



'The pieces are there'

BOM director sketches port potential, roadblocks

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Port development won't come overnight, but "the pieces are there."

That was the message delivered last week to the Port Authority of Port St. Joe by Jeff Holt, Managing Director for Infrastructure Banking for the Bank of Montreal.

The Bank of Montreal was

formally hired several months ago by the St. Joe Company to assist in the development of the Port of Port St. Joe.

"We are already deeply engaged and we have been for several months," Holt said after the meeting.

"We're in for the long run and we know what it takes."

Holt, with more than 30 years in investment banking, said a visit to the area roughly six months

ago convinced him that there was potential at the Port of Port St. Joe, which at several points in its history has been an operating port but is now considered a blank green-field slate.

"We got to like the assets a lot," Holt said of what he called the regional "gateway" that is the Port of Port St. Joe. "We liked the gateway. That does not go away."

"We like what we see. You have all the pieces. We have to get the

interest back."

Holt said he has declined overtures for engagement from a number of ports in the United States and Canada and said there "were enough parts here" that the project to develop the port could be successful.

"It has been a successful operation in the past; you have a great local partner in the St. Joe Company."

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Chamber seeks BOCC clarification

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Some clarification please, Gulf County Board of Commissioners.

That was the message from the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce board of directors last week as they wrestled with the effects of a BOCC decision of two days prior to bring the Economic Development Council back under the umbrella of the commission.

At their regular bi-monthly meeting last Tuesday, the BOCC, citing a lack of tangible progress over the past 18 months since commissioners created a consolidated Chamber/EDC model, voted unanimously to bring the EDC function back under BOCC control.

Commissioners made no changes in funding or personnel with the EDC, but said the point of contact for economic development would be county administrator Don Butler.

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WHS teacher charged with providing alcohol to minor

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A popular and honored math teacher at Wewahitchka High School was arrested last week on charges of providing alcohol to a person under the age of 21 and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Denise Ethridge, 30, was arrested last Wednesday by investigators from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office. According to Sheriff Joe Nugent the investigation continues and more charges are "probable."

The Gulf County School District placed Ethridge on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of the legal case. Ethridge resigned last Thursday.

According to the arresting affidavit, the alleged incident occurred on Nov. 3 when Ethridge entered the Express Lane in Wewahitchka and purchased two six packs of Smirnoff

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'Much needed support'

Education Foundation provides \$38,000 in Gulf County School Funding

Star Staff Report

For the past 14 years, local volunteers have been working to raise money to enhance the traditional offerings of our local school district through the Education Foundation of Gulf County, Inc. (EFGC). With the generous support of grants provided by Progress Energy, the Tapper Foundation, The Miller Charitable Foundation, and our local community's extraordinary efforts, our children have benefited from over \$220,000 invested in creative teaching and learning initiatives.

The EFGC provided over \$38,000 in grant funding for Gulf County School during the 2012-2013 school year.

"We know that various children learn differently so the EFGC works to provide creative opportunities that make the learning process innovative and fun" said David Warriner, president of the EFGC. "We are proud of our continuing community's effort to make this happen."

The EFGC will be sending out a letter to local business leaders and many valued alumnae of Gulf County Schools. Your support is needed to help fund the important learning initiatives teachers want and need to do the best for students.

"The Gulf County Education Foundation is a major contributor toward the funding of grants that give teachers the much needed support they need to have excellent resources and enhance their classrooms in our high performing district," said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton. "Over the years, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been contributed through this community support. We are very proud of this program and the dedicated people who volunteer their time for educational resources."

Programs that enhance reading skills, along with science, technology, engineering and math skills have been targeted. Entire science labs have been created. Real paper books, along with digital media have been purchased for student use. Innovative learning devices have been



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Port St. Joe Elementary School staff from left include Cindy Belin, Carla May, Donna Thompson, Cindy Phillips, Deborah Crosby, Janice Adkison, DeEtta Smallwood, Karen Minger, Principal Sue Gannon and David Warriner of the foundation.



Jennifer Guffey, Heather Taylor, Anita Askew, Kim Ludlum and April Bidwell from Wewahitchka Elementary School.



Debbie Gerber, Principal Debbie Baxley and Michael Williams from Wewahitchka Junior/Senior High School.

implemented in classrooms. In addition, funds have been made available for cultural and social learning experiences that expose students to the world outside their traditional school curriculum.

Local students are better off for having access to these unique opportunities, not afforded through traditional state funding streams. The EFGC solicits and manages donations used to purchase the hands-on equipment and

devices to which our teachers would not otherwise have access.

The EFGC is now asking for your help to write the next chapter in our growing success story.

Please consider supporting the EFGC and our work to make our kid's educational experience more meaningful. Every dollar you give may qualify for a dollar for dollar match from the State Consortium of Education Foundations. This

means double the impact right here locally. Every dollar helps. So please help today. Visit the EFGC website at www.efgc.org and make a contribution on-line or send a check to the EFGC, 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe Florida, 32456. The EFGC is a 501 (C) 3 organization and your donation will be tax-deductible.

The EFGC board recently met to review the 2012-2013 teaching and learning grants.

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LETTERS OF THANKS

A good teacher is a great blessing to any child. Students at the Eastpoint Nest showed some love to the Franklin County School and Franklin County Learning Center teachers, thanking them for their kindness, attentiveness and let's not forget, candy.

Dear Mrs. Ham, I am so thankful you are my teacher again. You are special to me. You have a soft voice. I love it when you give us free time.

Love, Cole Polous

Dear Mrs. Gibson, I am so thankful you're my teacher. You're special to me because you make math playful. We get cookies and drinks in math. We use fake money to pay for them. I love when we do limbo to get the wiggles out. You are very sweet and you are the best teacher.

Sincerely, Emily Smith

Mrs. Sasnett, I am thankful for you.

Love, Sy Bartlett

Dear Mrs. Demsey, I am thankful you are my teacher.

Love, Malichi Rivera

Mrs. King, I am thankful you are my teacher. You are special to me because you are nice and helpful. You help me with reading because you want me to do my best. You give me supplies that I need.

Love, Audrey Yowell

Dear Mrs. Dykes, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are nice and reward us with candy when we are good. You make learning

fun. I love when we play fact or opinion.
Love, Gage Boone

Dear Mr. Boyd, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are funny and I love your silly style. Math is hard but you help me through it. You make science fun too! Every morning you say good morning to me when I come in.

Love, Shasta Whitnauer

Dear Ms. Shaffer, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You always help me with my math work, give good instructions for what we will be doing next. You tell everyone to do their best. You are special to me.

Love, Jocelyn Webb

Dear Mrs. Inzetta, I am so thankful that you're my math teacher. I'm amazed that you still teach even though some students are disrespectful to you. You make math easy for me to understand. And you care to help me succeed and pass the FCAT. I'm glad you're my teacher!

Love, Morgan Anderson

Dear Mrs. Cumbie, I am so thankful you are my teacher. You are so nice. Thank you for teaching us adding. You give us candy when we are good. You're the best teacher.

Thanks, Cloey Malone

Dear Mrs. Baney, I am so thankful that you are my teacher. You make the writing process easier. I understand you and you understand me. Thanks again, you're the best.

Love, Brittani Bouzemann

The Nest students give thanks

By **DESPINA WILLIAMS**
Special to the Times

On the eve of her performance in the Carrabelle Nest Thanksgiving play, Layla Chisolm was having an identity crisis.

Like her fellow actors in "The Meal Must Go On," Chisolm was decked out head to toe as a favorite Thanksgiving side dish.

Crinkled white paper expertly fastened to her torso mimicked a heaping pile of luscious mashed potatoes, nestled atop an unassuming brown bowl fashioned from craft paper. On her head, a pile of fluffy cotton balls topped by a buttery square of yellow foam completed the look. But even in all her spud-like splendor, Chisolm could not stop her classmates from calling her a dish that would never grace even the humblest Thanksgiving table. She was not, by Squanto, a bowl of popcorn!

Chisolm could not trouble herself with these taunts. At show time, she joined classmates Kayleigh Revell, Charlee Winchester, Trinity Barron and Destanie Proctor. Sure, they were dolled up like cranberry sauce, turkey, pumpkin pie and stuffing, but she was the star of this show.

When the actors began the play by each boasting to be the best Thanksgiving dish, Chisolm seized her moment. "Thanksgiving just wouldn't be the same without me! Mashed potatoes are always everyone's favorite!"

Chisolm's prideful performance was just one of the many highlights of The Nest's two-day Thanksgiving celebration. The Nest, a Franklin County School District



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At top, the performers in "The Meal Must Go On" wear costumes depicting Thanksgiving dishes. From left are Carrabelle Nest students Destanie Proctor (stuffing), Kayleigh Revell (cranberry sauce), Layla Chisolm (mashed potatoes), Trinity Barron (pumpkin pie) and Charlee Winchester (turkey). Above left, Shelby Rotella fills her plate with homemade succotash and a side of pumpkin pie. Above right, Christopher Creek showcases his pumpkin pie in a cup dessert.

21st Century after-school program, staged back-to-back parent nights on Nov. 15-16 that combined food, fun and family.

Carrabelle Nest students performed a medley of song and dance numbers, including the Turkey Pokey, for parents and classmates. Patrick Tipton narrated "The Meal Must Go On!" a

reader's theatre play that featured Cheyenne Lawson, Haiden Parks, Brianna Sanders, Larry Winchester, September Ferrell, Alexis Parks, Jada Allen and Jordan Carnes as Thanksgiving dinner hosts and houseguests.

The Eastpoint Nest staged an ambitious Thanksgiving dinner, with students cooking and

sharing their meal with their families. Students traveled from room to room, cooking cranberry sauce, vegetable stir-fry, turkey and ham sandwiches and pumpkin pie in a cup.

At each cooking station, led by Nest staff members, the students earned a stamp featuring their dish, which they colored and glued to their Thanksgiving brochure's empty place setting. By the end of the program, each student and their family members assembled a complete meal and rated each dish using a score of "Yummy," "Just Okay" and "Gross."

The pumpkin pie in a cup scored the most Yummies. If you want to make it at home, just layer in a cup crushed graham crackers and vanilla pudding mixed with pumpkin, cinnamon and nutmeg, and top with a scoop of Cool Whip. Delicious!

The families all enjoyed the interactive meal. The Nest would like to thank all the families who donated ingredients for the Eastpoint meal and snacks for the Carrabelle play.

To read more about the Nest's Thanksgiving activities, visit the program website, www.franklincountynest.org. Students in grades pre-kindergarten to eighth grade are eligible to attend The Nest, and applications are available from the website, Franklin County School and Franklin County Learning Center.

Despina Williams is project coordinator for The Nest, a 21st Century Community Learning Center administered by the Franklin County School District.

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The Blue Foundation Dental Grant Presentation will also take place at the new dental facility. Please make plans to attend this much awaited occasion for the oral health of the residents of Franklin County!

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Losing, liquor and life

Recently, I drove south to visit my oldest daughter who is in her second year at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. It was a long drive, but something I was looking forward to on the Veterans Day holiday weekend.

We stopped in Anderson, South Carolina on Thursday evening at close to midnight. I realized I had either missed "The Big Peach" in Gaffney, South Carolina due to the darkness or road construction or possibly being asleep. I hate to miss "The Big Peach." It's actually a water tower that looks like a peach.

It seems like a city would light it up if they had one (a Big Peach). Again, maybe they do and I missed it. If you ever get down that way, stop and enjoy it a little – you can almost smell it. The only thing that bothers me about it was that the City of Gaffney hired a fellow from New Jersey to paint the peach.

Why would you hire a fellow from New Jersey to paint your peach? If it were a light bulb water tower, I could understand it. However, I do not understand a peach painter from New Jersey.

Tuscaloosa is a nice place unless you want to get a good night's sleep in your daughter's apartment that is close to the downtown bars and the football stadium. According to the realty lady, some students like to live close to the bars so they can walk home. (I called to complain.)

The realty lady makes the students that were up all night at the apartment complex, drunk out of their minds, standing on the apartment balconies shouting obscenities into the wee hours of the morning almost sound thoughtful.

Almost... I love college football, as much as anybody and I was even young once, but I still question these folks' "thoughtfulness."

The first night, I spent calling the police and stuffing things in my ears.

On Saturday, I was looking forward to the game and I was not disappointed in the weather, the crowd or the atmosphere. Tuscaloosa, Alabama and the

University of Alabama know how to put on a football game.

My seats at the game were kind of high, kind of way up high. So high that you felt if you stood up, you might fall helplessly into the end zone. So high that I ducked when the T-38's did their flyover before the game. However, I did enjoy the perspective. It reminded me of playing electric football as a kid and the little men

vibrating all over the field. I wanted to help Alabama a couple of times by reaching down there and moving a couple of players on the field.

The game was entertaining, although the University of Alabama did suffer their first loss of the season.

True fans will tell me that Alabama played awful or question how I can say it was entertaining when "we" lost.

You needed to be sitting where I was sitting. Way up there in the stands, higher than the coaches in their coaching boxes talking to the other coaches down on the field.

At least I thought I was higher than the coaches.

As it turns out, I am pretty sure I had one of them behind me. He was tall fellow who was very loud and shouted instructions the entire first half. He seemed tall, because from my seats, I could turn around and my nose would hit his kneecaps. I was way up high.

This fellow barked the whole first half, "Try doing something other than running on first down." He also had a firm grasp on the receivers who needed to be covered on pass plays after the opposing Texas A&M Aggies would successfully complete a pass.

He was loud and mad and quite sure of himself.

Things seemed to be looking a little better for Alabama in the second half. I turned around and realized the tall, loud keeper of football knowledge was not there. I just figured he went down at half-time to share with the coaches and players his thoughts about the first half.

He made it back by the fourth quarter. It seemed logical; it would take that

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Thanksgiving wishes

In some ways Thanksgiving 2012 seems not much different from the Pilgrims' landing on a craggy slab of Massachusetts coastline long ago.

The Pilgrims of four centuries ago were facing a world of which they knew nothing – just as the current economic and geopolitical landscape seems a scary one with

which many of us are not wholly familiar.

For the Pilgrims, most anything that could have gone wrong on their journey from religious intolerance to the New World did; Murphy's Law applied exponentially.

Beyond the miles they had been willing to foray on foot from the sea and their ship, they knew nothing of this land they had come upon, nothing of what and who might be there. In fact, initially the thought never seemed to have crossed their minds that there would be anybody there.

The ground was not suitable for crops, at least not with the rudimentary tools they carried and their lack of knowledge of the soil. The viability of what they knew to grow back home in Europe was in question.

Game seemed scarce. The weather conditions atrocious even for hardy men and women of the English and Dutch stock they were.

They were literally in what to them must have seemed the Land of the Lost.

How that seems familiar to the environment of today, a different sort of rocky terrain.

An environment that save for those of a certain generation none of us have experienced, or at least not to the degree that is experienced in the 24/7 din of today.

Chronic unemployment that can not be captured in the monthly reports that do not reflect those who for various reasons are not, can not

or will not seek employment in a business climate buffeted by forces that seem – as with those Pilgrims – beyond their control.

Political fissions, religious fissions, the growing chasm between those who must worry about whether there will be food on the table that night and those who don't – they all serve to divide, just as the harsh conditions came to divide at times the men and women of the Mayflower.

There is much to make us anxious. This will be a difficult Thanksgiving – hardly a holiday for far too many.

But the Pilgrims were taught a valuable lesson by the Native Americans – savages as they initially saw them – who inhabited those shores of the bay in which the Mayflower ultimately anchored for safe harbor.

For while these men and women weren't big on modesty in what passed for their dress, and talked and behaved in ways foreign to the Pilgrims, they were also large of heart, human beings no matter the color.

What is little understood, but is explained by Nathaniel Philbrick in his fascinating book "Mayflower" is that while there might have been a feast of some kind on a date sometime near the end of the Pilgrims' first year in the New World, it was a product of a bond of community formed between people of different color, religion and outlook on life.

Thanksgiving, and they did not know it as that and it would become a holiday only centuries after that 1620's sit down, was for the Pilgrims something that was played out over more than 24 hours.

The previous winter their very existence was in the balance. The Native Americans could have easily killed them, just as the weather and disease depleted their ranks.

Instead, those Native Americans would teach the newcomers about

the land they had arrived at, about hunting, fishing and farming.

They taught the Pilgrims survival and stewardship of the land.

In turn, instead of choosing arrogant isolationism in their new quarters, the Pilgrims reached out to the Native Americans, establishing a bartering system, sleeping in their wigwams, choosing to learn, coming to understand these were just human beings.

Only later, when, what else, territory became an issue, did tension and ultimately bloodshed come to those first Anglo-Saxon arrivals and those there to greet them.

So today, hopefully, is a day to put aside the loose ends of life which isolate and divide us to remember the things that bring us together.

The community that exists in this county emerges during the toughest of times and this year will be no different.

There are the slew of volunteers who will spend their holidays providing sustenance and cheer to, literally, hundreds who would otherwise be without a warm meal and fellowship on a day all about warm meals and fellowship.

And a Sheriff's Office, and other organizations, with a mission of meeting the Christmas wishes of needy children and families in the county.

That is just a sampling – a small sampling – of what a unique and special community Gulf County can be when the sledding is most difficult.

And on this day that will be difficult for many, we find thanksgiving in that community, that sense of not being alone.

Discovering that at their most tested they were not alone made all the difference for the Pilgrims long ago.

Our hope on this day is that understanding the value of that sense of community today can make a difference in all our lives.

'Stewed tomatoes and okra' memories

The lady gave us the senior discount with a simple nod and a wave. She was too busy for idle chit-chat, the line was building up behind us.

It was my first trip to an "all you could eat" buffet in years. I was hungry enough, not starving mind you, but as she counted out my change I whispered to Cathy, "Eat as much as you can, we've got to get our money's worth."

I was weaving my way in and out of the traffic down past the shaved turkey, between the pinto beans and the rice when I saw the stewed tomatoes and okra. I froze in my tracks. I didn't know you could still get that combination. Son of a gun! Hungry folks, their plates piled high with mashed potatoes, green beans, shrimp, salad, roast beef, pizza and carrot cake politely elbowed passed me on both sides unaware that I was no longer with them.

My Aunt Beatrice used to make that stuff at every family get together. I wouldn't eat it. She also baked a ham and cooked a turkey and broke out those unbelievable pickled peaches. Her lima beans would melt in your mouth. And rutabaggers and blackberry cobbler was her specialty. The way I saw it as a child, only a complete idiot would waste time and stomach room eating stewed tomatoes and okra

considering all the other choices.

Aunt Beatrice was the star of our Thanksgiving dinners. Now, Mom would maybe make a chess

pie or a potato casserole. Granny would be crowded in the kitchen with all her daughters, giving a few directions but mostly telling some story about Aunt May White. Aunts Adell and

Ruby Nell were obediently listening....but make no mistake about it, Aunt Bea was doing the cooking!

She was raised "way back up" in the country. She married Uncle Womack when she was still a teenager. Even in the middle of the vegetable section at the Golden Corral I could see her as plain as day. She had that dark hair and high cheek bones. You could really see our Cherokee heritage in her. She worked hard every day of her life.

She farmed like a man if the situation called for it. She picked cotton and peaches, apples and scuppernongs with equal aplomb. She set a record for canning jams, preserves and such that will never be broken. She never asked for a thing. She never complained. She laughed an uncommonly amount. And she lived a simple life of love, dignity and honor.

A lady with a plate of meatloaf and spaghetti ran me over. "I'm sorry sir. Do you mind if I get some of those pintos?"

Aunt Bea and Uncle Womack raised Charles, Barbara and Teresa in the big house up on the hill. What a grand place to play. They had big bedrooms and "hiding" closets and secret nooks on every floor! Aunt Beatrice allowed her favorite ten year old nephew to do anything his heart desired at her house. She would tussle my hair or give me a quick hug and then let me explore on my own. How fortunate I was but sadly, way too young to appreciate it!

Cathy came and got me, "Kes, are you alright? You don't have anything on your plate."

I loaded up on stewed tomatoes and okra and followed Cathy to our seats. The tears came out of nowhere. And I wasn't sad or unhappy or having a senior moment. I was remembering a grand lady who meant more to me than I ever realized... or could possibly convey to you. I wanted to be ten again so I could tell her how special she was! I wanted to sit on the porch and watch the sun go down with her. As an adult I wished I'd told her what a shining example she'd set before us. She might not have realized it, but Thanksgiving WAS Thanksgiving because of her!

The big house burned down my senior year in college. It was summer before I got home and my heart was broken for their loss. Aunt Bea hugged me and said, "We can't replace the pictures." I

have remembered that for fifty years. It wasn't about wood and mortar for her. It was family, love and memories.

Boy howdy, how much we take for granted. Uncle F. D. said it a million times, "You can't beat family." It just never dawned on me growing up that there would come a time when Aunt Beatrice wasn't there. We figured Granny would outlive us all. Uncle Clifford was as steady as a rock. Mom would heat those drops up before administering to an earache... that somehow goes beyond caring. Uncle Womack never said so but somehow I know in my heart he thought I turned out alright. Aunt Bea several times offered to give me seventeen acres across the street from the original house. She obviously understood my love for her home before I did!

They are all gone now. But how richer we are for their journey!

People are all the time telling me how much is wrong with this country. What is not working and who is not doing right. I'm tired of hearing it! This Thanksgiving let's remember the Aunt Beatrices in our lives. Let's celebrate how we got to be who we are. Let's truly be thankful! I finished up the stewed tomatoes and okra. They were ok.... but I would have still preferred the pickled peaches.

Happy Thanksgiving, Aunt Bea and Kes



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Thanks for a great football season

Dear Editor:
Coach Chuck Gannon and staff along with the 2012-13 football team would like to thank all of the Shark fans and boosters for tremendous year. We know we did not win a state championship or even a district title, but the overwhelming support and kind words that were bestowed on this year's team and program was tremendous.

I want to thank all of our ticket takers for our junior varsity and varsity games. Coach Stacey Strickland and David White, thanks for preparing our field on game days and Greg Layfield and staff for maintaining our field.

A special thanks goes out to Barbara Layfield and her staff for helping feed our young men on game days and several other occasions. Also we want to thank Lee McLemore for helping us with food and drinks on all the away games.

Thanks to our Band of Gold and our junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders for keeping the Shark spirit alive and well.

We want to thank Eddie Martin and our chain crew along with Commander Marty Jarosz and the NJROTC program for presenting the colors.

To our faculty and staff, we want to thank you for all your continued support all year and being there for these young men. The Shark price was definitely seen in all of you during the season. Mr. Jim Norton and Mr. Jeremy Knappy, we thank you as coaches for letting us do our jobs and supporting us behind the scenes.

Last, I want to thank our coaching staff of Josh Daily, Kenny Parker, Tracy Browning, Willie Smith, Kesley Colbert, Raye Bailey, Bobby Alexander and Kenny McFarland for their hard work and dedication working with these young men. I appreciate their long hours of work and positive attitudes they had with our players. I know the players appreciate the coaches as well. One last comment to our players - in my career this was the most enjoyable team I've coached.

Thanks you.
Sincerely,
Chuck Gannon
Head Coach, Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School

Steve Southerland — Oceans Champion!

Dear Editor:
In spite of an unprecedented amount of money being funneled to Jim Clements and Gulf Fishermens Alliance (representing maybe 10 percent of commercial fishermen) by various environmental groups to stop Steve's re-election, Steve Southerland won handily in a district that is registered 60 percent Democrat. He even won in Calhoun County which is registered over 70 percent Democrat. This is a man, hard at work for what his constituents want and need, to get our economies turned for the better. Fishing does equal jobs for all businesses here along the panhandle.

To step up to the plate, as a freshman Congressman, as Steve has the last couple of years, go against these huge environmental groups (PEW, EDF); painted a target on his back for this past election; and they came after him, with wallets out--posting and printing newspaper articles, billboards and ads filled with lies. But in the end, truth won out.

When you win an election in a district that is registered 60 percent (D) and win the election with 71 percent of the vote—you are truly a representative of and by the people.

Many thanks to Steve Southerland, and his team for getting him re-elected. The democratic process is alive and well in District 2 with an amazing amount of bipartisan voting; with only the good of all residents in mind, not just the party they are affiliated with. Hats off to all District 2 residents - we should be proud of ourselves for keeping the democratic process alive and well here in N. Fla.

PS. *These hundreds of thousands of dollars being funneled through Jim Clements to represent only 10 percent of commercial fishermen--SOUNDS PRETTY FISHY TO ME!!!*

Thanks,
Capt. Tom Adams
Mexico Beach Charters
Recreational Fishing Alliance- Chairman-
Forgotten Coast Chapter

Veterans Day salute

Dear Editor:
On Friday, Nov. 9 I attended the Veterans Day Salute at Port St. Joe Junior-Senior High School. This was an outstanding program and I salute those who organized the entire program for a job well done. It was one of the best that I have ever attended. I was one of the veterans being honored at this celebration. The hugs and the handshakes I received for the military service I rendered in my day a career soldier made the day most memorable. What touched my heart the most were the four letters I received from young students from Port St. Joe Elementary School. I was to say thank you to Caden, Paloma, Hannah and Zoe for their encouraging and appreciative letters. I would also like to commend the school teachers and leaders at the schools in Port St. Joe who are teaching our students the importance of patriotism for our country. You are doing a great job. Keep up the good work.

The price our great country paid for freedom came through great sacrifices, as we are all aware. It warms my heart to know that patriotism is still alive and well in the greatest country in the world, the United States of America. May God continue to bless America.
David W. Thompson, Jr.
Mexico Beach

Welcome until now?

Dear Editor:
As one of the "blow-ins" from Georgia, it is very sad to see how Mr. McLemore feels about the people who pay their taxes on time, bring family and

friends from different parts of the country to visit, and spend their money in Port St. Joe. I love this town and have always felt welcomed, until now. If you want the city to grow

stop your nonsense and pay attention to your taxpayers, the people who pay your salary.

Thank you,
E. Rosenthal
Port St. Joe

To our many, many friends in Gulf County

Dear Editor:
Your generosity, encouragement, love and prayers have kept us going since my sister, Marsha Posey, was diagnosed with lung and hip cancer in July. You have made it possible for her to make the trips to the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa for hip replacement surgery, follow-up medical visits, radiation treatments and most recently, chemotherapy. We appreciate each and every one of you and can never thank you enough! Please keep praying for her as she continues treatment.

Also, our community lost two men recently who I must recognize for giving their time and energy to correct an unsafe condition at her home. Christopher Acree, our nephew by love if not blood, and his mother Irene brought

materials and spent the day replacing the steps to Marsha's deck. Those existing were old and unsafe, especially for someone with an infirmity. Christopher, an excellent carpenter, was so happy to perform the work; he had such a wonderful heart and desire to help. Terry Dykes worked with him that day; Terry also had a kind heart and never met anyone he didn't have a smile for. The end result was a set of steps that will be solidly in place for many years. Please remember these men for their kindness.

I never travel anywhere in Gulf County that I am not asked about Marsha. It means so much to know that she remains in your thoughts and prayers. Thank You and God Bless!

Gwen Allen
Port St. Joe

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long to get back up to where we were sitting from the locker room.

As the game progressed, it was finally apparent that this would not be a happy ending for the University of Alabama football team. I was disappointed, but life was going to go on. The fellows would get drunk and shout obscenities from the balconies on Saturday and on this night be even more thankful for getting apartments so close to the watering holes in Tuscaloosa.

The game ended and I turned around expecting to see the tall coach with his head in his hands mumbling about us jumping offside. He was not there.

There was only an empty bottle of Early Times Whisky. If you didn't know, alcohol affects mental work. This has been shown by the fact that a person whose brain has been dulled by alcohol cannot think so clearly to do common mathematics like adding, subtracting, multiplying, or dividing figures as accurately as he could without the partaking of alcohol.

Honestly, I seriously doubt that this tall fellow could do any math whether he was under the influence or not. The liquor probably did affect his decision making/coaching ability; maybe he will not bring his bottle for the next game.

I loved seeing my daughter and

I will trade a loss, a coaching lesson or even two nights of thoughtful drunks yelling obscenities from their balconies to get to do it.

In my life, it's a matter of priorities.

FYI - The manufacturer of Early Times Whisky (spelled correctly) was only one of five producers who were allowed to keep pumping out hard, the hard stuff during the Prohibition Era. They were able to do so because their whisky was designated as "medicinal whiskey."

Maybe that tall coaching fellow was sick.

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It's really fortunate to have a company like St. Joe. It's a flag we can wave and I think St. Joe is a good calling card. It lends gravitas to any conversation you have."

A bulk port is likely the most advantageous route, Holt said. He also said his team was not looking for a company seeking to get into the port business, but rather an investor which has 65 port terminals around the country or globe and is looking for No. 66.

"It is a bulk opportunity," Holt said. "The depth (of the shipping channel) doesn't allow for much else. There is also a rail line going out the

back (of the port property) and that is a good thing."

The Bank of Montreal, he added, has a significant stable of clients it can reach.

When an investor is ready to enter the port, Holt said, would be the time to reach out to state and federal agencies to deploy their resources - expediting permitting, for example, or dredging of shipping lanes and channels by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The case can then be made to those governmental agencies, this company is coming in, will invest a specific number of dollars and the Port of Port St. Joe needs

these promises and actions from government, Holt said.

"Everybody has to be a part of this, from (the Florida Department of Transportation) to the Corps," Holt said. "It is a chicken-and-egg sort of thing. That's the way these things work. We are trying to provide exposure for the (investors) and bulk operators to what is there."

Port director Tommy Pitts, at the suggestion of Holt, said it would be time to re-energize past efforts to have the shipping channel dredged to authorized depth.

The job for the bank was to advise not just on bringing in an investor or company, but also in how to craft the deal. The bank is working on a "success-fee" basis, es-

entially putting much of the risk on the bank.

"But we like what we see," Holt said.

The bank's contract with the St. Joe Company is exclusive, Holt said, but the partnership to collaborate on port development between the company and Port Authority meant that at some point, once potential clients are ferreted out, the Port Authority must be part of the discussion.

Aspects of operation such as licensing, tax exemption financing, wharf and service fees fall under the gateway and the public authority overseeing that gateway, in this case the Port of Port St. Joe.

"You have a big part to play here," Holt told Port Authority board members. "The question is if we can put a fish on the hook and what the fish would want."

"What we are charged with is turning on the light in

this gateway. Not only for the benefit of the company, but also you. We want to do everything we can to continue to develop the port."

Holt and St. Joe senior vice president Jorge Gonzalez both emphasized that the gateway of the Port of Port St. Joe was a part of a broader effort to maximize the potential of the region.

And in developing that gateway, the Port Authority and its land - which combined with St. Joe's holdings around the port account for more than 300 acres, with a rail line - are essential to the equation.

"We've been focused on the big dog, not just the little dog," Gonzalez said, emphasizing the partnership between company and Port Authority. "The Port Authority asset is going to be something folks are going to look at. They have to."

Holt, noting that most large ports are near met-

ropolitan areas, said he expects that an investor will be one looking for "low-hanging fruit" or a port with a largely untapped potential that would likely provide added value at a relatively low price.

"I am encouraged by what you are saying," said Port Authority president Leonard Costin.

Holt said it was also important not to expect results, like, next week.

Holt's team is close to a deal to sell or lease the Port of Wilmington (Delaware) that it has been working on for two years and had recently completed a deal to run rail line through to the Port of Los Angeles, a \$2 billion venture, that took some six years.

"This is probably not going to happen overnight," Holt said. "We have a sense of what can work and can't work. I am not a stranger to long lead times and patience."



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"It's not clear what that means," said Chamber president Guerry Magidson.

Magidson said correspondence in the intervening days had shown state economic development officials were "disgruntled" and "unhappy" with the BOCC decision.

This was the second time in the past two years and the fifth time since 2000 that the BOCC changed the operational model for the EDC.

"If they take it away we will be out of that business," Magidson said.

Board member Steve Newman suggested that the Chamber board seek a sit down with commissioners, bringing the City of Port St. Joe into the mix since the city also provides funding to the agency, for an understanding of commissioners' concerns.

County attorney Jeremy Novak said after his discussions with county commissioners he came away with the feeling that a meeting of some kind was needed to work through issues. He said the city should be part of the discussion.

County Commissioner Warren Yeager, who as board chair championed the consolidation of Chamber and EDC and who missed last week's BOCC meeting for medical reasons, said last week at a meeting of the Port Authority that he wished his fellow commissioners had waited on any EDC decision.

With the board facing

some changes, he noted, that was a discussion probably best left to the new BOCC.

There also seemed to be less than a full consensus on the Chamber board as to the future.

Board member Johanna White said the Chamber needed to continue moving forward but wondered if the board was doing "justice" to the Chamber/EDC director, Barry Sellers. She said she did not believe the consolidated model was being successful.

"We worked hard on this for 18 months and it just isn't working," White said.

Dewey Blaylock also wondered whether the Chamber/EDC model could work, as currently constructed, on the economic development side.

"We've put another year behind us of confusion about the direction of the EDC," Blaylock said.

Magidson said he believed the Chamber/EDC model was working and making progress. He noted that the consolidation effort had come during the worst economy since the Great Depression, that businesses were having issues finding funding in the private sector, but that progress had been made.

He and Sellers, along with board member Sharon Gaskin who praised the effort, said they had made significant progress in bringing businesses in the north end of the county and Wewahitchka into the Chamber fold and Seller said he

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was currently working with six various projects.

An EDC committee had been created, Magidson said.

While acknowledging that the Chamber maybe could have been more forthright with reports and communication of progress with the BOCC, Magidson also noted that many potential projects and leads carry with them proprietary and confidential information until fruition.

"We can show actual results given more time," Magidson said. "Economic development does not happen in 12 months. We do

have several projects for which we are on the short list."

Magidson said that consistency of message and direction from the BOCC was important. He said there had been constants over the past decade with the EDC - the lack of a consistent approach and the BOCC reducing the amount of funding originally pledged.

"Some longer-term vision on how this handled is needed," said board member Aaron Farnsley.

Magidson said the timing of the BOCC decision could not have been worse given

that the Chamber/EDC had a stakeholder's meeting, at which a campaign for private sector support would be initiated, scheduled for last Thursday.

That meeting was canceled in the wake of the BOCC decision and at least two potential private partners have notified elected officials and the Chamber that they are no longer interested.

"I would like to think the county is interested in private partners," Magidson said.

Board member Dave Ashbrook noted that when the BOCC went the consolidation route two years ago, nearly \$60,000 in funding from private partners was lost by those investors. He said there should not be any surprise about the lack of confidence from the private sector.

"It is a hard pill for me to swallow that we put in one-and-a-half years of work and we are just about to see results" and the BOCC changes the game, Ashbrook said.

"We (as a Chamber) need to come to a consensus to bring to the table (for discussions with the BOCC) and we don't have that yet."

Magidson said it was his hope that after discussions with the BOCC and city, the Chamber/EDC could continue as constructed for at least one more year, with the funding that was pledged. He said the Chamber would be more aggressive and consistent about providing updates to the BOCC.

"I think this is working," Magidson said. "They should give us full funding and give us one more year."

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Ice alcoholic beverage. Ethridge was accompanied by a juvenile, who was not identified, and who was later seen drinking a Smirnoff Ice in Ethridge's vehicle.

Ethridge re-entered the store, according to the affidavit, and purchased a 12-pack of Bud Light, left the store and handed the 12-pack to another juvenile that Capt. Ricky Tolbert of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office knew to be a juvenile.

Ethridge has been a popular and accomplished teacher during her tenure with Gulf District Schools.

In the past two years, she has led an effort at Port St. Joe High School, where she was a teacher for four years, to construct a world record pi chain, using the numerals to the right of the decimal in the theoretical number.

Last year, the chain was over 12,000 links in length, believed at the time to be a new world record.

Ethridge was also voted Teacher of the Year at Port St. Joe High School by her peers two years ago.

She transferred to Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School for the current school year.



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Give thanks for farm-raised turkey

By STAN KIRKLAND
FWC

When Thanksgiving arrives next week, millions of us will sit down to a meal of turkey and all the trimmings. The vast majority of the turkeys we now consume are domestic birds, which is as opposite to the wild turkey as day is to night.

As pointed out in the book "Wild Turkey Country," by Lovett E. Williams Jr., turkeys were domesticated from wild birds by the Indians of North America, perhaps as far back as 2,000 years ago. Spaniards took some of those domesticated birds back to Europe, where they were bred extensively and even brought back to the United States.

The availability of domestic turkeys and the practice of eating them at Thanksgiving became widespread, and it has largely replaced eating baked goose.

While there are a number of breeds of domestic turkeys, most are white in color. A few breeds are bronze in color, which makes them look similar to wild turkeys. But, that's where any similarity to the wild turkey ends.

The five subspecies of wild turkeys are found from northern Mexico through the United States and to southern Canada. They

tend to be bronze and black in color; a color adaptation that allows them to remain concealed in the wild.

Domestic turkeys are bred for size and their plump white breast meat. These birds can weigh 25 to 30 pounds, and even more if held from one year to the next. Although wild turkey toms, particularly in western and midwestern states, can get to 22 to 24 pounds, mature gobblers in southern states rarely weigh more than 21 pounds.

Where farmers and ranchers need to protect their domestic birds from predators, wild turkeys possess an unbelievable wariness and eyesight. Wild turkeys notice anything out of place in their environment. Experienced turkey hunters will tell you that a careless move or lack of concealment will send the birds packing and a hunter home empty-handed. Startled wild turkeys can quickly become airborne and reach speeds of 55 miles per hour in seconds.

Regardless of color, domesticated turkeys don't possess the wild genes to survive, and the birds wind up being food for any of a host of predators. Domesticated turkeys can also be immune to certain diseases, but they can introduce those diseases into wild birds.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWS, TIMES-ADVERTISER

Left: Craig Mann shows off a buck he took last November on his lease in Americus, Ga., where he is currently looking to take down another. **Right:** Capt. Justin Destin of the Full Draw took this deer last season here in Okaloosa County.

Captains trade rod and reels for bows and guns

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After the last fish is hung in the Destin Fishing Rodeo on Oct. 31 each year, several of Destin's captains turn in their rod and reels and pick up their bows and guns and head off into the woods.

"It's time to get away from a rocking boat and see a different terrain," said Tony Davis, who captains the Anastasia.

For the past five years, Davis has been traveling up to Kentucky and hunting on a lease with one of his guys that comes down and fishes with him during cobia season.

"We almost froze yesterday," Davis said Thursday afternoon of the 40-degree temperatures.

But he's not complaining. "It's peaceful up here and you don't have to worry about anything. You just go sit and take your time and relax," Davis said.

Davis said they had seen some deer but he hasn't shot one yet.

"I'm trying to shoot a whopper."

For Justin Destin, who captains the Full Draw, he said, "It's something I do every chance I get. It's just another way to keep enjoying the outdoors. It's another way of harvesting off the land and enjoying some of God's creations.

"We only get so many sunrises and sunsets; got to get out and enjoy them," Destin said.

Although he gun hunts, Destin said, "I prefer bow hunting. I hunt deer and pigs — anything that is willing."

Plus there's a lot of tradition in hunting. Destin said that he always looks forward to going hunting with his dad at Thanksgiving.

Capt. Eric Thrasher of the Daybreak likes to take the kids and go hunting on their lease just north of DeFuniak Springs.

"It's not so much about killing something anymore as it is about getting away," Thrasher said. "Just getting in the woods and relaxing."

Thrasher is usually already in the woods by now, but due to a shoulder injury he had to pass on bow hunting deer.

"But I'll probably go duck hunting on Saturday," he said. In addition to hunting deer and ducks, he also likes turkey hunting.

Thrasher noted that turkey season coincides with the start of cobia season. And they have been known to go turkey hunting in the morning and come back and catch a cobia in the afternoon for a little "surf and turf" as he called it.

Craig Mann, who captains the Mary Lou, has been hunting the last nine years on a 100-acre lease in

Americus, Ga. "When Oct. 31 hits, it's like somebody flips a switch and all the people are gone, which is a perfect opportunity to come and sit in the woods," Mann said.

Mann says he'll stay in his little cabin in Americus for about four or five weeks.

"I've seen a lot of young bucks that I let walk and found some bigger ones that I couldn't get a shot at," Mann said.

But he has taken two, a 175-pound buck and a 120-pound doe.

"I prefer bow hunting," Mann said. "It's a little more difficult because you've got to get closer. I think it's just a little more sportsmanlike."

But the thing he likes most about hunting is "it's secluded and serene. Plus it's a good time to reflect on the season and the season to come."



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24	Sa	6:47pm 1.4		3:55am 0.1	
25	Su	7:10pm 1.6		4:30am -0.1	
26	Mo	7:39pm 1.7		5:08am -0.2	
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28	We	8:49pm 1.7		6:33am -0.3	
29	Th	9:25pm 1.7		7:19am -0.3	
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Inshore

Trout fishing continues to be hit-or-miss in St. Joe bay and around the Forgotten Coast. Weather and wind are the main factors in poor fishing conditions lately. Red fish are still being caught on most area beaches and on the piers and docks in and around St. Joe Bay. Good action can be found on cut bait such as mullet or big shrimp. A few pompano and whiting are showing up, but not in string numbers yet.

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Port St. Joe teams win GRFL Super Bowl

Star Staff Report

With a football feel outside, the Port St. Joe Dolphins and Jaguars traveled to Blountstown to defend their titles as Big Bend Football League Champions. Both teams came home victorious. The Dolphins won their second title in a row with a 28-20 win. The Jaguars won their fourth consecutive championship 28-22.

In the first game, the Jaguars got off to a fast start. After running the opening kickoff back to their 44 it took three touches to score a touchdown and the 2-point conversion. Jasmine Thomas carried all three times. First he covered 34 yards and then finished off the drive with a 28-yard dash to the end zone, followed by the 2-point conversion.

Blountstown came right back by scooping up a Jaguar fumble at the Port St. Joe 35 and returning the fumble to the 15. Four plays



Jasmine Thomas scores in the first half against Blountstown (left) and the Port St. Joe defense was stout in the second half as the Jaguars beat Blountstown 28-22 for their fourth consecutive Big Bend Football League title.

later Blountstown scored, added the 2-point conversion for an 8-8 game.

The Jaguars faced third-and-long at the midfield on the ensuing possession. Thomas threw a long pass to Bryce Register at the Tiger 18. With 13 seconds left in the half, Thomas

punched it in from the 1. The conversion failed.

Blountstown ran the ensuing kickoff back to the Jag 9. But a touchdown-saving tackle by Trey Sanders on the final play of the half kept Port St. Joe in front.

Blountstown, on the first



The Star

play from scrimmage of the second half, went 60 yards for a score. The Tigers converted an extra point kick and it was 15-14, the first time this season the Jaguars trailed.

The next two touchdowns belonged to Port St. Joe. The first was from 12

yards by Thomas, the second from 1-foot by Register. Blountstown kept trying but the Jag defense was too tough. Blountstown scored one more time when a Tiger defender ripped the ball from the hands of a Jaguar runner and ran it in to make the final score 28-22.

The Dolphins game was tight to the end. The Tigers scored first but on the Dolphins next possession Josh Farmer went 60 yards to tie the score.

Back came Blountstown with a strong drive for another six points. The Dolphins retaliated with a drive of their own. George Foxworth had a 30-yard run to the Tiger 4 and Farmer took it the rest of the way to tie the score again as the half ended.

In the second half the Dolphins went up by eight when Foxworth made a TD on a 5-yard run and a Farmer 2-point conversion. Blountstown tied it again with 7:25 left.

With the momentum going their way, the Tigers were driving again. They made the mistake of throwing a pass close to Foxworth. With less than two minutes left in the game he intercepted and took the ball the length of the field for a touchdown and the Dolphin victory.



Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe girls won the Hoop Fest junior high tournament at home last weekend.

Port St. Joe Junior High girls win Hoop Fest

Star Staff Report

After winning at Hosford, the Port St. Joe Junior High girls remained unbeaten by winning the Hoop Fest junior high tournament in "The Dome" last Saturday.

The girls beat Hosford last Thursday 48-24. The Lady Tiger Sharks was led by Teiyahna Hutchinson with 22 points. Brooklyn Quinn added 18, Destiny Gadson four and Hallie Jasinski four.

During the Hoop Fest, the Lady Tiger Sharks opened the four-team girls' tournament with a 38-5 win over Wewahitchka. Quinn led the scoring with 18, Hutchinson had 12, Claudia Gref and Jasinski four

each and Javia Patterson scored two.

Bozeman defeated Riverspring Middle School 25-23 in overtime to face Port St. Joe in the championship game.

Port St. Joe jumped to an 8-1 first-quarter lead and made it 20-7 at the half. The second half was more of the same as Port St. Joe won 43-11.

Hutchinson paced the Lady Tiger Sharks with 22 points. Quinn added 16, Aliyah Johnson three and Gref two.

Port St. Joe hosts Hosford at 4 p.m. ET on Monday, Nov. 26 and the Lady Tiger Shark varsity will open their season Tuesday, Nov. 27 when they host Rutherford at 5 p.m. ET.

HOOP FEST ALL NET



TIM CROFT | The Star

The Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks (here playing against Roulac Middle School from Chipley in the semifinals) hosted a junior high basketball tournament over the weekend, with 10 teams joining the boys and girls from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School for Hoop Fest, a Saturday of basketball. "It went really well," said Port St. Joe coach Derek Kurnitsky. "We had good steady crowds and a long line for the fish fry lunch. This has really been a great event." The Port St. Joe boys lost to Roulac in the semifinals while the girls one the tournament. Port St. Joe opened its varsity season Monday night with a victory over Tallahassee FAMU.

Seven Tiger Sharks all-district

Star Staff Report

Seven members of the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School football team were named to Florida Athletic Coaches Association all District 2-1A teams.

Dusty Richter, run-

ning back, and offensive Tyler Worley were named to the all-Senior team on offense and were joined on the defensive side by end Ricky Pennington, linebacker Dallas Burke and cornerback/safety Ramello Zaccaro.

Sophomore running

back Jarkeice Davis was named to the all-District first team on offense and finished third in the voting for district Player of the Year.

Pennington, Burke and linebacker Natrone Lee, a junior, were named to the first team defense.

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GRANTS from page A2

NJROTC Real Life Exposure, Marty Jarosz: This grant will provide for the bus travel for 50 NJROTC cadets for their trip to the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, FL. The Cadets will be briefed on real time Navy missions, and be exposed to Active Duty Naval personnel and have the opportunity to fly aircraft simulators.

Sunshine for the Library, Angel Barbee: The grant funding will provide the Sunshine State Young Readers book collection so students in Port St. Joe can participate in the Sunshine Readers

Award Program. The grant will provide for 2 copies of the 15 titles that make up the Sunshine Collection. These books were selected by the Florida Department of Education's Office of School Libraries and the Florida Association for Media in Education.

Lights, Camera, Action!, Angel Barbee: This grant will fund the purchase of three video cameras for the TV Production class. This class makes videos which are shown to the student body every Friday morning. The videos are fun and provide helpful information for the students.

Newspapers for College and Career Readiness, Patricia Hendricks: This grant will provide a daily newspaper for two English IV College Prep course classes. The students will read and respond to the newspaper in multiple of ways.

Same Theory, Different Method, Kim McFarland: This grant would provide for 80 COACH workbooks. This Geometry resource consolidates lengthy lessons in three to four easy to understand sections, "Cliff Notes" version of the traditional textbook. The Coach workbook would be used on a weekly basis to summarize and close each section covered during the

lesson week.
Art Tables, Principal Jeremy Knapp: The art department will receive new tables and art stools for the art classroom. Julie Hodges is developing an exciting art program, and the tables and stools will create a classroom that is conducive to learning and developing fine art.

Wewahitchka High School

Practice Makes Perfect, Debbie Gerber: This grant will provide online practice tests so students can practice the Microsoft Office 2010 course material and receive immediate feedback from

Certiport, the testing center for Microsoft industry certification exams.

Learning Accommodations, Michael Williams: The funding for this grant will provide headphones for use in the science lab at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School. Students will be able to learn individually using the headphones, and will be able to cover science material.

Preparing Students for Tomorrow, Principal Debbie Baxley: The funding from this grant will provide for the vocational/industry certification exams and science consumable supplies for lab experiments. This funding

will prepare students for the world of careers and college, and will provide numerous hands on science activities.

Gulf County Adult School

Eyewitness Book

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Lighthouse letters

Local structures hold great deal of history



The Cape San Blas Lighthouse is seen in a photo from the 1900's.

Editor's note: This is another in a continuing series on local pioneers and local history. Over the next few weeks, we'll take a look at the beginnings, the building specifications, for lighthouses in the area.

By BEVERLY MOUNT-DOUDS
Contributing Writer

These next few weeks, I'll be sharing some letters about our local lighthouses.

This could not have been completed without giving thanks first to Mark

Curenton and the Apalachicola Historical Society. Several years ago Mark let Marlene Womack and I go through boxes of old papers found in the cottage at the Raney House in Apalachicola.

These boxes covered many areas of local history, one folder covering our lighthouses, and I was lucky enough to get the chance to copy these files.

This week we'll cover the Cape San Blas and the Cape St. George Lighthouses.

Here you will see that when they advertised for bids on rebuilding the lighthouses, this included both buildings and that they were built alike.

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the Hon' McCabel, with its' indorse, which you referred to me this morning.

In answer, I have to state, was in September last Mr. Spencer, the Collector and Superintendent of Lights at Apalachicola was directed by this office to advertise for proposals to erect two new Light Houses at Cape San Blas and Cape St. George,

See LIGHTHOUSE B6

Volunteers needed for Community Thanksgiving

Star Staff Report

Volunteers are needed to help cook, prepare, package and deliver 800 meals to needy individuals in Gulf County. Those interested should call Jerry Stokoe at 229-8440 or 348-9108. Anyone needing a Thanksgiving dinner should also call. Volunteers will meet at Oak Grove Assembly of God Church on Madison Street at 8 a.m. ET on Nov. 22. This will be the day for the heating, preparation, packaging and delivery of the dinners.

Christmas Bazaar, golf tourney set

Star Staff Report

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club will host the third annual Christmas Bazaar and Jingle Bell Golf Tournament on Dec. 7-8. The bazaar will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET on Dec. 7 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET on Dec. 8.

Come by and do your Christmas shopping in one place. Among the items offered will be jewelry, pottery, glass items, hand-stitched items, specialty breads, jams and jellies, hand-dyed clothing, notes/cards, holiday decorations and more.

The Golf Club will be the drop-off site for new toys and money donations to help the Christmas Wishes program be a success.

The Golf Club will offer muffins and breakfast sandwiches in the morning and for several specials at lunch. They also will serve hot apple cider.

Shop the Golf Club Pro Shop for golf shirts, T-shirts, golf hats or any golf accessories.

The Jingle Bell Golf Tournament starts at noon ET on Dec. 8. The tournament format will be individual play with handicap from your normal tee with lots of extra Santa prizes.

Entry fee is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. There is a \$10 discount on the entry fee for any golfer bringing a new toy. Prize money will be \$200 for first place, \$100 for second and \$50 for third place, based on a minimum of 28 players.

Money raised this year through booth rental, donation stockings at area stores and the golf tournament will go to Christmas Wishes, a program with the Gulf County Sheriff Dept. for needy children in Gulf County. St. Joseph Bay Golf Club will also be the drop-off center for new toys.

For more information on booth rental (\$15 for two days) or the bazaar, call Barb Van Treese at 227-9837, or for the golf tournament call 227-1751.

Lighthouse gift shop now open at Maddox House

Star Staff Report

The Cape San Blas Lighthouse Gift Shop is open and operating two days a week at the historic Maddox House in Port St. Joe.

The gift shop is located in the back of the house, which is located on Capt. Fred's Place directly next door to the Tourist Development Council Welcome Center.

You can complete your holiday shopping by picking up one of the several items on sale to support saving the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, including Christmas ornaments and a poster created by local photographer Debbie Hooper.

The gift shop merchandise also includes an array of items related to the lighthouse and the history of the area.

The Gift Shop is open Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET.



Sweet thumb: St. Joe Beach man grows giant potatoes

By TIM CROFT
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Wayne Creel of St. Joe Beach could scarcely believe his eyes.

He had brought in a new load of dirt to his home garden in the spring and had planted some sweet potatoes in

the dirt. He had also planted some in his old garden.

No real extra care was applied and Creel did nothing special as the sweet potatoes grew. He had simply planted sprouts from one potato in his garden and let them be.

Interested in how they were fairing, Creel began digging last week.

"The more I dug, the bigger the potatoes got," Creel said.

By the time he had unearthed two of the potatoes, he was looking at giants, one weighing more than seven pounds, the other five-and-a-half pounds, dwarfing anything Creel could purchase at the grocery store for this Thanksgiving table.

Not that his giants will

likely find their way on to any holiday dinner table.

"I think I am going to show them off for awhile," Creel said with a smile as he tried to balance the two in his hands for a photo.

"I wonder that the record is, because those are some big potatoes," Creel said.

While Creel's potatoes were indeed monsters, it turns out the world record sweet potato is more than 80 pounds, and the record for one grown in North America is north of 60 pounds.

Either way, Creel still has several growing in his new dirt, and he is anxious to learn whether they are indeed whoppers like the two he carried around last week.

TIM CROFT | The Star

Wayne Creel of St. Joe Beach shows off the sweet potatoes he grew in his garden.

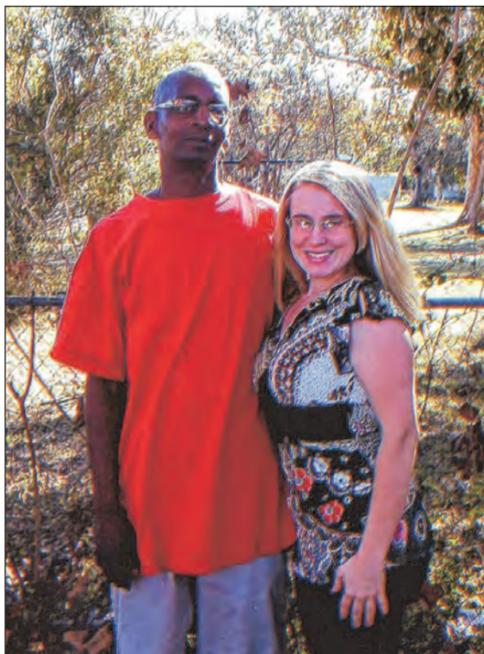
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Time to decorate your golf carts

Star Staff Report

It is that time of year again for the Mexico Beach Golf Cart Christmas parade!

The parade will be held on Sunday evening Dec. 2. The parade line up will be at 6 p.m. (CST) at the Police Department parking lot.

Admission forms can be picked up at the City Hall, the CDC Office or from Traci Gaddis. Once again Gulf Coast Alarm will be providing a Commemorative Christmas medal to the first 15 carts signed up. So grab that garland, plastic reindeer and lights and join the 4th annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade!

For more information contact: Traci Gaddis 227-6770 ggaddis@gtcom.net.

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR



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School event benefits Operation Christmas Child

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Faith Christian School students and staff recently had a packing party to benefit Operation Christmas Child. Earlier in the month, classes were assigned needed items such as crayons, notepads, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste



and of course, toys. The supplies were organized and on packing party day, each student packed a shoebox with

items they chose for a boy or girl their own age. This year's packing party was a blessing to all who participated and will bring joy to children around the world.

Thank you to all who donated supplies and money for shipping. The shoeboxes will be loaded by the students

and delivered to a local drop-off site.

"The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ."

DAZZLING DOLPHINS

Front row:

Ta'Niyah Bryan, Jasmine Aldana-Sandoval, Hallie Mize.

Middle row:

Ian Finch, Kayleigh Clayton, Parker Cornwell.

Back row:

Kerrion Travis, Trey Bowles, Jade Cothran, Haley Hardy

SPECIAL TO THE STAR



Sacred Heart Hospital Guild to host holiday sale Dec. 2-7

Special to The Star

The spirit of the holidays will come alive in the main hallway of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf as the hospital's Volunteer Guild hosts its third annual Christmas Spectacular Sunday through Friday, Dec. 2-7. Guests of the spectacular will discover unique holiday decorations, tree ornaments, manger scenes, angels, gift items, holiday games, festive

toys, and table décor. The event hours will be Sunday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. ET, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"We even hope to have a visit from Santa on Friday," said Paulina Pendarvis, Volunteer Coordinator. Santa is scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m. on Friday for milk and cookies. Ms. Pendarvis shared, "Santa did mention that he'd love for parents to bring

their cameras to take pictures of him with their children."

The Sacred Heart Gift Shop is a non-profit fundraising program operated by the Sacred Heart Hospital Volunteer Guild. Proceeds generated from the Gift Shop and this sale will support services at Sacred Heart.

For more information about the Gift Shop or the holiday sale, please call the volunteer desk at (850) 229-5788. Display booths are

not available for the public.

About the Volunteer Guild

At the core of Sacred Heart's long tradition of caring for the sick, the poor and the vulnerable, stands a group of volunteers whose willing hearts and helping hands have served generations of families during their time of need. Over 90 volunteers freely give of their time, talents and energy at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf. Collectively the

volunteers have given 18,000 hours of service since the hospital has been opened. Through membership dues, fundraising activities and gift shop sales, the Volunteer Guild will provide donations for the hospital and our community.

For more information about Sacred Heart Volunteer Guild, contact Paula Pickett, Guild Membership Chair, at (850) 227-7535 or visit www.sacredheartonthegulf.org.

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VARIANCE NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold a Meeting to discuss a Request for a Variance on December 11, 2012, 4:00 P.M. EST, at City Hall at 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL for Juanice Griffin located at 2007 Palm Blvd., Parcel # 05593-003R. The reason for the request is Per Section 3.03(9) of the Land Development Regulations. The Proposed plans can be reviewed at the Building Department located at 1002 10th St. and can be reached for questions at **(850)229-1093**.

All persons are invited to attend this meeting. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Development Review Board with respect to any matter considered at said meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose 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. The Planning and Review Board of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida will not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk, City of Port St. Joe, at City Hall, (850)229-8261.

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Day of Declaration to be Dec. 1

By **TIM CROFT**
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The vision came to James Wiley one early morning.

Wiley could see an assembly of folks at Centennial Park in Port St. Joe, surrounding the monument that commemorates the signing of Florida's Constitution in December 1838.

There were microphones and speakers and songs of patriotism and faith.

"It just would not go away," Wiley said of what he could only describe as his brain manifesting what was in his heart and soul. "I felt like I was being directed.

"I thought about those men gathering to sign the Florida Constitution and I wondered what we would do to honor God around that same time."

That gave birth to the "Day of Declaration," which will be held at Constitution Park beginning at 11 a.m. ET on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The date does not exactly coincide with the signing of Florida's Constitution, which occurred Dec. 3, but the weekend allowed greater flexibility in scheduling.

Specifically for Congressman Steve Southerland who will be among the speakers, along with State Rep. Marti Coley. There remains hope that Gov. Rick Scott will also be able to attend.

The Port St. Joe High School NJROTC program will present the colors and a community choir comprised of choir members in churches around the community will be singing patriotic and spiritual songs.

"This is not an Oak Grove thing," Wiley said of Oak Grove Community

"I don't think you can truly be patriotic without faith. And if you are of faith, you have to be patriotic. If we remove faith from our society, we don't have a country."

James Wiley
founder of Day of Declaration

Church, of which he is pastor. "This is something that believers across the board will be coming together."

In addition, Wiley emphasizes that this is not a revival, not an event at which religion will be pushed. It is, Wiley said, a day to reformat a central theme of the Founding Fathers, not just of the state of Florida but of the United States of America.

"This has nothing to do with politics," Wiley said. "People of faith are still here. We need to come together and show people that there are people of faith here."

In the formulations of his ideas on the event, Wiley focused on two written passages.

One came from the Florida Constitution, the first paragraph of which states that the delegates, "Being grateful to Almighty God" for the inalienable rights and liberties, a passage nearly identical to the U.S. Constitution.

The other written passage comes from the Bible and Psalms 33:12: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

The two, Wiley said, combine to demonstrate the link between faith and the rights and liberties enjoyed by citizens of the United States. That is why the "Day of Declara-

tion" is also about patriotism while celebrating faith.

"I don't think you can truly be patriotic without faith," Wiley said. "And if you are of faith, you have to be patriotic. If we remove faith from our society, we don't have a country."

Wiley said his idea for a day to celebrate faith and country sprang from an event he observed in Orlando last year, a day in which people of faith gathered to help the homeless of the city.

He took the concept, once he had it formulated, to Mayor Mel Magidson - who will also speak during the event - and to the local Ministerial Association.

"Everywhere I went, people said, 'Yeah, I identify with that,'" Wiley said. "What I hope is there will be such an overwhelming response. People have assumed faith was diminishing. But coming together, it sends a message.

"It is a celebration. We want it to be celebratory. It is a celebration of who we really are."

Those wishing to donate to the event may contact Father Tommy Dwyer with the Ministerial Alliance. Dwyer can be contacted at St. James' Episcopal Church at 227-1845.

Obituary

Elizabeth C. Harrell

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Harrell of Oklahoma City, OK, formerly of Port St. Joe, Fla., went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, in Oklahoma. She was 81.

A wake service will be held Friday, November 23, 2012 from 6-7 p.m. ET, at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, 300 Avenue D, Port St. Joe, Fla.

No other viewing is planned.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 24, 2012 at 1 p.m. (EST), at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist

Church, Port St. Joe, Fla. with the Reverend Luther Baker, officiating.

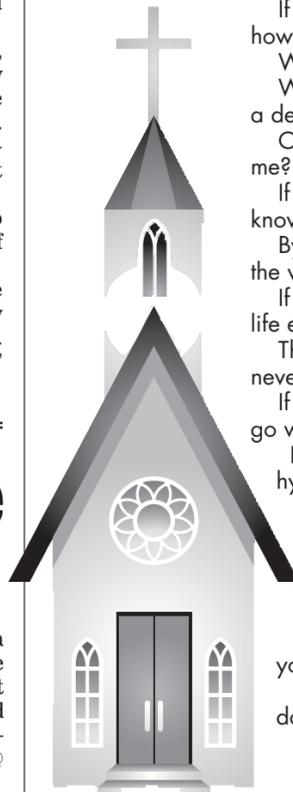
Mrs. Harrell will be laid to rest in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Port St. Joe, Fla. under the directions of Christian Memorial Chapel of Graceville, FL.

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Those watching you will never find the way.

If the words you speak don't go with your walk,

Folks won't listen long to a hypocrite talk.

But, if you show Jesus in your walk each day,

Someone watching you, just might find the way.

Whether you know or not, you lead someone each day,

Be careful where you lead, don't lead them a-stray.

Billy Johnson

The mystery of prayer explored at Lifetree

Special to The Star

The impact of prayer will be explored at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, Nov. 26.

"Sixty-three percent of Americans say they pray daily," says Lifetree Rep-

resentative Craig Cable. "But does prayer make any difference? Does praying somehow sway God?"

The Lifetree event, titled "The Mystery of Prayer," offers participants the chance to share their own stories about

prayer and gain practical suggestions for connecting with God.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located at 1602 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.

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Beekeepers Field Day and Trade Show set

Star Staff Report

There will be a Beekeepers Field Day and Trade Show Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Washington County Extension Office in Chipley. Registration begins at 9 a.m. CT.

Class rotations begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 12 noon. There will be a Smoker Lighting Contest, lunch and judging before a general session at 1:15 p.m. CT on Pollen and Nectar Producing Plants presented by Lawrence Cutts and El-

more Herman. Topics in the class rotations include Hive Assembly by Doug Corbin and Elmore Herman; Open Hive Demonstration by Jeff Pippin, Jamie Ellis and David Westervelt; and Winter Hive Management by

Lawrence Cutts. Beekeeper Advanced Training classes will be offered by interactive videoconference to selected counties on the evenings of Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11. More details to follow.

The cost of the Field Day and Trade Show is \$15 per person, \$10 for additional family members. For more information call the Gulf County Extension Office at 639-3200 or the Franklin County Extension Office at 653-9337.

Better Business Bureau gives tips for safe holiday travels

Special to The Star

Every year, holiday travelers take to the skies and ride the rails, but most hit the highways. This year, AAA projects 43.6 million people will travel at least 50 miles from their home - approximately 90 percent of whom are expected to drive - over the Thanksgiving holiday. Your BBB has some tips to help you stay safe on the

road this holiday season. **• Create a car safety kit:** Holiday driving may include the threat of dangerous winter weather. Snow and ice can lead to accidents, especially for Florida residents who may not be used to driving in such conditions. Prepare for bad weather by creating a safety kit that includes blankets, flashlights with extra batteries, a radio, a first aid kit, jumper

cables, non-perishable foods like granola bars and nuts, bottled water, an ice scraper and warm gloves. **• Take the car in for a checkup:** Breaking down can definitely put a damper on the holiday spirit! Take your car in for a checkup before making the trip. At the very least, check the car's fluid levels, wipers and tires. If you plan on driving through serious winter weather,

consider getting snow tires. **• Start early and slow down:** You will be one of millions traveling for the holidays. Give yourself extra time to make the trip. Don't speed: speeding leads to accidents and traffic tickets, both of which delay your trip even more. Anticipate delays and schedule appropriately. **• Take your BBB with you:** When you're away from home and in the midst

of an emergency, it's hard to know which businesses - such as tow trucks and locksmiths - are trustworthy. BBB's free iPhone app and mobile website can help you find businesses you can trust when you can't get to a computer. **• Drop the distractions:** Make sure you're not driving when turning to BBB! According to the National Safety Council, nearly 25

percent of accidents happen when people are distracted by talking on their cell phones or sending text messages. When you're behind the wheel, don't send or read text messages or surf the web. If you think you'll be tempted to talk on the phone, turn it off, put it on silent or hand over control of the phone to another passenger. And nominate someone else to fumble with the GPS.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' meeting room at the Courthouse Complex in Port St. Joe, Florida on November 26, 2012 at 5:01 p.m., E.T. for the purpose of hearing from the public in regard to the adoption of a Supplemental Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

A summary of receipts and expenditures proposed to be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners is hereby published as required by Law.

After said public hearing, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will make whatever revisions it deems necessary and shall thereupon adopt said budget.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET 2011-2012

GENERAL FUND	
REVENUES:	
Present Budget	\$ 20,425,600
Transfers In	21,804
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 20,447,404
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 20,425,600
Fire Coordinator Budget:	
Salaries	14,419
FICA	894
Medicare	210
Retirement	769
Workers Compensation	512
Professional Services	400
Travel	500
Communications	800
R & M Equipment	500
Office Supplies	800
Operating Supplies	600
Gas, Oil, & Lub	1,000
Books, Publ. Subsc	400
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$20,447,404

ST. JOE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND	
REVENUES:	
PRESENT BUDGET TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 1,044,867
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 1,044,867
Highland View Fire Department:	
Equipment > \$5,000	(3,423)
White City Fire Department:	
Equipment > \$5,000	(3,423)
Beaches Fire Department:	
Equipment > \$5,000	(5,135)
S. Gulf Fire Department:	
Equipment > \$5,000	(5,135)
St. Joe Fire Control District Fund:	
Transfer Out	17,116
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 1,044,867

TUPELO FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND	
REVENUES:	
PRESENT BUDGET TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 112,780
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 112,780
Wetappo Fire Department:	
Equipment	(451)
Dalkeith Fire Department:	
Equipment > \$5,000	(1,083)
Stonemill Creek Fire Department:	
Equipment > \$5,000	(1,083)
Tupelo Fire Control District Fund:	
Transfer Out	2,617
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 112,780

OVERSTREET FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND	
REVENUES:	
PRESENT BUDGET TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 34,079
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 34,079
Overstreet Fire Department:	
Equipment	(1,308)
Overstreet Fire Control District Fund:	
Transfer Out	1,308
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 34,079

HOWARD CREEK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND	
REVENUES:	
PRESENT BUDGET TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 20,085
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 20,085
Howard Creek Fire Department:	
Equipment	(763)
Howard Creek Fire Control District Fund:	
Transfer Out	763
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 20,085

ST. JOSEPH FIRE CONTROL IMPACT FEE FUND	
REVENUES:	
Present Budget	\$ 5,513
Additional Cash Brought Forward	18
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 5,531
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 5,513
Beaches Volunteer Fire Department:	
Equipment	3
Highland View Volunteer Fire Department:	
Equipment	4
S Gulf Volunteer Fire Department:	
Equipment	11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 5,531

TUPELO FIRE CONTROL IMPACT FEE FUND	
REVENUES:	
Present Budget	\$ 5,803
Additional Cash Brought Forward	19
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 5,822
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 5,803
Stonemill Creek Volunteer Fire Department:	
Equipment	11
Wetappo Volunteer Fire Department:	
Equipment	2
Dalkeith Volunteer Fire Department:	
Equipment	6
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 5,822

OVERSTREET FIRE CONTROL IMPACT FEE FUND	
REVENUES:	
Present Budget	\$ 1,886
Additional Cash Brought Forward	6
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 1,892
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 1,886
Overstreet Volunteer Fire Department:	
Equipment	6
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 1,892

HOWARD CREEK FIRE CONTROL IMPACT FEE FUND	
REVENUES:	
Present Budget	\$ 562
Additional Cash Brought Forward	3
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 565
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 562
Howard Creek Volunteer Fire Department:	
Equipment	3
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 565

CONSTRUCTION & ACQUISITION FUND	
REVENUES:	
Present Budget	\$ 0
Additional Cash Brought Forward	18,866
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 18,866
EXPENDITURES:	
Present Budget	\$ 0
Road Materials & Supplies	18,866
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 18,866

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.
REBECCA L. NORRIS, CLERK

LIGHTHOUSE from page B1

in place of two which had been built at St. George's Island, and St. Joseph Island, agreeably to plans and descriptions sent to him from this office. The contractor was to use such of the materials in the old houses as would answer including the lanterns and lighting apparatus. Mr. Spencer was directed in order to save time, to accept the lowest bid and enter into a contract with the party provided it was written to the appropriation and forward a list of all the bids to this office.

On the 5th of November he sent me a list of the bids, informing me that he entered into a contract with Edward Bowden for \$13,400 dollars, whose bid was the lowest and had required bond and security for the faithful performance once the contract, in the sum of \$10,000 dollars. This last measure, however, was unnecessary, as no payment was to be made until the building were finished, and this afforded sufficient security that they would be faithfully built.

The buildings were to have been done by the 1st of March last, but I have not yet heard whether they were finished or not.

The following is a list of the bids received from by: Thorn & Oakley \$14,400 Henry F. Simmons \$13,995 Wm G. M. Davis \$13,500 A.T. Bennett \$13,500 Edward Bowden \$13,400

The appropriation for the two Light Houses was 16,000 dollars.

I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully,
Your Obit, Servant.
Stephen Pleasonton

The Hon. Robert J. Walker, Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
5th Audit Office
November 8th 1848
Sir,

In an account just received from you I find charged the sum of \$276 dollars, for services of A.T. Bennett as Inspector (or Overseer) of the building of the new Light Houses from the 1st July to 30th September last, which as a charge against the agreement is clearly inadmissible.

In my letter to you the 22nd June last, after stating that the contractor ought to have had both the Lights done two months preciously (your advertisement only till 31st March) I expected to inform him that if he did not proceed with almost dispatch to finish the Cape St. George Lighthouse. I would with his payment as long as he had exceeded them; and in your ___ letter you informed me that his contract allowed him to the 1st of June, I must now add, that this last date is the latest to which I can consent to subject the Government to the expense of an overseer of the work, and that all further claims for such service must be refused to the contractor himself, the accounts and vouchers is herewith continued.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
Your Obit, Servant
S. Pleasonton

Samuel W. Spencer,
Esq.
Superintendent of Lights
Custom House
Apalachicola, Fla.
November 20th 1848
Sir,
Your letter of the 8th November returning the vouchers of A.T. Bennett

for \$276 as overseer of Light House now building in this District, as a charge which is deemed inadmissible against the Government is received.

I am at the lost to understand why the accounts is rejected, as I had from you a promissory order to employ a suitable person for such service, and have made the order revoked by any ___ communication.

In your letter dated November 19th 1847 fore say, "You will appoint a suitable merchant or overseer of the work (the building the Light House) and will include him to attend to it day by day to progress and most upon the being well done, you will allow him \$3 dollars per day whilst the work is necessary progressing."

In your letter of 22nd June last to which you refer, you say "You will inform the contractor that if he does not use the utmost departed, you will withhold his pay so long as he has acceded the time in which he should have finished the work. In that letter before me, there is no mention made of the overseer, and there was no other instructions in regards to him except those of the 19 November 1847, which authorized me to employ one to attend on the building day by day during the necessary progress.

P.S. You will be pleased to advice me at what period you now calculate upon having the Cape St. George Light House lit up?

Treasury Department
5th Audit Office
November 29th 1848
Sir,
I received this morning

your letter of the 20 inst.

When it is considered that the contractor for building the Cape St. George Light House, was to have finished in it agreeably to his contract on the 1st March, and he was allowed by you until the 1st of June for certain consideration to complete it, and when I could have had all this work by the 1st March by Eastern Workmen, that you should send in account for an overseer of the work, at \$3 dollars a day, from the 1st of July to the 30th of September amounting to \$276 dollars, when it appears they could not have been anything for him to do, for it would have finished the building before the 1st of June.

I am ___ observed that this whole business has been such as to afford me great cause to complain; first in your prolonging the time to the 1st June, and afterwards apologizing for the delay on the part of the Contractor to finish the work, when you ought to have given him notice to quit, as leaving for failed to contract. But I have the greatest reason to complain of your sending me an account for the pay.

Nothing was the same in that letter of my referring the charge for such services to the contractor, as you have spoken of in your last letter. The work has been progressing (although slowly) since services, and believing that I should act in accordance with my first and only instructions. I have employed Mr. Bennett constantly up to this day. He has ___ the service and been paid by me. I could not do otherwise without neglecting the interest of the Government. The work has been delay but not through my neglect of inattention. I was unable to complete the contractor proceed faster, the reason for which I have stated in my letter to you forwarded on the 6th of time, nor could I with the instructions before me allow him to proceed at all without some competed overseer. I have done the best circumstances allow, and feel greatly disappointed that any delay should have occurred.

I hope therefore you will reconsider the matter, and pay the account.

The completion of the work is now progressing more rapidly, and will be finished and the House ready for Lighting by the 15th of December, as stated in my letter to you of the 6th of time.

Respectfully,
Your Obit Servant,
(signed) Samuel W. Spencer

Stephen Pleasonton,
Esq.
5th Audit Office
Washington
*Note: Eastern Workman ... (US Federal Case Law)

Treasury Department
5th Audit Office
August 9th 1849
Sir,
In the year 1847 Congress made appropriations for building a Light House at Cape San Blass and Cape St. George in Florida, and the Collector at Apalachicola, Samuel W. Spencer, Esq.; was directed to advertise for proposals and accepts the lowest bids for erecting both building.

Edward Bowden was represented to be the lowest bidder for both buildings and contract was entered into him by W. Spencer, for \$13,400 dollars for both buildings to be completed by the 1st of March 1848.

The one at Cape St.

George however, was not, completed on the 1st of March, and W. Spencer prolonged the time to the 1st of June 1848. He was directed to employ a suitable overseer of the work day by day as it project, and to allow him \$3 dollars per day whilst employed.

This authority of course extended only to the time they contract had to run, which in the case of Cape St. George building located on the 1st June.

On the 1st October 1848, W. Spencer sent me a account from the overseer of \$276 dollars as his compensation from 1st June to 30th September, at \$3 dollars per ann ___.

This account was returned and W. Spencer as inadmissible, in a letter, a copy of which is unclear.

Dated, November 8th 1848.

In reply to the letter, under date of the 20th November following, he expresses astonishment that I showed reject to this claim; as he had from me a presenter's order to employ a suitable person for such service, and had never had the order revoked, when the authority was clearly limited to the duration if the contract and there was no occasion to revoke it.

The truth is, as appears by W. Spencer's letter, that the contractor had lost his boats, and was unable to go on with the work until late in the Fall, and did not finish the Cape St. George Lighthouse, being the last, until 23rd December, and as stated by Mr. Simmons, the attorney of Bowden, the overseer was not present at the building one week, during the whole time from June to December; and yet Spencer, as Mr. Simmons states, he deducted from the contract price not only the \$276 dollars rejected by me, but a further sum for the wages of the overseer to the time of the completion of the building. The sum so deducted he claims to be restored to him by the United States, to which I am altogether approve for in the first place, it would be a virtual payment of the claim, of the overseer, which has no foundation and in the next place it does not appear by W. Spencer accounts that he has deducted anything from the contracts, for he has forwarded his receipts for the entire contracted price, \$13,400 dollars.

I respectfully submit the case however, to you consideration, and demand, upon the request of Mr. Westcott and Mr. Simmons the attorney of the contracts now herein.

I have the honor to be yours respectfully your obit servant,
S. Pleasonton

The Hon. William M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treasury
Custom House, Boston
Collectors Office
Dec. 5th 1851
Sir,

The proposals for rebuilding the Light Houses in Florida were opened this day, in conformity with your instructions of the 15th ___; of here with I send for a list of the several bids, Viv:

Dog Island Cape St. G eorge
Thos.' B. Grose \$7,445 \$8,445
Jas R. Dockray \$6,995 \$7,995
Hersey Howell \$8,142 \$10,814
W.A. James & Thos. Boyd \$9,585 \$12,570
Caleb King \$6,493 \$7,445

Charles Emerson & Edwin Adams \$5,248 \$6,398
Charles W. Geymoun \$8,442 \$11,500

You will observe that the offers made by Emerson & Adams, are the lowest, but their aggregate bid is 11,48 dollars higher than the sum limited in January letter; I have there- fore declined to enter into contract and wait for further instructions in the premises.

I am your very respectfully your obit servant,
Philip Greely Jr. (clerk)
Samuel Pleasonton, Esq.

5th District,
Washington D.C.
Should I conclude to accept the bid of Emerson & Adams, I take pleasure in saying that they are responsible persons.

Treasury Department
Fifth Audit Office
December 11, 1851
Sir,

To your information, I have the honor to enclose a copy of an advertisement, which the Superintendent of Lights at Boston, was instructed to publish, inviting proposals for rebuilding the Light Houses at Dog Island and Cape St. George, Florida, which were undermined by the sea and destroyed, August last, during a tornado, together with a copy of this letter containing a list of all bids he had received for erecting the work, these buildings are to be completed ___ will perceive, by the 1st of May next and will be paid for out of the annual appropriation for maintaining the Light House establishment.

For rebuilding Cape San Blas Light, which was not considered as important as the other two, I have inserted a sufficient sum in my estimate for the service of the next fiscal year. With the materials of the old Light House at the above named places, as they were not fit to form a part of the new towers, I have directed the Superintendent at Apalachicola, to erect a new dwelling for the keeper at Cape St. George, in place of one destroyed, and repair the one at Dog Island, which was only partially destroyed.

The buildings now to be erected are to be put upon piles, the ___ which was to be believed to exist when the former buildings were erected. It was than suffused the water from the sea, could never reach their foundations, in which case it was well known there can be no better foundation than sand.

Being undeceived in this respect, I have now provided that these Houses shall be built in such manner, as to preclude all apprehension for their safety in the future.

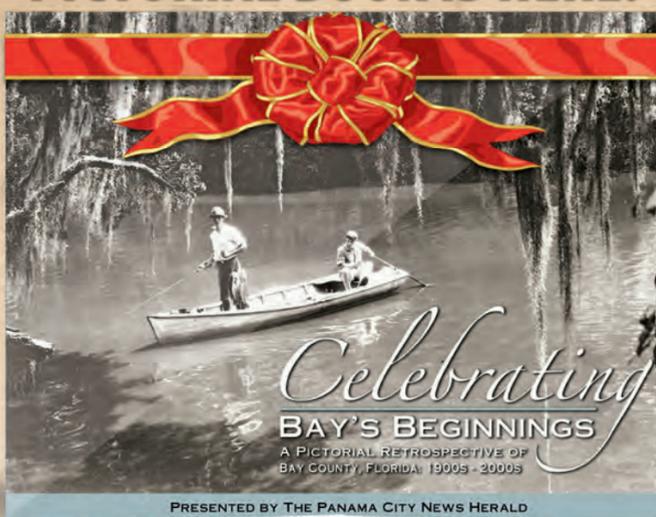
I have the honor to be Your very respectfully, your obit servant,
Stephen Pleasonton

The Hon. Thomas Coswin, Secretary of the Treasury

*Notes:
Samuel W. Spencer: Florida Militia Colonel Samuel W. Spencer, a Maryland-born forty-four-year-old physician from Franklin County, who had resided in Florida for a decade.

Stephen Pleasonton: Remembered mostly for his work in establishing the Lighthouse Establishment. He was operated to oversee operations of the United States Light House Establishment.

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Funds available for bird, sea turtle nesting habitats

By TOM McLAUGHLIN
The Daily News

Millions of dollars from BP have been set aside to restore bird and sea turtle nesting habitats along the coast in Northwest Florida.

The state Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announced Thursday that more than \$6.3 million will be used to help restore 170 miles of coastline disrupted by "oil and response impacts" in 2010-11.

"These restoration projects are important for our environment, our businesses and the communities that rely on these incredible natural habitats," Gov. Rick Scott said in a news release.

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Gov. Rick Scott

Beach-nesting bird habitats affected by the cleanup work after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill will be targeted in one project approved for funding by Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees, the news release said.

Nesting areas from the Gulf Islands National Seashore Mississippi District east to Gulf and Franklin counties in Florida will

be restored.

In Florida, Gulf, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Escambia, Bay, and Franklin counties will benefit from the money.

Okaloosa County Commissioner Dave Parisot was under the impression there would be no more NRDA project announcements before next spring. He said earlier is better for Northwest Florida.

"Restoration projects done early will provide a greater benefit to the environment and economy than work done later," he said.

A second project approved "plans to reduce artificial lighting impacts on nesting habitat for sea turtles, specifically loggerhead turtles," the release said.

Baby sea turtles use moonlight to orient themselves as they make their way from their nests on the beach to the Gulf.

Lighting from hotels, restaurants or parking lots have been known to confuse the hatchlings and cause fatal "stranding" incidents.

Project "Restoring the Night Sky" would, if successfully implemented, reduce the amount of artificial light shining on beaches where turtles nest.

"Sandy beach public properties" from Baldwin County, Ala., to Gulf and Franklin counties in Florida will be targeted, the news release said. That includes Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties.

A public hearing on both projects was held recently in Pensacola. The restoration work will begin sometime after the hearing.

The projects are timed to "enhance the bird and turtle nesting ground as the spring 2013 nesting season begins," the news release said.

Funds being used come from a \$1 billion pot BP set aside in April 2011 for early restoration efforts.

It is the second round of projects to be funded. The first round saw \$4.9 million go to Escambia County for boat ramp construction and dune restoration.

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WHITE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TEN- ANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UN- DER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFEN- DANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UN- KNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEWISEES, GRANT- EES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendant(s)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">STEVEN WHITE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Last Known Address: 303 Linda Avenue Panama City, Florida 32401</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Current Address: Unknown</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Previous Address: 230 W Creekview Drive Wewahitchka, Florida 32465</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Previous Address: 4424 Collegiate Lane Panama City, Florida 32405</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Previous Address: 5505 Sun Harbor Road, Apartment 159 Panama City, Florida 32401</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Previous Address: 230 W Creekview Drive Wewahitchka, Florida 32465</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Previous Address: 4424 Collegiate Lane Panama City, Florida 32405</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Previous Address: 5505 Sun Harbor Road, Apartment 159 Panama City, Florida</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">EES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">whose residence is un- known if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defend- ants who maybe spouses, heirs, devi- sees, grantees, assign- ees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to fore- close a mortgage on the following property in Gulf County, Florida:</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">LOT 1, BLOCK D, STONE MILL CREEK ESTATES, AN UNRE- CORDED SUBDIVI- SION, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DE- SCRIBED AS FOL- LOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE RUN S 89° 55' 18" E ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SEC- TION 3 FOR 1293.98 FEET; THENCE S 00° 25' 04" W FOR 342.98 FEET; THENCE N 89° 24' 46" E FOR 395.83 FEET; THENCE N 89° 57' 41" E FOR 33.00 FEET TO THE CEN- TERLINE OF A 66.00 FOOT WIDE ROAD- WAY FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 89° 57' 41" E FOR 33.00 FEET; THENCE N 89° 24' 46" E FOR 140.00 FEET; THENCE N 04° 05' 38" E FOR 327.24 FEET TO THE CEN- TERLINE OF A 66.00 FOOT WIDE ROAD- WAY; THENCE N 87° 55' 41" W ALONG SAID CENTERLINE FOR 199.92 FEET; THENCE S 00° 35' 14" E ALONG SAID CENTERLINE FOR 335.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGIN- NING. SUBJECT TO A 33.00 FOOT WIDE ROADWAY EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTH- EASTLY AND WESTERLY BOUNDARIES. TO-</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">GETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2007 MAN- UFACTURED HOME SERIAL NUMBER WHC016484GAA AND WHC016484GAB</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">This property is located at the Street address of 230 W Creekview Drive, Wewahitchka, Florida 32465</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">has been filed against you and you are re- quired to serve a copy of your written de- fenses on or before De- cember 8th, 2012, a date which is within 30 days after the first pu- blication, if any, on Eliza- beth R. Wellborn, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's at- torney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the re- lief demanded in the Complaint or petition.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 1st, 2012.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">REBECCA L. (BECKY) NORRIS CLERK OF THE COURT</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Attorney for Plaintiff: Michael T. Gelety, Esq. Elizabeth R. Wellborn, PA. 350 Jim Moran Blvd, Suite 100 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Phone: (954) 354-3544 Fax: (954) 354-3545 Primary Email: Mgelety@erwlaw.com Secondary Email: Erwparalegal.boa2@erwla w.com</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMER- ICAN'S WITH DISABIL- ITIES ACT, Persons with a disability needing special accommoda- tion in order to access court facilities or partic- ipate in a court pro- ceeding at any court- house or court pro- gram, should within two (2) days of receipt of notice, contact Court Administration to re- quest such an accom- modation. Please con- tact the following: Court Administration, P.O. Box 826, Mari- anna, Florida 32447:</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Phone: 850-718-0026; Hearing & Voice Im- paired: 1-800955-8771; Email: ADARquest @jud14.flcourts.org, November 15, 22, 2012</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">89348S</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 08-00476</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">ERNEST REESE ANTLEY; SARA M. ANTLEY, UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POS- SESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Fore- closure Sale dated the 1st day of November, 2012, and entered in case No. 08-00476, of the Circuit Court in the 14TH Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County,</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.7em;">LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL AS- SOCIATION, AS TRUS- TEE, it the Plaintiff and ERNEST REESE ANTLEY; SARA M. ANTLEY, UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POS- SESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, 11:00 AM on the 29th day of November, 2012, the following de- scribed property as set forth in said Final Judg- ment, to wit:</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">LOTS 8, 10, AND 12, BLOCK 56, CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, AC- CORDING TO THE OF- FICIAL MAP THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OF- FICE OF CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">including the buildings, appurtenances, and fi- tures located thereon.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.6em;">ANY PERSON CLAIM-</p>
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 Dated this 2nd day of November, 2012.
 REBECCA NORRIS Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 BA Baxter Deputy Clerk
 Submitted by: Law Offices of Marshall C. Watson, P.A. 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 Phone: (954) 453-0365 Fax: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2439
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 90673S STATE OF FLORIDA, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION, Petitioner
 vs.
 CORY M. WEBB, Case # 33210 Respondent
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: CORY M. WEBB, Residence Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.
 You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Jennifer C. Pritt, Program Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before January 8, 2013. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.
 Dated: November 8, 2012.
 Ernest W. George CHAIRMAN- CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
 By: -s Ashley Hegler, Division Representative November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2012

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
 90871S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CB International Investments LLC 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. 1652 Application No. 2012-46 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 06311-215R
 Description of Property: Lot 43, Plat of Villa Del Sol, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 44 and 45 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.
 Name in which assessed: BMR Funding LLC
 All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 19th day of December, 2012. Dated this 13th day of November, 2012.
 REBECCA L NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
 BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2012
 90873S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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 Tax Sale Certificate No. 1657 Application No. 2012-45 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 06311-245R
 Description of Property: Lot 49, Plat of Villa Del Sol, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 44 and 45 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.
 Name in which assessed: BMR Funding LLC
 All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 19th day of December, 2012. Dated this 13th day of November, 2012.

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 90875S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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 Tax Sale Certificate No. 1658 Application No. 2012-44 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 06311-250R
 Description of Property: Lot 50, Plat of Villa Del Sol, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 44 and 45 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.
 Name in which assessed: BMR Funding LLC
 All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 19th day of December, 2012. Dated this 13th day of November, 2012.
 REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
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 ter, Panama City Campus, Room A213 (Faculty Conference Room) located at 4750 Collegiate Drive, Panama City, Florida. Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Alicia Stephen at (850) 429-8905 or by email: Alicia.Stephen@hdinc.com
 Please RSVP by November 30, 2012 if you plan to attend.
 November 22, 2012
 91035S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, CASE NO. 12-51 PR IN PROBATE
 IN RE: The Estate of LESTER F. NEUMAN, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
 The administration of the estate of LESTER F. NEUMAN, deceased, File Number 12-51-PR is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, Probate Division, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and that personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
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 Tax Sale Certificate No. 1657 Application No. 2012-45 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 06311-245R
 Description of Property: Lot 49, Plat of Villa Del Sol, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 44 and 45 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.
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 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 19th day of December, 2012. Dated this 13th day of November, 2012.

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