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## Victim of 'hate crime' shooting dies

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Everett Gant of Port St. Joe died Monday night in Bay Medical Center six weeks to the day after he was shot in the head in what authorities have labeled a hate crime.

Gant, 32, had not left BMC

or regained consciousness since being shot in the Pine Ridge Apartments in Port St. Joe the night of July 30.

Walton Henry Butler, 59, was arrested in the shooting on attempted murder charges with a hate crime enhancement.

Gulf County Sheriff Joe Nugent said he would meet

with the state attorney on the exact process, but that Butler would be charged with an open count of murder.

Butler had his first appearance on the murder charge on Tuesday and is scheduled for a court date on the original attempted murder charge Sept. 25, Nugent said.

Nugent indicated the hate

crime enhancement would remain on the new charge of murder.

According to the original arresting affidavit from Nugent, an incident occurred during the afternoon of July 30 when a woman came with a child to Butler's apartment in the Pine Ridge Apartment complex on Garrison Avenue.

Butler, a white male, reportedly used a racial slur to refer to the child.

Investigators said they discovered Butler had been making similar racial slurs to other children in the complex in the days leading up to the incident.

See **SHOOTING A6**



**WALTON HENRY BUTLER**

## Accident in Wewa kills 1

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A Port St. Joe man was killed and another injured in a single-vehicle accident last Friday on Lake Grove Road in Wewahitchka.

Christopher Acree, 26, was killed in the accident, which occurred at a spot on Lake Grove near Canning Drive where the road veers to the right, just before 4 a.m. ET Friday.

The pickup truck Acree was driving was coming from the Red Bull Island area into Wewahitchka.

A passenger, Phillip Fleming, 22, of Wewahitchka was taken to Bay Medical Center, said Gulf County Sheriff Joe Nugent.

Fleming was treated and released. Another passenger, Benjamin Hobbs of Mexico Beach, suffered minor injuries and was not transported by ambulance from the scene.

The three were in a small pickup driving from Red Bull Island into Wewahitchka when the truck crossed the center line of Lake Grove Road, left the road and continued another estimated 75 feet across the road and into a culvert before hitting a telephone pole, Nugent said.

It was not known whether the three were wearing seat belts.

An FHP report of the accident attributed the cause of the accident to the high rate of speed the truck was traveling as it entered a turn near Canning Drive.

## MAN'S TRAVELS CALL ATTENTION TO CONSERVATION



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Traveling with only the bare essentials on his 14-foot paddleboard, in the last two months Gabriel Gray has completed a 7-day, 108-mile expedition down the Apalachicola River, and an 8-day journey from Islamorada through Biscayne Bay to Miami. **Below**, Gabriel Gray paddleboards in the Florida Keys.

## PADDLING WITH PURPOSE

By **VALERIE GARMAN**

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**PANAMA CITY BEACH** — Before the end of the year, Gabriel Gray will paddle more than 700 miles through waterways across the state.

Traveling with only the bare essentials on his 14-foot paddleboard, in the past two months Gray has completed a seven-day, 108-mile expedition down the Apalachicola River, and an eight-day journey from Islamorada through Biscayne Bay to Miami.

Through his journeys, Gray, who operates Walkin' on Water Paddleboards in Panama City Beach, has joined a conservation and clean-up movement that is garnering worldwide attention.

Gray joined forces with the environmental advocacy group "Mother Ocean" in January, and

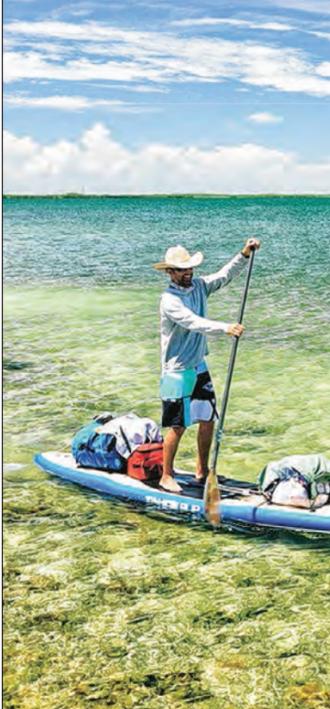
through the use of social media, the movement has exploded.

Mother Ocean is a nonprofit organization founded in January by Justin Riney of Vero Beach, with a mission to inspire an oceanic movement and empower ocean advocates worldwide. Mother Ocean has designated "Ocean Hour" every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. as a time to clean up beaches and waterways. The Ocean Hour Facebook page has filled up with photos of cleanup efforts from dozens of countries.

"It's been cool to see it grow from (Riney's) vision and just see it explode," Gray said. "I wrote him in January wanting to get involved. We hit it off, and we're like brothers now."

With two conservation paddles down and three more scheduled for this year, Gray and Riney are gearing up for 2013's Expedition

See **PADDLING A3**



## Vacationing Georgia man drowns in Gulf of Mexico

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A vacation swim in the Gulf of Mexico turned deadly for a Georgia man on Sunday.

Danny Dickens, 48, of Woodstock, Ga., was pronounced dead shortly before noon ET by

Gulf County EMS.

The cause of death was confirmed as drowning on Monday by the Medical Examiner's Office of the 14th Judicial Circuit.

Sometime before 11 a.m. ET, Dickens' wife became concerned when he had not returned from a swim in the gulf off Higgins Street in Indian Pass and initially

could not see him.

However, she eventually saw her husband floating in the water and ran to the road to flag down resident Vic Ramos.

Ramos assisted in pulling Dickens from the water and began CPR. Dickens' wife called 911 about 11 a.m., Gulf County Sheriff Joe Nugent said.

First responders from the South

Gulf County Fire Department took over in minutes and assisted in moving Dickens to a spot where paramedics could pick up the CPR.

Resuscitation efforts continued for more than 40 minutes, Nugent said, until paramedics pronounced Dickens dead.

Dickens was on vacation to the area with his family.

# Dates to remember in the run-up to Election Day 2012

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The election season is ratcheting up again as campaigns, federal, state and local, hit the home stretch with Election Day less than 50 days away.

The staff at Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin's office is preparing and urging voters to do the same.

The voter registration book for the Nov. 6 general election will close as of 5 p.m. ET on Oct. 9. Griffin's office can accept no new registrations as of that date so if you wish to vote in this

### VOTING HOURS

**Early voting:** Saturday, Oct. 27 through Saturday, Nov. 3  
**Early voting locations:** Griffin's office in Port St. Joe and the Charles Whitehead Public Library on Second Street in Wewahitchka  
**Voting hours:** Saturdays, 8 a.m. ET, or 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT. Sunday, Oct. 28, voting hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT. On each weekday during early voting, Monday through Friday, voting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT.

year's election and have not registered, Griffin encourages voters to do so now.

The deadline to request a mailed absentee ballot

is 5 p.m. ET on Oct. 31. Voters must contact Griffin's office at 229-6117 or come by 401 Long Avenue in Port St. Joe to make a request for a

mailed absentee ballot.

One note on mailed absentees, Griffin said.

The ballot is long, with federal, state and local offices, judge retentions and 11 proposed amendments to the state's Constitution included. The ballot is two pages, front and back.

Because of its size, to mail back the ballot will cost 65 cents instead of the normal 45 cent postage. Voters casting by mailed ballot are urged to ensure the proper postage is on the ballot when mailed back.

To learn more about the constitutional amendments from an objective viewpoint,

visit [www.vote.gulf.com](http://www.vote.gulf.com) and follow the link on the main page.

Early voting will begin Saturday, Oct. 27 and continue through Saturday, Nov. 3.

Early voting locations are Griffin's office in Port St. Joe and the Charles Whitehead Public Library on Second Street in Wewahitchka.

On the two Saturdays, voting hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET, or 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, voting hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT.

On each weekday during early voting, Monday through Friday, voting hours

are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT.

Griffin and her staff urge voters to ensure that all information on their voting registration is correct. If you have moved into the county or within the county, please ensure that your address change is reflected on your voter registration.

If there is a signature change or any other change, please stop by or call Griffin's office.

As Griffin said, better to sort through any discrepancies on a voter registration before Election Day, which given the size of the ballot figures to be a busy one.

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## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

**Purpose and Effect:** The Gulf County School Board proposes to amend and adopt policies, as provided for in the Administrative Procedures Act, for the purpose of bringing said policies into compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.

**Summary:** The following is a brief description of each proposal change.

- 2.21 Organization and Officers of the Board
- 2.95 Wellness Program
- 4.11 Student Progression Plan
- 4.113 Academic Acceleration
- 4.117 Early High School Graduation
- 4.71 Participation of Home Education, Private School and Virtual School Students in Extracurricular Activities
- 5.57 Special Dietary Needs
- 5.60 Student Injuries
- 6.37 Suspension and Dismissal
- 6.38 Suspension with Partial or No Pay
- 6.914 Use of Sick Leave by Family Members or Employees
- 7.31 School Food Service Funds
- 7.70 Purchasing and Bidding
- 8.40 General Food Service Requirements
- 8.41 Meal Patterns
- 8.42 Free and Reduced Price Meals
- 8.44 Summer Nutrition Program
- 8.45 School Breakfast Program

**Economic Impact:** These proposals will result in no direct costs associated with implementation.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT:

Time: 10:00 a.m. CT  
 Date: October 2, 2012  
 Place: Wewahitchka High School  
 1 Gator Circle  
 Wewahitchka, FL 32465

The entire text of the proposed rules can be inspected during regular office hours at the Gulf County School Board Office, 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, FL.

Special legal authority under which the adoption is authorized and the law being implemented and interpreted are made specific.

The addition and changes are proposed by Duane McFarland, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and approved for consideration by Jim Norton, Superintendent.

Amendments: See above

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Florida 500, a yearlong journey of Florida's waterways and coastline.

"People are doing little events throughout the state, and this is just one of them," Gray said. "These conservation paddles are just kicking off awareness of (Expedition Florida)."

The duo has paddled alongside alligators on the Apalachicola River, caught the tail end of Tropical Storm Isaac in South Florida, and even helped rescue a man who had fallen off his boat while lobstering. The rescue stemmed from an impromptu full-moon paddle, something Gray calls "a blessing in disguise."

Their next paddle, beginning on Sept. 22, will lead them 115 miles down the St. Johns River, beginning on the north end of Lake George and out to the Atlantic Ocean. The duo also will complete a 10-day, 110-mile paddle down the Kissimmee River and a 10-day trip through the Everglades Wilderness Trail before the end of the year.

Gray has been involved with paddleboarding in the Panama City Beach area for the past six years and said it is a very clean way to travel because the boards are human-powered.

"I was on one of the first paddleboards that was brought to this area," Gray said. "(At Walkin' on

Water Paddleboards), we're really gearing our business towards doing the lessons and the tour side of it — I want to get people out into nature."

Expedition Florida, a partnership with Mother Ocean, Quicksilver Watermen and Tahoe SUP, will begin Jan. 1 in Pensacola and those involved will travel down the Gulf coastline to the Florida Keys, around the Dry Tortugas and up the east coast of Florida to Jacksonville. The second half of the journey will focus on Florida's inland waterways.

Riney will complete the journey with Gray joining in whenever he can along the way.

During their expeditions, Gray and Riney pack only the bare essentials, and are completely self-sufficient. Gray said he packs about 60 pounds of supplies onto his board including a hammock tent, food and water and a change of clothes.

Gray said one of the best things about the journeys are the good people they meet along the way.

"It's just creating an awareness and getting people to do little events to clean up the waterways — it's to inspire people," Gray said. "We've got groups from around the world involved. It's amazing what a big influence it has."



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## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a budget for 2012-2013. A public hearing to make a **FINAL DECISION** on the budget AND TAXES will be held on

**Monday, September 24th, 2012**

**At 5:01 P.M., E. T.**

**In the meeting room at the Robert M. Moore Adm. Bldg.**

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## BUDGET SUMMARY GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	DEPENDENT DISTRICTS	TOTAL
<b>CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	\$ 8,156,228	\$ 3,783,852	\$ 2,622,350	\$ 26,035	\$ 791,913	\$ 15,380,378
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>						
<b>TAXES:</b>						
		Millages				
AD VALOREM: General	7,764,768	5.7419	-	-	-	7,764,768
AD VALOREM: St. Joseph Fire	-	0.4000	-	-	333,713	333,713
AD VALOREM: Tupelo Fire	-	0.5000	-	-	51,755	51,755
AD VALOREM: Overstreet Fire	-	0.5000	-	-	22,747	22,747
AD VALOREM: Howard Creek Fire	-	0.5000	-	-	15,544	15,544
AD VALOREM: Voted Debt Gulf Front MSTU	-	6.6995	840,946	-	-	840,946
AD VALOREM: Voted Debt Interior MSTU	-	3.5014	360,402	-	-	360,402
Sales, Use, and Fuel Taxes	406,133	1,473,136	353,867	-	-	2,233,136
Communications Service Tax	87,633	-	-	-	-	87,633
Licenses and Permits	130,850	-	-	-	-	130,850
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,842,471	947,274	924,938	-	-	4,714,683
Charges for Services	1,190,600	38,895	-	-	-	1,229,495
Judgments and Fines	3,600	-	-	-	-	3,600
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,000	9,900	6,100	48	-	22,048
Other Financing Sources	67,472	-	-	-	-	67,472
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	12,499,527	2,469,205	2,486,253	48	423,759	17,878,792
LESS 5%	(621,603)	(82,172)	(124,313)	(2)	(21,188)	(849,278)
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES</b>	\$ 20,034,152	\$ 6,170,885	\$ 4,984,290	\$ 26,081	\$ 1,194,484	\$ 32,409,892
<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:</b>						
General Governmental Services	\$ 4,957,527	\$ 80,539	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,038,066
Public Safety	5,872,793	300,316	-	-	216,897	6,390,006
Physical Environment	696,195	1,070,793	-	26,081	-	1,793,069
Transportation	904,415	485,050	-	-	-	1,389,465
Economic Environment	223,900	1,782,973	-	-	-	2,006,873
Human Services	896,486	1,338,763	-	-	-	2,235,249
Culture and Recreation	288,984	-	-	-	-	288,984
Court-Related	130,044	10,600	-	-	-	140,644
Capital Outlay	871,939	470,427	-	-	793,189	2,135,555
Debt Service	-	-	2,837,809	-	28,325	2,866,134
Other Financing Uses	-	30,000	-	-	37,472	67,472
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	14,842,283	5,569,461	2,837,809	26,081	1,075,883	24,351,517
Reserves	5,191,869	601,424	2,146,481	-	118,601	8,058,375
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES</b>	\$ 20,034,152	\$ 6,170,885	\$ 4,984,290	\$ 26,081	\$ 1,194,484	\$ 32,409,892

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD

## 'A Panther in Blue Jeans'

People in general are strange. We are all different, thus we all have different ideas of what "normal" is. Strange is simply "differing from the normal." I'm trying to make a point and at the same time help you to understand why we are all strange to each other (for the most part).

Some of the strange things people do or habits they have are obvious; some are not.

Walt Disney, the creator of the most famous mouse the world has ever known, was actually afraid of mice. Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb, was afraid of the dark. These are two examples of strange, which are also interesting.

There are more. Baseball great, Babe Ruth, wore a cabbage leaf under his hat and changed it every two innings. The Babe thought it kept him cool. Albert Einstein could not be verbally understood until after the age of nine and Mark Twain never finished elementary school.

There are interesting facts and people all around us; we just have to pay attention.

In order to watch people in the right spirit, you must first admit that you are just as strange to them as they are to you. This is said to one's self to justify the thoughts you are thinking. What am I trying to say? I am trying to say that in addition to finding humor in others, I'm not poking fun at them as much as I am "appreciating them."

The other morning at work, I rushed in and told a couple of co-workers, "The Panther has on blue jeans." They did not believe me and rushed to the windows to take a look. They gasped.

One of my co-workers said, "Go outside and look up; the heavens are about to part."

One fellow left the room to go outside and look up at the sky.

For years, we have studied the fellow at work we have code-named, "The Panther." I can't say that we have code-names for everyone at work, but I can say the Panther is worthy of one.

I've never heard the Panther speak, though I have spoken to him on many occasions. Passing in the hall, I will say, "Good Morning" or "Hello, how are you?"

He never says a word. Honestly, I don't find him not speaking that strange. He works on the first floor, which means to me that he probably has a PhD in a really specific field that requires him to think all of the time and only speak on rare occasions.



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I understand. Over the years, my co-workers and I have studied each other and paid particular attention to the Panther. It makes work more fun and keeps our analytical skills sharp.

Why do we call him "The Panther?" I'm really not sure. I think it had something to do with Chevrolet.

Does that not make sense to you?

You see back in the 1960's, Chevrolet was hot on the trail, competing with Ford. Chevrolet had to have a competitor for the Ford Mustang. It was a top secret car/project, that Chevrolet code-named "Panther."

As many of you know, the Chevrolet Panther actually was unveiled as the "Camaro" in 1966. It's a cool story; our Panther is interesting; it's an appropriate name for such an interesting person.

As noted, I do not find the Panther's lack of communication that big of a deal. We do research and work on a lot of interesting things. He's probably just thinking.

However, there are few things that I find interesting about the Panther.

The Panther has to park in the same parking spot every day. There are lots of folks who are like this, but I honestly don't think the Panther would get out of his car if he didn't get to park in his chosen spot. His unmarked, but chosen parking spot is in the middle of a large parking lot. It's not on the end, it's in the middle.

We all understand this and don't park there.

Whether the parking lot is full or completely empty, the Panther takes the same route to the door. It involves many 90 degree turns and never crossing a white line. The Panther will never walk straight to his car. Babe Ruth had the thing with the cabbage in his hat; the Panther won't cross a white line.

It's strange, but I still kind of understand.

See **PANTHER A5**

## Keyboard KLATTERINGS

# Making sense of senseless

There is a famous song from the late Stevie Ray Vaughn called "The Sky is Crying."

That is how it feels behind this keyboard, on this dreary, rainy Tuesday morning after the passing of Everett Gant.

Gant, 32 and father of a young daughter, died in Bay Medical Center on Monday night, having never regained consciousness after being shot in the head six weeks, to the very day, before.



**TIM CROFT**  
Star news editor

He passed with his family remaining vigilant after a long, brutal ordeal and passed away without really knowing how many lives he touched.

How deeply sad. For during a career that has only sporadically surprised, one of the truly stunning occurrences in my lifetime in newspapers has been the outpouring from people, on social media, the internet, letters, email, with signs on lawns or in front of shopping centers, reaching out and urging prayers and thoughts for Everett and his family.

The number of people he encountered and touched on this earth in such a short amount of time is truly amazing and a testament to the man, warts and all.

But today the sky cries. Cries at the ignorance behind the circumstances that left Gant lying in a pool of his own blood on an apartment threshold.

Tears come from the hatred behind the words and actions described in the arresting affidavit, a document filled with vile words driven by thoughts and ideas that most of us, thankfully, find abhorrent.

The sky cries because a community has been scarred, has been lessened by the act of one man and how that single act, driven by a blind hatred all too prevalent in the world today, has left another dead, a life ended, a

daughter without her father, a family without a brother, son, nephew, grandson, uncle.

It cries because in the end, all the thoughts and prayers that have been sent the direction of Everett Gant and family proved no match for mortality, a battle we seem to be waging far too much as a community recently as young people are taken far too early.

But if there is a glimmer, some light to be found in this senseless tragedy that took on more tragic proportions on Monday night, it is in a community's response.

The candlelight vigil held in the days following the shooting that showed a community coming together to resist, with a kind of human Kevlar vest, the bullets of hatred that still ring through the air.

A vigil of common folks, of all ages and colors, coming together to say that the thoughts and ideas espoused by one white man before and after he gunned down a young black man do not reflect community values, not this community, not at this time in history.

There was light from the Lions Club of Port St. Joe, which immediately established and seeded a fund for the Gant family at Centennial Bank to help defray medical costs, which after six weeks are surely astronomical.

There is also light to be found in the reflections of a mother one month after her son was shot.

Gloria Gant, a hugely popular and superb teacher at Port St. Joe High School, stopped by this office between trips to and from home and the hospital one day in order to get something out.

She wanted, needed, to say something to the community that had tried to wrap their hands and hearts around her family and her son.

"People might read what happened here and think this is the most terrible place in the whole world," Gloria said that day. "But I am here to tell you that is not true. This is a wonderful community, with warm, generous people who have been so kind and loving to us."

"This (incident) is not what this community is about. We just thank all the people who have reached out and supported us."

That is Gloria and that was, in large measure, Everett.

Strong of spine, huge of heart, gentle of spirit, a son reflecting the values he was raised with, carrying them with him through life, no matter the ups and downs tossed in front of his path, self-inflicted or not.

And comfort can also be wrung from the outreach of people of this community and their refusal to accept the terms under which Everett left this world. Here is but a sampling in the hours after his death was announced, left on The Star Facebook page.

And this is just a sampling: Cee White — "this is so sad to hear";

Barrett Lowry — "Praying for the Gant family"

Jake Richards — "Prayers with the Gant family. I'm so glad that the ignorance of (the shooters) actions and in some of the comments do not reflect how our community as a whole responded. Nor does it reflect on how the impact that Everett's life had on others."

Sherrin Hill — "Praying for the Gant family. What a terrible loss."

Woodyard Princess Adams — "My heart is heavy right now."

Debbie Boatright — "My thoughts and prayers go out to the Gant family and to all his friends and he had a lot. Just breaks my heart that is happened to such a special person that everybody loved. Heavy heart right now."

Veronica Barrington — "This is so sad to hear ... This is the time that Port St. Joe should still stand strong for this family in spite of this senseless and evil act ..."

Kelly Johnson Parrish — "Yes, how we all shake our heads ... how any human being could be so filled with hate."

The sky is crying this Tuesday morning.

## 'Mumbley-Peg' sounds pretty tame

Mother didn't want us to play high school football. She was afraid we'd get hurt. Leon was a pretty good player and the coach came out to the house one afternoon to "recruit" the two younger Colbert boys.

To the embarrassment of everyone present Mom politely but firmly expressed her opinion of the dangers of the game. She let him know right quick that she didn't cotton to the idea of us getting hurt playing football.

I don't reckon she ever glanced out the back window when David Mark and me were sword fighting with those sharpened cane poles. We were practicing for roles in "Pirates of the Caribbean" that we never got. Danged if he wouldn't forget that we were pretending! He'd whap me upside the head and then jab that pointed end in my belly. I'd get mad and use my stick like a baseball bat! We'd sit down for supper wiping blood off our stomachs, ears, lips and noses.

She apparently wasn't there when we crawled into the goat corral out at the Tri-County Stockyards. Mr. William McCaleb told us we could have any goat we could catch. I was probably nine or ten, David was twenty months younger. I got kicked in the chest just as I entered the ring; then run over from behind. One of them bit me on the leg. I got knocked down half a dozen times by the same big, ornery beast. The dust, sweat, hay and nays were flying. Listen here, we learned right quick that a covey of penned up Billy goats don't want to be caught! David dove and grabbed one by the hind

leg. I jumped on his head. We proudly drug him over to the gate. Of course, we'd ruined two shirts, David Mark had a black eye, I had hoof marks front and back ... We could have sure used some shoulder pads.

Mother must have been stirring those brown beans when we dropped that knife off our elbow aimed at the nearest foot huddled up in pretty tight circle. I tried to get close but if I hit someone it was an accident. Not so with Leon!

He'd fling that knife right at your big toe. The winner was the one that could get the knife stuck in the ground closest to a foot without breaking any skin. You were disqualified if the knife failed to stick upright or you hit flesh. We called it Mumbley-Peg. Although sitting here today I could easily think of some more fitting names. Boy howdy, a pair of those Wilson high top football cleats would have come in mighty handy.

Mom never went down to the big ditch and watched us swing across on grapevines. Sometimes you'd have to get a running start and leap out off one edge to "catch" the vine to swing it over to the side. If you missed, the fall was about fifteen feet. It wouldn't kill you but if you landed wrong it would stove you up a mite. If your hold slipped and you slid down the vine a little you would catch the other bank broadside. It would take all day to "get your breath back". Ricky Gene didn't "let go" once when nearing the far bank. He swung back to the middle and was left dangling in mid air. He couldn't reach him and he couldn't swing to the side.

*The crab apples—sometimes we called'em horse apples—might have been the worst. Those things were hard as brick bats and just right for throwing. This was an easy game. There were no rules. No battle lines. And no teams. You just grabbed as many as you could carry and hid behind a tree, the side of the barn or laid low in a ditch.*

Mom yelled for us to come to supper. I don't know to this day how he got down.

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Mom must have missed us playing pick-up football out in the front yard. We had no pads. Our uniforms were jeans and T-shirts. We banged into each other as hard as we could; we pushed, shoved, slugged, tackled, fought and kicked. We shed more than a little blood, nursed bowling ball size bruises and survived the near 'bout obligatory busted finger or broken arm from time to time.

We played "Stalag 17" in the side yard after dark.

It wasn't too dangerous, except for the guy who climbed upon the roof with the flashlight. Or, if you got excited when you were running to avoid the spotlight and you lost track of where the clothes line poles or the guide wires were. We'd pull over a mid sized tree, put David in the top branches and see how far he could fly when we let go. We'd roller skate holding on to the back of the milk truck.

We had no seat belts in those days. You could run around inside those big Buicks! We loved to hang on the running board and try to catch low hanging limbs. Ten of us would pile in the back of a pick-up and ride to town. Part of the fun was hanging some one off the back until they cried "uncle". We'd grab a shotgun apiece, climb on the front fenders of Clifford's old Ford and go pre dawn rabbit hunting. The miracle wasn't that we would actually hit a racing hare on occasion, the real trick was to avoid shooting the truck ... or each other!

I signed up for the high school football team just as soon as I was eligible. I figured my body needed the rest.

Respectfully,  
Kes

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## When seniors need financial assistance

By JASON ALDERMAN

When the last national census was taken in 2010, 48 percent of the population was classified as poor or low-income (earning less than 200 percent of the poverty level). Anyone who's ever tried to live on a low income knows how difficult it can be to make ends meet when cost increases for essentials like healthcare, housing, food and energy outpace their earnings. This can be especially challenging for seniors living on a fixed income.

The good news is there are literally thousands of federal, state and private assistance programs designed to help seniors

and others cover their basic needs. Your challenge might be finding ones for which you're eligible. Here are a few suggestions:



JASON ALDERMAN

The nonprofit National Council on Aging offers BenefitsCheckUp ([www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org)), a free, confidential web-based service that helps seniors and their caregivers find financial assistance for healthcare, housing, food, utilities, in-home services and much more. After answering several questions, you're issued a personalized report describing programs and services for which you may be eligible, including links to their websites and applications.

Several government-sponsored programs help people with limited income and resources pay for medical coverage, including Medicaid and Medicare. For a good round-up of these programs, go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and click on "Get Financial Help."

Most pharmaceutical companies offer patient assistance programs (PAPs) that provide uninsured and low-income people access to prescription drugs they couldn't otherwise afford. Ask your doctor, pharmacist or health clinic for details. Other good resources include: Medicare's alphabetical list of drugs available through PAPs ([www.medicare.gov/pap/index.asp](http://www.medicare.gov/pap/index.asp)); Partnership for Prescription Assistance ([www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)); RxAssist ([www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org)); and NeedyMeds ([www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com)).

In addition, as a result

of the Affordable Care Act, Medicare Part D participants who reach the so-called doughnut hole coverage gap now receive a 50 percent discount on brand-name prescription drugs and a 14 percent discount on generics. (These discounts will gradually increase until 2020 when the doughnut hole will disappear altogether.)

The IRS tax code includes several benefits that target seniors (and often, other lower-income taxpayers), including:

- A higher standard deduction amount for most people who don't itemize deductions if they and/or their spouse are over 65 or blind.
- An additional tax credit for lower-income people who are over 65 or disabled and file a 1040 or 1040A tax form. (For full details and eligibility, see IRS Publication 524 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov))

• Free tax return preparation assistance and counseling from IRS-trained volunteers is available to people over age 60, as well as low-to-moderate income folks and military families.

• IRS Publication 554 provides comprehensive help for seniors to prepare their tax returns.

Many government-sponsored benefits, grants and financial aid programs exist to help seniors, low-income families and others pay their bills, including:

- LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) provides grants to help pay utility bills. To see if you qualify, go to [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap).
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) helps millions of lower-income Americans buy nutritious food each

month. Visit [www.fns.usda.gov/snap](http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap) for qualification requirements.

• Rental assistance for low-income families is available from several U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs as well as other state and local agencies (see [www.hud.gov/renting/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/renting/index.cfm) for details).

• Go to [www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Benefits.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Benefits.shtml) for a comprehensive overview of additional aid programs.

And of course, don't forget to ask about senior discounts whenever you shop, travel or buy insurance – 10 percent here and there can really add up.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).

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### PANTHER from page A4

Before I say this next part, please don't think that I am being unkind. As noted, if anyone were to watch me on a regular basis, they would rightfully think that I have very strange habits and rituals. I have to have a Little Debbie Oatmeal Cake at a certain time of day and I have to take the same route to the snack cabinet to go get the wonderful oatmeal pie. I also have blackboards and whiteboards all over the walls of my office and I enjoy standing on tables when I write on them.

The Panther has to wash his hands in the bathrooms on all three

floors when he washes his hands. He really does. It is his regiment and his business; he goes from floor to floor. We just find it interesting. The way I see it, it helps him think and do his research.

The other thing that you can be sure of, or you used to be sure of, was that the Panther always wore the same thing every day to work — black pants and a white shirt. It is/was his uniform.

One afternoon, I was one of the last ones to leave the building. It was shaded and very dark right outside the door as I exited the building. As I came out

the door, the Panther was standing there with his hands on his hips (black pants and a white shirt) looking straight at me.

I was startled. I thought he might pounce on me or ask to check the cleanliness of my hands. I didn't say a word, neither did the Panther. I walked across the parking lot to my car, checking over my shoulder often, only to see him still standing there with his hands on his hips.

The Panther probably had just gotten a good idea on a problem he was working on and was thinking about going back inside and writing it down.

He decided not to go back inside. From the safety of my car, I watched him walk to his car in perfect right angles making sure not to cross any white lines.

He does it so beautifully; it's almost like a dance.

Now you understand why a Panther (our Panther) in blue jeans would cause such a ruckus.

Alfred Hitchcock, the famous English director and producer didn't have a belly button.

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# City adopts tentative budget

By TIM CROFT

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Port St. Joe city commissioners last week unanimously approved a tentative budget and millage rate during the first public hearing on the 2012-13 fiscal year budget.

Commissioners unanimously approved setting the millage rate at 3.5914, exactly the same millage the city currently collects.

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

Commissioners were considering a budget at the rollback rate — that millage rate which would accrue the same revenue next fiscal year and in the current fiscal year

— but eliminated one proposed new employee in Public Works and brought the millage rate back to the current rate.

That millage rate means the city will collect 5 percent less in property taxes than last year. The rollback rate was 3.7804.

“I appreciate all that staff has done to get this budget down,” Commissioner Rex Buzzett said. “We are holding the line on taxes once again.”

The city lost about 5 percent in property value during the prior year and commissioners spent all summer determined to come in with the same millage as the current year even if that meant unwanted cuts.

Commissioners were particularly sensitive about adding to the

property tax burden given that water and sewer rates were due to rise for at least the fourth time in three years before the end of the calendar year.

Commissioners were also starting at rising debt costs as the city’s overall debt approaches \$20 million and in two years debt payments and service will top \$1 million annually on current projections.

“We just can’t overload this budget,” said Mayor Mel Magidson. “I know keeping the budget in line was difficult. I hope in the not too distant future we’ll be able to do some things we haven’t been able to do for a few years.”

The city will hold its final public hearing on the budget before adoption at 6:15 p.m. ET Sept. 28.

## SHOOTING from page A1

The woman became upset and left Butler’s apartment. Gant, who is black, went to Butler’s apartment to discuss the ongoing racial comments.

Upon arriving at the apartment, Butler shot Gant between the eyes with a .22-caliber rifle and shut his door, leaving Gant to bleed outside.

Butler called 911, finished cooking supper, sat down and began eating, the affidavit details. Nugent arrived on the scene and contacted Butler by phone, at which time Butler told Nugent to come in, that Butler was eating dinner and had put up the gun.

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

Butler acknowledged shooting Gant.

The incident fueled a community outpouring of support for Everett Gant and his family, an extended family with deep roots in the community. One of his great-uncles is Paul Gant of BBQ fame.

The Lions Club of Port St. Joe immediately established and seeded an account at Centennial Bank to help the family defray

medical costs.

A Facebook page, “Prayers for Everett,” was created, and a candlelight vigil that drew more than 100 people to Frank Pate Park was organized within days of the shooting.

The outpouring from the community brought Everett’s mother to the newspaper office several weeks ago.

Gloria Gant, a popular teacher at Port St. Joe High School, said the community support was vital during such a trying time for the family.

“When people read about this they might think this is the most awful community,” Gloria Gant said. “But it is not. This is the warmest, most generous community and we can’t thank everyone enough for their support. We would not be getting through this without that support.”

“We have just been amazed with all the people who have reached out. We have been amazed by the number of people Everett has touched. I know my son and he is just a gentle boy. The family thanks the community for everything and hopes the community will keep Everett in their thoughts and prayers.”

Details on any funeral service were unavailable at press time.



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I truly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and get to know so many wonderful people and am looking forward to seeing you all again as we move ahead to November.

Finally, I would like to express my most sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the entire community for all of the kindness and caring shown to me and my family associated with the recent loss of my Mother.

As we approach the general election, I would like to appeal to all of the voters in District 3 for help and support. Many challenges and opportunities lie ahead for Gulf County. I need your help to pursue and promote the kind of local government you want and deserve.

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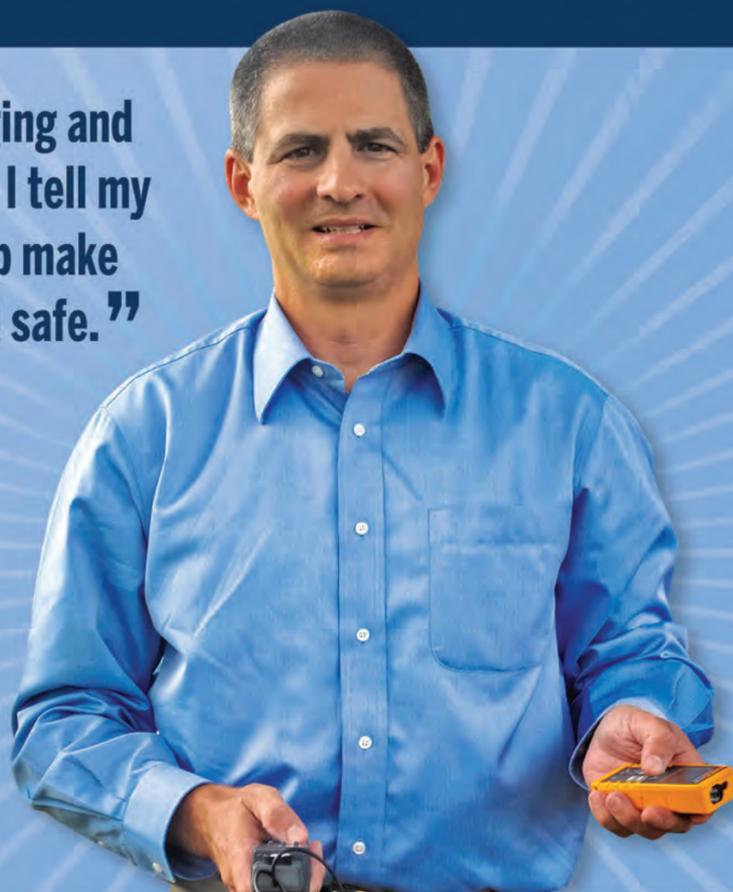
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# Chiropractic clinic opens in Port St. Joe

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Gulf County Chiropractic clinic is open in Port St. Joe. The clinic is located at 223 9th St., directly across the street from The Bridge at Bay St. Joe nursing care facility.

Dr. Derek Tracy is a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, the original chiropractic college. Tracy has 10 years experience as a chiropractor prior to moving to Port St. Joe. His clinic offers hands-on chiropractic care in-

cluding on-site x-ray, long-axis traction and deep tissue massage in conjunction with specific spinal manipulation techniques.

Both acute and chronic wellness plans are implemented focusing on increasing mobility, reducing pain and improving overall health.

Appointments are available by calling Gulf County Chiropractic at 227-7222 or by stopping in during office hours.

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ernor Motel; concerts begin at 6 p.m. CT. Visit Mexico-Beach.com for the complete band lineup in the Calendar of Events.

- **Art and Wine Festival:** The 14th annual Mexico Beach Art & Wine Festival will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Driftwood Inn. Come enjoy fine wines, great food, live and silent auctions, musical entertainment and, of course, art. Commemorative wine glasses and posters can be purchased during the festival or in advance at the Mexico Beach Welcome Center or at Driftwood Inn.

- **Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival:** Florida's Unforgetta-

ble Coast will play host to a group of talented musicians and songwriters direct from the streets of Nashville during the fourth annual Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival Oct. 19-21. The event will include crowd favorites such as Lisa Shaffer, Steve Leslie, Walt Aldridge, and Charlie and Dana Hunt Black playing at venues like the Thirsty Goat, Mango Marley's, Toucan's, the Haughty Heron, Provisions, St. Joe Bar and, of course, Indian Pass Raw Bar.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, visit Mexico-Beach.com.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Wewahitchka has tentatively adopted a budget for 2012-2013.

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**Millage per \$1,000**

General Fund	6.0000
Voted Debt	0.0000

ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL						TOTAL
	FUND	WATER	SEWER	GARBAGE	CEMETARIES	GRANTS	
TAXES							
Ad Valorem Taxes - 6.000 mills	\$352,101.00						\$352,101.00
Utility Taxes	\$170,300.00						\$170,300.00
Telecom Service Tax	\$76,000.00						\$76,000.00
Licenses & Permits	\$11,500.00						\$11,500.00
State Shared Revenue	\$213,850.00						\$213,850.00
Other Local Unit Revenues	\$17,551.00						\$17,551.00
Other Revenues	\$38,012.00	\$340,700.00	\$387,700.00	\$168,000.00	\$7,700.00	\$2,965,000.00	\$3,907,112.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$879,314.00</b>	<b>\$340,700.00</b>	<b>\$387,700.00</b>	<b>\$168,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,700.00</b>	<b>\$2,965,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,748,414.00</b>
Cash Carry Forward (from Reserves)	\$40,605.00	\$0.00	\$7,963.00	\$0.00	\$11,347.00	\$0.00	\$59,915.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$919,919.00</b>	<b>\$340,700.00</b>	<b>\$395,663.00</b>	<b>\$168,000.00</b>	<b>\$19,047.00</b>	<b>\$2,965,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,808,329.00</b>
Unappropriated Reserves (restricted)	\$30,228.00	\$60,489.00	\$232,112.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57.00	\$322,886.00
Unappropriated Reserves (unrestricted)	\$864,938.00	\$72,957.00	\$64,994.00	\$0.00	\$41,241.00	\$0.00	\$1,044,130.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES AND UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES</b>	<b>\$1,815,085.00</b>	<b>\$474,146.00</b>	<b>\$692,769.00</b>	<b>\$168,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,288.00</b>	<b>\$2,965,057.00</b>	<b>\$6,175,345.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES</b>							
Administration	\$339,099.00						\$339,099.00
Fire Department	\$24,016.00						\$24,016.00
Health & Welfare	\$16,325.00						\$16,325.00
Parks & Recreation	\$78,568.00						\$78,568.00
Police	\$60,000.00						\$60,000.00
Streets & Roads	\$381,911.00						\$381,911.00
Water		\$318,241.00					\$318,241.00
Sewer			\$386,518.00				\$386,518.00
Garbage				\$168,000.00			\$168,000.00
Contingency	\$20,000.00	\$22,459.00	\$9,145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,604.00
Cemeteries (Jehu & Buckhorn)					\$19,047.00		\$19,047.00
Grants						\$2,965,000.00	\$2,965,000.00
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# PORT from page A1

"This is an emerging port with a lot of opportunities; that is one thing we are highlighting. We want to highlight the assets and location is a major one."

The website spotlights, through maps and directional information, several important location factors for the Port of Port St. Joe - its proximity to the Panama Canal, a widening to be completed in two years, compared to other regional ports, its proximity to major markets.

St. Joe concentrated initially on Chicago and New York but Port Authority members noted that Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta were among other markets that should be on the website.

"As the port develops we can target additional markets and identify potential clients," board vice-chairman Patrick Jones said.

The website also features port assets that include two bulk-

heads, one on the Intracoastal Waterway, the other on the gulf front; rail which leads to the port site and for which a grant is being sought to improve the line; natural gas wells; access to both freshwater and saltwater navigation; and an airport not too distant from port.

"The focus is promoting the Port of Port St. Joe not the Port Authority or The St. Joe Company," Pitts said.

Elliott added, "The goal is to promote the port, all of it."

The marketing plan also moves apace on several fronts, Elliott added.

St. Joe has established a relationship with the Florida Ports Council and is actively engaged with a marketing committee within the Ports Council with the aim of creating one overall plan to market the state's 14 deepwater ports, of which the Port of Port St. Joe is the last undeveloped.

The company also would send representatives to a summit for business CEOs to further hone analysis for potential markets. The company also provided a template for Port Authority approval to document and collect data on potential prospects and leads.

Gibson, along with Marina Pennington, a consultant to the city of Port St. Joe and Port Authority, will be part of a trade mission sponsored by Gov. Rick Scott to Colombia, a return visit of sorts after a delegation from that nation recently toured the port.

### Port master plan

Though not formally obligated, Pitts indicated the Department of Economic Opportunity would be willing to grant the Port Authority the \$70,000 estimated to be needed to update the port

master plan, the first foundation for any marketing plan or search for grant funding.

A scope of work has been agreed upon as has a schedule, added Pitts, who continues to work for \$1 per month.

"They (the DEO) are budgeting \$70,000, though they have not given the official word, and that is generous," Pitts said. "We can get it done and we can do most of it in-house."

The DEO is ready to move ahead, Pitts said, and the board unanimously approved the scope, schedule and budget.

### Capital City and new officers

The Sept. 26 bi-monthly regular meeting will be a busy one for the Port Authority as the board must decide how best to defend the foreclosure by Capital City - Gibson can not represent the

port due to a conflict and was to provide input on a new attorney, etc.

Gibson cautioned the board that defending the foreclosure would likely be costly to do correctly but added that the process would take months and there was time to put together a strategy, explore options and possibly work out an agreement with the bank.

With the two-year term of chairwoman Johanna White to expire the first week of October, board member Leonard Costin said board members should come Sept. 26 - the meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Gulf/Franklin Center - ready to vote for new officers.

The board elects its own officers. Currently, White is the chair, Jones the vice-chair, Costin the treasurer and Eugene Raffield the secretary. The fifth member of the board is Jessica Rish.



## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Port St. Joe has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

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## BUDGET SUMMARY

### CITY OF PORT ST. JOE - FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Millage Per \$1,000  
General Fund 3.5914

	GENERAL FUND	WATER FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND	WASTEWATER FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
<b>CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	\$1,160,774	\$129,068	\$2,608	\$116,576	\$1,409,026
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>					
<b>TAXES:</b>	<b>Millage Per \$1000 3.5914</b>				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$981,893				\$981,893
Earned Interest	\$7,437	\$2,500	\$0	\$4,055	\$13,992
Fines and Forfeitures	\$9,446				\$9,446
Franchise & Utility Taxes	\$836,951				\$836,951
Licenses and Permits	\$25,164				\$25,164
Grants/Loans/Bonds	\$213,650	\$2,623,927	\$0	\$0	\$2,837,577
Intragovernmental Revenue	\$261,896				\$261,896
Depreciation Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$136,126	\$25,048	\$22,280	\$373,552	\$557,005
Rents and Royalties	\$85,560			\$3,314	\$88,874
Garbage Fees			\$726,858		\$726,858
Water Department		\$2,178,572			\$2,178,572
Wastewater Treatment Services				\$2,053,326	\$2,053,326
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>\$3,718,896</b>	<b>\$4,959,115</b>	<b>\$751,746</b>	<b>\$2,550,823</b>	<b>\$11,980,580</b>
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets					
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>\$3,718,896</b>	<b>\$4,959,115</b>	<b>\$751,746</b>	<b>\$2,550,823</b>	<b>\$11,980,580</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES</b>	GENERAL FUND	WATER FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND	WASTEWATER FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
City Commission	\$62,647				\$62,647
Administration	\$365,160				\$365,160
City Attorney	\$4,000				\$4,000
Public Works Administration	\$42,953				\$42,953
Municipal Building	\$31,583				\$31,583
Police Department	\$665,773				\$665,773
Fire Department	\$90,632				\$90,632
Operations	\$798,803				\$798,803
Parks and Recreation	\$237,673				\$237,673
Maintenance Shop	\$80,544				\$80,544
Non-Departmental	\$158,354				\$158,354
Water Distribution		\$3,040,596			\$3,040,596
Water Plant		\$1,259,603			\$1,259,603
Water Administration		\$287,023			\$287,023
Trash Collection/Disposal			\$235,859		\$235,859
Garbage Collection/Disposal			\$515,887		\$515,887
Wastewater Treatment				\$841,226	\$841,226
Sewer Collection				\$485,007	\$485,007
WW Administration				\$413,218	\$413,218
Long-Term Debt	\$20,000	\$371,893		\$811,372	\$1,203,265
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,558,122</b>	<b>\$4,959,115</b>	<b>\$751,746</b>	<b>\$2,550,823</b>	<b>\$10,819,806</b>
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	\$1,160,774				\$1,160,774
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES &amp; BALAN</b>	<b>\$3,718,896</b>	<b>\$4,959,115</b>	<b>\$751,746</b>	<b>\$2,550,823</b>	<b>\$11,980,580</b>

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## Big River Rider's rock at state horse show

### Star Staff Report

More than 320 4-H youth converged on the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa July 12-14 for the 2012 Florida 4-H State Horse Show.

Five of those were members of Gulf County's Big River Rider's 4-H Horse Club, Shawn Elia, Brooke McMillian, Rylee Waters, Kayla Lindsey and Hayley Smith. The five competed in a variety of events including Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Keyhole Race, Stake Race, Western Pleasure Pony and Ranch Trail. All five made Gulf County proud, said Roy Lee Carter, Gulf County Extension director.

Elia, McMillian and Waters competed in the Junior/Intermediate division which is for youth ages 8 to 13. Lindsey and Smith competed in the Senior Division for youth 14 and above.

Elia took fifth place in Keyhole; McMillian won Pole Bending and Stake Race and finished second in Barrel Race. Waters was ninth in Western Pleasure Pony; Lindsey



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BIG RIVER RIDER'S

State qualifiers, left to right, Hayley Smith, Brooke McMillian, Kayla Lindsey and Shawn Elia.

was third in Pole Bending, fourth in Keyhole and fifth in Stake Race; Smith was second in Pole Bending and Barrel Race.

The Big River Rider's had more to show with Overall Horse Show Awards.

McMillian won the High Point Florida Bred (Speed Division Award), finished in the top 10 among all Junior/Intermediate compet-

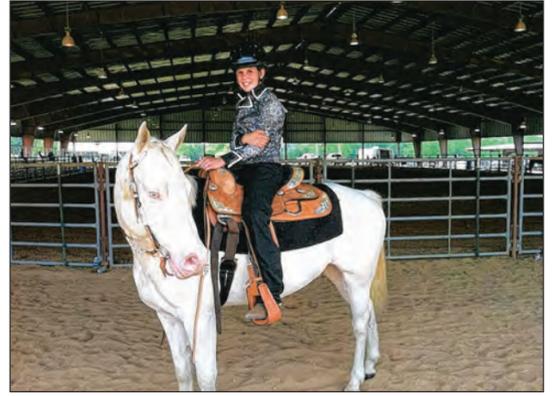
itors and placed in a three-way tie for Reserved High Point Champion.

The Big River Rider's as a club won the Reserve High Point Small County Award, basically second place in the state among small counties.

Lindsey and Smith, competing in the Senior Division, qualified to go onto the Regional Competition in Perry, GA.

The Big River Rider's 4-H Club thanks all the sponsors, parents, volunteers, spectators and leaders for their continued support. That support pushes the club to work so hard.

For more information about local 4-H programs, please contact the Gulf County Extension Office at 639-3200 or 229-2909 or visit the website [www.gulf.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.gulf.ifas.ufl.edu).



Above: State qualifier Rylee Waters.



Left: Brooke McMillian and her state award haul.

### TIGER SHRIMP

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Predatory tiger shrimp have arrived in Franklin County waters.

Tiger shrimp, *Penaeus monodon* occur naturally in the west Pacific Ocean, ranging from the eastern coast of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, as far south as northern Australia.

Greenpeace has listed them as endangered due to the destruction of mangrove forests, their native habitat.

These shrimp measure up to 13 inches long and weigh nearly a pound, with dark and white stripes circling their bodies. The females are larger than the males. There is also a rarely seen color variant of the species with a conspicuous, wide, reddish-orange stripe along its back.

There have been many attempts to farm tiger shrimp or giant prawns



PAT FLOYD | Special to the Times

A tiger shrimp caught in a crab trap at lagoon beach at Indian Pass was nearly five inches long.

around the world. During the 1970s they were widely cultivated but attempts to use them as a food crop were generally unsuccessful.

About 2,000 were accidentally released from an aquaculture facility in South Carolina in 1988. These shrimp have been spotted sporadically in US coastal waters ever since. During 2011 more than 300 were collected in the Gulf, up from 32 the previous year.

Tiger shrimp are natives of tropical waters and temperature

is important to their wellbeing. The recent warm winters have probably helped them become established along the Gulf coast.

They reach adulthood rapidly and are tolerant of a wide range of salinity which means that, if the water is warm enough they can thrive in a variety of habitats. They are predatory and will consume almost any smaller organism.

Tiger shrimp are edible and the following recipe was taken from [www.Food.com](http://www.Food.com).

### Garlic butter tiger shrimp

2 pounds large raw tiger shrimp, in their shells  
1/2 cup butter  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

6 garlic cloves, smashed  
2 limes, juice and zest of  
1 bunch fresh coriander, chopped  
warm tortillas

Rinse the prawns in a colander, remove their heads and leave them to drain.

Heat the butter and oil in a large frying pan, add the garlic and fry over a low heat for 2 to 3 minutes (Cook the prawns in a large frying pan or cast iron flameproof dish that can be taken directly to the table, so that they retain their heat until they are served).

Add the lime rind and juice.

Cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute more. Add the prawns and cook them for 2 to 3 minutes until they turn pink.

Remove them from the heat, sprinkle with coriander and serve with the warm tortillas.

## Hosford lodge to host trap shooting tourney

### Star Staff Report

On Saturday, Oct. 6, Hosford and Telogia Brotherhood will host a trap shooting tournament at the Woodmen of the World Youth Lodge in Hosford to benefit the Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center.

Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 per shooter or a canned food donation for spectators. Shooters must shoot as a member of a five-member

team. Any gauge shotgun can be used; largest size shot is 7 1/2. Ear protection is required and NSSA range rules will be enforced. The team with the highest overall score wins.

You must pre-register and reserve your teams spot in the tournament. Come out even if you don't wish to shoot. There will be a raffle for a shotgun and chicken pileau served at noon.

Come out for a great

cause, great time, great food, and great Christian fellowship to the lodge, one mile east of Hwy 20 and Hwy 65.. For more details or to register your team, contact Daniel Stanley at (850) 570-8802 or Eric Durham at (850) 209-7116.

The Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center began in 2008 when a group of local pastors started meeting to pray and share concerns about the community. They

realized that if they pooled their efforts, resources, and influences they might be able to alleviate more local need, giving birth to the vision of a community ministry center. On November 17, 2009, the center opened. On Target for Him! is hosted by the Christian Brotherhood of Hosford and Telogia composed of Corinth Baptist, Grace United Methodist, Telogia Assembly of God, and Telogia Baptist.

### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sept. 20	84°	70°	0 %
Fri, Sept. 21	82°	70°	0 %
Sat, Sept. 22	83°	70°	10 %
Sun, Sept. 23	84°	69°	20 %
Mon, Sept. 24	83°	70°	0 %
Tues, Sept. 25	82°	70°	30 %
Wed, Sept. 26	81°	69°	60 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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	
26	We	800am 1.7		438pm 0.7	
27	Th	922am 1.4	1049pm 1.1	428pm 0.9	
28	Fr	1054am 1.2	1011pm 1.3	331am 0.9	346pm 1.0
29	Sa	1008pm 1.4		503am 0.8	
30	Su	1021pm 1.7		607am 0.6	
1	Mo	1043pm 1.8		702am 0.4	
2	Tu	1112pm 1.8		756am 0.4	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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
26	We	229am 1.4	1111pm 1.5	739am 1.1	839pm 0.5
27	Th	249am 1.4	225pm 1.5	832am 0.9	917pm 0.6
28	Fr	306am 1.4	323pm 1.5	917am 0.7	949pm 0.8
29	Sa	321am 1.4	414pm 1.5	957am 0.6	1015pm 0.9
30	Su	334am 1.5	500pm 1.5	1034am 0.4	1037pm 1.0
1	Mo	349am 1.6	544pm 1.5	1108am 0.4	1057pm 1.1
2	Tu	408am 1.6	629pm 1.4	1140am 0.3	1118pm 1.2

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#### Inshore

- Mother Nature has slowed us down again this week with more and more rain. Moving water has improved the catfish bite on the main rivers, but not much else. Slow reports from Lake Wimico and the Apalachicola river this week, however, if the weather improves, so should the fishing.

#### Offshore

- With strong winds and rains most anglers are not going very far offshore lately. Good grouper catches are the norm if you can get there. More anglers are reporting that good gag grouper are starting to show up close to shore in the 60-80 ft range, and are very aggressive.

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# Quinn finishes record Class A season at Williamsport

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His first professional baseball season turned into a record-breaker for Port St. Joe's Roman Quinn.

The 19-year-old in his first season of Class A short-season ball, playing for the Williamsport Crosscutters of the New York-Penn League, became a fan favorite and set several club marks during 2012, according to a story by Trevor Turner for the Crosscutters.

"He's better at every single thing he's done since he's been here," said Crosscutters manager Andy Tracy, "We knocked a little rubble off of this diamond. He's going to become something special and I think we all see that."

Quinn, who played shortstop



COURTESY WILLIAMSPORT CROSSCUTTERS

Quinn had set a goal of 40 stolen bases this season; he stole 30 in 36 attempts in just 66 games.

sporadically in high school, made the switch from center field and also learned to switch hit during his first pro season. He was selected an All-Star and set Williamsport records for triples and runs scored.

"I really wasn't expecting all this to happen," Quinn told Turner. "Me

switch-hitting for the first time. It's unbelievable. I can't ask for a better first year. It's been great."

In 66 games, Quinn hit .281 with a .370 on-base percentage and a .408 slugging percentage for a .778 OPS, combined on-base and slugging percentage.

Quinn scored 56 runs and stole 30 bases in 36 attempts, had 11 triples, nine doubles, one home run and walked 28 times while striking out 60 times.

He had .256 as a lefty after struggling early and hit .347 as a right-hander.

Quinn was a home crowd favorite due to his speed, Turner wrote, and the home crowd gave Quinn a huge ovation when he finally hit his first home run after a sterling All-Star Game appearance, during which he was 2 for 2

with a double and inside-the-park home run.

"He's not just slapping the ball," Tracy said. "He's driven the ball off the wall the other way. He's pulled a home run. He's hitting triples to both fields."

Quinn told Turner he was disappointed to "only" steal 30 bases this summer.

"My goal was forty," Quinn said. "I think when I get into the instructional league" (in Florida this fall) "I want to learn how to steal third more. I also want to read lefty (pickoff) moves better."

Quinn was one of nine teenagers on the Crosscutters roster.

Quinn also garnered praise in Philly.com, where the website had a rundown of the Phillies' minor league system in 2012.

Interviewing Joe Jordan, the

Phillies' director of player development, the website noted Quinn as the outstanding player in Rookie Ball and Williamsport.

Under the title of "Best story" the website, quoting Jordan, listed Quinn, the Phillies second-round pick in 2011, who "had team officials salivating over his talent" during extended spring training and "he showed the world why at Williamsport with his speed and plate discipline."

"His speed is game-changing," Jordan told the website. "I think he set the team record for triples. He made some errors" (a team-high 27) "and most of them were throwing, but the progress he made defensively was really exciting. He has a chance to be as good a switch-hitting hitter as you will see."

## LADY TIGER SHARKS IMPROVING TAKE ONE OF THREE

Star Staff Report

This past week the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School volleyball team improved its play, said Coach Wayne Taylor; but the week ended with the Lady Tiger Sharks winning just one of three matches.

On Sept. 10, the team traveled to Freeport to play a varsity-only match. The team lost in three games, 7-25, 14-25, and 18-25, in what Taylor called one of the most disap-

pointing nights this season, with passing errors continuing to plague the team.

The following night, Port St. Joe hosted Blountstown. Although Taylor said the play was better, Port St. Joe lost in three straight, 17-25, 16-25 and 11-25, with passing errors again the main problems.

With a break in the schedule on Wednesday, the team had a good practice and were ready to

travel to West Gadsden for a varsity only match on Thursday, Taylor said.

The Lady Tiger Sharks won the district tilt in three games, 25-8, 25-12 and 25-13.

Freshmen Callie Fleshren had 11 service aces and Sophomore Haley Wood had six kills off of 12 attacks.

Fleshren continues to lead the team with a 97 percent serving percentage and assists with

38. Junior Nicole Endres leads the team in attacks with 30 kills on 102 attempts.

The team would also like to remind the community of its Dig Pink event to support breast cancer research and awareness. This match will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18. All proceeds from the gate will go to the Side-Out Foundation. Thank you for your support of this important cause.

## Pryor starring for Top. 20 Louisville

Starting at free safety as a true sophomore, Calvin Pryor of Port St. Joe is at the top of the defensive charts for the University of Louisville, now 3-0 and ranked No. 20 after a wild 39-34 win at home over North Carolina last Saturday.

Louisville opened the season with a decisive 32-14 win over intra-state rival Kentucky. Pryor had a team-high nine tackles and forced two fumbles, one of those coming when he hit a Wildcat ballcarrier with a clear shot at the end zone inside the 10-yard line.

The following week, Pryor had the Cardinals' first

interception of the season as Louisville manhandled Missouri State 35-7.

After three games, Pryor leads Louisville in total tackles with 23, unassisted tackles with 19, has one interception, two forced fumbles, one pass break-up and two passes defended.

Pryor has started every game since the fifth game of his freshman season for Louisville.

The Cardinals will play Florida International in Miami at 7 p.m. ET on Saturday. The game may be seen on ESPNU/ESPN3.

- Tim Croft

## PSJHS TO INDUCT NEW MEMBERS TO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School is honored to invite friends and community members to the Shark's football game Friday night, Sept. 21 where this year's class of outstand-

ing male and female athletes and coaches will be inducted into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame at halftime.

The inductees are Kesley Colbert, Bill Fleming, Dave Maddox,

Holly Russ, Harry Lee Smith and Ken Whittle.

The selection criteria includes not only contributions to the athletic program at PSJHS, but also contributions made by inductees to society

throughout the years.

One hour prior to game time at 6:30 p.m., the honorees will receive guests at the west end of the field.

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# Mexico Beach OKs City Hall plan

## Parker House will be demolished

By VALERIE GARMAN  
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**MEXICO BEACH** — Mexico Beach residents should say their goodbyes to the historic Parker House.

The Mexico Beach City Council approved a design plan from Cathey Construction and Development for a new 3,200-square-foot City Hall building on the Parker House property at a special meeting Tuesday, one that calls for demolition of the structure.

Cathey Construction was awarded a design-build contract for the project more than a year ago, but at the time it called for restoration of the existing building, which had been damaged in a fire just months earlier.

The fire destroyed all but one wing of the 2,600-square-foot building, located at 2502 U.S. 98.

City Administrator Chris Hubbard was pleased to report progress at Tuesday's meeting after issues and controversies surrounding the project have halted construction for almost a year.

"We actually made some progress," Hubbard said. "We bought

this property and obviously we want to use it."

Hubbard said the city changed plans for the building because it is more cost-effective to demolish the building and start over.

Because the original design-build plan submitted and approved by the council was for restoration of the building after the fire, residents were prompted to question why the project was not rebid. Residents also have voiced issues with the firm that was hired to complete the project.

The council voted 4-0 in September 2011 to hire Cathey Construction and Development, owned by Mayor Al Cathey's son, Brian Cathey.

The mayor was not present for the vote.

The mayor is listed as vice president and co-founder on the company's website and also as "responsible for assisting in the fiscal functions of the firm."

The city received seven inquiries after submitting a request for qualifications (RFQ) about the Parker House job, but only Cathey Construction and Southern Cat Construction submitted presentations to the council. The RFQ process does not require companies to submit a price, but rather ranks contractors solely on qualification.

"There's always some backlash," Hubbard said. "You're never going

to make everyone happy."

The city previously considered seeking an opinion from the state Attorney General's Office about the issues, but Hubbard said that idea has been discarded.

Instead, the city attorney is looking into the bidding process and contract documents to make sure the city has played by the rules.

"Right now our city attorney is looking over everything that has been done — just making sure everything is valid," said Hubbard, who noted the examination process should last for the next two weeks.

The council also has scrapped the idea of moving the Police Department into the new building. Hubbard said the city is exploring options to either purchase or construct a new building for the Police Department because the current building is facing minor mold and structural issues.

The city purchased the Parker House property for \$429,000 in July 2011. Cathey Construction has submitted a cost estimate of \$628,000 for rebuilding and a \$22,500 invoice for demolition, but the cost might change as the project progresses. Hubbard said the city is expecting upward of \$544,000 in insurance claims from the fire.

"We don't know yet what it will cost," Hubbard said. "There are no hard numbers."

## Gulf County SHERIFF ARREST LOG

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

On 09/04/2012 John Floyd Deeson, 40, was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay child support.

On 09/05/2012 Rodney Dewayne Adkison, 31, was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation; the original charge was aggravated assault.

On 09/03/2012 Jerry Lee Gainous, 23, was arrested on a warrant for felony battery and false imprisonment. It is alleged that he got into an altercation with his ex-girlfriend and when she tried to leave he grabbed her around the neck and would not let her leave the residence.

On 09/06/2012 Jeffery

Glenn Foster, 32, was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay child support.

On 09/05/2012 James Gerald Hysmith was arrested for violation of an injunction against domestic violence; it is alleged that he threatened his wife while waiting for a hearing in front of the judge involving an earlier violation of an injunction for protection against domestic violence.

On 09/07/2012 Alice Claudia Eubanks, 48, was arrested on a violation of probation warrant; the original charge was DUI. It is alleged that she was arrested for another DUI while on probation for DUI.

On 09/07/2012 Scotty Herrell, 40, was arrested on a violation of probation warrant; the original charge was felony battery. It is alleged he has not paid fines and court costs.

On 09/07/2012 Williams Lee Kelly, IV, 28, was arrested for DWLSR when he was found riding a 4-wheeler on the highway.

On 09/09/2012 Herbert E. Battle, 23, was arrested on a violation of probation warrant; the original charge was introduction of contraband.



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## Reaching out to alumni in a war zone

By **TIM CROFT**  
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Buck Watford of Port St. Joe is on his fourth deployment to the battle theaters of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Terry Thompson, another Port St. Joe resident, is, like Watford, serving in Afghanistan.

That is not their only connection; their shared schooling at Troy (Ala.) University has ignited a drive to gather goodie bags and care packages to send to the two men.

The Panama City site of Troy University is on a campaign to

give back to Thompson and Watford, both alumni.

"We need local support," said Matthew Wright, a recruiter for the Panama City site. "They are over there for us, and we are trying to do something to take care of them."

Wright said the drive aims on donations of all kinds, from money for shipping postage to canned goods and other non-perishable items.

Even a handwritten note can make a difference for a soldier overseas, Wright said.

"It just means the world to these soldiers," Wright said. "Terry received one from the

school and his parents were also real touched."

Pam Watford, Buck's wife and a teacher at Port St. Joe Junior High, said this deployment, which began in the spring and will continue until just after the first of the year, has been more difficult than she originally thought.

Afghanistan, she said, has turned out to be a much different theater of war — she noted recent incidents of men dressed in Afghan army/police uniforms shooting American soldiers among other factors — than Iraq.

See **ALUMNI B5**



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Buck Watford, center, is deployed in Afghanistan. The Panama City site of Troy University is gathering items for goodie bags to send to Watford and Terry Thompson, another local resident deployed in Afghanistan.

## DENIM AND DIAMONDS



**Star Staff Report**

It was an overflow crowd during the weekend at the Centennial Building for the Denim and Diamond benefit for Covenant Hospice. The community turned out by the hundreds to bid on a host of items that went up for auction, to dance and to eat and enjoy a favored beverage while benefiting Covenant Hospice, which provides end-of-life care throughout Northwest Florida.

Photos courtesy of Debbie Hooper at [jobbay.com](http://jobbay.com).




## Job training program to aid employers, unemployed

Star Staff Report

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is slated to place 160 people into new jobs as the result of an "On the Job Training Program." Funded by a federal grant, the program is designed to help unemployed jobseekers gain skills in a new field while working and the grant will help to offset the costs of training new employees for local businesses.

"With this grant, we're able to retrain people for jobs that are available in today's job market while they earn a livable wage," said Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board. "On the Job Training is a fast and efficient way to provide assistance to those that are unemployed while helping our local employers find and train good workers."

The program is open to people in Bay, Gulf or Franklin counties that are unemployed and receiving unemployment benefits or have exhausted those benefits. Local employers who have full-time, permanent jobs also may participate in the program and receive financial assistance to offset the costs of training their new employees.

Through the OJT program, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board will recruit and prescreen eligible applicants based on the specific needs of the employer and then refer those qualified. Once an eligible participant is hired, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board will reimburse the employer for 50 percent to 90 percent of the trainees' wages during the on the job training period which averages 12 weeks. The program is set up to be simple — with most of the paperwork handled by the Workforce Center. Furthermore, the program is designed to be hassle free, provide prompt payments to employers and to provide personalized assistance throughout the entire process.

### LEARN MORE

The Workforce Center's OJT program is a limited time offer and certain restrictions do apply. For more information and to see if you meet the qualifications, call Johanna White at 227-8752.

See **PARTNERSHIP B5**

## Partnership brings new development to downtown

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When Bill Kennedy has an idea evolve into a passion, he acts.

In Steve Wich and David Wariner he found two like minds willing, with an assist from Centennial Bank, to turn Kennedy's passion to reality.

And with next week's 11 a.m. ET Wednesday groundbreaking of the Port Cottages on State Road 71 between Buy Rite and Kadence Bank in Port St. Joe, the journey marks another milestone.

"I think it will work," Wariner said of a concept by which

Wich and Kennedy will build six cottages that will become part of the inventory of Tapper and Company, which owns the Port Inn near the Port Cottages. "I'm excited. It's just nice to see some positive development in downtown.

"It's a cool idea. We could use a few more quality rooms in town."

Kennedy's idea, at least architecturally, was derived from, for lack of a more apt term, Katrina houses built in New Orleans. Kennedy had also vacationed in Steinhatchee in one of a series of what essentially are Southern row houses with charm by the ladle-full.

Kennedy's vision was some-

thing that provides the appearance and atmosphere of a beach house combined with the amenities of a hotel, in this case provided by the Port Inn.

Think the cabins at St. Joseph Peninsula State Park with a splash of luxury.

"This is a hybrid," Kennedy said. "There will be an urban feel to the houses, up close to the sidewalks. When you look at national trends, people have really trended to smaller houses. These will have more of a resort feel.

"It's like a beach vacation rental in that you have all the amenities, and it is like a hotel in that you have easy access to restaurants, businesses, the boat ramp and ev-

erything the city offers."

He scouted locations, but the site on State Road 71 was ideal for several reasons, most importantly it was zoned commercial to allow the development. The land also is situated in the proper flood zone, Kennedy said, compared to more coastal property he had researched.

Each cottage, there will be six built on the half-acre lot, will be 600 square feet.

They will have two bedrooms, one-and-a-half bathrooms and will be fully furnished with a full kitchen and full-size washer/dryer.

# Fall garden fertilization

By ROY LEE CARTER  
County Extension Director

We all have to eat and most of us enjoy eating vegetables. But to produce abundantly, vegetable crops have to eat too. We have to feed them fertilizer that is. However, fertilizers can be confusing. What do the number on the bag mean? When and how the fertilizer should be applied?



**ROY LEE CARTER**  
County extension director

Florida's sandy soils are notoriously infertile. This is a major problem for commercial farmers and backyard gardeners alike. You can improve the fertility of your garden soil with animal manures and other kinds of organic matter. In most situations, you also need to add a commercial fertilizer.

Plants need a variety of nutrients. But the major

elements you must supply are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. These chemicals are always listed in that order on the fertilizer tag. The tag also shows the quantity of each major element in the mix. For example, a 50 pound bag of 10-10-10 fertilizer contains 5 pounds of

phosphorus, in the form of phosphoric acid, and 5 pounds of a potassium compound, call potash.

The type and amount of fertilizer you need will depend largely on the kind of soil in your garden. Your objective is to add only those nutrients that your soil doesn't already contain in adequate amounts. You should remember that too much fertilizer can

be as bad as too little. Of course, if you apply too little, your garden will be unproductive. But, if you add too much, you'll waste money, and you may even injure your crops.

In order to take the guess work out of what the nutrient contents of the soil is. You will need to have your soil analyzed. But if you decide not to do a soil analysis. In general an 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 fertilizer is best for sandy soils. For sandy soils, and other soils with low nitrogen content you'll need from 2 to 5 pounds of a common balanced analysis fertilizer for every 100 square feet of garden.

You should divide the amount of fertilizer called for into two or three applications. About half should be broadcast over the entire garden a week or two before planting. The rest should be applied in

two side dressings; three weeks apart after the crops are planted from seeds are transplants. The two side dressings should be placed in a bed in small furrows about 3 inches from the plants to prevent burning.

The amount of fertilizer you place in each furrow will vary according to the distance between seed rows. With narrow rows, you'll have more furrows in a given area, and just a little fertilizer in each one. Where the rows are further apart, you'll have fewer furrows, with more fertilizer in each one. Just be sure to apply the right amount for your garden, and spread it evenly through the furrows.

For more information on Fall Garden Fertilization contact the Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200, 229-2909 or visit our website: [gulffifas.ufl.edu](http://gulffifas.ufl.edu).

# Senior citizens need your help

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

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

# Arts in medicine programs at SHH

Star Staff Report  
Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will be sponsoring a series of fitness programs, beginning this week, under its Arts In Medicine program.

The classes are free and begin this week with Yoga. Here is the schedule:

Yoga in Port St. Joe at SHH on the Gulf - Thursdays (5:30 p.m.

ET chair/6:45 p.m. traditional); Sept. 13, 20 and 27, Oct. 4, (break), Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29;

Yoga in Wewahitchka at the Senior Citizen's Center - Monday (5:30 p.m. CT); Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 12, 26;

Zumba in Port St. Joe at the Washington Improvement Center - Thursdays (5:30 p.m.

ET); Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15.

# Wewahitchka Woman's Club auction

Star Staff Report

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club, Inc., will be holding an auction at 9 a.m. CT on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Lake Alice Park. Items are needed for this auction. If you have any-

thing that you would like to donate to the auction, we will take "almost" anything, and will pick up the item(s). The Club is also selling tickets for "Desserts for a Year." Tickets are \$5 each and the winner will receive a homemade dessert

made by members of the Club each month for a year. Drawing for the "Desserts for a Year" will be done during the upcoming auction. If you would like to donate any items or purchase tickets for the "Desserts for a Year," please call either

Patty Fisher at 639-9794 or Dianne Semmes at 639-5345/227-6425. All proceeds from these projects will go to scholarships for students at Wewahitchka High School, as well as various projects to help support our community.

## Obituaries

### Rose M. Cox

Mrs. Rose M. Cox age 52, died at her home in Wewahitchka, Florida, on Friday, September 14, 2012.

Born August 10, 1960, in Charleston, South Carolina, she lived in Charleston, South Carolina, Baltimore, Maryland, and Panama City, Florida before settling in Wewahitchka.

Survivors include her loving husband Donald; her daughter, Becca Heinsman and

husband Jay; stepson Kane Cox; her sisters, Sara Parks and husband Kenneth, Cheryl Jones and husband Rex, Julie Medlin; her brothers, Johnny Mabry and wife Yvonne, Bubba Mabry; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Rose was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Frieda Mabry.

Rose was a wonderful wife, mother, aunt, and homemaker. She was a loving and honest friend. A gardener at heart, she had a passion for flowers and

plants, choosing to be outside at every opportunity. She was a funny, outgoing person who found a friend in anyone, she will be dearly missed.

Her viewing will be held 6-8 p.m. CT on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at her home located at 141 Lister Drive, Wewahitchka, Florida.

Her funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. CT on Friday, September 21, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Wewahitchka, Florida.

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



ROSE M. COX

# Lillian Alice Henderson turned 1

Our sweet Lily turned one Sunday, September 9.

Lily is the daughter of Heather Henderson. Grandparents are Donna and Donnie Marcus of White City and Michael Henderson of Apalachicola.

Great-grandparents are Bill and Edna Mae Henderson of Eastpoint. Lily is the niece of Jeremy Marcus, Donald Wade Marcus, Jr., and Leanna Roberts. Her great aunt and uncle are Sharon and Tommy Roberts of Cedar Bluff, Alabama and Scott and Lee Henderson of Eastpoint.

Lily celebrated her ladybug birthday with family and friends at White City Fire Department.

Happy Birthday to our beautiful baby girl! We love you so much!



### Sybil Joan Weeks Cumbaa

Sybil Joan Weeks Cumbaa, of Blountstown, passed away peacefully Monday, September 17, 2012. She was born in Calhoun County and raised in Port St. Joe, Florida. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and her world revolved around her family.

She was preceded in death by her: parents, E.E. and Nancy Ferol Weeks and stepmother, Merle Weeks; siblings, Ronnie and Dorothy Weeks and Frances Martin.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Harry; daughters: Gwen (Andy) Proper; Janet Taylor; Latrell (Zane) Holbrook; and Maggie

(Jamie) Strickland. Grandchildren: Catie Proper; Camilla and Savannah Taylor; Hannah, Hunter, Heath, Hayden & Halle Holbrook; and Sydney Strickland, devoted sister Margie Mason; brothers James and Jerry Weeks; and Sister Gail Koch.

Services were held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Blountstown with Pastor Tim Rhodes officiating. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital at [www.stjude.org/](http://www.stjude.org/) or a favorite charity. Interment followed at Pine Memorial Cemetery in Blountstown. Bevis Funeral Home of Bristol ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) handled the arrangements.

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## School District offers adult programs

**Special to The Star**  
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. While the district is not a GED testing site, students may take

the test in Bay 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 further information call Melody Nelson in Port St. Joe at 227-1744 and Billy Hoover in Wewahitchka at 639-9292.

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### PARENT PORTAL ACCESS

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A simple three-step process will open the portal: 1) Complete the Registration form that was sent home or pick up one from the school; 2) Take the form and a valid picture ID to the school to be copied for the school's files and the school will complete the form, make a copy for the parent and keep the original; 3) Parent goes to [www.gulf.k12.fl.us](http://www.gulf.k12.fl.us) and clicks on "New-

FOCUS Parent Portal Registration" and completes the required information. The school will need at least 48 hours to allow access.

Parents who have more than one child in the sys-

tem will only need to complete one form per school not a form for each child. If further information is needed, please contact your child's school guidance counselor or the front office.

### PSJHS CLASS OF '72 REUNION

**Star Staff Report**

The Port St. Joe High School Class of 1972 is planning a reunion for 4 p.m. Oct. 6 at Triple Tails Oyster Bar and Grill. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes buffet, beverage and gratuity. Make your plans to be there. For more information, please visit [www.psj72.com](http://www.psj72.com).

## The Little Patriot

**Master Carter Costin, six year old 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, September 17 - 23. He is dressed in Colonial attire like his ninth great grandfather, Job Callaway, of North Carolina.**

**Carter's great, great grandparents were early pioneers of Port St. Joe, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Costin, who settled here in 1909. Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Costin, Sr. were his great grandparents. On Carter's maternal side are his great grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Knox; grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Greg Knox. Carter is also related to our Mayor, Mel Magidson, and City Attorney, Tom Gibson.**

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## Faith BRIEFS

### Drummond Family at New Harvest

The Drummond Family will be in concert at 10:30 a.m. CT Sunday, Sept. 23 at New Harvest Fellowship Assembly of God Church, 1800 N. State Highway 71 in Wewahitchka.

### Blood drive at First Baptist of PSJ

First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe will host a blood drive 1-6 p.m. ET on Monday, Sept. 24. Please sign up with the church office. Walk-ins are welcome. All donors receive a free T-shirt and a Wonder Works buy one admission get one free coupon.

If you would like to make an appointment online go to [www.nfbcblood.org](http://www.nfbcblood.org) and enter sponsor code G7016.

A photo ID is required to donate blood. You must be at least 16 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. You must be in good health.

### New Bethel anniversary

Pastor Cyril Mills and Sister Pamela Mills and New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate the church's anniversary at 11 a.m. ET on Sunday, Oct. 7. Sister Brenda Fisher is chairperson for the event.

### New Bethel Women/Men annual observance

New Bethel Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Women/Men Observance at 11 a.m. ET on Sunday, Oct. 21. Chairperson is Evangelist Jennifer Bailey.

### New Bethel Harvest Musical

New Bethel Baptist Church will host a Harvest Evening Musical at 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, Nov. 17. The colors are harvest colors. Chairperson is Sister Bonita Smith.

## Coping after suicide explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

A man shares his story of losing a son to suicide in an exclusive film at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, Sept. 24.

The Lifetree program, titled, "Living After a Suicide," explores the difficult aftermath that friends and family experience after a suicide.

According to Lifetree Café representative Craig Gable, "As a society, we've been taught not to ask questions after a suicide; in fact, we've been taught not to talk about suicide at all. And this only leads to more pain. This program offers hope and practical help."

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is at 1602 U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach, across from El Governor Hotel.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or [lwclifetreecafe@fairpoint.net](mailto:lwclifetreecafe@fairpoint.net).

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Let's not forget to mention those watching that might find Jesus too.

So if you claim to be a Christian, live the life my friend.

Don't let your life be a stumbling block that leads someone to sin.

Billy Johnson

## Lion's TALE

Special to The Star

On Sept. 11, Faith Christian School students observed Patriot Day. Students from every grade dressed in red, white, and blue to commemorate those killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001, and give tribute to those firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members, and other citizens, who played a brave role on that day and the ones to follow.



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## PARTNERSHIP from page B1

The cottages will have all hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, marble countertops and flat screen televisions in the master bedroom and living room

"We are going for a higher-end finish on these," Wich said.

Relatively new to the county, Wich is a full-time resident and, Kennedy said, "entrepreneur" who had experience with rental properties, was community-minded and attended the same church.

He was a natural for Kennedy to take his idea to, and Wich saw an opportunity, not only for the partnership but the community.

"I want to do anything to get the community back on track," Wich

said. "I think this is a great addition to the local business community. We're going to have our people in town, bringing in new tax revenue. And as further development occurs ... this is something we might look at (elsewhere)."

With Wich onboard, Kennedy spoke to Warriner about how Kennedy might market the cottages. Warriner mentioned a possible partnership with the Port Inn.

The Port Inn, Warriner noted, had inherited a similarly-sized cottage with the purchase of the Chateau Nemours last year and said that cottage "fit in seamlessly with our inventory."

In effect, the Port Inn is the front

desk, housekeeping and maintenance for the Port Cottages.

"The Port Inn will be their point of contact," Warriner said. "Our staff is going to be their staff. They will use our housekeeping, we'll have the same key system, we have a heated pool, they will also have a pool. Their guests will have access to everything guests of the Port Inn do, bicycles, breakfast, the Thirsty Goat."

Kennedy said, "We actually changed the architectural design to more match the Port Inn."

Construction will begin immediately after next week's groundbreaking. The Port Cottages are scheduled to be finished sometime in the spring of 2013.

## ALUMNI from page B1

And she added that although she initially thought with her two children, Haley and Chase, grown this would be an easier deployment on the home front, she said that hasn't always been the case.

As military family members can attest, emotions are an unpredictable part of war.

She added Troy University is a true partner to the military, doing much to accommodate military members wishing to continue their educations.

"I know Troy in the past has been very military friendly," Pam Watford said. "They are also very good with providing online courses to those in the military."

The Panama City site is a prime

example of the opportunities.

Though the site has a few classrooms, it is primarily an office for registration and outreach for students wishing to pursue dozens of degree options offered by Troy.

The university offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

And for the coming weeks the school is reaching out to Thompson and Watford.

Pam Watford said that the school has sent care packages of Troy memorabilia — a koozie or T-shirt — in the past, but this drive is more concentrated and aimed at making a difference as the holidays approach.

There are boxes for donations in Pam's classroom as well as other classrooms and locations around

Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

Chase has his Troy University fraternity, FarmHouse, involved in the effort.

The goal is to send packages next week.

For any questions or to coordinate a donation, call Wright at 747-0634 (office) or 227-8276 (cell).

"We are trying to just get what we can and send it off to them," Wright said. "We are not trying to push anything on anybody. This isn't about Troy University. This is about our alumni who are serving overseas."

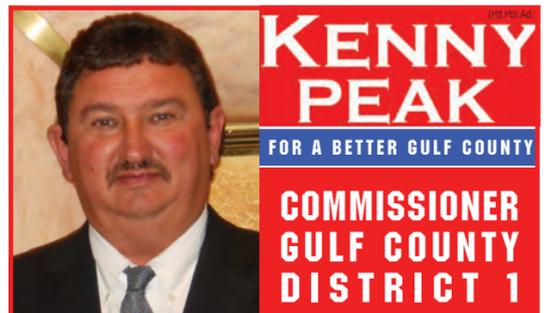
"We just thought, if we are going to support an alumnus, why not Buck and Terry who are over there for us. This is a win-win for everybody involved."



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CASE NO.: 12-132-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOEL A. GODWIN, DONNA M. GODWIN, SEVEN SPRINGS LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and U N K N O W N TENANT(S), Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 28, 2012, in Case No. 12-132-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and JOEL A. GODWIN, DONNA M. GODWIN, and SEVEN SPRINGS LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on the 11th day of October, 2012, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly describe as follows:

Lot 9, Block B, Seven Springs Lake Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 17 & 18, 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.

DATED: September 10, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter  
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia, & Wright, PA.

1300 Thomaswood Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32308  
Sept. 20, 27, 2012

**89844S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
Case No. 2011-000451-CA

RBC Bank (USA) f/k/a RBC Centura Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

John P McCann a/k/a John McCann; Carolyn McCann a/k/a Carolyn A. McCann; Stephen A. Felker; Unknown Spouse of Stephen A. Felker; Villa Del Sol at Cape San Homeowners Association, Inc.; Unknown Tenant#1; Unknown Tenant#2, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: Villa Del Sol at Cape San Blas Homeowners Association, Inc.  
Last Known Address: 8215 Roswell Road, Building 300, Atlanta, GA 30350  
3715 Northside Parkway, #100, Atlanta, GA 30327  
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on the following property in Gulf County, Florida:

LOT 5 OF VILLA DEL SOL, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 44-45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Kathleen Pierrius, Esquire, Brock & Scott, P.L.L.C., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on August 3rd, 2012.

Rebecca Norris  
As Clerk of the Court

Tina Money  
As Deputy Clerk  
August 30, 2012  
September 6, 2012

**89064S**  
IN THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 11-511-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

LEON TEAT, ERIC TEAT, WANDA TEAT, JASON M. HART, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, and ENVISION CREDIT UNION, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 10th, 2012 and entered in Civil Action No. 11-511-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein the parties were the plaintiff, CENTENNIAL BANK, and the defendants, LEON TEAT, ERIC TEAT, WANDA TEAT, JASON M. HART, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, and ENVISION CREDIT UNION. I will sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the October 18, 2012, at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, Port St. Joe, Florida, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Camp Palms Subdivision on Indian Peninsula as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 53-A, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, and thence run Southerly along the Western Boundary of said Camp Palms Subdivision 505.97 feet to the Southerly right-of-way boundary of County Road No. S-30-B, thence run Northwest along said right-of-way boundary to a point that is 2042.73 feet measured perpendicularly from said Western boundary of Camp Palms Subdivision, thence run North 78 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds West along said right-of-way boundary 58.09 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING thence run South 05 degrees 21 minutes 45 seconds West 346.00 feet, thence run North 78 degrees 42 minutes 09 seconds West 42.04 feet, thence run North 05 degrees 21 minutes 05 seconds East 346.00 feet to a re-bar on the Southerly right-of-way boundary of said County Road No. S-30-B, thence run South 78 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds East along said right-of-way boundary 42.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

and

Lot 8 Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, Franklin County, Florida; thence West (assumed) along the North Line said Section 31 for 859.67 feet, thence run South

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255.00 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South for 150.00 feet, thence West 263.65 feet; thence North 35 degrees 35 minutes 05 seconds West 67.63 feet; thence North 95.00 feet; thence East 303.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.015 acres, more or less. Together with a 20.00 foot access easement, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 8 West, Franklin County, Florida and run West along the North boundary of said Section 31 a distance of 859.67 feet, thence run South 110.00 feet, thence run West 283.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 233.58 feet, thence run South 35 degrees 35 minutes 05 seconds East 298.99 feet, thence run South 15 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East 76.14 feet to a point lying on the Northerly right-of-way boundary of a County Graded Road, thence run West along said right-of-way boundary a distance of 20.78 feet, thence leaving said right-of-way boundary run North 15 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds West 66.99 feet, thence run North 35 degrees 35 minutes 05 seconds West 301.92 feet, thence run North 240.00 feet, thence run East 20.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The successful bidder at the sale will be required to place the requisite state documentary stamps on the Certificate of Title.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2012.

HON. REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK OF COURT  
Gulf County, Florida

BA Baxter  
Clerk/Deputy Clerk  
September 20, 27, 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

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

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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 44 Seconds West, 64.00 feet, thence North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 43 Seconds West, 105.00 feet, thence North 89 Degrees 05 Minutes 44 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

### 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 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, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest 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, thence North 69 degrees 45' 05" East 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 SAINT JOE, FLORIDA 32456.

If you area person claiming a right to 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

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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).

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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 Administrator 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

### 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 unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming, by, through and under the name 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.

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

### 89583S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000243

Rebecca Norris  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: B.A. Baxter  
Deputy Clerk  
Sept. 13, 20, 2012

### 89507S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AMERICA'S MINI STORAGE AND OFFICE, INC., INTENDS TO DISPOSE OF OR OFFER FOR SALE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT STATUTES SECTION 83.801-83.89. AMERICA'S MINI STORAGE AND OFFICE, INC., WILL DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY NO LATER THAN THE DATE OF OCTOBER 5, 2012. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 141 COMMERCE DRIVE, PORT ST. JOE, FL. GULF COUNTY.

SALE DATE: Friday, 10/5/2012 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

David and Sara O'Barr  
477 Pondersora Pines  
Apt. 7  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Contents of Storage Unit C-5 10x30  
Lots of misc construction (roofing) equipment, utility trailer, 2 pallets of Telacoda tile, personal items, 300SF of stuff.  
Will accept highest bid on total unit.  
Call (850) 229-8014  
Sept. 20, 27, 2012

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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Sept. 13, 20, 2012

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### 89519S 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 a/k/a ROBERT N. COLLINS, JR.; JUDSON R. MAGRIN, CAT

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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, 2012.

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

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

**9589S  
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

A portion of Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument marking the intersection of the county line common to Gulf and Franklin counties with the 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 Northerly, 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 Northerly, 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

PORT ST. JOE PORT AUTHORITY MEETING NOTICE

The Port St. Joe Port Authority Commissioners will meet in conjunction with the Gulf County Restore Committee at the Operations Center, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida on:

Each Tuesday from September 18, 2012 until November 27, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., EST

The meetings, per the request and continued direction of the Board of County Commission, the Port St. Joe Port Authority, and the Restore Committee, will be to discuss and act on the following:

Gulf County RESTORE Act and any other related Gulf County matters associated with this issue

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person who wishes to attend and requires assistance may call (850) 229-6106.

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"Property"). The term Property also includes, but is not limited to, any and all water wells, with the Property, however established.

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure Upon Default entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

COASTAL LAND DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC.; and a Florida limited liability company; CHARLES W. MADDOX Defendants.

and the docket number of which is 2012-CA-000108.

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.

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WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 5th day of September, 2012.

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

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

**89675S  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice for Interested Contractors/ Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Single Family

Capital Area Community Action Agency has federal funds for weatherizing residential homes in Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jefferson, and Wakulla counties. Weatherization includes air infiltration reduction, insulation, repair/replacement of doors and windows, low-flow showerheads and compact fluorescent light bulbs repair/replacement of heating/cooling systems and water heaters. Work will begin November 1, 2012 and must be performed under the supervision of a state licensed contractor and is subject to Davis-Bacon requirements. Current contractors must re-apply. A Pre-BID conference will be held on Friday, September 21, 2012, 1:30am-3:00am at the Franklin Promise Community Room, 192 14th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The RFQ is due no later than 5:00pm, Monday, September 28, 2012. To attend the Pre-BID conference, request an RFQ, or for more information, contact Debbie Mabry, (850) 222-2043 ext. 309, fax (850) 270-9561, or debora.mabry@cacaainc.org September 20, 2012

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Posted at: Port St. Joe City Hall Gulf County Courthouse Port of Port St. Joe September 20, 2012

89737S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-99-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF MAXWELL WOODROW FLEMING, JR. A/K/A MAXWELL FLEMING A/K/A MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A DR. MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A MAX FLEMING A/K/A MAX W. FLEMING, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MAXWELL WOODROW FLEMING, JR. A/K/A MAXWELL FLEMING A/K/A MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A DR. MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A MAX W. FLEMING, DECEASED; BETTY L. FLEMING A/K/A BETTY FLEMING; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; BAY MEDICAL CENTER; CAPITAL ONE BANK; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MAXWELL WOODROW FLEMING, JR. A/K/A MAXWELL FLEMING A/K/A DR. MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A MAX W. FLEMING, DECEASED:

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

Lots 7, 8, 9 and the North 5 feet of Lot 6, Block 9 of Gulf County Land Company's Subdivision of Wewahatchka, Florida according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 11, 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, if any, to it on GARVIN B. BOWDEN, the plaintiffs attorney, whose address is Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A., 1300 Thomaswood Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, within 30 days of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED: September 10, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk Sept. 20, 27, 2012

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3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH FURNISHED HOUSE ON RIVER, DOCK .....\$1000

OFFICE SPACE ON US 98 CARRABELLE .....\$500

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## Networking at your new job

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After you've successfully completed a job search, shouldn't networking be the last thing on your mind? Not so, say networking experts. In fact, internal networking, right from the beginning, is key to maintaining the upward trajectory of your career. Here's how to successfully launch your networking campaign at a new job.

### Why network from the start?

"When you start in a job, you're going to be judged early, and you want to be judged as someone who makes things happen," says Richard Moran, a partner at venture capital firm Venrock Associates. Introducing yourself to co-workers in a wide range of roles is a good way to begin.

So networking is important from the get-go. But given your newbie status, your internal networking should be carefully calibrated. Soon after you start a job, "you've got to increase your visibility, but without being pompous," says Bill Behn, managing director for financial staffing firm SolomonEdwardsGroup.

### Whom to network with

Even early on, your network needs to

go beyond the folks in adjoining cubes — without embracing everyone on the payroll. But where to begin?

"Start your networking with people who started the same job you have about a year ago, because they'll tell you what you're going to be measured on," advises Moran.

After that, says Gayle Lantz, president of consulting firm WorkMatters Inc., "ask your boss who the most important people are for you to meet."

Next, seek out people with more clout, Moran says. "Organizations have samurai who are out there doing the big stuff every day, and you have to figure out who they are and whether you can become one," he adds.

### Making internal networking work

When you're new on the job, you want to make a lot of contacts fairly quickly while also building your reputation as a hard worker. "You don't want to be the person who's hanging out at everyone's cubicle," says Brendan Courtney, a senior vice president at staffing firm Spherion. "You want to take advantage of those opportunities that happen during lunch or while you're getting coffee."

When you're asking for more substantial advice, be mindful of your colleagues' full schedules. "Breakfast, before the workday starts, is a good time to



pick people's brains," Courtney suggests.

### Casting your network

It's also important to extend your network beyond your department or division.

"There's a body of research that says that your weaker ties get you jobs; your stronger ties are mostly to people who already know each other," says Jeanne Hurlbert, president of Optinet Resources LLC and a professor of sociology at Louisiana State University. "Strong ties can have positive payoffs in terms of promotion."

So look for opportunities to branch out. "Volunteer to serve on a cross-functional team," advises Lantz. "Meeting regularly

with people from other departments is an ideal way to network and learn about other aspects of the business."

### Supercharging your networking

Especially when you're a rookie, a mentor can be a great help in extending the upward reach of your internal network.

"There are usually three or four people who set the tone of the company's value system," says Courtney. "It's good to have one of them as your mentor; someone who can help prepare you for your next step in the organization."

But, Courtney cautions, do tread carefully when choosing a mentor. "If you're creating a mentor relationship outside your immediate manager, you have to let your manager know," he says.

### Letting your network work

Finally, most of your internal networking efforts should be low-key and informal. "If you set up too many meetings too early, people will think, 'What does this guy want from me?'" says Behn.

And although networking is important, many other priorities will compete for your attention in the beginning. Says Moran: "You don't have to start networking before lunch on your first day."

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