save if a student decided to lick the outside of a locker, said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton - removing them would

bring abatement issues into play, drastically driving up cost.

For now, the girls' locker room will not be part of the project.

"That is a project we will need to look at moving forward," Norton said.

In addition to the girls' locker room, both projects needed to be scaled a bit in scope to meet budget constraints. The district had a finite amount of dollars to spend and Collins in turn drew the projects in such a fashion that after initial construction this summer and fall, additional areas can be folded in as money becomes available.

"We have all worked very, very hard to work through this," Collins said. "I feel comfortable where we are."

Another stumbling block proved to be lining up local subcontractors for work quickly or give it back."

such as flooring, electrical and plumbing.

The School Board had made a point of urging local contractors and Ajax heeded that input. However, initially local participation was not high, Layfield noted, and that participation came at prices that were out of reach given the projects budget.

But through further discussions and outreach to local contractors, Ajax officials said nearly all the work would be done by local contractors and that the prices for various portions of the job were coming down as a result.

"We were trying to get the world originally, but our world is going to shrink a little bit," Layfield said of the leaner scope of the projects.

"And we get to spend some money we have to spend quickly or give it back."

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so desperately need to recover from the Deepwater Horizon spill," U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller said.

"With the passage of this legislation, we can start to see the light at the end of the tunnel and begin to heal both the economy and the

environment along the Gulf Coast."

Gulf, Okaloosa, Walton, Santa Rosa, Escambia, Bay, Wakulla and Franklin counties will receive the lion's share of Florida's money. Gaetz said the funds will be strictly overseen and des-

ignated to diversifying the economies of the counties.

"The most important legislation dealing with the oil spill is the state law which designates three-fourths of Florida RESTORE Act funds to be used to directly benefit the eight coastal

counties of Northwest Florida," Gaetz said.

"I'm glad Congress has finally acted and the state Legislature saw fit to designate the majority of the funds to be spent in the counties most impacted," he said.

benefit Gulf County.

"This will not bring tens of thousands of dollars to the county, it will bring tens of millions of dollars to the county," Yeager said.

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this story.

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Yeager said even if they are in disagreement with the city, the county should still pay what was promised.

"We budgeted this money," said Commissioner Carmen McLemore. "We need to work out our other issues with the city separately."

Williams requested the public examine the line items of the city and county budgets and stay informed.

"Emotions get in the

way of facts and figures," he said. "We're hurting just as bad as the city is."

County introduces shelter ordinances

The Gulf County Commission introduced a pair of ordinances at its June 26 meeting that would outline a strict permitting procedure for area homeless shelters and amend the county's 1999 nuisance ordinance.

The first ordinance would put limitations on

where a shelter can be located, require annual evaluations and extensive permitting for shelters, and outline regulations for the operation of a homeless shelter within the county.

The ordinance would require a permit and a \$2,500 fee to submit an application with the Gulf County Building and Planning Department. It also defines three separate "tourist corridors" within the county where shelters cannot ex-

ist and a series of fines for non-compliance.

The partnering ordinance redefines "nuisance" to include "any activity conducted on a property within the county requiring the presence of law enforcement officers on five or more occasions of any 30 day period."

The commission will hold two public hearings on the ordinances on July 10 and July 26, and consider adoption at the July 26 meeting.

have that kind of representation, that's about as good as it gets," said City Administrator Don Butler.

Commissioner Yeager was also appointed Chairman of the Florida Small County Coalition, a position he claimed 20 years ago as the first chair of the organization.

Commissioner Ward McDaniel also has met accreditations to become a certified county commissioner.

Board appointments

Williams has been installed as President of the Florida Association of Counties.

The FAC represents the interests of the state's 67 counties through the emphasis of Florida's home rule.

Williams has set his theme and priority of the year to be, "Putting Florida to work. Keeping Florida Local."

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Dear Voters,

I am writing this letter seeking your vote and support as your Gulf County Property Appraiser. When I decided to run for this position, I first prayed to ask God if this is the path I needed to take in my life for my family. I reached out to friends and family as well as from my two sons to make sure I had their unwavering support. Based on those prayers and the overwhelming support I received, the decision to run for Gulf County Property Appraiser came easy, as I have always had a strong desire and willingness to serve the great people of Gulf County.

My decision was also based on my qualifications and experience. My experience includes working with people as a friend, appraiser or consultant plus assistance with real estate, property appraisal, estate issues and taxes therefore qualifying me to deal with our local property issues. By serving as Special Magistrate for several counties in the Panhandle I had the opportunity to hear the requests for fair assessments and a fair taxation system. I am requesting your support in this campaign in order to assist the people of Gulf County with any real estate issues. I will work for fairness and the promotion of conservative ideas.

Over the past several years many have had to face difficult times in real estate and employment. While living in Gulf County I have had to accept assignments outside the county to meet my obligations. I continue to perform appraisals in and around our county plus special assignments wherever there is work. I worked for two years at the Okaloosa County Property Appraiser's Office as Director of Appraisals which required driving over four hours each day from Gulf County to Fort Walton Beach. Other employment included projects in Alabama and Texas which required driving over 25 hours each week so I could continue to raise my children, Trey, 16 years old and Luke, 12 years old here in Gulf County while they attended school in Wewahitchka. As stated above, I am not afraid of work or tackling issues nor afraid to stand up for what is right while being a vocal advocate for the people of Gulf County in regards to their property appraiser's office.

I am a Republican candidate running for property appraiser. Since I have republican opposition, only those registered as a Republican can vote for me in the primary election on August 14, 2012. In order to make it to the general election, I will need your vote, support, and hard work to make it happen. This campaign is not a campaign for Jamie Lester; it is a campaign for the people of Gulf County. This election is about representing everyone in Gulf County with creative ideas. And of commitment to achieve positive results.

Once you have reviewed the credentials throughout this campaign, ask yourself:

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If you answer yes to all of the above then the choice is clear, Vote for Jamie Lester for Gulf County Property Appraiser.

I thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me on my cell at 850-814-8102 or call my office at 850-639-4200, I look forward to visiting and talking with you.

Sincerely,

James E. "Jamie" Lester
State Certified General Real Estate Appraiser License #02783

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would be better off if every property owner was fairly assessed/taxed.

When doing a 60-acre subdivision on the south side of Wewahitchka he found out just how unfair things can be in our county. There was a certain large corporation also doing a subdivision out on Port St Joe Beach about that time. They did not get their green belt exemption taken at the appropriate time but way later. Rish got his taken before the property appraiser had promised.

He knows what it feels like to have everything invested in something and then end up paying subdivision taxes sooner than expected. After years of complaining to a happy faced property appraiser, the local senator and even writing to the governor, Rish has come to the conclusion that he might as well have written to Santa Claus. More over for things to be fair in our county, they need to start out as fair in our county.

The number of good old boy appraisals (lopsided)

in this county is incredible. What this means is that the rest of us are paying both our share and part of theirs. It is not right for this to continue. Even the good Lord himself dislikes diverse weights when it comes to measuring out fairness (Deuteronomy 25:13-16). It does not matter whether it is the appraiser's office, planning department, or sheriff's department all of us have a constitutional right to be treated fairly.

Rish has done all that he can do to become a better candidate in his third bid for the office. He has been a home inspector for years; has taken the required courses to be a private appraiser; he was also lined up to do the required apprenticeship at Lester appraisal services but the director decided that might not be a good idea.

In summery Rish says that his manifest intention is to live out his life here and make the best use of the family property that he has been left with. He would like a fair and equal

chance to do this for him and his family (Proverbs 13:22). For that chance to be fair it needs to be fair for everybody. He points out that the academic standards for a county property appraiser (according to Bay County's appraisers' office) are none existent. This means anyone with a high school diploma (which is most of us) would be academically qualified. The state sends newly-elected property appraisers to the classes and seminars they want them to attend.

However, just in case the good old boy system is condoned by the state and tells new appraisers that it has always been around. This candidate is just the kind of fellow to invite them over to the constitutional memorial and have them read what is written in stone concerning what was originally intended by our founding fathers. Their vision for our owning property and equality under the law should be maintained and not forgotten.

ten. The inscription makes no provision for favoritism for the good old boys and the tail end of the chicken for the rest of us.

In conclusion, if elected Rish makes the following promises: First, not to fire everyone currently working in the appraiser's office because that wouldn't be fair to them. Second to write useful articles in the newspaper about deadlines, exemptions, and information about things that could raise or lower your appraisal. Third I would work for a uniform policy for property developers (be they large or small) so that all who take such risk are afforded a fair chance. Fourthly and most important, to consistently work toward fair appraisals even for those who do not live or vote here (at this time). They are people with dreams and ambitions too. How can we expect to ever grow if newcomers and many of us already here are treated as second class citizens?



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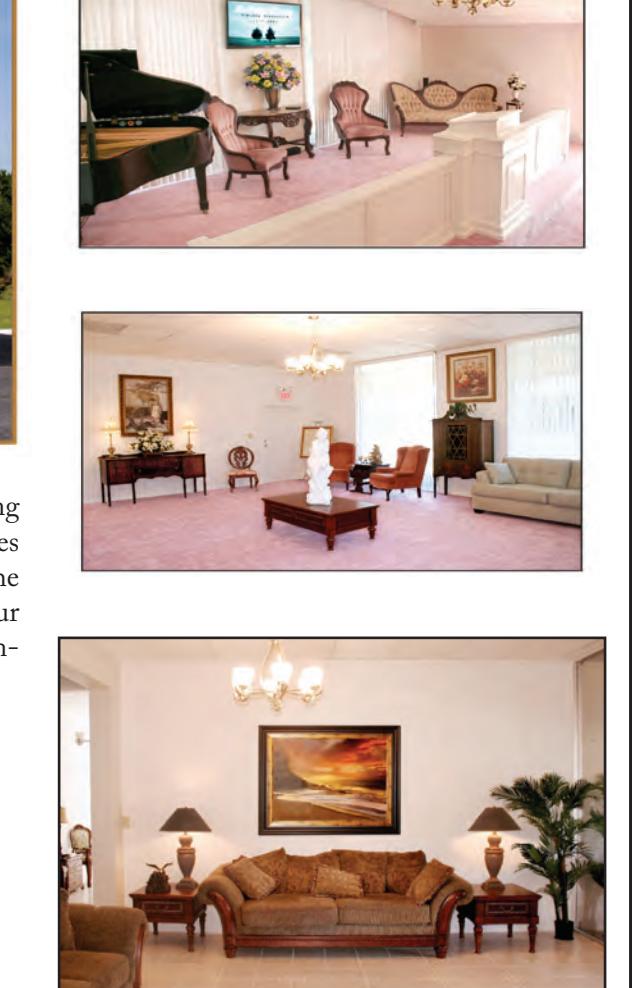
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In 1972, a film titled "Butterflies Are Free" came out based on a play by Leonard Gershe. It starred Goldie Hawn and Edward Albert. You remember Goldie. She was on "Rowan & Martin's Laugh In." You probably don't remember Edward Albert, but I'm sure you remember his father, Eddie Albert, who played Oliver Wendell Douglas on "Green Acres."

Maybe you're not old enough, but Green Acres was good television. Arnold, the pig, made the show. Arnold understood English, lived in the Douglas' neighbor's house, and watched a lot of westerns on television. Arnold also attended the local elementary school and toted his book satchel in his mouth.

In the movie, "Butterflies Are Free," Goldie Hawn's and Edward Albert's characters have a comical relationship. Albert plays a fellow who has been blind since birth. It's a free love; seventies sort of flick and is entertaining if you like comedies.

Goldie Hawn notes in the movie that her favorite quote is one from Mark Twain, "I only ask to be free. The butterflies are free. Mankind will surely not deny to Harold Skimpole what it concedes to the butterflies."

The blind fellow corrects her noting that the quote is actually from Charles Dickens' novel, "Bleak House." Harold Skimpole, the character in Dickens' novel, was a freeloader; a leech and basically thought everything should be free to him (thus the butterfly quote).

Trust me; I'm not going to get into politics.

Last summer, on my vacation to Destin, Florida, I decided to get a "butterfly" tattooed on my inner right arm (you know the spot where you should have a muscle). I did it to embarrass my teenage daughters. It worked.

It wasn't a real tattoo; it was one of those that only last about a month or so. I had a good time with it.

This year, I decided to do it again. As my children shopped for T-shirts and beach stuff, I snuck over to the tattoo counter inside of the store.

This sweet young girl from either Bosnia, or Serbia, or another former Russian place was eager to help me. Her name was "Reita," when she said



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it, the "R" just rolled out really pretty. You know what I mean, that Russian R, that seems to get hung in your mouth a while before it comes out.

As she tattooed me, we talked about her trip over and what she was studying in college. Reita was an art major, so I figured I would be getting a nice looking butterfly.

From across the store, one of my daughters spotted me. The "Oh no" could be heard clear across the store. Reita and I laughed. I asked Reita if her father ever did anything to embarrass her.

She said, "Oh yes, he used to sing very loud in public."

We laughed.

I'm pretty sure American Daddies haven't cornered the market on embarrassing their teenage daughters.

Reita gave me the instructions on how to keep my tattoo from smudging and for it to dry properly. I walked out of the store, rode in the car and ate lunch with my right hand on my head and my shirt sleeve rolled up. It was kind of like Simon said, "Put your right hand on your head" and never told me to take it off.

Something went wrong during the night. I must have missed a step in the "Caring for your fake tattoo" instructions.

When I woke up the next morning, my beautiful butterfly was smudged. On top of that, because of the way I sleep, I had what looked like a flock of butterflies on the right upper part of my chest. It was like someone took a butterfly stamp and an inkpad and started stamping them all over me.

They didn't wash off. I had these faint butterflies flying through the hair on my chest. It really wasn't that bad, but the smudged one on my right arm left me feeling a little bit cheated.

The next day, on my daily trip to the grocery store, I stopped back in the shack where I got my butterfly tattoo. I was hoping to find Reita again and see if she could fix it or at least get rid of some of the butterflies on my chest.

She was not there.

I asked to see the manager. The young girl I asked seemed troubled, she probably thought I was selling something. In about five minutes, she came back with another nice girl with a Russian

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Although, after observing Tropical Storm Debby and its impacts recently, the numbers of the unprepared are not exclusively inside the office of the newspaper.

A tropical storm, not even a Category 1 hurricane, and the area all but halted in its tracks, frozen in place by pelting rain and winds, as if sunshine was an entitlement program in Florida.

Akin to the first snowstorm of the winter season which, I can attest, typically finds drivers in the Midwest and Northeast, where driving in the snow is a supposed to be a rite of passage, driving as if navigating cows on ice.

Not that Debby was your typical tropical storm.

That blob of green, yellow and red parked over our heads and flailed away, acting for at least two days, as Port St. Joe received some 10 inches of rain and Apalachicola 12, as if Noah and the ark should be on call.

Even veterans of tropical storms attested to television cameras around the state that Debby was, shall we say, a bit of an unusual nuisance.

But to sit late on Friday night and watch Debby come closer and stall, to watch the rain come down in bands of wind-driven gray tumbleweeds, was, at least in one house, to be completely unprepared.

Cell phones dying, chargers not at home.

Television and power out; not a single battery to be found. No lantern. Few candles and those found appearing as if ready for donation to the wax museum.

Non-perishable food? Perish the thought.

There was sufficient water to provide, oh, 16 ounces per person per day for maybe the weekend, if we used teaspoons and pretended we weren't thirsty, and a household plan for dealing the storm that was

spontaneously drawn up with crayon on construction paper.

We were not ready.

And, as Sheriff Joe Nugent noted at an emergency meeting during the height of Debby's impact on Gulf County, the county was again very, very lucky.

Another bullet, no matter how small the caliber, dodged.

Above the Mason-Dixon Line, across the Midwest and Northeast, the truly scary weather threats play out in relatively short bursts, with a sense of urgency, perfect for our hectic worlds.

Flooding is somewhat of an exception, but even that one is generally seen coming, having already absorbed a deluge.

Floods are the byproduct of a rush of water from the sky.

Tornadoes and blizzards are different animals. They sneak up and bite folks.

A sunny day can turn ominous; when that weather siren blows there is trouble and shelter is an immediate necessity.

Blizzards may start as snowflakes, but combine high winds and a heavy blanket as if the snow globe's been shaken over several hours and there is trouble. Visibility can quickly become zero – a whiteout is truly as if the liquid eraser has been applied to a windshield.

Those kinds of storm events fit our consumption habits: quick, intense, devouring.

Hurricanes and tropical storms play out over days, sometimes even weeks.

Storms take days to form, generally thousands of miles from the Continental United States, turning from gathering clouds to a depression to a storm system to a hurricane.

All this while over the ocean, building steam and moving at a pace and direction that requires computers to predict; the models meteorologists provide looking similar to football plays diagrammed on a chalkboard.

There are days to prepare, a hurry up, panic and wait pattern to the business, spanning days, or plenty of time to procrastinate while observing a lottery worthy of Vegas concerning storm direction.

Three nights in a row one could go to sleep during the formation of

Debby and believe it was headed one direction and awake in the morning to find the storm headed elsewhere.

Hurricane Opal was like that in the mid-1990's, zigging and zagging across the northern Gulf of Mexico, building to a monster Category 5 before making landfall west of Panama City as a Category 3.

Hurricane Ivan played a game of "where am I destined" for several days, before a night of tornadoes and drenching rain sent it pummeling into Pensacola, where it scalped the ground.

Katrina ended up going well west after threatening this area for a few days and was a "mere" Category 3 when it made landfall – and became the most damaging storm since Andrew.

Every time one of those storms came past, raised havoc, disrupted our family's life – we lived on Panama City Beach during Opal and the beach became an armed camp after Opal did her worst – we committed to preparedness.

We'd assemble a hurricane survival kit, stock it with lanterns, flashlights, batteries, plenty of snacks and easy to open containers or packages of food, toss in some reading material, a battery-powered radio.

We'd purchase gallons of water, maintain near surgery-room cleanliness in the bathtub in order to fill the plastic jugs we collected with even more water for washing, brushing of teeth, etc.

And, after the hurricane season came and went without any major storms that landed near us, that Beef Jerky would sound good on a winter night, those cookies would make a swell midnight snack, we saved dollars on new water at holiday time and those batteries ended up powering a variety of devices because they were, well, there.

So, Debby will force one again to consider preparedness in earnest and in a week or so we'll pat ourselves with pride about our proactive approach. And once again it is likely going by the wayside come the end of the season if we are lucky spared once again.

In the meantime, though, there'll be a quiz on our household plan on Friday.

Dolly got my money; I got the sugar

I marveled at the whole pig slowly turning on the spit. And I equally marveled at the crowd the well basted and semi-caramelized sucking had attracted. Children were pointing and asking questions. New Jersey folks were moving in to take a closer look.

Flashbulbs were going off like crazy. This half cooked hog had more gawkers than the famed Screaming Eagle ride that rose high above the landscape.

It was my first trip to Dollywood. Dolly Parton is the only person I know that could make a theme park work in the middle of the East Tennessee hills!

And she must'a employed 86 per cent of the populace in Sevier County. "You ins come a far piece?" the ticket taker had greeted us as we entered the park. You knew this wasn't Disney Land,

the Mall of America or an elevator ride up to the top of the Empire State Building.

Luke had me by the hand so I wouldn't get lost, "KK, look at that pig!" Grandchildren can "put" you places nobody else on earth can. "Why doesn't he have any eyes?" And the unmasked and straight forward questions never cease. "Son, we're in Tennessee, now if we were in Japan—" His active little mind didn't have time for slow answers, "Does that pole stuck in his mouth hurt? How long will he turn there? Do you know who owns the pig? Can he feel the fire?" It's easy to see



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

why Luke is my favorite.

"We ins" were here because Nonnie had called a family meeting. Sons and daughters had politely obliged, falling prey to Nonnie's subterfuge. She really wanted to get her hands on the grandchildren! I went along mostly for the same reason.

Dollywood had the loopy loop rides and the nick-nack shops you would expect. But instead of Pizza stands and hamburger hide-a-ways they had barbecue eateries statistically located throughout the park. If you tired of barbecue you could stop by Granny's Kitchen for ham and beans. And you didn't have to listen to "It's A Small World After All"

as you wound through the park. Dolly had thoughtfully placed bluegrass bands on every corner.

Someone had parked a 1957 Chevrolet outside a 1960's looking diner. I was explaining to Addison Grace the significance of this automobile and this setting in my history but she had me by the hand and was pulling me to the next ride. Bless her beautiful little heart; she was rightfully looking forward on this glorious day, not backwards! I soaked in the sun bouncing off her smile and marveled at how good God truly is. My first granddaughter will always be my favorite.

Luke had me by the hand leading me toward the extra cold water. Hannah was already waist deep in the wading pool. Twins are another special gift. And I do exactly what they say. I had two brothers; and two sons. I didn't know a lot about little girls. Hannah and Hayden taught me very quickly that that "sugar and spice and everything nice" blurb is one of the biggest misnomers ever perpetrated on mankind!

They are a mess from the word go! They can have you upside down and tied in knots before you can yell "O Toodles"! If these two munchkins aren't my favorites, there's not a hog in these here mountains!

Folks, I got soaking wet on the Smoky Mountain River Rampage. I like to

have been burned up and run over by a train on that Blazing Fury ride. It took every ounce of strength I had to pull myself up the Lumberjack Lift. I sang along with the Riders in the Sky. I got dizzy watching the kids go around and around and around on the Village Carousel. Thankfully, Luke and Addie weren't tall enough to ride the Tennessee Tornado, Sky Zip or the aforementioned Screaming Eagle.

On day two we sojourned over to Dolly's Splash Country. It was my first ever water park. I agreed to go. But I was not going to take my shirt off or get in the water. I'm 65 years old! Everything I've got had sagged, dropped, fallen off or expired! I was not going to embarrass the family by "exposing" myself in front of the whole world!

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Folks, I set around this

water park watching men parade by for about 30 minutes before I ripped off my tee shirt. You're not going to believe this..... but my old, worn out bare chest would upgrade the looks of what I was seeing! And I would tell you that some of those mountain girls had been eating way too much barbecue to squeeze into a bathing suit but Cathy said I couldn't say that. I kept hoping Dolly would swim by but it didn't happen.

I walked ten miles through those parks. I got on rides I didn't even know existed. I toted kids on both hips, my back, over my shoulders and on top of my head. I waited in lines that started in Chattanooga to ride the Busy Bees. I drank enough coke-colas to float a battleship. Nobody enjoyed or appreciated this trip more than I did.

I had Avery in my arms as we struggled out the last day. She's the youngest and she had about Dollywooded out. She went to sleep before we got back to where the pig was roasting. You know, she was born just two months before Mom passed away. And, as God would have it, you can already see so much of Mother in her. She pressed her head against my shoulder, her little hand holding to my neck. She is, of course, my favorite.

Dolly's best known song jumped into my mind as we piled into the heading home tram, "I Will Always Love You."

After apropos.....
Respectfully,
Kes

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has been coastal erosion on St. Joseph Peninsula," Nelson said. "Here we are right back with the same damage (as Gustav)—maybe more."

To garner federal money, the county must win its appeal and receive the Presidential declaration of damage, which for Gulf County is equal to \$3.29 per capita, or \$50,000 total. A Presidential declaration for the state would come from \$1.30 in damage per capita, or \$24.5 million statewide.

"As far as I'm concerned the game is wide open," Nelson said. "You've just got to keep asking."

Another big issue during the storm in Gulf County came from coastal flooding on Indian Pass Road forcing the road to close for most of the day; something Nelson said is typical for the area during storm season

because the road is very low-lying.

Nelson said the county is hoping to mitigate flooding concerns in Indian Pass in the future by eventually raising the road.

The "Stump Hole" area of Cape San Blas also became a concern due to a construction project. The Florida Department of Transportation is in the midst of a project to reinforce the revetment at the Stump Hole by removing smaller rocks and replacing them with larger boulders.

Crews had removed some of the revetment as Debby barreled closer and had to rush to restore the revetment to save County Road 30-E.

Nelson said Debby provided good storm response practice for the emergency management team.

"We came out very well,"

Nelson said of the team's response during Debby. "It was a lot better than we anticipated."

Gulf County EMS utilized Facebook for the first time in their response to Debby, using the social media site to post alerts, photos and videos, frequently asked questions and warnings about the storm.

"It's the way to go—you can get out so much information," Nelson said. "We got a lot of really good feedback."

Gulf County GIS Director and Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Warner said he saw a spike in the amount of "likes" their page received from people seeking local information on Debby.

"We've been working on getting it linked to our emergency notification system," Warner said. "My dream would be to have it linked to our GIS mapping site."

Gulf County EMS activated to level two on June 24, meaning they called in additional local staff to aid in emergency response, while the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners declared a local state of emergency the following day.

Nelson said he was ready to activate to a level one last Monday, which would call in state and/or federal assistance, and call for mandatory evacuations in the area, but a change in Debby's direction quickly changed the plan of action.

"If it's a category three coming at us, you know what to do—with something like this you don't," Nelson said. "You don't want to move people if you don't have to. Bottom line, we were lucky the way things turned out."

Debby was the fourth

named storm of 2012, and this is the first year that there have been four named storms before July. Nelson said the number or frequency of storms during a season doesn't change the response plan.

Catastrophic Hurricane Andrew was the first named storm during the 1992 hurricane season and didn't develop until mid-August.

"It doesn't matter if we get 30 storms in one year, if we get one storm that hits us and does damage it's been a bad year," Nelson said. "It doesn't matter how many storms there are, it matters what hits us."

Nelson stressed the importance of having a family plan for storm season.

"You never know when the next disaster is going to hit," Nelson said. "And a hurricane is several disasters wrapped into one."

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accent and told me that she was the manager.

The first thing out of my mouth was, "What is your policy on defective products?" The manager seemed worried. Then, she asked what it was I had a problem with.

I rolled up sleeve and said, "My butterfly." The manager and the girl who had gotten her for me started laughing.

The manager led me to the tattoo counter where another sweet and innocent looking girl sat looking bored. The manager showed her my arm and butterfly and asked her, "Can you do anything about this?"

The girl, Anna (pronounced "Onya") said, "No."

I got this real sad look on my face like a kid gets when the sand crab he bought or found at the

beach dies and starts stinking up the car on the way home and his parents make him throw it out the window.

I looked at the manager, rolled up left sleeve and said, "I'd like a free butterfly on this arm." She smiled and agreed to the free butterfly.

Anna was nice, she was from Moscow. She thought Reita was from Albania, so I might have been wrong about Bosnia or Serbia.

I got better instructions from Anna. I walked out with a "Simon says put your left hand on your head" look about me, but I was happy.

Some butterflies are free.

You can see pictures of my butterflies and read other stories at www.CranksMyTractor.com.

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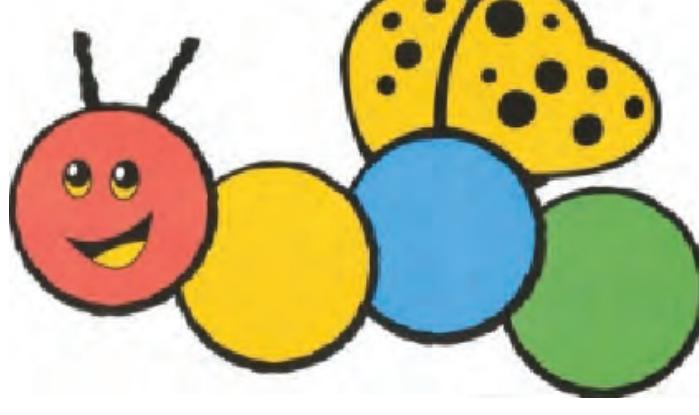
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State extends scallop season two weeks

By KHRYSTEN KEYS
Star Staff Intern

If the scallop season wasn't long enough for you then you are in luck.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has permanently extended the scalloping season an additional two weeks. The new season will begin July 1 and ends Sept. 25.

A study concerning the extended seasons of the past two years suggested the new extended season will not have a negative impact on the scallops. The findings have made the FWC also look into changing a ban on commercial harvest of bay scallops in Florida state waters, a decision that was made in 1994. As for now, the commercial harvest of bay scallops is not allowed.

The FWC is pressing for information from consumers and scallop hunters concerning their hunting habits and their feelings and interest concerning an extended season.

You can help FWC's scallop researchers by completing an online survey at svy.mk/bayscallop or by completing a postage-paid survey. For more information email BayScallops@MyFWC.com

Remember:

* The bag limit for scalloping is two gallons of whole bay scallops or one pint of meat per person a day.

* The vessel limit for scalloping is 10 gallons of whole bay scallops or half a gallon of meat.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, July 5	86°	75°	30 %
Fri, July 6	85°	75°	30 %
Sat, July 7	85°	75°	30 %
Sun, July 8	85°	76°	30 %
Mon, July 9	86°	76°	0 %
Tues, July 10	88°	76°	30 %
Wed, July 11	87°	76°	30 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST.JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
5	Th	1124am	1.9	930pm	-0.2
6	Fr	1203pm	1.6	941pm	0.0
7	Sa	1234pm	1.3	929pm	0.3
8	Su	1244pm	1.0	850pm	0.4
9	Mo	535am	1.0	732pm	0.6
10	Tu	503am	1.1	439pm	0.4
11	We	510am	1.3	355pm	0.2
12	Th	534am	1.4	422pm	0.1
13	Fr	610am	1.6	501pm	0.0
14	Sa	653am	1.7	544pm	-0.1
15	Su	739am	1.8	625pm	-0.2
16	Mo	824am	1.8	702pm	-0.2
17	Tu	906am	1.9	734pm	-0.2
18	We	945am	1.9	800pm	-0.2

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
5	Th	657am	1.3	416pm	1.6
6	Fr	717am	1.2	51pm	1.5
7	Sa	735am	1.3	608pm	1.3
8	Su	754am	1.3	710pm	1.2
9	Mo	815am	1.3	822pm	1.0
10	Tu	840am	1.4	954pm	1.0
11	We	908am	1.5	1158pm	1.0
12	Th	942am	1.5	234am	0.8
13	Fr	1023am	1.5	258am	1.0
14	Sa	1109am	1.5	825pm	0.0
15	Su	426am	1.2	1201pm	1.5
16	Mo	452am	1.2	1254pm	1.5
17	Tu	518am	1.3	146pm	1.6
18	We	540am	1.3	235pm	1.6

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Snook to remain closed

Special to The Star

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) voted to keep the recreational harvest of snook in Gulf of Mexico waters closed for another year to offer the species additional protection after a 2010 cold kill detrimentally affected the population.

The decision came at the June 28 Commission meeting in Palm Beach Gardens after staff presented an updated stock assessment that showed snook populations are improving in the Atlantic and are not in biological jeopardy in the Gulf. The next assessment is due in 2015.

"If we have a bad winter this year, we will benefit from this caution; if we don't have a bad winter, we will let all these breeding fish come through the slot," said Vice Chairman Kenneth Wright,

"If we have a bad winter this year, we will benefit from this caution; if we don't have a bad winter, we will let all these breeding fish come through the slot."

Kenneth Wright
Vice Chairman

ring to the snook slot limit of 28 to 33 inches in Gulf of Mexico waters. "We'll really have done something good and we'll have protected some of these fish."

The recreational snook season was closed in Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic waters by executive order on Jan. 16, 2010, after the cold kill. The FWC manages snook in both state and federal waters, though the species tends to inhabit the shallower, near-shore state waters. The effects

of the cold kill were less severe on the Atlantic coast, where the normal season reopened for harvest Sept. 1, 2011.

The Gulf of Mexico recreational season was to reopen Sept. 1, 2012, and now is expected to reopen Sept. 1, 2013. Catch-and-release of snook will be allowed during the closure. In the Atlantic, the season will remain unchanged. Annual closures in the Atlantic are from Dec. 15 through Jan. 31 and from June 1 through Aug. 31.

There is no commercial harvest for snook in Florida.

Snook are one of Florida's premier game fish, and anglers often practice catch-and-release techniques when targeting this species. When planning to release snook, proper handling techniques ensure the best chance of survival. This includes returning the fish to the water as quickly as possible; using wet hands to handle the fish; supporting its weight in a horizontal position when the fish is out of the water; not holding the fish by the gill plate, eye or jaw; and reviving the fish if necessary by running it through the water head-first to allow water to flow over its gills.

Learn more about snook by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Snook."

BUDS 'N' BUGS

Skeeters and Storms

By LOIS SWOBODA
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Tropical Storm Debby has come and gone, but we will be feeling her effects for weeks to come.

Debby dumped record rains on the county and a week later, there is still standing water everywhere. Franklin County has become mosquito heaven.

As most people know, mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water.

Following flooding, mosquito numbers will likely increase in about seven to ten days, depending upon temperature. The warmer the weather, the sooner they begin to swarm.

After a storm, water retention ponds, drainage ditches, storm drains, holes left by uprooted trees, tire ruts or soil erosion are full of water that can stagnate over days.

All of these are ideal places for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.

Even smaller containers hold enough water to act as mosquito nurseries. Mosquito larvae are commonly found in potted plants and the saucers under them, trash cans, bird baths, old tires, wading pools, discarded jars, cans and other containers, plastic toys, coolers, buckets, water bowls for animals, ornamental pools, boats, gutters, bromeliads, magnolia leaves sagging tarps or other covers and flat rooftops.

Right now is the time to avoid a mosquito invasion by being proactive.

Overturn any object containing storm water. Be

sure to check trash cans and buckets.

Collect and properly dispose of debris from the storm. Mulch magnolia leaves that have accumulated on the ground and clean out gutters. Remove water that collects on sagging tarps or other covers or awnings on your house or property. Clear debris from drainage ditches so that storm water runs off and does not stagnate and fill in holes left by uprooted trees, vehicles or heavy equipment.

Wading pools and bird baths should be emptied weekly.

Pet dishes, bromeliads and other small containers should be flushed several times a week.

Repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

Larger temporary bodies of water should be treated with an insecticide containing the bacteria *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti), which does not pose a hazard to animals. You can buy Bti at the hardware store in the form of mosquito dunks.

Spraying the shrubs in your yard, the underside of window air conditioners and low structures like fish cleaning stations and wooden stairs where mosquitoes rest during the hot part of the day will reduce the mosquito population. Some pest control companies offer this service.

Permanent bodies of water, like ponds and retention pools can be stocked with guppies to eat the larvae.

Personal protection is important too. Staying indoors is one way to avoid

mosquitoes, although this is usually not possible or practical if you are active in cleanup and repair efforts but remember that mosquitoes are most active at dusk, so avoid outdoor activity at those times. Wearing a hat, long sleeved shirts and long pants can also shield you from mosquito bites.

Products containing DEET are very safe and effective at repelling mosquitoes. Some herbal products are also effective insect repellants for much shorter periods of time. Perspiration reduces the duration of protection provided any insect repellent. Children and

pregnant women should use small amounts and the lowest concentrations of any repellent. It is also best to apply these products to clothing rather than skin and remember DEET can etch watch glasses and plastic lenses or jewelry.

Keeping mosquito populations under control is not only important for comfortable outdoor living; it is essential to human health and the health of companion animals like dogs and horses.

Mosquito vectored diseases malaria, heartworm, dengue fever, encephalitis and yellow fever.

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Freshwater

Rain water is still overfilling most creeks and has the main rivers on a rise. Good news for the cat fisherman, but not so much for the bass this week. The rising waters have pushed bream into the back waters of smaller creeks, so fishing should be strong after the muddy water clears.

Saltwater

St. Joe Bay is still the color of sweet tea. Opening days of scallop season are not to promising, however, good reports of bigger shells are in the deeper channels off of Black's Island. Good reports of red fish and trout are coming in from the "FIRE TOWER" and from Town's beach early in the mornings. With the red snapper season extended until July 17, we should all get a little more time on the water this year!

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Top Row: Coach Brooke Wooten, Coach Doug Sloan and Coach Tony Price.

Middle Row: Lyndsey Butler, Kristen Thompson, Raegan Davis, Tamiah Rouse,

Gracie Price, Kristen Nichols and Shelby Sloan.

Bottom Row: Aleah Wooten, Madison Hall, Cyrina Madrid, Gracie Lester and Aubrey Clayton.

Wewa Dixie Angels all-stars win district title

Special to The Star

The Wewa All-Stars won the district championship in the Angels division (10-and-under) with a 3-0 record, allowing no runs, in

the tournament that started on June 16 in Sneads. Wewa defeated Marianna 14-0 and Sneads 11-0 to advance to the championship game. Wewa clinched the

district crown by defeating Sneads 10-0. The Wewa Dixie Angels All-Star team heads to the state tournament that starts July 13 in Carrabelle.



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Top Row: Mariah Baker, Jillian Drigger, Madison Forehand, Katie Shealy, Hannah Taunton, Haley Guffey, and Madison Easter.

Bottom Row: Destiny Palmer, Anna McGlon, Landin Johnson, Jolee Sloan and Kieara Derosier.

Not Pictured: Coach Jayme Guffey, Coach Denny McGlon, Coach Allan Easter and Coach Haywood Shealy

Wewa Dixie Darlings all-stars district's runner-up

Special to The Star

The Wewa Dixie All-Stars finished runner-up in the Darlings division (8-and-un-

der) of the district tournament that started on June 16 in Sneads. Wewa had a 2-2 record in the district tournament.



Top row: Coach Dayton Lister, Coach Charles Grice and Coach Larry Kirkland
Middle Row: Ashton Lolley, Mariah Brown, Alexis Bass, Jocelyn Minchew, Jade Mclemore, Anna Setterich and Naomi Parker.
Bottom Row: Kayla Cody, Angela Long, Sha'Mario Cole, Savannah Lister and Takayllynn Carter.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Wewa Dixie Ponytail all-stars become district champs

Special to The Star

The Wewa Dixie All-Stars won the district championship in the Ponytail division (12-and-under) with a 3-0 record in the district

tournament that started on June 16 in Sneads. Wewa defeated Marianna 11-1 and Sneads 15-0 on the first day of tournament. Wewa clinched the district crown by defeating

Marianna 2-1 on the second day of the tournament. The Wewa Dixie Ponytail All-Star team advances to the state tournament that starts July 13 in Carrabelle.

during the 2012-13 school year will be offered this free physical.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf and Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic, with the assistance of Rick Williams, has combined to provide free physicals to Gulf County student/athletes.

The physicals will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. ET on July 10 and July 12. Athletes from both Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. and Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High Schools who plan on playing sports

Athletes from the fall sports – football, cross country, volleyball, cheerleading and weightlifting – should plan to attend the July 10 session. On July 12, physicals for athletes in winter and spring sports – including basketball, baseball, wrestling, softball, soccer and track – will be offered.

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certificates in two or three or five years."

Tax certificates must be held a minimum of two years and a maximum of seven years. After seven years, the certificate holder must apply for a tax deed.

The companies holding the two certificates at issue specialize in purchasing a tax certificate for investment purposes. One is accruing 10 percent a year in interest.

The county and school board have agreed to negotiate outstanding tax liens from other years, both recognizing the upside of getting the property back on the tax rolls.

However, the IRS would like the tax certificates dealt with before discharging the federal lien to prevent a private entity from applying

for a tax deed and benefiting from the discharge of the IRS lien.

If the status quo should remain through the term of the certificates, any entity seeking a tax deed would have to deal with the full federal tax debt as well as the costs of demolishing the hospital building and bringing the land to the point of being developable.

That, Gibson said, would be his point to the companies holding the certificates as he tries to negotiate terms for the city to address the certificates down the road.

"The property isn't worth anything in its current state—it's kind of a stalemate at the moment," said Mayor Mel Magidson.

"We've got to get rid of those tax liens and we've got to



get rid of those buildings and put the property back on the tax roll.

"We have some time to play with it. We just don't want anyone to apply for a tax deed."

The good news, Gibson said, is the IRS is willing to

consider a full discharge of the federal debt if the city can remove the threat of the tax certificates in a viable fashion.

"It's good news, the tax liens are over \$1 million," Gibson said. "Getting the more than \$1 million in back taxes released is the key to getting this property."

Commissioner Rex Buzzett said break-ins and vandalism have been an is-

sue on the property and will continue to be a problem as long as the abandoned buildings remain.

"I think everyone knows this, but I live across the street from it and I'd like to see it gone," Buzzett said. "Property values would go up in the area."

McCroan, Buzzett

sworn in

During the June 19 regu-

lar bi-monthly meeting a standing room only crowd of friends and family gathered to watch new Group 3 Commissioner Phil McCroan and Group 4 Commissioner Buzzett, who was not challenged for re-election, be sworn into office.

McCroan beat out incumbent candidate Lorinda Gingell in city election in early May, garnering 74 percent of the vote.

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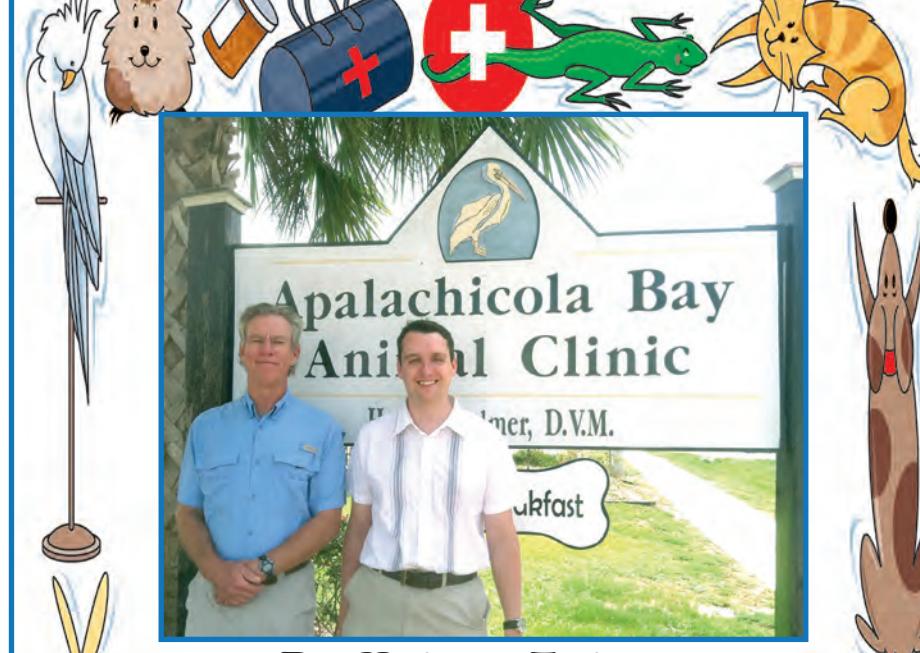
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gulf County Tourist Development Council is now accepting Sponsorship and Special Funding Applications for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Application forms may be picked up at the GCTDC office located in the Gulf County Welcome Center at 150 Captain Fred's Place, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 or can be downloaded online at www.visitgulf.com or www.gulfcounty-fl.gov.

All requests must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., E.T. on Friday, July 20, 2012. Please contact the TDC office for further information at **850-229-7800**.

A workshop to review the process will be held on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearings will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) Special Meeting on Monday July 9, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. EST. The Public Hearings will be held in the City Commission Meeting Room at City Hall, 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Fl. 32456 to discuss and act on the following:

- 1) Development Order Request- Kellee Novak, Parcel #04791-000R located at the 402 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe. City of Port St. Joe Lots 2 & NE/2 Lot 4 ORB 496/522 FR Capital City Bank ORB 500/874 FR PSJ Reid 402 LLC Map
- 2) Ordinance 481 Nuisances
- 3) Ordinance 482 Park Regulation
- 4) Ordinance 483 Homeless Shelters

Interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearings or provide comments in writing to the Planning and Development Review Board, City of Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. Transactions of the public hearings will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the hearings will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who wishes to attend and requires assistance may call the City Clerk's office at (850)229-8261, Ext 113 or for additional information.

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Wireless emergency alerts

Integrated public alert and warning system sends warnings directly to cell phones

Star Staff Report

In weather emergencies, warnings can save lives. But traditional warning methods such as television, radio and outdoor sirens don't always reach everyone.

Beginning last month, emergency officials have a new way to send warnings directly to cell phones in affected areas – Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs).

These short messages may look like a text message, but unlike texts, which are sent directly to your phone number, these warnings will be broadcast to all phones within range of designated cell towers through the Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS).

The alerts will tell you the type of warning, the affected area and the duration. You'll need to turn to other sources, such as television or your NOAA All-Hazards radio, to get more detailed information about what is happening and what actions you should take.

Cell tower geography may lead to overwarning

Because cell towers broadcast in a radius, or circle, their coverage areas don't line up neatly with county boundaries. This means you may receive warnings for an adjacent county if you're within a few miles of the border.

The alerts are delivered directly from cell tower to cell phone through a one-way broadcast. The Commercial Mobile Alert System does not track or locate individual cell phones or phone numbers – it simply broadcasts to all phones within range. Unfortunately, in some cases, this may result in overwarning.

For example, if a tornado warning is issued for a particular county, it will go to all towers that serve that county.

Towers in urban areas generally serve a radius of two to five miles and in rural areas up to 10 miles, so the warning message may reach a little beyond the warning boundaries.

Wireless Emergency Alerts: Three types of warnings

The Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) can be used to broadcast three types of emergency alerts:

* Presidential alerts:

Issued by the U.S.

President in the event of a nationwide emergency. No president has ever had to issue a presidential alert, but should one become necessary, cell phone providers are required to broadcast it to all WEAs-capable phones;

* Imminent threat alerts: Typically issued by the National Weather Service. For Florida, these would include tornado, flash flooding, hurricane, extreme wind or tsunami

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Medal in need of home

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Indian Pass resident Marie Romanelli recently purchased the medal pictured here at the St. Joseph Humane Society's Faith's Thrift Hut for \$5.

Due to the volume of donations for the Thrift Hut, it is unknown how long the medal was on the shelves or its origins.

The reason for the purpose was two-fold, Romanelli said: support the Humane Society and maybe try to find the rightful owner of the medal.

"They may be very common medals, but I would like to get it back to its rightful owner," Romanelli said. "This seems like something somebody would be proud to have earned. If I can find who it belongs to, I'd like to get it back to them."

The medal is bronze and heavy, with a light blue ribbon striped in red, white and blue. There is clasp pin on the back, as if it was meant to be pinned on a uniform jacket.

On the front is a bald eagle standing astride a sword, with the words "Efficiency," "Honor" and "Fidelity" inscribed around the outer edge.

The back includes "For Good" on top and "Conduct" at the bottom, with a five-pointed star in the middle. The back is ringed with leaves.

The medal came in its original box, which is worn, blue and cardboard.

On one side of the box there is lettering, "Medal, Korean Service, A." and in smaller letters underneath is spelled "Components, Pendant, Pendant Ribbon, A, AF, N." The initials USMC, representing the United States Marine Corps, are written just above the manufacturer's identity, "Medallie Art Company" of New York City.

There are also numbers that appear to be a lot or serial number for the medal.

Anybody with information on the medal, or who might know of its origins and owner, is asked to call Tim Croft at The Star newspaper, 227-7827.



RESCUED!

Osprey chick rescued from Debby

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Once again, islanders and the folks from Apalachicola National Research Reserve (ANERR) have joined forces to rescue a nestling osprey from stormy weather.

On June 24, Rob and Kay Olin of St. George Island watched in horror as an osprey nest they have enjoyed watching all season, fell.

Olin braved the storm surge from Tropical Storm Debby bayside on the island to rescue the chick.

"I ran out there," he said, "and it was chaos. The nest was in a thousand pieces. I stood there wondering how am I going to find it. Then I saw the chick was right in front of me. I picked it up and put it into a basket. Both

parents were circling frantically overhead. I held the baby up for the mother to see wanting to give her some hope."

Olin vowed to return the chick to its parents.

Sunday afternoon, Olin and family, with the chick, evacuated to Tallahassee. Before leaving home, he was able to contact the Florida Wild Mammal Association wildlife rescue facility (FWMA) in Wakulla County.

Sunday evening around 9 p.m., Olin met Eric Lovestrand, a wildlife educator for ANERR, in Crawfordville and Lovestrand took the chick to FWMA. Director Chris Beatty and

helpers were already overwhelmed dealing with over 20 baby pelicans also rescued from Debby.

Beatty said the chick was a partially fledged nestling and quickly recovered given a little fish and some TLC.

On Tuesday, Olin had carpenter Red Blaisdell built a platform atop the same standing dead pine that had held the original nest. It was shorter now, having lost its top to a storm. Blaisdell shortened it further to create a flat surface for better support for the nest box. Olin and Blaisdell

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Top: Blaisdell places the rescued fledgling in the nest. Bottom: Rob Olin with the osprey chick he rescued Left: The chick

Norris chosen as next Florida Clerks President

Gulf County Clerk to lead statewide organization for clerks and comptrollers

Special to The Star

Honorable Rebecca L. (Becky) Norris, Gulf County clerk of the circuit court and comptroller, was recently elected as president of the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers, a professional association, for the upcoming year at the annual conference in Panama City Beach.

Hon. Fred N. Witten, retired Gulf County Judge, was on hand to perform the ceremony of installing Clerk Norris as president.

After taking the oath of office, Clerk Norris addressed the membership and discussed the importance of fulfilling the clerks' duties while working together, despite limited statewide funding.

"We continue to face challenges as we move forward: funding,

legislation, technology and meeting the needs of our local offices as we are forced to do more with less," Clerk Norris said during her acceptance speech. "I can't say it will be easy, but together, with the support of each other, we can accomplish much."

"I am convinced that with a committed group of new officers and a more than capable staff, that we, the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers, will collaboratively work together during this upcoming year to meet the needs that we all experience on a day-to-day basis – large county to small, and all in between. We have done this since our responsibilities were first outlined by the Florida Constitution and defined in Florida statutes."

Serving the past year as the

first vice president and three previous years as an executive board officer, Clerk Norris gained the experience and knowledge to fulfill her role as President for the upcoming program year.

Clerk Norris also acknowledged the importance of each clerk's dedicated staff and the hard work they perform. She said her staff is one of the main reasons for the success of the Gulf County clerk's office.

"We have learned to do more with less, and, although sometimes we feel like the water is up to our eyeballs and rising, we take pride in our work and are thankful and consider it an honor to serve the public," Clerk Norris said. "My hat goes off to each member



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Retired Gulf County Judge Fred Witten helped install Gulf County Clerk of Courts Becky Norris as president of the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers.

Retiring GCSC Gulf/Franklin campus director honored by Trustees

Special to The Star

PANAMA CITY—Gulf Coast State College's Gulf/

Franklin Campus in Port St. Joe has been home to Brenda Galloway since September 5, 2006, but now

she's ready to move on to other adventures and spend more time with her family.

Galloway was recognized for her service as Director of the Gulf/Franklin Campus at the College's District Board of Trustees meeting June 21.

"Brenda has been a teacher and a superintendent, and then we were blessed to have her as part of our family," said Trustee Chair Denise Butler about her friend and colleague. "This is a very special day for her to end her educational career."

Galloway was honored for her contributions to GCSC, the residents of Gulf and Franklin counties and

the field of education.

"The students have been the beneficiary," Butler said.

The trustees and members of the audience stood to recognize Galloway as Gulf Coast President Dr. Jim Kerley presented her with the Soaring Eagle award.

"I would like to say thank you on behalf of the whole College. I know you've helped hundreds and hundreds of students, you've touched lives and you'll continue to touch lives. This award is for people who've gone above and beyond and like eagles, soar above any obstacles," said Kerley.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Brenda Galloway, middle, was honored by Gulf Coast State College President Dr. Jim Kerley (right) and Denise Butler, the chairwoman of the college Board of Trustees.

Galloway thanked the trustees and her husband, Charlie, who was present for the ceremony.

"Without Charlie, I couldn't have done this. He's been a great supporter of me throughout my career."

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

Meet Judith, a very pretty black and tan lab/shepherd mix female, who weighs 48#. She is about 18 months old and likes other dogs and cats. She is also very eager to please. Judith recently graduated from the DAWGS in prison program. The DAWGS in prison program is an 8-week intensive training program in a work camp setting. Each dog has a handler, caretaker and trainer. All are inmates who are well trained themselves and dedicated to their dogs' success. Graduates of the program are crate trained, house-trained, walk well on a leash, and know many commands like sit, stay, come, and down. Please watch the video of her doing her recall command. Dogs are temperament tested prior to admission and must get along well with other dogs and humans. To adopt, please fill out an adoption application. Applications for this dog are available online at www.dawgsinprison.com. You can also call Sandi @ 850-229-1431.

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

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

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GCEC sponsors D.C. trip for local students

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Alexa Allison, a student from Wewahitchka, and Blake Brannon recently traveled to Washington, D.C., as the winners of Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour competition. GCEC's local competition is part of the national Rural Electric Youth Tour program.

Each year, the cooperative sponsors the Youth Tour contest for juniors whose parents are members of GCEC. Contestants are interviewed by a panel of three judges from the electric cooperative industry, and two winners are chosen to travel on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June.

While in Washington, the students toured the numerous museums; Arlington National Cemetery; the Iwo Jima Monument; the U.S. Capitol area; the Korean, Lincoln, Vietnam, FDR, Jefferson and World War II Memorials; Mt. Vernon; and the National Cathedral. They also enjoyed the U.S. Marine Corps



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Blake Brannon and Alexa Allison, who represented Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative at the Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, pose for a picture outside of the White House. The students also met Rep. Steve Southerland at the Capitol.

Sunset Parade; a boat cruise and dance on the Potomac River; and ended their trip by seeing the musical "Memphis" at the Kennedy Center.

A highlight of the trip was the National Youth Day rally, where they joined other juniors from across the nation.

"We were proud to have Alexa and Blake represent Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative in Washington," said GCEC Manager of Marketing and Member Services Kristin Evans.

The Washington, D.C. Youth Tour Program has been in existence since 1958, when 34 students from Iowa and a handful of chaperones visited Washington for a weeklong study tour. 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

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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. GCEC serves approximately 20,200 meters in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties and in the municipalities of Wewahitchka, Ebro, White City, Lynn Haven, Fountain and Southport.

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Advising days and hours are 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. CT July 2-20. The office is on the second floor of the Social Sciences Building at the college's Panama City Campus, room 216.

If anyone would like more information, please contact Jennifer Hamilton at jhamilton@gulfcoast.edu or call 769-1551 ext. 5850.

Wewahitchka's Heather Strange earns Dean's List honors

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Heather Strange, of Wewahitchka, Fla., a junior, was named to the Dean's List of Mercer University's Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics for the spring 2012 semester. Inclusion on this list requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards for the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics.

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Port St. Joe resident graduates

Special to The Star

Jonathan Davidson, son of Eric Davidson of Port St. Joe, has graduated from New College of Florida in Sarasota with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. Davidson was one of 179 graduates of the state's honors college this spring. He attended Port St. Joe High School prior to being accepted to New College. During his tenure there, Davidson interned for Open Equal Free, a non-profit bringing open education resources to teachers in lesser developed countries. His senior

thesis, titled "Economics of the Hackers' Revolution: How Open Source Challenges Notions of Innovation and Value in the Age of Free," focused on open source computer programs. In the fall, Davidson plans to attend the School of Information at University of Michigan and earn a Masters degree in information science. He was awarded a University of Michigan merit scholarship.

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Obituary

Harriet "Nonie" Schoelles

Ms. Harriet "Nonie" Schoelles, 73, of Apalachicola, passed away Friday, June 29, in Port Saint Joe.

A native of Washington, D.C., she lived several years in Tallahassee during the 1960s before moving to Apalachicola over 40 years ago. She worked as an accountant and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Apalachicola, where she sang in the choir and served as church bookkeeper.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roland M. Schoelles Sr.

Survivors include her son, Dennis Crosby and wife Deedee, and her stepson, Roland Schoelles, Jr., all of Apalachicola; her grandchildren, Casey Crosby, Emily Crosby and Kevin Schoelles; her sister Mary Dorsey and husband John of Orlando; her brother, Luis Eason and wife Pat of Amelia Island; and her half sister, Mickey Demarest of Chicago, Ill.

The funeral service were held at 11 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 3, at the United Methodist Church of Apalachicola, conducted by the Rev. Themistocles Patriotis, with interment following in the family plot in Magnolia Cemetery.

She will lie in state at the church for an hour prior to the services.

All services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home, 601 Long Avenue, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456, 850-227-1818.

Faith BRIEF

Revival services at Philadelphia Primitive

Revival Services will be held at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church July 9-13, 7:30 p.m. ET nightly. The Elder Keith Cloud of Gretna, Fla., will be the evangelist for the week.

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NASCAR fun show a success for Big River Riders

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The fifth annual NASCAR Fun Show (horse show) to benefit Big River Rider's 4-H Horse Club was a success. This event was put on to help raise money to help offset expenses to send seven members who qualified to go to state competition July 12-14 in Tampa. Those members are junior/intermediate division Shawn Elia, Brooke McMillian, Desiree Outlaw and Rylee Waters and senior division Kayla Lindsey, Robin Outlaw and Hayley Smith.

Participants had to have one sponsor to participate with a minimum of \$20 sponsorship and a \$5 entry. Participants had to make a sign for their sponsorships (unless sponsor provided one). These signs were hung up around the arena during the show.

This was a day full of fun for everyone from participants to spectators. Participants competed in several fun events such as Wewa 500 (four corner arena race), Break A Tie (double bowtie), Fix A Flat (boot race), Cover Up (panty race) and Stop 'n Go (musical feed bags) to name a few.

Participants provided much entertainment for all to see while also competing and having a lot of fun.

Big River Rider's 4-H



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

From left, state qualifiers Desiree Outlaw, Robin Outlaw, Kayla Lindsey, Shawn Elia, Hayley Smith, Rylee Waters, and Brooke McMillian.

Horse Club wishes to thank the following sponsors for sponsoring participants for this event (minimum sponsorships were \$20): Gulf Coast Real Estate Group/Jay Rish (\$200), Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative (\$200 sponsorship), Chipola Turf Farms LLC (\$100), Whitfield Timber Co. LLC (\$100), Kenny Strange Electric (\$100), Nicki and Danny Little (\$100), Bay Environmental, Inc. (\$100), Miller's Heating & Air Conditioner (\$50.00 sponsorship), Dothan Livestock (\$50), Animal Hospital of Port St. Joe (\$50), Pettis Pest Control (\$50), Billy Traylor (\$50), Whitfield Timber, LLC (\$50), Equine Service - H.L. Goode (\$50), David B. Lister, DMD (\$45), Joe Nugent (\$45), Carlton

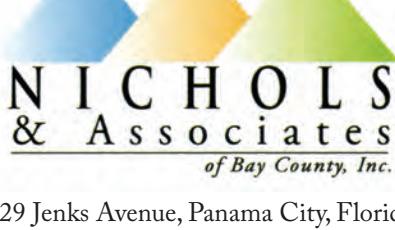
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Donations of \$20 from David Taunton and Charlotte Moore.

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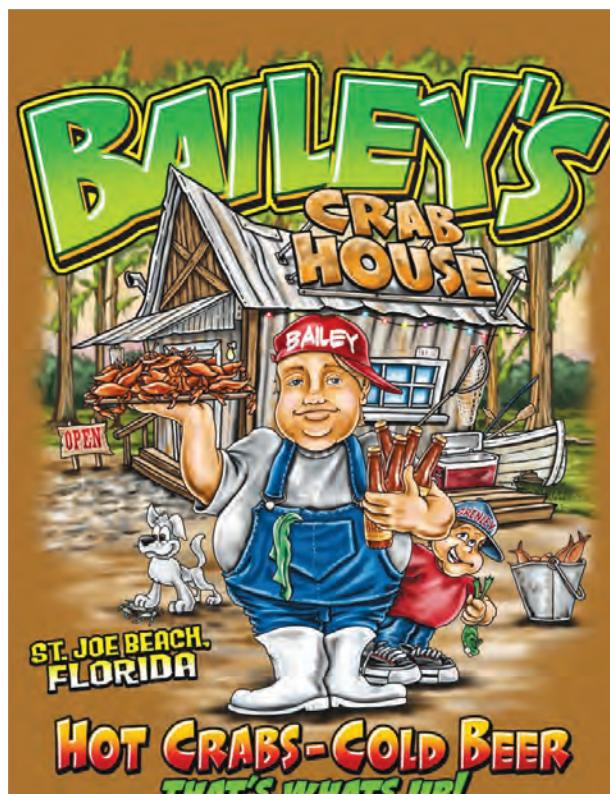
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reconstructed the osprey nest as best they could.

Wednesday morning, Lovestrand picked the osprey chick up at FWMA at 7:30 a.m. Beatty now had over 50 baby pelicans in house.

Olin, at home on the island, observed the parents in the area of the nest platform Wednesday morning.

At 1 p.m., Lovestrand delivered the chick and Blaisdell immediately placed it in the new nest.

Lovestrand, Matt Anderson, a coworker from ANERR, Olin

and Blaisdell kept vigil throughout the afternoon watching over the chick and scanning the sky.

Around 3:30 p.m., one adult osprey flew in, looked over the nest and flew away. It returned shortly and perched in a tree nearby. A second osprey landed in tree farther away in the woods, and they began calling back and forth.

Lovestrand, an experienced birder, noticed that the chick, which had been bobbing up and down before the adult bird arrived,

flattened itself in the nest when the big bird perched nearby.

The rescuers watched the scene for a nerve-racking hour.

Finally, the chick stirred. Lovestrand said when the chick stretched its wings, the nearest adult took flight out over the bay and began hover hunting for fish. Around 4:30, it returned with a fish, circled several times and then landed on the nest. In a few minutes, the other adult joined its mate on the platform.

"When the moment happened, it was unbelievably magical. I had wondered about Eric and Matthew waiting around all afternoon for the parents to come back, but, when it happened, I realized this is what these guys live for," Olin said.

Thursday morning, Olin awoke to a very happy scene of the osprey family reunited.

The adults preened and groomed the baby and fidgeted with the nest taking turns retrieving fish for their rescued youngster.

To view a gallery of photos of the events surrounding the rescue visit www.apalachitimes.com.

While this little osprey is happy and safe, FWMA is struggling with many more animals



SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A parent osprey carries a fish to the new nest.

that need help.

As of last Friday, they had received 54 pelican chicks and three adult pelicans, a clapper rail, several other osprey chicks, a sooty tern, a snow egret, a screech owl and more, all suffering the effects of wind and

torrential rain.

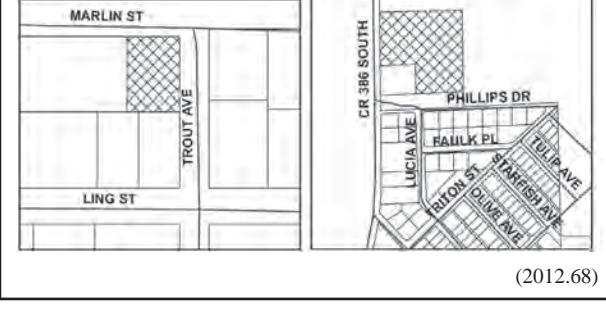
In all, over 70 Franklin County animals are sheltered there now and are consuming 75 pounds of fish daily. Many will be relocated to other shelters, but Beatty said volunteers and any emergency funding would

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 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:

- Variance Application - Michael Dodson - Parcel ID # 04546-004R- Located in Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - encroachment of mobile home into road setback 10.2 ".
- Non-Residential Development - Castaway Campground RV Park - Thad Williams - Parcel ID #03552-000R - Located in Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - development of a 40 unit RV Park
- Development Policy, Ordinances, Comprehensive Plan and LDR Revisions
 - Comprehensive Plan Amendments
 - Occupational License
 - Construction without permit and variance fines
- 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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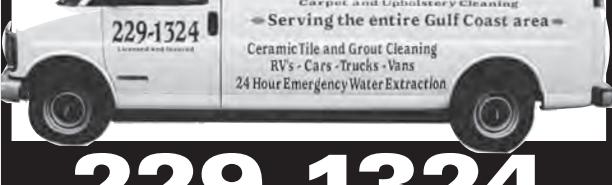
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**87538S
NOTICE OF APPLICA-
TION FOR TAX DEED**

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. 349 Application No. 2012-26 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No. 05444-010R

Description of Property:

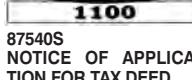
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Name in which assessed: Taunton Development Inc.

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 CIR-
CUT COURT GULF
COUNTY, FLORIDA

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



**87540S
NOTICE OF APPLICA-
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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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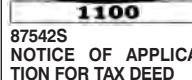
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Name in which assessed: Harold C Lester & Robin L. Lester.

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.

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June 14, 21, 28, July
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NOTICE OF APPLICA-
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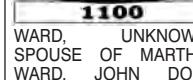
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REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIR-
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BY: Donna L. Ray,
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June 14, 21, 28, July
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**NOTICE OF
RESCHEDULED SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 12th, 2012, and entered in Case No. 23-2008-CA-00045 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Indenture Trustee, On Behalf Of The Holders Of The Terwin Mortgage Trust 2007-4he Asset-backed Securities, Series 2007-4he, Without Recourse, as set forth in said Final Judgment of

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Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 15th day of June, 2012.

REBECCA NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Albertelli Law
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402, or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711. The above is to be published in the Star 135 Highway 98, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. June 28, July 5, 2012

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to re-determine final agency action on the application, the filing of a petition for an administrative hearing may result in a modification of the permit, or even a denial of the application. Accordingly, the applicant will not commence construction or other activities under this permit until the deadlines below for filing a petition for an administrative hearing, or request for an extension of time, have expired.

Under subsection 62-110.106(4) of the Florida Administrative Code, a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

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the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d) of the Florida Statute, a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of petition this order will not be effective until further order of the Department.

This permit, when issued, constitutes an order of the Department. The applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statute, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of the appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

The application for this permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to

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5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, at the Northwest District Branch Office, 2353 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32405. July 5, 2012

879415 PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the following amendments and Ordinances with the following titles:

1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF GULF, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE APPLICATION, REVIEW, PERMITTING PROCESSES AS WELL AS THE REGULATION AND ANNUAL EVALUATION OF ANY AND ALL HOMELESS SHELTERS; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS FOR SUCH FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; ADOPTING A HEARING PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF GULF, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AMENDING "NUISANCE" ORDINANCE 99-06, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AND FURTHER DEFINITION OF NUISANCE AS ANY ACTIVITY CONDUCTED ON A PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON FIVE OR MORE OCCASIONS OF ANY THIRTY DAY PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Complete Ordinance on file in the Clerk's Office

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

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

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

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of the proceedings made and which would include any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed Ordinances and amendments are available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. est., and 5:00 p.m. est. at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 C.G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456. June 29, July 5, 2012

879815

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.:
23-2012-CA-000118
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,

vs.
STEPHEN HELMS
A/K/A STEPHEN BENNETT
HELMHS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
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HELMHS A/K/A
STEPHEN BENNETT
HELMHS
LAST
KNOWN ADDRESS:
221 BRYAN SETTERICH
WEWAHITCHKA, FL
32465-3103

CURRENT ADDRESS:
UNKNOWN

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CURRENT ADDRESS:
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LOT 2, BLOCK B: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 36, THENCE GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.22 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY LINE OF BRIAN SETTERICH ROAD (HAVING A 70 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF

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ADA Coordinator
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Panama City, FL 32402
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Fax: (850) 747-5717

William C. Williams,
Chairman
ATTEST:
Rebecca Norris, Clerk
July 5, 2012

ATTACHMENT

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