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## FDOH has 'full confidence in Lindeman'

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The Board of County Commissioners voted last month to send a letter to the Florida Department of Health urging the removal of Gulf County Health Department director Marsha Lindeman.

The answer came back swiftly

and forcefully.

In a letter dated 12 days after the date of the BOCC's letter to the FDOH, Florida Surgeon General and Secretary of the FDOH John Armstrong replied that the department and he had "full confidence" in Lindeman, he had found the original allegations "unsubstantiated" and listed a number of Lindeman's

accomplishments during her tenure of less than two years.

Commissioners had voted to send the letter requesting Lindeman's removal after the termination of a 25-year employee. A committee selected by the BOCC examined the matter and recommended the board take no action and that the termination, was in fact, justified and within

Lindeman's discretion.

However, Commissioner Carmen McLemore insisted the termination would not have occurred if a local resident was in charge of the department — alluding to the FDOH decision two years ago to hire Lindeman over a Wewahitchka man — and insisted the BOCC express its displeasure. Commissioners Tan Smiley

and Warren Yeager joined the motion, Commissioner Bill Williams dissented, stating the board had learned from the Lindeman hiring that this was a state matter, and Commissioner Ward McDaniel abstained citing a conflict.

Armstrong stated in his reply that the department had

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## FDOT: SIS designation vital to port development

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Port Authority members heard last Wednesday from Florida Department of Transportation officials what they already knew.

Maintaining the Port of Port St. Joe's designation as a port within the state's Strategic Intermodal System is vital to development of the port.

The collaboration with The St. Joe Company is a positive, bringing access to a deepwater bulkhead as well as the existing barge terminal bulkhead on the Intracoastal Waterway. The old Arizona Chemical site, with its natural gas wells and link to rail increases the port's assets.

A FDOT grant of some \$5 million that will aid in funding improvements to the Genessee Wyoming rail line to the port is a significant step forward.

But all of that would be undermined if the port's designation as an "emerging" component of the SIS went away when the deadline arrives in the spring of next year.

"We don't want to lose that (designation)," said Tommy Barfield, FDOT District 3 Secretary. "We don't want to lose that traction."

"We've got to keep (the port) on the SIS. Without that you have no chance to compete for dollars."

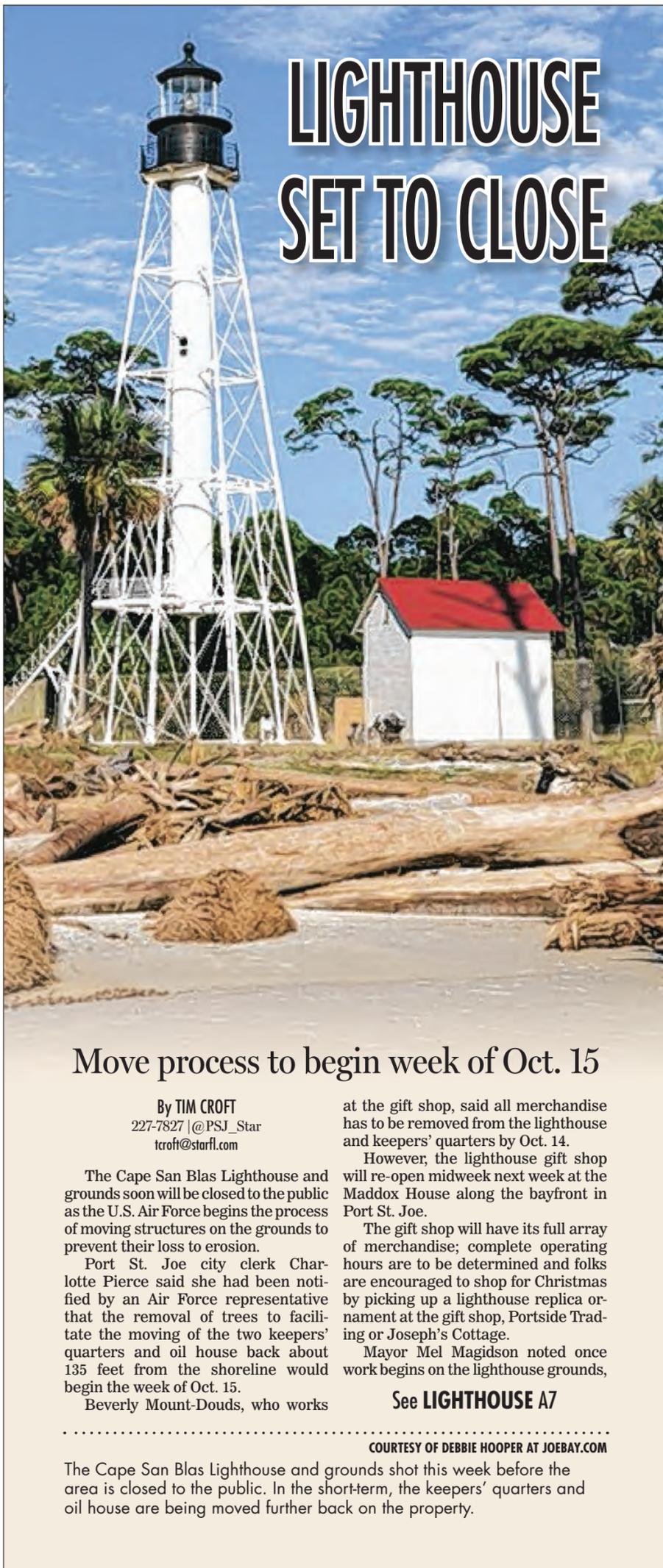
The dollars are the key. Seventy-five percent of discretionary funds appropriated each year by the Florida Legislature to the FDOT are earmarked for projects within the SIS system.

That is the pool of funding that will be critical as the port, the last of Florida's 14 deepwater ports to see significant development, moves ahead with development of what is effectively a blank slate.

"There is a gem out there," Barfield said. "It is just not being utilized."

The Port of Port St. Joe was designated an "emerging" SIS component in 2009 based on potential projects that seemed poised to arrive. However, as the economy went south so

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## LIGHTHOUSE SET TO CLOSE

### Move process to begin week of Oct. 15

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The Cape San Blas Lighthouse and grounds soon will be closed to the public as the U.S. Air Force begins the process of moving structures on the grounds to prevent their loss to erosion.

Port St. Joe city clerk Charlotte Pierce said she had been notified by an Air Force representative that the removal of trees to facilitate the moving of the two keepers' quarters and oil house back about 135 feet from the shoreline would begin the week of Oct. 15.

Beverly Mount-Douds, who works

at the gift shop, said all merchandise has to be removed from the lighthouse and keepers' quarters by Oct. 14.

However, the lighthouse gift shop will re-open midweek next week at the Maddox House along the bayfront in Port St. Joe.

The gift shop will have its full array of merchandise; complete operating hours are to be determined and folks are encouraged to shop for Christmas by picking up a lighthouse replica ornament at the gift shop, Portside Trading or Joseph's Cottage.

Mayor Mel Magidson noted once work begins on the lighthouse grounds,

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The Cape San Blas Lighthouse and grounds shot this week before the area is closed to the public. In the short-term, the keepers' quarters and oil house are being moved further back on the property.

## Teacher offers lesson plan in community outreach

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Kelly Garcia teaches Spanish to students in kindergarten through 12th grade in Mullen, Neb.

Her lesson plans for her teenage pupils also include community involvement, engagement and outreach.

And through the myriad maze that is the vast network of organizations that reach out to deployed troops around the globe, Kelly Garcia from Mullen, Neb., with a population of 500 that makes Port St. Joe seem a metropolis, came into contact with Semper Fi Sisters, based out of Gulf County.

Garcia and her students in turn engaged in the drive by the Semper Fi Sisters, during their fourth annual Beach Blast next week, to pack 1,000 "Boxes of Love" to troops in war zones, providing a personal portion of Midwestern potion to those care packages.

And Garcia reflects on it all as just part of the school week, the school year for a teacher who through a phone line conveys the passion and desire to touch troops and young lives that drive so many of the Sisters, wives, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins of soldiers deployed around the world, with every branch of the military.

"It really was all accidental," Garcia said of her connection of Semper Fi Sisters. "Things happen for a reason, I guess."

The journey from Nebraska to Port St. Joe was indeed circuitous.

Garcia and her classes participate in the Flat Stanley Program, which takes the pen-pal concept to another level. The basic principle is to connect a child, student or classroom with other children and classrooms around the world that participating in the project.

They become connected by creating and sending a "flat" visitor — Flat Stanley is a series of children's books — that looks like a human and the kids track, talk and write each other about the journey's their "flat" visitors have taken.

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### WANT TO HELP?

Donations are needed to pack and ship 1,000 "Boxes of Love" next weekend during the Semper Fi Sisters Beach Blast. The shipping party will take place Oct. 20 in the Centennial Building. To donate an item or money for shipping, visit [www.semperfisisters.com](http://www.semperfisisters.com). Centennial Bank has drop boxes at its locations in Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka and Mexico Beach. Donations also can be left at Harold's Auto Parts in Wewahitchka.

# 'No violation' in complaint against commission candidate

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The U.S. Office of Special Counsel has found no violation in its investigation of a complaint filed against John Grantland, candidate for the District 3 seat on the Board of County Commissioners.

The complaint was filed alleging violations under the Hatch Act.

The Hatch Act "restricts the political activity of individuals principally employed by state, county or municipal executive agencies in connection with programs financed in whole or in part by loans or grants made by the United States or a federal agency," detailed Nadia Pluta with the Hatch Act Unit of the Office of Special Counsel, in a letter.

An officer or employee of a state or local agency is subject to the Hatch Act

if, as a normal and foreseeable incident of his principal position or job, he performs duties in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal funds, Pluta continued.

The complaint filed with the Office of Special Counsel alleges that Grantland, as director of Port St. Joe Public Works, was in violation of the Hatch Act due to two federal grants the city received.

One grant was for improvements to wastewater treatment facilities; the second a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the new center being built at North Florida Child Development across U.S. Highway 98 from the Gulf/Franklin Center.

The CDBG was to build a road to the center and fund other infrastructure.

However, city auditor and clerk Charlotte

Pierce notified the Office of Special Counsel that the Port St. Joe Water and Wastewater Department is overseeing the wastewater upgrades and that Public Works was not involved in the road project for North Florida Child Development.

"We understand that (Port St. Joe Public Works) does not receive federal funds and neither (Grantland) nor (his staff has) any duties connected to the above referenced federally financed projects. Further, (Port St. Joe Public Works) performs duties independent of federal financing," Pluta wrote.

"Based on the preceding, we do not believe that (Grantland is) performing duties in connection with federally financed activities" and therefore no violation of the Hatch Act was found, Pluta concluded.

When Grantland first

*"We understand that (Port St. Joe Public Works) does not receive federal funds and neither (Grantland) nor (his staff has) any duties connected to the above referenced federally financed projects. Further, (Port St. Joe Public Works) performs duties independent of federal financing."*

Nadia Pluta

Charlie Weston, Alsobrook and city engineer Bill Kennedy.

Weston also told Special Counsel attorney Mariana Liverpool that no employees Grantland supervises in Public Works were involved in the project.

At that time, Liverpool wrote that "we do not believe (Grantland is) performing duties in connection with federally financed activities, and as such, are not covered currently by the provisions of the Hatch Act."

In both the 2008 and 2012 letters, the latter received last week, the attorneys note that should Grantland's employment change, for example should he become involved in duties in connection to a federally-funded project, Grantland should contact the Office of Special Counsel for additional guidance.

sought the District 3 seat in 2008 an opinion was sought from the Office of Special Counsel whether his continued employment with the city constituted a conflict under the Hatch Act.

At that time, the city was using a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for street and sidewalk improve-

ments along Williams Avenue.

As noted by the Office of Special Counsel at the time, Pierce, then solely the city's grant writer, and Gail Alsobrook of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency were responsible for pursuing the grant and the hiring and supervising of the project was overseen by the city manager,

## Health Department to hold flu shot

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Health Department will hold flu shot clinics over the coming weeks, covering both ends of the county.

As Health Department release notes, the flu season is headed this way and it is time to prepare with a flu shot.

Flu shots are \$25 per person. You must bring your identification and

insurance cards and the Health Department accepts most third party insurances.

The next clinic will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT on Oct. 13 at the Wewahitchka facility located at 807 W. Highway 22.

If you are unable to make either clinic and wish to schedule an appointment call the Port St. Joe facility at 227-1276 or the Wewahitchka office at 639-2644.

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

On 10/01/2012 Michael Allen Hammond, 32, was arrested on warrants for DWLSR and fleeing and attempting to elude. On 09/23/2012

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deputies attempted to stop Hammond who was riding a 4-wheeler on Richards Ave and Water Drive and when the deputy attempted to stop him he fled the area at a high rate of speed. His bond was set at \$5,000.

On 10/01/2012 William Clyde Monk, 19, was arrested on a warrant for lewd and lascivious acts in the presence of a child under 16. It is alleged and he confessed to having sexual contact with a female under the age of 16 who was under the influence of alcohol.

On 10/01/2012 Jordan Lee Nickell, 20, was arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

On 10/02/2012 deputies responded to a local bank when the manager had suspicions about two young women trying to cash a check on an elderly female. Deputies made contact with the suspects Samantha Lynn Smith, 25, and Amanda Shipman, 22, who admitted that they had forged the check and tried to cash it; both were arrested on charges of uttering and forgery.

On 10/02/2012 Eugene Phillip Allen, 26, was arrested on a warrant for failure to pay fine for no valid driver's license.

On 10/03/2012 investigators stopped a vehicle driven by Jesse Teresa Everett, 31,

for a traffic violation. A K-9 unit came to the scene and when walked around the vehicle gave a positive alert for the presence of illegal narcotics. During a search of the car methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were located. Everett along with passenger Rebecca Leanne Causey, 24, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On 10/05/2012 William Lee Kelly IV, 28, was arrested on a warrant for fleeing and eluding and DWLSR; it is alleged that on 09/14/2012 he fled from deputies on a 4-wheeler in the area of East River Road.

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- c) You
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# City official reprimanded over posts on Facebook

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**MEXICO BEACH** — For a man whose job theoretically was on the line, Mexico Beach City Administrator Chris Hubbard didn't seem nervous when he addressed the City Council during a special meeting Tuesday.

Before the council voted 3-2 to add a written reprimand to his file for inflammatory Facebook posts, Hubbard was confident enough to joke about the rumors sweeping this sleepy beach community. He told a standing-room-

only crowd that he wished just 10 percent of the rumors were true "because I'd be living a great life right now."

Aside from rumors that Hubbard administered a Facebook page called "Guerrilla Patriot," which he admitted to, there was speculation during Tuesday's meeting about Hubbard's relationships with another city employee, his prior work experience with now-defunct Cedar Grove and his arrest record. Hubbard said he's not hiding from his



CHRIS HUBBARD

past; yes, he once was arrested on suspicion of battering his then-girlfriend on Front Beach Road, but he called it a misunderstanding and pointed out the charges were dropped.

"I am not a woman abuser," he said.

As for the Facebook page, Hubbard agreed most of the posts reflected a conservative perspective and he was merely exercising his right to free speech. Councilwoman Tanya Castro said the posts could be consid-

ered offensive from a racial and religious point of view. Castro said she was disappointed the council only reprimanded Hubbard.

"I think the council should've taken stronger action," Castro said. "We just tonight sent a strong message to our employees that it's really OK."

Hubbard accused the people who spoke in favor of his termination of character assassination. He said after the meeting the Facebook page remains active, but he planned to take it down. The contents of the page were not public late Tuesday.

Hubbard was not with-

out supporters; those who spoke positively about his job performance received applause.

Mayor Al Cathey instructed a police officer in attendance to remove a woman who asked if the council was aware of Hubbard's arrest record when he was hired. Cathey said Hubbard's record was not relevant to the discussion and the woman was returned to her seat.

She declined to give her name after the meeting, but she said she was not surprised when Cathey silenced her "because I raised issues that they

didn't want to talk about." Cathey said Hubbard's actions reflected poorly on Mexico Beach and he was "absolutely disappointed," but they did not warrant termination.

"It's my opinion that the city administrator cast the city in a bad light. ... I don't think it's something that he deserves to be let go over," Cathey said.

Voting with Cathey in support of the reprimand were Councilmen Robert Pollock and Jack Mullen. Castro voted against it, as did Councilman Lanny Howell, who said he felt the reprimand went too far.



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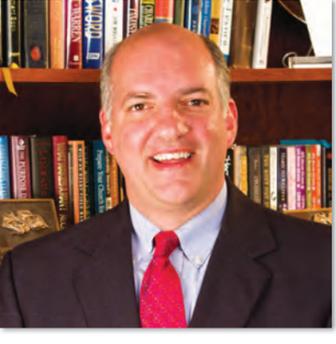
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## Her perfume still lingers

I remember when she came to town, it was a big deal. We all went to welcome her. It was always exciting with the fellow on the intercom letting you know where the next flashing blue beacon of bargains was going to be placed.

Honestly, I remember folks running to the blue light fearing they would not get in on the deal.

This was the late 70s and early 80s; Kmart was in its prime. It was a fun place to go. As teenagers, we would go to Kmart to get submarine sandwiches from the deli island in the middle of the store. This was before the various chains of sub shops sprung up around the country. The sandwiches were very good and the lady behind the counter was nice.

As the years passed, our Kmart back home in Alabama went downhill; it has been kind of sad to watch. Stuck in interstate traffic recently on the Virginia peninsula, I decided to just get off the road at the closest exit, let the traffic get better and see what I could find.

Well, there she was, behind a row of fast food restaurants, taking up the main slot in a strip mallish looking place with dollar stores, craft stores and a few empty stores.

Maybe this Kmart in Virginia would bring back my good memories of the Kmart back home in Alabama. She was still pretty, with a good looking sign out front.

Walking in, I thought first of my uncle who declared back in the early 80s that Kmart would win the "Mart Wars." My uncle bought stock in Kmart religiously. As we all know, the other "mart" won that war and Kmart was bought by Sears. My uncle passed away about the time Kmart was hooking up with Martha Stewart to sell her stuff in their stores.

My uncle was a nice man. Hopefully someone sold his stock before all of the bad things started happening.

Once inside, I noticed the shelves were looking a little bare and spread out to take up space. It bothered me, but I decided I needed to give the store a chance. As I walked around, it was apparent that areas of the store were blocked off to use less of the floor space.

No problem, they were still selling things and the three or four folks working

that I saw seemed very nice. I looked around for a blue light — they don't do that anymore. I looked around for a submarine sandwich; I knew better. They did have a deli counter with tables, but it



**CRANKS MY TRACTOR**  
BN Heard

looked like it had been closed off for quite a while.

This was not going to beat me or my good memories of Kmart. I owed it to her; I had to give her a chance. There was an aisle of candy, potato

chips, canned food and even a small cooler with milk and soft drinks.

I needed something close to a submarine sandwich. They had bags of sandwich bread. I studied the bread for a while. There were loaves that were about three dollars and one that cost about a dollar. I opted for the dollar loaf of bread; it was baked in Georgia and had a little girl on the bag. Not the normal little girl you see on loaves of bread, a different one; the expiration date was good, so I bought it.

I needed something to put in my bread. I thought about peanut butter, but that just didn't seem like the right thing to do.

A blue single serving tear-open aluminum shiny envelope caught my eye. I started reading the label.

Ingredients: Pork, water, modified stuff, some preservative stuff, sugar, etc. Perfect!

Single Serving Spam — this was the answer; a blue envelope with a single slice of Spam inside. Reading more of the label, I found out that a single serving is only 250 calories of which only 200 of those are fat calories. That is good isn't it?

Paying the nice young man for my bread and blue envelope, I walked to the parking lot. Once in my car, I could not wait. I tore open the blue envelope, "unwired" the bread and pulled out two flimsy pieces of cheap Georgia white bread. Squeezing the envelope, the single serving slice of Spam slid onto the bread. I topped it with the other slice of bread and ate it slowly.

Eating the Spam sandwich, I sat looking at the Kmart sign and the store seemed to wink at me. This rendezvous away from the interstate traffic was the right thing to do; the smell of her perfume still lingers in my car.

Actually, that's the leftover shiny blue envelope.

## Keyboard KLATTERINGS

# A workshop to nowhere

Things I learned during the joint city/county workshop held last week.

### JOINT HAS DIFFERING MEANINGS

The goal of this workshop, months in the making and only recently of any interest to the Board of County Commissioners, was to examine ways where the county and city of Port St. Joe might work together to lower the cost of government.

That, at least, is what both City Manager Jim Anderson and County Administrator Don

Butler said to begin the meeting.

But would that not mean it best for all commissioners to attend?

Apparently not.

Commissioner Bill Williams, who has spent most of the past year taking verbal jabs at the city from afar, could not be bothered apparently with making the 6 p.m. ET workshop.

Williams, the board chair, is a lame duck playing out the string until he leaves office in a few short weeks, but the fact that the city's most vitriolic critic could not make a meeting of substance when the cameras were off says volumes.

Also missing was County Commissioner Carmen McLemore who has always talked a good game about assisting all in the county but whose actions, particularly when it comes to items such as the commodities program which overwhelming benefits a single district, reveal a district commissioner and not a county commissioner.

In sum, while no decisions were reached during this workshop, two-fifths of the county, including one district directly impacted by actions of the city pertaining to water and sewer, were not represented at the table.

Now, granted, with Williams and McLemore out of the room the chances for a more civil, statesmanlike meeting were markedly improved, but given the fact that all other commissioners, a fair number of residents and staff

managed to make the workshop, their absence was telling.

### COUNTY-WIDE REPRESENTATION

We can exhaust the dictionary and a thesaurus running through the various scenarios the Board of County Commissioners has sped through while deflecting the voters' stated desire to end single-member districts.

The history has been written.

But flip the point to county-wide representation and, as noted above, the simple reality is that two-fifths of the county population was not at that table of local elected officials due to absences of taxpayer-paid commissioners.

Given that this joint workshop was first proposed at the last one, more than a year ago, and that the city sought the workshop by letter as early as February and could not glean a response until summer had nearly turned to fall, the inability, or unwillingness, of two commissioners raises questions for their constituents.

And given the issues on the table that the county and city have mutual interest in resolving at a time of difficult economics forcing both to do more with less, one noteworthy point is simply the fact that the day of district isolation is over.

Districts are not autonomous entities, if they ever were.

And how, exactly, well are the two districts truly represented in the big picture of the county when their elected officials can't carve out time for the workshop?

### CONSOLIDATION IS A DIRTY WORD

The BOCC has had enough of the word consolidation, despite McLemore's continued insistence that the county should have left well enough alone and physically consolidated the Public Works Department in his district in a flood zone in Howard Creek.

Consolidation of departments saved a boatload of money by shedding jobs, but the process of physical consolidation was marred from the outset, a pipe dream at best and in the end, with the building that was once bound for Howard Creek several years ago

finally going up in Port St. Joe, a debacle.

The county had to pay off the contractor for the Howard Creek site just to go away because the BOCC didn't properly plan or vet the project.

This leads to the continued insistence by Commissioner Tan Smiley that the Gulf County Sheriff's Office and Port St. Joe Police Department consolidate.

From the outset this has been a non-starter economically, the savings minimal at best. There was also a stated reluctance by Sheriff Joe Nugent to assume the responsibilities of the city.

This has sounded more and more as time goes on like a personal ax Smiley feels the need to grind.

Such a consolidation has nothing to do with water and sewer rates, as he attempted to repeatedly link last week, and nothing to do with real efficiency as far as utility of buildings or manpower savings given the existing offices and workforces for the two law enforcement agencies.

And the continued insistence that this is somehow an issue that needs to be worked out, when so many more important things are on the plates of both commissions, is unproductive and a wedge between the city and county.

### THE WINDMARK INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT IS A SHAM

We have said it before, we'll state it again, that interlocal agreement to allow the city to annex WindMark Beach, for tax revenue that will be years in the generation, was pure and simple a ransom note composed by Williams.

He has been its most vocal enforcer; the most vocal critic of the city's meeting its obligations and putting aside whether the county actually does.

And times have dramatically changed. That the county continues to hold provisions of that document over the city's head, while watching the city sink deeper and deeper into debt meeting infrastructure demands in that document, is appalling.

Enough is enough.

## Water tower mystery partly explained

Al Gore and I both claim to be from Tennessee. I don't know if that makes us "kindred spirits" or not. But he certainly cleared some things up and put my whole life in perspective with his comments this past week. Perhaps you saw him on national TV explaining that his candidate of choice was hampered in the presidential

debate by the change to a higher altitude. It seems that high elevation can lead to breathing problems, slowing the flow of blood to the brain which can cause some halting thought patterns that naturally keeps you from presenting your "best game."

Well, there you go! We were up on the second floor of the old elementary school when I challenged Gene Fuller to a wrestling match. Gene didn't even bother to move the chairs back a little. He stomped me right through the oak floor! It is still listed in the annals of the school as the shortest fight ever recorded in the building. Buddy pointed out to me at recess that Gene was two years older and twice as big as I was and what, pray tell, could I have possibly been thinking? I realize today, of course, I would have never issued the challenge had we been down on the oxygen filled first floor.

It was about that same time of my life I grabbed a couple of black walnuts off

the ground, stuffed them in my pocket and climbed that giant walnut tree in Miss Boaz's back yard. I shinned way up toward the top and waited for some unsuspecting soul to wander along underneath. The innocent traveler turned out to be my older brother.



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

I missed with my first shot, but the second one caught him on the right ear. I noticed two things immediately. The blow got his attention sure enough, but it didn't knock him out. AND I was a sitting duck up here in this tree! To make matters worse, I couldn't blame this one on anyone else and, as it was way down in the fall, most all the walnuts had dropped from the tree.

Leon had enough "ammunition" lying around to ward of a Hun attack. He found the range with about his third throw, and let me tell you, he commenced to lay down a bombardment that would have made Robert E. Lee proud! He pounded me until the sun went down. I couldn't dodge and hold on at the same time. He hit me on every part of my body. He was throwing so fast and furiously that he didn't hear my surrender pleas! When I crawled to the house for supper I looked like I'd been playing bumper tag with a Mack truck.

Today, with the help of Al Gore, I realize that I wasn't as stupid as I have thought all these years. I merely made a bad

decision based on the lack of oxygen to the brain. If I had been on ground level, eye ball to eye ball with Leon, I would have never thought to attack him from an unprotected and undefendable position!

We were on the third floor of the high school when Miss Polly Rucker asked me what I knew about William Shakespeare. It was the first day in her English class and I didn't want to show my ignorance too early. "Well, Ma'am," I figured with a name like Bill there must be a lot of them, "he can field his position, slide on either side, but he can't hit a curve ball worth a hoot. He lives way out past the Cunningham's on the Como Road."

Miss Polly was still shaking her head when the bell rang for lunch. If that dear sweet soul who taught me so much in the ensuing years was alive today, I would call her this morning and explain the reason for my rather "off base" answer. It was the climb up the three flights of stairs that got me!

I was just down the hall from Miss Polly in study hall when I decided to ask Billie Jean to the homecoming dance. The high altitude clearly affected my thinking here. She was pretty enough and wore her hair just right. But she wouldn't near "bout quit talking and she was all fired up on Penguin "signature" jackets and madras shirts and she thought Bass Weegins

with no socks was the footwear of the elite. I liked jeans, tee shirts and boots. She catered to Herman's Hermits and the Beatles. I leaned more toward Merle Haggard and Jerry Lee Lewis. She also thought one trip to a homecoming dance betrothed us forever. She was talking home and marriage and a good money making future...

The only thing that saved me was the dance took place in the gym. At ground level!

Me and Yogi were enjoying the sights from up on the water tower the week before Halloween in 1963. Folks, that was the highest elevation we had in our little town! We'd lugged the paint cans all the way to the top and paused to take in the scene as we pondered all mighty hard on what to write across that big silver tank. Today, of course, I realize what went wrong here. We should have decided exactly what we were going to "paint on" before we started the climb. Clearly, as it turned out, Al Gore is correct. There was absolutely no oxygen leaking into our brains at the top of that tower!

Yogi came up with the idea. And when the town got sight of it in broad daylight, it caused a tad more excitement for the Halloween season than even we envisioned. I'm not saying who did the actual painting until I find out about the statute of limitations.

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Garcia's class connected to a class in Mexico, where Garcia used to teach English. Her students were able to write and speak to their "class-pals" in Spanish.

"It was good for them," Garcia said. "Each student basically makes a paper doll. It is really a fun and educational way to be connected to another classroom in another part of the world. The kids have a lot of fun."

Valerie Ostrom, mother of an Air Force son, hosts an online Facebook page "Parents of a Son or Daughter in the Military" which sponsors four card/letter writing campaigns to troops each year.

Ostrom's group partnered with Flat Stanley and schools to expand the letter-writing campaigns and Garcia met Ostrom.

Garcia's classes "adopted" a soldier each of the past three years - the current "adoptee" is due home from overseas this week - and kept in touch with letters and cards.

"The administration at the school has bent over backwards to support us," Garcia said. "We've never met the soldiers we've adopted. We've seen each other on Facebook, so the kids can make that connection."

When Ostrom mentioned to Garcia that the Semper Fi Sisters had a goal of packing and shipping 1,000 "Boxes of Love" - that number has grown astoundingly from 36 boxes the first year; over 300 the next, nearly 750 last year - Garcia was dumbfounded.

"I wondered you have got to be kidding me. One thousand?" Garcia said.

Garcia perceived that cause as another opportunity for her ongoing lessons on citizenship. She rewards extra credit to her students based on what could be called community service.

"I give them those sorts of extra credit opportunities all the time," Garcia said. "Everybody can participate. It is good them. Good for their insides, good for their character."

Garcia proposed extra credit for collecting 100 pairs of socks to be donated to Semper Fi Sisters.

The socks were collected in mere days and Garcia points out that Mullen is hardly an affluent area of Nebraska. The nearest city of any size, the nearest Walmart, is over 70 miles away.

"The students were the real push behind all this," Garcia said. "They don't



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Just a small display of items that have been streaming in from around the world to pack in the "Boxes of Love" to be packed and shipped during the Semper Fi Sister Beach Blast.

need the extra credit, they just want it. After all the socks were in I had to come up with something else. They wanted that extra credit."

Next idea, Garcia said, was providing over 100 cards to go with the more than 100 pairs of new socks the students had collected. So the students set to work on personal cards and notes to the troops.

"The homemade, that personal touch, is so important," Garcia said.

One hundred cards proved a snap and Garcia was now wondering what would be appropriate to pack to the troops so she could get these students the extra credit they kept pushing for.

Ramen noodles, 100 individual packets of Ramen noodles were the answer.

"By golly, I had them in three days," Garcia said. "It was amazing. I overheard one student on the phone with her grandmother who was at Walmart and wondering what was needed. The student told her to pick up three dozen packs."

The boxes of goodies were sent off weeks ago to become part of the packing party which will end the Sister Fi Sisters Beach Blast next Saturday at the Centennial Building.

The lesson plan will reverberate for some time among Garcia's students.

"I think this was a great project and I hope they get

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the message," Garcia said. "That is what Flat Stanley is really about, being connected to the world, communicating with other

people. The students need to be tolerant. They need to be good communicators. "By example, I hope they learn."

# DESIGNATION from page A1

too did the ability to secure adequate funding for those projects and they went away, port director Tommy Pitts said.

"We continue to be optimistic," Pitts said of port prospects. "The new relationship with St. Joe that provides long-desired access to the deepwater port as well as other efforts has us optimistic."

The SIS designation had a four-year window which expires in March 2013. The "emerging" SIS designation is being phased out, FDOT staff indicated, but they would press for an application to extend the SIS designation for the Port of Port St. Joe by two to three years, with two years being the most likely.

"I think we can get there in three years," board chairman Leonard Costin said, alluding to the tonnage and cargo requirements to be part of the SIS system. "I think we will be a shining light for the economy in the region."

Board member Eugene Raffield questioned Barfield as to what might or might not apply as far as tonnage requirements.

He noted that though not part of the port - but located in the same waterway and basin as the barge bulkhead - Raffield Fisheries and Wood's Fisheries ship out hundreds of containers and tons of seafood throughout the world.

"We are in that zone," Raffield said. "From a rural economics view, I wish we could credit that to the port, find some unique credit for our port."

Barfield said the Port Authority must tell a story detailing the progress made over the past four years and prospects for the future, particularly under the new dynamics brought by the collaboration between Port Authority and

St. Joe Co. "With St. Joe it is a whole new ball game," Costin said.

Barfield added that a compelling story is essential for him to take to the FDOT main office to make the case for maintaining the SIS designation. He also noted that there might be some pushback from other ports, competing for SIS money.

"Anything we can do to show there are things going on," Barfield said. "The state) wants us to succeed. But they are looking at return on investment. That's the world we live in. The governor doesn't want Florida ports competing with each other; he wants them competing with Mobile, Ala."

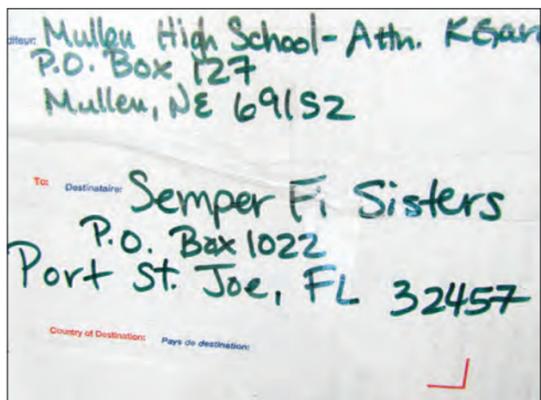
"The major asset you have here is land. You need to focus on your assets. There is investment, momentum; you have a lot going on. We need to make a request from the Port Authority (for the SIS extension) and show what things have been done, are being done and what will be done to meet tonnage requirements."

Raffield added that the dynamics will change further in 2014, when the widened Panama Canal, capable of accommodating the largest ocean-going vessels, is due to re-open.

"This is going to be huge," Raffield said. "It is going to create opportunity where bigger ports are going to spin off business to the smaller ports."

The bottom line, Barfield said, was that the District 3 staff would put forward the most compelling case possible to maintain the SIS designation for the Port of Port St. Joe.

"We have to have faith, and I have faith that this thing will take off," Barfield said. "And when it does we can't do things fast enough."



A Spanish class from Mullen, Neb., sent half a dozen boxes of donations and cards.

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Mango Marley's • 7pm (CT)	Haughty Heron • 7pm	
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## LINDEMAN from page A1

looked into the allegations and found them unsubstantiated.

He cited a number of initiatives Lindeman had undertaken, including a community-wide rabies clinic when rabies was detected in the county; flu shot clinics in the public schools; collaboration with Sacred

Heart Hospital on the Gulf to broaden access to health care and strategic planning for the community and department, among others.

"Marsha Lindeman is committed to protecting and promoting the health of those residing and visiting Gulf County," Armstrong wrote. "I support

the decisions she made and look forward to working with her as she continues to provide public health leadership in Gulf County."

Williams, who had the county attorney read the letter for the board during Tuesday's regular bi-monthly meeting said he hoped Armstrong's letter would close the issue. McLemore was absent because of a doctor's appointment.

"We sent the letter, they sent a letter, I think it is closed," Yeager said.

### Cape San Blas Lighthouse

The BOCC approved moving forward with plans to make a claim for the Cape San Blas Lighthouse and keepers' quarters as the process of federal government disposal of the land moves ahead. McDaniel, who offered the motion, said his idea was to move the lighthouse and quarters to Salinas Park.

Yeager said he had talked with city officials and also with representatives with the St. Joseph Historical Society, and said the common theme is to save the historical lighthouse, though there are multiple opinions on a suitable location.

"It makes zero sense to me to move that (lighthouse) into town when we have a perfectly suitable area," Williams said.

He cautioned, however, that the county needed to appoint a committee to craft concrete plans on logistics, costs, both for relocation but also ongoing maintenance.

### County Road 386

Commissioners approved spending \$38,000 from the Secondary Road and Bridge Fund to pay for middle-striping and the placing of nighttime reflectors on County Road 386 because of dangerous conditions on the dark and unlined road.

Commissioners also approved sending a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation asking the agency to assume ownership and maintenance of the road and the Overstreet Bridge on the road. At one time the bridge was a state responsibility, McDaniel noted, and in the small county where resources are tight the state should resume responsibility for the bridge and also the entire length of County Road 386.

### RESTORE Committee

The RESTORE Committee co-chairwoman Loretta Costin reported the committee had come up with a broad strokes plan for moving ahead on projects to spend the potential BP fine money coming the county's way.

She said the committee had decided any funds be divided into two pots: one for environmental protection projects, the other for diversifying the economy. She said those numbers could be flexible.

She said the committee was prepared to accept pre-proposals from government entities and non-profit organizations — a one- or two-page summary of the project with timeline, costs, benefits, etc. That would give the committee an idea of what projects were being proposed.

Meanwhile the committee would develop a formal application process for both types of proposals. There would be a due date for all applications and they would be evaluated and scored by the committee.

The committee meets at 11 a.m. ET Tuesdays. The meetings are open to the public. Beginning next month, one meeting per month will be moved to 5 p.m. ET, county attorney Jeremy Novak said.



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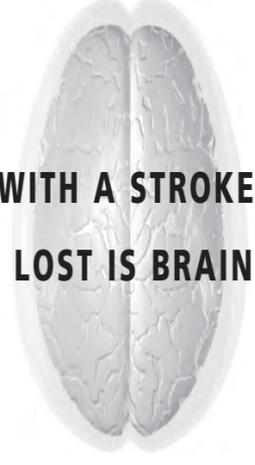
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# LIGHTHOUSE from page A1

the lighthouse and grounds will be off limits to the public.

Magidson added that while the buildings being moved remained on temporary moorings, public access would remain prohibited.

"The bad news is that the lighthouse has to be closed to the public," Magidson said. "It is unfortunate but unavoidable."

He added that as long as the Air Force owns the lighthouse and grounds — there is a lease arrangement involving the county and the St. Joseph Historical Society — the Air Force was bound by law to protect the keepers' quarters, oil house and lighthouse.

After Hurricane Isaac brought heavy wave action and erosion to the Cape and St. Joseph Peninsula, the lighthouse grounds have come under increasing threat from the shoreline, which is less than 50 feet from the keepers' quarters and oil house.

The lighthouse, sitting well back on the property, is believed "fairly safe" for now, Magidson said.

The county administrator Don Butler said earlier in the week, has begun the process through the General Services Administration of taking formal possession of the buildings on the lighthouse grounds.

The Air Force has declared the property surplus and the GSA is moving through the red tape of offering the property to qualified applicants — the city and county being the preferred entity for disposition of the land and lighthouse.



The Cape San Blas Lighthouse and grounds shot this week before the area is closed to the public. In the short-term, the keepers' quarters and oil house are being moved further back on the property.

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The estimated cost to move the lighthouse is more than \$300,000 and the fundraising by the Historical Society — including pledges from the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency and Florida Lighthouse Association — has thus far brought in almost \$80,000.

County and city officials pledged last week to work together to save the lighthouse, which the city is proposing as a centerpiece for bayfront recreational area in George Core Park.

### Radiology machine transfer

During last Tuesday's bi-monthly regular meeting, city commissioners also approved a request to transfer a piece of radiology equipment from the Gulf County Health Department to Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf.

The city donated dollars be-

queathed to it to help the GCHD purchase the equipment. The intent of the purchase was to facilitate orthopedic services provided by Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic at the GCHD.

However, TOC has closed its Port St. Joe offices and the equipment no longer is in use at the Health Department.

Sacred Heart, city attorney Tom Gibson said, could use the equipment, which he said is four or five years old.

"This is a good thing for the hospital and for anyone visiting the hospital," Gibson said.

### Ghosts on the Coast

The annual Halloween event along Reid Avenue will take place as it has for more than a decade. Donations of candy are being sought and can be dropped off

with any downtown merchant participating in the trick-or-treat fest for children.

There will also be a costume contest, a car show and other activities.

### USDA grant

The city faces a predicament over a USDA loan that assisted in the construction of a small business incubator off Peters Street in North Port St. Joe, in the old Washington School complex.

However, while the city at one time awarded two applicants space in the incubator, those businesses never came to fruition.

The building has been in use by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board for several years. The Workforce Board has a computer lab and other classrooms in the building.

Since the intent of the grant was to establish a small-business

incubator and the building is now being used for other purposes, the city could be on the hook for \$120,000 in grant funds if it does not come up with a plan by the end of the month to have a small business housed in the incubator, city manager Jim Anderson told commissioners.

Commissioners took no formal action.

### Water treatment plant

Work on the repairs to leaking membranes within the city's \$21 million water plant should be completed by this week, plant supervisor Larry McClamma said.

One membrane developed a crack and leak shortly after the plant went online and during a walkthrough of the plant earlier this year, problems with two other among the four membranes were noted.

### Centennial Celebration

The city is inviting residents to offer up ideas for celebrating the 100th birthday of modern Port St. Joe next summer. The celebration is scheduled June 28 to July 1, segueing into the Fourth of July holiday.

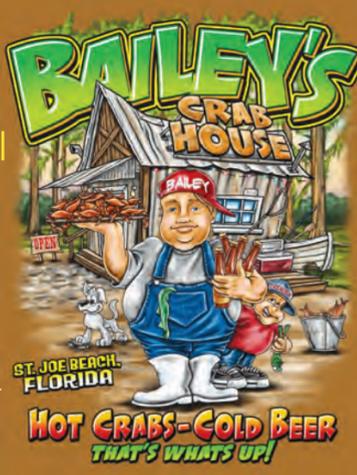
Former residents are being contacted and invited back to celebrate the birthday and Magidson urged anyone from the public to submit ideas for celebrating the city's birthday.

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Monster reds like this one might be more than 20 years old. The species grows to more than 90 pounds, though 50 pounds seems to be near the max in the Gulf of Mexico.



## BULLY, BULLY, BULLY!

### Bull redfish visit Northwest Florida beaches in fall

By FRANK SARGEANT  
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We call them bulls, even though they are cows.

But when the fall redfish run is on, who cares if they're girls or boys?

Adult redfish spend most of their long lives — up to 35 years — offshore, hanging around baitfish schools and feeding their prodigious appetites. During that time they can reach weights of over 90 pounds, though the max in the Gulf of Mexico appears closer to 50. All of the largest fish are females, biologists with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission say.

Though the big ones are primarily offshore fish, in September and October they come back to inshore waters where they grew up, to feed and to spawn. The young fish will spend their first four years in the bays and backwaters — but the adults head back offshore around Halloween.

The massive adults are not targets for the grill; all reds over 27 inches are off-limits to harvest in Florida; the 18-27-inch slot limit has been largely responsible for the steady increase in redfish numbers since the mid-1990s.

But when it comes to an angling challenge, the big reds are one of the best in inshore waters; they're fat, they're powerful and they won't give up. And, if you get in the right spot at the right time, they can be incredibly abundant; schools of hundreds — or even thousands — sometimes appear along the beaches, creating the famed "red wave" all redfish anglers dream of.

#### The red wave

The red wave results when a big school of reds comes to the surface, sometimes chasing bait, sometimes traveling, sometimes, on chilly mornings, simply sun-bathing. When they're feeding, the churning water can be seen a quarter mile away. But at other times, you have to be relatively close to see the mass of fish, which appears a sort of rust to rose red.

Back in the days when redfish were legal targets and the blackened redfish craze had created a commercial market, as much as 50,000 pounds of spawners were scooped up by a single boat in a single strike off Panhandle beaches. Not surprisingly, this treatment soon brought redfish numbers to a critical level, and the stocks did not start to recover until

gill and purse seines were banned for use on the species in 1995. A one-fish recreational limit was placed on reds shortly thereafter.

Now, after 17 years of protection, reds appear to be doing well all over the state but particularly in the Panhandle, where the recreational harvest limit was recently increased from one fish daily to two daily. State regulators say numbers are adequate to handle the increased harvest without impact.

#### Where to find bulls

The giant fish tend to congregate around major passes as well as around nearshore reefs and inlets.

Cape San Blas and Cape St. George, both just east of Panama City Beach, are classic fall redfish locations; the long points extending into the Gulf create natural feeding and spawning areas, and the fish show up there every year by the hundreds. West Pass and Indian Pass, at either end of St. Vincent's Island, are also good spots, as is the St. Vincent Bar, on the east end of the island inside the bay.

St. Joseph Point and Bell Shoal, at the mouth of St. Joseph Bay, are also prime areas. The jetties at the mouth of St. Andrews Bay are good, as are the fish havens off the beach to the southeast. The jetties at Destin are worth a visit, as are those at the entry to Pensacola Bay.

All of the public fishing piers along Panhandle beaches are visited by waves of bull reds at times; if you happen to be there when the fish move through, you'll be part of a fire drill as everybody gets bit at once.

#### What it takes

Don't go bear hunting with a switch. You aren't going to land a 40-pound redfish on 8-pound-test spinning gear unless your name is Stu Apte. Baitcasting gear with 25-pound test and a long, stout rod is more suited to the task — easier on you, easier on the fish, because a long battle makes survival after release less likely. If you're fishing from a beach, jetty or pier, you'll need even heavier tackle; 50-pound braid on a jumbo spinning rig is a good choice.

Bull reds will attack most anything that will fit into their big mouths, but live and cut baits are most dependable; live mullet, pinfish, croakers and horse threadfins or greenbacks are

always a good bet. They also readily grab blue crabs. Stout hooks are an essential part of the rig; 6/0 to 7/0 circle hooks will stick the fish and also prevent them from swallowing the hook most of the time. A couple feet of 60-pound-test mono or fluoro leader protects your line from the rough jaws of the fish.

Where the reds are not visible, it's basically a bottom-fishing routine. Add enough weight to hold the bait on bottom, cast it out and set back to wait — if there's a bull red around, they'll take care of the rest. Along the beach, they'll usually prowl outside the green bar. Around rip rap in the passes they can be anywhere from right against to rocks to out in the deeper water. Areas on sand points where the currents clash and create rips are often good.

When it comes to artificials, any large lure can do the job. When you see fish on top, a big topwater lure can create some spectacular action — a Super Spook or Chug-N-Spook, worked fast and loud, will bring fish rushing from every direction. (Flatten the barbs on these treble-hooked plugs so you can easily release oversized fish.)

One-ounce jigs trimmed with 6-inch shad tails or the 1- to 2-ounce Tsunami shad swimbaits are good choices when the fish are deeper. Sometimes, you can spot a school on sonar in the deeper sections of major passes, and dropping a lure to them vertically results in instant hookups.

When you don't know where the fish are, rigging up with a big trolling lure like the Mann's Plus 25 or Mirrolure 113 allows you to cover lots of water fast. Pull the lures around artificial reefs and markers near the beaches, or in the rip of the larger passes on outgoing tides. Again, the trebles on these lures should have the barbs flattened, and a long-handled hook-remover like those from Rapala should be at hand to help release the fish.

Reds are very durable and readily survive catch and release if they're put back in the water promptly — get the hooks out, grab a few photos and send them on their way — they'll make more little redfish, which will be in our bays and estuaries next year at this time.

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### BUDS N BUGS: MEXICAN PETUNIA

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When Jim Bachrach of Apalachicola's Main Street program came to me and asked for a list of native plants to be used in the downtown streetscape, I was delighted to hear that the committee had pledged to install environmentally friendly plantings downtown. Thus



BUDS 'N' BUGS  
Lois Swoboda

In other words, Mexican petunia invades wetlands and displaces native species. Its invasiveness is enhanced by its fast growth, prolific production of seeds, and an extensive root system.

Now the Main Street committee is not the first to introduce this bad actor into our local ecosystem. The blue form is running rampant in the alleys of the historic district already. But Main Street's use of Ruella in their downtown

I was equally disappointed when I saw the choice of plant material on Avenue E.

Those little pink flowers are Mexican petunia (Ruella brittoniana), a native of Mexico.

It is listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as a Class One invasive and known to be especially aggressive in wetlands. It alters native plant communities by displacing native species and changing community structures or ecological functions.

planting shows a disregard for environmental issues and ignorance of what sort of plant would be desirable in a planting on a river bank. Anything planted in our downtown is guaranteed to spread to surrounding wetlands.

The Main Street Committee had an opportunity to do the right thing and set an example for the rest of the community by making the effort to use native plants. Sadly they chose not to do so.

### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Oct. 11	82°	67°	0 %
Fri, Oct. 12	81°	70°	0 %
Sat, Oct. 13	81°	70°	0 %
Sun, Oct. 14	82°	68°	10 %
Mon, Oct. 15	83°	68°	10 %
Tues, Oct. 16	82°	66°	30 %
Wed, Oct. 17	80°	66°	0 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
11	Th	7:10am 1.4	11:03pm 1.1	3:17pm 0.7	
12	Fr	9:02am 1.3	9:41pm 1.2	1:51am 1.0	3:33pm 0.9
13	Sa	11:16am 1.2	9:16pm 1.3	3:39am 0.8	2:33pm 1.1
14	Su	9:21pm 1.7		4:50am 0.6	
15	Mo	9:47pm 1.9		5:56am 0.3	
16	Tu	10:27pm 2.0		7:05am 0.1	
17	We	11:16pm 2.1		8:21am 0.0	
18	Th			9:46am 0.0	
19	Fr	12:12am 2.2		11:11am -0.1	
20	Sa	1:12am 2.1		12:24pm 0.0	
21	Su	2:15am 2.0		1:21pm 0.0	
22	Mo	3:21am 1.8		2:02pm 0.2	
23	Tu	4:35am 1.6		2:33pm 0.4	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
11	Th	12:4am 1.4	12:33pm 1.4	7:19am 1.0	7:41pm 0.6
12	Fr	1:49am 1.4	1:49pm 1.4	8:05am 0.8	8:23pm 0.7
13	Sa	2:11am 1.5	2:56pm 1.5	8:47am 0.6	9:01pm 0.8
14	Su	2:31am 1.5	3:59pm 1.5	9:28am 0.3	9:37pm 1.0
15	Mo	2:54am 1.6	4:59pm 1.5	10:09am 0.2	10:10pm 1.1
16	Tu	3:19am 1.6	5:59pm 1.5	10:53am 0.0	10:42pm 1.3
17	We	3:49am 1.6	7:00pm 1.5	11:40am -0.1	11:15pm 1.4
18	Th	4:25am 1.7	8:06pm 1.4	12:33pm -0.1	11:50pm 1.4
19	Fr	5:07am 1.7	9:15pm 1.3	1:33pm 0.0	
20	Sa	5:56am 1.6	10:26pm 1.3	12:34am 1.4	2:42pm 0.1
21	Su	6:55am 1.6	11:25pm 1.3	1:42am 1.4	3:56pm 0.2
22	Mo	8:13am 1.4		3:27am 1.3	5:07pm 0.3
23	Tu	12:08am 1.3	9:56am 1.3	5:12am 1.2	6:11pm 0.5

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#### Freshwater

Lakes and creeks are starting to reports on good freshwater fishing. Lake Wimico has had mixed reports of bass and bream this week, but not much to brag about. Good catfishing and bream are holding good in Howard Creek and the Brothers.

#### Inshore

Flounder continue to be the hot ticket right now around St. Joe Bay and on most coastal waters. Goerge Tapper Bridge has had good reports of doormat flounder and slot sized red fish this week. The Mexico Beach canal is also a good place to get your limit of flounder from shore.

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# Port St. Joe rolls past Franklin County

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Port St. Joe found success in the air last Friday to complement a steady running game, as the Tiger Sharks downed Franklin County 56-14.

Holding a 14-7 lead after the first quarter, freshman quarterback Troy Williams threw two scoring strikes to junior running back Natron Lee, a 25-yarder and a 60-yarder, in the space of five minutes in the second quarter to break the game

open.

In between the two aerial scores, Williams rushed for a touchdown, running it in from the 1 with four minutes left in the second quarter. In all, Williams connected on six of eight for 157 yards,

"We threw the ball a little bit better tonight and the deal there is if we're able to throw the ball a little bit, that will help us down the stretch and open up the running game," said Port St. Joe coach Chuck Gannon, whose team went to 3-2 on the year and 1-1

in the District 2-1A.

The Tiger Shark running game didn't need much opening up against the Seahawks, as sophomore running back Jarkeice Davis posted two early rushing touchdowns of 11 and 4 yards, to give Port St. Joe a 14-0 lead, with three minutes left in the first quarter.

Just before the half, Davis ran in from 27 yards out for his third touchdown and a 42-14 Tiger Shark halftime lead.

Davis carried the ball 12 times for 139 yards,

and helped the cause on defense with his fourth and final touchdown early in the third quarter, when he scooped up a Seahawk fumble from his linebacker position and ran it in 26 yards for a 49-14 lead.

The eighth and final Port St. Joe touchdown came with 10 minutes left in the game, when senior Corey North ran the ball 45 yards up the middle.

Junior kicker Justin Hites connected on seven-of-eight extra points, with one blocked.

Franklin County looked

to make a game of it in the early stages, as junior Dwayne Griggs had a 10-yard touchdown run with 25 seconds left in the first quarter. Griggs, who is a cousin to Davis, with both sporting No.1 on their jerseys, brought the Seahawks within six points 20-14 with an 80-yard touchdown tear midway through the second quarter.

"We gave the Griggs kid too much space," said Gannon. "He's a good runner and we just gave him too much space, but he made

some good moves also."

Griggs was saddled with an ankle injury for several minutes late in the game, evidence of what was a tough physical performance all night by Port St. Joe.

"We're getting better at it," said Gannon. "We got to get stronger in the weight room and we have to play St. Joe football from the past, and that was coming in and sticking you for four quarters. And that's what we did and that's what we've been stressing all year."

## Dolphins, Jaguars start GRFL season with wins

Star Staff Report

The Gene Raffield Football League's two Port St. Joe teams, the 10-, 11- and 12-year-old Jaguars and the 7-, 8- and 9-year-old Dolphins started off the 2012 season the same way they finished last year, winning, last Saturday at Sneads.

The Jaguars played first and set the tone for the day on their first offensive play. Jasmine Thomas took a handoff from quarterback Bryce Register and smashed up the middle behind tough blocking by the offensive line, bulling defenders out of his way and finally going down with a 16-yard gain.

After a PSJ turnover, followed by three Pirate offensive plays for no gain, Thomas fielded a long Sneads' punt at his own 30, headed for the sideline and took the ball all the way for a touchdown.

The extra point try failed.

Sneads attempted a pass on the first play of its next possession. Register, despite playing with a cast on his right hand, intercepted the throw at the PSJ 35 and ran it back to the 40. On two strong runs, Thomas moved the ball to the Pirate 10. Ethan (Freight Train) Lafontaine did the rest sweeping around left end for the score and ran the same play for the two-point conversion.

The final Jaguar touchdown came on a 60-yard run by Thomas with two minutes left in the half.

Sneads was unable to move the pigskin against the attacking Jaguar defense, getting only two first downs all day. Blitzing middle linebacker Brandon Brant practically set up camp in the Pirate backfield. The Jag secondary of Lafontaine, Register and Cameron Harmon, with help from outside line backers Trey Sander and Thomas, smothered the pirate receivers allowing only one completion all day.

The Jaguars won 20-0.

In the second game of the day the PSJ Dolphins beat a competitive Pirate team 16 to 6.

## Lady Sharks fall to Blountstown, host Dig Pink last week

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Lady Tiger Sharks volleyball team hosted Liberty County on Oct. 2, and lost the match 0-3 in games.

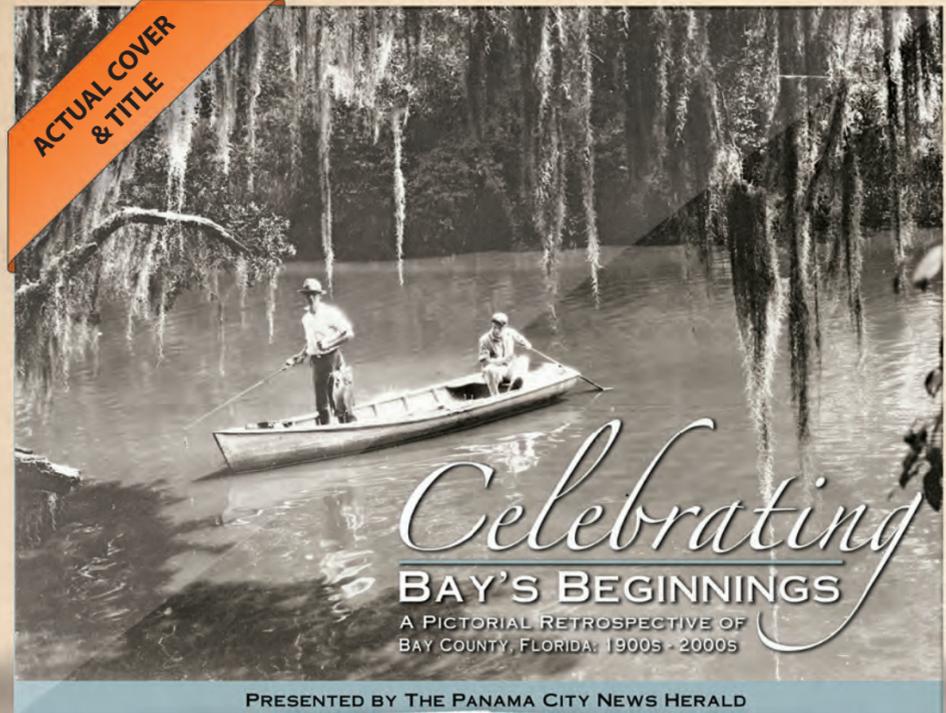
On Thursday Port St. Joe had another home match, against West Gadsden. The Lady Tiger Sharks won the match 3-0. Homecoming week, Oct. 8-12 will see the team traveling to Franklin County School on Tuesday with no other matches during the week. The final week of the regular season will begin. Monday, Oct. 15, the team will travel to Bay High School and

then will host two more matches at home. On Tuesday, October 16 the Lady Tiger Sharks will host Rutherford.

Thursday, Oct. 18, Port St. Joe will host Wewahitchka in the final volleyball match of the regular season. The junior varsity will start at 6 p.m. ET and the varsity match will follow. In addition to being the final regular season match, it will also be Senior Night and Dig Pink. Please come out and pack the house; not only to cheer on your seniors and the team, but all proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to breast cancer research.

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# 3 claim top score at LGA Autumn Action tournament

Star Staff Report

The weather was perfect for the annual LGA Autumn Action Golf Tournament at St Joseph Bay Golf Club this past Sunday. The players had a great time, good weather, a fun game, won prizes and ate low country shrimp boil. The Hole in One was sponsored by Bill Creamer Chevrolet but unfortunately, although, a lot of players got close, no one went home with the new, red Chevrolet Cruze.

Men, women and teens played for cash prizes. There was a three-way tie for first with a score of 61, and the final winners were determined by elimination. First place was a mixed team with two of our club member and two from Tyndall Air Force Base: Debbie Ashbrook, Andrew Rowell, Herman Bell and Tina Lacourse. Second was a St Joe Team: Penelope Evanoff, Tom Adams, Hershel Neel and Wayne

Rish. Third also was a St Joe Team: Stacey Kervin, Larry Wilson, Marvin Shinfessil, and Dick Davis. Nola Tolbert from the St. James Bay Club was the Putting Champion.

A team of teens from Port St Joseph High School was sponsored by Dr. Anne Brown and Dr. Fred Thomason of Tennessee. The four players were Sammy Buciori, Morgan Kennington, Witt Shoaf, and Javarri Beauchum. Sammy won first-place winner and is quite a golfer since he took first last year as well. Closest to the Line winner was Morgan Kennington and Closest to the Hole was Witt Shoaf.

All the proceeds from the tournament go to fund the programs of two local charities. The High School High Tech program at St Joseph Bay High School will use its funding to provide summer internships for job training for students in the High School High Tech



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The winning team of Debbie Ashbrook, Andrew Rowell, Herman Bell and Tina Lacourse join Dr. Pat Hardman for a photo.

Program. The proceeds will fund approximately half of the students' stipend. The Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force will use its funding for educating youth against domestic violence and to assist those in domestic violence situations in Gulf County.

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## Songwriters to have a Blast on the Bay

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Nashville recording artist and songwriter Lisa Shaffer said a certain magic is present during a songwriters' festival.

She said there is something special about hearing the back story, hearing the inspiration behind a song and understanding where the songwriters' heart, soul and brain were at the moment of conception of another melody, another lyric.

"When I see a songwriter perform a song I've heard maybe on the radio, there is a little bit of magic," Shaffer said by phone from Nashville. "It's like there is a realness there, an honesty, that is just so special.

"You get to hear where did that song come from. You hear the back story."

Shaffer and about two dozen other songwriters will be in town next week for the annual Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival.

Shaffer performs with Steve Dean and Bill Whyte, two other Nashville veterans, in a performance they call "Hits and Grins." The grins

are evident, and the hits come when the three take the stage, as they have at the last two Blast on the Bay festivals.

"The three of us just got together and realized how much fun it was," Shaffer said. "It just made sense to form a group.

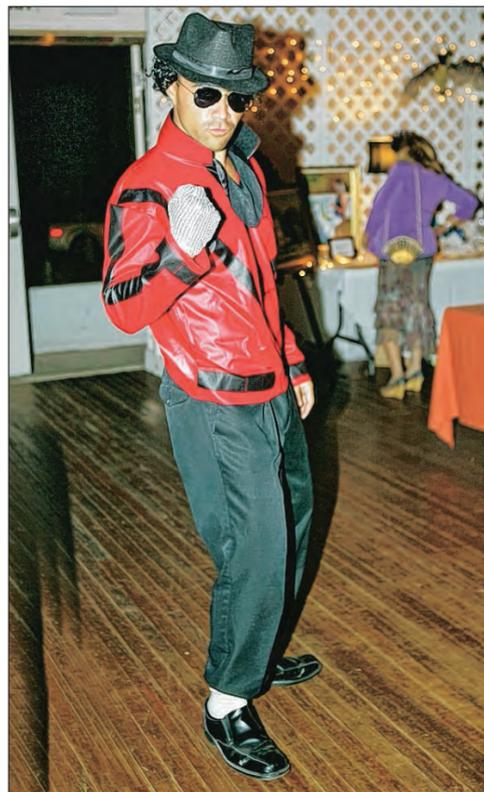
"Bill has been the radio forever, and he has so many stories and quips, he'll talk your ear off. We all sing and talk and tell little stories and quips. We just have fun."

Shaffer, who has songs recorded by artists from George Strait to Reba McEntire, plays a mix of primarily country and bluegrass. She is signed to a Disney-owned label but enjoys the laid back atmosphere of the Blast on the Bay, a few days to get away from the grind.

"Blast on the Bay really is my favorite festival," Shaffer said. "The beach, the sand, I love the location. The Forgotten Coast, it is so laid back.

"We love the crowds there. The Indian Pass Raw Bar (Sunday's Blast-ending event), it is a place you can throw on your flip-flops and just have a blast."

This, as the title of the event suggests, is precisely the point.



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At last year's bash, Gary Gibbs showed his feminine side and Ron Reid released his inner Michael Jackson.

### BLAST ON THE BAY SCHEDULE

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6:30 p.m.: Will Rambeaux, Little Feather, Sam Brooker, Aaron Spraggs

8:30 p.m.: Charlie Black, Dana Hunt Black, Casey Black, Erin Enderlin

10:30 p.m.: Walt Aldridge, Sonny Lemaire, Tim Buppert, Jim Parker

##### Mango Marley's

7 p.m. (CT): Steve Leslie, Abigail Rose, Brett Jones

9 p.m. (CT): Chas Sandford, Jesse Rice, Pete Sallis, Riley Weston

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 20

##### Dockside Café, the Port St. Joe Marina

2 p.m.: Songwriters' Workshop; discussion and Question/Answer session from a panel of talented writers

##### Lookout Lounge

5 p.m.: Walt Aldridge, Sonny Lemaire, Tim Buppert, Jim Parker

7 p.m.: Charlie Black, Dana Hunt Black, Casey Black, Erin Enderlin

##### Haughty Heron

7 p.m.: Steve Leslie, Abigail Rose, Jerry Salley

9 p.m.: Walt Aldridge, Sonny Lemaire, Tim Buppert, Jim Parker

##### Toucan's

6:30 p.m. (CT): Will Rambeaux, Little Feather, Sam Brooker, Aaron Spraggs

8:30 p.m. (CT): "Hits and Grins" Lisa Shaffer, Steve Dean, Bill Whyte

10:30 p.m. (CT): Chas Sandford, Jesse Rice, Pete Sallis, Riley Weston

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 21

##### Indian Pass Raw Bar

2 p.m.: Steve Leslie, Abigail Rose, Jerry Salley

3:30 p.m.: Will Rambeaux, Little Feather, Sam Brooker, Aaron Spraggs

5 p.m.: Charlie Black, Dana Hunt Black, Casey Black

6:30 p.m.: Chas Sandford, Jesse Rice, Pete Sallis, Riley Weston

8 p.m.: "Hits and Grins" with Lisa Shaffer, Steve Dean, Bill Whyte

\* All times and locations are subject to change. Check back for updates to the schedule. All times are eastern unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

## Doing more with less

### St. Joseph Humane Society to host 7th annual Bow Wow Bash

By TIM CROFT  
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Tough economic times for two-legged humans typically lead to difficult times for their four-legged friends.

And that in significant part is what makes this year's seventh annual edition of the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society's Bow Wow Bash Masquerade Party so important.

The Bow Wow Bash will be 6-10 p.m. ET Oct. 27 at the Centennial Building.

The Bow Wow Bash, a mix of food, fun, music with a Halloween theme, represents the major fundraiser each year for the Humane Society. With government budgets — and therefore revenue to the Humane Society — constrained, the Bow Wow Bash provides an opportunity to take a bite out of the red ink.

"The funding we get from the county and (city of Port St. Joe) is about 20 percent of what it costs to operate the Humane Society for the year," said Sandi Christy of the Humane Society board. "The Bow Wow Bash is the one event we count on each year to put us over the top, so to speak."

This year's event will be catered by Sunset Coastal Grill and its executive chef, Ian Williams. Guests



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Items from artist Jan Sapte will among those auctioned off to benefit the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

will enjoy a cash bar, masquerade contest (costumes for attendees is strictly optional), and there will be live music.

There will be silent and live auctions (credit cards accepted) that will culminate with the drawing for a new iPad. Tickets for the iPad drawing are \$10 or three for \$25 and are available at various locations around Port St. Joe, the Bow Wow Beach Shop on Reid Avenue and at www.bowwowbash.org.

The auctions will include items from local artist Jan Sapte, including a hand-crafted fused-glass plate and handmade quilt featuring seabirds pictured here; a two-night stay at the Windsor Court Hotel, a 4-Diamond hotel in the French Quarter in New Orleans; a spa/golf package at the Silverado Resort

in Napa; a 10-person Mad Hatter Murder Mystery Dinner hosted by Jill and Mike Davis; and a number of other quality items Christy has lined up.

Prizes also will be awarded to the winners of the costume contests, including Best Couple, Best Man, Best Woman and Best Overall.

Door prizes will be given throughout the event.

All proceeds from this function are used to the Humane Society and its mission to help the needy animals of Gulf County.

The need is there. With the economy in a doldrums for several years, the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society shelter is bulging.

See BOW WOW B6

## Students 'adopt' deployed soldiers

By TIM CROFT  
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Matthew Wright had an idea and figured it would be one the community of Gulf County would support.

Even that high bar was cleared. Wright coordinated an effort that culminated this week with the shipment of boxes to Troy (Ala.) University alumni Terry Thompson and Buck Watford, soldiers currently deployed in Afghanistan.

Wright's idea was "Adopt an Alumni" as a way to provide a hometown connection for the two employees of the Gulf County School District. He enlisted Buck's wife, Pam, in the effort.

The start, Wright conceded, was slow, but he said by the time the word had spread after an article in The Star, the end of the campaign this week came in a rush.

"The response has been great," Wright said while collecting boxes of goodies and handwritten letters



My name is Madison. Thank you for everything you do. I will pray for you at my bedtime.

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At top, collections at Port St. Joe High School included an array of food, snack food, books and tapes. Above, children from Port St. Joe Elementary provided a personal touch with handwritten notes to Buck Watford and Terry Thompson.

See ADOPT B6

### Can you survive the 13 rooms of horror?

#### Star Staff Report

Dare to journey through the corn witch's home. To see her you must survive 13 rooms of horror — and that's just the inside.

The fourth annual Gulf County Sheriff's Haunted House will start at dark Oct. 26-27. Hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and more will be sold, provided you can make it through the 13 rooms of horror Capt. Greg Cole and Deputy Rita Piercy are creating.

The cost is \$2 and two or more canned food items. Re-entry is \$1.

All proceeds to go feed those in need during the holidays.

## Happy BIRTHDAY



### Carson Alexis Brown is 5!

Carson Brown turned 5 on Oct. 10.  
We love you, Carson.

Mommy, daddy, brother, grandma, papa,  
Peanut, Floyd, Pinkie and Alley

### Isabella turns 7!

Isabella Starr Canington, daughter of James Richardson, II and Sabrina Canington, turned 7 on Oct. 6. Our beautiful girl celebrated with an Alice in Wonderland slumber party. Bella is the granddaughter of Lavon and Tammy Canington and Scott and Christie Todd of Port St Joe, Tim and Macheri Slaton of Georgia and James and Linda Richardson of Missouri.



## Weddings and ENGAGEMENTS



### Whitney McAlister, Christopher Leuenberger to wed

Bobby Joe and Debi Stevens of Panama City, Fla., proudly announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Whitney Jacqueline McAlister, to Christopher Addison Leuenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Leuenberger and Ms. Stephanie Ross of Graceville, Fla.

Whitney is a 2005 graduate of Port St. Joe High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of West Florida. She will complete her Master of Science in nursing with a family nurse practitioner specialty in the spring of 2014. Whitney is currently employed as an emergency department registered nurse at Gulf Coast Medical Center.

Christopher is a 2004 graduate of Graceville High School and has served in the United States Military since 2005. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree in technology management at Gulf Coast State College.

An Oct. 27, 2012, wedding is planned in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

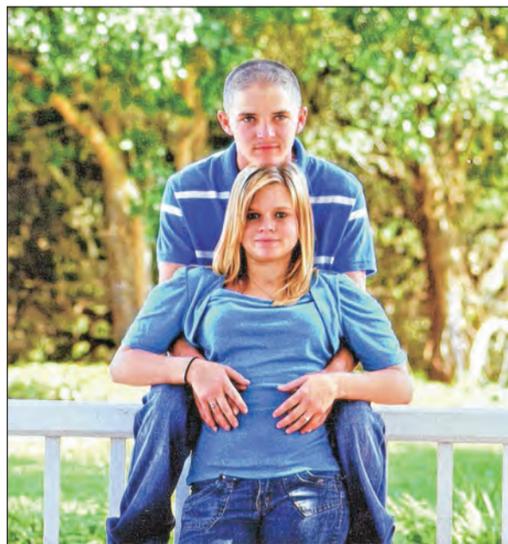


### Kayla White, Timothy Lewis engaged

Wendy White of Panama City and John Murnan of Port St. Joe announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kayla M. White, to Timothy T. Lewis, son of Frank and Janet Lewis of Greenville, Ala.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Port St. Joe High School and a 2009 graduate of The University of Alabama. She is employed at Alabama Department of Environmental Management as a hydro geologist. Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Greenville High School and is employed at Montgomery Aviation as a field tech.

An Oct. 13, 2012, wedding is planned for 2 p.m. ET at Salinas Park in Port St. Joe with a reception immediately following. All friends and family are invited to attend.



### Lacey Brownell, Corbin Mallon engaged

Mr. and Mrs. James Brownell and Mr. and Mrs. Joey Mallon are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Lacey Nicole Brownell and Corbin Joseph Mallon.

Lacey is the daughter of the late Annette Brownell. Her grandparents are Sally Nixon and the late Jerry Nixon, of Mexico Beach; Madeline Raffield and the late Capt. "Sparkie" Raffield, of Overstreet; and Clinton and Janice Brownell of Overstreet.

Corbin's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duggar, of Apalachicola, and the late Rosa and John "Whitey" Mallon.

Lacey, a 2010 graduate of Wewahitchka High School, is employed at the Old Time Soda Fountain in Apalachicola. Corbin attended Franklin County High School and is employed by Larry Clark Construction in Apalachicola.

A November wedding is planned.



### Jessica Mock, Jordan Brock to wed

Mr. and Mrs. James Mock request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Jessica Michelle Mock to Jordan Colby Brock on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. (EST) at Centennial Park in Port St. Joe, Florida. All friends and family are invited to attend. No local invitations have been sent. A reception will be held following the ceremony at The Centennial Building.

## PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

GRACE



Grace is a one year old Pointer/Am Bulldog mix and is a DAWGS in Prison Graduate. All DAWGS are all crate trained, house trained, and basic obedience trained. They can be expected to sit, stay, recall, down, heel, and respond to no and leave it. The dogs are also well trained on a leash. Of course, they are up to date on all vaccines as well as spayed/neutered and heartworm negative.

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Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com or adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Online applications are available at www.sjbhumaneociety.org Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations. We are now proud partners with www.petsforpatriots.org

Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Our shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Shop at Faith's Thrift Hut 10-3 Thursday - Saturday. Collectables, Clothing, Books, Electronics and more.

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### DAZZLING DOLPHINS



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Port St. Joe Elementary School's Dazzling Dolphins for this week are, front row, Kensley Mathews, James Smith, Josh Baker. Back row: Leanna Baumgardner, Samantha Coyle, Tasmine Russell, Aaliyah Morrison, Madison Burkett.



The Lion's Tale

Special to The Star

This week's Lion's Tale was written by Morgan Peiffer. Morgan is an eighth-grade student just returning from Faith Christian School's annual trip to The Wilds.

This year was my second year having the privilege to go to The Wilds. The Wilds is a Christian camp in North Carolina that teaches you great morals for life and encourages you to step up your faith and strengthen your relationship with Jesus. My favorite thing there is probably the chapel services. We had three different speakers and each one taught great lessons that I will never



forget. I also enjoyed some of the fun activities such as: tubing, zip-lining, the seventy-five foot super swing, hanging out with some new great friends, and the very difficult hike to the fourth fall, a waterfall in the mountains.

I love The Wilds and I made many memories this year; but overall the fun memories, I know I will eventually forget them, I learned that the Lord will stay with me forever.



By Megan Hubbard and Lindsay Furr

**The arts:** The Port St Joe Art Department, under the direction of art teacher Julie Hodges, is proud to announce a growing relationship with Sacred Heart Hospital. Two students, Caitlin Godwin and Sophia Harrison, have accepted positions working with the Arts In Medicine program. In keeping with the spirit of community, our hospital has graciously offered its facility to house the first ever off-campus Port St Joe Art Show this spring. Details will follow as plans develop. Additionally, budding artists' works are prominently displayed in the Commons area for all to view. Check out our talented students' work on your next visit

**Homecoming:** The Homecoming parade will be held at 3:15 p.m. ET Friday, Oct. 12, on Reid Avenue. The Parade will start on First Street and travel down Reid Avenue to Highway 71. Form-up begins at 2:30 p.m. on First Street and Williams Avenue. Later that night, the Homecoming Game will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Shark Stadium, pitting our Tiger Sharks against the Knights of Rocky Bayou. Come out and support the Tiger Sharks and be part of the fun!

**Dig Pink Volleyball for Breast Cancer Awareness:**

The Lady Tiger Shark volleyball team will host the Wewahitchka Lady Gators on Thursday, Oct. 18, in the fourth annual Dig Pink event. This is also Senior Night and our last regular season match. All proceeds from the gate receipts will be donated to breast cancer research and awareness. Come out and show your support to the team and this important cause that has touched so many lives right here in our own community. Help us to "Pink Out" the Dome by wearing pink that evening, and let's pack the house.

**Football:** Congratulations to the varsity football team on their victory over Franklin County last Friday night! They beat the Seahawks 56-14 after the JV team triumphed over Wewahitchka on Thursday night by a score of 14-8. Keep up the good work, guys!

**Volleyball:** The varsity won their match against West Gadsden last Thursday. Good job, ladies!

**NJROTC:** The NJROTC is going on the road. On Oct. 18, the cadets will leave for a visit to the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville. At NAS JAX, they will be met by Navy Chief Justin Blaylock, who will be their guide for the two-day event, culminating with a trip to watch the Blue Angels on Jacksonville Beach.

### WES FCAT AWARDS



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The following Wewahitchka Elementary School students were honored at the Oct. 2, 2012, meeting of the Gulf County School Board. These students scored a Level 5 on the FCAT. Front row from left are Cole Price, Alexis Linton, Rebecca Shealy, Janna Jones, Cyrina Madrid and Skylar Barfield. Back row from left are Ashten Lolley, Alexandria Pitts, Rayanna Penix, Jacob Barlow, Daniel Bozeman, Blake Lynn, Melody Mclemore and Tyler Stevens. Taylor Roberts is not pictured.

## Wewahitchka plants future farmers

Special to The Star

Mr. Brown's class at Wewahitchka Elementary School has been busy preparing its two gardens for the fall crops. On Sept. 24, the class planted more than 270 plants. Their crops consist of collards, cabbage, broccoli and sweet onions. What makes this year's gardens special is that all the plants were donated by Sandi's Feed & Seed in Lynn Haven.

Over the past several years, Ms. Sandi has been a dedicated



supporter of the garden and anything associated with it. School board member Danny Little also has been someone

the class could count on for garden supplies, such as additional fill dirt and compost. This special group of future

farmers of Wewahitchka is fortunate to have the support Ms. Sandi and Mr. Little provide.

The gardens are part of a behavior modification program within the classroom. If the students behave and get their work done inside of the classroom, they get to work in the "garden classroom" outside. Recently, everyone has been able to do their part in getting the fall crops in. Please feel free to stop by and meet a group of children who aren't afraid of hard work.

### Monitoring Requirements Not met For Lighthouse Utilities Water System

We are required to monitor your drinking water for total coliform bacteria on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. On August 21, 2012 two (2) distribution compliance samples were collected which indicated the presence of total coliform bacteria. Since our system may have no more than one (1) sample collected in a compliance month test positive for coliform bacteria, our system exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform for August 2012. **All required additional repeat samples taken on August 23, 2012, six (6) samples in all, were all absent of total coliform bacteria.**

#### What Should I Do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present.

#### What happened? What is being done?

The August 21<sup>st</sup> samples were collected on a day we had 1.58 inches of rain which may have caused the contamination of the two samples. We have changed the sampling routine to avoid this in the future.

For more information, please contact: **Rick Simmons, Manager**

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## Obituaries

### Gary M. Welch

Gary M. Welch, 61, of Port St. Joe, FL died from liver failure at Bay Medical Center in Panama City on September 20, 2012. He is survived by his loving wife, J.J. Welch, his sister,



GARY M. WELCH

Linda French Bertelli of Lakewood, CO, a brother, J. Steven Welch of Las Cruces, NM, his favorite aunt, Betty Marrs of Harrison, AR, and many cousins.

He was prede-

ceased by his parents Esta Lee Phifer Welch and N.E. Welch.

Born in El Paso, TX on September 9, 1951, he lived and worked in El Paso for 40 years where he owned a picture frame molding manufacturing company. He and his wife then lived in Dallas, TX

before moving to Port St. Joe, FL where his interests included computer games, watching sports in TV, fishing and gardening. Gary will be missed for his sharp intellect and a great sense of humor.

According to his wishes, cremation will take place.

### Sarah Leigh Paul

Sarah Leigh Paul, 90, of Wewahitchka, Florida passed away October 2, 2012 at Gulf Coast Medical Center after a brief illness.

Mrs. Paul is preceded in death by her daughter Ruby, son Bernard, and grandson Wesley.

She is survived by her children Mary Ash-

burn of Oak Ridge, TN, Gene Paul of Loxley, AL, Barbara McGill (Larry) of Frink, FL, Louise Cleary of Orlando, FL, Deborah Fretwell (Max) of Panama City, FL, Johnny (Sherry) Paul of Wewahitchka, FL, and Cindy Pentecost (Rob) of Panama City, FL.

Mrs. Paul is also

survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held 10 a.m. CT Friday, October 5, 2012, at Westside Baptist Church in Wewahitchka followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. CT with the Rev.

Derrick Gerber officiating. Interment followed in Buckhorn Cemetery. Those who wish may make contributions to Westside Baptist Church.

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

### John "Bo" Jones

John "Bo" Jones, 85, of Wewahitchka, FL, passed away Monday, October 8, 2012, surrounded by his loving family in the Bay Medical CV-ICU. Bo was born and raised in Wewahitchka and retired from the St. Joe paper mill after 45 years, as a maintenance supervisor. He met the love of his life, Myrle Sumner, in 1951, and married her on June 1st, 1952. He was a charter member of the Wewahitchka Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service and

served his community for over 40 years. He became a member of the Tupelo Lodge Post 289 in 1951 and became Worshipful Master in 1956. He served in the U.S. army during WWII. He was a long-standing and devoted member to the First Presbyterian Church of Wewahitchka, where he attended service every Sunday morning that he was able.

He is survived by his

wife of 60 years, Myrle, his sister Peggy Revell, and his children Gerry Jones, wife Sonia, Roger Jones, wife Carol, and Susan Taylor, husband Rex. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Stacey Kelly, husband Craig, Jesse Jones, John Grady Jones, Katie Jones, and Breanna Taylor, and his great-grandchildren, Jordan and Troy Kelly.

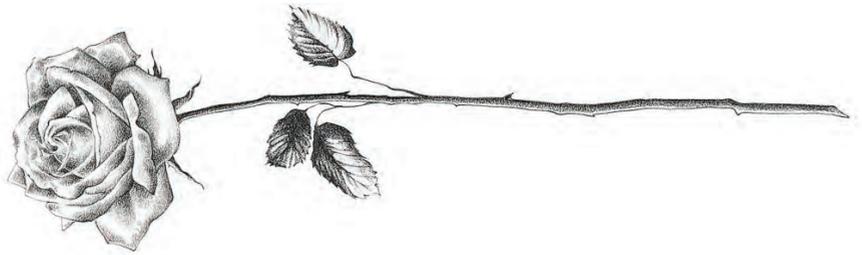
The funeral service

was at 10 a.m. CST, October 10, at the First United Methodist Church. Interment followed at Jehu Cemetery on Jehu Cemetery Road. The family received friends at the First United Methodist Church from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST, October 9. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Wewahitchka.

Services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home Wewahitchka Branch Chapel.



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### Fall Festival at First Baptist

First Baptist Church

of Port St. Joe will host a Fall Festival from 5 p.m. until on Saturday, Oct. 27. There will be food, prizes, games and entertainment. Everyone is invited.

### New Bethel Women/Men annual observance

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

### New Bethel Harvest Musical

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

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auditorium. This is a great opportunity to make a real impact against division in our city, while at the same time reaffirming that Almighty God is the source of our Constitutional Liberties

and the Freedom of Religion. The events will take place Nov. 30, at Friday, and Dec. 1, a Saturday.

Respectfully,  
Supt. David Woods  
Choir Director

## Cures for health care explored at Lifetree Café

*We can provide better healthcare for half the cost. And the answer isn't really political. It's economic. We're getting what we pay for in healthcare—but we're paying for the wrong thing.*

**Joe Flower**

Author of Healthcare Beyond Reform

Practical solutions for fixing the healthcare system will be discussed at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CDT on Monday, Oct. 15.

The program, titled "Curing Healthcare: Practical Help for an Ailing Nation," features an exclusive filmed interview with healthcare insider Joe Flower, author of Healthcare Beyond Reform.

"We can provide better healthcare for half the cost," says Flower. "And the answer isn't really political. It's economic. We're

getting what we pay for in healthcare—but we're paying for the wrong thing."

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

at 1602 U.S. Highway 98, Mexico Beach FL 32456 across from El Governor Hotel.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about

life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will hold an adoption public hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance for a Small Scale Map Amendment with the following title:

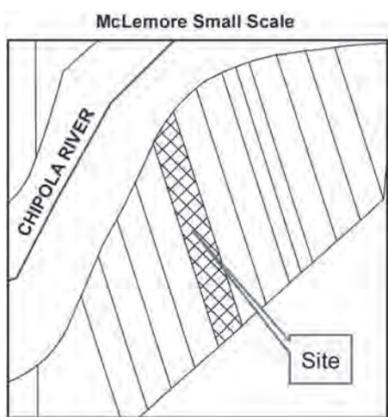
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 163.3187, 125; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING PARCEL ID #01045-070R, 1 ACRE OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM (CONSERVATION) TO (RESIDENTIAL) OR (AGRICULTURAL); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A public hearing will be held during the Planning and Development Review Board on October 15, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. and a second public hearing for consideration of adoption at the Gulf County Board of County Commissioner's Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., E.T. in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex, Port St. Joe, Florida.

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on this matter. The ordinance and contents are on file with the Clerk of Court and at the Planning Department, Room 311 in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd Port St. Joe, FL.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, III, CHAIRMAN



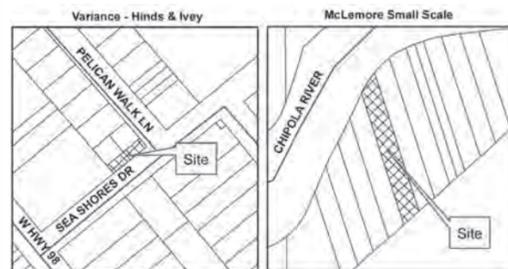
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Tabled Variance Application - Hinds & Ivey - Parcel ID # 03798-660R & 03798-662R- Located in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - encroachment into road setback for elevated deck.
2. Small Scale Map Amendment - Chris McLemore - Parcel ID #01045-070R - Located in Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida - the first action necessary in a resolution process to bring a non-conforming existing structure into compliance by changing the 1 AC parcel land use designation from Conservation to Residential or Agricultural.
3. Development Policy, Ordinances, Comprehensive Plan and LDR Revisions
  - Occupational License
  - Comp Plan GOP's
  - Construction without permit penalties and fines
  - After the fact variances penalties and fines
  - Additional development & planning issues
4. Public and Open Discussion

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Planning Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 311.



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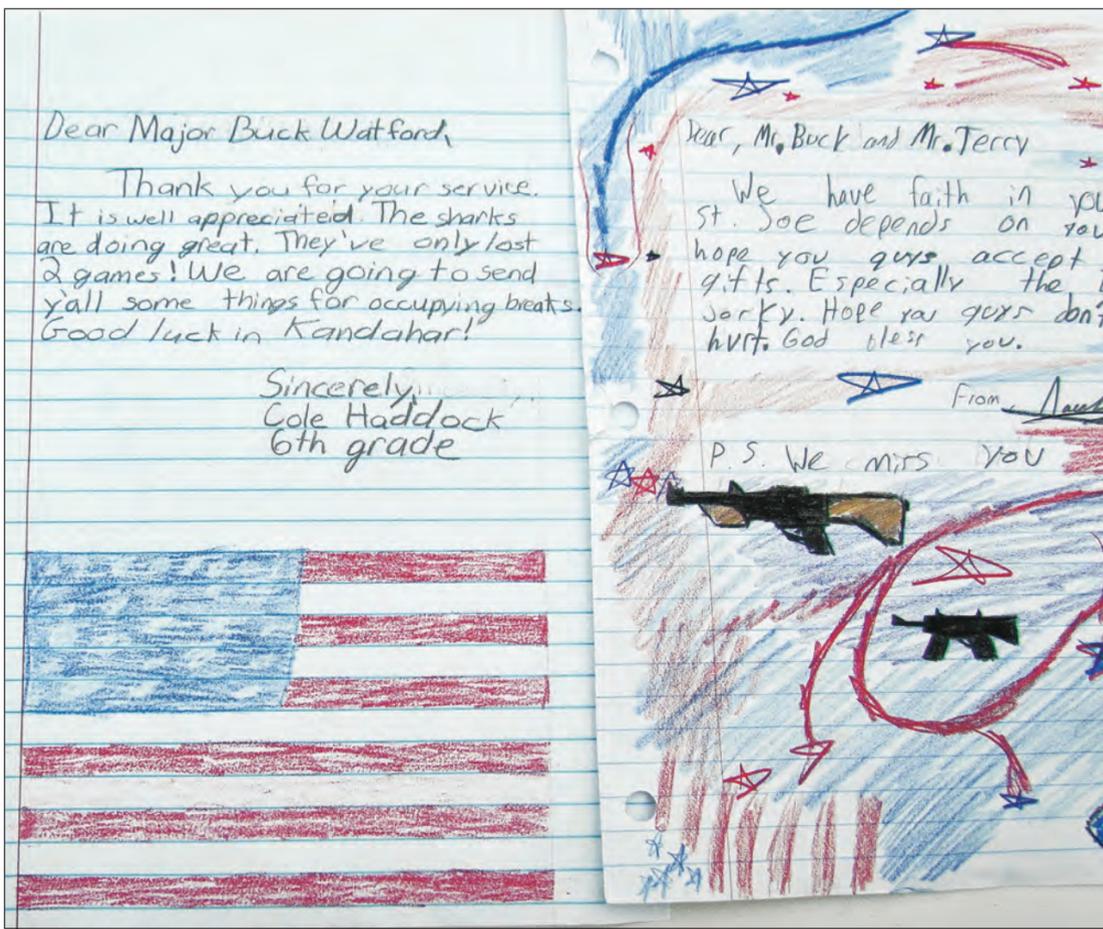
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TIM CROFT | The Star

Children from Port St. Joe Elementary provided a personal touch with handwritten notes to Buck Watford and Terry Thompson.

# ADOPT from page B1

from Port St. Joe Elementary and Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High. "People just got really involved at both schools. A couple of teachers, Krystal Smallwood and Sharon Hoffman, made their own boxes.

"I was hoping we would be able to send a couple of boxes to both guys, and we will, and that just shows you what kind of a community Port St. Joe is. All of sudden (after the newspaper arti-

cle), a flood came. The Panama City site is slammed. I thought, 'Ah, now we have a good problem.'"

Wright figured he came up with sufficient items to pack two "major" boxes and monetary contributions — for example, the Port St. Joe NJROTC program donated its half of a recent 50/50 drawing at a football game, more than \$200 — will go a long way to defraying shipping costs.

Whatever is left over after shipping will be used to purchase iTunes cards for Thompson and Watford.

Troy University long has been known for its assistance to members of the military seeking to pursue their undergraduate or graduate degrees.

The school offers a wide array of online courses and has a number of satellite sites such as the one in Panama City.

"I wanted this to let them know we are thinking about them," Wright said of the "Adopt an Alumni" campaign. "Seeing how it turned out, I would like to make this an ongoing project, do this several times a year, provide for more soldiers.

"If we could make this our thing, maybe send to 10 soldiers next time, that would be really great. The response to this has just been amazing."

The Humane Society has 56 dogs and 29 cats at the shelter; 12 dogs training in the DAWGS in Prison program; and four dogs and six cats in foster care.

"We need more foster care-givers," Christy said. "They are willing to keep and care for an animal until we have room at the shelter or it is adopted. We need a lot more, though we have a very dedicated group of volunteers.

"It doesn't even have to be overnight. You can come in and take a dog for a day; or a cat for a day. Take a dog for a walk; it is healthy for you and the dog."

The Humane Society recently brought dogs to Sunset Coastal Grill during a weekend afternoon and managed to have three dogs, two puppies and an adult, adopted. The puppies went to a Georgia family traveling through.

The DAWGS in Prison program spearheaded by the Humane Society has saved more than 230 dogs and provided life skills to even more inmates at the Gulf Forestry Camp over more than three years.

The DAWGS in Prison program, a free spay and neuter program the Humane Society offers to all Gulf County residents, the outreach during SaltAir Farmer's Markets and events such as that at Sunset Coastal Grill to increase animal adoptions have come to fruition because of a dedi-

cated staff and a small army of volunteers.

"We have very generous people who visit us and also very generous volunteers who live here," Christy said. "None of this would be possible without them. But it is very difficult to continue to do more with less. Our shelter is over five years old, and our costs are up."

And the economy has been no help.

"We have seen a real increase in owner surrenders and an increase in animals left behind," Christy said. "Hundreds of animals are abandoned every year in our area, and money raised at events like the Bow Wow Bash help us comfortably house and care for them while they are waiting for their forever homes."

Tickets for the nighttime event are \$30 each or \$300 for a reserved table for 10, which includes a free drink ticket per person. All proceeds benefit the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society and the animals of Gulf County.

Tickets are available at Bow Wow Beach Shop on Reid Avenue, St. Joseph Bay Humane Society on 10th Street in Port St. Joe or by emailing [www.bowwowbash.org](http://www.bowwowbash.org).

For more information, visit [www.sjbhmanesociety.org](http://www.sjbhmanesociety.org) or [www.bowwowbash.org](http://www.bowwowbash.org).

The St. Joseph Bay Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves all of Gulf County.

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89084S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 11-409CA

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida, Plaintiff,

vs. SHANNON K. DANIELS a/k/a SHANNON DANIELS and PAULA S. FORTUNE a/k/a PAULA SUE FORTUNE, husband and wife; EMERALD COAST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, UNIDENTIFIED JOHN DOE(S) and/or UNIDENTIFIED JANE DOE(S), Defendants.

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the Clerk shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash on October 18th, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. (EST), in the COURTHOUSE LOBBY of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., port St. Joe, FL 32456, the following described property:

Exhibit A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Commence at the NE Corner of the West Half of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence run S 00°13'07" W for 215.00 feet; thence S 89°57'09" W for 210.00 feet; thence N 00°13'07" E for 215.00 feet; thence N 89°57'09" E for 210.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning continue S 00°13'07" W for 215.00 feet; thence S 89°57'09" W for 210.00 feet; thence N 00°13'07" E for 215.00 feet; thence N 89°57'09" E for 210.00 feet to the Point of Beginning

TOGETHER WITH that certain 2004 WYCS HOMEMAKER 76' X 16' Mobile Home, Serial No. WHC013458GA. Property Address: 712 Griffin Rd., Wewahitchka, FL 32465. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM

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THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: September 13, 2012

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Court

BA Baxter Deputy Clerk October 4, 2012 October 11, 2012

89991S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No.: 12000038CA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff, vs. KENNETH LOYD AND CRYSTAL LOYD, et al. Defendant.

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teenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and KENNETH L. LOYD JR. A/K/A KENNETH LEE LOYD; CRYSTAL ANN LOYD; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A JOHN WALSH; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A RHONDA WALSH are the Defendant(s). Benny Lister as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 at 11:00 AM E.T. on October 25, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH ONE HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59'26" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, 472.891 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID LINE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53'39" EAST 134.547 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HURD STREET (HAVING A 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY), THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 23'12" EAST ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE 245.33 FEET, THENCE DEPART SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59'26" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COLLEEN STREET (HAVING A 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) 124.35 FEET, THENCE DEPART SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 46'05" WEST 245.52 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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DESCRIBED AS "PARCEL 2" IN PLAT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 433 PAGE 978 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED this 26th day of September, 2012

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By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, Florida 32402, Phone: 850-747-5338 Fax: (850) 747-5717, Hearing Impaired: Dial 711, Email: [ADARquest@jud14.flcourts.org](mailto:ADARquest@jud14.flcourts.org)

Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff 3010 N. Military Trail, Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33431 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-241-9181 October 4, 11, 2012

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100

FIRST STATE BANK OF BLAKELY, Plaintiff vs.

JERRY J. GLEATON, JR.; LUCIA ANN GLEATON; CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor by merger to APALACHICOLA STATE BANK, a Division of Coastal Community Bank, and SURFSIDE ESTATES OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Consent Order Granting Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated the 21st day of August, 2012, and the Order Canceling and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, dated the 24th day of September, 2012, entered in Case No. 11-269CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, where in FIRST STATE BANK OF BLAKELY is the Plaintiff, and JERRY J. GLEATON, JR., LUCIA ANN GLEATON, CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor by merger to APALACHICOLA STATE BANK, a Division of Coastal Community Bank, and SURFSIDE ESTATES OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell by public sale at 11:00 a.m. ET, on the 25th day of October, 2012, at the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32465 to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property in GULF COUNTY, Florida, as set forth in said Consent Order Granting Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

Lot 29: Begin at the intersection of the West line of Government Lot 1, Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida and the County R/W line of County Road No. 30-E (having a 100 foot R/W); thence East along said South R/W line which is a curve concave to the South and having a radius of 2242.01 feet, for an arc distance of 122.46 feet, said arc having a chord of 122.45 feet bearing N81°11'37"E to the West R/W line of Moonrise Avenue n/k/a Polaris Drive; thence S00°51'50"W along said West R/W line for 90.22 feet; thence leaving said West R/W line S81°11'37"W for 122.45 feet to the West line of said Government Lot 1; thence N00°51'45"E along said West line for 90.22 feet to the Point of Beginning, Lot 35; Commence at the intersection of the West line of Government Lot 1, Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida and the South R/W line of County Road No. 30-E (having a 100 foot R/W); thence S00°51'45"W along said West line for 541.32 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N81°11'37"E for 122.44 feet to the West R/W line of Moonrise Avenue, n/k/a Polaris Drive; thence S00°51'50"W along said West R/W line for 90.22 feet to the North R/W line of Gulf Drive; thence S81°11'37"W along said North R/W line and the Westerly extension thereof for 122.44 feet to the West line of said Government Lot 1; thence N00°51'45"E along said West line for 90.22 feet to the Point of Beginning, Lot 43; Commence at the intersection of the South R/W line of County Road No. 30-E (having a 100 foot R/W) and the West R/W line of Beach Avenue n/k/a Pebble Beach Avenue (having a 66 foot R/W); thence S00°51'50"W along said West R/W line for 649.82 feet to the South R/W line of Gulf Drive; thence S83°30'17"E along said South R/W line for 203.80 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence leaving said South R/W line S00°51'50"W for 236.15 feet; thence S84°19'02"W for 50.86 feet; thence N00°51'50"E for 235.41 feet to said South R/W line; thence N83°30'17"E along said South R/W line for 50.95 feet to the Point of Beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING: ACCESS PARCEL THROUGH LOT 35, SURFSIDE ESTATES PHASE II: A portion of Lot 35, Surfside Estates Phase II, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 46 and 47, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Southeast corner of said Lot 35; thence along the South line of said Lot 35, 82.61 feet; thence leaving said South line N03°43'57"W, 32.88 feet; thence North 10°14'30" West, 590.52 feet; thence leaving said right of way line curve North 89°05'50" East, 784.10 feet. Thence South 44°34'00" West, 343.36 feet; thence South 44°03'09" West, 471.08 feet; thence South 46°07'04" West, 124.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 5.536 acres, more or less and being subject to a drainage easement across the following portion thereof: Commence at an iron rod marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence 89°05'50" West (assumed) 647.27 feet to a point on the East right of way line of State Road No. 71 said point being 33.0 feet from and at right angle to the centerline of said State Road; thence North 04°46'43" East along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 168.00 feet to an iron pipe for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 05°11'45" West, 48.96 feet; thence North 73°12'44" East, 31.22 feet; thence North 46°07'04" East, 65.00 feet; thence North 40°43'09" East, 470.75 feet; thence North 44°34'09" East, 319.77 feet; thence North 89°05'50" East, 34.22 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 44°34'00" West, 343.36 feet; thence South 40°43'09" West, 471.08 feet; thence South 46°07'04" West, 124.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER(S) AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. Dated this 3rd day of October, 2012. Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of Court, By: Barbara Baxter Deputy Clerk

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSON WITH DISABILITIES: If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Gulf County Clerk of Courts 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 229-6112, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the appearance is less than seven (7) days. October 11, 18, 2012

REBECCA L. NORRIS, Clerk of Court, By: Barbara Baxter Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 2009-CA-302

CIT SMALL BUSINESS LENDING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. TAUNTON TRUSS, INC., a Florida corporation; DAVID L. TAUNTON; ABIGAIL J. TAUNTON; TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT, INC., a Florida corporation; DANIEL TAUNTON; KRISTI TAUNTON; MARTHA FOWLER; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS), as nominee for SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; ALFA FINANCIAL CORPORATION D/B/A OFC CAPITAL CORPORATION; MID-COUNTRY BANK; CITICORP LEASING, INC.; CAPITAL CITY BANK; TENNESSEE COMMERCE BANK; CENTRAL LEASING CORPORATION; and WESTERN FINANCE & LEASE INC. Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Motion of Plaintiff, CIT Small Business Lending Corporation, to Schedule Foreclosure Sale entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Gulf County, Florida, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the following real property, situated in Gulf County, Florida, and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron rod marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence South 89°05'50" West (assumed) 647.27 feet to a point on the East right of way line of State Road No. 71 said point being 33.0 feet from and at right angle to the centerline of said State Road; thence North 04°46'43" East along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 168.00 feet to an iron pipe for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 05°11'45" West, 48.96 feet; thence North 08°04'27" West along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 46.68 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line curve of said State Road No. 71, said point being 33.00 feet from and radial to the centerline of said State Road; said curve having a radius of 1651.42 feet and being concave Westerly; thence Northerly along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 20°35'55" for 593.71 feet said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Consent Order Granting Final Judgment of Foreclosure, dated the 21st day of August, 2012, and the Order Canceling and Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, dated the 24th day of September, 2012, entered in Case No. 11-269CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, where in FIRST STATE BANK OF BLAKELY is the Plaintiff, and JERRY J. GLEATON, JR., LUCIA ANN GLEATON, CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor by merger to APALACHICOLA STATE BANK, a Division of Coastal Community Bank, and SURFSIDE ESTATES OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell by public sale at 11:00 a.m. ET, on the 25th day of October, 2012, at the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32465 to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property in GULF COUNTY, Florida, as set forth in said Consent Order Granting Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

Lot 29: Begin at the intersection of the West line of Government Lot 1, Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida and the County R/W line of County Road No. 30-E (having a 100 foot R/W); thence S00°51'45"W along said West line for 541.32 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N81°11'37"E for 122.44 feet to the West R/W line of Moonrise Avenue, n/k/a Polaris Drive; thence S00°51'50"W along said West R/W line for 90.22 feet to the North R/W line of Gulf Drive; thence S81°11'37"W along said North R/W line and the Westerly extension thereof for 122.44 feet to the West line of said Government Lot 1; thence N00°51'45"E along said West line for 90.22 feet to the Point of Beginning, Lot 43; Commence at the intersection of the South R/W line of County Road No. 30-E (having a 100 foot R/W) and the West R/W line of Beach Avenue n/k/a Pebble Beach Avenue (having a 66 foot R/W); thence S00°51'50"W along said West R/W line for 649.82 feet to the South R/W line of Gulf Drive; thence S83°30'17"E along said South R/W line for 203.80 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence leaving said South R/W line S00°51'50"W for 236.15 feet; thence S84°19'02"W for 50.86 feet; thence N00°51'50"E for 235.41 feet to said South R/W line; thence N83°30'17"E along said South R/W line for 50.95 feet to the Point of Beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING: ACCESS PARCEL THROUGH LOT 35, SURFSIDE ESTATES PHASE II: A portion of Lot 35, Surfside Estates Phase II, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 46 and 47, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Southeast corner of said Lot 35; thence along the South line of said Lot 35, 82.61 feet; thence leaving said South line N03°43'57"W, 32.88 feet; thence North 10°14'30" West, 590.52 feet; thence leaving said right of way line curve North 89°05'50" East, 784.10 feet. Thence South 44°34'00" West, 343.36 feet; thence South 44°03'09" West, 471.08 feet; thence South 46°07'04" West, 124.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 5.536 acres, more or less and being subject to a drainage easement across the following portion thereof: Commence at an iron rod marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence 89°05'50" West (assumed) 647.27 feet to a point on the East right of way line of State Road No. 71 said point being 33.0 feet from and at right angle to the centerline of said State Road; thence North 04°46'43" East along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 168.00 feet to an iron pipe for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 05°11'45" West, 48.96 feet; thence North 73°12'44" East, 31.22 feet; thence North 46°07'04" East, 65.00 feet; thence North 40°43'09" East, 470.75 feet; thence North 44°34'09" East, 319.77 feet; thence North 89°05'50" East, 34.22 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 44°34'00" West, 343.36 feet; thence South 40°43'09" West, 471.08 feet; thence South 46°07'04" West, 124.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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06°49'25" East for 62.45 feet; thence North 00°47'33" East for 29.89 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00°47'33" East along said Easterly right of way for 50.08 feet; thence North 73°07'39" East for 25.35 feet; thence North 46°01'59" East for 65.00 feet; thence North 40°38'04" East for 470.75 feet; thence North 44°29'04" East for 219.77 feet; thence North 89°00'45" East for 34.22 feet to a found 1 and 1/4 inch iron rod pipe; thence South 44°28'55" West for 343.36 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 40°38'04" West for 471.08 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 46°02'21" East for 123.95 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Parcel II: Lots 1, 2 and the North 29 feet of Lot 3 in Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, according to the Higgins and Hollinger Plat of the Town of Wewahitchka, Florida and on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida. Together with: All of the following property whether now owned or hereafter acquired and wheresoever located as well as the proceeds and products thereof: All equipment and machinery, including power-driven machinery and equipment, furniture, and fixtures now owned or hereafter acquired, together with all replacements thereof, all attachments, accessories, parts, equipment and tools belonging thereto or for use in connection therewith. All inventory, raw materials, work in progress, and supplies now owned or hereinafter acquired. All contract rights and general intangibles now in force or hereafter acquired. Including, without limitation: Alpine Timber Mill, M/N 620 PRO SSD, S/N M86TROSSDAC0740. Floor Truss Machine, M/N 47, S/N 748-018. Fork Lift Truck Komatos, M/N FG40ZT-7, S/N 102992A. Roller System, M/N 705, S/N 705A02006. Wise Fork Lift, M/N M81159, S/N 4549. Roller Press/Apline, M/N 214H, S/N 1451. Komatsu Fork Lift, M/N 40Z77, S/N 102475A. Air Compressor, M/N 1WD74, S/N R0004173. Panel Assembly Unit, M/N 1085-2211-280-2212-125. Gantry Table-Alpine. Saw-Alpine Automill, M/N 344-B, S/N 344B0020008. Kaesser Fork Lift, M/N 2001, S/N 1071. Less and Except: Roof Truss Assembly: M/Tek 102' Wkg Lg RoofGlider gantry, (2) heads, (14) steel top tables, jiggig & aisle pads, S/N 052005208359.1b, M/N 82700; (13) receivers SYSTEM PRICE, 2005, Good Condition, (0) power, (0) idler conveyors, (0) FRP 460 volt]. Cutting equipment: Alpine ALS saw, S/N 276C05027-000, M/N 276C, 2005, Good Condition. Wall Panel Equipment: IBS wall panel line with (7) plant terminals/stands & hub, [No guns included], 12'-3" x 16 Ft. Framing table/light bar, [With auto stops, tool laser, beam seam tilt option], 12'-3" x 16 Ft. Sheath/Square table with multi-tool bridge, router bridge, stitch tool], 10' x 10' Ft. Component table /nailer & ejectors, S/N 2003, 2005 & 2006, [With auto stops, 40 ft. of rollers], 13 Ft. Tilt table, S/N 1997, 1998 & 1999, [20 ft. of skate wheel conveyor], Super chop saw w/16" Tiger stop, SYSTEM PRICE, 2005, Good Condition, 2006, Good Condition, [Pro if separate. 10 HP 24" blade - 15' in/10' out conv. 13" wide]. And Less and Except: Used Caterpillar Wheel Loader 980C, S/N: 63X002885, with cab, air conditioning heater, general purpose budget, with cutting edge, 26.5 x 25 tires, parts & operating manuals with new paint & decals. all at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the courthouse lobby located at Gulf County Clerk of Courts, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11:00 a.m., on November 8, 2012.

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## I have to pick a major ... now what?

By **PETER VOGT**  
Monster Senior Contributing Writer

Every time you're on break from school, someone hits you with that most common question asked of college students: "What's your major?"

For months, you've been able to get away with responses like "I'm not sure," or "I'm keeping my options open." But now — thanks to your school's academic rules, your parents' incessant nagging or even your own impatience — you're forced to make a choice, and you don't know what to do.

Thousands of college students around the country go through the same anxiety-producing experience every year, often around mid-semester when they have to choose their courses for the following semester (and they've already taken all their general or core courses).

Are you in the "I have to pick a major — now what?" mode? If so, don't panic. If you're like many college students, the major you select won't have a huge impact on your future career anyway. But even if it will, there are plenty of things you can do to help yourself

make a sound decision.

### Meet with a campus career counselor

Your school's career counselors know your institution's majors well, and they have a good general sense of where those majors might take you with respect to your career. Perhaps more importantly, though, many campus career centers keep detailed statistics on the types of jobs their schools' graduates have landed with various majors. Typically, these statistics appear in the career center's placement report, which you can ask for and then read to find out where different majors might take you in the future.

### Read your undergraduate bulletin, related publications

Maybe you don't need to actually read the entire undergraduate bulletin, but at the very least, page through it and look at all the majors available at your institution. You never know when you'll stumble upon one that really fits your interests.

If browsing your institution's undergraduate bulletin sounds far



too boring, stop by your school's admissions office and ask for briefer major-related publications that might be available.

### Talk to professors and students in various majors

Start by asking your friends and acquaintances what they're majoring in and why. What do these students like and dislike about their majors? And what can they tell you about the courses in their majors and the careers their majors might lead to?

Similarly, ask professors in various academic departments to briefly describe their majors. Tell

them you're interested in learning more about what previous students in the department have gone on to do, career-wise. Professors will gladly tell you in most cases, if you ask.

### Check out "What Can I Do with a Major in \_\_\_\_\_?" materials

There are lots of ways to answer the question, "What can I do with a major in \_\_\_\_\_?"

Dozens of major-related books are available to you as well, often at your school's main library or your campus career center's library. VGM Career Horizons, for

example, publishes several Great Jobs for \_\_\_\_\_ Majors books as well as the Opportunities in \_\_\_\_\_ Careers series.

### Page through guides to college majors

Several publishers have developed books that offer extensive descriptions of various college majors and what careers those majors might lead to. JIST, for instance, offers The College Majors Handbook, which features information (based on a survey of some 150,000 college graduates) on 60 different majors. Ferguson Publishing, meanwhile, offers College Majors and Careers, which also describes 60 majors in detail.

There's no need to fly blind when it comes to researching and then choosing a college major, especially in this day of the Internet and easily accessible information. The more you talk to knowledgeable people and read about various majors, especially those you know little or nothing about, the better chance you have of picking the one that best fits both your short-term needs and your long-term career goals.

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