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## BOCC urges removal of health director

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A narrow majority of the Board of County Commissioners voted Tuesday to send a letter to the Florida Department of Health to urge the removal of Gulf County Health Department executive director Marsha Lindeman.

*“Ever since (Lindeman, who took over some two years ago) has taken over this health department we’ve had major issues. We need to do something about that.”*

**Carmen McLemore**  
Commissioner

Commissioner Carmen McLemore, expressing dis-

pleasure with the direction of the department and the

outcome of an investigation into a recent termination at

the Gulf County Health Department, requested the BOCC send the letter.

He was joined by Commissioners Tan Smiley and Warren Yeager. Commissioner Bill Williams dissented and Commissioner Ward McDaniel abstained based on a conflict.

The matter spilled into the regular bi-monthly BOCC regular meeting

when Willie Ramsey, representing a committee appointed by the BOCC, reported on the findings and recommendations from an investigation into the recent firing of a 25-year employee of the Health Department.

Ramsey reported that the committee found that

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### ‘Our lives were dramatically changed’

## Searching for a few good men and women

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For those not yet in the loop, Eastern Shipbuilding is expanding its operations to Gulf County.

How many local county workers will be hired to fill the estimated 200 jobs needed to outfit the hulls of ships on 20 acres of the old paper mill site remains something of an open question.

The pace of applications has, County Commissioner Warren Yeager said this week, not been at the volume the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, which is helping to spearhead the hiring, and Eastern Shipbuilding had anticipated.

As of this week, only two new employees had been officially hired even though applications have been taken at the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce twice a week and at the Workforce Board offices in Port St. Joe for more than a month.

“One of the issues is not having enough people applying,” Yeager said. “(Eastern) is disappointed in the number who have applied.”

While that has been the case some weeks, on Tuesday the Chamber office was staying busy taking applications.

“It’s been packed this morning,” said Chamber executive director Barry Sellers. “It has kind of been up and down, but all morning (Tuesday) we have been smoked.”

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## Annual ‘Patriots Day’ event at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School remembering 9-11

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The remembering gets harder each year for Lt. Com. (Ret.) Marty Jarosz. The personal perspective on one of the most tragic days in American history

makes the remembering easier.

Jarosz was the main speaker during the annual “Patriots Day” event at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, offering memories from near Ground Zero during one “beautiful” day in September 2001, when more than 3,000 Americans lost their lives.

“It gets harder every year but it’s a story worth telling,” Jarosz said. “Because it is a personal one, provides a personal touch. Most of these kids were so young, they barely remember.”

Jarosz remembers.

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## City pares budget

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The Port St. Joe Commission pared down its already “bare bones” budget even further at a workshop Sept. 4 after Commissioner Rex Buzzett voiced disagreement with the need to hire new employees.

Overall, the city is looking at an expense budget that is roughly \$3.15 million less than

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the previous year. “I’m not for hiring new employees,” Buzzett said. “There’s

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## School Board approves final budget with lower taxes

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The Gulf County School Board on Tuesday formally approved the 2012-13 fiscal year budget which includes a nearly 4 percent reduction in the millage rate and a 10.81 reduction in ad valorem revenue.

This is the first time in four years the final School Board budget has been below 4 mills.

A mil equals \$1 for every \$1,000 in assessed taxable

property value. For the school district, the value of the mil dropped by 7.40 percent this year, to \$1.35 million, a fall of \$107,871.

“We are at the lowest rate in four years,” said district financial officer Sissy Worley. “We are under four mills, which we haven’t been since 2007-08 or ‘08-09.”

The final budget represents \$9.43 million in property tax revenue, a drop of \$1.14 million from the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 1.

“Our ad valorem tax is going to be less of a bill for taxpayers this year,” said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton. “Most of this is not because we want to. But it is the times. We should be proud that we are providing students a top-notch education for less money.”

The property tax millage rate will drop from 7.253 mills to 6.986 mills, which includes the one-mil additional operating levy approved by voters four years ago and which

will sunset after this fiscal year.

Norton has said repeatedly over the summer that the board must examine all options for replacing what amounts this year to more than \$1.37 million when the additional operational levy sunsets.

The drop in the millage rate this year is 3.68 percent.

Public school budgets are unlike any other taxing authority in that

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a lot that goes along with it that's not rolled into the salary."

Although the budget presented was balanced with the addition of two new employees, Buzzett said it provided "no breathing room" for the city.

Commissioners decided to move forward with hiring one employee for the city's water department, but decided to "keep one in the bank" for the sewer department.

The city originally budgeted for three new employees, and had already cut a position for the parks and recreation department prior to the workshop.

Public Works Director John Grantland said

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**John Grantland**  
Public Works Director

two new employees are necessary for the city to have a wastewater flushing program. He said public works needs more "boots on the ground" with the many water improvement projects the city is conducting.

"One person won't do as much good," Grantland said. "Do we want to have a flushing program?"

Grantland said because the flushing process requires two employees he will have to pull one from the public works department to assist the new hire.

Mike Lacour, the city's financial analyst, said the additional employees would be more related to the city's water and sewer rate increases than it would the millage rate.

Due to a 10 percent drop in water service usage, resulting in a 6 percent loss in revenue, the city is looking at a 5 percent increase in water rates and a 4.5 percent increase in sewer rates.

The budgeted millage rate is the same as last year at 3.5914.

The city budgeted capi-

## DURING THE CITY'S REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING SEPT. 4:

- Approved a continuation of suspension for the portion of the city's sign ordinance that prohibits sandwich board signs on sidewalks. The suspension will continue until the first commission meeting of 2013.
- Discussed an on-call policy for city employees as a way to reduce overtime. City Manager Jim Anderson suggested paying employees for six hours of their hourly wage for holding an on-call beeper plus a two-hour minimum for each call responded to. Grantland suggested paying employees a flat rate. Commissioners tabled the topic and requested Anderson clean up the presented policy.

tal improvement projects for the upcoming year based on priority. Those include \$15,000 for repairs to the police department roof, \$4,000 for road striping, \$5,122 for land clearing at Holly Hill Cemetery and \$20,000 for a new inmate

van.

Capital improvements left out of the budget include improvements to the Centennial Building, funding for relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse and site cleanup for the former Gulf Pines Hospital.

A city held its first reading and first public hearing of the budget on Wednesday evening, after The Star had gone to press. The second public hearing and consideration of adoption will be held on Sept. 24 at 5:01 p.m.

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Yeager said he and Kim Bodine of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board were to talk with Eastern Shipbuilding officials regarding the skills being sought and how those skills mesh with the available county workforce.

Yeager noted that Eastern hopes to begin work in

Gulf County as soon as November, though the workforce issue is a nagging one.

Johanna White with the Port Authority of Port St. Joe said the Workforce Board would soon be hosting a job fair to make people more aware of opportunities with Eastern.

Currently, representatives from Eastern are at the Chamber of Commerce Building on Marina Drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Applications may also be dropped off at the Workforce Board offices at 401 Peters Street in Port St. Joe.

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an issue existed, that the extent of the investigation was stymied marginally by the fact that the employee was a state, not county, employee and that the committee unanimously supported the termination.

"We recommend that no action be taken on this termination and that the board should consider expanding the committee to include members of the health department," Ramsey said.

Ramsey stressed that the Health Department is a state agency and that the committee was limited as to the extent it could examine state personnel records. But all information provided by local and state health officials supported the termination.

McLemore, however, disagreed.

He said a 25-year employee should not be fired without full cause and that his own investigation had not uncovered that cause. He said while the employee may have received a paycheck from the state, they were still a county constituent.

"We have to take care of our own people," McLemore said. "Ever since (Lindeman, who took over some two years ago) has taken over this health department we've had major issues. We need to do something about that."

"Tallahassee don't know our people, we do."

McLemore said the issues would not be as pronounced if a local candidate had been named health director two years ago — Lindeman was hired out of the Tallahassee office — and

urged the board to make their feelings known.

Williams, who was a member of the committee that reviewed the termination, cautioned that, as the BOCC learned two years ago during the hiring of a replacement for former health director Doug Kent, the BOCC has limited say in DOH operations.

He said that the Health Department has taken massive budget cuts over the past two years and those cuts are impacting services and personnel. He said much of the issues uncovered in examining the termination — poor work attitude with patients, scheduling problems, follow-up appointments — could be more easily traced to cost constraints.

"The fact of the matter is that Doug Kent built a healthcare delivery model here that the state is moving away from," Williams said. "These additional programs and additional personnel are going to be cut."

Williams also said that he agreed with the committee's recommendation to expand membership to include Health Department staff and to allow that staff to feel they have a voice with the BOCC without fear of retaliation.

County attorney Jeremy Novak said the BOCC certainly had a voice in the process, but ultimately personnel decisions, such as the health director, would come down to a decision in Tallahassee, not in Gulf County.

### Wewahitchka Courthouse

The board approved spending \$105,000 on repairs to the old county courthouse

in Wewahitchka to address leaking walls in the back of the building, where the Extension Service is located.

On a temporary basis, the Extension Service will locate to the old Health Department building across the street while renovations to address leaking and mold is undertaken.

### Tentative budget

During a public hearing on Monday, the BOCC adopted a tentative millage rate and budget for the coming fiscal year.

The final budget hearing will be at 5:01 p.m. ET on Monday, Sept. 24 in the BOCC meeting room.

The millage rate set Monday was 6.0553 (minus Municipal Services Tax Units for beach renourishment), which represents a cut of taxes of 7.74 percent. The rollback rate, that which would bring in the same amount of ad valorem revenue as this year, was 6.5631.

A mil represents \$1 for every \$1,000 in taxable property value.

The gulf-front MSTU millage is 6.6693, down more than 3 percent and the interior gulf MSTU millage is 3.5014, a decrease of less than one percent. The local bond on the beach renourishment will be paid off this fiscal year.

Commissioners also amended an earlier motion to match dollar for dollar the city of Port St. Joe's contribution to the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council.

The county and city will each pay \$20,000 to the agency.

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nearly the entire millage and property tax dollars are established by state lawmakers each spring.

The largest component is required local effort; the amount the district must collect in order to receive state funding. The required local effort dropped from 5.105 mils to 4.827 mils, 5.45 percent.

Much of that drop can be linked to the continuing trend of declining enrollment in the district. The district, which was at 2,200 students in 2004, is now just over 1,900.

The district also was required to levy .011 mils as a reflection of the drop of property values, which would impact the required local effort/state funding total, between the tentative roll established in July and the final property roll certified in October.

Discretionary revenue is set at .748 mils for all districts.

The final component and the only one the local School Board has any sway over is local capital improvement dollars, or basic bricks and mortar dollars.

Each district has the ability to assess as much as 1.5 mils in local capital dollars; the Gulf School Board has consistently kept the number below half a mil for much of the past decade. The Board kept that number at its current .400 mils.

The district uses the LCI money in several ways. Each school receives \$50 per student to address its specific smaller needs.

County wide, money will be earmarked for improvements in bathrooms, doors, flooring and boilers, as well as maintenance on heating/cooling systems at all schools.

Additional money will be spent on computers, printers, file servers and

routers.

In addition, this summer work began on the athletic locker rooms at Port St. Joe High School and renovations of the lunchroom at Port St. Joe Elementary in addition to improvements to the pavement for smoother and safer drop-off/pick-up for parents and students.

That work appears to be moving at a pace and in a manner that Greg Layfield, district supervisor of maintenance, indicated could allow the district to slightly expand the scope or save some money, whichever the board chooses.

"We may get more out of (those projects) than we originally thought," Layfield said.

The additional voter-approved mil levy, which when passed was estimated to bring some \$2.2 million a year, will add \$1.37 million for the coming fiscal year.

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Daddy smelled that way when he came home from the newspaper. He wasn't a writer, he was the production manager. His position in a relatively large home-owned daily newspaper allowed me to not only learn how the paper was built and printed, but to watch how the technology progressed.

Many newspapers are now dying or cutting way back, giving way to the electronic age and the internet. I'm not quite sure what the internet smells like, but I can tell you it doesn't smell like the newspaper.

Some scientists say our sense of smell and its direct connection to the brain holds memories better than our other senses. I understand this. It was the smell of Daddy coming home.

There were two distinct smells I will always remember — Daddy leaving for work and Daddy coming home.

When he left in the morning, he smelled like Aqua Velva. When I'm in the drugstore or other stores that carry men's smelly stuff, I will sneak over and open a bottle of Aqua Velva to remember.

As the commercial always claimed, "There's just something about an Aqua Velva man." Baseball great Pete Rose and even Clayton Moore, "The Lone Ranger," pushed the manly smell of Aqua Velva.

They say Aqua Velva smells "oaky and mossy" after it has been on you awhile. I know that it smells like Daddy coming home.

When Aqua Velva was first introduced in the 1920s, it was an alcohol-based mouthwash. A few years later, they just pushed it as an aftershave lotion. I'm not sure if the formula changed, but as good as Aqua Velva smells, I'm not going to put it in my mouth.

After Labor Day weekend, I was sitting in my chair smelling up the den. "What's that smell?"

Everyone in my house wanted to know.

The den didn't smell like Aqua Velva, that's for sure.

The smell was a combination of Bengay, Icy Hot and Witch Hazel.

I had rubbed the Bengay and Icy Hot all over my right arm, shoulder,

ankles and legs. I soaked a towel in Witch Hazel and had it wrapped around my neck.

There are warning labels on Bengay that say too much can kill you. I'm pretty sure I was teetering on overdose.



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However, I will note the burning sensation and the Menthol smell had either removed my pain or replaced it.

It was the smell of success, hard work and ingenuity. Sitting in my official "Daddy

chair," smelling up the house, I was feeling a little like Spartacus or maybe more like Jim Fowler; Marlin Perkins sidekick on Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom." Marlin would always stay in the Jeep, helicopter or on a mountaintop and commentate on how, "Jim was doing a fine job."

It was always Jim "doing the job," and Marlin commentating from a safe distance.

Jim had to wrestle alligators, pull lion tails, get unraveled from Boa constrictors, ride rhinoceroses and other exciting things that would almost get him killed. Don't you remember the time Jim jumped from the helicopter onto the elk in the snow? The elk drug Jim for about a mile through the snow.

My weekend had been spent wrestling with a John Deere self-propelled push mower. I had yanked the cord a few hundred times, almost got blown up checking the spark plug and had to put it in a submission hold in mid-air to get the oil and bad gas out of it.

There is nothing like working on your own lawn mower for an hour or two, changing the oil, the gas, the spar kplug, etc. and finding the strength to pull the cord "one more time."

After all that changing and cleaning, she fired right up on the first pull. I still had to cut the grass; it was my son's birthday, so I gave him the day off.

After I was finished, I looked up into the trees, on top of the house and even behind the bushes.

Marlin Perkins was not there to tell the world what a fine job I had done.

I woke up from my nap, gagging on the towel I had soaked in Witch Hazel.

Witch Hazel is good stuff. My Papa sprayed Lysol on everything; I just rub Witch Hazel on it. It doesn't smell as good as Aqua Velva, but it smells better than Lysol.

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The Gulf County Board of Commissioners should reconsider their decision to change regular meeting times.

This past Tuesday commissioners convened at 9 a.m. ET instead of what had been the routine 6 p.m. ET for their bi-monthly regular meetings.

Citing a host of variables, commissioners decided last month that morning meetings made a lot more sense.

They noted that the Board of County Commissioners to the west and east, Bay and Franklin counties, held their meetings during the daytime.

Commissioners suggested a savings from overtime not paid to staff forced to work into the evening twice a month and utilities.

And, they don't really see that many people at night so why are they trying to accommodate the public, which is paraphrasing but not far off the discussion.

Two commissioners suggested an alternative, a phase-in schedule for 90 days that would have the BOCC rotating — the first meeting of the month in the morning, the second in the evening.

But those pros for a change lack heft.

What another county does is beside the point. I believe parents are famous for the line "What if so-and-so was jumping off a cliff. Would you jump?"

Any savings should be minimal — key employees needed to be present at BOCC meetings should by and large be exempt, meaning salaried in some form and not subject to overtime. That's a staffing issue.

And, regardless, the county is hardly the lone entity, private, public, non-profit, having to do more with less, so proper scheduling would resolve any problems concerning hours.

Considering operation, based on building size and hours of operation,

## Keyboard KLATTERINGS

# Timing is everything

dictates maintaining utilities at a level similar to school buildings, that seems a minor expense.

What it would appear to be, and government and politics remain perception-borne, is another way for the BOCC to mute the public.

The BOCC, unfortunately, does not have history on its side.

From changing the order in meetings when public comment could be offered to monitoring a time limit, based on advance request to be on the agenda, to having requests for public input come solely through the chairman, the BOCC has seemed less than embracing of public comment.

On issues of particular controversy — for example, moving highways, county-wide voting, time zone changes, RV ordinances, the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, the city of Port St. Joe — commissioners have expressed something of a hostility to public comment.

For example, during the debate about putting the time zone question to non-binding referendum — a request from a high school government class — Commissioner Carmen McLemore suggested the solution was walling the county off at the White City Bridge, where the time zone changes.

That's just one example. Commissioners also have no reservations about special meetings, held on the shortest possible public notice on issues large and primarily small.

So, at this time, given that history, commissioners should be none surprised, and in fact it was mentioned during the special meeting that there are skeptics about commissioners moving all regular meetings to the daytime.

These are difficult times, two paychecks is hardly enough for some and not remotely enough for far too many.

The need to work, in a county that has an unemployment rate, which only counts those still trying to find work, near double digits and local job creation currently at a near standstill, is an essential part

of day-to-day life for most.

Consider the difficulty of trying to arrange for a 9 a.m. doctor's appointment, let alone to sit through a County Commission meeting in hopes to speak at the very end for three to seven minutes — maybe more if commissioners vote to keep you up there.

That, from here, is why no meeting of any public taxing authority should be in the business of holding meetings when the public is less likely to be able to attend. School Board, other counties, all of them, would be more in the sunshine if they were held after dark.

The point is to facilitate in any way possible public participation. Because less than 100 percent of eligible voters vote we should stop holding elections?

More importantly in Gulf County, there is the RESTORE ACT and the potential for tens of millions of dollars to come into the county.

This can not be overstated: for Gulf County the RESTORE ACT represents a potential lifeline that the county can not afford to mistreat and trash about as it did with the BP money sent via the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

What happened under the auspices of this BOCC was, an independent audit found, brazenly lacking in checks and balances.

So considering how to spend this windfall called RESTORE is not for a committee led by a county commissioner, Bill Williams, who, regardless of his expertise in RESTORE, will not even be in office, will not even be at the table, when the BOCC must make the final decisions on how that money is spent.

And, who was, a central player in the TDC debacle.

These are community decisions. And the BOCC has now made it more difficult for the community, the public, the BOCC's employers, to be present and heard.

This is a time, more than ever when the BOCC must set an example of inclusion, not exclusion.



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## I may have to go undercover

Folks, I got fingerprinted. It was the first time ever for me. Don't worry, I haven't shot anybody or robbed any banks lately. I hadn't even

been pulled over on a "routine" traffic stop. Nor am I planning a terrorist attack on the local golf course. I do go out to the school house on occasion and apparently somebody there has got me marked

as an "unsavory character". Or perhaps the principal discovered my name on that infamous "person of interest" list!

I was a little disappointed that they no longer use ink. I was picturing a stark room where men dressed in khaki uniforms and yielding Billy clubs forced my fingers against an ink blotter. I was all set to yell "You dirty coppers, I will get you for this!" a la James Cagney or Edward G. Robinson but I didn't feel the nice young lady who was "fingerprinting" me would remember either of those noted gangster actors.

I did observe the cast or "boot" on her foot. Good golly, you don't suppose I've got to stick my toes into that contraption? Sometimes this modern technology has a way of turning on you. . . . . It looked like a miniature copy machine, but you never know. My job was to lay my digits one at a time carefully and correctly on top of the glass. It took some kind of x-ray picture.

And I was doing pretty good until we got down to the little finger on my right hand. That finger has always been one of my least favorites. It was the one I stuck in the pencil trimmer in the second grade. David Mark would take a bite of it every time I slammed him over on his back practicing my West Japanese Step-Over-Toe-



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kelsey Colbert

Hold. I broke it the first time in that big fight up at the Skyway Grill in 1962. Somehow it got caught against the knob on the backdoor as I was frantically attempting my get-a-way before one of those big guys could throw me over the jukebox.

About the fifth time the red "reject light" came on my palms begin to perspire. You don't reckon I've got someone else's little finger by mistake. Could I be a mutant? Don't tell me I sharpened all the ridges off back in the second grade. I passed college algebra, Latin and advanced calculus and I'm about to fail fingerprinting 101! The green light flashed on the sixteenth try but by then I was having second thoughts about this whole process.

It might just be there is too much information out there already. You know what I mean? We've about taken the big brother theme too far. I don't know exactly who all is watching whom! They've already got my social security, credit card and

bank account numbers. I filled out two next-of-kin and beneficiary forms last week. My insurance company shares (probably for a fee) my "personal file" with every clothes, candy and fruit mail order catalogue industry in the whole world. Those OnStar people know where you are at all times. It's getting harder and harder to tell the good guys from the others. So what in the blue blazes am I doing opening up my personal "digitized" stuff for complete exposure to the entire eyeballing world.

I quit perspiring and went to sweating!

We don't have any idea how advanced this fingerprinting thing really is. Debra was gently rolling the ring finger on my left hand across the screen but I was five hundred miles and fifty-five years away. Mr. Pat Houston kept a big jar of jaw breakers on his front counter. Lacking the required 2 cents at the time, I "borrowed" one of those big balls. I made sure no one was looking as I deftly reached in and grabbed a red and green colored one off the top. My right thumb made contact with the glass. It left a perfect print! I was way too busy "innocently" moving down to the baseball card section to wipe off the evidence. You don't suppose they could lay that crime on me today? My only hope might be the greasy fingers of a million other jaw breaker junkies overlaying my print since that fateful summer morning. If I'm lucky,

that jar got broken when Mr. Pat sold out and the barbecue people moved in.

I've told you before it was Bobby Brewer's idea to climb the water tower. I just went along because he couldn't carry both cans of paint. He did most of the lettering. It took us over two hours and we must have left a thousand prints up there. The town fathers were not pleased and the whole thing stirred up a bigger commotion than even Bobby figured on. I kept my mouth shut and prayed my Father wouldn't put two and two together.

The problem is that water tower it still standing today! And there's no way there could be many hands touched where Bobby and I climbed that night! I don't care how many years have passed. And, idiot me, just volunteered to be fingerprinted. I might as well go back up there, walk into the police station and raise both hands right now!

How fool proof is this fingerprinting thing anyway? What if I have a left index finger that matches the same finger of a serial killer on the loose in western Montana? Or my right thumb print aligns exactly with a female rap singer from New Jersey? The experts say that can't happen. But some of those same experts said we'd never put men on the moon and that wrestling is fake.

I feel like "The Fugitive" in the old TV series. . . . .  
Respectfully,  
Kes

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## Clarifying SHH bill

Dear Editor:  
Last week there was published a letter to the editor regarding Sacred Heart Hospital in Port St. Joe. I serve on the Advisory Board of the hospital. I became aware of the patient's concern several weeks ago, and checked into the matter. The local hospital management reviewed the billing with the doctor, nursing staff and administrative personnel. In addition the billing was sent to Pensacola for a re-analysis and a review by the compliance department. It has been determined that the charges are accurate and appropriate. A representative called the patient and explained the findings. Medical billings are complicated and are not easy to understand. However, in this case the billing is correct for the services received.

The other patient mentioned in the letter that had their bill reduced at the time of leaving the hospital was also investigated by staff. That bill was not adjusted because of an error; a discount was applied and the bill was reduced for immediate payment upon discharge. This discount is available to all that pay cash/check upon discharge.

I do not want to see the image of our hospital tarnished because of misinformation. We are very fortunate to have the healing ministry of Sacred Heart Hospital in our community providing top-quality health care and compassion for the sick, in addition to providing

much needed jobs for our community.

Rex Buzzett  
Port St. Joe

## New meeting time wrong

Dear Editor:  
Here we go again! In the 1990s we had meetings conducted in the morning hours. Again, it was denied by the commissioners, but we all knew the real reason, "Early hours prevent late hour citizen involvement." Some folks work! They (commissioners) never defined the real reason but we knew "it was for their convenience?"

The county administrator was head of the building department in those days. Recalling from personal knowledge, two commissioners traveled to attend the meeting along with the supervisor of the road department from the North end of the county.

During this run (meeting held in the morning hours) never was it suggested that the reason was to reduce cost? Again, the reason was plain....no citizen participation ... no fuss ... business as usual. I recall two to three citizens attending and maybe when a land use item came up maybe two more.

We are on a course for the same results with the recent decision to return to morning hour meetings.

The administrator spoke of cost saving measures in his recommendation?

He indicated money would be saved by not using the utilities?

Some employees receive overtime pay?

Finally, it appeared he hinged his opinion on the fact adjoining counties (Bay & Franklin) hold their meeting in the morning hours.

To the first item: Having worked for 12 years in the system (county employee) I can attest that utilities are the LEAST worry of the commission. Never during my period of employment did I observe anyone doing a walk thru after hours to ensure lights, etc., was turned off or was there any protocols in effect to suggest employees ensure conservation of utilities.

To the second item: Employees receive overtime pay. STOP! That is an issue very easily solved. If the

person is a union employee ... negotiate with the union that after hour attendance of meetings is part of the employment agreement. Staff members ... TOUGH!

The only employee that I recall that would be charging overtime is the county attorney (WHAT'S New?) Get a Grip! The attorney will charge the same if the meeting is held "morning, noon or night" and/or if more than two people are breathing.

Third item: Adjoining counties do it so "it must be the thing?" Once again we are being compared to others. Why can't the sitting commissioners have the "intestinal fortitude" (for lack of other choice words to which we

find they are lacking) to say for one time ... "it's what we are directing and the decision is final"? The circumstances indicate the comparison will be the justification needed to calm and shift the uproar ... because it's done elsewhere it's the thing for us?

Finally, it comes down to a simple question? Are the employees and elected officials of the county there to serve the citizens of our county?

If the answer were to be YES ... then what difference does it make when the meetings are held? The recent decision infers the contrary.

When I was employed I was thankful and enjoyed to the opportunity to serve the veterans and those in

need of housing assistance through the SHIP program. I never once received overtime staying late to assist someone in need. During a hurricane in 2004 ... I refused to accept overtime (time and half) for the two days I spent in the operation center.

I felt it was the right thing to do!

The meeting should be scheduled to provide the greatest opportunity to our citizens to express their views. There was a time in our history when we witnessed this type of governing and it failed. This action taken by the commission is WRONG!

Sincerely,  
Bo Williams  
St. Joe Beach/Beacon Hill

## EDITORIAL

# Government proposes simplified mortgage disclosure forms

No doubt many wannabe first-time homebuyers have been sitting on the sidelines of the volatile housing market, unsure when or how to enter the game. If that describes you, you're probably fortunate to have missed out on the housing bubble and lax lending standards of a few years ago, when millions of people took out mortgages they couldn't afford – or understand.

Homeownership is a long-term commitment filled with expenses (both expected and unexpected) and responsibilities. The upsides — not to mention the tax advantages — are why about two-thirds of Americans own instead of renting. But homeownership is not always right for everyone or at every stage of life.

Here's hoping that now, as home prices have plummeted and loan interest rates are at historic lows, you can resist the temptation to get in over your head and first bone up on the many one-time and recurring costs involved in owning your own home.

A good place to start is Know Before You Owe, the financial education initiative launched last year by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to ensure that people receive concise, easy-to-understand information regarding mortgages, credit cards and student loans, among other major financial decisions ([www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)).

After soliciting input from thousands of consumers, lenders, mortgage brokers and consumer advocates, the CFPB recently developed new prototypes for the federal disclosure forms borrowers receive after



JASON ALDERMAN

*Homeownership is a long-term commitment filled with expenses (both expected and unexpected) and responsibilities.*

applying for a mortgage and before closing on the loan.

"When making what is likely the biggest purchase of their life, consumers should be looking at paperwork that clearly lays out the terms of the deal," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray.

The proposed forms combine several different but overlapping documents now required by various federal agencies. But they will simplify the language and format and make it easier to compare different mortgages and more easily understand loan terms, including interest rates, monthly payment amounts, closing costs and how the loan amount might change over time (e.g., with an adjustable-rate loan). They also highlight features borrowers may want to avoid such as prepayment penalties and negative amortization.

In the meantime, if you're considering buying a home, review the proposed forms to get an idea of which costs you should be watching out for. And, even if you're already comparing loans or in escrow, ask your lender to show you where the various costs highlighted in the new forms are located in your current disclosure documents – it might help avoid costly last-minute surprises.

Here are some factors future homebuyers should keep in mind:

- Start planning now. It could take years to save enough for a down payment and closing costs.
- Don't forget ongoing expenses like a monthly mortgage payment, mortgage insurance, homeowner's insurance, property taxes, furnishings, maintenance and repairs.
- People with poor credit ratings usually either don't qualify for loans or pay much higher interest rates. Work on repairing your credit at the same time you launch a savings plan.
- If your down payment isn't at least 20 percent, you'll probably be required to buy Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), which protects the lender if you default.

For a comprehensive overview of how different types of mortgages work, check out Bankrate.com. Also, watch the easy-to-follow video explaining mortgages at Practical Money Skills for Life ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com)), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

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## Officials: Never feed dolphins

By STAN KIRKLAND

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Bottlenose dolphins are beautiful marine mammals. Tourists who travel to the Gulf Coast love to see them. But dolphins should never be fed.

Sometimes, unfortunately, they are. That's the assessment of officials with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (and NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service).

However, it is illegal to feed dolphins under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, a federal law that has been in effect since 1972.

On July 16, the FWC received a call about a dolphin biting a female swimmer at the Panama City Pass. The swimmer reportedly was part of a dolphin tour but was not feeding dolphins when she was bitten on the leg. Her injuries were minor and did not require medical treatment, according to a report.

"Dolphins are large, powerful creatures, and it's illegal to feed them for several reasons," said Elsa Haubold, section leader in the FWC's Species Conservation Planning Section. "They have sharp teeth, and anyone who offers them food is subject to being bitten and injured.

"Not only that, when you teach dolphins to associate people with fish or other food items, the dolphins teach this behavior to their young and you perpetuate a vicious cycle. It's really up to people to help us break this cycle."

Haubold said dolphins that are fed also are raising the ire of anglers by snatching fish off their lines. She said in some instances, the dolphins themselves end up being hooked and injured.

FWC Maj. Bruce Cooper, who oversees law enforcement efforts in the Florida Panhandle, said that during a recent plainclothes operation by FWC officers, two Panama City dolphin-tour boat operators were identified feeding dolphins during a dolphin-viewing trip. The investigation is continuing, with possible charges forthcoming.

"We want people to enjoy themselves when they are out recreationally or on a commercial vessel to see dolphins, but the law is in place for a reason," he said.

## LOVE THAT KING



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Dee Adams' grandson, Thomas, loved this kingfish so much he got up close and personal during the recent Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association Kingfish Tournament. Thomas could not get enough of the fish, which he had nothing to do with catching. But that is part of the fun. Thanks to Debbie Hooper at [joebay.com](http://joebay.com) for the photo.

## A rough season for turtle nests

This year the turtle nesting season started with a rush activity on St. Vincent Island and it looked like it was going to be a record breaking season. The turtle patrol has marked and recorded 103 turtle on the island this summer. But Mother Nature stepped in early in the summer and brought us a stormy, wet summer. Tropical storm Debby came ashore on June 24 and washed away 41 nests. Then on Aug. 28,

slow-moving Isaac caused another storm surge that destroyed another 17 nests. The weather pattern all summer has been rain, rain,

rain. This kept the sand cooler than normal, which extended the gestation period of the turtle eggs by about 10 days — certainly a very interesting year. As of Sept. 5, the turtle patrol has "dug" 17 nests — either those that have hatched or those that were way overdue. The turtle patrol volunteers count the shells from the hatched eggs and record the number of unhatched eggs. Nine of those nests hatched and sent about 656 hatchlings into the Gulf. Twenty-eight nests have not hatched, and hopefully there will not be more weather problems.

The Red Wolf program which has been ongoing on St. Vincent Island since 1989 also has had a disappointing year. One breeding pair of red wolves is kept on the island to produce pups each spring. In the winter, the pups



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are trapped, their health checked and they are fitted with radio tracking collars. The pups remain with their family until they are 18 months old. They are then trapped and relocated to Alligator River NWR in North Carolina, where they are reintroduced into the wild. The staff and volunteers that track the wolves have found no evidence of pups this year.

With fall and winter just around the corner, some hunters are preparing for the hunts on St. Vincent Island. There are three hunts that take place each year:

- White-tailed Deer Archery Hunt, Nov. 15-17
- Sanbar Deer Hunt, Nov. 29 to Dec. 1
- Primitive Weapon Hunt, Jan. 24-26

The Sanbar Deer Hunt is filled, but the other two hunts still have spots available. Interested hunters can apply for a permit at [www.myfwc.com/license](http://www.myfwc.com/license) until Sept. 28. The FWC website also has tips on how to prepare for a hunt on St. Vincent Island.

Volunteers still are needed by the St. Vincent Island NWR. Both outdoor and office-based volunteer work is available. At

volunteer or learn more about how you can help, email [supportstvin@hotmail.com](mailto:supportstvin@hotmail.com).

The monthly island tours are once again taking reservations. All tours are on the second Wednesdays — Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Jan 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10 and May 8. The enhanced website will offer details about the tours plus a convenient place to sign up. Just click on "Island Tour Sign Up." The tour is free, but participants must make a reservation at [www.stvincentfriends.com](http://www.stvincentfriends.com). Seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a small charge for boat transportation to and from the island. You can also visit the island on your own. Remember the island is primitive — bring everything you need, including drinking water — and leave only your footprints behind.

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### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sept. 13	83°	73°	10 %
Fri, Sept. 14	84°	73°	10 %
Sat, Sept. 15	82°	73°	10 %
Sun, Sept. 16	82°	73°	30 %
Mon, Sept. 17	82°	75°	60 %
Tues, Sept. 18	83°	74°	60 %
Wed, Sept. 19	83°	73°	30 %

### 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

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

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
13	Th	842am 1.7		527pm 0.6	
14	Fr	953am 1.6	1156pm 1.0	536pm 0.8	
15	Sa	1116am 1.4	1059pm 1.1	304am 0.9	525pm 1.0
16	Su	104pm 1.2	1050pm 1.4	458am 0.8	435pm 1.1
17	Mo	1108pm 1.7		625am 0.6	
18	Tu	1145pm 1.9		750am 0.4	
19	We			922am 0.3	
20	Th	1235am 2.0		1105am 0.2	
21	Fr	135am 2.1		1243pm 0.1	
22	Sa	245am 2.1		203pm 0.1	
23	Su	401am 2.1		305pm 0.1	
24	Mo	522am 2.0		351pm 0.2	
25	Tu	642am 1.9		424pm 0.4	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
13	Th	308am 1.4	146pm 1.6	824am 1.1	913pm 0.4
14	Fr	328am 1.4	245pm 1.6	906am 1.0	946pm 0.5
15	Sa	345am 1.5	341pm 1.6	944am 0.8	1016pm 0.6
16	Su	401am 1.5	437pm 1.6	1022am 0.6	1045pm 0.8
17	Mo	420am 1.6	534pm 1.6	1103am 0.4	1112pm 1.0
18	Tu	442am 1.6	635pm 1.5	1147am 0.3	1140pm 1.1
19	We	509am 1.6	744pm 1.4	1238pm 0.2	
20	Th	542am 1.7	904pm 1.3	1208am 1.3	140pm 0.2
21	Fr	622am 1.7	1046pm 1.3	1236am 1.4	258pm 0.3
22	Sa	713am 1.7		110am 1.4	427pm 0.3
23	Su	819am 1.6		550pm 0.3	
24	Mo	136am 1.3	948am 1.6	451am 1.4	658pm 0.4
25	Tu	205am 1.3	1135am 1.5	631am 1.3	753pm 0.4

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#### Inshore

With cooler air and water temperatures this week, all inshore species should take notice. Fall feeding patterns will soon be the talk of the town, and great trout and redfish catches are anticipated. Good freshwater catches of bass, bream and catfish are all because of the rising waters left over from the hurricane.

#### Offshore

As September gets under way, offshore fishing will begin to slow down because of a lack of daily bag limits and species regulations. Grouper season still has 40-plus days left and will make up the most of our offshore fishing for the rest of the year. Great fish are being caught close to shore in the MBARA numbers, but don't expect any record-sized fish here.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



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Port St. Joe Quarterback Ramello Zaccarro (7) hands the ball off to Jarkice Davis (1) against Bozeman during their matchup Friday at Bozeman High School.

# Bucks trump Tiger Sharks

By BRAD MILNER

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**SAND HILLS** — Bozeman passed its first big football test of the season.

Jacob Martinez accounted for three scores and David Elmore and Javoni Bell each notched two touchdowns as the hosts beat Port St. Joe 35-8 on Friday. It was a battle between a Bucks' team looking to take the next step forward and an improved Tiger Sharks squad that fell to 1-1. Bozeman moved to 2-0 in its home opener, which featured the Bucks in all red jerseys.

"This was a big win for us," Bozeman coach Loren Tillman said. "I thought aside from some missed tackles we played well defensively against a team that was scoring a lot of points in the jamboree and last week."

Bozeman also showed a killer instinct that had been missing in the past after PSJ struck for its first and only score late in the third quarter. Jarkeice Davis took a pitch right, broke two tackles in the backfield, squirted through more defenders to the sideline, cut left, sprinted down the opposite sideline and dived over for a 55-yard score. Natron Lee added a 2-point conversion to narrow the gap to 21-8.

Bell erased the momentum with a 52-yard scoring run four plays later. Davis, who had a game-high



Bozeman's Kris Kenney (11) and Chandler Burkett (19) and Port St. Joe's Natron Lee (8) and Marcell Johnson (68) leap for a loose ball.

142 yards, fumbled on the next possession.

Martinez, who along with James Jernigan fought through cramping in the second half, connected with Elmore for 19 yards to cap the scoring to open the fourth quarter.

"We were able to fight back a little bit," Port St. Joe coach Chuck Gannon said. "There was still plenty of time to get back in the game."

Bell, who had 123 yards on eight carries, and Martinez, who threw for two TDs on three completions and rushed for 52 yards and a TD, saw to it PSJ didn't draw any closer.

"Port St. Joe had a lot of fight left," Tillman said. "We showed our depth with the players cramping and team speed, that was important."

The teams spent the majority of the first quarter swapping punts and attempting physical dominance. Bozeman punted on its first three possessions, but caught a break when it recovered a fumbled pitch at its 38.

Bozeman went 62 yards for the opening score on a drive aided by a late hit penalty. Daniel Taylor had two carries for 34 yards to set up a 1-yard dive by Martinez to open the scoring early in the second quarter.

A penalty for an ineligible receiver downfield stunted the Tiger Sharks' ensuing drive. They had moved as deep as the Bozeman 33 on the strength of a 36-yard halfback pass from Davis to Troy Williams. PSJ went backward 15 yards and was

forced to punt.

Kris Kenney fumbled away the Bucks' next possession two plays later and PSJ drove to the 13 before turning the ball over on downs.

Bozeman capitalized when Martinez found Elmore at the Bozeman 45. Elmore cut inside past a defender and finished off a 72-yard connection for a 14-0 Bozeman halftime lead.

Gannon said playing against a potential playoff team, and more of them in the future, will help toughen PSJ.

"We learned we have to be more physical through a whole game," he said. "And we need to cut down the mental mistakes."

Port St. Joe is off next week. Bozeman hosts Vernon.

# Vernon manhandles Wewahitchka

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**VERNON** — Vernon took command early in its 2012 home debut Friday night and went on to take 38-6 win over Wewahitchka in a battle of Class 1A schools.

Junior tight end Brandon Malloy put the Yellow Jackets on the board with 5:23 to play in the opening quarter. He carried 68 yards to the Wewahitchka 2, then busted through the middle to score. Senior quarterback Dylan Kirk connected with junior wide receiver Julian Silas on a conversion pass to make it 8-0.

With 2 minutes left in the first quarter, Kirk connected with sophomore

wide receiver Austin Brown on a scoring pass and the Yellow Jackets led 14-0. That series was initiated by Silas' interception that stopped a Gator drive at the Vernon 30.

Kirk connected with Brown again from 10 yards with 4:44 to play in the half, culminating a 65-yard, seven-play drive. Kirk's conversion pass to Silas increased the lead to 22-0.

With 2:10 left to play in the half, Brown picked off a Gator pass inside the Wewahitchka 30 and returned it to the end zone. Vernon led 30-0 going into halftime.

Vernon's final touchdown came with 8:27 left to play in the third quarter when Malloy went up the middle from

the 2. Kirk found Brown for two points to make it 38-0, which invoked the mercy rule and kept the clock running.

The Gators were able to get on the board when sophomore QB Rashard Ranie connected with junior tight end Javar Hill after the Gators had recovered a Yellow Jackets' fumble at the Vernon 35. Ranie connected with Hill at the 9-yard line on the first play, then duplicated the effort on first-and-goal.

Kirk finished with 123 yards passing on 11 of 19. Malloy had 105 yards rushing, Brown five receptions for 68 yards and Silas caught three passes for 41 yards.

The Yellow Jackets travel to Bozeman next Friday, while the Gators host Robert F. Munroe.

VOLLEYBALL

# Lady Sharks improving by the game

Star Staff Report

Coach Wayne Taylor keeps reminding himself his Port St. Joe High School volleyball team is young and in need of experience.

Nothing helps like a few tough losses. The week started on a rough note last Wednesday as the Lady Tiger Sharks hosted Bay and lost in three games, 12-25, 13-25 and 20-25. Although a difficult loss, Taylor noted a few bright spots, Nicole Endres with five kills from 22 attacks and freshman Callie Freshren was 100 percent from the serving line with one ace.

The young team's struggles continued Thursday night as they traveled to Liberty County and again lost in three games. Endres had four service aces and five kills from 13 attempts. Freshren continues to be perfect from the service line with another 10 serves that were in play. She also had four kills on 13 attempts and eight assists, Taylor said. Sophomore Haley Wood had 11 digs.

Saturday the Lady Tiger Sharks played four matches and won one. The team is showing signs of cohesiveness and several matches were very close, Taylor noted.

Port St. Joe lost the first match to South Walton by scores of 22-25 and 19-25. The second match was against Baker, and the scores were 17-25 and 14-25. The win came against Bozeman with scores of 25-22 and 25-10 and the final match of the day was against 4-A Marianna. The Lady Tiger Sharks played tough, Taylor said, against the Lady Bulldogs but came up short with scores of 20-25 and 17-25.

Team leaders to date are Endres with 14 service aces and 19 kills. Freshren has only one service error in 51 attempts with five aces. She also has 11 kills in 60 attempts and 18 assists with 112 attempts and 31 digs. Sophomore Haley Wood has 44 serve receives and 27 digs.

Taylor said he believes this young team is showing strong signs of starting to put it all together. Their serves are becoming more accurate, and they are beginning to be more aggressive by sending fewer "free ball" back across the net.

# Lady Gators open season 3-1

Star Staff Report

The young season is off to a spiking start for the Wewahitchka High School volleyball team.

The Lady Gators registered wins over Altha, Bethlehem and Cottdale around a single loss to Sneads.

Wewahitchka opened the season with a five-game victory over Altha, winning the final game 15-10.

Altha took the first game 25-17 before the Lady Gators took the next two 28-26 and 25-22 before Altha evened the match in the fourth game 26-24.

The Lady Gators took a straight-game match against Bethlehem, winning 25-20, 25-11 and 25-17, but three days later were swept by Sneads 16-25, 14-25 and 13-25.

Wewahitchka rebounded by taking down Cottdale in five games.

The Lady Gators won the opening game 25-16 before Cottdale took a 2-1 game lead after game wins of 25-15 and 25-13.

Wewahitchka evened the match with a 25-18 win in the fourth game and won the final game 15-9 to take the match.

Wewahitchka was in Liberty County on Tuesday.

# Wewahitchka boys compete at Tallahassee

Star Staff Report

The boys' cross country team at Wewahitchka High School finished 12th in a meet at Leon High School in Tallahassee on Sept. 8.

The team was led by Jakob Bidwell who was followed to the line by Shaquille Scott, Elijah Sarmiento, Colby Gay, Jason Haire, Weston Sarmiento, Charlie Laird and Clay Brock.

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He was teaching ROTC — he is in charge of Port St. Joe's NROTC program — at a school in New York, “four miles as the crow flies” from the financial district of Manhattan and the Twin Towers.

He recalls the first phone call reporting a small plane flying into one tower and the roar overhead as the second plane flew past, 100

feet above the ground, using the school's steeple as a directional marker.

Jarosz recalls stepping outside the school's front door to see the billowing smoke on the horizon, as he watched the towers consumed.

He remembers the photos he took of that sunny day turned dark, photos he rarely has the ability to look

at. Jarosz recalls the loss of cell phone service, the children evacuated from Manhattan to his school, unable to tell parents of their safety for more than 18 hours.

He remembers the night in a school on lockdown, the “carnival atmosphere” that likely helped all cope with the tragedy that surrounded their school.

Two students lost parents. Jarosz attended seven funerals of friends in the days after the attack.

The last person found alive in the rubble, Jarosz knew by name and by the number of hours — over 27 — the person kept the faith until help arrived.

Jarosz also remembers the tales from Ground Zero of the people trapped in the rubble, tapping their life to rescuers who ultimately would be unable to save them.



In the aftermath of the attack, Jarosz and his school become something of a hub for those working to clean up the carnage.

“I made more egg omelets than I can ever remember making in my life,” Jarosz said. “For months, for people coming back and

forth from Ground Zero.” Marty Jarosz remembers, and that made Tuesday in Port St. Joe all the more poignant.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

## Gulf tourism takes 'highest honor we could win'

### TDC wins 'The Henry,' one Silver Flagler

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Tourist Development Council was awarded "The Henry" for its Tourism EXPO Event in the category of Tourism Advocacy at the 2012 Flagler Awards, held Sept. 5-7, at SeaWorld during the Florida Governor's Conference on Tourism.

"This is the highest honor we could win," said Jennifer Jenkins, executive director of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council. "This is a big win for Gulf County and much deserved."

Additionally, Gulf County TDC received a Silver Flagler by Visit

Florida for its Gulf County Discovery Guide.

In February 2011, the Gulf County TDC created the Tourism EXPO and Customer Service Training event, with support from the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, to help local tourism operators better understand and promote Gulf County's unique assets.

With growing awareness as a family-friendly vacation alternative to the busier beaches to its west, the primary purpose of the event was to educate local businesses, reservationists and staff members about what there is to do in the area and what to say when they get the, "So, what is there to do around there?" question.

Additionally, the workshop had a preseason viewing of the 2011 TDC marketing campaign and an entertaining presentation on phone etiquette and customer service tips by Lori Lupino of Gulf

Coast State College. The first-of-its-kind event drew more than 150 participants and was held in the Centennial Building before the start of the 2011 spring season.

Also presented to Gulf County at the Governor's Conference was a Silver Flagler Award in the category of promotional materials for their "Guide to Discovering Gulf County & Old Florida." The guide is the ultimate resource for tourists visiting Gulf County with 68 pages of outstanding photography, events, business listings and maps. Florida Welcome Center and Panama City Airport officials had reported the brochure to be one of their most popular, with difficulty keeping the racks full.

Flagler Awards were presented in 17 categories with the majority of them going to The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors

See **TOURISM B5**



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Catherine Noel, left, and Jack Kerigan from Kerigan Marketing Associates and Gulf County Tourist Development Director Jennifer Jenkins accepted two major awards at the governor's conference on tourism.



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Flood waters crept increasingly closer to the Cape San Blas Lighthouse after Tropical Storm Isaac blew through the area.

## 'IF WE WAIT FOR THE NEXT THING TO HAPPEN IT WILL BE GONE'

### Saving Cape San Blas Lighthouse gains urgency

By **TIM CROFT**  
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The Board of County Commissioners, at the urging of the Coastal Community Association, weighed in on the effort to save the Cape San Blas Lighthouse during the BOCC regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday.

CCA President Pat Hardman said she was there at the request of several interested parties to see a committee formed to examine all the options pertaining to saving the lighthouse.

After Tropical Storm Isaac raised havoc two weeks ago, the lighthouse and keepers' quarters on the grounds are on the verge of becoming an artificial reef in the bottom of the ocean, Hardman said.

"It has reached critical mass out there," Hardman said. "This lighthouse is historic. And it is one of only two lighthouses in Florida that has the original lens."

Hardman asked the BOCC to form a committee to consider short-term and long-term options, from saving



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**Pat Hardman**  
president, Coastal Community Association

the lighthouse to maintaining in the long term.

The land is Air Force property, but the Air Force has moved ahead with required paperwork to abandon the property.

According to county planner David Richardson, a letter received from the Air Force indicated the lighthouse was "on their radar," and

See **LIGHTHOUSE B5**

## DAR promotes Constitution Week in county

Star Staff Report

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, Insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish the Constitution for the United States of America."

The Constitution stated that the new government could come into being when any nine of the 13 states adopted it. In addition, the delegates recommended that state conventions be held to debate and vote on whether or not to accept the Constitution as the new law of the land.

The following men were the seven key figures in the shaping of the new nation: John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and George Washington. These men all played pivotal roles and served in a variety of capacities to help win American freedom and establish a new nation. Though there are many other founding fathers in our nation's history, the story of our nation would be incomplete without noting the accomplishments of these seven.

See **DAR B5**

## Free food stamp training program to be Friday

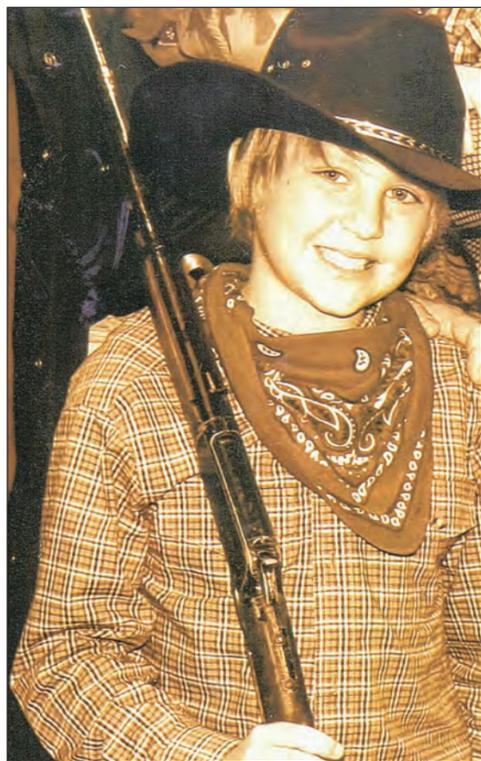
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Royal American Management, a service provider for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, will have a free workshop on the Food Stamp Employment and Training program at 10 a.m. ET Friday, Sept. 14, in the WIG/CRC Building, 401 Peters St. in Port St. Joe.

"This program could be very beneficial to those who are struggling financially in our community," said Julie Torres, FSET director. "Ultimately our goal is to help place individuals into good jobs by providing a variety of free employment and training services."

The workshop will cover important information about the FSET program and how individuals can participate. Services offered by FSET include career counseling and guidance, financial assistance for short-term training (GED, CNA and computer classes), employability skills training, monthly gas reimbursements and job placement assistance. The program also can help cover other job-related expenses such as child care.

The FSET program is a voluntary and free program for anyone receiving food stamp assistance. To qualify, individuals must live in the Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties. For more information or to register for the workshop, call Torres at 767-3212, ext. 156.



**Miles Allen Butler turns 10**

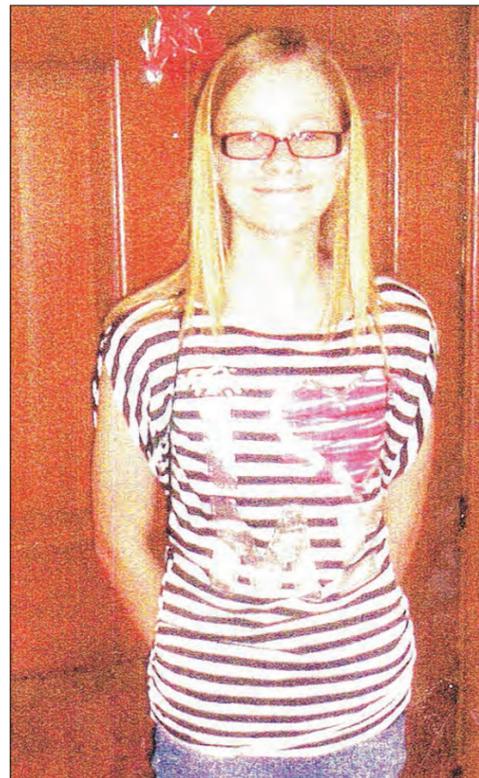
Miles Allen Butler turned 10 years old on Sept. 9. Miles is the son of Rhett and Brittne Butler of Howard Creek. He is the big brother of Rilan and Parker Butler. He is the grandson of Dit and Debbie Butler of St. Joe Beach, Sandy Watson of Howard Creek and Allen Parker of Jonesboro, Ga. Happy birthday.



**Caroline is 8**

Caroline Braylee Hysmith turned 8 on Wednesday, July 18. She celebrated by having a cupcake-themed party with family.

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**Brooke is 13!**

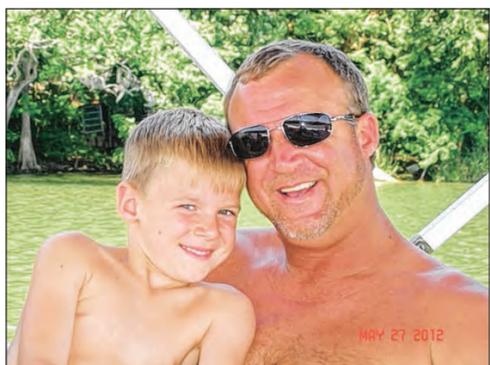
Katelyn Brooke Hysmith turned 13 on Monday, Sept. 3. She celebrated by having a zebra-themed party with family and friends.

We love you,  
Mom, Kevin, Caroline, Jackson and Cameron



**Jackson is 3**

Jackson Davis Cherry turned 3 on Sunday, July 15. He celebrated by having a Mickey Mouse party with family. Jackson's parents are Kevin and Stephanie Cherry. Jackson's sisters are Brooke and Caroline Hysmith and Jackson has a brother Cameron Cherry. Grandparents are Terry and Debra Watson, Eric and Carol Mann and Ronnie Cherry.



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**Engagement**



**Lisa Estes, John Deeson to wed**

Lisa T. Estes and John F. Deeson have announced they will be married at 4 p.m. ET Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, at Beacon Hill on the Beach.

Lisa and John are both currently employed at Duren's Piggly Wiggly and reside in Port St Joe.

No invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to come and share in this special occasion.

Should there be inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Family Life Church, 323 Reid Ave, Port St Joe.

The fellowship/reception will follow at the covered picnic area behind the Centennial Building, Allen Memorial Way, Port St Joe.

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**Star Staff Report**

The Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka will host a class on learning how to download free eBooks to your Kindle, Nook, iPad or

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Joining the NAI team are principals Brent Faison and Patrick Jones, who will be overseeing business operations from Franklin County westward as part of the NAI TALCOR West Florida Division. Jones is responsible for

management of the Panama City and Port St. Joe offices. He specializes in corporate services real estate, focused on developing asset evaluation, management and disposition strategies for corporate clients. Before joining NAI TALCOR, he served as managing broker for North Florida Land & Capital and as a quantitative risk management analyst for a Top 50 banking corporation. He is active in the community serving as vice chairman of the Port St. Joe Port Authority, chairman of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency, former chairman of the Gulf County Planning and Development Review Board and former Gulf County Economic Development Committee commissioner.

Faison has 15 years experience in commercial real estate with a focus on brokerage and asset management in the northern Gulf Coast region. He received a degree in economics from the University of Georgia and is licensed to practice real estate in Florida and Georgia. Brent and his family reside in Bay County. NAI TALCOR has of-

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# Education Encore returns to Gulf/Franklin Center



TIM CROFT | The Star

Education Encore, offering an array of noncredit classes for adults, begins at the Gulf/Franklin Center in the coming weeks.

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A no muss, no fuss continuing education. That is what Gulf Coast State College at its Gulf/Franklin Center will be offering in the coming weeks as Education Encore returns for another year. Education Encore offers noncredit enrichment classes for adults on a variety of topics. "We have a saying, you are never too old to learn," said Jim Barr, coordinator of Education Encore. "There are no tests, no grades, no stress, just fun." Registration for Education Encore begins at 1 p.m. ET Sept. 19 in Building A, Room 101, at the Gulf/Franklin Center.

Registration is first-come, first-served. Classes will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays, Sept. 26 through Oct. 31. Classes are being offered in three morning time periods, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, making it possible for a student to take three classes during this year's Encore. The goal of Education Encore, Barr said, is to provide a learning environment that is fun, lively and offers diversity, insight and wisdom in which adults explore new ideas. If you have been to college, this is an opportunity to relive the college experience, Barr said. If you have not attended college, this is an opportunity to live it. "Just as exercising the body keeps one physically

fit, exercising the mind keeps one mentally fit," he said. The courses offered at the Gulf/Franklin Center include basic computer skills, digital camera, drawing, writing, chair yoga, marine biology, "Dare to Repair," acrylic painting and conversational Spanish, among others. The fee for participants is \$66 for the six-week program, which includes three classes on each of the six Wednesdays. To browse the selection of classes offered, visit the website at [www.gulfcoast.edu/EducationEncore](http://www.gulfcoast.edu/EducationEncore), or for more information call 872-3823 or email [jbarr@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:jbarr@gulfcoast.edu). Don't miss this great opportunity to continue your education or pursue a longtime interest. You are never too old to learn.

## District moving to new student information system

Special to The Star

The district is moving to a new student information system, which will be a work in progress for at least two years. We apologize for the inconvenience of not being able to view student grades and attendance on a daily or weekly basis, but thus far the parent portal has been only partially open. Because this is a new system and we must at all costs protect student confidentiality, parents will be required to re-register for access to their child's grades and attendance. A three-step process will open the portal: first, complete the registration form that was sent home

or pick up one from the school. Second, take the form and a valid picture ID to the school to be copied for the school's files. The school will complete the form, make a copy for the parent and keep the original. Finally, go to [www.gulf.k12.fl.us](http://www.gulf.k12.fl.us), click "New-FOCUS Parent Portal Registration" and complete the required information. The school will need at least 48 hours to allow access. Parents who have more than one child in the system will only need to complete one form per school, not a form for each child. For more information, contact your child's school guidance counselor or the front office.

## DAZZLING DOLPHINS



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Port St. Joe Elementary School's Dazzling Dolphins are, front row, Brianna Baker, Boston McGhee, Samantha Childers and back row, Jasmin Hayes, Sara Whitfield, Chasity Finch, Dane Mallon.



MATTHEW WHITE



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## Education BRIEFS

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### School district offers adult programs

Gulf School District is excited to announce that it is offering day and night adult programs in Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka. Programs provide two options: credit earning for a standard diploma or GED preparation for students who want to take the GED. Though the district is not a GED testing site, students may take the test in Bay County or Franklin County through their adult programs. Hours for both adult schools are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. These hours give students the opportunity to participate 38.5 hours each week. Because the programs operate on

an open enrollment policy, students may enroll at any time during the school year. There is a \$28.50 fee per semester, which was mandated by the 2011 Legislature, so students are encouraged to enroll early in the semester to get the maximum instructional time. For more information, call Melody Nelson in Port St. Joe at 227-1744 and Billy Hoover in Wewahitchka at 639-9292.

aimed at current GCSC students, local high school students and their parents, and others in the community who are thinking about coming back to school or attending college for the first time. Information about degrees, programs, careers and financial aid will be available.

College Night is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Brittney Simmons at [bsimmons@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:bsimmons@gulfcoast.edu) or 913-2902.

### GCSC to host annual College Night

PANAMA CITY — Gulf Coast State College is hosting its annual College Night from 6-8 p.m. CT today, Sept. 13, in the Student Union East Conference Center.

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## OBITUARIES

### Tisha Lee Dunn-Bell

Mrs. Tisha Lee Dunn-Bell was born to Reuben and Mattie L. Dunn on March 8, 1924, in Orange Hill, Fla.

After a long and well spent life, she departed this life on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, at Glencove Nursing Home. She attended school at the Brown School in Orange Hill, Fla., also A.D. Harris in Panama City, and received her high school diploma from George Washington High. She also was a musician and played for the choir of Mount Carmel Baptist Church for many years. She was a dispatcher for the city police department of Port St. Joe and a school guard at Port St. Joe High.

She was married to the late John Henry Bell, Sr., and they were blessed with six beautiful children and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Reuben and Mattie Dunn; her daughter, Carla Bell-Garland; one son, John A. Bell; her sisters, Ruby Katherine, Jeniecey Ethel, Alice; one brother, Buddy; and one grandson, Clyde

Garland Jr.

To cherish your memories, children Carla Garland (deceased), Clarence Bell, Pensacola Fla., Bonnie Bell (Sandra), Kenneth Bell (Maxine), Pensacola, John A Bell (deceased), Patricia Hanible (Jerome) Orlando; grandchildren, Clyde Garland, Jr. (deceased), Anita Williams (Dennis), Latanya Nichols (Willie, Bonnie Brasson (Quince), Deon Garland, Michael Garland all of Orlando, Xenxes Love, Michael Love (Renee) of Virginia, Tracey Evan (Charles) of Atlanta, Ga., Veronica Turner (Danny) of Atlanta, Carla Bell of Panama City, Naomi Russell of Panama City, Tahree Bell (DeFuniak), Leonard Bell of Atlanta, Ga.; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held 11 a.m. ET Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, at the Church of God in Christ with interment following in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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

### Terry Dykes

Terry Dykes, 56, of Port St. Joe, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012. He loved life, fishing, gardening, his children and his mother.

Survivors include his mother, Jewel Dykes of Port Saint Joe; two sons, Destin Dykes and wife, Summer, of Highland View, and Bill Brown and wife, Debra, of Dalkeith; three daughters, Julie Dykes of Youngstown, Emily Gardner of Tallahassee and Angel Nelson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Diane Watson and husband, Raymond, of Altha, Gene Dykes and wife, Kay, of

Highland View, Debra Stallings and husband, Spike, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Peggy Harris and husband, Scott, of Panama City; a special aunt, Bessie Goff and son Gene of Highland View; his uncle Josh Dykes of Apalachicola; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. ET Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012, at the graveside in Holly Hill Cemetery. Interment will follow. Those who wish may make donations to his mother, Jewel Dykes.

Services were provided by Comforter Funeral Home.

### Williams Hubert 'Bill' Lindsey

William Hubert "Bill" Lindsey, SR, USAF M/Sgt. Ret, was born at Sumatra, Fla., at the home of his maternal grandparents on March 10, 1929, the son of Melvin and Ludy May Hill Lindsey. He died in Tallahassee on Sept. 3, 2012, with his beloved wife of 60 years, Anne, by his side.

After graduating from Carrabelle High School as salutatorian in 1947, Bill, also known locally as "Hubert," enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, which later became the U.S. Air Force. His 27 years of active duty before retirement included a year of wartime service in Vietnam.

Mr. Lindsey was a member of the Carrabelle United Methodist Church for many years and served as both financial secretary and treasurer. At the time of his passing, he was a member of the Carrabelle

Episcopal Church of the Ascension and served as an usher.

In addition to his wife, Anne, he is survived by their two children, Linda Key (and husband, Bill) of O'Fallon, Ill., and William H. Lindsey, JR (and wife, Barbara) of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren, Charles and Virginia Key of Illinois, and Michael, Elizabeth, Kaitlyn and Megan Lindsey of Texas; as well as four great grandchildren, Danny, Will and Malcom Key and Reid Stabler; three brothers, Melvin Louis (wife, Ida Belle) of Port St. Joe, Fred of Sumatra and John G. (wife, Sandra) of Blountstown; six nieces; and eight nephews.

Services to be held at a later date.

Kelley Funeral Home, 149 Avenue H, Apalachicola, 653-2208, is handling all arrangements.

### Joan E. (Lee) Tharpe Melvin

Mrs. Joan E. (Lee) Tharpe Melvin, age 62, of Blountstown, Fla., passed away Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, in Blountstown. Joan was born on March 10, 1950, in Port St. Joe, Fla., and had lived in Blountstown for the past 10 years, coming from Wewahitchka, Fla. She was retired from the Jackson County School System as a nutritionist. Joan was a 1968 graduate of Port St. Joe High School and was preceded in death by her father, John David Lee, Sr. and a son, Clifford John (Trey) Tharpe III.

Survivors include husband, Frank Melvin, of Blountstown, Fla.; mother, Jeanette Lee of Port St. Joe, Fla.; son, Jeffery Wade Tharpe of Grand Ridge, Fla.; daughter, Laura Jill Bailey and husband, Tim, of Clarksville, Fla.;

brother, John David Lee, Jr. and wife, Peggy, of Grand Ridge, Fla.; sister, Marieta Ann Simmons and her husband, Paul, of Pensacola, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. CT Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Glen Davis and Chaplain Gino Mayo officiating. Interment followed in Shady Grove Cemetery in Grand Ridge, Fla. The family received friends from 1 p.m. CT until service time at 2 p.m. CT Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown.

All arrangements are under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown.

### Ron Isbell



RON ISBELL

Ronald J. Isbell, 63, of Kings Mountain, N.C., died Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, at home.

He was born May 31, 1949, in Terre Haute, Ind., to Charles and Fern Isbell and was raised on farms in eastern Illinois.

A 1967 graduate of Hutsonville (Ill.) High School, he began his journalism career as a correspondent for The Robinson Daily News while still in high school. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1971 with a degree in political science and a minor in journalism.

He served as an editor of two newspapers before buying his first newspaper, The Casey (Ill.) Daily Reporter. His company grew to include newspapers in Marshall, Oakland, Neoga, Greenup (Ill.), Knightstown, New Castle, Edinburgh and Bicknell (Ind.) and eventually Quincy. He also managed newspapers in Christiansburg, Blacksburg and Radford, Va., and Crawfordville and Port St. Joe.

He was the publisher and half owner of The Kings Mountain Herald, Cherryville Eagle and Banner News in North Carolina at the time of his death. He also was a newspaper consultant.

He was an active member of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club and had formerly been a member of Rotary Clubs in Casey, Ill., Blacksburg,

Va., Crawfordville and Port St. Joe.

He was also a member of the board of Mountaineer Partnership and of the Kings Mountain Advisory Committee of

the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce.

An avid motorcyclist and camper, he and his wife, Wendy, traveled much of the United States, combining those two passions.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy, of Kings Mountain, N.C.; parents, Charles and Fern Isbell of Marshall, Ill.; sons and stepchildren Trevor Isbell of Maryville, Tenn., Jason Isbell of Bedford, Ind., Erin Cummins and Traci Moore of Martinsville, Ill., and Wayne Conner of Kings Mountain; two brothers, John of Woodstock, Ill., and Chris of Lena, Ill.; a sister, Kim Bass of Henderson, Nev.; two grandsons, Bryton Moore and Eli Cummins; three granddaughters, Brette Cummins, Jordyn Scott and Hannah Moore; one nephew; and four nieces.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m. at Prust-Hosch Funeral Home in West Union, Ill. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Green Banana Project Ltd., P.O. Box 1552, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; or Hospice Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150; or your choice would be appreciated.

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## LIGHTHOUSE from page B1

the military was examining a possible temporary location. Hardman wondered if it was possible for rip-rap to be placed in front of the coast as was done around the Stump Hole area of County 30-E or some other kind of reinforcement.

"It can be saved, but if we wait for the next thing to happen, it will be gone," Hardman said.

Yeager said several parties, including the St. Joseph Historical Society, the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency and the city of Port St. Joe, were considering funding sources and potential grants to move the light-

house to the city. The Historical Society is undertaking a fundraising drive to raise some \$300,000 needed for relocation. To date, just under \$40,000 has been raised.

County Administrator Don Butler said though the Air Force owns the lighthouse and grounds and the Coast Guard owns the lighthouse lens, two state historical preservation grants of some \$700,000 total had been awarded to refurbish the lighthouse, keepers' quarters and grounds, and those grants are also a factor the county must consider.

Hardman suggested Salinas Park might be an alter-

native, but she emphasized that local officials need to get their hands around the precise costs and options in saving the lighthouse.

"It needs to be immediate, but it needs to be in partnership with the city," said Commissioner Bill Williams, who said he also favors a Salinas Park relocation. "It makes sense for the city to communicate with us on this as partners."

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Waters crept closer to the Cape San Blas Lighthouse after Tropical Storm Isaac blew through the area.



## DAR from page B1

The St. Joseph Bay Chapter National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution promotes Constitution Week, beginning Monday, Sept. 17 through Sept. 23. Our Constitution, the cornerstone of our freedoms was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by government. Let us celebrate this week, resolving to be better informed and responsible citizens.

In 1955, the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress into Public Law No. 915 on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The United States Constitution has endured longer than any other constitution in the world and has been used by many other countries as a model for drafting their own constitutions.

The aims of the celebration are to emphasize the citizen's responsibility for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and encourage the study of historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

"To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded the human race," said the late President Calvin Coolidge.

"The Constitution of the United States was created by the people of the United States composing the respective states, who alone had the right," said the late President James Madison.

Fly your flag with pride during Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Mark Costin and his grandmother Mrs. Ashley (Sylvia) Costin are joined by Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson in proclaiming next week Constitution Week.

### A PATRIOTIC ANCESTRY

Above, Master Carter Costin, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Costin and grandson of Mrs. Ashley (Sylvia) Costin, represents the St. Joseph Bay Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, for Constitution Week, which is Sept. 17-23. He is dressed in colonial attire like his ninth great-grandfather, Job Callaway, of North Carolina.

Carter's great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Costin, were early pioneers of Port St. Joe who settled here in 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Costin Sr. were his great-grandparents. On Carter's maternal side are his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Knox and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Greg Knox.

Carter is also related to Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson and City Attorney Tom Gibson.

## TOURISM from page B1

Bureau, Visit Orlando and The Florida Keys & Key West. Visit South Walton received two silver and two bronze Flaglers. Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau received a single bronze Flagler.

Named for Henry Flagler, the Flagler Awards were established in 2000 to recognize outstanding tourism marketing and the individuals and organizations that help position Florida

as the top travel destination in the world. Working independently, a panel of five judges evaluated the creativity, innovation, production quality and effectiveness of each entry. Based on the judges' cumulative scores, awards are presented to the top three entries in each category: the Bronze Award for the third highest scoring entry, the Silver Award for the second highest scoring entry and for the highest

scoring entry in each category, the Henry Award. More information and a complete list of winners is available at [www.visitfloridablog.org/p=4765](http://www.visitfloridablog.org/p=4765).

Jenkins accepted the awards during the conference along with the Kerigan Marketing team.

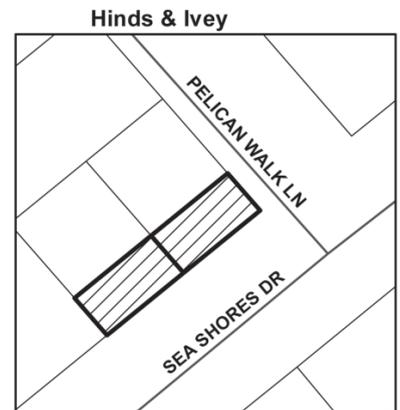
Kerigan Marketing Associates Inc., of Port St. Joe, completed each of Gulf County TDC's winning entries while serving as agency of record.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

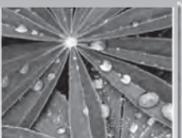
1. Variance Application - Hinds & Ivey - Parcel ID # 03798-660R & 03798-662R- Located in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - encroachment into road setback for elevated deck.
2. Development Policy, Ordinances, Comprehensive Plan and LDR Revisions
  - Occupational License
  - Comp Plan GOP's
  - Construction without permit penalties and fines
  - After the fact variances penalties and fines
  - Additional development & planning issues
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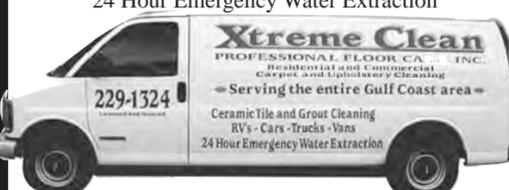
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**89519**  
IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2010-464-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT N. COLLINS a/k/a ROBERT N. COLLINS, JR., JUDSON R. MAGRIN, CATHERINE K. MAGRIN and PARK POINT AT SECLUDED DUNES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment on Count II of foreclosure dated August 28, 2012, entered in Case No. 2010-464-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff, and ROBERT N. COLLINS, JR., JUDSON R. MAGRIN, CATHERINE K. MAGRIN and PARK POINT AT SECLUDED DUNES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the first floor lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on the 4th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 2, BLOCK C, PARK POINT AT SECLUDED DUNES, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 39, 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 Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 4, 2012.

BECKY NORRIS



Gulf County Clerk of Court  
BA Baxter  
Deputy Clerk  
Sept. 13, 20, 2012

### 89207S 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. 1451  
Application No. 2012-39  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 06248-685R

Description of Property: Lot 37, of SHALLOW REED PHASE TWO, ACCORDING TO THE Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 21-24, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: C. Calvin Warner and Rebecca Warner

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 3rd day of October, 2012. Dated this 27th day of August, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk  
August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2012

### 89349S 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. 483  
Application No. 2012-42  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 01888-185R

Description of Property: COMMENCE at a 4" square concrete monument marking the Southwest Corner of Oak Gardens, Unit II, according to the official



map or plat there of recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 20, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, thence North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 43 Seconds West along the West boundary line of Oak Gardens Unit 11, 10.00 feet, for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence South 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 48 Seconds West, 64.00 feet, thence North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 105.00 feet, thence North 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 48 Seconds East, 64.00 feet to the West boundary line of Oak Gardens Unit 11; thence South 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 43 Seconds East along said West boundary line, 105.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel having an area of 0.15 acre, more or less.

Name in which assessed: Taunton Development Inc.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 3rd day of October, 2012. Dated this 27th day of August, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk  
August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2012

### 89355S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 23-2009-CA-000050

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION successor by merger to RBC BANK (USA) f/k/a RBC CENTURA BANK Plaintiff,

vs.

KATHRYN SHEFFIELD, ALLEN SHEFFIELD, INDIAN SUMMER HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 17th day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 23-2009-CA-000050 of the Circuit Court in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor by merger to RBC BANK (USA), is the Plaintiff, and KATHRYN SHEFFIELD and ALLEN SHEFFIELD are Defen-



dants, that the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder on the 20th day of September, 2012, for cash at 11:00 a.m. ET in the Court-house Lobby of Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in Paragraph 6, on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

Lot 24, Phase II, Cottages at Indian Summer, as Plat Recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 44 and 45, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

(133 Cottage Lane, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 "the Property")

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

DATED at Gulf County, Florida on the 24th day of August, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS As Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk September 6, 13, 2012

### 89401S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 23-2009-CA-000612

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JACQUES REGISTE AND MARLAINE F. REGISTE, et al., Defendant.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 21, 2012 and entered in 23-2009-CA-000612 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and MARLAINE F. REGISTE, JACQUES REGISTE, WETAPPO PRESERVE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. 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 ET on the 20th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 171, WETAPPO SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 36-42 IN 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 lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2012.

Rebecca L. Norris As Clerk of the Court

BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk

### IMPORTANT

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.

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Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff 3010 N. Military Trail Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33431 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-241-918 September 6, 13, 2012

### 89441S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on the 20th day of September, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil Costin Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real and personal property situated in Gulf County and Bay County, Florida:

Real Property

See Exhibit A (Gulf County, Florida) and Exhibit B (Bay County, Florida).

### EXHIBIT A

In Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida

PARCEL 1 That portion of Section 9, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying South and West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 2 That portion of Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 3 That portion of Section 16, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 4 All of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 5 All of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, EXCEPT that portion of the West Three-Quarters lying North of Horseshoe Creek.

PARCEL 6 All of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Commence at an existing six-inch by six-inch St. Joe Paper Company concrete monument marking the Northwest Corner of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence South 738.04 feet along the West line of said Section 19 to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South along said West line 454.96 feet to the Southwest Corner of Section 19; thence N37°24'16" E, 3467.13 feet to the centerline of Pleasant View Road; thence N51°29'18"W, 2223.00 feet along said centerline to the beginning of a curve; thence Northwestly along curve along said centerline concave to the North with a radius of 731.64 feet, through a central angle of 37°32'20", an arc distance of 479.36 feet; thence N81°11'19"W, 101.20 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 7 All of Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 8 That portion of Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 9 That portion of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying West of the Florida Power Company Right-of-Way recorded in ORB 12, Page 140.

PARCEL 10 Fractional Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter, LESS that portion of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying South of the centerline of State Road 386, as the same now runs.

PARCEL 11 North Half of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 12 West Half of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.



LESS all that portion of Southwest Quarter lying South of existing Pleasant Rest-East Bay Road.

PARCEL 13 South Half of South Half of Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 14 Fractional-All that portion of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of existing Pleasant Rest-East Bay Road.

PARCEL 15 Fractional-All that portion of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of existing Pleasant Rest-East Bay Road.

PARCEL 16 Fractional Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 17 Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 18 Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

PARCEL 19 Northeast Quarter and Fractional East Half of Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; LESS AND EXCEPT West Half of the Northeast Quarter lying West and South of Intra-coastal Canal.

PARCEL 20 All that part of Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of Watapoco Creek.

PARCEL 21 All of Section 5, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, EXCEPT that land lying North of that stream referred to as "Little Creek" and

EXCEPT that land that lies East of the Northwest-Southeast road in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter.

PARCEL 22 All of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, EXCEPT that land lying North of "Little Creek" and EXCEPT that land lying South of County Road 386.

PARCEL 23 All that part of Section 8, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of the centerline of Pleasant View Road; thence S 50°12'22" E, 2101.62 feet; thence S 38°13'05" W, 872.13 feet to the approximate mean high water line of Wetapoco Creek; thence N 70°01'21" W, 200.86 feet; thence S 69°13'40" W, 25.79 feet; thence N 85°36'01" W, 61.40 feet; thence N 35°08'27" W, 25.49 feet; thence N 46°15'06" W, 108.23 feet; thence N 55°55'19" W, 61.68 feet; thence N 45°25'39" W, 47.67 feet;



or less, on a private unpaved road that intersects State Road 386.

PARCEL 25 All that part of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of the centerline of State Road 386, as the same now runs.

PARCEL 26 All that part of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, lying North of the centerline of State Road 386, LESS AND EXCEPT that portion conveyed to St. Joseph Telephone and Telegraph Company in ORB 18, Page 235.

### LESS AND EXCEPT:

Commence at a steel half-inch rebar (#4346) marking the Southeast Corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence N01°12'42"W, 16.47 feet along the East line of Section 7 to the intersection with North-erly right of way line of State Road 386; thence S60°15'18"W, 3173.68 feet along said Northerly right of way line to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S60°15'18"W, 68.59 feet along said right of way line; thence N34°27'07"W, 533.35 feet; thence N37°56'19"W, 69.93 feet; thence N14°27'03"W, 162.41 feet; thence N84°19'20"W, 195.71 feet; thence N27°03'48"W, 269.12 feet; thence N04°59'21"W, 257.91 feet; thence S80°35'11"W, 218.60 feet; thence N00°50'32"W, 963.88 feet; thence S87°31'30"E, 551.05 feet; thence S00°01'11"E, 452.83 feet; thence S84°03'13"E, 178.86 feet; thence S09°54'40"W, 214.79 feet; thence S32°12'50"W, 141.99 feet; thence S19°57'00"E, 1234.90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

GRANTORS HEREBY RESERVE THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER, UPON AND ACROSS THE UNPAVED ROAD N O R T H E R L Y THROUGH THE ABOVE EXCEPTION FOR THE NON-EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE ADJOINING OWNERS.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Commence at a steel half-inch rebar (#4346) marking the Southeast Corner of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence N01°12'42"W, 16.47 feet along the East line of said Section 7 to the intersection with the Northerly right of way line of State Road 386; thence N60°15'18"E, 5299.22 feet along said Northerly right of way line, to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N60°15'18"E, 100.00 feet along said right of way line; thence N41°52'37"W, 280.41 feet; thence N23°04'19"W, 153.36 feet; thence S67°52'32"W, 228.80 feet; thence S26°14'02"E, 159.72 feet; thence N70°09'10"E, 134.24 feet; thence S39°08'54"E, 278.06 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Less and Except: Parcel 1: Commence at an existing six-inch by six-inch Saint Joe Paper Company concrete monument marking the Northwest corner of Section 19, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence S 01°16'56" W, 5280.00 feet along the West line of said Section 19; thence N 38°41'12" E, 2367.13 feet; thence run S 35°26'19" E, 68.62 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run N 38°41'12" E, 1117.49 feet to the centerline of Pleasant View Road; thence S 50°12'22" E, 2101.62 feet; thence S 38°13'05" W, 872.13 feet to the approximate mean high water line of Wetapoco Creek; thence N 70°01'21" W, 200.86 feet; thence S 69°13'40" W, 25.79 feet; thence N 85°36'01" W, 61.40 feet; thence N 35°08'27" W, 25.49 feet; thence N 46°15'06" W, 108.23 feet; thence N 55°55'19" W, 61.68 feet; thence N 45°25'39" W, 47.67 feet;

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cial accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Judson C. Brandt, Esquire at (850) 434-9200 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding to ensure reasonable accommodations are available.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 27th day of August, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk September 6, 13, 2012

89363S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2012-000123-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN McCRUDDEN and THE OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHGATE, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Default Final Judgment of foreclosure dated August 21st, 2012, entered in Case No. 2012 000123 CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff, and STEVEN McCRUDDEN and THE OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHGATE, INC., are the Defendants, I will sell separately each of the parcels of property listed below to the highest and best bidder for cash in the first floor lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on the 4th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

Property 1

Lot 30, Southgate Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

and,

Property 2

Lot 2, Cozy Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 62, 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 Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 24, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Gulf County Clerk of Court

BA Baxter By: Deputy Clerk September 6, 13, 2012

89503S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 10000212CA Division:

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN P. ALEXANDER A/K/A STEVE ALEXANDER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEVEN P. ALEXANDER A/K/A STEVE ALEXANDER; THIRD FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH DEEPGREEN BANK; CAPITAL CITY BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated August 17, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 10000212CA, Division: of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, is Plaintiff, and Steve P. Alexander a/k/a Steve Alexander; Unknown Spouse of Steven P. Alexander; Third Federal Savings and Loan Association Successor by Merger with Deepgreen Bank; Capital City Bank; Unknown Tenant#1; Unknown Tenant#2, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest

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bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. ET, at the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL. 32456 on the 27th day of September, 2012 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS EXHIBIT "A" EXHIBIT "A"

Commencing at the SE corner of Lot 39, San Blas Estates, a subdivision of a part of Sections 18 and 19, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 22, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, and thence run S 69 degrees 45' 05" West, along the South boundary line of said Lot 39 for 161.25 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said point of beginning run North 6 degrees 18' 59" East, for 111.80 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 39, thence S 69 degrees 45' 05" West along said North line 503.67 feet to the approximate mean high water line of the Gulf of Mexico; thence S 27 degrees 38' 40" East along said approximate mean high water line for 50.41 feet; thence North 69 degrees 45' 05" East for 73.99 feet; thence North 26 degrees 57' 30" West for 25.17 feet; thence North 69 degrees 45' 05" East for 177.39 feet; thence South 20 degrees 14' 55" East for 75.00 feet to a point on the South Boundary Line of said Lot 39; thence North 69 degrees 45' 05" East along said South line for 198.75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said lands being a part Lot 39, San Blas Estates and having an area of 30,510 square feet and being subject to a 20 foot wide road way and utility easement described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast Corner of Lot 39 San Blas Estates, a subdivision of a part of Sections of 18 and 19 Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 22 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, and thence run South 69 degrees 45' 05" West along the South Boundary Line of said Lot 39 for 161.25 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said point of beginning run North 6 degrees 18' 59" East for 111.80 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 39; thence South 69 degrees 45' 05" West along said North line 22.36 feet; thence South 6 degrees 18' 59" West for 89.44 feet; thence South 69 degrees 45' 05" West for 186.39 feet; thence South 20 degrees 14' 55" East for 20.00 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 39; thence N 69 degrees 45' 05" East along said South line for 198.75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also being subject to a 2.50 foot wide pedestrian easement described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of Lot 39, San Blas Estates, a subdivision of part of Sections 18 and 19, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 22 of the Public Records of Gulf County Florida, thence run South 69 degrees 45' 05" West along the South line of said Lot 39 for 360.00 feet; thence North 20 degrees 14' 55" West for 20.00 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said point of beginning continue North 20 degrees 14' 55" West for 35.00 feet; thence South 69 degrees 45' 05" West for 177.39 feet; thence South 26 degrees 57' 30" East for 25.17 feet; thence South 69 degrees 45' 05" West for 73.99 feet to the approximate mean high water line of the Gulf of Mexico; thence North 27 degrees 38' 40" West along said approximate mean high water line for 2.52 feet; thence North 69 degrees 45' 05" East for 71.50 feet; thence North 26 degrees 57' 30" West for 25.17 feet; thence North 69 degrees 45' 05" East 182.70 feet; thence South 20 degrees 14' 55" East for 37.50 feet; thence South 69 degrees 45' 05" West 2.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. (From Official Records Book 92, Pages 587-88, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida).

This property is located at the Street address of: 4119 CAPE SAN BLAS ROAD, PORT SAINE JOE, FLORIDA 32456. If you area person claiming a right to

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funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on September 4, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Court

BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Elizabeth R Wellborn, PA.

350 Jim Moran Blvd, Suite 100 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 (954) 354-3544 Fax: (954) 354-3545

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN'S WITH DISABILITIES ACT 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 Court Administration at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, Florida 32402, Telephone 850-747-5327 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-9558771. Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89583S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000243 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARIA JO STRICKLAND et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MARIA JO STRICKLAND LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 903 Delores Drive Tallahassee, FL 32301

CURRENT 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

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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

LOT 17 AND 19, BLOCK 15 OF OAK GROVE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with 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 or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 24th day of August, 2012.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act 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

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than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.

ADA Coordinator P.O. Box 1089 Panama City, FL 32402 Phone: (850) 747-5338 Fax: (850) 747-5717 Hearing Impaired: Dial 711 Email: ADARequest@jud14.flcourts.org F11003106 Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89505S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-000297-CA

COMPASS BANK Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN F. ARNOLD; KATHY ARNOLD; JEAN F. ARNOLD; CAPITAL CITY BANK, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unities known persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on the 27th day of September, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. ET at the 1000 5th Street, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, offer the sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Gulf County, Florida:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOTS FIVE (5) AND SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) OF BEACON HILL SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO PLAT FILED BY M.D. TAYLOR AND H.H. BULLARD IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ALSO: THAT PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN FRONT OF THE ABOVE NUMBERED LOTS, BETWEEN STATE HIGHWAY IN ORIGINAL LOT 3, SECT. 31, T6S, R11W, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.

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.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 4th day of September, 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 Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89587S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on October 4, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

Real Property

Lot 14, Block D of S W E E T W A T E R SHORES AT MONEY BAYOU, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 39-40, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Personal Property

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, crops, timber, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers, and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property"). The term property also includes, but is not limited to, any and all water wells, water, ditches, reservoirs, reservoir sites and dams located on the real estate and all riparian and water rights associated with the Property, however established.

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Real Property

Commence at re-bar marking the intersection of the North right of way boundary of County Road C-30-E with the East line of Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, said re-bar lying on a curve concave to the South; thence run Southwesterly along said right-of-way boundary and along said curve with a radius of 2342.01 feet through a central angle of 01 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds for an arc distance of 67.39 feet, the chord of said arc being South 79 degrees 10 minutes 52 seconds West 67.39 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING continue Southwesterly along said right-of-way boundary and along said curve with a radius of 2342.01 feet through a central angle of 00 degrees 40 minutes 29 seconds for an arc distance of 27.58 feet, the chord of said arc being South 78 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds West 27.58 feet to a re-bar; thence run South 77 degrees 53 minutes 19 seconds West along said right of way boundary 40.13 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds East 862.97 feet to the approximate mean high water line of St. Joseph Bay; thence run along said approximate mean high water line as follows: North 52 degrees 19 minutes 18 seconds East 44.00 feet; thence South 35 degrees 14 minutes 57 seconds East 46.69 feet; thence North 79 degrees 17 minutes 18 seconds East 4.11 feet; thence leaving said approximate mean high water line run South 00 degrees 56 minutes 47 seconds West 838.35 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Description of Property: Lot 13, 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: Payman Pouladdej

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 3rd day of October, 2012. Dated this 27th day of August, 2012.

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

BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2012

89551S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, at a Special Meeting on the 28th day of September, 2012, at 6:15 P.M., EST, in the regular Commission meeting room at the Municipal Building, Port St. Joe, Florida, will have the 2nd reading and consider for final adoption an Ordinance with the following title:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 487

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 AS THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Transactions of the public meeting will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the meeting will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk, City of Port St. Joe, at City Hall, telephone number (850)229-8261 Ext 113. September 13, 2012

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and the docket number of which is 2012-CA-000107.

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

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the undersigned not later than seven days prior to the proceeding to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 5th day of September,

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

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89347S 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. 1545 Application No. 2012-40 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 06269-900R

Description of Property: Lot 13, 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: Payman Pouladdej

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 3rd day of October, 2012. Dated this 27th day of August, 2012.

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

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Southerly right of way line of County Road No. 30 (66 feet wide); thence Westerly along said right of way line as follows; along arc of a curve concave North-erly, said curve having a radius of 2990.87 feet through a central angle of 11°28'55" for 599.37 feet, said arc of being subtended by a chord bearing and a distance of South 83°29'42.5" West, 598.36 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence South 89°14'10" West, 88.82 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave Southerly, said curve having a central angle of 12°04'56" and a radius of 1801.50 feet; thence Westerly along the arc of said curve for 379.89, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and a distance of South 83°11'42" West, 379.19 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence South 77°09'14" West, 1516.03 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave North-erly, said curve having a central angle of 02°11'43" and a radius of 20,858.59 feet; thence Westerly along the arc of a curve for 799.19 feet, said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and a distance of South 78°15'05.5" West, 799.14 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence South 79°20'57" West for 57.63 feet to an iron rod for the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 79°20'57" West for 83.83 feet; thence leaving said right of way line of County Road No. 30, South 10°39'03" East for 382.53 feet, more or less, to the edge of an open marsh; thence meandering Easterly along and with the edge of said open marsh the following four courses and distances; thence South 79°54'29" East, 5.25 feet more or less; thence North 62°28'22" East, 28.19 feet, more or less; thence South 36°26'51" East, 38.36 feet, more or less; thence North 70°24'10" East, 36.36 feet, more or less to a point on a line that bears South 10°39'03" East from Point of Beginning; thence North 10°39'03" West for 405.9 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

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

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk Sept. 13, 20, 2012

89483 PUBLIC NOTICE

The Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency is seeking qualified landscape firms to bid on the landscape maintenance of a limited portion of the Historic Downtown area. Complete bid packages are available on request from Gail Alsobrook, Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency, 150 Captain Fred's Place, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. Bids must be received by 4 pm on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Phone: 850-229-6899. September 13, 2012

89553S PUBLIC NOTICE

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ORDINANCE NO. 486

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA LEVYING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, STATING THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE LEVIED IS (5.00)% LESS THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of the Ordinance are available for public inspection at

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## Workplace friendships: Asset or liability?

By **SUSAN BRYANT**  
Monster Contributing Writer

Few would dispute the power that a true friendship has to enrich our lives. But what role should friendship play in the workplace? Is it smarter to keep your personal and professional lives separate or to purposely seek out and cultivate friendships on the job?

### The pros and cons

Dr. Jan Yager, author of *Friendships: The Power of Friendship and How It Shapes Our Lives*, has found that workplace friendships can have a profound effect on your career. A friend on the job can let you in on the inner workings of your company or field, provide feedback on your performance or act as a sounding board. Having a buddy at work can make a job more enjoyable, even enhancing your creativity and productivity. Many people get new jobs as a result of friendships, and companies often promote programs that reward employees for referring their friends for employment.

When workplace friendships go awry, however, the impact can be costly. Too much socializing impedes productivity; personal or professional information can be revealed to inappropriate people; and cliques may form, leading to favoritism, exclusivity and negativity.

Although clicking with someone on



the job can spark a friendship, whether to invest in the relationship may become a deeper issue. It's a question of trust for Mary, a photo editor. "You make friends at work and eventually reveal what you really think about managers, coworkers and your job, and then you hope they won't divulge that information, intentionally or unintentionally, to anyone else," she says. "There are allegiances that have to be kept if you're friends at work. Don't let personal information you've discussed go beyond the circle of friendship."

### Friends forever?

Are the friendships you develop at work fundamentally different from other friendships? In some ways, yes, Yager says. A job provides financial security. If forced to choose between keeping your source of income and a friendship, most people would choose to keep their job. Because of the pros and cons of developing friendships at work, you have more at stake when deciding whether to enter into a workplace friendship. The right group of friends can be a great influence in your career. The wrong group can get you fired.

### Befriending the boss

Can, or should, bosses and subordinates be friends? "Same-level friendships are the easiest to maintain," Yager says. "Problems can arise if one friend has to supervise or evaluate the other." If you try to befriend the boss, your coworkers might question your motives. If your boss befriends you, he may be accused of having a favorite.

### When friendships fizzle

"Workplace friendships are great, but they can burn out quickly, too," says Mary Ann, a bank vice president. "If you leave a department or change positions, the similar circumstances that originally brought you together are now gone, and so is the friendship."

What is the best indicator of whether a friendship can survive one person moving on? Shared values, according to Yager. Although a shared environment may jump start a friendship, a deeper connection must be made to maintain it. You must genuinely like a person, whatever the circumstances, to become lasting friends. Unfortunately, because people often instinctively hold back from revealing too much about themselves to coworkers, this deeper connection can be difficult to make. On the plus side, if two people have become casual friends while on the job, they may be able to deepen their friendship once one person moves on and they no longer feel inhibited by the workplace environment.

### Buddying up

So how does one navigate the treacherous waters of workplace friendships? Yager provides this advice:

- Be discreet about your friend's confidences, and think carefully about the type of information you choose to divulge.
- If you think your friendship puts you or your friend in a compromising position on the job, talk about it. If necessary, withdraw yourself from situations that might be a conflict of interest.
- Find out if your company has a policy regarding workplace friendships, and follow the rules.

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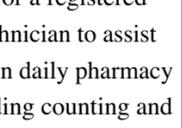
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