



Face of a new era, **B1**

Stakeholders show support for port growth

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The Port St. Joe Port Authority recently held a formal stakeholders meeting to reach the first significant milestone in updating of the port master plan.

The Port of Port St. Joe is undertaking an update of its 2008 master plan, the work funded by a \$70,000 grant from the Florida Depart-

ment of Economic Opportunity.

The master plan update is essential as a partnership with The St. Joe Company takes shape on port development. The master plan will reflect changes from four years ago, including the addition of the old Arizona Chemical site (in port hands) as well as lands owned by St. Joe within the planning area.

"This sets up where we are today, where we want to be in

the future and a skeleton of how we get there," said Port Authority board member Patrick Jones. "This is the map."

And in completing the stakeholders meeting — an opportunity for oral or written comments on issues pertaining to the port and its development — the Port Authority will also be able to draw down the initial grant payment and provide some income for port director Tommy Pitts

and assistant Nadine Lee, who have been working for months on what amounts to a volunteer basis.

Pitts will do most of the work on the master plan update in-house with assistance from St. Joe. "Ports are one of the governor's priorities," said Ana Richmond with the DEO Division of Community Development, Office of Community Planning. "There is so much opportunity here."

That opportunity was reflected in statements from various stakeholders attending the meeting.

"The Apalachee Regional Planning Council has always thought the Port of Port St. Joe was essential to the economic development of the region," said Bruce Ballister with the ARPC. "The future holds an awful lot of promise."

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Tyndall lands new jet



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From Mexico Beach to Port St. Joe, there will be a new, or old depending on viewpoint, jet overhead on a continual basis. Last week, Tyndall Air Force Base took delivery on its first QF-16, the drone conversion of the F-16. The new QF-16 was escorted to Tyndall from Boeing's conversion facility in Jacksonville by one of Tyndall's QF-4 jets, which will be transferred to another base in roughly two years.

Christmas hits the Coast this weekend

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The holiday season hits full stride this weekend as Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach ring in the Christmas season with events for revelers of all ages.

The annual Christmas on the Coast events kicks things off Saturday morning in Port St. Joe.

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be held at Peppers Restaurant on Reid Avenue. Tickets for the breakfast, a major fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club each year, are \$5 per person and breakfast will last until 10 a.m.

At 9 a.m. ET a special SaltAir Farmer's Market will be held at City Commons Park with the usual fresh produce along with vendors selling unique Christmas gifts. The market will continue until 4 p.m.

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PSJ commissioners debate pilot study

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After three years of frustration with discolored water Port St. Joe city commissioners debated last week whether to undertake another pilot study to isolate a cause and a fix.

Though commissioners ultimately tabled until next month formal consideration of the proposal from CDM, designer of the city's three-year-old \$21 million surface water treatment plant, they did so only after debating the merits of undertaking a \$60,000 35-week study.

"We want to solve this in the worst possible way," said David Kozan of CDM. "We want to fix this. We can get there and we are confident that we will."

"We are going to develop a methodology to find the source of the red water and then rectify that red water. This is something that has to be done very carefully (so as not to compromise the safety of the water)."

The study, in short strokes, would entail building a GIS map of the water distribution system and collecting samples from areas where red or discolored water has been a chronic problem.

Sampling would involve collections from each point along the route from water plant to home or business, following main and lateral pipes and collecting samples throughout the system.

"That will help us isolate positively the source of the red water," Kozan said. "We have little data to work with at this point. We need to confirm that (source) so we are not overlooking other problems."

The two paths Kozan said the study would likely provide for a fix would be either to modify the corrosion control agent used in treatment, along with the pH of the water; or two, possibly adding a new chemical to the water during treatment.

Mayor Mel Magidson wondered if the source of the problem wasn't already known — iron and corrosion in aging pipes, some in the ground as long as 70 years,

that is being loosened by a corrosion inhibitor used to treat the surface water.

"I thought two years ago we concluded it was iron in the pipes," Magidson said. "Does anyone not believe it is iron in the pipes?"

Kozan replied that the idea of the profile of the water distribution system was "to get to where and why this is happening so we are systematically shooting at the right target."

He agreed that iron in the pipes was logically the primary problem, but that the focus of the pilot study was to definitively rule out other problems.

One of the issues plaguing isolating the problem is discolored water coming from newer PVC pipes. Another is there are blocks on which the problems with discolored water are not consistent — one house may have issues while down the street another resident has seen no discoloration of water.

"We want to make sure we aren't missing something else,"

Kozan said.

Once samples are being collected, a testing pipe loop will be set up at Virginia Tech University, which Kozan said had the equipment and expertise for such work, to test various changes in chemical treatments of the water in attempt to craft a solution to the problem.

"We think it is important to set up the pilot test outside of the distribution system and Virginia Tech has the equipment and expertise," Kozan said.

Commissioner Phil McCroan asked a question that has been in the air for three years — didn't anyone know what kind of aging lines were in the ground when the plant was designed, with a new, more caustic source of water and new treatment protocols.

The answer was that while the original designers knew there was a potential, a pilot study on water quality conducted prior to the plant coming online indicated problems could be addressed.

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BOCC to workshop EDC future

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The Gulf County Board of Commissioners agreed Tuesday to schedule a public workshop with stakeholders in the Economic Development Council to try to find consensus on the future structure and mission of the agency.

Commissioners also declined a motion brought by new Commissioner Joanna Bryan to halt any movement by the board to hire former Commissioner Bill Williams in a lobbying capacity concerning the RESTORE Act.

Commissioners Tan Smiley and Carmen McLemore dissented on Bryan's motion to halt work by the county attorney concerning a scope of services and agreement with Williams.

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Robersons donate to technology excellence fund

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Members of the Gulf Coast State College board of trustees had a chance this month to see first hand the Eastpoint campus where a chunk of the college's student body is receiving their high school education.

The tour of the Franklin County School's kindergarten through 12th-grade campus, conducted by Principal George Oehlert, was the postscript to the monthly meeting held the morning of Nov. 8 in the high school media center.

The trustees' meetings are frequently rotated amongst the three counties — Bay, Gulf and Franklin — served by the state college. This month's meeting was the farthest east the trustees have to travel, prompting several of them to say they now had a newfound appreciation for the travel demands of Franklin County trustees.

"And our service area goes another 25 miles to the east," Board Chairman Denise Butler reminded her colleagues.

Butler, a former teacher, principal and school board member in the Franklin County School District, opened the meeting with an overview of the two decade-long history of the consolidation process.

"It's a testimony to folks here who understand how important combining the two high schools has been" she said. "It's not an easy task for two communities with such different traditions."

One theme woven through the three-page agenda and bundle of paperwork associated with the many agenda items, was the excitement building for the estimated June 2013 completion of the 93,000 square foot \$32 million Advanced Technology Center.



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Left: Gulf Coast State College President Dr. Jim Kerley, left, and Trustee Board Chair Denise Butler receive a \$5,000 donation from Ralph Roberson. **Right:** Gulf Coast State College Trustee Karen Durden, center, hugs Chair Denise Butler after being told she has been selected by the Florida Association of Colleges as "Trustee of the Year." Gulf Coast President Dr. Jim Kerley is at left.

Included and approved was change order No. 16 that called for the construction manager, GAC Contractors Inc. of Panama City, and the contractor, HJ High Construction Co. of Orlando, to revise the contract down to \$27.1 million.

This was due to a \$4.8 million reduction in the first 15 change orders, and a \$55,210 drop in change order No. 16. This last drop came about as a result of about \$400,000 in savings for having the owner direct purchase ATC building materials, and \$345,000 in additional costs for having to buy culinary kitchen equipment.

"The ATC is going to make a difference. It's going to be a staple for providing jobs," trustee Dan Estes said.

During the portion of the meeting where trustees reflected on the recent election, he said "America is going to do well. We're part of that. The world may go through a recession but we don't have to participate."

Trustee Ralph Roberson noted the dozen or so students enrolled in a new welding class at the Gulf-Franklin Center. "That's a tre-

mendous help, and it shows you what the college can do in assisting with job creation at the county level," he said.

Roberson later presented a check to GCSC to represent the \$5,000 the Port St. Joe certified public accountant and his wife, Margaret, donated to the ATC Excellence Fund.

"We have a lot of needs," he said. "This is going to be a great thing and we're glad to play a small part in that."

Dr. Jim Kerley, president of Gulf Coast, later in the meeting presented Butler with a cap with the letter "MIT" across the brow, representative of talks now under way with the Massachusetts Institute of technology regarding a potential partnership in connection with the ATC.

Butler commented on Gulf Coast official's recent trip to Boston, to a conference intended to boost academic performance at community colleges. "Kids here are not prepared for the rigor of the next level of education," she said. "This is about changing a culture (and educating) for jobs

and meeting with employers. We'll capture what cities want and need. We're implanting as we go."

"This is a very diverse region," she said. "Don't underestimate the power and strength of the retirees who are here."

Both she and trustee Jim McKnight said they would reach out to Halsey Beshears, the newly elected state representative.

"Let's get him in our camp," said McKnight. "I know he's a friend of community colleges."

The college agreed to approve the hiring of Panama City attorney Timothy Warner, at an hourly rate of \$250, in the event he is needed to handle the school in a lawsuit filed against it, and Raymond Jackson, by Susan Hernandez. Details of the case were shared in an executive session conducted after the regular meeting.

The trustees received a report from Loretta Costin, in which she outlined details of a three-year strategic plan for the Gulf Franklin Center, over which she is director.

"My goal is we continue to grow," she said. "I'm getting out to Gulf and Franklin Counties,

and meeting with employers. We'll capture what cities want and need. We're implanting as we go."

One example that both she and Roberson cited was a recently created welding class for about a dozen students. "Clearly that was something that we heard," she said. She said the campus is also working on a correctional officer program that might serve Franklin County residents closer than the Port St. Joe campus.

Costin also noted the certified nursing assistant program being offered at St. James Bay Rehab Center outside Carrabelle.

"As much as possible," stressed Kerley. "We want to partnership, partnership, partnership."

Oehlert outlined for trustees the math and English courses Gulf Coast is involved in teaching at the Eastpoint campus.

"It's easier to get here than drive to Port St. Joe," he said. "Our students need more to be getting ready for careers. Our students need to see some hope. Family traditions may not be counted on any longer."



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The third annual Junior Service League Chili Cookoff will be held at 3 p.m. ET during the Farmer's Market at City Commons Park.

The Chili Cookoff is the major fundraiser for the JSL each year and helps fund their outreach to the needy through programs to provide backpacks and school supplies to 100 children and a shopping trip to Sears for school clothes for more than 50 students.

The JSL also sponsors the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt.

The annual Port St. Joe Christmas Lighted Christmas Parade will begin at 6 p.m. ET with lineup on Williams Avenue, the parade moving south on Reid Avenue from City Commons Park.

Of course, no parade would be a Christmas event unless Santa came along for the ride.

Meanwhile, local downtown merchants will have their doors open all day with great specials and something for everyone on any Christmas list.

Day of Declaration

The "Day of Declaration" celebration will kick off at 11 a.m. ET in Constitution Park.

The event is a celebration and affirmation of faith and patriotism, celebrating the signing of Florida's Constitution in De-

cember 1838 and that documents foundation if faith in Almighty God.

Congressman Steve Southerland will be among the speakers along with State Rep. Marti Coley and Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson.

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

"I don't think you can truly be patriotic without faith. And if you are of faith, you have to be patriotic. What I hope is there will be such an overwhelming response. It is a celebration. We want it to be celebratory. It is a celebration of who we really are."

Mexico Beach

The City of Mexico Beach, The Mexico Beach Community Development Council and the Special Events for Mexico Beach invite all to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony held at Sunset Park (next to El Governor Motel) on Sunday.

The evening will start off at 6 p.m. CST as Mayor Al Cathey introduces this year's tree lighter, Jim Middleton, a true hero and distinguished resident of Mexico Beach. Once the tree has been lit, local musicians will lead the crowd in singing classic Christmas carols that will get everyone into the holiday spirit. There will be an assortment of delicious homemade desserts, coffee and hot chocolate available while waiting on Santa to arrive.

The annual golf cart parade will start to come down the street where Santa will follow behind to make his visit with all the boys and girls. Those wishing to have pictures taken with Santa are asked to please bring cameras.

The golf cart parade is gearing up once again and with the help of special elves golf carts will be adorned with Christmas lights, pink flamingos, angels and even a special sock monkey that will excite even Scrooge. If interested in participating in the golf cart parade please contact Traci Gaddis at 648-5474.

The Mexico Beach Department of Public Safety is asking for donations of new, unwrapped toys that will deliver to families in need in our area. If you would like to donate to this cause, please bring your donation to the park.

For any questions about the event please contact the Mexico Beach Welcome Center at 648-8196.

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Ballister said that an emphasis is being placed nationally on so-called "shovel-ready" projects and added that it was essential the port perform as much ground work as possible to lure tenants. He said once the port has attracted its first customer, that would only raise the lure of the port for other businesses.

"We are ready to provide assistance for anything within our ability," Ballister said. "The port needs to be ready and kept ready and we are here to help where we can."

Jones said Ballister's point was on target.

"With the competitive environment we have nobody wants to wait two years to have the port shovel ready," Jones said. "It's incredibly important we have not just shovel-ready, but pad-ready is essential."

The master plan update will travel back to the 2003 initial master plan, which included commercial activities in the port basin area, including import and export from Raffield and Wood Fisheries.

That offers two advantages: increasing the diversity of port activities and strengthening the case for the Port of Port St. Joe to maintain its designation in the Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).

Some 75 percent of Florida Department of Transportation discretionary funding is earmarked for members of the SIS.

The Port of Port St. Joe was designated an emerging SIS destination four years ago and is applying

for an extension of that designation, which expires in the spring.

"Everything seems to be moving along," said Jason Alderman of the FDOT District III office in Chipley, which is making the case for the Port of Port St. Joe. "I think we are ahead of the game. We expect a favorable answer (from the main FDOT office)."

Dane Caldwell with the St. Joe company expressed its company's support, which was originally sketched in a collaboration agreement signed early this year between the company and Port Authority to work together to develop the port, including the roughly 300 combined acres in port or St. Joe hands.

"The St. Joe Company is committed to partnering with the Port Authority," Caldwell said, "to unlock the potential of this port and we look forward to many successful years."

County Commissioner Warren Yeager asked if a \$200,000 economic development loan provided by the Board of County Commissioners to the Port Authority last year might be leveraged as a local match for additional funding to more speedily move port development.

"Gulf County is committed to this port," Yeager said.

Richmond said the updated master plan would be ready, after an expedited review process at the state level, for inclusion in the city of Port St. Joe comprehensive plan sometime in the next fiscal year.



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Thinking thankful thoughts

We are all thankful for family, friends, jobs, churches and having a bed to sleep in at night. At least I am. I understand that there are many people in this world who don't have the luxuries most of us have. We are probably all a little guilty of taking things for granted from time to time.

There are a lot of things that I'm thankful for that I forget about - until I see, feel, taste, hear or touch them again. When I do, I say to myself, "I sure am thankful for this."

During this Thanksgiving season, I thought I would study a few of these things.

Good Toilet Paper
When you think about good toilet paper, you are generally sitting down. With budget problems and cutbacks, I am usually at work when I think about this. The other day I was thinking about how disappointing single-ply "sandpaperish" toilet paper is. About the time I was thinking about it, the roll split down the middle dispensing only half of the single-ply sandpaperish toilet paper. I appreciate good toilet paper.

Good water pressure

Have you ever stayed in a hotel or somewhere that didn't have good water pressure? It's troublesome. Good water pressure seems to knock off not only dirt, but also a lot of bad things and feelings that you might have. Good water pressure is very medicinal.

Good No. 2 pencils

Most people grow up and don't use pencils anymore. Go find one. Find a good one and get a blank sheet of paper. Doodle, draw flowers, write your name a zillion times or do the Sodoku puzzle in the paper. There is something about writing with a good pencil that just cranks my tractor. I do math every day; I know these things.

Small forks

Some folks might call them appetizer forks; I simply call them small forks. I can't put my

finger on just what they do for me; I think it has something to do with making me feel bigger. It would also make sense to say that using a small fork makes the meal last longer. If you have a lot of time, try eating with one of those little seafood forks. Your food looks bigger on the end of it. I love small forks.



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Good underwear and socks

I have no shame in admitting I will wear second-hand clothes. Second-hand clothes are like a baseball glove you've used so much that it is part of your hand. On the other hand, I want good underwear and socks that make me feel "springy." Most of the time we should try to be holy, but not when it comes to our underwear and socks.

Soda waters in glass bottles

Everything tastes better from a glass bottle. I prefer Double Colas or RC Colas or any flavor of Nehi, but I will try anything from a glass bottle. I'm sure beer drinkers would agree with me. My preference is something with pure cane sugar. I haven't heard it in a long time, but the sound of a glass bottle hitting the bottom of a Coke/Soda machine makes me salivate like a dog when he hears the food bag being opened. I also remember the clicking sound the "pull out" machines made when you put your money in, opened the glass door and pulled a cold belly washer out. Mercy, that just gets to me.

The Sears Roebuck Christmas Catalog

It came about the same time every year. On Saturdays, I would sit on the front steps of our house waiting on the mailman. The catalog would be worn out by Christmas. I would hide them so I could look at them all year long planning for the next year's Christmas. The "Wish Book" held dreams and is something I will always be thankful for.

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Keyboard KLATTERINGS

Staying on message

Even by the limbo standards of the Board of County Commissioners, the most recent regular meeting was contortionism at its finest.

Within two hours, commissioners dismantled a consolidated Economic Development Council/Chamber of Commerce model they constructed 18 months ago, to considerable



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controversy, and sought to hire an outgoing commissioner who is barred by state law from receiving any remuneration in advocating or lobbying for the county for the next two years.

The message being sent is unknown, but there is a wish that commissioners had spent the following day attending a meeting of the Port Authority and the presentation from an economic development expert with credentials most could only dream of.

Jeff Holt, managing director for infrastructure banking with the Bank of Montreal, might have provided the most clear-eyed and optimistic discussion about the potential at the Port of Port St. Joe that has been heard since the effort to re-engage the port began more than a decade ago.

For 35 years he has been an investment banker, worked on deals billions of dollars larger than anything likely coming to Gulf County and worked on economic development around the globe.

Holt said the development of the port would not happen overnight, but he had learned about patience, about staying the course.

He noted the importance of the St. Joe Company as a private sector partner and how that name provided import to any meeting, any inquiry.

Calling the Port of Port St. Joe a "gateway" to the region that would never go away, he laid out the pros and the cons of what his team was attempting at the behest of the St. Joe and by proxy the Port Authority.

In short, he underscored everything that the county,

particularly the BOCC, has done wrong on the economic development side.

In the days following the BOCC decision to wreck its own model for bringing jobs to the county, the board of the Chamber of Commerce also met and could also find no consensus.

One board member believed that all that had been accomplished by the consolidation effort was a year of confusion.

He could have made it a decade. That is what the BOCC has done as commissioners with varying agendas have assembled and disassembled the EDC as if playing with Legos.

The consistent removal and hiring of EDC directors (at least five since 2000) and the differing directions that have been supplied have set this county back a decade, easily, in the world of economic development.

Consider two recent deals Holt's team led.

One was a deal with the State of Delaware to sell or lease the Port of Wilmington. That was near completion more than two years after being initiated.

Another was running a rail line through Los Angeles to the Port of Los Angeles, a \$2 billion endeavor. That took six years.

Consider also the most prominent effort by the previous formation of the EDC, which actually included an active public/private partnership.

The former director was working on a series of deals to create something of a renewable energy research and operational center of Gulf County.

A woody biomass plant was the centerpiece, and never came to fruition when financing became an issue, but the other centerpiece was a grow operation for newly-engineered fast-growing plants.

That project, at one time, had the support of the St. Joe Company and Florida's Great Northwest, a quasi-public economic development organization, but after the director was shown his walking papers that project disappeared.

The grass is now formally

approved for growing and use and that project is now ramping up elsewhere.

And in blowing up that particular organizational model for the EDC, those private partners lost \$50,000-\$60,000 of their money to the county.

As was brought up at the Chamber meeting, what private partner would want to invest in the BOCC, which cannot stick to a pledge it seems, based on the last two organizational models, more than two years.

But that is also a mindset at the Chamber where one board member said the consolidated model just wasn't working - after giving it all of a year.

That is the difference between the approach Holt put before the Port Authority and what the BOCC has offered over the past 12 years.

Economic development is not an instant gratification kind of animal, Holt plainly expressed.

Nothing - nothing - happens overnight.

And most of it originates in the private sector and only after the private sector has done its work does government begin to play a role, in permitting, incentives and the like.

Yes, there is a stewardship of the tax dollar aspect to county commissioners' argument, and if genuine a valid one.

But it is commissioners who have squandered tax dollars for more than a decade while they search in vain for an Economic Development model that provides those all but impossible instant results, and they have done so while alienating potential private partners.

And even though commissioners rarely care, how this plays outside of Gulf County is another story for another day.

But underlying Holt's discussion with the Port Authority was this fundamental - economic development is something you work hard at and hope that hard work pays off.

Economic development is not something that can be, or should be, controlled.

That is something commissioners have long needed to hear.

You talk about sweet memories!

Pat Houston's Grocery was located on that big curve out past the McCaleb house on the old Gleason Highway. It was packed with meats,

sausage, cheese, cigarettes and Old Dutch cleanser. None of that, of course, interested us in the least bit. We rode our bikes over there for baseball cards and Baby Ruth candy bars. Mr. Pat would look at you over those black rimmed glasses and assure you this pack he was holding up for sale contained Ted Williams, Yogi Berra and two Mickey Mantles. I did indeed purchase a few Mantle cards there in the mid-50s.

The Baby Ruth was not our first choice mind you. That honor was reserved for a Hostess Cup Cake. You talk about a real chocolate taste, with just the right amount of icing and creamy center! But it cost a whole dime. It was worth it, I won't argue that. But you see our dilemma.....10 cents was two packs of cards or two Baby Ruths. And this was back in the days before bite size and mini bars. We're talking a real candy bar here! And let me tell you, there was absolutely nothing wrong with the chocolaty, nut and nougat taste of a Baby Ruth either! It just wasn't a Hostess Cup Cake. 'Course, the whole question was mostly moot anyway; we very rarely walked into Pat Houston's with more than five pennies in our pockets.....collectively!

I really liked the

Hostess Twinkies also. They were about the lightest and fluffiest thing we had. It was like eating good tasting air. The Sno Balls were something else all together. I had a sweet tooth of the first magnitude, but listen here, that gooey center surrounded by extra rich chocolate and another layer of pure creamed sugar topped

with sugar coated pink confectionary coconut was just too much even for me! Nicky Joe Stafford, who, gastronomically speaking was about the smartest guy in our group, figured a Sno Ball was 96.4 percent pure sugar. I remember Pam Collins eating a Sno Ball two-pack back in Miss Belle's third grade class and bouncing off the ceiling through the rest of lunch, quiet time, recess, clay modeling and the blue bird reading class!

The Sno Balls did have their place. Miss Floy Coleman was in charge of children birthdays at our little church. She took great pride in singling out the "birthday boy or girl" at the end of Sunday School and celebrating by sticking a candle in the middle of a Sno Ball. She'd produce another Sno Ball at the end of the singing and everyone got a community bite before going in to big church.

But the cream (pun intended) of the crop without question was the Hostess Cup Cake. We would lick the white swiggly line off first. Then we would peel the chocolate icing off with

our teeth. The trick next was to take our tongue and tunnel into the creamy center. We'd eat what was left from the inside out. There was an art to "putting away" a Hostess Cup Cake. You paid a dime for that thing you naturally weren't going to rush through it!

Mom used them for rewards. Leon wanted to quit school every other day. If it hadn't a'been for lunch, football and his stint as hall monitor, I don't think he would have made it. She would "hold out" a Hostess treat for him every time he made it all the way to 3 o'clock. It was like throwing a fish to a trained seal.

We marked time or a special occasion with a Hostess product. We came in second in the Little League tournament one year and Coach Milrany "congratulated" the whole team by giving out free Hostess Twinkies. I couldn't believe it! He musta had six dozen in the back of his old station wagon. You could just reach in and get one. And when you finished it, you could get another one! It was the first payment I ever received for playing a game. I did not put that incident down on the "inappropriate gratuities" questionnaire sheet the athletic department made us fill out my freshman year in college.

I celebrated my first real job down at the swimming pool by springing for Hostess Cup Cakes for the whole crew. We'd combine our money and buy Twinkies to take on touting trips. When we lost a tough football game

or a semi-pretty girlfriend, we'd stroll downtown and drown our sorry in a Hostess twin pack. Shucks, we never outgrew licking the stuck chocolate off the white liner board.

I went out with Pat Houston's youngest daughter a few times. I figured it might give me an inside track on "reduced" baseball cards and Hostess Cup Cakes. Mr. Pat was a shrewd businessman; he let me know right quick and emphatically that only family got price breaks. Uh.....uh.....uh..... You know those Baby Ruths were really a pretty good alternative!

It seems somehow un-American for such a familiar company to go out of business. It certainly makes no sense in light of the delicious products we're talking about here! Or the memories! If I had known the brand was in a tight spot, I would have eaten a few more over the years! How on earth are kids going to celebrate Little League victories? Or their first job? Or birthdays at church?

We've lost something here folks; another chunk out of life. You can mark it down as unavoidable, just the way things are, grown-up business, economic times or who gives a flying hoot. That still doesn't make it right!

I wish I hadn't a'worn out those Mickey Mantle and Ted Williams cards in the spokes of my bicycle. If I'd just set them aside and kept them, I'd have enough money today to buy the Hostess Company.....

With A Sad Heart,
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'Tis the season for donating money

Like many other economic measures, charitable donations in the U.S. have yet to bounce back to pre-recession levels. According to Giving USA's Annual Report on Philanthropy, charitable contributions totaled \$298.4 billion in 2011 – up 4 percent from 2010, but still 11 percent below 2007 levels.

The vast majority of those contributions (73 percent) came from individuals, demonstrating that even during tough economic times, people still find ways to support organizations that help those less fortunate than themselves.

Because half of all donations typically are made between Thanksgiving and New Year's, this is a good time to highlight precautions you can take to ensure your gift has the biggest possible impact, both on the people you want to help and on your own bottom line; also to remind seniors about a tax policy that has changed since last year:

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If you itemize expenses on your 2012 income taxes, any charitable contributions you plan to deduct must be made by year's end. That means either charging your credit or debit card or postmarking a check by midnight on December 31, 2012.

You must have a receipt to claim deductions for cash or property, no matter how small. A cancelled check or credit card statement is fine for contributions under \$250, but amounts over \$250 require a written statement from the charity. See IRS Publication 526 for details (www.irs.gov).

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JASON ALDERMAN

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Study the organization's website, annual report and mission statement, and ask for a copy of its IRS Form 990, which details how contributions are spent. Speak to staff members or volunteers, or volunteer there yourself. Or, if you know someone who has used its services, ask for their impressions of the organization's efficiency and helpfulness to clients.

Other helpful sites: Charity Navigator's "Top 10" lists and "Tips and Resources" sections provide helpful evaluation tools (www.charitynavigator.org). And GuideStar offers helpful questions to ask potential recipients and tips for choosing a charity (www.guidestar.org).

No more direct IRA distributions. A major tax break for senior citizens regarding charitable contributions expired at the end of 2011. Formerly, people over age 70 ½ could contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to charity and have it count toward their annual IRA Required Minimum Distribution. This allowed seniors to avoid having to count the funds as adjusted gross income, thereby reaping a tax advantage even if they didn't itemize deductions.

And finally, if you can't afford a cash donation but still want to help, consider donating your time. Numerous organizations can match you up with local charities that suit your interests, including the government's United We Serve site (www.serve.gov), Network for Good (www.networkforgood.org), and Volunteer Match (www.volunteermatch.org).

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let's get real-world!

Dear Editor:
Regarding "FCAT Excellence" in last week's The Star, if truth-in-advertising were applied to public school PR, Jim Norton would be guilty of deceptive practices. As it is, I suspect his nose just got longer.

The 5 percent of the students in GCSD who scored Level 5 are to be commended. That is certainly better news than GCSD's Annual Report that stated that 87 percent of 10th graders could not read well enough to graduate.

However, to put their accomplishment into perspective, you have to remember the FDOE's preview of FCAT-2.0 test scores last February caused the FDOE to go into panic mode. The early review indicated that the FCAT scores had dropped so low that Florida might lose its "No Child Left Behind" funding. A month later the FDOE announced that the FCAT-2.0 scores had really gone up.

Nothing that comes from Tallahassee seems to be connected to the real world.

By the time the State of Florida got the vote

counted in the National election - the contest was over, the winner had been declared, and everyone had gone home. The Governor's Party lost the State.

Yes, GCSD is an 'A' rated school district. How does an 'A' rating in Florida rank in the real world? Florida is ranked at the bottom of the 50 States by ACT in preparing students for college, along with Louisiana, Mississippi, and Washington DC. Please note: 60 percent plus of GCSD's high achievers are girls.

By the 9th grade, high-achieving boys are almost nonexistent. GCSD's gender-based schooling is absolutely unconstitutional. GCSD's gender-based schooling bias can be confirmed both statistically and scientifically.

When the rubber meets the road for GCSD graduates in the real world, they skid off the pavement. Of the "hundreds" of applications received by Eastern Shipbuilding from Gulf County residents they found "two" applicants who qualified for training.

They offered both a job. One showed up. A rep from St. Joe Co. reported this fact to the Port Authority Board. It gets worse.

It looks like only 30 percent of GCSD high school graduates are awarded W0 or W6A unrestricted 1960s style high school diplomas. Florida has fifteen levels of high school "diploma/completion" awards. Unlike a diploma, a "completion" award means that the student spent the time but must pass remedial classes before they become eligible to attend a community college as a community college student. Apparently, all GCSD seniors get to walk across the "graduation" stage.

The worst is yet to come. The majority of GCSD graduates may not be fit for military service. Apparently, only 40 percent of GCSD graduates can pass the AFQT with a 3A plus score, and less than 30 percent can score high enough on the AFCAT to enlist in the Air Force. The Coast Guard is out of the question for 80 percent GCSD graduates.

Thanks to GCSD, military service is not an employment opportunity for the majority of GCSD graduates. And, the GOBs of Gulf County intend to keep it that way. Jim Norton seems to have no respect for his Oath of Office and GCSD's U.S. Constitutional obligation and responsibility, as an egalitarian government agency, to "provide for the common defense."

GCSD may ask for additional funding this spring. It would be cheaper for Gulf County taxpayers to demand the installation of enterprise management perspectives and practices at GCSD and save their money.

Taxpayers of Gulf County are getting no "bang for their buck" from GCSD.

Just for the record, the author of this letter has higher ranking teaching credentials, certification and successful classroom teaching experience than the superintendent or any administrator or faculty member at GCSD. His qualifications to judge and critique may be reviewed at Retrac.com, "About the Proponent."

John M. Comer
Port St. Joe

TRACTOR from page A4

People who donate their bodies to science

This is an odd thing to be thankful for I guess; some folks might think that I chose cadavers because they help in researching and curing diseases. This is a good thing, but not the reason I'm thankful for these generous people. When I was in college, I was dead set on being a dentist. In my first visit to the dental school in Birmingham, Ala., they threw back a sheet and showed us a fellow who had donated his body for folks at the dental

school to practice on, figure out what stuff looks like and where to find parts.

It was at that time, I decided I did not want to be a dentist anymore. I'm happy with what I am and thankful that I am not a dentist.

Being 'touched'

This sounds a bit strange. First of all, I am not talking about being a bit off or crazy or anything like that. I am thankful for being touched literally. When I shake someone's hand or my children hug me, it makes me feel needed and wanted and a part of this wonderful

world we live in.

Oh goodness, I could go on and on. Canned jellied cranberry sauce with the lines plopped on a plate and ready for slicing, big dogs licking your face to wake you up from a nap, foam pillows after a hard day's work and licorice are a few more. Do not remind me that I once was taken to the emergency room for eating too much licorice.

I am truly thankful for being alive and being able to think thankful thoughts.

Find more stories at www.CranksMyTractor.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear E. Rosenthal and 'Blow-Ins'

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the City of Port St. Joe, I would like to extend a welcome to you and all other "Blow-Ins." Mr. McLemore does not speak for the City of Port St. Joe, and you are all welcome to spend as much money here as you like. Port St. Joe loves you. Respectfully,

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Fishin' tradition

River fishing remains favorite family pastime

After watching folks for 31 days straight in October bring in their catches during the Destin Fishing Rodeo, when November rolls around the angler in me is ready to reel in a few of her own.

Earlier this week, my brother Jerry and I headed toward Apalachicola in search of Mr. Trout, just like we have for the past 30 years — give or take a few years. We launched his 17-foot flats boat at Bay City Lodge and headed down the St. Marks River.

It didn't take long to find Mr. Trout at home. The first trout to answer the door wasn't quite as big as I had hoped, but the big ones came later.

Using a 6 1/2 feet long rod and Shimano spinning reel loaded with 15-pound test Power Pro Braid and a blue and chartreuse Bass Assassin Sea Shad with a 1/4 ounce jig head, it didn't take long to get a hook up.

On the first stop and about the second cast, it was fish on. Jerry was still getting the trolling motor set and I was already in business. It wasn't quite big enough, but it made for a hopeful day.

It wasn't long after Jerry had a fish on, but again it was about an inch to short.



TINA HARBUCK
Fish Flash

The bag limit for speckled trout is five per day and it has to fall in the 15-20 inch slot. Included in that five per day, anglers can take one bigger than 20 inches.

Although the first few fish were not in the slot, there's nothing like the tug on the line to get the adrenaline pumping.

Bouncing the grub off the bottom, I finally pulled in a keeper that measured 18 inches.

At that point, Jerry and I decided we were in the right spot and we worked it hard. We managed to reel in two or three that weren't even in question as to whether they fell into the slot limit — if you catch my drift.

Besides just being in one of the most serene areas around, I love all the fishermen you run into on the river — you never meet a stranger.

Conversation often goes like this.

"Doin' any good?"
"We've caught a few."
"Any size to 'em?"
"We've got a few 18-inchers."
"How about y'all?"
"We're doin' OK. We've got a few."

Sure this all sounds good, but you never know with fishermen if they are stretching the truth or

holding out on you because they don't want to give away any secrets — for fear you may get their honey hole. But one thing is for sure they are always friendly.

Even the folks we passed on the back roads driving down to Bay City Lodge were friendly. I don't think we passed a vehicle where the driver didn't throw up a hand and wave. You just don't see that much anymore.

Anyhow, back to fishing. We did quite well on Monday and went back for more the next day. We tried some different spots on Tuesday. Jerry changed out his color of grub — he went to one called "candy corn." If you were to see it you would know how it got its name — the coloring of the grub looks just like the candy that the kids get on Halloween.

Fishing was good down on the grass flats, if you like catching the small ones. After an hour or so of reeling in those 14-inchers, we headed back to the area we were Monday. I'd tell where that was, but if I did my brother would kill me. I've already given up more than he would like.

Jerry was the winner on Tuesday with the biggest trout coming in at 21 inches — I guess kids are not the only ones that like candy corn.



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Top: The speckled trout measured about 21 inches long. **Middle:** Jerry Harbuck of Panama City launches his boat from Bay City Lodge in Apalachicola for easy access to the St. Mark's River. **Bottom:** This redfish was 19 inches.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Nov. 29	67°	52°	0 %
Fri, Nov. 30	71°	54°	10 %
Sat, Dec. 01	71°	54°	0 %
Sun, Dec. 02	72°	51°	20 %
Mon, Dec. 03	70°	50°	30 %
Tues, Dec. 04	69°	50°	30 %
Wed, Dec. 05	69°	49°	30 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	925pm	1:7	719am	-0:3
30	Fr	1000pm	1:7	801am	-0:3
1	Sa	1034pm	1:6	838am	-0:3
2	Su	1105pm	1:4	909am	-0:3
3	Mo	1134pm	1:3	933am	-0:3
4	Tu	1158pm	1:1	950am	-0:2
5	We	1103pm	0:8	958am	0:0
6	Th	643pm	0:8	948am	0:2
7	Fr	555pm	0:9	854am	0:3
8	Sa	550pm	1:1	227am	0:1
9	Su	611pm	1:3	304am	-0:2
10	Mo	647pm	1:6	355am	-0:4
11	Tu	734pm	1:8	454am	-0:7

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
29	Th	144am	1:3	542pm	1:1
30	Fr	223am	1:3	611pm	1:1
1	Sa	303am	1:3	640pm	1:1
2	Su	346am	1:2	710pm	1:1
3	Mo	433am	1:2	739pm	1:1
4	Tu	527am	1:1	810pm	1:1
5	We	632am	1:0	840pm	1:1
6	Th	756am	0:9	911pm	1:1
7	Fr	941am	0:8	942pm	1:2
8	Sa	1140am	0:8	1015pm	1:2
9	Su	130pm	0:9	1052pm	1:3
10	Mo	254pm	1:0	1133pm	1:3
11	Tu	356pm	1:0	813am	-0:5

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FWC needs another gag grouper grand slam

By ALAN LAMARCHE
Special to The Star

The FWC takes a lot of hits from local fishermen and Big Bend coastal businesses for their perceived restrictive fishing rules that don't always seem to pass the "local" common sense test. An FWC decision made last February during a meeting at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy got it right!

The commissioners' decision to have a spring Gag Grouper season in four Big Bend counties received rave reviews from kids and business owners alike. Now everyone hopes they will add an early fall season in Big Bend state waters.

Ronald Fred Crum, owner of Crum's Mini Mall in Panacea, has been coordinating "Kids Fishing Tournaments" for years,

and he explained it this way, "The commission helped to ensure another generation of gag grouper fishers. If young fishermen can experience the exhilaration and thrill of catching a shallow water gag grouper when they are 10 to 15 years old, they are 'hooked' for life. They will eventually buy fishing licenses and become the next generation of offshore fishers."

I agree with Crum's assessment. I volunteer at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center and introduce a lot of youngsters to shallow water gag grouper fishing. It's been my experience that you can't take kids at this young age 40-50 miles offshore on an 8- to 10-hour grouper fishing trip, because they don't "hold up" and a bad experience can "ruin them for life."

These youngsters have a

two-to-three hour attention span when it comes to gag grouper fishing. You need calm seas and lots of snacks, and you have to get them out there quickly, make sure they can still see land, and put them on a shallow water gag grouper to seal the deal. Once they feel the brute power of that grouper as it digs for the bottom, these kids become our next generation of offshore fishermen and women. We can't give kids this experience in the Big Bend state waters because all of our gag grouper they come back just before Easter. By July 4, they are gone again until late September. The ideal "kids" gag season here is March-June, and September-November.

FWC uses "Regional Management" practices for redfish, trout and even deer to ensure optimal recreational opportunities for shareholders. There is no reason why the commission shouldn't apply this same

local management style to our grouper and snapper. After all, Florida state waters vary tremendously in habitat, depth and fishing pressure from one end to the other, just like they vary from the East coast to the Gulf Coast.

Last year, NOAA Fisheries had asked FWC — in the name of "consistency" — to open the recreational season for gag grouper in all state waters from July 1 through Oct. 31. The problem was that there are no legal grouper in state waters of the Florida Big Bend counties of Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor during the hot summer months of July, August, and September and the cold winter months of December-February. The economies of these four counties are heavily dependent on tourism and fishing during the spring and fall months, and NOAA's proposed dates would further depress a struggling economy.

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Freshwater

Good reports of sheepshead and the occasional black snapper are coming in from the Brothers. Sherry at the Fisherman's Landing at Howard Creek is reporting catfish, crappie and bream in the "Fingers."

Inshore/Bay

We are seeing an improvement in our fall inshore fisheries lately. Better weather conditions and sunny skies have the redfish still biting around area docks and in the I.C.W. canal. Trout are starting to show up in better numbers this week, but they are still elusive in St. Joe Bay.

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PSJHS soccer teams select captains

Star Staff Report

The boys' and girls' soccer teams at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School have selected captains for the 2012-13 seasons, each picking a sophomore, junior and senior as tri-captains.

"I am very pleased with the selections the players made," said coach Gary Hindley, who is in his fourth year with the program. "We take captaincy as a very serious and important position within our structure of a team. The proper liaison between the coach and the team members and within the

team itself is an important part of a team's success."

The Lady Tigers Sharks selected:

- Sophomore Haley Wood, who has started every game at midfield since joining the varsity as a freshman. Wood recorded seven goals and three assists for 17 points as a freshman, making her the team's fourth-leading scorer;

- Junior Christian Laine, who has started every game since joining varsity team as a freshman; earned All-District first-team honors as a goalkeeper her freshman season; earned all-District as a

forward/midfielder last year on a team that went 9-4-1. Laines had six goals last year for 12 points and was also 2-0-0 in goal, with a 0.49 goals against average. She will play in the field and back up the goalkeeper this season. This is the second year in a row Laine has been selected as a captain;

- Senior Bryanna Stuart, who has seen play in the midfield in every varsity game since her freshman year; has four goals and three assists in her first three years.

The Tiger Sharks selected:

- Sophomore Marcel Duarte,

who was the team's leading scorer as a freshman last year with 19 goals and four assists for 42 points, Duarte saw action in only 15 games last year for a team that went 15-3-1, won the district and reached the regional quarterfinals. Duarte was all-District first team and has two goals and an assist to start this season with his sights on the school record for goals, of 72 by recently graduated JMason Ray;

- Junior Drew Lacour, who has played in every game since joining the varsity as a freshman. Has played forward, midfield, and

defender and has six goals and a team-leading 10 assists for 22 points as a sophomore, Lacour was also a captain last year;

- Senior Daniel Jones, who has played in every game since joining the program as a freshman; has played forward and midfield and scored two goals and one assist as a junior.

Both teams resume action when they host Franklin County Nov. 27. The girls play at 6 p.m. ET and the boys at 8 p.m. ET. Port St. Joe hosts Freeport on Friday. The girls at 6 p.m. ET followed by the boys at 8 p.m.

Gene Raffield Football League says Thank You

Special to The Star

This year was a very successful one for Gene Raffield Football. Seventy young men brought two more championships to Port St. Joe and were the pride and joy of their family, friends and football fans all over town.

These men could not have done their thing without some very special others, the companies and organizations that were the sponsors of the League. Football is not only a difficult game. It is an expensive game.

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Star Staff Reports

Time of Hoop it Up

Join the Dr. David Langston Youth Basketball League.

Registration is 4-5:30 p.m. ET Dec. 3-10 at the Washington High Recreational Center. The league is for youth ages 7-13.

Registration forms can be picked up at the front office of Port St. Joe Elementary School or the Washington Recreational Center at 414 Kenny's St. in Port St. Joe.

Registration fee is \$10.

For additional information, call Michael Harris at 227-4105 or Johanna White at 227-8732.

Port St. Joe Junior High girls remain unbeaten

The Lady Tiger Sharks of Port St. Joe Junior High ran their record to 5-0 with a win at home against Hosford on Monday. The score was 28-14 with Port St. Joe never trailing in the game.

Hallie Jasinski led the way for the Lady Tiger Sharks with 14 points, Monique Garner had four; Delilah Harrison, Aliyah Johnson, Khaliyah Johnson, ZyKeria Pittman and Morgan Lemuex each scored two points. Port St. Joe plays again at home 5 p.m. ET today against Wakulla Middle School; the game will be followed by a boys game against Wakulla.

Annual UF vs. FSU golf tournament

The annual University of Florida Gators vs. Florida State Seminoles Golf Tournament was Nov. 18 at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. This tournament is longstanding at the club and traditionally is played just before the two football teams hit the gridiron for bragging rights.

In the history of the fun tournament, usually the team that wins the golf tournament has led to the other side winning the football game. That will be difficult to predict this year because the golf tournament brought about a 48-48 tie.

The overall winners of the golf tournament were Dan Van Treese and Bobby Bunn for UF, and Bennie Sherrill and Kenny Weimorts for FSU. In second place for the Gators were Mike Alldis and Bill Morrissey, and in second for the Seminoles were Marvin Shimfessel and Dick Davis.

Closest to the Pin on No. 12 winner was Penelope Evanoff, and the Longest Drive winners were George Skinner and Andy Smith.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

PSJ soccer splits with Franklin

Star Staff Report

In a pair of high-scoring affairs, the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School teams split with visiting Franklin County Tuesday night.

The Lady Tiger Sharks scored first but surrendered four unanswered goals to fall 4-1 while the boys remained unbeaten with a 5-1 victory.

Midfielder Lexie McGhee scored her second goal of the season for Port St. Joe on an assist from Brittany Shoemaker (her second) as the Lady Tiger Sharks went up 1-0 in the 10th minute.

Franklin followed by scoring two goals in each half to clinch the District 1-1A opener for both teams. Franklin County outshot Port St. Joe 6-5. Junior goalie Christian Laine started in goal and made two saves while seventh-grader Rebecca Kerrigan played the second half and also recorded two saves.

The Lady Tiger Sharks are 1-1-0 on the season and 0-1-0 in dis-

trict play. They host District foe Freeport at 6 p.m. ET Friday.

The Tiger Sharks were another story as they remained undefeated on the year. Last year's leading scorer in the region, sophomore forward Marcel Duarte, recorded four goals and added one assist. He now leads the team with six goals. Midfielder Daniel Jones scored the other goal, his second of the year. Midfielder Drew Lacour had three assists while freshman Elijah Caldwell added his first assist of the season.

In goal, Tucker Smith played 87 minutes and recorded two saves to earn the win, while Javarri Beachum recorded a single save in his three minutes. The Tiger Sharks are 2-0-0 on the season and 1-0-0 in District 1-1A play. They host district foe Freeport at home at 8 p.m. ET Friday.

Port St. Joe head coach Gary Hindley is now just two wins away from 400 in his career (college, professional and high school).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Tiger Sharks drop home opener

Star Staff Report

The Rutherford Lady Rams visited "The Dome" on Tuesday and came away with a 43-32 win over the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High varsity girls.

The young Lady Tiger Sharks never led but played very hard through out the game, said Coach Kenny Parker.

Port St. Joe was led in scoring by two seventh-graders, Teiyahna Hutchinson with 16 and Brooklyn Quinn with 10. Ninth-grader Callie Fleshner chipped in five points and had 12 rebounds. Maya Robbins had two points and three boards with four assists. Sophomore Shannon Pridgeon had five rebounds.

Rutherford's leading scorer was Marsheba Addison with 20 points and five rebounds.

Port St. Joe travels to Quincy on Friday to play East Gadsden; the Junior High also will play at East Gadsden before the varsity game. The Lady Tiger Sharks return home on Tuesday to open district play against Bozeman.

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Commissioner Ward McDaniel joined Bryan. Commissioner Warren Yeager said he had an appointment he could not break and left the meeting before the issue was brought up.

Bryan said she had numerous phone calls and inquiries from citizens regarding the board's action earlier this month to move the Economic Development Council back under the BOCC umbrella from a consolidated Chamber/EDC model the BOCC approved 18 months ago.

Bryan said there was a need for clarification of the board's desires.

County attorney Jeremy Novak said that a meeting was held last week among some members of the Chamber as well as officials with the county and city of Port St. Joe, the latter two provide public funding for the EDC, to try to sort out the board's wishes.

Novak said all parties agreed that a public workshop was necessary to hash out issues concerning the EDC and public input regarding its direction.

McLemore, who made the original motion to move the EDC back under the BOCC, said he was "solid" on his decision, but open to further examination.

He said he could not support putting money into the EDC without any tangible results to show for it. He also cited the lack of information.

McDaniel noted that at least the BOCC had gotten the attention of the Chamber/EDC with its vote of several weeks ago.

"We are going to go back and revisit this," McDaniel said. "We got the attention. We need guidelines. All we get is give us the money and don't ask."

EDC director Barry Sellers later said that he had been providing monthly updates for his first nine months before actions by Williams, including removing Sellers from the county RESTORE Act committee, indicated his input was no longer welcome.

He acknowledged communications could be better, but that progress had been made, with as many as 26 site visits from companies seeking to potentially relocate to Gulf County.

He said he had done what he was charged with doing, expanding the Chamber's reach to the north end of the county, luring in private partners, but had nonetheless seen his promised budget cut.

"I am here to work for you," Sellers said, noting that six full-time employees manned the Chamber, EDC and Port Authority several years ago while Sellers has just one position currently.

Bryan said that the members of the BOCC had not always been fully supportive of various incarnations of the EDC and that many of the volunteers who work with the EDC and Chamber sense hostility when bringing issues to the board.

"We have people working as volunteers and they have been abused at the podium," Bryan said. "It is shameful."

She also noted that given a down economy and an election year, expecting much to happen in the brief time the current model of the EDC has been operational, results should not have been expected quickly.

"We haven't given them much time to get things going," Bryan said. "We need to be good stewards of the taxpayer money, I get that, but we also need to stick to our word."

Smiley said the key was to set aside the personal agendas at play and get to work on jobs.

"I really want this to work because we are talking about getting jobs for people who need them, not for people who have a bank account they don't touch over there," Smiley said. "We've got to get together bringing everybody to the table and have people leave their personal agendas at the door."

County administrator Don Butler said he would coordinate with city officials on a date, time and place for the workshop.

RESTORE Town Halls

The RESTORE Act committee for Gulf County will hold two town hall meetings next week to discuss the legislation and potential impacts for Gulf County. The first meeting will be held 5:30 p.m. ET Dec. 3 in the BOCC meeting room in Port St. Joe; the second will be 5:30 p.m. CT Dec. 4 at the Old County Courthouse in We-wahitchka. The public is encouraged to attend.

GCSC to offer bachelor's in organizational management

Special to The Star

Building on its commitment to the economic stability and growth of the region, Gulf Coast State College will begin offering its third bachelor's degree program, the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in organizational management. The Florida Department of Education approved the program with specializations in entrepreneurship, health services administration and emergency services administration.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity projects employment in the larger field of organizational management statewide will reach 446,934 by 2020, with an estimated 12,776 average annual openings between 2010 and 2018. The areas of specialization covered in the GCSC degree have particular relevance to the projected employment needs of

Workforce Region 4, which correlates to the college's service area of Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties where the Department has set the estimated number of annual openings requiring new, credentialed employees at 79. Community and industry partners involved in the planning regarding this new program also re-emphasized the local need for the advanced degree.

"We're pleased to build the organizational management program around the needs of our current and future workforce. Our goal at Gulf Coast State College is to respond to the communities we serve and to build new programs based on specific workforce data," GCSC President Dr. Jim Kerley said. Gulf Coast is the only institution of higher education in Workforce Region 4 that has conferred associate degrees in fields related to

this new program, but employers have more jobs to fill and also need more from their current employees.

This new bachelor's program includes the study and hands-on application of management principles and practices with a concentration in each student's technical field. The 120-hour program will begin in August 2013 and will be housed in the Advanced Technology Center, the college's connection to business and industry with a focus on creating new pathways to high-tech, lucrative careers. "We will continue to work with employers and other educational institutions to build programs that meet community needs," Kerley said.

For more information, the primary point of contact is Melanie Boyd, Business and Technology Division chair, 872-3839 or mboyd@gulfcoast.edu.

PILOT STUDY from page A1

"The chemical composition of the water is causing the problem," Commissioner Rex Buzzett asked Kozan.

Kozan answered, "That is the supposition."

Given that, Buzzett asked, was the study even necessary?

"Nobody denies we have a problem," Buzzett said. "We have been dealing with it for three years, but this seems to be bringing us back to the same place."

"Do we need to do this or not?"

The city is already spending millions to replace some 20 miles of aging pipes, the first phase of the replacement should be completed in the spring with the second phase following late next

year. To date, more than 60 percent of the eight miles to be replaced in phase one has been replaced.

Kozan emphasized that the pilot study testing would be done outside of areas where pipe has been replaced.

"We don't want to recommend a fix that might exacerbate the problem," said Philip Jones with Preble Rish, the city's engineers of record.

The best case scenario would be that the study results in a cheaper method for addressing alkalinity and phosphates in the water, the treatment of which is central to the issues of water discoloration from rust in pipes breaking loose.

The city could find the

funds for the study with a vote by the Northwest Florida Water Management District on Friday.

The NFWFMD board is to take up a request for at least \$65,000 in funds to rehabilitate the Chipola Pump Station that helps push the surface water to the city. The city has budgeted for those improvements, city manager Jim Anderson said, and if the NFWFMD - which had approached CDM about fixing the water quality issues in Port St. Joe - approves the city's request the funds for the study would be available.

"This is our effort to leave no rocks unturned in trying to figure out how to improve the water quality," Anderson said.



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DAWGS in Prison graduates 23rd class

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Asper was on death's doorstep.

In the shelter at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society for more than six months, Asper, a middle-aged black lab, was just days away from euthanasia, one of many similarly-situated dogs.

She needed obedience training and socialization, but the clock was ticking.

But Asper found reprieve in the form of John Kelly, in inmate at the Gulf Forestry Camp, and the DAWGS in Prison Program. DAWGS stands for Developing Adoptable Dogs with Good Sociability.

Since 2009, the program has saved more than 250

dogs situated, just like Asper, without a home and with little hope for adoption as the sands in the clock trickle away.

Today, Asper is in a new home in Connecticut, a happy dog in a new family enjoying a rebirth in life.

"In our nation's correctional systems, more than one million men, women and young adults are living their lives in confinement," said Sandi Christy, co-director of the DAWGS in Prison program. "Meanwhile, 15 million prisoners of a different sort are facing a possible death sentence.

"They're dogs with whom we share our world, and they've committed no crimes, but they will be punished unless someone steps forward and gives them a second chance."

Last week, the DAWGS in Prison program graduated another 11 dogs from an eight-week training program aimed at turning abandoned or unloved dogs into the kind of pets any family would enjoy.

The day is bittersweet for the inmates, who in teams care for the dogs 24/7 while also training them for their "forever home."

"That is the part that hurts most," one team leader said. "But knowing that he goes home to a better place, somewhere that he's going to be loved unconditionally for the rest of his life ... it doesn't bother me that much."

The upside is that later on the day of graduation, a new class of 11-12 dogs will arrive at the Gulf Forestry Camp for their journey to



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The 23rd graduating class, inmates and dogs, of the DAWGS in Prison program. Since 2009, more than 250 dogs have been saved through the program, which stems from collaboration between the Board of County Commissioners, the Florida Department of Corrections and the St. Joseph Humane Society.

new homes.

The 11 dogs graduating last week were destined for new homes in Florida, Virginia, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

DAWGS in Prison has placed dogs in 14 different states since 2009.

Nearly 300 inmates have participated in the program, moving up the or-

ganizational ladder within each team from caretaker to handler to trainer to team leader.

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FACE FROM THE 'NEW FRONTIER'

Port St. Joe native works the pipeline in the North Dakota gas and oil fields

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From the phone company to People magazine, the last few years have been quite a trip for Beverly Beard Maddox.

More importantly to the Port St. Joe native and resident — she is a cancer survivor.

Maddox is among those featured in the most recent People magazine, on shelves now, who have traveled to the wilds of North Dakota and its thriving gas and oil fields in search of work.

If there is spot on the continental United States in which unemployment rates are all but meaningless it is North Dakota, where massive underground reservoirs of oil and natural gas have led to boom times.

"It really is incredible," Maddox said. "They are fracking like crazy," referring to a method of extracting oil and gas from shale rock.

See PIPELINE B5

COURTESY OF BEVERLY MADDOX

At top, Beverly Maddox keeps track of all "her children" from her time on the pipeline with her phone. Her outgoing personality and love of outdoors made pipelining a dream job.

Bottom: Pipeline work in West Virginia, one of eight states Maddox has worked since becoming a welder's helper. Maddox recently returned from North Dakota.



GCSO Christmas Wishes stockings

Special to The Star

Christmas Wishes, a program of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office for needy children in Gulf County, has placed Christmas Stockings at area businesses. We are hoping that through the generosity of the people in our area we can bring Christmas happiness to those children in need.

The Christmas Bazaar (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Dec. 7 and 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET Dec. 8) and Jingle Bell Golf Tournament (tee off at noon ET Dec. 8) at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club will help benefit the Christmas Wishes program also. The table fees from the vendors will go directly to the program. Golfers will receive a \$10 credit toward their entry fees for bringing a new toy to the Pro Shop when registering. The South Gulf County Fire Department and Gulf to Bay Construction are also drop-off places for new toys for the program.

Please make a donation to any of the Christmas Stockings at one of the following businesses: No Name Café, Bay Breeze Antiques., Sister's Restaurant, Pepper's Mexican Grille, Centennial Bank, Piggly Wiggly, Buy Rite Drugs and the Sheriff's Office, all in Port St. Joe; and IGA, Buy Rite, and the Centennial Bank in Wewahitchka.

If you should have any questions about the Christmas Wishes Program, the Christmas Bazaar, or the Golf Tournament, please call the Pro Shop 227-1751 or Barb Van Treese 227-9837. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Volunteer to assist during the holidays and beyond

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With the holidays nearly upon us, the need for volunteers grows.

This column offers a rundown of volunteer opportunities to allow folks to invest in the community.

Contact the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, Trish Petrie at Turtle Beach Inn or Tim Croft at tcroft@starfl.com to provide additional opportunities for this

column.

Here are a number of opportunities:

- Goodwill Career Training Center is asking retirees and volunteers to share their expertise and skills by volunteering to tutor or mentor. Many participants at the Center need help completing their GED, including language, writing, mathematics and computer skills. Please contact Sandra Burns at 229-1273.
- Be a part of making a difference in your local

schools! Volunteer to teach a Junior Achievement class at the fifth-, eighth- or high school-level, and help teach students real LIFE SKILLS. Junior Achievement teaches our children about running businesses, managing money, and preparing to get a job.

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A class lasts 5-7 weeks, depending on the age group, and meets once

each week, during the school day, for an hour. The amount of commitment time is 5-7 hours to teach the class, two hours for training, and your preparation time which varies from person to person.

The classes are sponsored by individuals and businesses in the community, and by the Tapper Foundation and Port St. Joe Capacity Building Fund. There is no cost to the school or the volunteer.

Junior Achievement

of NW FL is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to teaching students K-12 about entrepreneurship, personal finance, and work readiness skills. We provide 13 classes at the 5th, 8th, and high school levels in Port St. Joe, and 6 classes at the 8th and high school levels in Wewahitchka.

For information about volunteering for fall or spring classes, please contact:

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675 Thanksgiving dinner plates delivered

Special to The Star

The early crew arrived at the Oak Grove Church Cook House with the sky still hidden by the dark. Jimmy Gainey and Bob Kuptz opened the doors and began heating up the turkeys, sweet potatoes and dressing. The committee and volunteers want to thank Mr. George Duren for donating the delicious dressing and cakes that were a main part of the plates.

Immediately following were Bunnie Gainey and the nearly 100 volunteers between the ages of 2 1/2 and 99 years of old. Families



arrived in bunches, teaching their children and grandchildren how important it is to share their time, talents and love for those less fortunate than them. Many individuals, groups, churches and

organizations, such as the Port St. Joe Boy Scouts, Covenant House and The GANG (Getting to A New Generation) led by Mr. Charles Givens, the Highland View Assembly of God Church led by Seven

Grogan and all, joined in the wonderful project of love.

The assembly of almost 100 volunteers was blessed with the prayer offered by Jimmy Gainey, as has been the tradition since the beginning. Beulah Clark, who will turn 100 on Jan. 29, handed the first plate to start the assembly of the 675 plates. This wonderful group laughed, joked and lovingly assembled these plates. The plates were delivered all over Gulf County. This group finished assembling the last plate at 10:30 am.

Billy Dixon, owner of the Dixon and Son's Taxi Service and one of the

charter volunteers for the program, delivered 150 plates to the Wewahitchka area. Rob Greenland and Rick Harrell delivered 75 plates. The following men and women helped deliver the remaining 425 plates: Joel Rogers, Ben Welch, Deanne Williams, Tom Boone, Tommy and Ruth Sauls, Steven Grogan and members of the Highland View Church, Carol Dow, Leo Pogorzelski and Charles Givens and the GANG delivered 100 plates to their neighborhoods.

The deepest appreciation to Sacred Heart Hospital Dietary Department and Debbie

Kriderman and her staff and the Sunset Coastal grill and staff for cooking a total of 25 turkeys. It is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped prepare turkeys, green beans and sweet potatoes. Thanks also has been tradition to the first United Methodist Church for helping get the delicious green beans prepared and financial support.

Thanks to everyone that helped in anyway to make this great mission for caring for God's needy people possible.

See you all on Christmas day, may God bless you all.

THANKS TO THE THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEERS!

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By DIANNA HARRISON
Gulf ARC Administrator

On behalf of Gulf County ARC, the Port St. Joe High School Bridges Program and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, I would like to thank the following business and elected officials for their support in Gulf County Disability Mentoring Day:

Stacey Price and Jolynne Parker from Cadence Bank; Sandy Price from Capital City Bank; Joan Buckner from

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White from the Gulf Coast Workforce Board; Eric Ramsey and Ramsey's Printing; and Sharon Call from Sharon's Café.

The investment each of you made in our clients played a major role in increasing public awareness of the contributions and skills of persons with developmental disabilities. But more importantly, you gave an individual with a disability the opportunity to spend a day in the life of their

dream job. This program helps us all see how much good there is in the world today thanks to people like you who are willing to make dreams come true for those who are less advantaged. At the end of the day, I am sure this experience was equally positive for you as it was for the individuals who were mentored.

Thanks again for going the extra mile to help make Gulf County Disability Mentoring a successful event.



Caring for your cut Christmas Tree

The key to maintaining you live Christmas tree throughout the holiday is to give it the proper care from the time it is purchased until the tree is removed from your home.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

Maintaining a high moisture level in the tree is the single most important factor in reducing needle loss and keeping the tree fresh. This is accomplished primarily through the use of water-holding stands and keeping the water level in the stand above the base of the tree.

The following tips will help you keep your cut Christmas tree healthy throughout the holiday season:

- Use a tree stand with an adequate water-holding capacity. A tree stand should have a water basin that provides one quart of water per inch of stem diameter. For most Christmas trees, the stand should hold at least 1 gallon of water. A cut tree will absorb a surprising amount of water, particularly during the first week, so replenish the water daily.

- The tree stand should fit your tree. Some stands have circular rings at the top so the ring must be large enough for the trunk of your tree to go through the hole. Avoid whittling down the sides of the trunk to fit a stand. The outer layers of wood are the most efficient in taking up water and should not be removed.

If the tree is to be stored for more than a couple of days before display, it is advisable to place its trunk in water and store it in a cool, shaded, and protected area such as an unheated garage.

If the tree has been cut within the past 12 hours, it will not be necessary to re-cut the trunk prior to display indoors. If it has been longer than 12 hours since harvest, the trunk

should be re-cut to improve water uptake.

- Cutting off a disk of wood about a half inch thick from the base of the trunk is all that is necessary before putting the tree in the stand. Make the cut

perpendicular to the stem axis. Don't cut the trunk at an angle, or into a V-shape, which makes it far more difficult to hold the tree in the stand and also reduces the amount of water available to the tree.

- Keep displayed trees away from sources of heat (fireplaces, heater, heat vents and direct sunlight). Lowering the room temperature will slow the drying process, resulting in less water consumption each day.

- Do not use additives, such as floral preservatives, commercial tree preservatives, molasses, sugar, bleach, soft drink, aspirin, honey and other concoctions, in the water. Clean water is all that is needed to maintain freshness.

- Displaying trees in water with the proper care is much more effective in reducing fire hazards than spraying trees with flame retardants. Some flame retardants can damage needles and actually increase the rate of moisture loss from trees.

- Monitor your tree for dryness. Run your fingers across the needles to determine whether they are dry and brittle. If the needles break easily or fall off in your hand, the tree is dry and should be removed.

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How to Simplify Your Life explored at Lifetree Café

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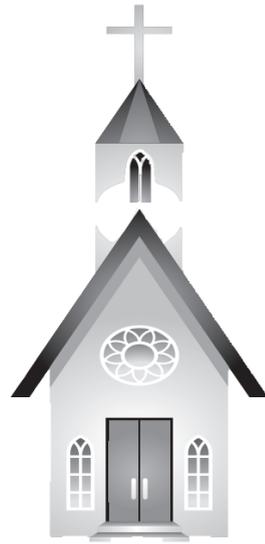
Hollywood director Tom Shadyac, best known for Ace Ventura, The Nutty Professor, Patch Adams, Bruce Almighty, and I Am, will discuss how he simplified his life in an exclusive filmed interview at 7 p.m. CT Monday, Dec. 3 at Lifetree Café.

"Shadyac sold his Hollywood mansion and moved into a trailer park," says Lifetree representative Craig Cable. "He'll share his journey and offer practical help in taking the next step toward living a saner, happier, less cluttered life."

The Lifetree event, titled "Simplify Your Life," offers participants practical help to reduce clutter, complication, and chaos in everyday life, according to Cable.

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

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversations about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlife-treecafe@fairpoint.net.



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Billy Johnson

Obituaries

Sally Perry Cox

Sept. 19, 1923 — Nov. 22, 2012

Mrs. Sally Perry Cox, 89, of Bainbridge, Ga., went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, November 22, 2012 at The Bridge at Bay St. Joseph.



SALLY COX

The family received friends from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012, at Ivey Funeral Home. The graveside service to celebrate her life followed at 2 p.m. at Spring Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Seminole County, GA with Rev. Robert Johns officiating. Mrs. Cox was born

at Spring Creek, Seminole County, GA, the daughter of Charles Lee Perry and Amanda Johnson Perry. She was a graduate of Franklin D. Roosevelt Senior High School,

Class of 1939, in Seminole County. Mrs. Cox was a member of Faceville Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife and mother who delighted in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She leaves behind four children to cherish her memory: her son James

Allen and Cathy Cox of Port St. Joe, Fla.; her daughters, Suzanne Sparks of Wilmington Island, Ga., Karen and Hugh McStay of Bainbridge, Ga., and Diane and David Shuman of Savannah, Ga.; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cox was preceded in death by her loving husband, Col. (Ret.) James Cox; her sister, Omie Perry Dillard; her brothers, Cleward Perry, Clyde Perry, Grady Perry, Oliver Perry and A. J. Perry; her son-in-law Paul Sparks; and her beloved grandson, Samuel Johnson Cox.

Elizabeth Charlene Odom Smith

Elizabeth Charlene Odom Smith made the transition to her heavenly life on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012. She was born to Charles and Josie Odom on March 10, 1948, in Columbus, Ga.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Herbert (Smitty) Smith of White City; a daughter, Lauren Sundie and her fiancé, Keith Hanley of Panama City Beach; a son, Hebert Stephen Smith and his wife, Amy Smith, of Panama City; grandchildren,

Josie Latshaw and her husband, Jon Latshaw, Codi Sundie, Joshua Sundie, Seth Smith, and Danyel Smith; two sisters, Lynda and Bill Gibbs of Panama City and Julia and James McQuaig of Port St Joe; mother-in-law, Mary Smith; brother and sister-in-law, Murry and Eudora Smith of White City, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Charles and Josie Odom, her

father-in-law, Robert "Big Bob" Smith and a sister, Edna Kelly Casey.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. ET Monday, Nov. 26, 2012 at the White City Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Nick Davis. Interment followed in the family plot in Holly Hill Cemetery. The family received friends at the church for an hour prior to the service.

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

Dorothy Mae O'Shall

1924 — 2012

children, William O' Shall, Jr. of Port St. Joe, Florida, the late Larry O'Shall, Susan Gay and husband Mark of Wewahitchka, Florida, Lynne O'Shall of Panama City Beach, Sally Gommilion of Port St. Joe, Florida and Stacey Buccerri of Tallahassee and husband Sam.

She had 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Family will receive

friends from 11 a.m. to noon EST at Holly Hill Funeral Home with a Graveside Service at noon EST at Holly Hill Cemetery on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Covenant Hospice.

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William Henry 'Billy' Howell

William Henry "Billy" Howell Jr., born Oct. 5, 1927, died in his home at 2012 Monument Ave., Port St. Joe, FL on November 23, 2012. He was a noted historian and historical photographer of Port St. Joe. He served in the Coast Guard and retired from Saint Joe Paper Company.

He is survived by his wife Nancy C.

Howell; his daughter Margaret H. (Midge) Askew and husband Jim; granddaughter Gretchen S. Schweers and husband Mike; grandson Ezekiel H. (Zeke) Stevens; great-granddaughter Sofi Ana Schweers; and sister Edwena Lawrence.

He was predeceased by his mother Calla H. Howell; father, William Henry Howell Sr.; brother

James Howell; and sister Gwendolyn Birath.

A graveside service was held at Holly Hill Cemetery at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, directed by Comforter Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that contributions be made to Covenant Hospice, 107 West 19th Ave., Panama City, FL 32405.

He will be missed by many.

Dorothy Mae O'Shall passed away on Nov. 23, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband William R. O'Shall and a son Larry O'Shall.

She was born in Deland Florida to Lee and Alma Dayton. She was raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania one of 12 children.

She was an army wife and traveled to many states and countries.

She is the mother of six

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Belle was named Top Dog in her class. Destined for Boston, she was trained by the team of lead trainer Robert Clark assisted by Pedro Tolentino-Cruz, Rafael Jimenez and Willie McClendon.



Patty Belle was named Most Improved Dog in the class. She was trained by trainer/team leader was Mario Otero, assisted by Eleuterio Ayala, and Gerald McGraw. Patty Belle is now in Virginia.



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Kelly, who has participated in the program since March of last year has personally trained, and thus saved, 10 dogs. Enrique Santos, in the program since November 2009, has trained 12 dogs and is, like Kelly, a team leader. "I've learned responsibility, I've learned how to be a teacher, a better person and how to communicate with other people," Kelly said. "It has just made me a better all-around person." Several inmates have gone on to work with dogs once released. One former inmate works for a veterinary doctor in Oregon, another with a shelter in Sarasota. The dogs are screened at the St. Joseph Humane Society shelter for sociability and their ability to be trained. The inmates apply with Gulf Forestry Camp staff and are chosen and remain in the program based on hard work and their willing-

ness to, well, get with the program. Once matched with a dog, inmates are responsible for the dogs care: feeding, grooming, house-breaking and obedience training. The inmate teams are charged with keeping meticulous records of the care provided each dog. "Both of these groups, inmates and dogs, face isolation and rejection, but when their paths merge, they often give each other hope, as one prisoner becomes the salvation of the other," Christy said. Or, as team leader, Derek Joseph, who was recently released after serving a little more than two years said, the program offers inmate and dog alike a second chance. "It is a second chance really," Joseph said. "We all got second chances, and I believe the dog deserves a second chance just as well as we do."

PIPELINE from page B1

Maddox made the trip during the summer for itinerant pipeline work, which she has been doing pretty much since she left GTCOM eight or nine years ago after 16 years as an accountant. She briefly worked in realty for Libia Taylor and also at Bluewater Outriggers, and after leaving for a stint as an inventory control specialist for a company in Panama City, Maddox figured there had to be a better way to make a living. "I thought this is so boring, working in an office five days a week," Maddox said while brandishing a copy of People magazine in which she is pictured and quoted as one of the "faces of the new frontier." "I just wanted to do something else with my life."

The mother of her boyfriend suggested pipeline work, specifically becoming a welder's helper. The training wasn't much - 80 hours to prove one has the jib for the work - and the pay was substantial, or as Maddox said, "high-scale." For example, in North Dakota, Maddox earned over \$22 an hour, a \$100 a day stipend, full benefits and the company she worked for supplied living accommodations and food.

In other words, all that money went to the bank while the company provided for her living expenses.

Maddox is now a proud member of Pipeline Local 798 out of Tulsa, OK.

"I like the outdoors, fishing and gardening," Maddox said. "I like to be outdoors. Some people are not cut out for pipelining, but I found I really enjoyed it."

She has been all over the country, working for months-long stretches from places as diverse as Rock Springs, Wyo. - "There is nothing but prairie dogs, and they are mean." - and Orangeville, Texas, Kansas, West Virginia, Utah and Minnesota.

While not all jobs filled her bank account as in North Dakota - Maddox is deciding whether she wants to brave North Dakota during the winter months - the living is a good one.

"I enjoy it because I enjoy traveling and meeting people," Maddox said. "In North Dakota, it is wide open. If you know anybody in construction they need to go up



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BEVERLY MADDOX

Above: Maddox working in North Dakota, part of what People Magazine called the faces of the new frontier of workers traveling to where the jobs are. **Left:** As one of the few women pipelining, Beverly Maddox said she gave as good as she got from the men on the job.



there. They are renting and selling homes that haven't even been built yet.

"I think they have an inventory of something like 4,000 homes planned and not yet built."

It was in Texas that Maddox had the scare of her life.

She awoke one morning with pain from one breast and knew intuitively that something was wrong. She contacted her doctor.

A biopsy later, the diagnosis was breast cancer. She had a lumpectomy and chemotherapy and Oct. 29 represents her cancer birthday, the day she received the diagnosis that she was cancer free.

"The only time I missed work was when I had surgery," Maddox explained, missing four days for the original biopsy surgery, seven days after her lumpectomy.

The work of a welder's

helper is not an easy one, Maddox said, describing the many tasks that go into the job, from buffing to grinding to providing the right tools and equipment to the welder she is working with.

"Every welder I've worked with has been one of the nicest people in the world," Maddox said.

Maddox is also something of a trail-blazer in that there are not a lot of women who take up work on pipelines.

In North Dakota, where the living compound was known as the Capital Lodge or "man camps", Maddox was one of two women she knew working in the same area.

"On the pipe gang, I was usually the only woman on the job," Maddox said. "(The men) give it to me, and I give it right back. You have to."

"I have been fortunate that I have worked with some great people. It is not

always like that, but I have been really fortunate. They are all good people."

And Maddox has, if an interview with a reporter is any indication, the appropriate personality.

When talking about the People magazine article, she went to her cell phone contacts and got the staff writer from People on the phone in New York.

She had dinner with him and the photographer on the assignment one night and struck up a fast friendship, her greeting of "This is Bevvie" eliciting an immediate response from Jeff Truesdell, the writer.

In fact, she said, her phone was brimming with the contacts she has made the past six or seven years on pipelines around the country.

"I have a lot of children out there from my work," Maddox said.

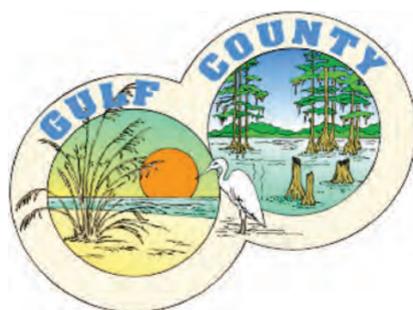


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and

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., C.T.
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The meetings, per the request and continued direction of the Board of County Commission and the Restore Committee, will be to discuss the Gulf County RESTORE Act, the pre-proposal process, any other related Gulf County matters associated with this issue.

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Gulf Coast Workforce Board holds annual luncheon

Star Staff Report

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board (GCWB) celebrated 16 years of providing workforce services to the region at its annual meeting and luncheon at FSU Panama City Campus Holley Center on Nov. 13. At the meeting, Executive Director Kim Bodine reviewed the local workforce system performance over the last year, which included:

- Assisted 1,096 employers recruit and hire workers
 - Served 60,336 walk-ins at the Workforce Center
 - In total connected 4,659 individuals to employment
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 - Helped 103 families transition from welfare to self-sufficiency
- "We owe our great

performance to our hard-working staff, our dedicated volunteer board members and our service providers," said Kim Bodine, executive director of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

The service providers for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board include Bay District Schools, Bay STARS; Haney Workforce Training Center; Friends of the Franklin County Library; TIGERS Program; Gulf Coast State College, Workforce Center; and Royal American Management. Individuals from each of the service providers along with their case manager were recognized for successfully completing their workforce program.

At the meeting the board welcomed new board member Patti Blaylock from Gulf County and also voted on a new slate of officers for 2012-2013.

Tommy Ward with Dave Pybus Electric from Bay County was appointed to

serve as chairman of the board.

Other board members elected as 2012-2013 officers include Vice-Chair Bob Swenk (Bay County); Past Chair Ted Mosteller (Franklin County); Executive Committee Member Ruth Phillips (Gulf County); and Executive Committee Member Betty Croom (Franklin County).

About the Gulf Coast Workforce Board

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is a public/private partnership chartered by the State of Florida to administer workforce development programs in Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties. Their mission is to provide leadership, oversight, guidance and assistance to institutions and agencies delivering training and workforce services in order to meet the economic development and employment needs of Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties.



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Past Chairman Gary Ross (right) passes the gavel to the new Workforce Board Chairman Tommy Ward (left).

Hospital Guild to host holiday sale

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 Fri-

day 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.sacredheartonthebay.com.

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



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The Gift Shop offers an array of items being sold to raise money to save the lighthouse.

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.

Beekeepers Field Day and Trade Show this Saturday

Star Staff Report

There will be a Beekeepers Field Day and Trade Show Saturday 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 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 Elmore Herman.

Topics in the class rotations included 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 and \$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.

New SHH North Gulf express location offers convenient outpatient tests

Star Staff Report

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf is opening a new outpatient lab station in Wewahatchka that will provide services on Fridays from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. CST.

Open as of this past Monday, the outpatient lab station is at the side entrance of the Gulf County Health Department building, 807 West Highway 22, Wewahatchka, FL 32465. No appointment is necessary.

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Jackie Brooks at jabay@knology.net or call at 850-624-0524.

• Are you interested in making a difference in someone's life? Covenant Hospice is in need of volunteers in Gulf County. Covenant Hospice provides a special kind of caring for persons with life-limiting illnesses, their families and loved ones. We offer many volunteer opportunities for all ages, to fit into any schedule. Our volunteers are the heart of the Covenant Hospice team. They receive free specialized training to provide companionship and support to patients and families, or to assist with fundraising, administrative support, and community outreach. If you, your church, or organization, would be interested in becoming a part of our Covenant Hospice team, please call Shelley Frazier, Volunteer Services Manager at 850.785.3040. We would be happy to bring the training to you.

• Abused and neglected children need a

voice in court! There are currently several children without volunteer advocate representation in Gulf County. The 14th Circuit Guardian Ad Litem Program wants these children spoken for. Be a strong, dependable voice, appointed by the court, to support these children. Training classes are starting in August. Please call 747-5180 for more information and an application.

• Volunteers are needed to assist greeting guests and doing office duties at the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge office in Apalachicola. Introduce visitors to displays and information about St. Vincent Island. Call (850) 653-8808 and ask for Charlotte if you can help on Mondays and/or Wednesdays.

• Able-bodied volunteers are needed to help with outdoor work on St. Vincent Island. You need to be able to tolerate heat and sweat, but the island and wildlife are amazing. Call Shelley at 850-527-8535 if you can help on the island.

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Thousands of families & individuals in our area are at risk of going to bed hungry and empty-handed on Christmas.

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Mail in the Empty Stocking Fund envelope inserted in today's paper to the Salvation Army or The News Herald with your contribution!

The Empty Stocking Fund provides food and toy baskets to thousands of families in Bay, Gulf, Franklin, Holmes, and Washington Counties.

Authorities charge Wewahitchka man in child porn case

By TIM CROFT
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EVAN MATLOCK

A Wewahitchka man was arrested last Monday night by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Florida Department of Law Enforcement along with Gulf County Sheriff's Office investigators, on five charges of possessing and distributing child pornography.

Evan Carter Matlock, 20, was arrested when agents served a search warrant at 151 Oscar Holmes Road in Wewahitchka.

After being advised of his rights, Matlock acknowledged possessing multiple images and

videos of children portrayed in sexual acts and told investigators he routinely searched the internet using a file sharing system in pursuit of images of children depicted in sexual acts, according to the arresting affidavit.

Matlock is being held on \$50,000 bond, \$10,000 per count, in the Gulf County Jail.

The FDLE and FBI, involved because of images being distributed across state lines, confiscated Matlock's laptop computer, on which they found at least five files depicting male children in sex acts.

More charges are expected as Matlock's computer is further analyzed.

Gulf County ARREST REPORT



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

On 11/14/2012 Amanda Renee Yowell, 30, was arrested on a warrant for failure for DWLSR

On 11/07/2012 Denise A Ethridge, 30, was arrested on warrants for giving alcoholic beverages to person under 21 and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

On 11/15/2012 Tammy Nichols Finch, 41, was arrested for DWLSR.

On 11/17/2012 deputies responded to a possible trespass in the Wewahitchka area. The deputy determined that Eric Anthony Sims,

25, had kicked the door in of a shed; Sims was located and charged with Burglary.

On 11/19/2012 Evan Carter Matlock, 20, was arrested by FDLE, FBI on 5 counts of possession of photographs of children performing sexual acts; his bond was set at \$50,000.00.

On 11/19/2012 Donnie Noah Whitfield, 22, was arrested on a warrant for dealing in stolen property.

On 11/20/2012 Cynthia Diane Youngs, 36, was arrested on a warrant for battery.

On 11/20/2012 Sabrina Erin

Vickers, 35, was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation; it is alleged that she tested positive for cocaine.

On 11/20/2012 James Raymond Heath, Jr., 45, was arrested on violation of pretrial release on charges of DUI; his violation was being arrested on a new charge of DUI.

On 11/21/2012 Carie Joy Kemp was arrested for false report of a crime. She had reported her boyfriend's truck stolen the night before. Investigators determined that Kemp had been involved in a hit and run crash the night before and were hiding the fact she was driving. Additional charges will be filed by FHP for the traffic crash.

On 11/23/2012 Randall Lamar Moore, 30, and Ashley David Haddock, 27, were arrested by FWC Officer on charges of using illegal nets.

On 11/25/2012 Charles William Freeman, 42, was arrested for DWLSR.



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CHAIRMAN- CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
By: -s- Ashley Hegler, Division Representative
November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2012

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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:

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90673S
STATE OF FLORIDA, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION, Petitioner
vs.
CORY M. WEBB, Case # 33210 Respondent

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NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: CORY M. WEBB, Residence Unknown

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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.

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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.

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Dated: November 8, 2012.
Ernest W. George

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REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk

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90873S
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LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
Tax Sale Certificate No. 1657
Application No. 2012-45
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No: 06311-245R

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
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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Name in which assessed: BMR Funding LLC

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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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REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2012

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90875S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
Tax Sale Certificate No. 1658
Application No. 2012-44
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No: 06311-250R

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
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.

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Name in which assessed: BMR Funding LLC

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS GULF COUNTY PARKS WEEKEND CLEAN UP CONTRACT
BID #1213-02

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The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed from any qualified person, company, or corporation interested in providing the following:

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Gulf County Parks requiring weekend and/or holiday clean up as specified.

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Please place YOUR COMPANY NAME, SEALED BID, and the BID NUMBER on the outside of your envelope, and provide three copies of your proposal.

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Bids must be submitted to and specifications may be obtained from the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456 by Friday, December 14, 2012 by 4:30 p.m., E.T.

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Specifications may also be obtained at www.gulfcountry-fl.gov. Bids will be opened at this same location on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., E.T. The public is invited to attend.

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Any questions concerning this bid should be directed to Lynn Lanier, Gulf County Deputy Administrator at (850) 229-6106 or (850) 227-8971.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
/s/ William C. Williams, III, Chairman
Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk
Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 2012

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91035S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 12-51 PR IN PROBATE
IN RE: The Estate of LESTER F. NEUMAN, Deceased.

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

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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.

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

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

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ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this notice is November 22,

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2012.
Ancillary Personal Representative
KENNETH D. NEUMAN
N5803 Shaw Hill Rd.
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

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Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative
THOMAS S. GIBSON
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FL Bar No. 0350583
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(850) 229-8211
November 22, 29, 2012

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91051S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA-000007
DIVISION:
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
GARY LAMONT GREEN, et al.; Defendant(s),
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated November 2, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 23-2012-CA-000007, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is Plaintiff, and GARY LAMONT GREEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY LAMONT GREEN; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES

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CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

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I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. E.T. at the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 on the 13th day of December, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
DESCRIPTION PARCEL 2B
A PORTION OF SECTIONS 31 AND 32, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SAID SECTION 32, N90°00'00"E, 109.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF NORTH CANAL DRIVE; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, S04°34'47"E, 419.77 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, S04°46'39"E, 462.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, S04°46'39"E, 172.26 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT;

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This property is located at the Street address of 547 N Canal Drive, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456.

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the is penden may claim the surplus.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 15, 2012

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Clerk of the Court
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, P.O. Box 826, Marianna, Florida 32447; Phone: 850-718-0026; Email: ADARequest@jud4.courts.org, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon re-

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THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, S89°59'41"W, 330.01 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE N04°45'59"W, 172.26 FEET; THENCE N89°59'41 "E, 329.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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ceiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days: if you are hearing or voice impaired call 711. Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 2012

91053S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA-000060

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

vs. JASON P. BARBOUR, et. al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Other dated November 13th, 2012, entered in Civil Case Number 23-2012-CA-000060, in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, where-in BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is the Plaintiff, and JASON P. BARBOUR, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida, described as:

Commencing at a concrete monument marking the NW corner of NE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence N 89°30'30" E, along the North line of said NE 1/4 for 680.04 feet to an iron rod; thence continue N 89°30'30" E, along said North line for 276.00 feet to an iron rod; thence S 0°07'40" E, for 74.05 feet to an iron rod on the South right of way line of a paved County Road as occupied, said point being 30.00 feet South of the centerline of pavement of said road; thence N 89°56'20" E, along said South right of way line a distance of 105.00 feet to an iron rod for the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 89°56'20" E, along said right of way line for 105.00 feet to an iron rod; thence S 0°07'40" E, 220.00 feet to an iron rod; thence S 89°56'20" W 105.00 feet to an iron rod; thence N 0°07'40" W 220.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being located in the NE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida. The South 10.00 feet of the above described property being subject to a private easement for the purposes of ingress and egress

Together with that certain doublewide mobile home described as: 2004 CHAN Vin 2208482A #0090445639 and 2004 CHAN Vin 220848B #0090445717

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 5th Street, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 at 11:00 AM, on the 13th day of December, 2012.

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

Dated: November 15, 2012.

Rebecca Norris Gulf County Clerk of Court Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Barbara Baxter Deputy Clerk Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 2012

91165S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-135CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

SHIPYARD HOLDINGS, INC.; JOHN DIXON a/k/a JOHN D. DIXON; NEKTON DIVING CRUISES, INC. a/k/a NEKTON DIVE CRUISES, INC. f/k/a NEKTON ADVENTURE CRUISES, INC.; LOGGERHEAD HOLDINGS, INC.; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; GADDIS CAPITAL CORPORATION; and NEKTON DIVING CRUISES, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment dated November 15, 2012 and entered in Case No. 12-135CA of the Circuit Court of the

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Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, where-in CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and SHIPYARD HOLDINGS, INC.; JOHN DIXON a/k/a JOHN D. DIXON; NEKTON DIVING CRUISES, INC. a/k/a NEKTON DIVE CRUISES, INC. f/k/a NEKTON ADVENTURE CRUISES, INC.; LOGGERHEAD HOLDINGS, INC.; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; GADDIS CAPITAL CORPORATION; and NEKTON DIVING CRUISES, LLC; are the current Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on December 13, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, in the Courthouse Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF GULF, STATE OF FL, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. THENCE N85°31'34"E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 15 FOR 1096.00 FEET; THENCE N64°03'05"W FOR 844.76 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 150.00 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 175.89 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD OF 165.98 FEET BEARING S82°21'25"W; THENCE S48°45'55"W FOR 1663.60 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 475.00 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 569.86 FEET, SAID ARC HAVING A CHORD OF 536.29 FEET BEARING S83°08'03"W; THENCE N62°29'49"W FOR 2248.18 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S45°07'00"W FOR 325.65 FEET; THENCE N44°53'00"W FOR 1000.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE GULF COUNTY CANAL EASEMENT; THENCE N45°07'00"E ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE FOR 435.60 FEET; THENCE S44°53'00"E FOR 1000.00 FEET; THENCE S45°07'00"W FOR 109.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property

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owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 19, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 2012

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