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## PSJ commission approves water study

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Port St. Joe commissioners hope another 30-plus weeks and \$60,000 will supply a more definitive answer to chronic problems with discolored water experienced by many residents on the south end of the county.

Commissioners approved Tuesday moving ahead with a water distribution profile and pilot study that aimed at defini-

tively identifying the culprit(s) at the root of the discolored water problems that have plagued the city since a \$21 million surface water plant went online some three years ago.

"I feel like we have to move forward with it," Mayor Mel Magidson said. "Hopefully it will lead to some answers to the water problem."

The study, which will include taking samples over months at different junctures in the trip water takes from the plant to some

*"We know no matter what we do with the distribution system, we still know we have problems with certain house plumbing, certain situations. We just don't know what that is."*

Commissioner Bill Kennedy

households and businesses and offsite chemical protocol testing at Virginia Tech, will be something of a fiscal wash for the

commission.

Last week, the board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District announced a

grant of \$106,000 to the city for improvements to the Chipola Pump Station, where water is pumped from the Chipola River to the freshwater canal the city taps for its water, including replacement of the main engine at the station.

That will allow the city to take \$65,000 earmarked in the current budget for that work into cash carry forward. Because there is no budget line to pay for the pilot

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### CAPE SAN BLAS LIGHTHOUSE



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A truck and trailer revved, the move of one of the keepers' quarters is under way on the grounds of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. Below is a long view of the work done and the work ahead as one keepers' quarters and the oil house remain to be moved back to protect them while disposition of the buildings is determined.

## ON THE MOVE

Lighthouse quarters removed from erosion danger zone

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Moving day arrived Tuesday at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

The U.S. Air Force began the move of the keepers' quarters and oil house on the grounds of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse in the fight to save the lighthouse and buildings from encroaching erosion.

Eglin Air Force Base, which owns the property on which the lighthouse and buildings sit, contracted with ICC Contractors out of Bristol, which in turn subcontracted the work of moving the keepers' quarters and oil house to Stone's House Movers out of Sneads.

The keepers' quarters are being moved back roughly 100 feet, leaving them essen-



tially the same distance from the coast as the lighthouse, which is not considered in imminent danger.

"This was an Air Force initiative to move these buildings," said public information officer Mike Spaits. "We contracted to have the buildings moved and secured the \$50,000 to fund the move. We had a partner in the (U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers), but this was an Air Force initiative."

On Tuesday, the first of the two keepers' quarters was moved. The second and the oil house will be moved later this week.

The moves are being made to buy time. The Air Force already has rendered the lighthouse and buildings

surplus, and the application for applying to take possession of them expired the last week of November.

The National Parks Service is reviewing the applications for a final award. The Board of County Commissioners and city of Port St. Joe both submitted applications.

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## Gulf RESTORE committee solicits ideas

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Many answers have yet to be filled in, but the county RESTORE Committee is seeking ideas from the public.

In a pair of town hall meetings at each end of the county early this week, the RESTORE committee provided an overview of the legislation that would divide civil fine money paid by BP because of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill and how those funds would flow to impacted states and counties.

Committee members also distributed the template for a "pre-proposal" of potential projects the county might consider as the process moves forward.

There are still many unknowns, as Jennifer Jenkins of the RESTORE committee said. The final say in any funding for local projects, should the process proceed as currently legislated, would be with the Board of County Commissioners.

A recent criminal fine has almost no bearing on the ultimate civil penalty, though it established culpability for the civil trial expected in the spring.

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Mexico Beach Community Development Council awarded \$200,000 from BP-sponsored Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund

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## Lobbyist: Gustav relief decision expected 'soon'

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The case has been made to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and a decision from the agency was expected "soon" on whether Gulf County will be reimbursed some \$15 million for damages to a beach renourishment project during Hurricane Gustav four years ago.

The reimbursement, Washington lobbyist Amanda Woods said, initially was to be provided by FEMA before a protest from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which expressed concerns about effects on sensitive animal habitat.

Woods told the Board of County Commissioners last week that she and her firm, along with local officials and members of the county's congressional delegation, have made a strong case that the reimbursement should be made and that FEMA has the power to decide that reimbursement despite objections from U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

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The presumption from the beginning, Woods said, was that the reimbursement to restore lost sand was within the guidelines of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, which seeks to govern development of sensitive coastal lands across the country.

That presumption, Woods said, was based on FEMA's original authorization for the \$20 million beach renourishment undertaken by the county in the past decade.

"FEMA can pay the reimbursement if it is consistent with CBRA, and we think it is given two key points: Sensitive species would not be impacted, and the renourishment would not be bringing new development.

"We expect a response soon, but we are confident

we made the case."

For four years, the county has been seeking reimbursement for sand loss. Officials have twice gone back to federal agencies with new information they say demonstrates the reimbursement should be made.

Woods noted that much of the information provided to FEMA and other federal agencies also points to the county's argument that the Cape San Blas/St. Joseph Peninsula area never should have been placed in a CBRA zone, based on infrastructure and development already in place in the early 1980s, when CBRA was passed by Congress and signed into law by former President Ronald Reagan.

"It should never have been included," Woods said.

"That area did not meet the criteria for inclusion in a CBRA zone."

She said Congressman Steve Southerland has filed a bill in Congress to have the CBRA designation in Gulf County overturned, and that bill should be heard in committee after the first of the year.

## RESTORE representation

A contentious discussion broke out over the BOCC's decision at a previous meeting to move ahead with hiring an individual — the only name offered was that of former commissioner Bill Williams — to represent the county in bringing BP fine money to the county.

Bo Williams spoke passionately that Bill Williams

should not be hired because of the county's strong representation at the state (Sen. Bill Montford, Senate President Don Gaetz, Rep. Halsey Beshears) and federal (Congressman Steve Southerland) levels.

Bo Williams also noted that Bill Williams owed the Internal Revenue Service almost \$2 million, had unpaid county property taxes and despite having traveled extensively on taxpayer dime for RESTORE Act meetings and congressional testimony, the county had realized little.

"See any bacon on the plate?" Bo Williams asked commissioners. "I don't think you need a paid representative in Tallahassee to advocate for the county on this."

Newly elected Joanna Bryan, who at the start of the meeting was sworn in as the first elected female commissioner; also said calls and communications from her constituents, once served by Bill Williams, indicated disinclination toward hiring him.

"I think it would be a mistake for obvious reasons," Bryan said. "It is best we break ties with Mr. Williams and move forward."

And despite protests from Commissioner Tan Smiley that Bill Williams' personal financial issues were not county business, Bryan said his handling of his own money is germane to serving the public.

"The way a person does handle his personal finances does reflect on how he might handle county business," Bryan said.

Resident Pat Hardman said she had hoped the "personal vendetta" she described against Bill Williams would end and that Bill Williams has a lot of expertise in the RESTORE Act.

Commissioner Ward McDaniel said the BOCC did not hire Bill Williams but was looking at potential avenues should they need help in the future with RESTORE issues.

Bryan moved that the county attorney be halted in his work on a scope of

services to hire a consultant, Bill Williams or not, but Smiley and Commissioner Carmen McLemore dissented.

With Commissioner Warren Yeager having left the meeting midway through, the motion died after a 2-2 tie, with McDaniel agreeing with Bryan.

In other business, the BOCC approved an ordinance that would ban county employees from texting and reading texts or other information from their phones while driving a county vehicle.

Editor's note: Last week it was stated in this paper that the BOCC is barred from hiring Bill Williams as a lobbyist for the county for two years after he left office. Attorney Tom Gibson of Rish, Gibson and Scholz said in an email his interpretation was that Bill Williams could not represent a third party for compensation before the BOCC but that the BOCC could "absolutely" hire Williams to represent the BOCC.

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"We are responsible for protecting our historic resources," said Maria Rodriguez, chief administrator for historic resources with Eglin AFB. "That's why we are moving them back, to get them out of harm's way."

Hurricane Isaac was effectively the final straw in the protection of the lighthouse, which long has sat in an area of Cape San Blas that is rapidly eroding.

Isaac took an additional 27 feet of shoreline, rendering the one entrance road into the lighthouse grounds impassable.

A new entrance road was constructed to facilitate the move of the lighthouse and buildings once a final destination has been

determined.

The keepers' quarters and oil house will remain on temporary moorings to facilitate the move to a new location. The county is proposing Salinas Park; the city has proposed a bayfront area that would be part of George Core Park.

After the buildings are moved, the Air Force will begin to clear debris from the shoreline surrounding the grounds.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provided a grant to the University of Florida to facilitate the debris removal. The hope is that once clean, what is left of the beach might once again become a nesting area for sea turtles.

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The total civil fine, which a federal judge will determine after trial early next year, is therefore an unknown, and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which will oversee disbursement of civil fine monies, has yet to establish a rules matrix for how projects will be judged and funds appropriated.

Of particular focus for the eight impacted counties in Florida is language in state law that establishes a process for the disbursement of so-called "Pot No. 1", which represents more than a third of the fine money and will be distributed among five states.

The state law mandates that 75 percent of those funds coming to Florida will be earmarked for projects in the eight most im-

pacted counties from Escambia to Wakulla.

Based solely on projections of the potential civil fine, Gulf County could receive as much as \$25.3 million.

The county has moved briskly ahead in its planning, following recommendations in RESTORE legislation — passed by a bi-partisan majority in Congress and signed by the president this summer — to establish a local committee and begin the process of identifying potential projects.

The goal is to meet a deadline for having an initial plan in place, which will include proposed projects for the first three years.

"We as a county are ahead of other counties, but we are not sure if the factors, if they should

change," Jenkins said.

The pre-proposals being sought, as defined during the town hall meetings, are three- to five-page outlines of a proposed project, including timeline, budget, impact either environmental or economic, the sustainability of the project, how it fits with local comprehensive plans and other factors.

"How they fit, how can we get them done," County Commissioner Warren Yeager said.

There are 10 allowed activities under RESTORE, from restoration of wildlife habitat to infrastructure

projects that would boost local economies, but the allowed activities "are not gospel yet" and as structured allow for "leeway," Yeager said.

The focus at this time is to solicit from the public suggestions for how best to use funds to foster environmental protection and restoration or economic stimulus for the county.

"We can take a look at them and as a group and maybe streamline them," Jenkins said, noting that some suggested projects might be better suited for other pots of money that will address statewide and

regional projects.

"This is so we can see what is important for eligible applicants and help us help you strategize for the application process."

The RESTORE Committee will meet again on Dec. 18, and pre-proposals are due to the committee by Jan. 15. The pre-proposals will be reviewed through March 1, and sometime in the spring of 2013, the application process is expected to begin.

Eligible applications must come from a local resident, nonprofit organization or governmental/education entity. However,

RESTORE committee members emphasized that eligibility is only for applications, not pre-proposals, and urged any and all ideas from the public.

"It is important we work through the pre-proposal process and get ready for the application process," Yeager said. "It will be a work in progress, I can tell you."

The pre-proposal form is available at the county offices. Questions can be asked at questions@gulfcounty-fl.gov, and all answers will be available to the public at gulfcounty-fl.gov/restore.

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Thanksgiving. This year it came on November 23rd.

Why do I love this day?

It has nothing to do with leftovers, the Battle of Chattanooga (1863), the first all female expedition to the South Pole (1990) or Roy Acuff's death in 1992. I did like Roy Acuff a lot. I ran into him in a parking lot in Nashville, Tennessee in the late 1970s. When I say, "I ran into him," I don't mean I hit him, I mean I met him.

There was nothing like seeing the King of Country Music get out of his Mercedes Benz coupe in the parking lot of an "all you can eat" feeding trough in Nashville. There was a gold plate on the dash with his name engraved. Roy let us admire it.

The reason I love working on the day after Thanksgiving is because no one else comes to work. It makes for a nice quiet day to get things done.

Being a true Southerner, I decided to brine my turkey in a mixture of sweet tea and apple cider (with a few other things). It was divine and we ate too much. I took a long nap on Thanksgiving afternoon, something I rarely do.

I was "double sleepy" by early Friday afternoon at work.

All of this sleepiness caused me to think of "tryptophan" and turkey and if what they say is really true (about it making you sleepy). So, I did a little research.

The science part is not too hard to understand. Tryptophan is an amino acid that the body needs. Tryptophan can be found in meat, cheese, yogurt, fish, eggs over easy (and in general) and also poultry, like turkey.

The reason our bodies need tryptophan is that it helps produce serotonin, which makes melatonin, a hormone that helps you know when to sleep and wake up.

So, turkey may not help you sleep or make

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you want to take a nap anymore than a grilled cheese sandwich or fried catfish.

However, I did find a nutritionist's explanation on how the turkey could make you sleepy. The nutritionist noted that the stored turkey in your body could be boosted by a "serotonin snack" such as Fig Newtons, half a small wheat bagel with honey dripped on it, or a few cups of "air-popped" popcorn.

Who in their right mind would eat any of that right after Thanksgiving dinner?

I can hear them now, "I just ate half a turkey, a plate of dressing smothered in gravy, seven rolls, some peas, potatoes and four slices of pie. Would someone please get the Presto Popcorn Popper out of the garage so we can have a few cups of air popped popcorn now?"

Honestly, I'm from the other school of thought.

The other school of thought being that we eat so doggone much that we are tired. When you eat a lot, blood rushes to your gut, robbing your body of oxygen and stuff, making you not want to eat for a while. Then it hits you again — you want to eat a whole lot causing the gut blood rushing thing. It's a vicious cycle and there is a danger of getting stuck on this feast or famine seesaw. All this seesawing wears you out.

My cycle goes from Thanksgiving to Thanksgiving, so I think I will be able to recover.

Forgetting to bring leftovers for lunch on this Friday, I went to the shelf of food in my office. I keep things there in the event of emergencies, kind of like those Doomsday Preppers on television who are saving stuff up for a disaster. I generally go for foods with a shelf life of at least a decade.

See **TRACTOR A5**

## Keyboard KLATTERINGS

# The public agenda

We applaud County Commission chair Tan Smiley for his stated desire to see an end to personal attacks during county board meetings.

We applaud a citizen for standing up and stating emphatically that meetings of the Board of County Commissioners should be about county business, not personal differences and attacks.



**TIM CROFT**  
Star news editor

Seems, however, these statements are a bit like practicing fire safety after burning down the house.

For if there was a foundation for

allowing the county meeting room, the public podium and those five chairs in which the commissioners sit to become ensnared in the din of personal attacks it was built by commissioners.

They own the atmosphere they have fostered in their meeting room and the sooner they take ownership the sooner it stops.

With the exception of the newly-elected Joanna Bryan, a historic winner as the only female ever elected by voters to the BOCC, commissioners have sat and quietly approved or participated in personal attacks, to the point of making accusations of crimes not charged.

Quietly approved because if commissioners sit idly by and allow one of their peers to adopt a scorched-earth policy on his way out the door, alleging crimes and launching into ad hominem attacks on other governmental entities and individuals with impunity, well those other commissioners approved.

And participated, in some cases, with gusto and the same venom expressed not only by some members of the public, granted every time extension desired to grind axes, but by a former commissioner who no longer cared who or what was left along the roadside as he bulldozed out of town.

Where, for example, was Smiley when his fellow commissioners were making a public piñata of a former Tourist Development Council director, accusing him and others

of illegal acts that proved wildly unfounded?

Or when his predecessor as chair was alleging crimes by individuals that, again, were unfounded?

What did any of that have to do with county business? How did any of it promote statesmanship and professionalism Smiley said he hoped for during the last meeting?

While commissioners usually turn a deaf ear to the mere suggestion that other governmental entities might have some things right, the BOCC could go a long way toward promoting transparency and professionalism by tweaking its agenda.

As in actually presenting one. Yes, the BOCC every two weeks sends out an agenda of what is coming up but the document reads the same save for those times when outside agency representatives or citizens request time for a specific topic.

Other than that, a county agenda has four or five broad categories — consent agenda, staff business, commissioners' business, hear from the public — that permit no insight into what might be discussed at any specific meeting.

That is a disservice to all who the county represents.

A perfect example is the recent decision by commissioners to dismantle their own Economic Development Council model for another one.

Regardless of circumstances this is an issue, given we are talking taxpayer money, that should be before the entire public for its input.

This should not be sprung late in a meeting by one commissioner with other commissioners jumping on board the train with nary an opportunity for the public — commissioners' employers as they too often forget — to weigh in.

And without public input or discussion, commissioners effectively shivved a man who was hired, moved across the country — remember the previous director didn't live in Gulf County full time so he was of no use — and did everything asked of him and more.

Now, commissioners are telling this director that no, he is not terminated, but he is just working for

commissioners in some unspecified role under the county administrator.

The BOCC decided they would hold a workshop with stakeholders on the issue, but given that it took eight months to schedule the last joint workshop with the city of Port St. Joe, the primary EDC stakeholder after the county, nobody should be holding their breath.

The hiring of a former commissioner to lobby for the county is also an issue that should be noted on the agenda to allow the public to weigh in.

And these are just two examples of commissioners putting out an agenda that does not remotely reflect the issues and discussions that will take place.

That is deliberately misleading the public.

The city of Port St. Joe adopts a simple policy — they put just about every topic that could come up during a given week on the agenda and unless the topic is listed it is not discussed.

This should be no great leap for the BOCC. County administrative staff could receive input from department heads and commissioners, and in particular the chair who sets the tone, on the issues of county business that must or should come before the BOCC in a given week.

That is the template commissioners then work from. The public can still offer input as desired, but unless it is county business — not a state attorney investigation or disgust with an exercise in free speech — they get their three minutes and off.

And by adopting an agenda and sticking to it the BOCC can avoid the perception that too many decisions, such as the EDC destruction, are discussed and decided out of the sunshine, out of the public's eye.

The agenda for any public meeting belongs in theory to the public.

By failing to provide any detail about their bi-monthly meetings the BOCC turns that equation on its head and feeds the perception that government is a private, not public, club.

And that is an affront to every taxpayer and resident of this county.

## You talk about the cart before the horse

Stop me if I've told you this one before. Is time speeding up? It appears to me that days are racing by now at an incredible pace. Weeks blur into months, months spin by like fence post on the open road. Birthdays, that used to take forever, are wearing lines in my face at an alarming rate.

I think it has something to do with the holes we've shot into the ozone. Or maybe it's global warming. Or voice activated iPads. Something has us in a time warp.

It's December already! I didn't know what to get my wife last year for Christmas ... and it's time to do it again?

Things didn't move at this pace growing up down at the end of Stonewall Street. I spent a week one afternoon waiting for Leon to get home with the baseball. We blew up the bedroom mixing all those chemicals that came with the Gilbert Chemistry set into one giant blob because we had too much time on our hands. We weren't laying on our backs and trying to "make out" the different shapes of passing clouds because we wanted to. We had no other alternative!

And there were certain days back in our formative years that almost didn't get here at all! The last day of school comes quickly to mind. It was usually in late May. We started looking

forward to it officially on Jan. 4. That was the first day back to school after Christmas vacation and since there was no such thing then as "spring break", teacher in-service days or time off for good behavior, we set our eyes on that magical day in May.

But oh boy, the math, English, spelling words and Blue Bird reading classes we had to endure to get there! Time stopped all together for two months when I was in the third grade. You would have heard about it but CNN hadn't been invented yet. We prayed for May to come. We held séances. Ricky Hale threw a frog over his left shoulder. We studied the Julian and Lunar Calendars to see if either one had a motor on it.

It was all to no avail. I flunked algebra three times my sophomore year before May arrived.

Christmas was as equally slow in arriving. It came to Memphis weeks before it got to us! We spent so much time waiting and wishing we could smell the rubber off of that Schwinn Deluxe Hornet bicycle just by looking at a picture of it in the Sears Roebuck Catalogue. Fights would break out weeks before Christmas among my brothers over who got to open their present first. We went to bed early

every night in hopes those visions of sugar plums could speed thing up a mite. Nothing helped! Do you have any idea how long I waited for that Red Ryder BB gun? Anticipation can be such a beautiful thing.....unless Santa is lost over Omaha!

And oh, how I looked forward to my birthday. Mom would make a cake. Friends would come to my party bearing gifts. I was the center of attention. Problem was, the more you tried to hurry it, the more it stayed just out of your grasp. I wanted so to be six and start school (my parents had lied to me and told me it would be fun). Then I sooooo longed to be eight and sign-up for Little League. Bobby Jack Cantrell promised me I could pitch and bat fourth "as soon as you're twelve."

Sixteen took the longest "to get here" by far. I could drive before then, but my folks had the dangdest rules. They didn't understand that I had places to go. Friends to pick up! Girls to take out! I wanted to comb my hair back, hang my elbow out the window and cruise Frank's Dairy Bar. Mom urged patience, "It will be here soon, son." Dad allowed as how I might not go as far as I "talked" if I didn't get busy and earn a little gas money.

I literally counted down the days.

Suffice it to say I don't have to "count the days" on anything any more. I just turn around and the

event I was waiting on is a distant memory. It went by like a runaway freight train! It was only yesterday I remember thinking if my first born could simply tell me where he hurt instead of crying, I could do this parent thing. That little boy turned 37 last week.

July the Fourth came and went before I could get my flag up. My Thanksgiving turkey hasn't digested and I'm totin' holly into the house. And, back to what got us going today, I've got to find a Christmas gift for Cathy whether I'm ready or not! And I'd better hurry, it will be Valentine's before I can get to the store and back.

Isn't life a hoot! Especially when you figure most of us have been living it backwards!

Why couldn't time have moved like this when we were studying on those boring cloud shapes? School would have been over in a week! Think of the roller skates, mopeds, fishing rods, shotguns and English Leather I could have enjoyed if Christmas had come along as often back then as it does now. I long today for that leisurely pace of my youth. Things go by so fast I have a constant knot in my neck.

A few years of maturity "back then" might have helped my wistful waiting ... and I could sure use a little more boy in me now that the world has moved to warp speed.

Respectfully,  
Kes

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**A special thank you**

Dear Editor:  
Thank you to Mr. George and Hilda Duren for the continued wonderful support to the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner for all of Gulf County. Mr. Duren makes our committee of volunteers feel like part of his family. His staff from Kathy Butler in the Deli department and Jackie Williams in the ordering and receiving department, and their excellent staff make us feel so welcome. This badly needed program would not be possible without the help of Mr. George Duren's and all of the Piggly Wiggly staff.

Jerry Stokoe  
Port St. Joe

**BOCC should not hire Williams**

Dear Editor:  
As a Gulf County citizen and someone interested in a healthy and progressive Gulf County, I sent an email two weeks ago to Commissioners McDaniel and Smiley, asking that they do not put Bill Williams in a position to represent our county in any way with regard to the RESTORE funds.

While it is true he has positioned himself to be knowledgeable, his representation of Gulf County and his participation in the receipt of these funds will not give our county the opportunity to start anew. Mr. Williams is no longer a county commissioner and moved from Gulf County months ago; this is an excellent time to reshuffle, refresh, and restore Gulf County to openness and new ideas. It needn't be frightening to try something new - and it could be productive for the county. It was heartening to learn that at the Nov. 27 commissioner's meeting pointed questions were asked about hiring a RESTORE representative, and it is commendable that some commissioners have a new outlook on what should be done.

There are fresh faces on the commission, Mr. Smiley and Mr. McDaniel, and now with the addition of Ms. Bryan, I would ask that you three particularly stand up for county interests, ask the questions that need to be asked, and put any questionable dealings of the past behind us. This is an opportunity to bring the county up to a stellar standard.

I am not alone in thinking that if Mr. Bill Williams is hired and allowed to represent Gulf County in the RESTORE fund project, it may be business as usual. We need responsible and responsive commissioners to

put Gulf County first. Readers if you would like input on this issue, please make an effort to reach out to your commissioner and voice your concerns.

Nancy Swider  
Port St. Joe

**Proud of my home?**

Dear Editor:  
On Nov. 6, 2012, I have lived in Gulf County for six years. I wanted to feel that I could make Port St. Joe my home and be proud to say I lived in Port St. Joe. It was a hard decision to leave my friends of 50 years. To make this adjustment as easy as possible, I went out and participated in different activities in the community. I had arranged to have a pretty full life by trying to contribute to the betterment of Port St. Joe by volunteering, etc.

I wanted to know what was going on in the government of both the City and County, as I live in the city limits. Any decisions made by both commission boards affect my life. Therefore, I have tried to schedule my time so that I would be able to attend most all the commission meetings.

Approximately two months ago the decision was made to change the county meetings to the morning. The reason given was to save on overtime due to paid employees and electricity. This could be solved by adjusting any employee's day by coming in at a later time; either that day or the following day. By this change in the county commission meeting, I am not able to attend all meetings because of prior commitments. It has also eliminated working people from being able to attend unless they take time off from work. I have heard the statement made when there was a special meeting and there would be a good crowd; 'I wish all meetings were attended like this.' Has that concept changed? Or is the reasoning now that the fewer that attends the better we (the commissioners) prefer it?

In the city elections any citizen can vote for any candidate running for a seat. In the county any citizen can only vote for one candidate out of five districts. However, all five commissioners pass ordinances for every citizen of the county, if they choose to vote. When a commissioner abstains from voting, that district has not representation in that decision.

I would like that those that take the oath to represent me in this county would act as adults. In the county commission meeting of Oct. 25 anyone that had move to Port St. Joe recently was referred to as blow-ins. I take that as an insult. It is alright if

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we move in, pay our taxes that pay salaries; but let us keep our mouth shut. Also, the chairman of the board is addressed as the honorable commissioner. The chairman made the statement that he hoped the candidate running for the seat he is vacating didn't win, which she did win. This is an abomination. Now the county is considering hiring this prior commissioner. He is barred by state law from receiving any compensation as an advocacy or lobbyist for the county for the next two years. Also, he isn't a resident of Port St. Joe anymore. What about keeping jobs in Gulf County?

I have to look back at the statement I made in the beginning of this letter. Can I be proud to say Port St. Joe is my home?

Juanita Mouring  
Port St. Joe

**Raising academic expectations**

Dear Editor:  
In regards to Mr. Comer's Nov. 30 article, "Let's Get Real World," I believe that Mr. Comer has the best interest of all our citizens at heart but I would like to point out that I don't feel it's always fair to assign all the blame to our school system and its administrators. In my opinion, Mr. Comer addresses an ongoing problem that has lingered in our school system for decades and the problem of which I speak of is low academic expectations by students and parents of

Gulf County schools.

Going further, assuming what Mr. Comer is saying is true, our kids are not getting the education they need to compete in today's world. However, I do not adhere to the notion that it is all the school system and faculty's fault. Cutting to the chase, I personally don't believe that this problem will or can be remedied by only our school system. I truly believe that the school system, whether consciously or not, is giving the parents of our children just the amount and quality education they are expecting and supporting.

I would like to think that parents of our students would want to take a "fresh" look at the quality of the education that their children are getting and lend their lobby and strong support to modifying priorities of our school system's programs with much more emphasis on higher academic standards. This is not to say our educators lack or are not doing a good job, as we have well educated and qualified instructors. I am not talking about doing away with any present activities. What I am talking about is openly raising the celebration of academic excellence, expecting and requiring more from the students with parents fully standing behind our educators in their endeavor to educate our young people. More emphasis must be given to communicating the advantages of obtaining all the education that

a student can obtain as well as the career opportunities that will be available to them if they take advantage of their educational opportunities in the Gulf County School system. I know an effort is now being made in this direction but teachers and parents alike must do more.

Gulf County does a great job of supporting extracurricular activities for students such as team sports, ROTC, Boy Scouts, and the like - I am also a supporter of these activities as they are all important to youth development - but the hard truth is, whether we like it or not, these activities most often do not determine a student's entry into the next level, regardless of their abilities and accomplishments. The fact is, students are primarily judged to be qualified for a position after school, whether it is in the workforce, in higher education or the military, by the amount of education they received and retained while in school. We are not being fair to our children when we pamper them with the notion that just any degree of effort is o.k. and that "it is up to the teachers to teach you" and that all you need is a diploma. Yes teachers "teach", but students must commit themselves to learning and parents must commit themselves to supporting this process.

I believe that for the academic standards to be raised in our county's schools, it will take a strong and committed group of parents communicating to our school board what they desire and then giving ongoing and full support. Why not create high achieving schools in Gulf County? What good reason is there not to? It's just us and our children living here in Gulf County. We can have whatever level of education that we are willing to pursue. Has there ever been a downside to insisting a child gets the best education they can before entering the proverbial, "Real World"? Do we not want to prepare our kids the best we can to deal with the trials and tribulations we know they will face and to be able to compete with their peers all over the country and the world for jobs? But make no

mistake about it, the demand on the students as far as homework and out of class study will be significantly greater, but the rewards will be more than worth it. In addition, habits of taking personal responsibility and maintaining discipline in the classroom by students will have to be required by the faculty and supported by the parents if an atmosphere conducive to instructions with higher academic standards is to be taken advantage of.

The fact is, the superintendent, school board, administration and faculty of the school district is going to give our county the school system that the parents and taxpayers demand, will accept and most of all will support. Can anyone blame them? They are working for our county! They live in and are a part of our community. And will all students excel to the same educational levels? No, but they all would have the opportunity and encouragement to accomplish as much academically as they are able to and will work for.

We all want what is best for our children. Every parent wants his child to be well educated and have a good shot in life. But a price has to be paid. That price is first of all having the courage to set high expectations, a commitment to pursue them and the acceptance of the leadership of our school system in implementing a plan that will help every student reach their highest level of academic achievement.

In my opinion, if we started tomorrow it wouldn't be soon enough. The only question is, "What kind of school system do our parents want and what kind of academic standards will they support?" I would hope that every parent would join in and make their desire for higher academic standards known to our school system by telling a school board member or writing a letter to them. I then would then hope that all parents would get behind this process, personally commit to its success by giving their unwavering support to new academic expectations for our students.

For the Benefit of Our Children,

George W. Duren  
Port St. Joe

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On this Friday, it was a cardboard bowl labeled "Souper Meal." I got it for a dollar at the drugstore. It comes with three little packets and what looks like freeze dried noodles. You open two of the packets and pour them over the freeze dried looking noodles, fill it up to the line with water from the bathroom sink and microwave it.

I use water from the bathroom sink because my office is right by the bathroom. It's usually nice being so close, but it seems like a lot of the folks who do come to work on the Friday after Thanksgiving stay in the bathroom all day.

The third packet? It was labeled "Finishing Touch" and you weren't supposed to put it in until after you microwaved the cardboard bowl of other stuff. It looked like soy sauce, but it could have been liquefied tryptophan or something. I put it in and mixed it up with my fork.

When I was finished with the noodles, having only a fork, I had to drink the bathroom water turned soup right out of the cardboard board bowl.

It was good. Then, I got sleepy again. Some folks might say that's what happens, "When the Tryp hits the Phan."  
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## Black bears remain very active during fall

By **STAN KIRKLAND**  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Fall is the most active time of year for Florida black bears as they stock up on calories for the coming winter. Though black bears don't really need to put on pounds to survive the state's usually mild winters, they behave as if they do — eating about three times as much as usual.

Because bears are now busy filling their bellies, residents in Wakulla and Franklin counties may have even more bear sightings than usual. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) asks people to be extra diligent in securing food sources around their homes and businesses that can attract bears and create problems. "Preventing bears' access to food is the most



important thing people can do to keep bears and other wild animals out of neighborhoods," said Capt. Rob Beaton, area supervisor for the FWC. "If you are a Florida black bear, raiding a garbage can to eat

leftovers may be more appealing than foraging in the woods for palmetto berries and acorns."

It is against the law to have food and attractants out for bears to access. And as bears are looking for

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Bear-related calls to the FWC are up this year in many parts of the state. The FWC has received 152 calls in Wakulla County and 131 in Franklin County so far this year. Last year's totals were 110 and 93, respectively.

"Now more than ever we are relying on residents to keep bears from getting rewarded for being in neighborhoods," Beaton said. "You can call your local trash pickup companies for options. Waste Pro in Wakulla and Franklin

counties offers a \$6 retrofit to trash cans that has proved effective."

To keep bears away from your home and neighborhood, follow these tips:

- Feed your pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding.
- Secure household garbage in a shed, garage or a wildlife-resistant container.
- Put household garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters with metal lids or metal-reinforced plastic lids and lock bars.
- Clean grills and store

them in a locked, secure place.

- Remove wildlife feeders, or make them bear-resistant.
- Protect gardens, apiaries, compost and livestock with electric fencing.
- Pick ripe fruit from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- Encourage your homeowners association or local government to institute ordinances on keeping foods secure that would attract wildlife.

"Conflicts between Florida black bears and people are preventable," Beaton said. "Most people who follow the FWC's advice on how to bear-proof their homes and businesses don't have conflicts with these large and powerful wild animals."

Go to [MyFWC.com/Bear](http://MyFWC.com/Bear) to learn more about living in bear country.

## Gifts for nature lovers

By **BOB WATTENDORF**  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The holiday season is upon us. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or having a few extra days to celebrate with family and friends, coming up with appropriate presents can be a challenge.

The key to gift-giving is matching the gift to the person while making sure it is something he or she will enjoy and is not too expensive. If it also helps Mother Nature, it might be the perfect gift. With that in mind, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has several suggestions for your holiday shopping.

How about an offering guaranteed to create a happier, healthier and more productive lifestyle? Richard Louv, chairman emeritus of the Children & Nature Network and author of "The Nature Principle" and "Last Child in the Woods," has made a solid case, supported by years of research, that connecting with nature results in those benefits. Being able to spend time in nature brings people of any age back to the roots connecting them with the nurturing earth.

In a time when frantic schedules, enclosed spaces and constant noise tend to drive us a little crazy, it is a real gift to get outdoors and relax with family and friends, get moving to burn off some excess holiday calories and open the door to better communications.

To start, how about planning a nature hike or fishing trip?

"Perhaps more than any other form of recreation, fishing and boating are critical to the health and well-being of America's outdoor heritage," according to the Outdoor Foundation. "By boat and on land, the first outdoor experience for many Americans is fishing, introducing tens of millions of people each year to the wonders of nature. Fishing also serves as an important bridge and top 'gateway' activity that leads participants to other outdoor passions."

So why not invite your family and friends on a fun fishing trip, right here in Florida — the Fishing Capital of the World (FishingCapital.com)? An annual resident fishing license is easy to obtain at [License.MyFWC.com](http://License.MyFWC.com), by calling 888-FISH-FLORIDA or by visiting a local retailer that sells fishing tackle and licenses. A five-year freshwater fishing

license makes an especially great gift. While you are purchasing the license, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network to help the FWC with "creating the next generation that cares."

An annual freshwater fishing license costs \$17. Because the average angler fishes 17 times a year (U.S. Census Bureau research) and enjoys

four to five hours on a typical trip, the cost is less than a quarter per hour of fun and healthy recreation. When you purchase a license you also provide a gift to nature and future generations of anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. For 75 years, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program has guaranteed that fishing license fees are protected by law and can only be used for fish and wildlife conservation. Moreover, fees collected by the federal government on fishing tackle, pleasure boats and motor boat fuels provide additional funding for recreational fishing and conservation.

While putting a fishing-related gift pack together, you can find lots of information about fishing tips and gear at [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing), along with fishing sites and up-to-date forecasts. One of the most fun tips is to have everyone register for Florida's freshwater angler recognition programs, including TrophyCatch and Big Catch, at [TrophyCatchFlorida.com](http://TrophyCatchFlorida.com). When you register, you become eligible for a Phoenix 619 Pro bass boat and trailer, with a Mercury outboard and Motor Guide trolling motor. That drawing will be in October 2013.

However, for the hard-core freshwater anglers who travel from all across the world to fish Florida's fresh water, the ultimate catch is a trophy largemouth bass. The FWC and corporate partners reward anglers for reporting those fish and then releasing them to challenge another angler and to keep the fishery thriving. To learn more and keep informed, "like" us at [Facebook.com/TrophyCatchFlorida](http://Facebook.com/TrophyCatchFlorida).

Another great gift that will help anglers boast about their sport while supporting conservation is a "Go Fishing" largemouth bass specialty license plate for their vehicle or trailer. Simply go to [Buyaplate.com](http://Buyaplate.com), or purchase a gift certificate at an authorized motor vehicle office.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Dec. 06	71°	54°	20 %
Fri, Dec. 07	70°	54°	10 %
Sat, Dec. 08	72°	54°	20 %
Sun, Dec. 09	73°	54°	20 %
Mon, Dec. 10	71°	51°	30 %
Tues, Dec. 11	67°	47°	30 %
Wed, Dec. 12	66°	47°	60 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
6	Th	6:43pm 0.8		9:48am 0.2	
7	Fr	5:55pm 0.9		8:54am 0.3	
8	Sa	5:50pm 1.1		7:27am 0.1	
9	Su	6:13pm 1.3		3:04am -0.2	
10	Mo	6:47pm 1.6		3:55am -0.4	
11	Tu	7:34pm 1.8		4:54am -0.7	
12	We	8:26pm 1.9		5:56am -0.8	
13	Th	9:19pm 1.9		6:59am -0.9	
14	Fr	10:10pm 1.8		7:56am -0.9	
15	Sa	10:57pm 1.6		8:45am -0.8	
16	Su	11:40pm 1.3		9:22am -0.6	
17	Mo		9:43am -0.3		
18	Tu	12:12am 1.0	11:57pm 0.7	9:39am -0.1	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
6	Th	7:56am 0.9	9:12pm 1.1	3:07am 0.6	2:12pm 0.3
7	Fr	9:41am 0.8	9:42pm 1.2	4:22am 0.4	3:03pm 0.5
8	Sa	11:00am 0.8	10:15pm 1.2	5:28am 0.2	4:04pm 0.7
9	Su	1:30pm 0.9	10:52pm 1.3	6:27am -0.1	5:12pm 0.9
10	Mo	2:54pm 1.0	11:33pm 1.3	7:21am -0.3	6:19pm 1.0
11	Tu	3:56pm 1.0		8:13am -0.5	7:19pm 1.1
12	We	12:19am 1.4	4:47pm 1.1	9:02am -0.7	8:12pm 1.1
13	Th	1:09am 1.4	5:29pm 1.1	9:51am -0.7	9:01pm 1.1
14	Fr	2:01am 1.5	6:06pm 1.0	10:37am -0.7	9:51pm 1.0
15	Sa	2:56am 1.4	6:37pm 1.0	11:22am -0.6	10:44pm 0.9
16	Su	3:52am 1.3	7:05pm 1.0	12:04pm -0.4	11:44pm 0.8
17	Mo	4:50am 1.2	7:31pm 1.0	12:44pm -0.2	
18	Tu	5:55am 1.0	7:56pm 1.0	12:51am 0.7	12:12pm 0.0

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#### Freshwater

Warmer weather has improved freshwater fishing this week, with good reports coming from The Brothers and Howard Creek. Most are reporting good bream, sheepshead and some smaller trout.

#### Inshore/Bay

White trout or sand trout are thin in St. Joe Bay and in the I.C.W. north of St. Joe. Artificial baits such as grubs and jigs are producing fish, but live shrimp is a sure thing. Redfish and a few pompano have been caught off the beaches on Cape San Blas and Mexico Beach this week.

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**PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**PSJ Junior High girls suffer 1st loss**

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe hosted Wakulla Middle School last Thursday and lost in overtime to the Lady Wildcats.

Port St. Joe led 15-11 at the half after Hallie Jasniski scored two and Khaliyah Johnson hit a 3-pointer.

In the second half, the Lady Tiger Sharks could only mount five points and at the end of regulation it was 20-20. In

the two-minute overtime, Wakulla scored four points while Port St. Joe failed to net a point in falling 24-20. Jasniski led Port St. Joe with 10 points and Johnson added six. Javia Patterson had two points and five steals and Morgan Lemieux also scored two points.

The Junior High Lady Tiger Sharks will be off until Monday, Dec. 17, when they travel to Wakulla to take on Riversprings Middle School.

**PREP SOCCER**

**PSJHS has unbeaten week**

**Coach Gary Hindley reaches 400 wins**

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe High School soccer teams blasted Freeport and Tallahassee Godby and handled Rocky Bayou last week as the boys remained unbeaten and Coach Gary Hindley reached 400 wins in his coaching career.

The girls and boys each had little trouble with District 1-1A rival Freeport on Friday night, as the host Lady Tiger Sharks won 8-0 and the boys won 6-2.

The Lady Tiger Sharks, 4-1-0 overall and 2-1-0 in District 1-1A play scored four goals in each half to easily whip Freeport.

Freshman forward Kathleen Rish scored a hat trick with three goals, and junior Lexie McGhee added two goals (giving her four for the year) to spark the Port St. Joe offense. Allie Stripling scored her first goal of the year, and Freeport had two "own" goals. Brittany Shoemaker (her third) and sophomore midfielder Hayley Wood (with two, giving her four on the season) added assists.

Port St. Joe outshot Freeport 40-6. Junior Christian Laine started in goal and had one save in 20 minutes to earn the win. Eighth-grader Rebecca Kerigan saw 35 minutes making one save, and seventh-grader Celeste Childs had 12 minutes and also recorded one save.

The Tiger Sharks, 5-0-0 overall, 3-0-0 in the district, were led by senior defender Javarri Beachum and sophomore Marcel Duarte, who each had two goals. Junior Drew Lacour (his second) and Sawyer Raffield (first) also had goals.

Duarte added two assists and Beachum one. The Tiger Sharks outshot Freeport 30-10.

First-year senior goalkeeper Tucker Smith, 4-0 on the year, had seven saves.

The teams traveled to Niceville to face Rocky Bayou on Saturday.

The girls won 1-0, and the boys finished the sweep 4-1.

The Lady Tiger Sharks got a goal from freshman high scorer Rish (four on the year) in the 10th minute and settled in to hold off Rocky Bayou for the remaining time, registering their third shutout of the year. Assisting on the goal was Cailyn LaPlante, her first of the year. The shutout in goal was recorded by Laine, who faced eight shots and made six saves.

The Tiger Sharks received two goals from Duarte, who has a team-high 10 on the year. Goals also came from Caleb Odum (his second) and Lacour (his third). Odum also recorded an assist as did midfielder Daniel Jones.

Smith gave up just one second-half goal and made five saves on eight Rocky Bayou shots. The Tiger Sharks had 14 shots.

Tuesday in Tallahassee, the soccer teams swept Godby High School, the girls winning 2-0, the boys 4-0.

Duarte had a hat trick, bringing his season goals to 13, while Jones added a goal (his third). Assists were credited to Jones and Lacour. Smith earned his first shutout of the season in goal while running his record to a perfect 5-0-0. He lowered his Goals Against Average to 1.01. He made four saves on five shots, while Port St. Joe had 30 shots.

The Lady Tiger Sharks recorded their second shutout. Three goalkeepers shared the bagel as Laine saw 40 minutes of action, Kerigan logged 27 minutes and Chiles had 13 minutes. Collectively, they faced three shots and each recorded one save. Single goals were scored by Stripling (her second) and McGhee (her team leading fifth). Stripling and LaPlante had assists.

The teams host Rocky Bayou on Saturday.

Hindley, in his fourth season at Port St. Joe, reached the 400-win milestone this past week, having 57 high school wins, 92 collegiate victories and 251 professional wins.



**RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL**

**Registration open for David Langston league**

Star Staff Report

Area children are invited to 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 his for youth ages 7-13.

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 information contact Michael Harris at 227-4105 or Johanna White at 227-8732.

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**PREP BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Tiger Sharks open season 2-1**

By TIM CROFT  
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The Port St. Joe boys' basketball team might be short on experience, but talent not so much.

The Tiger Sharks opened the season before Thanksgiving with a win over Tallahassee FAMU and followed that up by splitting a pair of games — losing the second on a 3-point shot at the buzzer — last week.

With just two seniors on the roster and two freshmen and an eighth-grader in the regular rotation, the Tiger Sharks hope to make up for their callowness with talent.

"We are very athletic," Coach Derek Kurnitsky said. "We are a really good rebounding team, and we are a pretty good defensive team. Our biggest problem is youth. You have to learn how to win. You have to learn to compete every night on the varsity level."

"That is something you have to practice. This is Port St. Joe, and we are going to get everybody's best game. Nobody is going to lay down for us. But this team has not even come close to playing its best ball. We have a lot of good basketball ahead of us."

The seniors are Rammello Zaccarro and Thomas Gainous. The varsity is filled out by T. J. Williams and Chad Quinn, both freshmen; eighth-grader Jacorian Calloway; Jak Riley and Marcel and Marquez Johnson, all sophomores; and juniors Luke Galloway and Natron Lee.

"We have some depth," Kurnitsky said. "We go nine deep. And we have some good talent, we are just young."

The Tiger Sharks opened the season with a 72-61 win over FAMU before Thanksgiving.

Port St. Joe opened a six-point lead by halftime and never was threatened in the second half.

Williams led the way with 22 points, Quinn added 18 and Lee 17. Zaccarro had eight, Marcel Johnson four and Marquez Johnson two. Jarkeice Davis, who has left the team, had four points.

Last Tuesday, the Tiger Sharks clobbered North Bay Haven of Panama City 67-26.

The Tiger Sharks opened a 17-point first-quarter led and sprinted to victory. Calloway had 22 points to lead Port St.

*"We are very athletic. We are a really good rebounding team, and we are a pretty good defensive team. Our biggest problem is youth. You have to learn how to win. You have to learn to compete every night on the varsity level."*

**Coach Derek Kurnitsky**

Joe, which also received 12 points from Quinn. Zaccarro and Lee each scored seven points, Marquez Johnson had six, Marcel Johnson and Williams five points apiece and Riley had two points. Galloway also had two points.

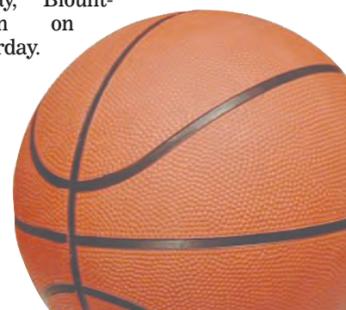
Against Mosley last Saturday, the host Tiger Sharks got off to a rough start, trailing by 14 points at one juncture in the first half.

"We came out and thought because we were 2-0 we were the Los Angeles Lakers," Kurnitsky said. "You have to learn how to handle success. It's part of the growing process."

The Tiger Sharks clawed back and tied the score at 55-all late before the Dolphins nailed a 3-point shot at the buzzer for a 58-55 lead.

Quinn led Port St. Joe with 18 points, and Williams added 13. Calloway chipped in with 12, Lee added eight and Marcel Johnson had four points.

The Tiger Sharks hosted Bozeman on Tuesday night and are at South Walton on Friday, Blountstown on Saturday.



# WATER from page A1

study, the city will tap cash carry forward to pay for it. "Money-wise it will be kind of a wash," Magidson said.

The contract for the study, between the city's engineers Preble Rish and subcontractor CDM Smith, which designed the new plant, is capped at \$60,000, and Commissioners Rex Buzzett and Bill Kennedy said in conversations with David Kozan of CDM it was indicated some components of the study might come in under budget.

The scope of the work, Kennedy said, is being

dictated in large measure by the water management district.

"We may end needing some money at the end to tie up loose ends," Buzzett said. "We want to do this as economically as possible."

A resident questioned why not wait until line replacement — currently in the first of three phases to replace 20 miles of line — to perform the study.

"We know no matter what we do with the distribution system, we still know we have problems with certain house plumbing, cer-

tain situations," Kennedy said. "We just don't know what that is."

Magidson added, "We have to figure out what is going on because there is no rhyme or reason to it."

At the recommendation of water plant manager Larry McLamma, commissioners are going to examine the vegetation growing along certain sections of the freshwater canal to consider bringing down some pine trees and other vegetation.

City manager Jim Anderson said staff recently took a tour of the canal sys-

tem and found a noticeable difference in clarity of the water the closer the water was to the plant.

"We will move that to the front burner," Magidson said. "That could help us with the water."

person said Waste Pro had not raised rates in two years and were permitted under contract, which expires next year, to impose a rate increase linked to the CPI.

### Waste Pro

Commissioners approved a resolution that will raise garbage rates charged by Waste Pro, per its contract, by 2.5 percent, equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index, beginning the first of the year.

City manager Jim An-

### EDC/Chamber

Though the Board of County Commissioners at its most recent meeting said they would schedule a workshop with stakeholders concerning the future of the Economic Development Council, Anderson said he had yet to hear from the county on scheduling the workshop.



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## Christmas sparkles on the coast

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The Christmas season had a sunny, warm welcome on the Forgotten Coast this past weekend as Santa found his way from Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf to Port St. Joe to Mexico Beach to bring yuletide energy.

"This event truly takes our entire community to see it

through," said Paula Ramsey Pickett with the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce.

"No amount of planning can guarantee a successful event; it relies on the generosity and willingness of the community to make it happen."

A special Christmas SaltAir Farmer's Market brought throngs to downtown Port St. Joe throughout the day as vendors offered an array of holiday-themed items along

with the luscious produce to a background score provided by various artists of all ages.

The Day of Declaration, which attracted speakers such as Congressman Steve Southerland and state Rep. Marti Coley, drew roughly 500 people to Constitution Park in a ceremony brimming with patriotism and faith and a celebration of the 174th

See **CHRISTMAS B6**



### JSL CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS

1. 98 Real Estate Group and Zach Childs, Jim Norton
2. Community newcomers Joe and Erin Payner, who named their chili Joe's New Chili
3. Port Cottages and Bill Kennedy and Steve Wich

### PORT ST. JOE PARADE WINNERS

(Among 45 participants)

#### SCHOOL/NONPROFIT

1. North Florida Child Development with Polar Express Train Float
2. South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department

#### CHURCH/FAMILY

1. Children's Choir from First Baptist Church
2. Father and Son Marpoe team

#### BUSINESS

1. Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf
2. Emerald Dance Academy



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

From left are Sandie Yarbrough, Mexico Beach Community Development Council President Kimberly Shoaf, Deepwater Horizon claims administrator Patrick Juneau, Susan Howell and Cathey Hobbs.

## Mexico Beach awarded \$200,000 for tourism

### Unforgettable Coast launches online campaign

#### Star Staff Report

The Mexico Beach Community Development Council was awarded \$200,000 from the BP-sponsored Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund last week at Edgewater Beach Resort's Oceans Restaurant.

The funds are to be allocated toward a 2013 turnkey program

to increase the online visibility of Mexico Beach across major markets and to spread the news of the beautiful, clear Gulf of Mexico beaches.

"The Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund provides us with an excellent opportunity to share our beautiful beaches with potential visitors like never

See **MEXICO BEACH B6**

## PSJ Centennial Celebration slated for summer 2013

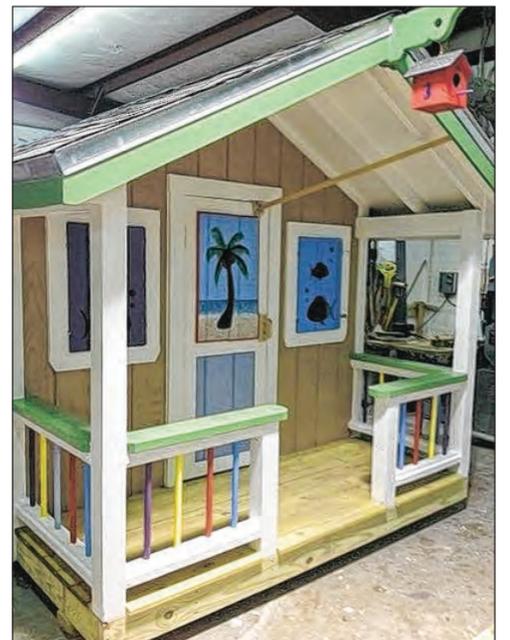
#### Special to The Star

The committee for the Port St. Joe Centennial Celebration has announced the dates for the city's 100-year celebration. Festivities will begin June 28 and continue through July 1. Many creative ideas have been researched and are being developed to make this a not-to-be-missed event. Laser lights, parades, kite contests, a fishing tournament, a time capsule, an

history through pictures are just a few of the events planned for the last weekend in June.

During the upcoming months, there will be several fundraisers to help pay for all of these activities. Restaurant tasting, a swap meet, a fish fry and a dance for the generations are just a few of the fundraisers coming in the new year. If you would like to help with any of these fundraisers or events, call Charlotte Pierce at 229-8247.

### WIN A PLAYHOUSE



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

North Florida Child Development and Gulf Correctional Institute are offering the opportunity for the public to win a playhouse for a Christmas present. GCI worked extra hard to have the playhouse ready for the Chili Cook-Off and last Saturday's activities in Port St. Joe. The playhouse can be seen at the Centennial Bank in Wewahitchka. The playhouse will be given away after the Dec. 15 Christmas Parade in Wewahitchka. Tickets, \$3 or seven for \$20, can be obtained at Centennial Bank in Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka or by calling Haywood Shealy at 832-5356 or 639-5080, ext. 24. NFCD offers a special thanks to Spud at White's Towing for all of his assistance and involvement with NFCD.

## Happy ANNIVERSARY



### Ed and Nelia Doyle celebrate 66 years together

Charles E. (Ed) Doyle and his wife, Edith Cornelia (Nelia) Barker Doyle, of Wewahitchka celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Nov. 22.

The couple first met many years ago, growing up on nearby farms in the rural south during the Great Depression. Nelia decided at age 13 she would one day marry Ed.

Ed, who spent 1940-41 with the North Carolina National Guard, joined the U.S. Navy the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941 and served overseas during World War II. He and Nelia wed in 1946 after Ed returned to the U.S. For years, Ed worked for the U.S. Navy and was stationed all over the world. The couple settled in Wewahitchka after Ed's retirement in June 1966.

They have one son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Nelia will be 85 years old and Ed 91 years old in January. They remain active in the community with many hobbies including gardening, geology and youth outreach. Ed is a Master Gardener who has worked with county extension agent Roy Lee Carter for years.

Ed and Nelia have known each other since childhood and are still in love after 66 happy years of marriage!



## CHRISTMAS WISHES

# Can you help a child in need?



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 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 Friday, Dec. 7, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8) and Jingle Bell Golf Tournament (tee off at noon Saturday) at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club also will help benefit the Christmas Wishes program. 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 Cafe, 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 have any questions about the Christmas Wishes Program, the Christmas Bazaar or the golf tournament, please call the Pro Shop at 227-1751 or Barb Van Treese at 227-9837. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Thank you, Thanksgiving dinner volunteers

Special to The Star

The following wonderful men women and children donated their time and talents to help cook, pack and deliver 675 meals to needy people in Gulf County and Mexico Beach.

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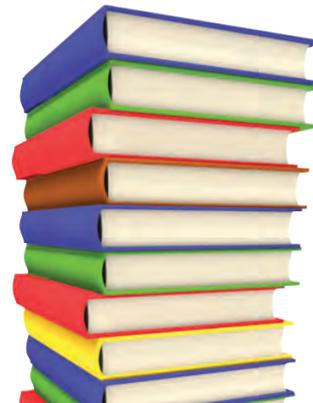
## Wewahitchka Library to offer holiday story on Tuesday

Star Staff Report

The public is encouraged to join the staff of the Charles Whitehead Wewahitchka Public Library for Holiday Story Time at 3:30 p.m. CT Tuesday, Dec. 11.

There will also be arts, crafts and singing. The event is free and open to the public.

For library information, call 639-2419. The library is at 314 N. Second St.



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# WES students study butterflies

Star Staff Report

Mrs. Becky Weston's third-grade science class of Wewahitchka Elementary School recently concluded a study of the life cycle

of the painted lady butterfly. Students experienced the complete metamorphosis from the egg to the adult. They were fascinated to learn that the insect can lay up to 500 eggs and might travel 1,000 miles during her lifetime. She has 10,000 eyes, tastes with her feet, breathes through her abdomen and has a life span of only two to

four weeks. She was named Flutter, and the students proudly released her to freedom. She flew to the trees, and as if to say "Good-bye," she then came immediately back down and landed on Mrs. Weston's shoulder. This added an emotional moment for all involved as Flutter excitedly flew away to enjoy her freedom.



## DAZZLING DOLPHINS AT THE BOOK FAIR



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Special to The Star

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**Art news:** If you visited our school on Veterans Day, you were treated to some pretty outstanding artwork created by our art students. This exceptional student work has been sent to three active military personnel currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan who are from Port St Joe.

**Band concert:** The Port St Joe Band of Gold will hold their traditional band concert at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the school's Common Area. Come hear the sounds of the season performed by our outstanding musicians led by Mr. Mitch Bouington.

**Senior acceptance:** Congratulations to the following seniors who received college acceptance letters: Jackie Collingsworth, Troy University; Javarri Beachum, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

## FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

**Special to The Star**  
The annual Thanksgiving presentation was performed by the first and second grades on Nov. 20 at Faith Christian School. Parents and students enjoyed the play, called "The First Thanksgiving." After the play, all of the classes at FCS celebrated their thankfulness with

a feast! Thank you to all parent volunteers who make the holiday season great fun. Pictured is Mrs. Angela Bouington along with the pilgrims: Emma Grace, Magnolia, Eliza, Halee, Carter, Taylor and Alex. The Indians include John, Bryce, Miracle, Riley, Gabi and Maelee. At right is Carter as a pilgrim.



Grandparents came out in full force to support reading and the Faith Christian School Book Fair. This fair was a week-long event sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization of Faith Christian School. A special grandparent breakfast was held in the auditorium along with a short exhibition by the students. They were happy to show their grandparents all they have learned so far this year.

## PSJHS CLASS OF 1963 REUNION

Star Staff Report

The Class of 1963 from Port St. Joe High School is getting ready for a reunion. Alumni information and event suggestions are needed. Please call Cheryl Johnson at 227-5272.

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Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located 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 lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

## Faith BRIEF

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST

The Bay Area Chorale Society will present a Praise and Glory Christmas Concert 3 p.m. ET on Dec. 16 at First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

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Billy Johnson

## Obituaries

### Benton Hamm

Benton Hamm was born December 5, 1933 and entered heaven on November 22, 2012.

He was a graduate of Sneads High School and attended Chipola College. He was a conductor for 40 years for the A&N Railroad of Port St. Joe. He coached Babe Ruth baseball, women's softball, umpired high school baseball and basketball, men's softball and was a licensed official with the Florida Athletic Association. He was an auxiliary member of the Port St. Joe Fire and Police Departments. For 30 years he was member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in Wewahitchka where he sang in the choir, served as deacon, and with his wife Dot worked with Golden Agers.

Benton loved his church family.

He is survived by his wife, Dot; a daughter, Debbie Lindsey (Charles) and a son, Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm (Anita), his precious

grandchildren, Casi Lindsey Knowles (Robert), Richie Hamm (Wendy), Brandon Hamm (Ashley), Lindsay Hamm; his great-grandchildren, Kayla, Elijah, Jordan, Ashdon, Nixen, Delainey; his brother, Hinton (Margie), brother-in-law, Liddon Woodard (Lynda); his sisters-in-law, Lavinia Radel, Joyce Deason (Earnest); several nieces and nephews and the world's best neighbors.

Funeral services, officiated by Rev. Richard Hamm and Rev. Joey Smith, were held on Sunday, November 25 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God and a private family graveside service at Roberts Cemetery was held on Monday, Nov. 26.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Benton's memory be made to: Richard L. Hamm International Ministries, 13925 Erwin Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28273. Wilson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Erma Hendry Kennedy

Erma Hendry Kennedy of Port St. Joe passed away at 11:55 p.m. November 26, 2012.

She was born in Perry, Fla., Aug. 25, 1924, the youngest of three daughters, born to R. D. and Mary Hendry.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters Eunice Carol and Eutha Ezell; and husband Leo Kennedy.

Her survivors include her daughter, Linda Green of Blountstown; her son,

Leo Kennedy of Mexico Beach; her grandchildren, Mike Green, Steve Green and Serena Cook

Funeral services were held Friday, November 30, 2012 at 2 p.m. ET at Highland View Baptist Church. Interment followed in Holly Hill Cemetery. Those who wish may make donations to Highland View Baptist Church, 310 Ling Street, Port St. Joe, FL 32456.

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

### Dean Stevens

Mrs. Dean Stevens, 89, of Port Saint Joe, passed away Friday night, November 30, 2012 in Port Saint Joe. Born in West Blocton, Ala., she has been a resident here since 1956 and worked as an executive secretary for B. Roy Gibson until her retirement. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Stevens; her son Wayne Stevens, both of Port Saint Joe; her

grandchildren, Gretchen Schweers and husband Mike, and Zeke Stevens; a great-granddaughter Sophie Schweers; and her sisters, Clara Hamrick, and Ruth Owens and husband Wes.

The funeral service was held at 10 a.m. EST on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 in Holly Hill Cemetery, conducted by the Rev. Jim Fillingim.

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# Care for your poinsettias

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**ROY LEE CARTER**  
County extension director

Poinsettias remain one of the most popular holiday flowers. Hybridizers have expanded the range of colors from the familiar red to pastel yellow and vibrant bi-colors.

One of the most common questions after Christmas is, "How can I care for my poinsettia so that it will bloom again next Christmas?"

Though this can be done, it's a very fussy, exacting process, and because the plants are not that expensive, you might just choose to start fresh next year. My information on poinsettias was provided by Dr. Robert J. Black, professor emeritus, University of Florida.

When purchasing a

poinsettia, select a plant which has green nearly to the soil line. Old plants will have experienced excessive leaf drop. Foliage drop also is caused by fluctuating temperatures, gas fumes, soil pH and plant pests. When you first bring your

poinsettia home the following precautions should be considered:

**Light:** Place it near a sunny window. South, east or west facing windows are preferable to a north facing window. Poinsettias are topical and will appreciate as much direct sunlight as you can provide.

**Heat:** To keep the poinsettia in bloom as long as possible, maintain a temperature of 65-75 degrees F during the day. Dropping the temperature to about 60 degrees F at night will not hurt the plant. However, cold drafts or allowing the leaves to touch a cold window can injure the leaves and cause

premature leaf drop. If you've ever see a gangly poinsettia in bloom, with only a couple of sad looking leaves hanging on, it was probably exposed to temperature that was too cool or extreme shifts in temperature.

**Water:** Water the plant whenever the surface feels dry to the touch. Water until it drains out the bottom, but don't let the plant sit in water. Wilting is another common cause of leaf drop. A wilted plant can be revived and salvaged, but it will take another season to improve its appearance.

**Humidity:** Lack of humidity during dry season, in particular winter, is an ongoing house plant problem. If your home tends to be dry and your poinsettia is indirect light, you will find yourself watering frequently, possibly every day.

For more information on poinsettias contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200, 229-2909 or visit [gulf.ifas.ufl.edu](http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu).

# Sacred Heart selects Carlan to lead foundation

Star Staff Report

Carol Carlan, a successful Pensacola business executive and long-time community leader, has been selected as the next president of the Sacred Heart Foundation.

Starting Dec. 29, Carlan will succeed Dr. Henry Roberts, who is retiring as the foundation's president after successfully leading Sacred Heart's fundraising for six years.

Carlan worked in the financial services industry for more than 35 years and served as the first female president of a large regional bank in the Florida Panhandle. In 2007, she formed Carlan Consulting LLC, a leadership development company.

Carlan is a graduate of Pensacola State College and the University of Florida School of Banking. She is known for her heartfelt commitment to education, business and social issues demonstrated by her involvement in

guiding dozens of nonprofit organizations throughout her career.

She was one of 25 people in Florida appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to serve on the Department of Juvenile Justice Blueprint Commission in 2007. She is a three-term trustee for Pensacola State College and past president emeritus for the PSC Foundation. She also was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to be the inaugural chair of the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition.

Some of Carlan's many awards during her career have included the Business Leader of the Year by both the Pensacola News Journal and the Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. She also received the Leadership Pensacola Blue Angel Leadership Award and the PACE Center for Girls Pioneer Award for her leadership as a State Board trustee and a founding member of the Escambia/Santa Rosa PACE Center for Girls.



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**Gulf County HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.**

Gulf County has been chosen to receive \$6,027.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of representatives from (American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Gulf County Board of County Commission, a homeless or formerly homeless representative, and other appointed committee members) will determine how the funds awarded to Gulf County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board, and 6) must have a DUNS number. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Gulf County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Gulf County Senior Citizens. This agency was responsible for providing over 2400 meals and 0 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Stephanie Richardson, Emergency Operations Center 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd. Bldg. 500, Port St. Joe, FL. 32456, or call **229-9110** for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is December 13, 2012.

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# Gulf County pair charged with using illegal net

Star Staff Report

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement officers arrested two Gulf County men on St. Joe Bay before daylight Nov. 23 with an almost 8,000-square-foot gill net and more than 600 pounds of illegally netted pompano, Spanish mackerel and sheepshead.

"It's a net that's designed to entangle fish," Kirkland said Friday. "It was huge."

Florida's constitution prohibits the use of gill nets and entang-



ASHLEY HADDOCK

RANDALL MOORE

ing nets for the taking of marine species.

Possession of a net greater than 500 square feet, with which Haddock and Moore are both

charged, is a third-degree felony, Kirkland said.

Ashley David Haddock, 27, of Wewahitchka and Randall Lamar Moore, 30, of Port St. Joe face numerous felony and misdemeanor charges for using a gill net.

Using high-tech, night-vision equipment, officers watched the pair on the bay on Haddock's 22-foot boat from late on Thanksgiving night to the time of arrest the next morning.

"The fish had obvious signs of being gill-netted," said FWC Officer Neal Goss IV, one of three of-

ficers who made the arrests.

Both Haddock and Moore are commercial fishermen and possess saltwater products licenses.

The two were booked into the Gulf County Jail. They were released on \$2,000 bond each on Nov. 24.

The fish were seized and sold to a Panama City seafood business. The money will be held in escrow, pending the outcome of the case.

The FWC seized the vessel and the gill net as evidence in the case.

## MEXICO BEACH

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before," said CDC president Kimberly Shoaf.

"We'll be using the funds to help those looking for a family vacation, a romantic getaway or a winter reprise find all the information they can about our Old Florida community. We'll be able to help promote our local tourism and economy and keep Mexico Beach thriving."

Mexico Beach, also known as the Unforgettable Coast, has continued to grow its tourism and local economy in the aftermath of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The online marketplace is the most used resource for travelers looking to gather vacation information, so the new online campaign will not only help bring new visitors to Mexico Beach, but it also will further enhance the local economy in the process.

Deepwater Horizon claims administrator Patrick Juneau and grant coordinator Nick Gagliano awarded checks to several grant winners.

Representatives from the Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Improvement Board-Panama City, the Wakulla County Tourist Development Council, the City of Port St. Joe, the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency and the Gulf Coast Marine Life Center also were recipients of awards from the fund.

For more information concerning Mexico Beach, please visit Mexico-Beach.com.

## CHRISTMAS from page B1

anniversary of the signing of the Florida Constitution.

The cities of Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach lit their Christmas trees.

The Junior Service League held its annual Chili-Cookoff — and benefited further when all three winning teams donated

all or a portion of their winnings back to the JSL for its many community projects.

Mexico Beach and Port St. Joe also held their annual Christmas parades, the Mexico Beach parade being of the golf cart variety.

In all, it was a series of small-

town events with a homey feel and a great kickoff to the holiday season.

"This is just great," said

St. Joe Beach resident Zebe Schmitt. "This is what a community looks and feels like. What a great day."



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91223S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 08-00476

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES, 2006-4 Plaintiff,

vs. ERNEST REESE ANTLEY; SARA M. ANTLEY, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 28th day of November, 2012, and entered in case No. 08-00476, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4 is the Plaintiff and ERNEST REESE ANTLEY; SARA M. ANTLEY and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, 11:00 AM on the 10th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Dated this 28th day of November, 2012.

REBECCA NORRIS Clerk Of The Circuit Court

BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Law Offices of Marshall C. Watson, PA. 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 (954) 453-0365 Fax: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 800-441-2439 December 6, 13, 2012

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Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for replacement of #2 High Service Pump, provide basic manufacture of #2 High Service Pump

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Motor, and provide re-installation of #2 High Service Pump and Pump Motor, at the White City Water System Booster Station will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 until 4:00 PM EST, Friday December 21, 2012. Bids will be published and acknowledged, December 21, 2012 at 4:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for "Replacement of #2 High Service Pump, provide basic manufacture of #2 High Service Pump Motor, and provide re-installation of #2 High Service Pump and Pump Motor, at the White City Water System Booster Station".

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

\*Supply a new pump to replace the existing Goulds Pump MTX 3196, 3x4x8, A70, S/N M93126C01-C02 with equal performance & required maintenance. \*Perform basic manufacture of current pump motor. 25HP, 3600 RPM, 480V., 256T frame. ( to include but not limited to change both bearings, balance rotor, check and reinsulate winding). \*Reinstall pump and motor, utilizing laser alignment. (coupling provided by the City of Port St. Joe) Site visits shall be scheduled by contacting the City of Port St. Joe Water Plant at 850-229-1421. The proposal shall include all labor and materials as it relates to the following: \*The reassembly of the new pump and remanufactured motor with special alignment by a Certified Alignment Technician. \*Pump shall have a five (5) year 100% Warranty \*The remanufactured motor shall have a one (1) year 100% bearing Warranty. \*Startup Services by a pump manufacturers certified technician \*All required piping hardware, etc. necessary to reconnect new pump to existing suction and discharge piping. Work shall be performed by a licensed Contractor and all applicable permits shall be required. \*Provide estimated start and completion dates. \*All technical data relating to proposed equipment shall be submitted with bid, failure to include data will result in disqualification of bid.

For questions concerning this project, please

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91251S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 23-2009-CA-000527 DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. MAX GARDNER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

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LOT 22 OF SHALLOW REED PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE(S) 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A LOT 22 THE VILLAGE AT, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32410

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Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.

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GARAGE/ YARD SALES 3230

Mexico Beach 403 New Mexico Dr, Saturday, December 8th, 8 am to 12 pm YARD SALE! Clothing, hunting/fishing gear, camouflage clothing, small TVs, & more!

Mexico Beach: 418 Arizona Dr, Saturday December 8th, 7am til 12 Noon CST

Multi-Family Estate Sale

Fender Guitar, Crystal, Occupied Japan, Christmas Around the World Collectibles, Vintage Tableware, Framed Art Prints, Something for Everyone from 25c to \$700!

Port St. Joe: 2103 Long Ave, Fri & Sat, December 7th and 8th, 8am til 12 Noon

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