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Aaron Tippin, scallops on the menu this weekend

16th annual Florida Scallop and Music Festival kicks off 5 p.m. ET Friday

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Prepare for a shell of a time this weekend.

The 16th annual Florida Scallop and Music Festival begins 5 p.m. ET on Friday and concludes with a performance by country superstar

Aaron Tippin on Saturday night. The two-day event will be headquartered along Miss Zola Drive and George Core Park along St. Joseph Bay in Port St. Joe. And organizers are hoping that early interest and anticipation will pay off in a crowd to

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SCALLOP AND MUSIC FESTIVAL SPECIAL SECTION

Check inside for a Florida Scallop and Music Festival special section featuring a schedule of events, map, scallop recipes and more.



BY TRISH PETRIE | Special to The Star

This weekend's festival celebrates a great summer treat in Gulf County — hunting for scallops in St. Joseph Bay. This past weekend Shelley and Ellen Serafin and Stephanie and Owen Petrie enjoyed a bit of the water, sun and sweet scallops.



Underwater legacy

Memorial reef for John Thompson deployed in Gulf

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The late John Thompson was often referred to as the lighthouse of Mexico Beach.

"The younger guys looked up to him—they called him their lighthouse," his widow Bonita Thompson remembered. "He would sit up here on the deck and watch (the boats) come in and go out."

After her husband lost his battle with cancer last December, the outpour of love from her neighbors helped Bonita quickly realize that the community knew

what she already did. "It's hard to put into words," Thompson said in an attempt to describe her husband. "He was just a kind, gentle soul with a passion for fishing. He was a good man, an honest man and an unselfish man."

An outpour of donations from friends and family helped erect an underwater legacy for John Thompson—a memorial reef to celebrate his life and love for fishing. The John Thompson Memorial Reef was deployed on Bell Shoals in the Gulf of Mexico in late April, a product of the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association's Memorial Reef Program.

"It will be there forever," Thompson said of the reef. "It will be celebrating his life forever."

Thompson remembers the many fishing trips with her husband as their special time together.

John and Bonita were married just six weeks short of 28 years and fished all over the world together, but Mexico Beach was always where John's heart was.

"That was our time—I miss it," she said. "Cobia fishing was his passion. He worked to get to fish for cobia."

The John Thompson Memorial Reef was designed with John's love for cobia, or ling, fishing in mind—his favorite ling jig is embedded in the reef's structure in remembrance of his passion.

"The reef was the best way to honor John with something that meant something to him," Thompson said. "We'll all enjoy it for years to come—that would have meant a lot to him."

Thompson said she can't wait until spring when the ling start running.

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Early voting starts Saturday

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For voters with an itch to avoid the rush of the Aug. 14 primary election, the next will provide that opportunity.

Early voting in this year's primary begins at two county locations on Saturday, Aug. 4. Early voting will continue through Aug. 11.

Voters may cast their ballots in Port St. Joe at Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin's office, located at 401 Long Avenue; Wewahitchka voters may cast their ballots at the Wewahitchka Public Library, located at 314 N. 2nd Street.

This weekend, early voting takes place on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT in Wewahitchka and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Port St. Joe, and on Sunday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. ET in Port St. Joe and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. CT in Wewahitchka.

Those Saturday hours will be the same the following Saturday, Aug. 11.

During the week, Aug. 6-10, voting hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET in Port St. Joe and 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT in Wewahitchka.

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Program tracks seafood from Gulf to plate

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PORT ST. JOE — Edward Wood, president of Wood's Fisheries in Port St. Joe, knows his product is more than just generic shrimp out of a box.

Now, with the help of an innovative new program from the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) dubbed Gulf Seafood Trace, Wood can share the story of his seafood with the consumer from sea to plate.

The pilot program is voluntary and completely complimentary and will allow consumers to track the product all the way back to the waters by scanning a QR code with a smartphone.

The codes will provide specific information about the steps the product took to reach the grocery store shelves: when and where it was caught, where and how it was processed and, on a personal note, information

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Port St. Joe man shot in what authorities label 'hate' crime

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A Port St. Joe man was shot in the head late Monday night in what Gulf County Sheriff Joe Nugent is labeling a hate crime.

Walton Henry Butler, a 59-year-old white male, was arrested after he admitted shooting Everett Gant with a .22 rifle. Butler was charged with attempted murder with a hate crime enhancement.



WALTON HENRY BUTLER

Gant, an African-American, is in guarded condition at Bay Medical Center at press time.

According to the arresting affidavit, an incident occurred earlier in the day when a Pamela Rogers came to Butler's apartment in the Pine Ridge Apartment complex on Garrison Avenue in Port

St. Joe with a child in tow. Butler immediately used a racial slur to refer to the child.

Investigators discovered that Butler had been making similar racial slurs to other children in the complex during recent days.

Rogers became upset and left Butler's apartment and Gant went to Butler's apartment to discuss the comments.

Upon arriving at the

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Gulf County sets tentative millage, debates redistricting

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A special meeting to address Gulf County's redistricting process turned into a debate about countywide voting and minority representation Monday, as hired attorney Michael Spellman presented information regarding the consent decree set for Gulf County District 4 back in the 1980s.

District 4 was put under consent decree upon violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act based on adherence to the three Gingles Factors set fourth by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986, Spellman said.

To prove the three factors, a minority group must be sufficiently large and geographically compact to comprise a majority of the district, the minority group must be politically cohesive and white voters must vote as a bloc usually to defeat the minority group's preferred candidate.

Spellman, an attorney with Tallahassee law firm Sniffen and Spellman, said while these factors were proven in the mid-1980s, Census data from 2010 coupled with data from the upcoming 2012 election may prove otherwise.

In its 2011 redistricting process, the county did not redraw the lines of District 4 because of the consent decree, leaving the district far outside of the guidelines for state redistricting regulations based on populations within each district.

Spellman suggested the county wait to gather data from the 2012 election for review to see if the redistricting process needs to go to federal court.

"Seeing what this 2012 election data looks like, this all comes down to how the numbers play out," Spellman said. "You have to show that times have changed in 30 years, and the way you do that is through numbers."

District 2 Commissioner Ward McDaniel said he is 100 percent for doing away with the federal decree.

"I support countywide voting,"

McDaniel said. "The problem we have more or less is that we have five little tribes. We should all be in the same boat."

McDaniel said, in his opinion, it has nothing to do with race.

"We've got some people that want to promote a segregation issue in this county," McDaniel said. "As far as I'm concerned, we need to lift this cloud off."

District 4 Commissioner Tan Smiley said he does not support countywide voting because he looks at the situation through a completely different set of eyes.

He cited that neither the Port St. Joe nor the Wewahitchka City Commission have minority representation and said it would be the same for the county if they went to countywide voting.

"I feel like to go countywide, this county will go back into the '60s," Smiley said. "I support district voting. I represent District 4 but I am a county commissioner. If anyone's got a problem, I will step in and help."

Commissioners Bill Williams and Warren Yeager agreed that while it is a passion issue for some people, they need to step back and let the numbers speak for the situation as suggested by Spellman.

Stiffen and Spellman will review the post-election numbers and come back with a recommendation to the county after analysis.

County sets tentative millage

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners left the current millage rate untouched at a budget workshop July 24 held to set the tentative rate for the upcoming fiscal year.

The current millage rate is set at 5.7419, which would garner \$77,000 in additional funds for the county if the proposed budget is adopted. The rollback millage rate based on the current draft budget would drop it to 5.6845.

The county needs to submit the tentative millage to the Gulf County

Property Appraiser by Saturday. After submitting a tentative millage rate, the board can go back and reduce it, but cannot raise the millage.

"Today's purpose was to meet the requirement," Williams said. "This is strictly a benchmark."

The budget draft presented was pared down to eliminate \$50,000 in proposed maintenance and renovations to the Gulf County Courthouse that would repair leaks and remove mold from the building.

During the workshop, commissioners also adopted millage rates for the county fire departments with the St. Joe fire district at 0.4 mills and all other fire districts at 0.5 mills.

The Cape San Blas special taxing district's municipal service taxing units were set at 6.6995 for the Gulf and 3.5014 for the Gulf interior, both of which have dropped since last year.

The first public hearing for the Gulf County budget is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 5:01 p.m. ET. The county is required to have two public hearings before the budget is considered for adoption.

Cape San Blas beach nourishment

Wewahitchka resident David Taunton made a presentation to the commission at the July 24 meeting to push for use of an outside sand source for future beach nourishment projects, instead of dredging sand offshore.

Taunton reported that sand, located on his property, has been certified for use on Cape San Blas and would prevent job outsourcing to boost the local economy.

Although dredging would be cheaper dollar per dollar, Taunton said the project would create about 80 local jobs and cost about \$12.8 million.

Yeager said the project would be one to consider because adding sand could help the shoreline stay put for a longer period of time.

District recognized

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On a night when the Gulf County School Board formally adopted by resolution a tentative budget and discussed revenue implications — and root causes — of eroding enrollment, board members received another notch on which to hang their hats.

For the fifth consecutive year, Gulf District Schools were recognized by the Florida Board of Education as an Academically High-Performing District.

The Florida Board of Education approved the list of districts on July 17.

Gulf was one of 19 districts honored among the roughly 70-statewide.

That list was up from just 12 districts last year. Over the past five years that Gulf has landed on the list, the highest number of districts was 21 in 2008; the lowest last year's total.

Calhoun, Wakulla and Leon were other districts in the region so recognized.

"This is a very high honor for the district," said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton. "This is a credit to the teachers, administrators, staff and board members. This is a nice high honor to be a part of."

To earn recognition as an Academically High-Performing District, school grades in the district must average out to earn honor roll distinction — the elementary schools received an 'A' and a 'C' in the last state testing period and the high schools received sufficient FCAT points that the district will average at least a 'B' — as well as have a clean, no-deficiency annual financial audit as determined by the Florida Department of Education.

"We have great schools," said board chairman Billy Quinn, Jr. "When we get something like this it proves that. We can give (students) all they need right here."

The board also formally adopted its tentative budget which had been advertised, with no substantive changes.

The district will be cutting the millage rate by nearly 4 percent and the total property tax budget will fall by more than 10 percent.

The tentative millage rate for the coming school year is 6.986, the first time the district has been below 7 mills in four fiscal years.

A mil is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 in assessed taxable property value.

The board also approved new classifications or salary schedules for several

employees who have been asked to assume additional responsibilities due to previous workforce cutbacks, as well as creating two new positions needed due to consolidation and growth in the number of special needs students.

The net effect — separate from the two new aide positions — was adding roughly \$15,000 in salary, though Norton countered that the district had already realized much higher cost savings through staff cuts.

He added that to keep good employees in key positions — particularly in the areas of technology and maintenance — when they could find better pay in the private sector, the tweaks in salary structures and job descriptions were necessary.

The board also discussed the number of children home schooled in the county — 70 currently — and the impacts on the district as its enrollment declines which in turn impacts school budgets.

Deborah Crosby, supervisor for educational services, noted that home-school parents must submit annual evaluations soon and added that state lawmakers had made the rules and procedures for home-schooling a bit tougher in the past year.

She noted the superintendent and board had a bit more oversight for assuring state testing and achievement levels were met by home-schooled children.

But the point was a sore one for several board members, who noted the academic achievement track record of Gulf County Schools and the financial impact home-schooling has on the district.

At roughly \$3,000 per student in full-time equivalent state funding for public schools, those 70 students represent nearly \$250,000, Norton noted.

"Unless somebody has a real problem with public schools we need to be proactive about encouraging people to check us out and send their kids to our schools," Norton said.

Board member John Wright was blunter.

"If we keep on losing kids we are not going to have anymore Friday night high school football," Wright said. "Keep on losing and we won't have athletics or a lot of other things. This is hurting the whole system. I'm proud of what this school system does."

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Panhandle counties wary of BP funds use

Regional officials concerned about state tampering of millions of dollars

By TOM McLAUGHLIN
Daily News

OKALOOSA ISLAND — Representatives from eight Northwest Florida counties labeled “disproportionately affected” by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill declared Thursday their intention to keep as much control as possible over millions in RESTORE Act funds.

Regional officials agreed to work with Gov. Rick Scott’s office to establish parameters for deciding how to capture and spend two large pots of money available to the state under the act.

But they made it clear to the representatives of the Florida Association of Counties that Northwest Florida insists on playing a significant role in the decision-making process.

“A lot of work went into this to make sure these counties had input in this,” Okaloosa County Commissioner Chairman Don Amunds told a packed room at the Emerald Coast Convention Center.

“We need to play nice and get along, but we just don’t want to say, ‘okay, whatever you want to do is fine.’ We want to maintain an active role,” he said later.

Other county officials echoed Amunds’ sentiments.

“We need to work with the governor’s office,” Bay County Commissioner Guy Tunnell said. “But they need to know all of the brain trust does not lie within Capital Circle.”

The state will have the most say in spending two of the four pots of dollars heading to Florida after a

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Guy Tunnell
Bay County commissioner

fine is determined for parties responsible for the oil spill.

Those two pots each will hold 30 percent of the total RESTORE Act dollars after a BP fine is settled, and will be split among Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

The first pot will be divided into grants obtained through competitive bids, while the second will be allocated according to impact.

Florida will have far less say in how a third 35 percent of the funds are spent.

That money will go directly from Washington, D.C., to counties impacted by the oil spill. The eight “disproportionately affected” counties of Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Bay, Escambia, Franklin Gulf and Wakulla will get 75 percent of Florida’s share.

Still, state officials will have input on permitting issues and in other regulatory areas, according to Okaloosa County Administrator Jim Curry.

“We have to make sure there is no effort to try to mess with that part of the plan,” he said.

Northwest Florida representatives are justifiably wary of RESTORE Act funds flowing through state hands, Curry said.

They watched the vast majority of \$20 million in

BP money the state got for marketing purposes disappear at the height of the oil spill crisis, he said.

“There’s a real concern on the part of cities and counties about dollars being channeled through the state, and how much will make it here,” Curry said.

John Wayne Smith, the Florida Association of Counties’ governmental consultant, asked for and was given consent to meet with Scott’s representatives to begin negotiating “a partnership with the governor.”

The association, which thus far has coordinated the moves of Florida counties as they pertain to the RESTORE Act, was given authority to continue to do so.

“I was amazed at the amount of work the FAC group had put into this,” Bay County’s Tunnell said after the meeting.

County officials also decided Thursday to tweak the funding formula for the money coming directly to Northwest Florida to include the spill’s impact on regional fisheries.

Bay and Franklin officials said local fishing has suffered severely.

“The news media determined how far you were from the spill and the impact,” Bay County Commissioner Mike Thomas said.

County have been devastated,” added Franklin County Commissioner Joseph “Smokey” Parrish. “There’s no shrimp in the bay. Our crabs are down, our oysters are down. We haven’t had shrimp in two years.”

Gulf County Commissioner Bill Williams, president of the Florida Association of Counties, said costs to local fisheries can be calculated easily and added to factors used to determine

damage to each of the eight most affected counties.

The remaining 5 percent of the BP funds has been set aside for ecosystem restoration and research programs in each of the five Gulf Coast states.

Smith said if BP decides soon to settle with the U.S. government and “put this all behind them,” RESTORE Act funds could start flowing to the Gulf Coast within a year.

“But the seafood part to the east was important.”

“My fisheries in Franklin

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‘Oh yes, there is’

Just before midnight the other night, I started watching a movie that was recommended by a dear friend. Actually, it was recommended by her mother, who calls it her favorite movie. I had to see it. My son showed me how to watch it on the Internet. We stay up late in the summer.

The name of the movie is “The Trip to Bountiful.” The movie stars Geraldine Page as Mrs. Carrie

Watts. It’s 1947 and Carrie is obviously in the latter years of her life, stuck living in a two room apartment in Houston with her hen-pecked son and his shallow, obnoxious and controlling wife. That is a mouthful, but it’s true.

Carrie has one goal: to get out of that two room apartment in Houston and get back to Bountiful, Texas, where she grew up and has sweet memories of wonderful times in her life. She wants to remember her parents, feel the dirt on her hands and see the fields, trees and birds of her home place.

You need to see the movie. Although it was made in 1985 and based on a 1953 Horton Foote television play, it still carries a message that needs to be heard.

Horton Foote (1916-2009) also was the fellow who wrote the screenplays for “To Kill a Mockingbird” and “Tender Mercies.” He strikes me as a writer who understood people, specifically women. That is something that most of us (men) aren’t able to do.

Foote did a wonderful job of capturing a man and his mother who were trapped in the miserable present, with no possible escape but to travel back to the good memories of the past. As is the case many times, it was the journey back that was the most fun and meaningful.

On her eventual escape back to Bountiful, Carrie met a wonderful young girl on the bus, who you are sure to either fall in love with or want to be and a Sheriff, who softened up and drove her to Bountiful from the bus station before her son shows up to retrieve her. Carrie just had to get back to Bountiful, and she did.

Her son, “Ludie,” never wanted her to go; he didn’t even want her thinking about good memories. Late in the movie while they are in Bountiful, Ludie tells his mother, “Mama, I want to stop remembering. It doesn’t do any good remembering.”



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You want to pick up something and hit Ludie at this point in the movie. You shouldn’t talk to your mother that

way. Remembering does do us good when it’s about good things, sometimes it’s all we have. Nobody knows your whole story, other than God. I believe in God and think He helps us find and remember the good things.

As a matter of fact, I can’t separate the word “bountiful” and God. I’m not preaching, I’m just telling you what I think. There are points in the movie where you want to take a bottle of Coca-Cola, shake it, open it and spray it all over Carrie’s daughter-in-law, Jessie Mae. My preference would be to do it right after she had been to the beauty parlor. (My Mama was a Baptist Missionary, but my Daddy was a sailor.)

Doing the math, my friend’s mother, Sara, was 41 years old when the original television version came out in 1953 and 73 years old when the movie came out in 1985. That’s right; she will be 100 years old this week. I’m sure she remembers both very well because she’s still sharp as a tack when it comes to remembering things in the past.

I talked to her recently on the phone and although her hearing seems to be a problem, her memories of the past are very clear. She lives at a retirement home in Milton, Florida.

One hundred years old; that’s a big deal. To say Sara has lived and continues to live a “bountiful life,” would be a big understatement.

“Bountiful” means abundant, but it also means to give generously. Sara has given generously, being a school teacher for many years, helping people, loving people and remembering

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Keyboard KLATTERINGS

Public servants

With the arrival of early voting for the Aug. 14 primary this weekend the green flag is dropped on the election season.

We will still have months of campaigning on the federal, state and local level, so the depths of the slog to November is unknown, but to say this has been one of the nastier “preseasons” — federal, state, local — would be stating the obvious.

But the election season also begins the final go-round for two of the finer public servants it has been my pleasure to work with and know.

To my thinking, they, and many others encountered over the years in this business, define what the phrase “public servants” is and what it should represent.

First, let me preface this by saying that anybody willing to put name on ballot and face the voters, particularly those running for office county-wide, deserves respect.

Yes, from this corner it is a job requirement, once any candidate is elected, to hold feet to fire.

But to put oneself out there, to put the work in, to channel energies and resources in an effort to find favor with a majority of voters, that is an endeavor unto itself.

What you do with the office becomes a different matter and after November the voters in Gulf County no longer will be served — emphasis on served — by Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin or Property Appraiser Kesley Colbert.

The praise of Colbert does not come because his face and words are in black and white below this space.

Followers of his column have long separated the public servant from the madcap historian who seems capable of regaling on any number of subjects, hilariously and with heart — before breakfast.

For almost three decades Colbert has served as county property appraiser, not an easy position nor a citizen’s favorite. When land prices were always on the move ahead, life

wasn’t too bad, however.

But Colbert also presided over what might have been as difficult a period as a property appraiser — whose job is to essentially provide the value to be multiplied by taxing authorities — in Florida has experienced in some time.

First, came the shutdown of the paper mill and the very public legal war Colbert was forced into against with the Stone Container Company over the taxable value of that mill as it sat idle, nobody sure if the doors were ever going to open again.



TIM CROFT
Star news editor

That was a David vs. Goliath tussle, in many ways, for the livelihood, the future, of Gulf County.

Times were bleak, jobs were exiting and the government coffers were depleted — to the point that state lawmakers had to provide bridge financing to the school district — by a tax battle involving one of the largest, if not the largest, local tax revenue producers.

That legal fight would ultimately be decided in the county’s favor, after Colbert stood his ground.

And within a few years the real estate bubble inflated and then punctured. The system Colbert had to operate under, a system provided for decades by the Florida Legislature and Department of Revenue, became a foundation for controversy played out around the state.

Kinks in that system caused the debate about the value of land, the impact of property taxes — former Speaker Allen Bense once labeled ridding the state of the property tax system essential to growth — to become increasingly fiery and increasingly personal.

And while not all of those who walked into Colbert’s office left giddy, they were treated by a man who was a true gentlemen, in every positive connotation of the word, and one who tried, as best he could within the system he had to work with, to treat every property owner as fairly as possible.

There is a line in a Rudyard

Mother always said, ‘If you ...

Bobby King lived way out past Webb School where Walnut Street turned into a country road. It was a pretty good hike out there. We’d mostly

play all day at his house so as to make the long walk worthwhile. He had a giant front yard with this big tree guarding the driveway that provided endless possibilities for a handful of enterprising eleven

year olds. His mom would call a timeout in the middle of the afternoon and give us some leftover biscuits and sorghum molasses to refuel our bouncing metabolisms. Sometimes it was sugar cookies and milk. And on occasion, we’d divide up a couple of chicken legs, some wings or a neck.

We ate with great gusto. And thanked her mightily not out of a sense of propriety but because we truly appreciated the refueling. We didn’t inquire as to whether Mrs. King was a Methodist or Presbyterian. She wore her hair up sometimes but we figured it was to escape the heat on the back of her neck. We didn’t get into that Doxology stuff when we had a case of the hollow belly. We didn’t know if she went to Dr. Holmes or Dr. Edwards. We didn’t care if she voted democrat or republican, liked Ike or leaned more toward Estes Kefauver. It didn’t matter if she cooked with Crisco or

used pure hog lard. There is a time and a place for political statements, personal agendas and dissenting opinions. But listen closely here folks, Mrs. King’s front porch in the middle of a hot afternoon with a growling stomach ain’t it! Ricky Gene sometimes would complain under his breath about the thickness of the molasses or the

reheated nature of his free for nothing chicken wing. The rest of us would beat him pretty severely around his head and shoulders to quiet him down. We didn’t want nothing to mess up the good deal we had going out at the King house! Majority ruled amongst the 11 year olds in America in the summer of 1958.

I read with amazement the latest flap over Chick-fil-A. Listen, eat there or go somewhere else. But for goodness sakes, don’t hinder, muddle or interfere with my opportunity to eat there. With all the real problems we have in the world today, it seems rather foolish to pick on a single chicken house. I think the mayor of Boston has jumped on the bandwagon. How sad. I love Boston as the cradle of our independence, the home of Paul Revere, baked beans and the city that gave Babe Ruth his first shot at the big leagues. But aren’t they a little north of the



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

Mason-Dixon Line to be talking fried chicken.

You don’t reckon we offend the Chinese on the 29 days out of the month we don’t eat chop suey. I’ve heard of Montezuma’s revenge, but it is an equal opportunity malady. Are only down and out people welcome at Po Folks? Is it a personal insult to Mom and Pop if we drive by their “home cooking” sign without stopping? Why can’t the world just be thankful for the gazillion eating choices today?

When we went downtown in 1958 we could eat at the City Café or ... the City Café. That was it! But I never heard anyone complain. You didn’t have to order the hamburger every time. They had pickled pig feet in jars. The country fried steak was the best in the land. And if Dixie Faye was in the back you could get breakfast anytime. I reckon our glass was always half full.

We must have been as naive as all get out. It never crossed our minds to get up from our stool at the City Café and walk down the street and picket Mr. Robert Hall’s Western Auto because he didn’t give out free Wilson A1010 baseballs. Hall went to church with us. He was a real good friend of the family but it wasn’t any of our business what his favorite color was or how many pair of shoes he owned. He smiled all the time and laughed out loud a lot. But he wouldn’t give out free baseballs just for

walking in his store. It would seem rather counter productive to fault a guy for running his business the way he wanted to.

I think it was kinda understood amongst us 11 year olds that if you didn’t like the way Hall organized and operated the Western Auto then don’t go to criticizing the daylight out of him for his beliefs or working hard — simply start your own Western Auto across the street.

What is so complicated about that?

If we purchased a pack of baseball cards from Pat Houston’s Grocery and it contained two J. W. Porter’s and no Ted Williams or Mickey Mantle, we quickly ran down the street and tried our luck at the Log Cabin Store. If life is about choices then make your own, but don’t try to will yours over on mine. We can sometimes in this country get a one car funeral out of line.

It must be a slow news day when where you pick to eat becomes a national headline. Maybe someone will start telling us what television shows to watch next. Or what shirt to wear to school. And what doctor you must see. Or what church you can’t attend.

I can tell you how that kind of stuff would have “went over” on King’s front porch in 1958. But heck, we were just a bunch of 11 year olds.

Respectfully,
Kes

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Yeager must go

Dear Editor:
Gulf County District 5 Commissioner Warren J. Yeager should not be holding public office. He is employed by Preble-Rish Inc. full time, while Preble-Rish has had a continuing contract as the county engineer-of-record on numerous large projects within the County.

Florida Statute 112.313(7)(a) states, "NO public officer ... shall have or hold ANY employment ... with ANY business entity ... which is subject to the regulation of, or is doing business with the officer's agency, nor shall a public officer have or hold any employment that will create A CONTINUING OR FREQUENTLY RECURRING CONFLICT between his or her private interests and the performance of his or her public duties that would impede the full and faithful discharge of his or her public duties..."

A complaint to this effect is currently being investigated by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics. There are exceptions to this absolute language, but none appear to apply to Warren Yeager's actual situation.

Districts 2 and 4 decided, enough is enough in 2010 and voted out their long-time incumbents, Billy Traylor and Nathan Peters. District 5 needs to do the same in 2012. Yeager's abuse of travel costing the county (more than \$37,000); his refusal to support voting to fund any legal costs for county-wide voting, despite his stated support of county-wide voting; his prominence on the TDC board during enormous turmoil related to the documented, and fear of future, misspending of BP funds; and his vote to lend the Port Authority \$200,000 despite a failing mortgage (of \$4.5 million), and the Port Authority publicly admitting that they had no income, and no prospects for income any time soon. Whatever the rationale for votes and actions like this, doesn't have anything to do with the will of the majority of Gulf County who has made clear their own convictions on these matters time and again.

The list of outrageous failures of Yeager's oversight and leadership go on and on these are just some of them. Any citizens that have the gumption or outrage to question the commissioners publicly are treated to Gulf County's own version of tyrannical intimidation they are cut off from speaking arbitrarily, rudely isolated and insulted, and bullied with great condescension.

The arrogance of the BOCC, i.e., Bill Williams, Carmen McLemore and Warren Yeager in their public treatment of those who would question their judgment is beyond reasonable tolerance — if one is to "respect the office if not the man," then one thing is absolutely clear — these people do not represent us — and that those who say one thing and yet do completely the opposite must go, if we are to respect the office they hold, and if we are to respect ourselves.

Commissioner Warren Yeager clearly does not represent the citizens of Gulf County, District 5, or anything democratic. Yeager must go! Sooner would be better, and less expensive, for all concerned. His removal by the voters of District 5 would be a great relief to the majority, and would allow his potential successors to campaign exclusively on what would be good for Gulf County, rather than dwelling on what is wrong in Gulf County. Only then could we have a truly civic debate.

Tom Semmes
Wewahitchka

Clarification on port claims

Dear Editor:
As someone who had and continues to be strongly involved with the Port of Port St. Joe, I would like to make a clarification to an ad in the July 19 edition of The Star. The ad was placed by Citizens Improving Gulf County. In the ad regarding Commissioner Yeager, "Sat on the Port Authority Board and Voted to put our Port in \$4.3 million debt." To clarify, there are five voting members, which at that time four members,

Warren Yeager, Allen Cox, the late David Langston and Johnny Mize voted to borrow the \$4.3 million to purchase property along the canal. The fifth person was me; I abstained from voting because at that time, I was the banker/loan officer that provided the loan to the Port Authority. It would have been a conflict of interest for me to cast a vote. However, if I could have voted, I would have been in full support of the loan. The purchase of the property was necessary to enable the Port to have property to market for tenants and Port activity. Even though, at this time, the Port has not been successful in obtaining a tenant on that particular property, it has not been for lack of trying. The Port Commissioners, Port Director Tommy Pitts and the St. Joe Company are working endlessly to bring industry and jobs to our community; Eastern Shipbuilding is a great illustration of the efforts being put forth in the creation of jobs.

Also, for the Citizens Improving Gulf County, I don't exactly know who the controlling "Good Old Boys" are but what I do know, is that we have a lot of "Good People" in our communities and our county; people who have been here all their lives or most of their lives, raised their children here, been strong pillars of the community; giving their time and efforts to give back to the community. This county has been through many trials in the past several years, we have and continue to survive these trials because of who we are: caring, thoughtful considerate people. My thoughts are the "Good Old Boys" are the "Good Old People" of Gulf County ... that's not a bad thing.

Johanna White
Port St. Joe

Thanks to Yeager

Dear Editor:
Neither of us has ever publicly endorsed or written on behalf of a politician, however, we feel so strongly about Commissioner Warren Yeager and his accomplishments, that now is the time!

We have met and worked with many politicians in our lifetime, however, we have never met one with more passion and commitment to his constituents than Warren Yeager. Many of the issues Warren has tackled require responsiveness, diligence, perseverance and years of relationship building, in order to move these issues successfully toward completion. In a time when property values and county income have declined, Warren has been able to work with the Board to make Gulf County not only a better place to live, but a better place for one of our staple industries, tourism.

To this note, some of his accomplishments include developing Salinas Park Bayside which allows much needed bay access for both locals and tourists. The Park is a beautiful facility, including outdoor family pavilions and cookers, as well as recreation for people of all ages. This park is on the South end of the Bike Path, which due to Warren's perseverance with the Department of Transportation, now extends over ten miles from the St. Joe Peninsula State Park to Salina's Park. Other significant accomplishments include a new boat ramp with a floating dock at Depot Creek, improvements and repairs to Indian Pass Boat Ramp, repairs at both Cape Palms Park and to the sidewalks in Oak Grove.

Warren has improved safety through not only road projects, however, major support of Gulf County fire departments. Warren was instrumental in acquiring funds and providing support to build and equip a new Fire Station for the South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department, which has resulted in decreased insurance costs, and provided much improved response for residents and tourist in Gulf County. The upgrade of C30, in process, will increase the safety for all travelers on C30 between Cape San Blas Road and Money Bayou. In the future this will include C-30 between Cape San Blas Road all the way to Port St. Joe.

Gulf County's operations are heavily supported by the tax

base from the beaches of Gulf County. Critical to this is Warren's understanding of Federal CBRA legislation. In working with Congressman Southerland, legislation has been filed and will be heard in Congressional Committee this fall to remove Indian Pass and Cape San Blas from CBRA designation. This will allow FEMA to support Gulf County with much needed restoration from loss due to storms. Warren has also been working with FEMA, and developed relationships over the years, which will resolve any issues for replenishment of sand lost during past and future hurricanes.

Warren has worked closely with Congressman Southerland and others on the Restore Act, which has passed, and will bring tens of millions of dollars to Gulf County for economic and environmental projects. These projects will bring many jobs to Gulf County. In fact, due to Warren's efforts with Brian DeSernia of Eastern Shipbuilding, jobs are now available and applications are being accepted at the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce office.

We appreciate the fact that Warren's commitment to the County has driven him to bring together several local government agencies, which has saved our county a considerable amount of money, as well as resources, by the committees working together to reduce some duplication of both efforts and funding. Also, Warren's, work on state committees has brought Gulf County to the forefront, Statewide. Locally, Warren participates and supports many nonprofit community based organizations and important county organizations like the Workforce Board, PSJ Port Authority, Downtown Redevelopment Agency, Gulf Coast State College and Sacred Heart Hospital.

Thank you Warren for all you do. We appreciate your responsiveness to our issues, and, for always taking the high road.

Dewey Blaylock and Julia Cunningham
Port St. Joe

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the things that should be remembered — the good things.

In "The Trip to Bountiful," Carrie Watts tries to sneak off to Bountiful, Texas, every time her "government check" comes in. Her daughter-in-law, Jessie Mae is always there to intercept the check. You get the feeling that Jessie Mae just wants the money for drinking Coca-Colas at the drugstore, getting her hair done and going to the picture show. Remember, the movie is set in 1947, drinking Coca-Colas at the drugstore was a big deal.

And that Coca-Cola I'd like to spray on Jessie Mae? I want to let it sit in the car for a few hours on an August day in Houston, before I shake it up and turn it loose on her.

As you would expect, Carrie finally gets to Bountiful. However, it's not easy. When she first tries to purchase a train ticket to Bountiful, the man at the train station in Houston informs her,

"The train don't go there no more."

Carrie then moves on to the bus station, where the fellow at the ticket counter tells her, "There's no Bountiful." Carrie perks up and gets a sassy little girl grin on her face and informs the fellow at the ticket counter, "Oh yes, there is."

I'm sure Sara, at 100 years old, would say, "Oh yes, there is a Bountiful and I've been there."

So when folks try to tell you that there is no place you can go to remember or relive the good memories, tell them, "Oh yes, there is." No one can keep you from remembering the good, and reliving it. Honestly, you don't have to go back to Bountiful — going somewhere that you have fond memories of might help, but the place doesn't hold the memory.

You do.

As Carrie Watts, sits outside of her decrepit, old home place in Bountiful, she seems to go back in time. She and the Sheriff,

who has driven her there, sit outside the house talking about birds.

Carrie has a glow about her when she tells the Sheriff and herself, "I don't know of anything prettier, than a scissortail flyin'

through the sky!" The way she looks and says it, is just beautiful.

She seems to be painting pictures or memories in her head.

It might not be a bird, but there is a picture you

can paint in your mind that, "You don't know of anything prettier."

Paint that picture in your mind and revel in it. Nobody can stop you or tell you "the train don't go there no more."

In my case, I don't know of anything prettier than a sweet lady on her 100th birthday.

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about the processing and fishing businesses involved.

"It shows the fishing methods, who was involved, the type of boat it was caught on, and where it was caught," Wood said. "All those pieces can be put together."

An example marketing module from Wood's Fisheries even provides a link to Wood's favorite shrimp recipes like shrimp tandori, rock shrimp cooked like lobster and shrimp with orange barbecue sauce.

"In the short term I think it will help stem off some safety concerns. Why not provide the vehicle for everyone to see" the process? Wood said. "It's a fast, fluid medium to present any valuable information about the product."

After consumer confidence in Gulf seafood dwindled after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the GSMFC set out to restore that confidence by telling the story of how Gulf fish, oysters and shrimp make their way to Americans' plates.

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disaster environment," said GSMFC staff economist Alex Miller. "We're definitely trying to put the best type of system in place to restore that consumer confidence."

Funding for the program stems from federal disaster funds from Congress and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) received after the spill.

Miller and Wood agreed there are still some misperceptions about Gulf seafood. Wood vetted a concern from corporate representatives from the grocery chain Whole Foods earlier

this week.

Miller said a boost in consumer confidence potentially could lead to higher demand for the product and in turn a higher price.

"Definitely it can benefit the processor, the fishermen, the whole supply chain," Miller said. "It allows you to differentiate your product — and Gulf seafood is a unique product."

The program is largely geared toward seafood processors. Miller said of the about 200 processors in the Gulf Coast states, 36 have signed up thus far.

He cited Wood's Fisheries as one of the program's best participants. Wood's already uses a trace register database so the grocery chains they sell to can certify their product.

"The original idea wasn't really a consumer product, but that's what it turned into, which I think is great," said Reese Antley, the director of business development for Wood's Fisheries. "Now Gulf Trace is taking it a step further: The consumer wants to feel safe with what they're eating."

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Election Day voting on primary day will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET throughout the county.

Griffin urges every voter to have a voter and signature identification ready when you arrive to cast their ballot, whether during early voting or the Aug.

14 primary.

If a voter has moved since the last election it is also crucial that they contact Griffin's office at 229-6117 with the address change before you vote. It is a felony to vote in a precinct in which one does not reside.

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apartment, Butler shot Gant between the eyes and shut his sliding glass door, leaving Everett to bleed outside the door.

Butler called 911, finished cooking supper, sat down and began eating. Nugent arrived on the scene and contacted Butler by phone, at which time Butler told Nugent to come in, he

was eating dinner and had put up the gun.

Nugent said Butler acted as if inconvenienced when put under arrest, saying he could not understand the problem as "he had only shot a (racial slur)."

Butler was in the Gulf County Jail being held without bond after first appearance on Tuesday.

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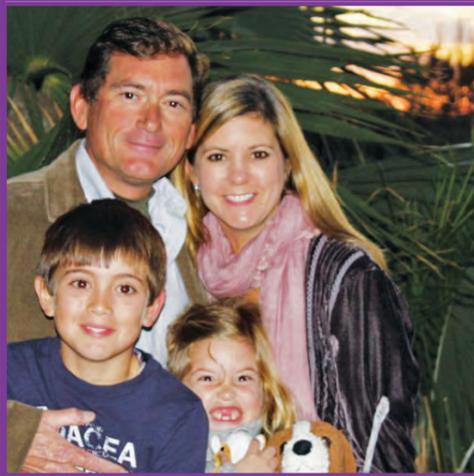


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BBB gives tips for sales tax holiday

Special to The Star

The Better Business Bureau of Northwest Florida is offering some suggestions for consumers during the upcoming sales tax holiday this weekend, Aug. 3-5.

Plan ahead. Set a realistic budget and stick to it. Make a list of the items you need to purchase to avoid buying on impulse.

Compare prices and shop carefully. Tax holiday "sales" and promotions may not always be the bargains they appear to be.

Talk to the retailer. Before making a purchase, ask the merchant how refunds and exchanges are handled after the sales tax



Myrtle Beach Mall general manager Joe Perl hangs signs to promote the upcoming sales tax holiday in South Carolina from Aug. 3-5. Florida and Georgia also will hold a sales tax holiday this weekend.

MORE INFO
For additional information and advice, visit bbb.org.

security escort to your car. Don't leave bags or packages within plain sight in your vehicle and always lock your doors.

Shop at retailers you know to be reliable. Always check with your BBB for a Business Review on the business. In June 2012 alone, your BBB of Northwest Florida provided more than 31,000 Business Reviews for consumers checking out a business' marketplace record, including length of time in business,

number of complaints and how they were resolved, licensing, bonding, insurance or registration that may be required for the business' industry, and whether any government action had been filed against the business. BBB of Northwest Florida also provided more than 17,000 lists of BBB Accredited Businesses in specific industries last month. BBB Accredited Businesses meet and contractually agree to abide by BBB's Standards for Trust.

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"It's really neat when you pull up on (the reef) and there's fish swimming over it," she said. "That's what we did in the spring; we looked for cobia."

After John's passing, those wishing to honor his memory were asked to donate to the John Thompson artificial reef fund in lieu of flowers.

"The donations just kept coming in," Thompson said. "The reef just kind of took on a life of its own. We far surpassed anything that we could have imagined."

More than 35 boats carrying an estimated 300 people rode out to Bell Shoals last spring to pay tribute to John Thompson. Thanks to the many donations from the community, the MBARA will add three additional modules to the John Thompson Memorial Reef during its next deployment.

"His legacy—he'll always be remembered for who he was and what he was," Thompson said. "The reef just gives us something tangible to go to in his memory."

Since 1997, the MBARA has deployed more than 1,000 reefs in the Gulf of Mexico, many of which are memorial reefs or named reefs honoring loved ones.

MBARA member Carol Cox said a memorial reef is considered a very ecological way to do a burial (in cases of cremation), and most reefs last for about 100 years.

"The plan is for them to last 100 years—it's just a great legacy to leave for your kids and grandkids down the road," Cox said. "It can be visited by four generations."

The MBARA provides the certificate of burial, photographs whenever possible and also a personalized tribute web page



Left: Bob and Carol Cox help construct a memorial reef to honor their grandparents, John and Darlene Cox. **Bottom left:** Bonita Thompson enters her husband's favorite ling jig into his memorial reef. **Bottom right:** A starfish finds a new home near a recently-deployed memorial reef.

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the MBARA," Carol Cox said. "That was one of her wishes for her and Grandpa to be joined together in an artificial reef."

When Darlene was 82, she went SCUBA diving for the first time, and also enjoyed scalloping and watching for dolphins in St. Joseph Bay with her family.

"Even when she got to the point when she couldn't get in the water, she stayed on the boat and kept an eye on everyone," Carol Cox said. "She'd help us clean the scallops sometimes and she'd always help us eat them. I think a lot of it was just a way to be with family."

John and Darlene were passionate travelers, and collected sea shells from their trips, which Darlene kept in a keepsake jar. The shells are now embedded in their memorial reef, with a white cross as the centerpiece, derived from scallop shells Darlene collected from the bay.

Bob and Carol were involved in every step of the memorial reef process from the making to the deployment.

"That was the most emotional part," Carol said. "Combining the ashes with Grandma and Grandpa together because they had been apart for so long."

through their website, MBARA.org.

"It's been more successful in recent years now that we have it nailed down as a more formal process," Cox said. "It's done dur-

ing our larger state grant deployments to make it cost-effective."

The memorial reef program is one Carol and her husband, Bob, are very passionate about. Bob's

grandparents, John and Darlene Cox, were joined together in a memorial reef that also deployed in late April.

It was Darlene's wishes that she and her late hus-

band be reunited under the Gulf waters; the couple was married 60 years before John passed away.

"(Darlene) just really loved the ocean and loved what Bob was doing with

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BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF WHERE THE CLERK HAS NOT PERFORMED THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS!

Example 1: The County's independent auditors reported expenses of the TDC were made without proper authorization or proper documentation. Your Clerk of the Court signed each and every check without performing the proper pre-audit of these expenses!

(As reported in the TDC audit dated January 31, 2012)

Example 2: The Gulf County TDC director was fired for misappropriation of funds, when the Clerk of Court signed the checks!

Who fired the Clerk?

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Example 3: Gulf County taxpayers paid for first-class air travel.

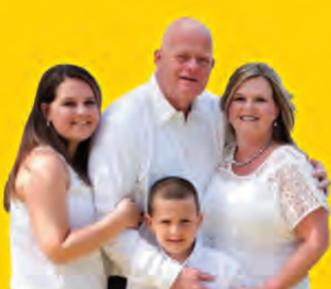
The Clerk of Court's job is to ensure that **ONLY** coach travel is paid for by the taxpayers of Gulf County.

Delta Flight 2706 from Reno, NV to Salt Lake City, UT on July 21, 2010 paid from county funds. Delta Flight 152 from Los Angeles, CA to Atlanta, GA on July 21, 2010 paid from county funds.

The Clerk **IS NOT** performing the duties of the office so critically needed by the taxpayers of Gulf County.

I am giving you the opportunity through my candidacy to hold the office of the clerk **ACCOUNTABLE!**

I have the education for the job which includes an accounting degree from Florida State University. I have been professionally licensed as a certified public accountant for 17 years. I have over 22 years of experience in government, corporate and private business.



Keith "Duke" Jones FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

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I welcome your input and will gladly meet with you or your group • Contact me at 229-1040, 340-0828, or e-mail keith@keithjonesforclerk.com

Paid for and approved by Keith Jones, Democrat, for Clerk of Court

GULF COUNTY SHERIFF ARREST LOG

The Gulf County Sheriff's Office will be conducting vehicle safety checkpoints and DUI checkpoints during the month of August 2012. The check points will be held throughout the county to include Highway 98 near St. Joe Beach, Highway 98 and Garrison Ave, C-30 Simmons Bayou, Highway 71 North of White City, Highway 22 and Highway 22A, Highway 71 and Westarm Creek, Highway 71 Dalkeith Area and Highway 71 near the Calhoun

On 07/17/2012 Solomon Fisher, Jr., 40, was arrested on a warrant for battery; it is alleged that he struck the victim during an argument concerning a pool game at a local bar.

On 07/17/2012 Terry L. Rhodes, 19, was arrested on warrants for reckless driving; it is alleged that several days prior he ran his ex-girlfriend off the road. He was also arrested on a warrant for violation of probation.

On 07/18/2012 deputies responded to a burglary

that had occurred at the Creekstop Grocery Store. An employee had found that the front door glass had been broken and there was a huge amount of blood on the ground. While the deputies were working the crime scene, the hospital called and said they had a patient who had a cut on his arm. Deputies made contact with Codie Ray Letchworth, 19, at Sacred Heart Hospital and he confessed to breaking into the store. He implicated Westley James Mayo, 18, as also being involved; both were arrested and charged with burglary.

On 07/12/2012 Melissa Marie Waters, 31, and Christina Anne Rhoades, 29, were arrested in court for failure to pay child support.

On 07/20/2012 Adrienne Nicole Jordan, 30, a visitor at Gulf Correctional, was arrested for introduction of contraband into a correctional facility.

On 07/14/2012 Curt Larson Johnson, 28, was ar-

rested on a warrant for battery on a person over the age of 65; charges were later dropped at the request of the victim.

On 07/20/2012 Cindel Johnson Alles, 56, was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license.

On 07/21/2012 deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in White City. The victim claimed her boyfriend head-butted her and threatened to shoot her and then kill himself. The victim fled and ran to a deputy's home. Deputies arrived on scene and attempted to make contact with James Kelly Newman, 51, for several minutes without success. Deputies were able to spray a chemical agent into the travel trailer which forced Newman to come outside; he was arrested for aggravated Battery and aggravated assault with a firearm.

On 07/21/2012 deputies tried to stop a truck driven by Abraham Peacock, 34, concerning an incident that had occurred in Calhoun

County. Peacock at first refused to stop but did so after a short chase; he was arrested for fleeing and attempting to elude.

On 07/08/2012 Justin Heath Pierce, 22, was arrested on a warrant for battery it is alleged that he hit a man several times in the face at an altercation that occurred on 07/08/2012.

On 07/23/2012 Tamica Thurman, 30, was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay child support.

On 07/24/2012 Jerry Dale Goodwin, Jr., 41, was arrested on a violation of probation warrant; the original charge was felony driving with a suspended license.

On 07/24/2012 deputies were called to a local bar concerning an unruly patron. Ramon Aguilar Alvarez, 41, was arrested for disorderly intoxication.

On 07/25/2012 Brandon King Williams, 30, was arrested for failing to register as a convicted felon.

On 07/26/2012 Jerry Lewis Gray, 48, was arrested on a warrant for stalking.

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Dear Friends,

Over the past several months I have tried real hard to get the message out about my candidacy for your property appraiser. I have tried to go door to door and have extremely enjoyed the visits and talks we have had. The weather has hindered me on some days and I know I have missed many of you when I visited and no one was at home.

I have tried to give you my qualifications and explain my experience so that you would understand that I do have the qualifications for the job. Also to provide you with the tools needed to make a good decision on voting for me as your property appraiser. I have tried to present my qualifications as a State Certified Real Estate General Appraiser, my Masters Degree in Business Administration, my years of service in other county appraiser's office, and my experience as a Special Magistrate hearing the cases between the property owner and the county appraiser. I hope that message has been received.

I have also given to you the thoughts of what I will do for you, which has included a continued support for lobbying for a five year average level of assessment to insure no more spiked property values, my strong since of helping others, and my strong desire to serve. As early voting draws near and the Election Day coming around the corner, I wish to thank you for listening, thank you for reading my ads, my literature, and thank you for your consideration.

My attempt to solicit your vote truly comes from the heart and a strong desire to serve you. I have tried so hard to help others in their real estate appraisal needs, real estate needs in general, and help others as a friend would. I hope to work hard for you and will try very hard to make you proud of your office and proud that you voted and supported my campaign for your property appraiser. Thank you once again and please remember to vote on August 14, 2012 or vote early starting on August 4, 2012.

Sincerely,
 Jamie Lester
 State Certified Real Estate General Appraiser Lic. #2783

Jamie Lester Jamie with father Bo John Jamie and sons Luke & Trey

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Jamie Lester, Republican, for Property Appraiser

It's Time...

Early voting begins in two days. On August 14, 2012 we will know the name of the next commissioner from District 5, and I want to be that representative. I welcome the opportunity to show you a better way to run county government – a government that truly reflects the interest of the people.

I am an individual who will speak up for the people, and I am passionate about working to improve Gulf County. Elected officials have been doing business in Gulf County their way for decades – a way that excludes them from being subject to the rules the rest of us must follow. I would never be party to any "backroom" deals, and if I became aware of any questionable or unethical situation involving board members, I would not hesitate to speak up. I also believe in full adherence to the Florida Sunshine Laws. Elect me and I will give you better Gulf County government. I still believe in "we the people" and together we can forge a new relationship between county government and its citizens. I ask for your vote – I would bring integrity, honesty and common sense to the Board.

Please stop by my booth at the Scallop Festival
Saturday, August 4, 2012.
I would enjoy discussing the issues.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS AUGUST 14, 2012

ELECT
Barbara Radcliff
 For County Commissioner
 District 5



Please contact me with questions or concerns.

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Paid by Barbara Radcliff, Republican, for County Commissioner District 5

MBARA kingfish tourney set

Star Staff Report

The Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association is set to have its 16th Annual MBARA Kingfish Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 25. This one-day tournament is the biggest fundraiser for this all volunteer organization which has raised over a million dollars and built over 200 new artificial reefs since 1997.

"We are so thankful for all of the support we have received from our members over the years who know how important artificial reefs are to our area for fishing and diving," said Ron Childs, tournament director. "It brings tourists to the area which means jobs and economic development for the local area."

"Just this spring we built over \$100,000 worth of new reefs -actually we try to build new reefs every year."

The tournament will host a Captains' Party on Friday night at Beacon Hill Veterans Memorial Park right outside of Mexico Beach which will include smoked sausage, drinks, door prizes, Miss Kingfish and more. This is a change from the past when the Captains' Party was at the El Governor Motel.

"The new location will be really nice with a view of the Gulf and plenty of parking and space for the thousand or so anglers who show up for this event," Childs said. "We will have some great door prizes provided by Bluewater Outriggers and Half Hitch Tackle in Port St. Joe."

The prize payout will be \$3,000 for the first place king, \$2,000 for the second place king and \$1,000 for the third place king.

A special payout of \$1,000 will go to the biggest

Wahoo and \$500 for the biggest Spanish mackerel. Second and third place Spanish will pay \$300 and \$200, respectively. The weigh-in will still be at the Mexico Beach Marina in Mexico Beach from 1-5 p.m. CT.

Entry fee is \$150 per boat, and the tournament fishing begins at 5 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. CST. The number of anglers on the boat is not limited. For complete details go to www.mbara.org and click on tournaments. You can pre-register online at the same website or go to Bluewater Outriggers and Half Hitch Tackle in Port St. Joe or Mexico Beach Marina in Mexico Beach.

The weekend will conclude with a huge party on Saturday night at Toucan's Restaurant and Bar in Mexico Beach for everyone in the tournament.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Last year's winners Larry Lemieux and Russell Stewart with Miss Kingfish.

Our nation's symbol soars in Florida

Special to The Star

The bald eagle population is increasing in Florida, which continues to be one of the top spots in the lower 48 states for bald eagles to nest and raise their young.

Based on its 2011 aerial survey, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) estimates there are 1,457 active bald eagle nests in Florida, nearly a 9-percent increase since 2008, when the state implemented a bald eagle management plan. Long-term success with bald eagles in Florida is reflected in the species' recovery from just 88 active nests in 1973.

Today at the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland, leaders from the FWC and Audubon Florida highlighted the bald eagle's recovery and the ongoing challenge of conserving these large raptors. They said celebrating the bald eagle's resurgence in Florida was a great way to kick off the nation's 236th anniversary of declaring independence.

"Bald eagles have made a remarkable recovery in Florida. The FWC and Audubon are working together to protect bald eagles in Florida, so these majestic raptors will continue to soar as a symbol of national pride and conservation success," said FWC Chairman Kenneth Wright.

For 20 years, Audubon Florida has recruited citizen-scientists to monitor eagles and their nests through its EagleWatch program, active in more than 40 counties. By monitoring more than 20 percent of the state's nesting pairs, these volunteers make a significant difference in conserving the species.

"Audubon is proud to have played a role in the bald eagle's amazing success story in Florida," said Eric Draper, executive director for Audubon Florida. "Our dedicated staff and



EagleWatch volunteers, along with our state agency partners, have helped to identify potential threats to these magnificent birds and their nest sites, but our work is far from done. Together, we are leading the nation in the protection of this important and iconic species."

Working with ranchers and other landowners to protect bald eagle habitat is another priority for Audubon, with its involvement going back 50 years to the start of the Cooperative Kissimmee Eagle Sanctuary Program.

Florida's greatest concentrations of bald eagle nesting territories are clustered around coastal and freshwater areas such as the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes. In 2011, Osceola and Polk counties ranked first

and second, respectively, for highest number of documented bald eagle nests.

Floridians and visitors are encouraged to get outdoors throughout the year to enjoy the state's many parks and public lands and watch bald eagles soar. You can find a Bald Eagle Nest Locator at MyFWC.com/Eagle.

Bald eagles almost disappeared from the lower 48 states by the mid-20th century, with an estimated 417 pairs in the United States in 1963. The use of the now-banned pesticide DDT was causing eggshells to weaken and break under the weight of adults incubating eggs.

Today, a healthy and stable eagle population in Florida will depend on continued availability of appropriate nesting and foraging habitats, as well as protection from disturbance during the nesting season.

While the bald eagle is no longer listed as an endangered or threatened species, it is federally protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and by state rule (F.A.C. 68A-16.002).

It is illegal to feed, disturb, take or possess a bald eagle, its feathers,

nest or eggs.

The public can help conserve bald eagles in Florida by following state guidelines for activities near eagle nests, and by reporting new eagle nest locations to BaldEagle@MyFWC.com.

The goal of the FWC bald eagle management plan, developed with public input, is to maintain a stable or increasing bald eagle population throughout Florida. The FWC provides guidelines for avoiding disturbance to nesting eagles, and a permitting framework for activities that cannot adhere to the guidelines.

Audubon's Center for Birds of Prey contributes to eagle conservation through its specialized clinical care and EagleWatch program. The Center recently celebrated the 450th rehabilitated bald eagle released back into the wild since 1979.

For more on bald eagles, go to MyFWC.com/Eagle. For information on Audubon's EagleWatch and Center for Birds of Prey, visit fl.audubon.org/audubon-center-birds-prey. For information on volunteering to monitor eagles through EagleWatch contact eaglewatch@audubon.org.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, August 2	86°	76°	50 %
Fri, August 3	86°	76°	30 %
Sat, August 4	86°	75°	30 %
Sun, August 5	85°	76°	40 %
Mon, August 6	85°	76°	60 %
Tues, August 7	85°	75°	60 %
Wed, August 8	86°	76°	20 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
2	Mo	8:57am 2.1		7:35pm -0.6	
3	Tu	9:50am 2.1		8:24pm -0.6	
4	We	10:39am 2.0		9:03pm -0.4	
5	Th	11:24am 1.9		9:30pm -0.2	
6	Fr	12:03pm 1.6		9:41pm 0.0	
7	Sa	12:34pm 1.3		9:29pm 0.3	
8	Su	12:44pm 1.0		8:50pm 0.4	
9	Mo	5:35am 1.0		7:32pm 0.6	
10	Tu	5:03am 1.1		4:39pm 0.4	
11	We	5:10am 1.3		3:55pm 0.2	
12	Th	5:34am 1.4		4:22pm 0.1	
13	Fr	6:10am 1.6		5:01pm 0.0	
14	Sa	6:53am 1.7		5:44pm -0.1	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
2	Mo	5:38am 1.3	12:6pm 1.6	8:19am 1.4	10:24pm -0.4
3	Tu	6:08am 1.3	2:24pm 1.6	9:21am 1.4	11:08pm -0.4
4	We	6:34am 1.3	3:21pm 1.6	10:16am 1.3	11:49pm -0.3
5	Th	6:57am 1.3	4:16pm 1.6	11:08am 1.2	
6	Fr	7:17am 1.2	5:11pm 1.5	12:24am -0.1	12:01pm 1.0
7	Sa	7:35am 1.3	6:08pm 1.3	12:56am 0.0	12:57pm 0.9
8	Su	7:54am 1.3	7:10pm 1.2	1:23am 0.2	1:58pm 0.8
9	Mo	8:15am 1.3	8:22pm 1.0	1:48am 0.4	3:04pm 0.6
10	Tu	8:40am 1.4	9:54pm 1.0	2:11am 0.6	4:16pm 0.5
11	We	9:08am 1.5	11:58pm 1.0	2:34am 0.8	5:28pm 0.4
12	Th	9:42am 1.5		2:58am 1.0	6:35pm 0.2
13	Fr	10:23am 1.5		7:33pm 0.1	
14	Sa	11:09am 1.5		8:25pm 0.0	

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• Good reports are coming in from Howard creek this week of nice sized bream and good number of catfish, that is of course if you can find a break in the constant afternoon storms. Lake Wimico and the Brothers are reporting on good bass catches on spinnerbaits and crankbaits this week as well.

Inshore | Offshore

• Inshore trout catches are still the hot topic for bay fishing this week. Good catches have been reported from the Pig Island and Towns beach area. Live shrimp or D.O.A. shrimp have made the most impact. Offshore action will improve this week as Amber Jack season will open again, making the long trip offshore a little more enticing.

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Summer fun on the hardcourt

By **TIM CROFT**
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Summer went quick in the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High basketball program.

Beginning shortly after school let out in May and continuing through this past weekend in Tallahassee, varsity, junior varsity and those hoping someday to be varsity and junior varsity, spent much of the summer brushing up on skills and hitting the weight room.

"You develop a team during the preseason and season," said Tiger Shark coach Derek Kurnitsky. "You develop better players in the summer. That is when you can make them understand the value of the weight room and they can work on their skills."

"This was one of the best summers we've had. Not because of any wins or losses because they don't matter in the summer. It was one of the best summers for how hard they worked in the weight room and on their game. The more we practiced, the more they got in the weight room before practice."

The work is essential for a team that remains, after a down season last year, painfully young. As with last year, there is one senior in the varsity rotation, Ramello Zaccarro. Kurnitsky noted he only has a few juniors.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Port St. Joe Junior High summer team was undefeated before completing its summer work by finishing second at the Big Bend Showdown in Tallahassee. Pictured back row, from left, are Ethan Sander, Trey Sanders, T.J. Williams, Aaron Paul and Tyson Davis. Front row are Kyron Batson (all-tournament team), Drew Jones, Jasmine Thomas, Jarrett Browning and Jimmy Cummings.

And lacking any huge size, this remains a program that must emphasize speed, pressure defense and running the full 94-feet to be successful.

"We are very young and while we have a bit of size, we don't have a lot," Kurnitsky said. "But there is chemistry with this group of kids that you can not teach."

The varsity took the stage early in the summer, spending

much of June playing summer league ball at spots such as Liberty County, Blountstown and Marianna. The varsity, Kurnitsky said, played about 25 games.

The varsity team also traveled to the Florida State University Camp in Tallahassee.

"We struggled a little bit early in the summer with the varsity, but by the end of the summer the team was playing better," Kurnitsky said.

"I think we've played pretty well. We are talented, but we are still young."

The junior varsity played just under 20 games and was undefeated in summer ball until this past weekend when they placed second in the Big Bend Showdown in Tallahassee.

The junior varsity participated in a team camp at Auburn University, finishing

the camp unbeaten.

"We have some really good shooters coming up," Kurnitsky said. "The junior high was undefeated all summer until last weekend, and they really played well this summer."

The "Future Ballers," those youngsters not yet of junior high age, played about eight games this summer and, as the feeder program for the junior/senior high, looked promising, Kurnitsky said.

"We've been going since school let out and have probably played more than 50 games," Kurnitsky said. "In all we probably had 35-40 kids participate, which is great for the summer. I was really pleased."

Now, it is time for a break before practices and the season pick up later this year.

"They've seen enough and heard enough of me, and I've seen enough of them," Kurnitsky said. "They need a break from me. But the good thing is most of the guys play football so I know they are going to get the work in the weight room, the discipline, the competition they need."

"That is one of the great things about coaching at a school like Port St. Joe: that consistency. I think it all got energized when the girls went to state in softball (in the spring). I think that kind of thing ripples across the school and athletics."

Sports BRIEFS

From staff reports

Port St. Joe/Franklin County youth soccer registration

Port St. Joe Youth Soccer registration for the fall soccer season will be from 5-7 p.m. ET Aug. 17 and 24 and from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 18 and 25 at the STAC House.

The STAC House is on Eighth Street in Port St. Joe. Boys and girls ages 4 to 14 (or eighth grade) are invited to play soccer. Players must be at least 4 years old before Aug. 1 in order to play. Bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the registration. No experience is necessary. Registration fee is \$60 per player; sponsor fee is \$300 per team.

Coaches, referees and sponsors are needed. Sign up at the time of registration.

Port St. Joe volleyball news

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School volleyball team completed conditioning July 26 and attended a team camp July 26-28 at Florida State University. The Lady Tiger Sharks had a great time and learned some valuable skills from the Lady Seminoles. FSU was a member of the NCAA Volleyball Final Four in 2011.

Official practice begins at 3:30 p.m. ET Monday in the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School gymnasium. Practice will end at 6 p.m. All girls in grades 7-12 interested in playing volleyball should attend practice.

Players must have a valid, up-to-date physical to participate.

Varsity try-outs will be Aug. 14-15.

The team is looking forward to an exciting season. Check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tigersharkvolleyball.

Football SCHEDULES

Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School

VARSITY		
Aug. 24	at Cottondale (Kickoff Classic)	8 p.m. ET
Aug. 31	Wewahitchka	8 p.m. ET
Sept. 7	at Bozeman	8 p.m. ET
Sept. 14	open	
Sept. 21	Blountstown	8 p.m. ET
Sept. 28	Holmes County	7:30 p.m. ET
Oct. 5	at Franklin County	7:30 p.m. ET
Oct. 12	Rocky Bayou (Homecoming)	7:30 p.m. ET
Oct. 19	FAMU	7:30 p.m. ET
Oct. 26	at West Gadsden	7:30 p.m. ET
Nov. 2	at Liberty County	7:30 p.m. ET
Nov. 9	at Sneads	8 p.m. ET

JUNIOR VARSITY		
Sept. 6	Franklin County	7 p.m. ET
Sept. 13	at Wewahitchka	7 p.m. ET
Sept. 18	at Shanks Middle	6 p.m. ET
Sept. 27	Bozeman	7 p.m. ET
Oct. 4	Wewahitchka	7 p.m. ET
Oct. 11	open	
Oct. 18	at Franklin County	7 p.m. ET

Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School

VARSITY		
Aug. 23	Blountstown at home	7 p.m. CT
	Kickoff Classic	
Aug. 31	at Port St. Joe	7 p.m. CT
Sept. 7	at Vernon	7 p.m. CT
Sept. 14	R. F. Munroe	7 p.m. CT
Sept. 21	Cottondale	7 p.m. CT
Sept. 28	at Franklin County	7 p.m. CT
Oct. 5	Graceville	7 p.m. CT
Oct. 12	Tallahassee John Paul II (Homecoming)	7 p.m. CT
Oct. 19	at Sneads	7 p.m. CT
Oct. 26	at Bozeman	7 p.m. CT
Nov. 2	open	
Nov. 9	West Gadsden	7 p.m. CT

JUNIOR VARSITY		
Aug. 30	Franklin County	6 p.m. CT
Sept. 6	at Liberty County	6 p.m. CT
Sept. 13	Port St. Joe	6 p.m. CT
Sept. 20	Sneads	6 p.m. CT
Sept. 27	at Franklin County	6 p.m. CT
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challenge last year's 5,000-6,000 attendees.

"Our (website) statistics were crazy over the past week," said Michelle Perrin, interim assistant director at the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring and organizing the event. "The interest has been great. It is something I really like to see."

The festival will include a bit of something for those young at heart, regardless of age, with a kids zone offering a host of games for the wee ones and a Classic Car Show on Saturday which should draw interest for generations of car enthusiasts.

"We probably have at least 70 vendors," Perrin said. "I am very happy with that. And everything will be going on both days."

Entry each day is free for children ages 6 and younger and those currently active in the military and presenting a current military identification.

General admission is \$5 per person on Friday and \$5 per person on Saturday until the music starts cranking at 4 p.m. ET, when general admission will be \$10.

Friday starts with local businesses and an all-day merchant sidewalk sale where local artists and ven-

dors will showcase their best work around the Port St. Joe business district.

The gates, located on either end of Miss Zola's Drive near the Gulf County Welcome Center and adjacent to George Core Park, open at 5 p.m. ET on Friday.

Reed Waddle will take the stage, built and donated several years ago by Big Fish Construction, from 6-8 p.m. and will be followed by The Kevin Jacobs Band at 9 p.m. The Kevin Jacobs Band will wrap up the night at 11 p.m.

While the bands play, the kids' zone and food, arts and crafts and service vendors will be open to provide an

array of delicacies and, of course, all things scallops.

A Classic Car Show will be held across Miss Zola's drive from George Core Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET.

The car show, organized by Dana Boyer, will offer three \$100 cash prizes and plaques will be awarded to the winners in the following categories: pre-war antiques (up to 1945), post-war classics (1945-1970), muscle cars (1970's), classics (1970's), modern (after 1980), People's Choice, Mystery Judge's Award and modified (other than production engine or body).

Dash plaques will be presented to the first 50 en-

tries and participants in the car show will be eligible for raffle prizes and car owners will receive two tickets to the festival.

"I'm hoping for a good turnout," Boyer said. "We had 35 last year and we have done everything we know what to do over the past three years to make this an annual event. We are hoping it builds on itself and we have even more entries this year."

On Saturday, gates to the festival are open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. with the full complement of vendors and a lineup of music takes the stage beginning at 5 p.m. ET.

Of special note, beyond the typical fried scallops on sale, Provisions, Gourmet by the Bay and the culinary school at Gulf Coast State

College will be offering scallops in a bit fancier way. Each has prepared a scallop dish special for the festival.

"They will have something to offer that will be a little bit different," Perrin said.

The music cranks up with 19 South at 5 p.m. ET followed by Hits & Grins at 6:30 p.m.

At 9 p.m., Aaron Tippin, performer of hits such as "Kiss This", "You've Got To Stand For Something", "There Ain't Nothin' Wrong With The Radio" and will perform as the featured artist of this year's festival.

For more information about the Florida Scallop and Music Festival, including scallop recipes, full schedule and map of events, check out the special section inside this newspaper.

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Local completes command tour with Navy SEALs

Special to The Star

CORONADO, Calif. (NNS)

– The son of a local Port St. Joe family recently completed his command tour with the Naval Special Warfare Group ONE's Logistics Support Unit (LOGSU-1) at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, July 26.

Although he has lived literally all over the world, outgoing Cmdr. John D. Cassani, considers Port St. Joe to be his "hometown."

The son of a Navy captain, Cassani was born in Fort Ord, Calif., but spent much of his youth at

various Navy duty stations before his father retired in Port St. Joe.

Cassani earned his bachelor of science degree in marketing from the University of West Florida and was commissioned through Aviation Officer Candidate School in March 1991. In September 1992, he transferred to the Supply Corps and completed the basic qualification course in May 1993. He earned his master's degree in acquisition and procurement from Webster University and completed the U.S. Army's Command

and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 2001.

He is married to the former Vicky Gudenburr, of Lake Orion, Mich., and they have four boys, Cameron, Kyle, Connor and Kaden.

During his change-of-command speech, Cassani expressed his gratitude to the individuals of LOGSU-1 for making his tour as commanding officer a successful one.

"Most importantly, I want to thank the best crew in the Navy. Kenny



CMDR. JOHN D. CASSANI

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Sacred Heart to assist with healthcare

"Mission in Motion" will be in area Friday and Saturday to help enroll children

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe, Fla. – The Sacred Heart Health System's "Mission in Motion" 40-foot bus will provide a variety of free health screenings in August at locations in Gulf and Franklin counties. The Mission in Motion team will also assist parents and guardians in understanding the health insurance options for their children through the Florida KidCare program. Eligibility determination & assistance with enrollment will be available. Currently, Florida ranks third in the U.S. for the number of uninsured children, with more than 500,000 without coverage.

Mission in Motion will be visiting the Sacred Heart Medical offices of pediatrician, Dr. Robert Head in Apalachicola from 9 a.m. to 12 noon ET on Aug. 3. In addition to Florida KidCare information, Mission in Motion will provide pediatric hearing and vision screenings.

On Aug. 4, Mission in Motion will be found at the entrances to the Scallop Festival in Port St. Joe from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET. Adults can participate in non-fasting screenings for total cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure.

For further information regarding Florida's KidsCare please call 850-416-5060 or email InsureKidsNow@shhpens.org.

Offering blue skies to young ones battling cancer

By TIM CROFT

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For 25 years, Melinda Mayton, a nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Pediatric Hospital, has watched the ravages of cancer.

She has been at bedsides to treat the children, watched as families bowed under the weight of a cancer diagnosis and seen the impact such a diagnosis can have on everything from sibling dynamics to household wealth.

For more than two decades, Mayton has observed up close the progress being made in cancer treatment, the advances for treating a variety of cancers.

Some things, however, painfully remain the

same.

"The heartbreaking part, that has not changed," Mayton said last week as Blue Skies Ministries, an Atlanta-based non-profit Mayton founded several years ago to provide a respite from the regimen of cancer treatment, enjoyed another retreat in Port St. Joe.

"Everything really changes with a cancer diagnosis. Emotionally, family-wise, the family is still broken. But what if for one week you could get away from what is pulling you down? What if you could do that with 11 other families who understand, who get it, who know what you are going through? There is a connection there."

Mayton thought of her own childhood in a large family of six

girls, enjoying summer vacations going to the beach.

She put the two together, the passion to provide some relief for families with young ones stricken by cancer and a love of the beach, and the result, in part, was Blue Skies Ministries, a faith-based organization that Mayton emphasizes is secular in purpose.

"We don't care what faith the families are because cancer does not discriminate," Mayton said. "And we don't push our faith, we walk it out." That "walking it out" may be something as simple as making beds for a family in the morning, lending an ear to bend, or it may manifest itself in daily chapel.

What separates Blue Skies Ministries, said Patti Friend, a volunteer from Westridge Church in Hiram, Ga., is that the focus is on the entire family unit, providing outlets for sisters and brothers often shunted to the sideline when a sibling has cancer and for parents whose marriages are tested by illness, fear and often staggering costs.

"That's what I like about this ministry, it focuses on the whole family," Friend said during last week's retreat windup, a "Community Celebration" in honor of the folks in Port St. Joe who have offered so much to the group over the past several years.

"As a volunteer, you get to unplug from your life



Top: The young cancer patients served by Blue Skies created a banner of thanks to the Port St. Joe community. Bottom: One youngster passionately embraced the red, white and blue theme, from flags to hair.

for a week and plug into somebody else. You forget about all your troubles. These are just kids. They just don't feel good maybe that day. (Blue Skies Ministries) have given back to several families at our church, so we give back. We've had a blast. We love the area."

Each weeklong retreat, and last week's was the third this summer, is structured in a loosey-goosey fashion. There are scheduled activities – last week's included guitar classes, a soccer clinic and something called the Biscuit game, which is a fave – and also time for the pool or beach or reading or whatever strikes the fancy of the families.

And each family is paired with a volunteer

family. The volunteers not only offer monetary donations to Blue Skies but become something of hospitality hosts for the families they are paired with.

"Everybody gets a lot of focus and TLC," Mayton said.

Tarpley Herlihy is a 10-year-old from Atlanta. Her mother's friend had a daughter who passed away from cancer at age 7. Herlihy and her family became volunteers for Blue Skies.

"We make up the beds in the morning, and we put things on their pillows at night to remind them of the next day's activities," Herlihy said. "Like for today's celebration, we put a red, white and blue

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10-year-old Tarpley Herlihy and her family serve as volunteers to assist families on retreat with Blue Skies Ministries.



Gulf County Sheriff's Office investigating grow field, burglaries

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Sheriff's Office is investigating the discovery of grow fields in the north end of the county and a series of vehicle burglaries on the south end of the county.

On July 25, investigators and the Bay County Sheriff Office personnel conducted aerial surveillance of areas suspected of growing marijuana.

An area located northwest of West Drive in

Dalkeith yielded nine marijuana plants approximately four to five feet tall.

Two plants were located behind a residence on Hoover Drive north of Wehatchka. This discovery led to six additional grows areas in wooded areas north and south of Hoover Drive. Each of these areas yielded between two to nine plants each.

A total of 38 plants were located and removed. Several suspects have been developed, and the inves-

tigation continues

The GCSO is also investigating a series of vehicle burglaries in the Cape San Blas area that have occurred over the last month. Each report received was a burglary of an unlocked vehicle.

Sheriff Joe Nugent encourages folks to lock your vehicle and remove any items of value.

If you observe a suspicious person or vehicle please contact the sheriff's office at 850-227-1115.

While a good description is important, please do not put yourself in any danger. If you have information regarding any of the burglaries in the Cape San Blas, Money Bayou and Indian Pass areas, please contact the sheriff's office or call Crime Stoppers at 850-785-8477. The Sheriff's Office is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for these burglaries.



The Summer Garden Roundup

During the summer, most of us are between gardens that is, we have just about finished harvesting all the vegetables from our spring gardening efforts, and preparations for the fall vegetables garden haven't begun yet. Summer is a good time to inventory your gardening project. Take a careful look at the problems you had, and the rewards you enjoyed from your spring garden. Keeping track of the things that went wrong, as well as things that went right, will help you have a more



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

successful garden this fall. First of all, if you still have vegetables in your garden, you should begin a weekly spray program. We're into the rainy season now, which means hot, wet days, and warm, humid nights, the right conditions for insect and disease pests to flourish. Tomato or corn fruit worms can be extremely destructive. Even those pests which haven't been over whelming thus far, such as aphids, cabbage worms, squash borers, and corn budworms, are expected to

become severe during the rainy season. So protect your garden vegetables with a good spray program. Be on the lookout for the spread of plant diseases. Diseased plants should be pulled out and disposed of as soon as possible. Plants remaining in the garden should be sprayed weekly with a good fungicide. If you've noticed the mosaic virus in your vegetable garden, and wondered if it could spread to your fruit trees. Our Fruit Specialist says that there's little chance of that happening. Mosaic virus is quite specific to its host plant, and will usually attack just those plants in close proximity in the

garden. However, you should keep your garden as free of weeds as possible. Weeds can host the mosaic virus. Summer is a good time to evaluate the seed varieties you selected for the spring garden. Ask yourself such questions as: did the variety produce a strong vigorous plant? What about the quality of the vegetables itself? How about disease resistance? Try to make notes of the varieties which did well and those that didn't, so you'll have some idea of the one's you'll want to include in the fall vegetables garden. Summer is also a good time to observe the beneficial effects of

mulching. If you mulch your spring garden, you'll notice that you have very few weeds, whereas our neighbor's unmulched garden might be overrun with a difficult weed problem. Nematode injury is also much milder on mulched vegetables. While nematodes will attack mulched vegetables, their effects are not as severe, because of the healthier root zone of the mulched plants. The most striking observation you'll make about mulching is the way it controls soil moisture. Vegetable grown on unmulched hot, sandy soils will droop and wilt, while those grown in

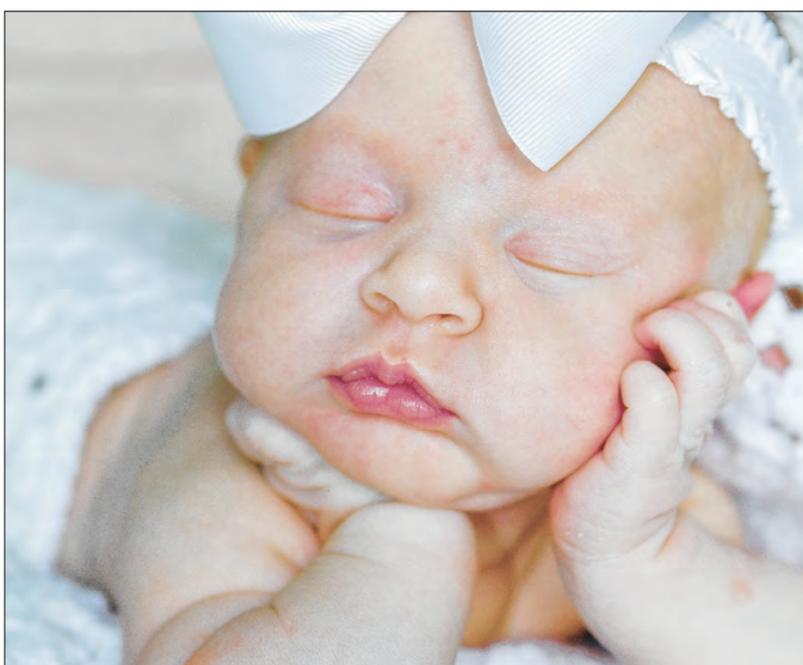
mulched gardens will stand tall. I've seen all kinds of things used for mulching, including the traditional oak leaves, pine straw, hay and wood shavings in some cases plastic materials. I have seen used old tires used in gardens to support tomato and pepper plants. Two or three plants were planted in each tire in a position where the fruit could rest on the tire rather than on the ground, reducing the possibilities of fruit rot. For more information on summer garden roundup, contact the Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200, 229-2909 or visit our website: gulf.ifas.ufl.edu.

Senior citizens needs your help

Star Staff Report
Gulf County Senior Citizens, at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, is asking for donations of non-perishable foods for our low-income seniors such as juice, canned tuna and chicken, soup or vegetables. Small inexpensive bingo prizes are always needed for our clients that love to play bingo several times a week.

We provide a hot nutritious noon meal Monday through Friday to seniors 60 and over. Transportation may be available to our meal sites. Anyone interested in coming to our sites in Port St. Joe or Wewahitchka for meals and activities or who would like to donate any of the items listed above may call Debbie at 229-8466.

Brynleigh Jade Watson is born



Bryan and Shanna Watson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brynleigh Jade Watson, born June 6, at 4:47 p.m. She was 7 pounds, 0.6 ounces, and 20 inches long. Brynleigh's grandparents are Phil and Catherine Collier and Bobby and Towan Kopinsky of Port St. Joe, and Craig and Sandra Watson of Blountstown. Great-grandparents are Larry and Jean Peters of Port St. Joe, Carlton and Marilyn Van Lierop of Blountstown, John and Wandis Scott of Marianna, Jimmy and Yvonne Watson of Bristol, the late B.A. Collier and the late Cecil and Mary Alice Lyons all of Port St. Joe.

Southerland meet and greet

Star Staff Report
A meet and greet in Gulf County honoring U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland (Florida, District 2) will be held 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET

on Monday, Aug. 6 at the Indian Pass Raw Bar, at 8391 Indian Pass Road in Port St. Joe. The public is encouraged to attend and meet Rep. Southerland.

Learn about eBooks

Star Staff Report
A class on eBooks will be held at the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Gulf County Library 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28 in the library's meeting room. The class will

teach participants how to download free eBooks to your Kindle, Nook, iPad or other device. Class size for this free class is limited so registration is urged. Call 229-8879 to register and reserve your seat.

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Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations. Remember to ask about our sponsored pets with reduced fees and our Pets for Patriots.

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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Kyle Perry looks on while Tyler Stark, Jonathan Cain, and Trenton Pynes check out some of the new technology that will be waiting for them on the first day of school.



GCSC receives \$500,000 grant

First-year Success Leads to Second-year Funding

PANAMA CITY, FL – Gulf Coast State College has been awarded continued funding for the Teacher Quality Grant project begun this summer in partnership with the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC). Following a successful first year, the \$500,000 grant will fund the second year of the three-year Biology Partnership Project.

Twenty-eight science teachers from around the Panhandle participated in the project at GCSC in June. With classroom instruction, lab activities, field studies, mentoring and lesson plan writing, the project is designed to equip the teachers with everything they need for the classroom over three years.

The grant was written by Dr. Susan Butler, GCSC Social Sciences Division Chair, and administered by Dr. Linda Fitzhugh, Natural Sciences Professor at GCSC. With a focus on beyond-the-book inquiry learning, the unique project brought the teacher-students together with master teachers and colleagues and provided

them with the tools to carry out in their classrooms everything they learned.

“We’re proud of the fabulous job our faculty and staff have done to benefit these teachers and, ultimately, all the students they’ll have in their classrooms. It’s a truly worthwhile project and we’re happy to continue it another year,” said Gulf Coast President Dr. Jim Kerley.

PAEC will again be involved.

“We’ve been working with education entities for more than 40 years in northwest Florida, and we promote any kind of teacher/administrator preparation and Department of Education initiatives.” PAEC grant writer and curriculum consultant Dawn Ramirez said. “With this kind of focused training, we show them what to do, then give them the tools to do it with. It’s one thing to teach it, but we make sure they leave here with what they need so their students learn too.”

Each teacher received a classroom kit worth about \$3,000 and a jump drive loaded with all the course material they would need—no downloading or link-chasing required.

Ready and Willing

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On July 17, several students from Mr. Brown’s class at Wewahitchka Elementary School were invited to come to the classroom to preview new technology that will be offered in their classroom when they return on Aug. 13. Mr. Brown’s class has been selected by the Gulf County Schools Director of Special Services, Ms. Deborah Crosby, to be a Universal Design Learning (UDL) Model classroom.

Mr. Anthony Cooley from the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) in Chipley, Florida has been able to provide additional computers and the associated technology to assist the students in the areas of Reading, Math, Science, and Writing.

Student Trenton Pynes summed up his classmates feelings when he commented that “he wished that school could start tomorrow.” With attitudes such as these, great things are sure to happen.

PSJHS CLASS OF '72 REUNION

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for Oct. 6. Details are not final, but the organizers want the word out and ask all classmates to put the date on their calendar. Any questions or suggestions should be directed to Wyvonne Pickett (rwpickett@gmail.com) or Steve Atchison (jsa123154@yahoo.com). They are open to suggestions and want to have a great 40 year get-together.

CLASS REUNION

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For a number of years, you have been fortunate to have had Mr. Kesley Colbert serve as your County Property Appraiser. On August 14th, you will have an opportunity to elect another highly qualified gentleman to fill the office that Mr. Colbert is vacating through retirement. That gentleman is **James E. (Jamie) Lester, Jr.** It is most unusual to have someone like Jamie available to fill this very important and technical position. Jamie has all the qualifications and more to “hit the road running” and insure that your ad valorem tax assessments are fair and equitable, that your maps are accurate, and that everyone deserving of an exemption or agricultural classification is granted one. One of Jamie’s greatest assets is that he is a “people person” and will go the extra mile to listen to you and help you any way possible within the law. How do I know Jamie so well? Because I grew up in Wewahitchka where our families were next door neighbors, and I have known him ever since. Jamie served in the Bay County Property Appraiser’s Office and a couple of years as my Director of Appraisals in the Okaloosa County Property Appraiser’s Office where he did an outstanding job. Prior to that, he served as the Okaloosa County Value Adjustment Board Special Magistrate where he heard taxpayer appeals and rendered decisions regarding property values. He is a State Certified Appraiser, and has number of degrees and certifications in the real estate appraisal field. He has owned his own private real estate appraisal firm providing appraisals for borrowers and lenders throughout Northwest Florida. His appraisal experience goes on and on. I cannot imagine that anyone else in the race is remotely as well qualified to serve you. Again, on August 14th, you will have a unique opportunity to choose your next Property Appraiser. I hope you will take advantage of it and vote to elect Jamie Lester. I assure you, the Gulf County Property Appraiser’s Office will be in good hands if you do.

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Obituary

Vennie Mae Byrd

Vennie Mae Byrd, age 80, went to be with the Lord on Thursday July, 26, 2012 surrounded by her loved ones. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and sister. She was born in Port St. Joe, Florida to the late Price Gay and Pauline Pierce on March 9, 1932.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gene Byrd; her daughter-in-law Myra Sue Byrd; and great-granddaughter Brittney Howell. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gene Byrd; her parents, father, Price Gay and her mother, Pauline Gay Pierce.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Larry Byrd, Sr., Gerald Byrd and wife

Sarah; her daughters Brenda Carroll and husband Charles, and Angie House; her grandchildren, Theresa Howell (Chris), Larry Byrd, Jr., Mary Ann Ramsey (Chris), Greg Byrd (Kelli), Sharity Bateman (Josh), Tina Povich (Joe), Cory Carroll, Jessica Brake, Cassidy House; and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Opal Floyd and Willie Mae Watson; and brother Benjamin Gay.

Relatives and friends were received from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST on Tuesday July 31, 2012 at Highland View Church of God. Funeral immediately followed.

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cookie on each pillow.

"We wait until everybody has eaten before we eat, and we help clean-up. We just help with whatever they might need. For me, the most fun is the pool and the beach."

To Mayton, the fun is the little steps in the right direction she sees with each retreat - the couple tense and at wit's end when they arrive found a few days later walking hand-in-hand on the beach; the brothers and sisters, often forgotten, who become "almost heroes" for a few days; the wheelchair-bound child who is able to snorkel for the first time.

Those are the wins against disease that permits few winners.

"A lot of these families have not laughed in a while, and to see them laugh and forget about things, I don't know honestly who gets more out of it, the families or me and the volunteers," Mayton said. "Some of these people have never seen a beach. Well, I can't make your child better, but I can make sure you enjoy time

on a beach.

"I would not trade this for anything. I love it. I feel fortunate to do it. When people ask me what Blue Skies is, I say 'something wonderful.'"

The families do not pay a cent beyond their transportation to Blue Skies headquarters in Atlanta. The families come primarily from the Southeast, Mayton said, but not all reside below the Mason-Dixon line.

And, her ministry has found a partner in the community of Port St. Joe, hence last week's "Community Celebration." Along with a low country boil and short parade around WindMark Beach, the stricken children had painted the imprints on their hands on an autographed "Thank You" sign.

"This community has been so warm and welcoming," Mayton said. "They do everything possible to accommodate us. They are just terrific. This would not be possible without their support."



Top Left: "Elvis," a youth pastor at a church in Georgia, was on hand last week to help bless and partake in the food at the low country boil held by Blue Skies Ministries as a toast to the community of Port St. Joe. **Bottom Left:** Families of those children stricken with cancer are the first ones through the line at the low country boil, as volunteers assist in serving and clean-up. **Top:** With each retreat serving 12 families with children stricken by cancer, the Blue Skies founder said there is a natural "connection" among

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Chesney says it best in a song, 'I didn't get here alone.' While that is certainly true, I certainly would not have lasted without the support and professionalism of 400 of the finest military and civilian personnel in the Navy," Cassani said.

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- Two grandchildren, Watson Goeddeke and Chase Lanford who attends Port St. Joe Elementary
- Resident and homeowner in Gulf County for 25 years
- Active member of First United Methodist Church for 25 years
- Served on the Pastor Relations Committee as a member and chairman
- Taught elementary Sunday School classes with Janet

Education

Personal

- Gulf Coast Community College, Associate of Arts
- Florida State University, Bachelors of Science in Education

Experience

Teaching

- 20 years in education field
- Middle school science teacher
- High school math, science, health and physical education teacher
- Alternative education teacher
- 10 years in the Gulf County School System

Administration

- Athletic director - added 3 new boys sports, 3 new girls sports
- Founded Shark "100" Club, a booster club for all sports
- Initiated individual sports' budget, making individual sports financially responsible
- Left the athletic department in good financial condition
- Summer school principal, principal designee
- Served on the Southern Association of College and School Accreditation committee evaluating area high schools

Coaching

- Head coach - football, baseball, weightlifting, girls softball, girls track
- Assistant coach - football and baseball
- Coached youth girls softball in Port St. Joe city league
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Business

- 21 years in private business
- 6 years as a downtown local merchant (Athletic House)



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St. Joe names new vice president

Star Staff Report

The St. Joe Co. has promoted Jorge Gonzalez to senior vice president, development.

Gonzalez will be responsible for land entitlements, business development and public relations/affairs for the company, with an emphasis on the Port of Port St. Joe, according to a company news release. The term "entitlements" refers to obtaining legal approval for the right to develop property for a certain use.

Prior to joining St. Joe in 2002, Gonzalez was a consultant in private practice.

He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Florida State University.

He serves on the boards of numerous charitable and economic-development organizations, including the St. Joe Community Foundation, the Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce and the FSU Panama City Campus Development Board. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance and the Urban Land Institute.

"During the past decade, Jorge's experience and knowledge of the entitlement process has been invaluable to St. Joe," St. Joe Co. CEO Park Brady said in the release.

"In his new position and as a member of the executive team, he will continue to play a major role in helping to implement the

"During the past decade, Jorge's experience and knowledge of the entitlement process has been invaluable to St. Joe."

Park Brady
St. Joe Co. CEO

company's strategies and initiatives."

The St. Joe Co. is a Florida-based real estate developer and manager. The company owns about 573,000 acres of land concentrated primarily in



JORGE GONZALEZ

Northwest Florida. The majority of land not under development is used for growing and selling timber or is available for sale. The company also owns various commercial, resort and club properties.

Goodwill offers career training facility

By **KHRYSTEN KEYS**
Star Staff Intern

The Goodwill Career Training Facility would like to extend a helping hand to Gulf County's unemployed and employed.

The training facility offers free skills training for those seeking a better job or simply a job. For those without a high school diploma, Goodwill also offers free GED preparation classes.

The program is not exclusively for people seeking employment. It also finds employees for employers.

"We will prescreen employees for companies," Tandra Burns, the facility's employment specialist, said.

"Our mission is to help people achieve independence through employment," Burns said. "To ensure that the mission is met,

the facility not only follows the employee for six months after employment but offers a 12-week job club class. This includes classes on anger management,

applications, time management and skill and resume building."

Elderly people who want to better familiarize themselves with computers are also urged to visit the training facility. All the classes are self-paced, and the

equipment is easy to use even if they have seeing problems.

Although the program is relatively new to the Port St. Joe area, the Goodwill Career Training Facility, funded by sales from the Goodwill store and donations, has been offered around the country since the turn of the century.

"We want to stress that everything here is free," says Burns.

"Our mission is to help people achieve independence through employment."

Tandra Burns
Goodwill Career Training Facility employment specialist

Goodwill to host Big Bend Job Fair

Special to The Star

The Goodwill Career Training Center in Port St. Joe will be hosting its first job fair on Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. ET at the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association Building at 120 Library Drive.

Your participation in

this event will be a great support to the community as well as to the Goodwill mission of helping people find suitable employment and looking for the right individual for your business.

There are only 15 tables available for this event, so employers need to register early. Set up and tear down

will be provided.

Companies are asked to provide company identification for their table (banner, name plate), employment applications or printed instructions on application process and a representative to man their table.

Goodwill will spread the word about this event

throughout Gulf, Bay and Franklin counties.

We will be notifying the Work Force centers in Port St. Joe and Panama City. We are expecting a diverse group of potential employees to attend.

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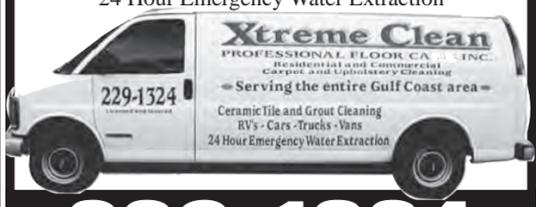
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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 on or before July 27, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE STAR and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter,

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otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demand in the complaint.
This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, Persons with a disability needing special accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding at any courthouse of court program, should within two (2) days of receipt of notice, contact Court Administration to request such an accommodation. Please contact the following: Court Administration, P.O. Box 826, Marianna, Florida 32447; Phone: 850-718-0026; Hearing & Voice Impaired: 1-800-955-8771; Email: ADARequest@jud14.flcourts.org

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CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF BARRIER DUNES, RECORDED IN OR BOOK 107, PAGE 227, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND AS AMENDED AT O.R. BOOK 110, PAGE 805; O.R. BOOK 128, PAGE 118 AND O.R. BOOK 130, PAGE 34. OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.
Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

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CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER C-30A WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF HALL STREET AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT OF MONEY BAYOU SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 28 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 107.14 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID LINE AND SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 107.14 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 265.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 5.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 398.49 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATERLINE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID WATERLINE NORTH 87 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 5.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WATERLINE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 398.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
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TOGETHER WITH A 5 FOOT WIDE PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBES AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER C-30A WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF HALL STREET AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT OF MONEY BAYOU SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 28 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN ALONG SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 107.14 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 265.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 5.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 398.49 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATERLINE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID WATERLINE NORTH 87 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 5.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WATERLINE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 398.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or all any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property").
Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Megan F. Fry, Esquire, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 13010, Pensacola, Florida 32591-3010 on or before August 20th, 2012 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED this 16th day of July, 2012;
BECKY NORRIS
Clerk of the Court
B.A. Baxter
By: Deputy Clerk
July 26, August 2, 2012

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GREEN TREE SERVING LLC
7360 S. Kyrene Road
Tempe, AZ 85283
Plaintiff,
vs.
HERBERT WATKINS A/K/A HERBERT PAUL WATKINS, IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OR HERBERT WATKINS A/K/A HERBERT PAUL WATKINS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT, NORMA WATKINS A/K/A NORMA J. WATKINS, AND CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: HERBERT WATKINS A/K/A HERBERT PAUL WATKINS, IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF HERBERT WATKINS A/K/A HERBERT PAUL WATKINS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, LINDER, AND AGAINST THF; NAMED DEFENDANT, NORMA WATKINS A/K/A NORMA J. WATKINS;
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Gulf, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:
BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST (NW) CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, AND RUN EAST FOR 210 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH FOR 210 FEET; THEN RUN WEST FOR 210 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH FOR 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2000 HOMES OF MERIT, TWIN MANOR MOBILE HOME, 24 x 42, SERIAL NUMBER: FLHMB-6576-44793A &B.
Commonly known as: 1680 PLEASANT REST RD., WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA 32465.
You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy D. Padgett, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 2878 Remington Green Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED this 11th day of May, 2012.
Rebecca Norris
Clerk of Court
By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk
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Rebecca L. Norris
As Clerk of the Court
By: B.A. Baxter
As Deputy Clerk
Submitted By: Marinosci Law Group, PA.
100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
(954) 644-8704
Fax: (954) 772-9601
July 26, Aug 2, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 232007CA000476CA
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WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.

MICHAEL T. MURPHY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL T. MURPHY IF ANY; H. EMORY MURPHY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF H. EMORY MURPHY IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEARIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HAIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; BARRIER DUNES HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; WACHOVIA BANK N.A.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.
AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on the 16th day of August, 2012, at 11:00am ET, 1000 5th Street, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

UNIT 127 OF BARRIER DUNES, AS DESCRIBED IN PROTECOVENANTS,

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 16th day of July, 2012.
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.
Rebecca Norris
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: B.A. Baxter
Deputy Clerk
July 26, Aug 2, 2012

88381S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 2012 CA 000106

CENTENNIAL BANK, successor in Interest to BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.

MELISSA BURGESS WALDEN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and any unknown heirs of PHILIP M. WALDEN, JR. or, any other parties claiming an interest in the estate of PHILIP M. WALDEN, JR., deceased, Defendant.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: All persons claiming by, through, under, or against the estate of Philip M. Walden, Jr., deceased who died on June 7, 2011:
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage lien on real property and a security interest lien on personal property located Gulf County, Florida described as follows:
Real Property
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PARCEL A1 COMMENCE AT A

AND ALSO
PARCEL A2
COMMENCE AT CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER C-30A WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF HALL STREET AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT OF MONEY BAYOU SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 28 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY AS FOLLOWS SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 107.14 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 10.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 50.71 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST 135.31 TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST 52.26 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 140.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.16 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or all any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property").
Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Megan F. Fry, Esquire, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 13010, Pensacola, Florida 32591-3010 on or before August 20th, 2012 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED this 16th day of July, 2012;
BECKY NORRIS
Clerk of the Court
B.A. Baxter
By: Deputy Clerk
July 26, August 2, 2012

88481S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011 501 CA

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or all any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property").
Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Megan F. Fry, Esquire, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 13010, Pensacola, Florida 32591-3010 on or before August 20th, 2012 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED this 16th day of July, 2012;
BECKY NORRIS
Clerk of the Court
B.A. Baxter
By: Deputy Clerk
July 26, August 2, 2012

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or all any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property").
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DATED this 16th day of July, 2012;
BECKY NORRIS
Clerk of the Court
B.A. Baxter
By: Deputy Clerk
July 26, August 2, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011 501 CA

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or all any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property").
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DATED this 16th day of July, 2012;
BECKY NORRIS
Clerk of the Court
B.A. Baxter
By: Deputy Clerk
July 26, August 2, 2012

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or all any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property").
Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Megan F. Fry, Esquire, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 13010, Pensacola, Florida 32591-3010 on or before August 20th, 2012 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED this 16th day of July, 2012;
BECKY NORRIS
Clerk of the Court
B.A. Baxter
By: Deputy Clerk
July 26, August 2, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011 501 CA

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88509S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA...

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. STEVEN DELONGA and RYAN S. DWYER, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 12, 2012 and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-000495...

Name in which assessed: Centennial Bank. All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law...

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2012

LOT 10, BLOCK, D OF SEAGRASS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE (S) I, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2012. REBECCA L. NORRIS As Clerk of Said Court

By: BA Baxter AS Deputy Clerk

"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. D. Brent Hargett Sasser, Sefton, Tipton & Davis, P.C. P.O. Box 242127 Montgomery, AL 36124-2127 (334) 532-3400 Fax: (334) 532-3434 July 26, Aug 2, 2012

88575S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1446 Application No. 2012-35 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 06246-000R

Description of Property: COMMENCING on the Northwest Corner of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, thence South along the West line of said Section 36, for 1320.00 feet, thence North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 36 Seconds East 543.00 feet, thence South 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 49 Seconds West 446.70 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 49 Seconds West 229.00 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 23 Seconds West 404.09 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line curve of said County Road No. 30, said point being 33.00 feet from the radial to the center-line of said County Road; thence continue North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 36 Seconds East 543.00 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 49 Seconds West 446.70 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 49 Seconds West 229.00 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 56 Minutes 23 Seconds West 404.09 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line curve of said County Road No. 30, said point being 33.00 feet from the radial to the center-line of said County Road; thence North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 36 Seconds East 543.00 feet through a central angle of 20 Degrees 12 Minutes 16 Seconds for 231.38 feet; said arc having a chord bearing and distance of North 08 Degrees 59 Minutes 07 Seconds West 231.36 feet; thence leaving said right of way line curve, North 89 Degrees 59 Minutes 36 Seconds East 441.01 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Name in which assessed: Charles Allen Davis and Stephanie Marie Davis

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 29th day of August, 2012. Dated this 24th day of July, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2012

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feet; thence North 90 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds West 99.65 feet; thence North 09 Degrees 36 Minutes 51 Seconds East, 16.10 feet; thence North 15 Degrees 25 Minutes 52 Seconds East, 41.24 feet; thence North 09 Degrees 39 Minutes 58 Seconds East, 24.22 feet; thence North 02 Degrees 02 Minutes 07 Seconds East, 29.88 feet; thence North 06 Degrees 01 Minute 13 Seconds East, 158.04 feet; thence North 10 Degrees 02 Minutes 20 Seconds West, 31.18 feet; thence North 90 Degrees 00 Minutes 00 Seconds East, 141.23 feet to a point on the East line of West 1/2 of said Government Lot 2; thence along said East line, South 11 Degrees 50 Minutes 49 Seconds West, 210.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING/ Said lands containing 0.76 acre, more or less.

Name in which assessed: Centennial Bank

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 29th day of August, 2012. Dated this 24th day of July, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2012

88562S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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Name in which assessed: Charles Allen Davis and Stephanie Marie Davis

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 29th day of August, 2012. Dated this 24th day of July, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2012

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87806S NOTICE OF ACTION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: The license to practice nursing of

Dana M. Hewlett, R.N. P.O. Box 1323 Port St. Joe Florida 32457

CASE NO.: 2011-10928

LICENSE NO.: R.N. 9210333

The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Casey Cowan, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #065, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 245-4640

If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by August 23, 2012, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771(TDD) or 1-800-955-8770(V), via Florida Relay Service. July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 2012

88577S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000210

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CHARLOTTE M. ODOM A/K/A CHARLOTTE MONIREA ODOM, DECEASED, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CHARLOTTE M. ODOM A/K/A CHARLOTTE MONIREA ODOM, DECEASED.

Last Known Address: Unknown

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

Last Known Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Gulf County, Florida:

THE WEST 60 FEET OF LOT 3 AND THE EAST 8 FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 6, C.L. MORGAN'S ADDITION TO WEWAHITCHKA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 2004 FLEETWOOD OAK KNOLL 28X52 DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBERS: FANF1334A76671-0K31 AND GAF1334B76671-0K31, WHICH PERMANENTLY AFIXED AND LOCATED ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY. A/K/A 127 JM GRIFFIN DRIVE WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense within 30 days after the first publication, if any,

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on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 2nd day of July, 2012.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk July 2, 9, 2012

88351S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT NuTax 1 GP 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. 1543 Application No. 2012-30 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No. 03607-000R

Description of Property:

Lot 11, Block D, Seagrass Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, in Plat Book 5, Page 1

Name in which assessed: Seagrass Properties, LLC

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 22nd day of August, 2012. Dated this 17th day of July, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk July 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 2012

88617S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, CASE NO. 12-31 PR IN PROBATE

IN RE: The Estate of JAMES FRANK FINCHER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

The administration of the estate of JAMES FRANK FINCHER, deceased, File Number 12-31 PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, Probate Division, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and that personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 2, 2012

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Ancillary Personal Representative RANDALL C. FINCHER 124 Valley Circle Calhoun, GA 30701

Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative THOMAS S. GIBSON RISH, GIBSON & SCHOLZ, PA FL BAR NO. 0350583 116 Sailor's Cove Drive P.O. Box 39 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850) 229-8211 August 2, 9, 2012

88355S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1073 Application No. 2012-30 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No. 03607-000R

Description of Property:

Lots 12, 14, and 16, Block 7, of Beacon Hill Addition, according to the plat thereof on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida, according to the plat filed by M.D. Taylor and H.H. Bullard and other plats and records filed in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk, Gulf County, Florida. Said lots lying in Original Lot Three (3) and being in Section Thirty (30) and Thirty-one (31), Township Six (6) South, Range Eleven (11) West.

Name in which assessed: Charlie Mack Brock

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 22nd day of August, 2012. Dated this 17th day of July, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk July 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 2012

88633S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, at its meeting on the 21st day of August, 2012, at 6:00 P.M., EDT, in the regular Commission meeting room at the Municipal Building, Port St. Joe, Florida, will have the 2nd reading and consider for final adoption the following Ordinance with the following title:

ORDINANCE NO. 484

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

Any person who wishes to attend and requires assistance may call the City Clerk's Office at (850) 229-8261, Ext. 129.

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

BY: S/ Mel Magidson, Jr Mayor-Commissioner Attest: S/ Charlotte M. Pierce City Clerk August 2, 2012

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88543S PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2012-05

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for replacement of the Police Station roof will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 4:00 PM EST, Friday August 10, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday August 10, 2012, at 4:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

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

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Work consists of removing all existing roofing above the Police Station. Installation of one UL 30LB base, one mopped glass base and one granulated single ply. Area of wall above the roof line will also be hydro stopped with a sealant. The work to be performed should also be warranted for a period of five years. For questions concerning this project, please contact Charlotte Pierce at (850) 229-8261.

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

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer July 26, August 2, 2012

88657T IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 12-00037-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, An Arkansas banking corporation, successor in interest to Bayside Savings Bank, Plaintiff,

vs. DEBRA P. WIBBERG, a/k/a DEBRA M. PEDEN, the unknown spouse of Debra P. Wibberg, a/k/a Debra M. Peden, Barrier Dunes Homeowners Association, Inc., and unknown tenants or other parties in possession, Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order Adopting Report and Recommendation and Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 13, 2012, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on August 23, 2012, the following described property:

UNIT 153, 128 PARKVIEW COURT, BARRIER DUNES

Commence at the Northwest Corner of Government Lot 4, in Fractional Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 12 West, Gulf County, Florida, and thence run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 24 seconds East, along the Easterly Boundary Line of Government Lot 2 in said Fractional Section 36, for a distance of 999.95 feet; thence leaving said Easterly Boundary Line of Government Lot 2, run North 89 degrees 47 minutes 36 seconds West for a distance of 348.31 feet; thence run North 05 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds East 588.54 feet to a point on a non-tangent curve, thence run Southeasterly along said curve for an arc distance of 32.91 feet, through a central angle of 94 degrees 16 minutes 37 seconds, having a radius of 20.00 feet (said curve bearing South 41 degrees 34 minutes 53 seconds East 29.32 feet) to a point on a curve to the right, thence run long said curve Southeasterly for an arc distance of 59.20 feet, through a central angle of 38 degrees 32 minutes 40 seconds, having a radius of 88.00 (said curve bearing South 69 degrees 26 minutes 21 seconds East 58.09 feet), thence run North 38 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 27.51 feet,

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thence run South 49 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds East 16.00 feet, thence run North 40 degrees 25 minutes 05 seconds East 7.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING thence run South 49 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 16.00 feet, thence run North 40 degrees 25 minutes 05 seconds East a distance of 42.00 feet, thence run North 49 degrees 34 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 16.00 feet, thence run South 40 degrees 25 minutes 05 seconds West a distance of 42.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

DATED on July 26, 2012.

Becky Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk August 1, 9, 2012

88681S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000038

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

vs. KENNETH LOYD AND CRYSTAL LOYD, et al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 24, 2012 and entered in 2012-CA-000038 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, where in BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and KENNETH L. LOYD JR. A/K/A KENNETH LEE LOYD; CRYSTAL ANN LOYD; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/A JOHN WALSH; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/A RHONDA WALSH are the Defendant(s). Benny Lister as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 at 11:00 AM E.T. on August 23, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH ONE HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59'26" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, 472.891 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID LINE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53'39" EAST 134.547 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HURD STREET (HAVING A 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY), THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 23'12" EAST ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE 245.33 FEET, THENCE DEPART SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59'26" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COLLEEN STREET (HAVING A 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) 124.35 FEET, THENCE DEPART SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 46'05" WEST 245.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

DESCRIBED AS "PARCEL 2" IN PLAT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 433 PAGE 978 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 26th day of July, 2012

Rebecca L. Norris As Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk August 2, 9, 2012

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88661S PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2012-06

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for replacement of a Diesel Engine at the Chipola Pump Station will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 4:00 PM EST, Friday August 17, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday August 17, 2012, at 4:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for "Replacement of #1 Pump Diesel Engine at the Chipola Pump Station".

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