



BOCC puts in claim on lighthouse

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Commissioners erupt over PAC

The Gulf County Board County Commissioners has begun the process of acquiring the Cape San Blas Lighthouse with an eye toward relocation to Salinas Park.

County Administrator Don Butler said he had initiated the lengthy application process with Department of Interior to acquire the lighthouse, keepers' quarters

and oil house.

After Eglin Air Force Base declared the lighthouse and property surplus earlier this year, the Department of Interior was charged with disposition to an appropriate party for the purposes of creating a public park.

The lighthouse and land is in

danger because of coastal erosion. The Air Force approached Port St. Joe early this year about the city's interest in the property.

County Commissioner Warren Yeager said a committee of residents of St. Joseph Peninsula and Cape San Blas was moving ahead on planning for relocation to Salinas Park.

"We have insurance numbers," Yeager said. "What we're still looking at is the exact number to move the lighthouse and place it

at Salinas Park."

Yeager said Butler had looked over the paperwork for Salinas Park and found the lighthouse appropriate for that location.

And, he added, he had been approached by someone willing to make "a sizeable donation" to the effort to move the lighthouse to Salinas Park.

Yeager said he is caught in something of a dilemma. He has constituents on the cape that want the lighthouse to remain

located on the cape and he has constituents within the city that want the lighthouse moved to the city to become part of a bayfront park.

"Our No. 1 goal is to preserve it," Yeager said. "I personally don't have a preference, but I have constituents who have different opinions. These are the kind of decisions you have to make in this office."

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Bow Wow Bash a smash

Star Staff Report

The seventh annual Bow Wow Bash masquerade party held Saturday at the Centennial Building was once again a success, with 255 guests and an estimated \$30,000 or more raised for the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

The Bow Wow Bash is the Humane Society's biggest fundraiser of the year, and is an essential

event for the organization, which relies on fundraising and donations to keep the doors open.

"We rely almost exclusively on this fundraiser and donations to fund our operations," said Humane Society board member Sandi Christy. "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."

Proceeds from the event also go toward funding for an annual free spay and neuter program for Gulf County pet owners.

Investigation: Former chief hired felons and family

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MEXICO BEACH — Three uncertified convicted felons with close ties to former Mexico Beach Fire Department Chief Brad Hall were hired without drug tests or background checks, a recent Bay County Sheriff's Office investigation revealed.

They aren't the only members of the volunteer fire department with ties to Hall, who retired recently after months on paid administrative leave during simultaneous investigations by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Bay County Sheriff's Office; Hall also gave his wife a job.

They have been tied to numerous fire department responses that raised the suspicions of city officials, but investigators were unable to sustain allegations that firefighters falsified their time sheets and were paid for responses to fictitious calls.

Levi Wilson, a convicted felon, may have had access to confidential law enforcement databases when he would fill in for Cpl. Deborah Everett, who was often late to work before she was terminated as a result of the BCSO investigation. Because all members of the department used the same password to access the databases, making it impossible to determine who was actually accessing the databases, BCSO investigators could not sustain this allegation either.

A response on July 4 was an example of many questionable responses by the Mexico Beach Fire Department, according to an email from Mexico Beach City Administrator Chris Hubbard. It shows, Hubbard wrote, "how the fire department personnel generate their own calls in order to increase their paychecks from the city."

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Witness calls State Attorney investigation 'silliness'

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Had Tom Graney of St. Joe Beach known what two men identifying themselves as investigators were inquiring about in early summer he would have told them to "buzz off."

The State Attorney's Office opened an investigation earlier this year into allegations that the Political Action Committee Citizens Improving Gulf County had attempted to extort County Commissioner Warren Yeager from a

re-election campaign with allegations including complaint with the Florida Commission on Ethics.

That investigation went public Thursday morning during a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners when Port St. Joe resident Christine McElroy said she had cooperated in the investigation and Commission Chairman Bill Williams stated several times that he had worn a wire during the investigation.

McElroy was waved to the podium by commissioners during the public comment portion of the meeting and immediately began

to discuss the investigation and actions by the PAC.

The allegations of "blackmail" as Williams termed it during the Commission meeting, and "extortion" as it was called in an Oct. 16 letter from State Attorney Glenn Hess, apparently originated with a conversation Graney had with Williams in the spring before Williams decided not to seek re-election to the District 3 seat.

Graney's is the only name mentioned in Hess's letter which closed the case, which was subsequently reopened following Thursday's meeting, according to

Public Information Officer David Angier.

Angier reported Friday morning that the file was closed and submitted a letter dated Oct. 16 from Hess to Florida Department of Law Enforcement agent Matthew Herring telling him to close the file. He said staff was trying to locate the file.

By early Friday afternoon, Angier said the investigation was open again, based on information received since Thursday's meeting.

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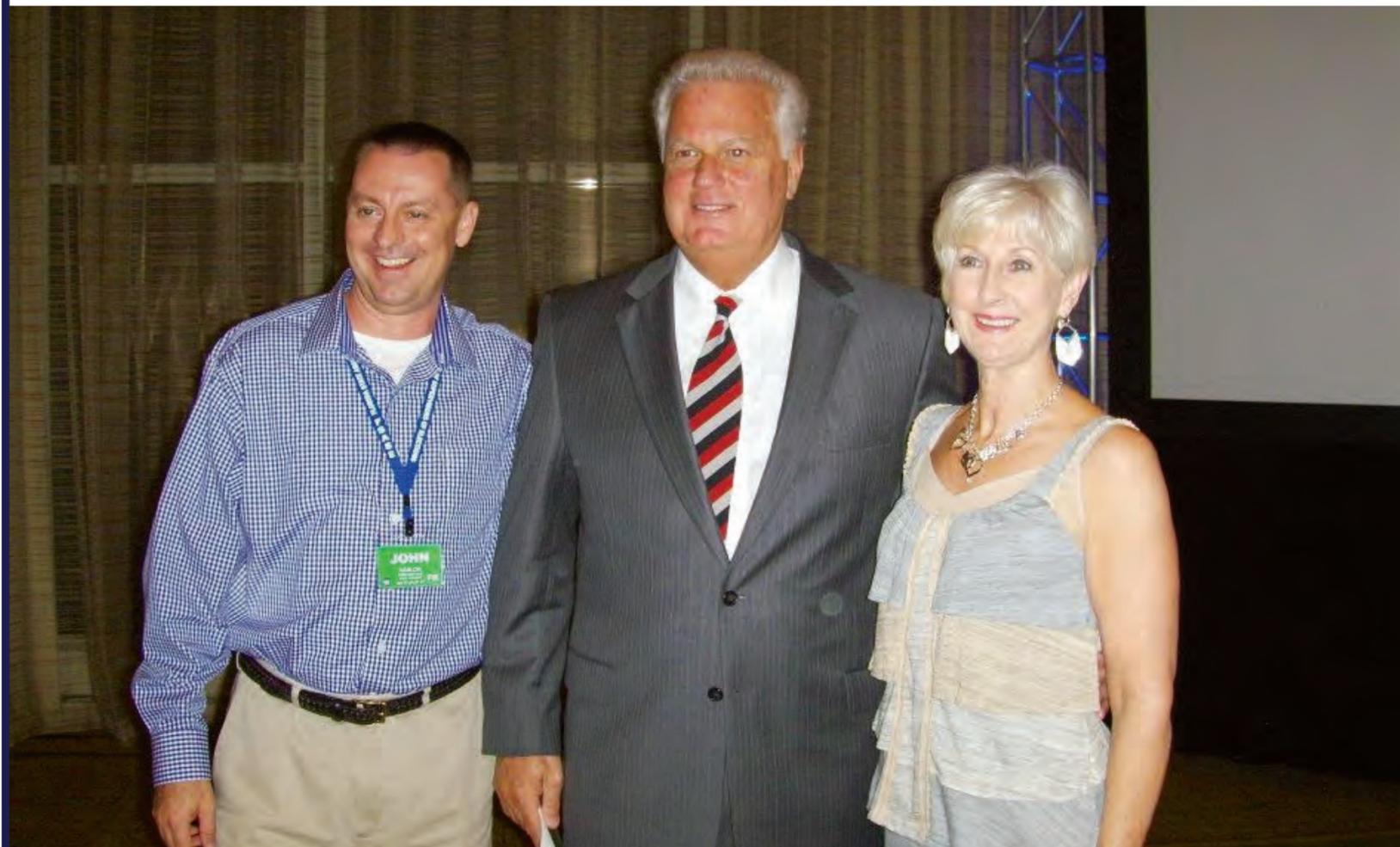
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On July 4, six members of the Mexico Beach Fire Department responded to a report of burning debris on U.S. 98. They arrived on scene, extinguished the debris, cleared the roadway and left the scene within one minute. For their efforts, each was paid at least \$25.

The same day, firefighters responded to people who were stuck in an elevator. According to the time sheet, six firefighters responded to free the people, but a supervisor later told Hubbard only two responded.

The six firefighters who put out that debris on U.S. 98 were William Levi Wilson, Marion Baker, Michael Brunson, Fred Mabry, J.T. Hallman and Stephanie McDonald Wilson. Those six were the same who responded to the elevator call, for which they were each paid \$25.

Three are convicted felons: two are currently on community supervision and one has served prison time, according to the BCSO investigation. Hallman was a member of both the police and fire departments, but he has left the job.

Levi Wilson, 23, was convicted of aggravated battery in 2009 in Gulf County; Stephanie McDonald Wilson, 41, has numerous convictions for cocaine possession and one for organized fraud; and Brunson, 55, served two separate stints in prison for drug dealing and grand theft.

Stephanie McDonald Wilson is Hall's sister-in-law, Levi Wilson is Hall's nephew and Brunson is McDonald's boyfriend. Baker is Wilson's girlfriend or fiancé, and Hall's wife is also employed by the fire department.

Attempts to reach Hall,

Wilson, Baker, McDonald and Brunson were unsuccessful late last week.

Ordinance sets pay

Firefighter compensation, \$25 per call out, is established by a city ordinance. Time sheets indicate Wilson, one or both of the Halls, McDonald, Brunson and Baker generally responded to more calls than most of the volunteer department's 15 or 20 other members.

Wilson, who stayed with the Halls during a time of financial difficulty — their home was foreclosed on — was generally paid more than any other member of the department.

Hall went on medical leave April 10, the day Hubbard was granted authority over the Mexico Beach Department of Public

Safety, which was divided into the police and fire departments and the city's emergency medical services.

During a meeting of the City Council, acting Chief Jay Metcalf responded to the allegations that firefighters were falsifying response records to get paid.

"Prove it," Metcalf told city officials, according to the BCSO investigative report.

Bay County Emergency Services Chief Mark Bowen, who noted his department is not associated with Mexico Beach, said there is no statewide standard for firefighters. The Florida Fire Academy won't take someone who's been convicted of a felony within the seven years prior to admission, nor will it admit anyone with a misdemeanor conviction that would interfere with their ability to be a firefighter, Bowen

said. The county runs background checks on all candidates, he said.

"For a county firefighter — volunteer or career — they go through an FDLE background check," Bowen said.

According to Hubbard's statement to Sheriff's Office investigators, Hall was hiring people without drug testing them or running background checks. Those hires included Wilson, Baker, McDonald, Brunson and Hall's wife, Suzanne Hall. Furthermore, none of them is a certified firefighter, though Brunson, Wilson and McDonald are apparently undergoing training, Hubbard said.

A new hiring policy for the Mexico Beach Department of Public Safety has been implemented since Hubbard was given authority over it. A background check is conducted on any potential hire.



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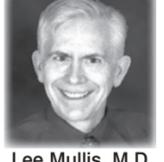
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Opinion

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'4 lines, 3 cuts & small town heroes'

We've heard the stories and you've probably used them with your children, friends and possibly even yourself. When we fail, we sometimes need someone or something to lift us up and tell us that we can make it. There are many stories of successful people who failed time and time again, making it big in the end.

Henry Ford failed five times before he founded the Ford Motor Company. Colonel Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken had his "secret recipe" rejected 1,009 times before a restaurant thought it was finger licking good.

Einstein didn't speak until the age of four and couldn't read until the age of seven. He was even expelled from school. Albert turned out alright in terms of his scientific discoveries.

Abraham Lincoln went to war as a captain and came back a private and eventually became the President of the United States.

Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) was told that he didn't have what it took to be an actor, so he went back to being a carpenter around age 30. On his second try, he did ok looking for the lost ark, fighting Darth Vader and being Tom Clancy's hero, Jack Ryan, on the silver screen.

You get the picture. Chances are you don't know about the failure I found the other night on television. It's because you don't see his failures on television, you see his successes. Most specifically, you see the success that is inspirational and proves that small town heroes are the best when it comes to lifting us up.

His name is "Maris," but he wasn't a baseball player. He was a basketball player. If you love basketball, chances are you have seen Maris make one of the most inspirational shots ever taken in a basketball game.

You probably didn't even realize it was Maris. He was an actor. Maris Valainis played the role of Jimmy Chitwood in the movie "Hoosiers." The movie is about a small rural high school in Indiana that defeated a huge Indianapolis high school in the state championship in 1952.

The movie is based on a small rural high school in Milan, Indiana, that did indeed win the Indiana state high school

championship over a much larger school from Indianapolis. The year was actually 1954.

Maris thought he would like to try his hand at acting. When the casting call came, Maris stood in a line of around 600 to get a spot in the movie.



CRANKS MY TRACTOR
BN Heard

Frustrated with the wait, Maris Valainis decided that it wasn't worth it.

While leaving the line of hopefuls, Maris was noticed by one of the casting directors who asked him to show off his basketball skills.

What the casting director didn't know was that the young man had been cut three times from his high school basketball team. It didn't matter. Maris was perfect for the role of Jimmy Chitwood, the young man who makes the last second shot to win the Indiana high school state championship.

In filming the movie, they had to take two cuts of the game winning shot. Jimmy Chitwood/Maris Valainis made the shot both times.

If you are one of the few who has never seen the movie "Hoosiers," filmed in 1986, you should watch it. Watch it knowing that the fellow who makes that famous shot in the movie was actually cut every year for three years from his high school basketball team.

In his role as Jimmy Chitwood, Valainis only has four lines. They are all memorable, but his last is the one that will stick with you. With the game on the line, the coach huddles the players and tells them that Jimmy will not take the final shot; he will be used as a decoy.

The players look frustrated and you can see the hurt in Jimmy Chitwood's face. He looks up at the coach (Gene Hackman) and convincingly tells him, "I'll make it." Of course the coach lets him take the shot and Jimmy makes it and the fictional Huskers from rural Hickory, Indiana win the state championship.

The movie is based on the real state championship that Milan High School won in 1954. There is a lot of drama in the movie that didn't actually happen.

The coach was actually a young man who never hit his players. In the movie, Gene Hackman was a college coach fired

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A sad display in Gulf County

Last week's Board of County Commissioners regular bi-monthly meeting was completely regular for one hour and entirely from another planet in the next.

In other words, it was a sad chapter in Gulf County government and a smear against any message county government is trying to send beyond its borders.



TIM CROFT
Star news editor

Commissioner Carmen McLemore actually proclaimed that outside those borders there are the "blow ins" that

should just move on back to Georgia or Alabama or wherever they are from if they are going to have the temerity to question government.

But of course everything over those last 45 minutes last Thursday was personal and for that, it was a sad day for government.

Sad for allowing any citizen to spend 17 minutes at the podium on a screed that in the first part had largely been heard before — timed coincidentally to a rally on the courthouse steps by the villains in commissioners' little Kabuki theater; Citizens for Improving Gulf County — and in the second part a campaign television commercial.

Sad that Commission chair Bill Williams allowed this to continue; even participating in as ugly a display of Gulf County government that has been witnessed for years.

Sad that Williams' fellow commissioners allowed a lame duck commissioner, not even around in a month, already moved to Tallahassee, to establish the tenor and tempo for an astonishing display of bad manners and appalling lack of professionalism.

Sad that Williams would join the cue of outrage at the out-of-county campaign contributions received by a BOCC candidate this year, when Williams ran in 2004 and 2008 behind a boatload of dollars from out of the county, including the donations from an individual and company Williams

later brought in as a vendor for the employee health insurance fray.

Sad that would not come up, that Williams' memory would be so short.

And yet that issue was beaten and beaten, despite the wise words of Commissioner Ward McDaniel who did happen to inject that campaign contributions were a personal right and privilege.

Not everybody lost their senses. Sad that Williams would allow any member of the public to address an item that wasn't on the agenda and to continue to reveal details of a State Attorney's investigation and then join her, Williams' repeatedly saying he had worn a wire as part of the investigation.

Sad that after that investigation was closed on Oct. 16, a request to see the case file was met with the statement that based on information provided after the meeting the case was reopened, the file unavailable.

Sad that this was a quasi-representative of the Economic Development Council and given the folderol Williams tossed around about his displeasure with the direction of the consolidated Chamber/EDC model he helped create.

Sad that Williams would also use publicly-paid meeting time, with staff present and on the clock, to also express his views on the upcoming election in the district he chose not to represent for the next four years.

Not only is it unseemly for a sitting commissioner to publically wade into the fray, to do so in a taxpayer-paid function, taking meeting time to assert who voters should not vote for in the coming election, crosses the boundaries of good taste and good ethics by such a distance the line is blurred.

Not to mention that this is a proud Republican taking sides against the candidate that the county Republican Party is endorsing in the election.

What is the adage, when a man stands for anything, he stands for nothing.

But in reality, this was not a meeting, this was an ambush against

citizens who have chosen to be active, and, yes, aggressive, during this campaign season.

There was nothing on the meeting agenda, no item, that would point to such a brazenly politically diatribe, by all involved, including the five commissioners who seemed to be amped for battle.

Granted it has not always been pretty this summer and there are tactics that raise howls in adult conversation, but the bottom line is these are citizens exercising their right to protest and engage government and they were publicly pilloried by publicly-paid elected officials because of that exercise in democracy.

Williams made a repeated mention about courage throughout his outburst, but exactly what kind of courage is entailed when commissioners sit in their cushioned chairs and with prompting abuse their own public input rules in order to grind personal axes while there is a man with a gun, the sheriff, protecting them.

What kind of courage does a bully — and this was a 40-minute session that would bring suspensions in the public schools — really possess?

This was a black eye for Gulf County. Anyone viewing the second half of that meeting would take away bewilderment at just what kind of place Gulf County is and what kind of government is operated from the county courthouse complex.

The only message is that a voice is allowed in Gulf County only if it is desired to be heard by elected officials.

McLemore pretty much summed it up when he attempted to backtrack his statement about "blow-ins" by mentioning that he encouraged people to move to Gulf County, just don't come wishing to tell local government what to do.

In other words, please come down to Gulf County — just leave your rights as citizens behind. That is a message the Tourist Development Council can surely brand.

Perry Mason wouldn't take this case

You know, sometimes I write so bad I have to stop and explain it the following week. I believe the recent Halloween story was pretty straight forward. It was a simple tale about me and the usual boyhood suspects hollowing out some pumpkins, dropping a couple of Cherry Bombs in them and exploding them in various and sundry places around town. I should have entitled the article, "What We Did On Halloween Night In 1964 To Create A Little Fun."

But I kinda thought that would have left little to the imagination as to exactly what, when, where and how the story was going. I thought "It Was Quadruple Jeopardy For Me!" might make you wonder if I didn't fall into some dire consequences as a result of my immature and thoughtless action. Which, as a matter of fact, I did! Of course, some well meaning and spot-on copy editor working overtime for the paper syndicate left out the exclamation point on the end of the title. That changed the content of the message all together and might have led to some misunderstanding. And maybe, it was just a bad title selection on my part. Enough of you have mentioned it to me that I am fairly certain it is the latter.

Let me catch you up on where we were. The pumpkins had been scraped out, the bombs placed inside and several

sets of explosions had occurred. As young teenagers we were simply "exploiting the possibilities" of small town America on a late October night in the aforementioned 1964. Patrolman Jim Dick Crews' sweet tooth had fortuitously placed him at the high school Halloween Carnival just as we were getting set to roll in a few exploding projectiles. He caught us red handed.



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

So now we are all down at the jail. I'm ready to take my medicine. I was wondering about my one phone call when Jim Dick made it for me. He called my parents!

I would have preferred jail time. I would have volunteered for community service. I was thinking how quickly with those Peace Corps people take you when Daddy walked in. Now folks, he was as calm as a cucumber. He visited with Ricky and Yogi's parents. He thanked Jim Dick numerous times. He was smiling and shaking hands as we departed....

He whipped me from the jail house all the way out to the end of Stonewall Street. Somehow he already knew that we had exploded a loaded pumpkin on Mrs. Boaz's front steps ...with her standing there. Dad was embarrassed and ashamed of my action "with a neighbor, son, with a very good neighbor." He took the whole thing a little too personal I thought.

Now, listen closely

here, we are getting to the jeopardy part. I had a fun night. I had messed up something awful. I was sorry and truly repentant. I was not in no way, fashion, shape or form ever going to explode another pumpkin in an inappropriate or dangerous manner. I had been duly punished. This whole sorry episode should be over.

One of the Jaycees had showed up down at the jail to complain about the pumpkin scare that took place right in the middle of their Haunted House fundraiser. Daddy, before I had a chance to object or defend myself, whipped me again. THAT'S DOUBLE JEOPARDY! And that's not legal.

If I'd only had a law bookDaddy was in no reading mood but maybe I could have stuck it to my backside and deflected a couple of licks. Now, I go to bed thinking I've been punished twice for the same crime and something ain't right here. I'm only fourteen and not versed in legal matters but it seems my habeas corpus had been nolo contended.

I was all set to tell him about it at breakfast the next morning when he got the call about the dead gold fish in the pond up on the square. Folks, Ricky threw that pumpkin in amongst the fish. Yogi lit the fuse. I was just standing back behind the World War I cannon so I wouldn't get wet. I didn't really have anything to do with the actual—Daddy whipped me before I had even buttered my biscuit. I'm wondering

now about the statute of limitations. This crime was past history. I had been jerked up from the Halloween Carnival, hauled down to the jail house, held against my will and whipped three times pretty hard for what I considered ONE lapse of judgment. Jim Dick didn't even read us our rights. Daddy was more geared to the wrongs than the "rights" here. He was pulling some kind of ex post facto judo on me.

I limped to school the following Monday. I couldn't hardly sit in those hard oak desks. Me, Jerry, Squeaky, Yogi and the other culprits commiserated at lunch. We compared backsides at Phys Ed. We tried to blame each other for "pumpkin-gate" but we couldn't even remember who came up with the idea. We even laughed a little when we thought of how funny this would be in years to come. "Making memories" was the way Billy B. put it. It was the price you paid for a moment of fame.

I felt a little better till I got home that afternoon. Daddy was holding the bill for the broken glass at the Tri-County Electric. Now, I know something is haywire. That pumpkin was fifteen feet away from that door when it "went off." We had been framed! There was no way —

Daddy had seen and heard enough for the past three days. He whipped me again! And folks, that's quadruple jeopardy, I don't care who your lawyer is.

Respectfully,

Kes

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:
Like many of my fellow residents and taxpayers in Gulf County I have been dismayed and disgusted so many times in recent years at the shenanigans of our county commissioners. So much of our hard-earned taxpayer money squandered and so many issues unresolved. A commonly recurring theme seems to be the small-minded and short-term view taken by our commissioners on virtually every major issue. It would appear that there are so many considerations given to every issue by the commission except what is best for all of us.

It is clearly time for a change in the caliber of our commissioners. I am very excited that we are able to have a candidate with the educational and professional background of Joanna Bryan who is willing to take on this job. This is truly a great opportunity for the hard-working taxpayers of Gulf County to be able to have such qualified professional talent on our commission. I urge all of the voters of District 3 to join me in supporting Joanna Bryan in her bid for county commission. She represents the kind of leader we need to solve our problems and attract job opportunities for us and our children.

Mary Virginia DePue

Where is civility?

Dear Editor:
What has happened to civility in this county? Today I received an unsigned scathing letter deriding Joanna Bryant, candidate for County Commissioner, District Three. The sender was such a coward that he/she did not sign a name. Then I understand at the County Commission meeting on Thursday that the session digressed into what a bad candidate Joanna Bryant is! Shame on whoever you were?

Marcia Low
(I sign what I write)
St. Joe Beach

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for hitting a player and eventually ended up as a high school coach. There was no drunken coach/father who wandered onto the court like Dennis Hopper did in the movie. People seem to need a lot of extra drama in a movie; that is what directors think anyway. It's kind of sad when you think about it. The screenwriter for Hoosiers, Angelo Pizzo noted the reasons as being, "The guys were too nice, the team had no real conflict."
Hats off to the real 1954 Milan High School basketball team for being too nice and too normal.
The real Jimmy Chitwood? His name was actually Bobby Plump. I guess a basketball hero named Bobby Plump is not racy enough, but it was and he was for the little

Tax breaks, benefits available to military families

As we honor our armed forces this Veterans Day, let's also acknowledge the financial challenges they and their families often face, both while in service and after discharge. Fortunately, service members needn't go it alone: Many tax benefits, social services and financial assistance programs are available to help.

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If you move because of a permanent change of station, you may be able to deduct unreimbursed moving expenses.

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You can also include nontaxable combat pay as "earned income" when claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit for low- to moderate-income earners.

Deadlines for filing tax returns, paying taxes, filing refund claims and taking other actions with the IRS are automatically extended for qualifying military members.

Joint tax returns generally must be signed by both spouses. But, when one spouse is unavailable due to military duty, you may use a power of attorney to file a joint return.

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As you transition to civilian life, you may be able to deduct certain job-hunting costs.

Most military installations offer free tax-filing and preparation assistance during and/or after tax filing season.

The IRS's Armed Forces' Tax Guide provides an excellent summary of many important military-related tax topics (www.irs.gov).

A few suggestions and precautions for military families facing financial challenges:

Each base command offers free financial specialists to discuss personal finances and help with budgeting; many banks and credit unions also offer these services.



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Each military branch has a relief society and many grant emergency loans. Turn to them first before taking out a payday loan.

Check-cashing outlets, pawn shops and other lenders are prohibited from charging more than 36 percent interest to military families for payday loans.

If you do go off-base for financial assistance, you're responsible for disclosing your military status in order to receive military rates.

Before signing loan documents, make sure you fully understand all conditions (annual percentage rate, monthly payment amount, fees, penalties, etc.) Don't hesitate to take the paperwork home to think it over or consult with a financial advisor.

Avoid pawn shop loans that use your car's title as collateral. Besides paying a very high rate, missing a payment could cost you ownership of your car.

Many governmental and private organizations provide financial information aimed at the special needs of the military,

including:
The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office of Servicemember Affairs (www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers) features a variety of financial planning tools.

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SaveAndInvest.org, a financial education program created by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority to improve military members' saving and investing knowledge (www.saveandinvest.org/MilitaryCenter).

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The government provides an intensive, three-day Transition Assistance Program for separating or retiring service members and spouses to ease reentry into the civilian workplace (www.taonline.com/TAOffice).

It's vital that our military understand the benefits available to them - as well as the financial pitfalls to which they may be vulnerable.

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City approves \$74K ESG impact fee waiver

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Port St. Joe commissioners unanimously approved the waiver of water and sewer impact fees for Eastern Shipbuilding Group, eliminating another hurdle as the company moves ahead with expansion into Gulf County.

A company representative said there remained some hurdles, but the company is close to "pulling the trigger."

The first hull for outfitting is expected to arrive at the old paper mill site sometime between December and February.

Commissioners, with minimal discussion, approved the waiver of some \$74,000 in sewer and water impact fees.

The issue had sat for a little more than a week

after commissioners pursued more information about precedent and the city's past actions regarding impact fees.

Two commissioners questioned whether the city was being consistent and fair in application of impact fees, noting similar fees paid by First Baptist Church.

Two commissioners argued that the difference — the creation of an estimated 200 jobs in Gulf County — tipped the scales in favor of granting the waiver.

In addition, city attorney Tom Gibson was not able to attend the prior meeting and commissioners had incorrect information about Oak Grove Church, which, it turned out, provided commissioners the precedent that a Gibson had noted in a letter saying they were

justified in the impact fee waiver.

Oak Grove Church received just such a waiver in 2008 when it built a new facility on existing infrastructure without an increase in use.

That is the case with Eastern Shipbuilding, which would be tapping existing water lines in the ground for the St. Joe Company.

The company wanted to tap that line, put in meters and pay for actual usage since it was not using the amount already accounted for by St. Joe.

Mayor Mel Magidson further stated that the St. Joe Company had paid \$5 million in upfront tap fees for a Planned Unit Development (PUD), a mix of residential and commercial, that at one time was to be built on the old paper mill site.

Given the amount that ESG was seeking was waived, "the city is still coming out way ahead."

But beyond the bottom line, the two commissioners who sought more information had received constituent feedback sufficient to convince them.

"I have not talked to one person who said don't grant them the waiver," said Commissioner Phil McCroan. "I am glad we had the discussion, but I think we should go ahead and grant the waiver."

Several commissioners noted that the impact fees should have been, as Chamber executive director Barry Sellers said, something considered on the front end of the deal that brought ESG to Gulf County as it considered expanding its operations.

"To me, all my investigation of the facts ... I think we are getting value for our citizens," Magidson said.

Commissioner Bill Kennedy, acknowledging he had some of the circumstances around Oak

Grove incorrect, said he just did not want the city to make a "knee-jerk reaction" and added that he too had heard from constituents who expressed support for the waiver.

"I think this is absolutely the right thing to do," Kennedy said of the waiver.

A representative of ESG said the company would assume the costs of any installation for meters and associated hardware.

Red water

Commissioner Rex Buzzett said that in discussions with the Northwest Florida Water Management District and representatives of the company that designed the water plant, the city and Preble Rish Engineers, a tentative plan had been mapped for a study to address the chronic red water issue.

Buzzett said citizens might not be too happy about the length of time such a study would con-

sume, but with cooperation from the public a protocol for addressing the red water would be found.

In broad strokes, the study would entail 20 test sites around the city and southern portion of the county to establish the chemistry of water coming from the plant compared to that upon arrival at those 20 sites.

Once baselines are established, a study would continue for 33 weeks to determine, Buzzett said, one of two directions the city could go in treating the water.

One, Buzzett said, would likely be expensive; the other not so much.

The NFWFMD will fund the study, Buzzett said, and there will be no cost to the city beyond a few manpower hours.

"Hopefully we are going to find a solution to the problem," Buzzett said. "Another study and more time, I realize, that is nothing anybody wants to hear, but what are we going to do."



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Port receives master plan update grant

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The Port of Port St. Joe has been awarded a \$70,000 grant from the Florida Department of Economic Development to fund the update of the port master plan.

The Port Authority board also heard encouraging word on maintaining the critical designation of being part of the state's Strategic Intermodal System and on instruction to enhance the local workforce in anticipation of the arrival of Eastern Shipbuilding Group either late this year or early next year.

The DOE grant will allow Port Director Tommy Pitts to do most of the work in-house, while finally drawing a salary that exceeds one dollar per month.

The update of the master planning document is crucial as the port moves forward with development under collaboration between the Port Authority and St. Joe Company.

"The properties committed to port development have changed so dramatically," Pitts said. "The collaboration with St. Joe brings the mill site in. There is the Arizona Chemical property, the rail access. The funding the state makes available for ports is for property within the port master plan."

Those properties will also likely include those lands and activity to the north of the Intracoastal Waterway owned and operated by Woods and Raffield Fisheries.

"We included them in the 2003 update and we can include them again,"

Pitts said.

The first step for the update is a stakeholders' meeting, or public hearing, concerning the port's plans, the lands they are planning for development and seeking input.

Some stakeholders are identified and invited, Pitts said.

Those include both the municipalities in the county, the Board of County Commissioners, the Gulf County Economic Council/Chamber of Commerce, Opportunity Florida and Waterfronts Florida among others.

Beyond that, the meeting seeks input from all interested parties concerning the direction the port is moving.

"What we're doing is providing an opportunity for comments and feedback," Pitts said. "This is the first step, the time for interested parties to share their thoughts about the port and port development."

The ability to do the work primarily in-house is important for a port that is as yet undeveloped and in need of revenue.

Pitts has been involved in two other updates of the same plan and the requirements for some technical data have been moved to later in the process. Pitts said he is confident the work can be completed in-house.

The St. Joe Company will provide GIS mapping and graphics assistance and the Florida Department of Transportation will assist with transportation issues pertaining to the port.

"The critical thing for us right now is moving forward on this stakeholders' meeting," said Port Au-

thority chairman Leonard Costin. "I'd like people to know this is an important meeting."

As the process hits milestones, such as the stakeholders' meeting, the grant funding will be disbursed. With the grant Pitts and Nadine Lee, who have worked at the Port Authority more than a decade will be able to draw some salary.

Pitts was appreciative but noted the overall goal was larger than any salary.

"What we're doing here is an opportunity," Pitts said. "Everybody here is trying to work together to make something happen here."

SIS designation

Pitts reported optimism regarding the port's application to extend by at least three years its designation as part of Florida's SIS.

Some 75 percent of FDOT discretionary funding is earmarked for projects within the SIS.

A letter requesting the extension — the current SIS designation expires in spring 2013 — has been drafted and communicated to the District III FDOT office in Chipley.

"I talked to (Secretary Tommy Barfield) and there is favor being shown to us," Pitts said. "There is an expectation it will be approved at the main office in Tallahassee. There is support for this port there also."

Board member Eugene Raffield said he sensed "a green light" for the application as staff from FDOT was recently in Port St. Joe taking photos and get-

ting the "lay of the land" at the port.

Pitts also noted that the Port Authority has recently been approached by two parties interested in leasing a portion of the barge bulkhead along the Intracoastal Waterway.

Workforce

During a discussion pertaining to Eastern Shipbuilding Group and the city of Port St. Joe's initial reluctance to waive water and sewer fees (see story on page A6), Raffield turned to what could be done about the local workforce.

"The big issue for (Eastern) is getting the labor," Raffield said. "There is

a huge demand for fabricated vessels on the world market. This thing could grow by 40 percent in 12 months."

Raffield said there was particular need for welders and said it was important of teamwork among St. Joe, ESG and the Port Authority regarding issues pertaining to the workforce and any incentives to expanding into Gulf County.

"We must all talk on the same page," Raffield said, "that we are all coming together for the sake of the community."

In several fronts, there is progress.

Loretta Costin with the Gulf/Franklin Center said that the Gulf Coast Work-

force Board and Gulf County Schools were teaming to soon offer an evening welding class for those interested, regardless of age. Costin said the college was examining similar programs.

In addition, Pitts reported that activity at the Chamber of Commerce, where ESG representatives take applications twice a week, had picked up.

As of last week, 100 people had been hired through the Chamber, though the exact number from Gulf County was unknown.

"The labor is a concern for them," Pitts said. "It's a problem we need to solve. I'm encouraged by the traffic we have seen."

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It is the case that now it is clear to me why that Gulf County is typically somewhere in the vicinity of next to last in population in the state. It is now clear to me why it is that we do not have the money to pay school teachers, school bus drivers, and even the police a decent wage.

We live in a county where a certain large corporation and some well connected families get very Lenient appraisals for taxation on their property. The rest of us by enlarge... Do Not. In case you missed it, that discrepancy puts some at a definite advantage and the rest of us at a disadvantage. If I was not already from here, the idea of moving here and paying higher than my share of taxes would be some what of a deterrent from even coming here. My problem is that I am from here. Even remember twice asking my mother when I was a child... "where is it I am from... We Wa Hit Ch a Where?"

We need the new county appraiser to be someone who is not at all interested in being in the pocket of corporate interest, self appointed Royal Families, or anyone else for that matter. Moreover, to me, the position of county appraiser is more than just a job. Given our situation, it is more like a sacred trust to clean up the Good Old Boy cronyism that has plagued our county for decades. Too many people (myself included) have had their life interrupted and hurt.. because of Disproportionate Tax Assessments. As it is, we might as well be living in the Feudal system. You know where the landed gentry get to rule, and the rest of us get to be Tax Paying Peasants. To have a FAIR chance of making it here (in our own county), we need an appraiser dedicated to the idea of making everyone's appraisal commensurate with what is FAIR. Not only is this Right, it is also something that will attract others to want to live here and invest here. The better it is for everybody then the better it is for the local economy.

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Several Port St. Joe residents, including Matt Scoggins, had vision of establishing a special Mission to begin to meet those needs. Matt, a long time volunteer with Panama City Rescue Mission, joined our corporate Board of Directors and became the Board's Committee leader for the newly formed Gulf Coast Hope Center, a pilot program.

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We now have an office set up at Matt's 5 Star Collision business on the west end of Port St. Joe. A growing number of volunteers assist the Gulf Coast Hope Center as it becomes a vital part of benevolence ministry in Gulf, Franklin and Calhoun counties. Strategies are in the works for developing services and a referral network.

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Angier said no one else with the State Attorney's Office could comment on the investigation.

Hess' letter states that while "allegations of extortion pertaining to Gulf County Commissioner Warren Yeager establishes probable cause," the entire case rested with statements made by Graney to the two investigators, one whom identified himself as Herring. Graney said he did not recall the name of

the other investigator and they did not offer business cards.

The investigators came to Graney's house, asked to speak to him and over 45 minutes asked him a series of questions about what he knew about the PAC. Graney freely obliged, he said.

In his letter, Hess noted no other witnesses — several other people were contacted and declined to answer questions as is their

right, Hess wrote — came forward to verify Graney's statements about the PAC.

As Graney was the only witness to the allegations that Citizens Improving Gulf County had attempted to extort Yeager from the race for the District 5 seat, Hess said the charges could not be sustained beyond a reasonable doubt.

"A prosecutor's responsibility is to charge crimes when the facts can be proven beyond a reason-

able doubt," Hess wrote to Herring. "In this instance the question is whether there is a crime or just dirty politics; reasonable people could well differ."

Graney said he believes he is the source of the allegations and believed they stemmed from a conversation he had with Williams concerning campaign strategy. Graney believes Williams recorded the conversation without his knowledge.

Williams acknowledged "wearing a wire" several times during Thursday's meeting of the BOCC, calling the investigation one involving blackmail.

He could not be reached for comment Friday.

Graney said his name shows up because he was one person who talked to investigators.

He told investigators that in the spring he had given Williams an idea of the political landscape as

the campaign season heated up and talked strategy.

Graney — who is not a member of the PAC, says he does not know their membership but has worked with PAC president Jim Garth in the past — said the questions investigators asked when they visited weeks later quickly provided an idea that the conversation with Williams was not confidential.

He told investigators what he had told Williams from what he had learned from Garth; that the PAC would be campaigning against incumbents and the PAC believed it had sufficient ammunition to unseat them.

Graney said all he told investigators was what he had been told by Garth and later had relayed to Williams.

"I just wanted to let (Williams) know what was out there," Graney said. "That is what I told the investigators. They said that could be interpreted as a threat. I said I don't think so and I was sure Williams and Yeager didn't see it as a threat."

From Graney investigators contacted a number of other people, though McElroy is the only other person known to have spoken to investigators, acknowledging she had met with investigators several times.

Graney said he offered investigators a sit down with him and Garth and offered to get Garth on the phone while the investigators were in his house. They declined and the meeting among the four of them never happened. The investigators asked Graney to wear a wire and record a conversation with Garth, which he refused, Graney added.

The investigation then "died" Graney said for a time before coming back to life shortly after the August primary.

Graney said had he known from the outset the intent of the investigators visit he would have cut it short.

"If I had any idea what they were talking about I would have told them to buzz off," Graney said. "I got myself bush-whacked by Williams. This thing was a comedy routine. It was Keystone Kops. This is silliness."

Graney said he would like to know if Williams was authorized by the State Attorney to record their conversation. If not, he said, he believes it is illegal for an individual to record any conversation without the other person's knowledge.

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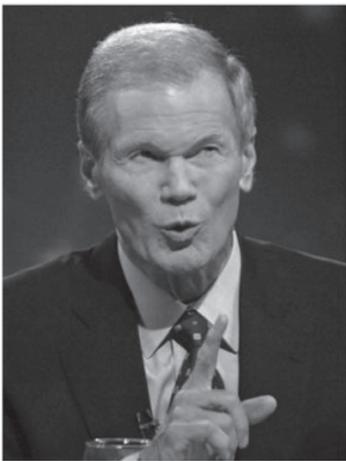
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“What I’ve suggested to (Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson) is let’s have a public meeting. We need to have public input and try to reach a consensus.”

Chamber/EDC

A discussion initiated by Butler concerning the possibility of hiring a utility employee to work across several offices became a debate about the direction of the consolidated Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council model commissioners

created more than a year ago.

Butler said county staff was overwhelmed and heading toward a significant problem with several key department heads — Joe Danford in Public Works, David Richardson with the Building and Planning Department and Butler — are within five years of retirement.

Commissioners need a succession plan in place for Danford, but additionally, given staffing cuts during the past several years, the workload on department

heads was such that some assistance was needed.

Commissioner Bill Williams, however, said he wondered if the board should be looking at the Chamber/EDC before considering a new addition to staff.

Williams said he had learned the Chamber board was proposing to divide duties and bring in a Chamber point person to free executive director Barry Sellers for EDC work solely and wondered how, on the \$40,000 provided by the county and city, that would

work. “To me the Chamber/EDC issue is unresolved,” Williams said. “The EDC is going to be a major issue,” particularly if the county takes back the EDC under its umbrella.

“What are we doing with the EDC?” Williams said.

Commissioner Ward McDaniel said the board needed to be proactive on the manpower issues and needed to thoroughly workshop the issue for solutions.

“It is fine to look at utility players, but what are the

priorities and where is the budget,” Williams said.

Sellers came to the podium to note that he had been promised twice the budget the county and city had funded, that staff has been lost at the Chamber/EDC and that progress is nonetheless being made.

“We are getting a lot of bang with very little buck,” Sellers said.

Beach access

Commissioners approved spending just less than \$10,000 for engineering

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The parking area would have 100 spots and restrooms on three-quarters of an acre.

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Commissioners erupt over PAC

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With a bit of prodding from a citizen, county commissioners spent the last portion of last week's meeting in vocal outrage about the Political Action Committee Citizens Improving Gulf County.

Commissioner Carmen McLemore provided a hint of what was to become when he insisted that county attorney Jeremy Novak state for the record that he did not have a conflict of interest pertaining to future decisions concerning BP litigation, given that McLemore had worked for BP in the aftermath of the spill.

Novak said it was up to McLemore to file the appropriate forms and to clarify any potential ongoing conflict from McLemore's employment. As noted later in the meeting by Bill Koran, McLemore earned roughly \$250,000 after the Deep-water Horizon oil spill.

According to his annual financial filings, McLemore's net worth spiked from under \$90,000 to nearly \$300,000 while working for BP.

But the fireworks were lit when Port St. Joe resident Christine McElroy, who is working with Economic Development Council on strategic planning, came to the podium to speak.

McElroy said she was concerned about an effort that seemed less about politics than "destroying lives and hurting people in the community."

She said she had cooperated with a State Attorney investigation into what Commissioner Bill Williams called a "blackmail" attempt by the PAC against Commissioner Warren Yeager and launched into a discussion about the link between the PAC and campaign contributions from some members for a candidate in District 3.

Williams said the PAC was "out of control" and acknowledged he also had cooperated with the State Attorney investigation by wearing a wire to obtain incriminating evidence about the alleged blackmail.

Williams, a Republican, added his

hopes that the candidate singled out by McElroy, Joanna Bryan, "loses" and said the State Attorney investigation is the public's business.

Williams and Bryan are both Republicans, and the local Republican Party is endorsing Bryan.

According to a Public Information Officer with the State Attorney's Office, the investigation was closed without any charges being brought on Oct. 16.

The PIO said it was reopened after last week's meeting.

Commissioner Ward McDaniel told McElroy anybody had the right to make campaign contributions as he or she wished.

Williams said the PAC's campaign had become too personal.

"You have the right to question our decisions, but you do not have the right to personal attacks," he said, directing his remarks to several PAC members in the meeting room. "They know no bounds. It is not about bullying, it is about being a coward."

McLemore suggested members of the PAC were "blow-ins" to the county who should just go back to Georgia and Alabama and quit telling elected officials how to act.

Later, McLemore suggested that he wanted people to move to Gulf County but not come intent on telling government what to do.

Williams said the PAC included malicious and cold-hearted people and added his own accusation about alleged acts by the PAC to those detailed by McElroy, who had detailed the same acts before commissioners in August.

Bill Koran, who ran against Yeager for the District 5 seat, came to the podium to note that McLemore made \$250,000 while working with BP, itself a conflict, and nearly one-third the entire amount of fine money the county has received to date.

He also challenged commissioners to provide a single instance in which Koran had said something that was not true.

After additional back and forth, commissioners moved to the next issue.

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Big Bend public, private sectors form alternative fuels coalition

Star Staff Report

Representatives of the public and private sectors have formed the Big Bend

Clean Cities Coalition to promote cleaner alternative fuels and vehicles in 10 North Florida counties. "Our goal is to encourage

Big Bend residents to consider domestically produced alternative fuels to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and improve air

quality, through the use of cleaner burning fuels and fuel reduction strategies," said BBCCC Coordinator Rob Wilson of Tallahassee. "With the Leon County School District running many of its buses on compressed natural gas and the City of Tallahassee also using CNG-powered vehicles, we are off to a good start in developing alternative fuels in the Big Bend."

The BBCCC's mission statement calls for developing "public/private partnerships to promote alternative fuels and vehicles, vehicle

blends, fuel economy, and idle reduction."

The coalition is working toward official designation by the U.S. Department of Energy as a part of the National Clean Cities Coalition program, which could lead to federal grants supporting development of alternative fuel and transportation programs in the Big Bend area.

The Florida Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition and the Florida Space Coast Clean Cities Coalition are supporting and mentoring the Big Bend group.

The BBCCC covers Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties.

Private-sector members include Dale Earnhardt Jr. Chevrolet, Ferrell Gas, Mulligan Propane, Matthews Buses, Allergy & Asthma Diagnostic, Sustainable Tallahassee, Green Building Group, Florida Natural Gas Association and NoPetro.

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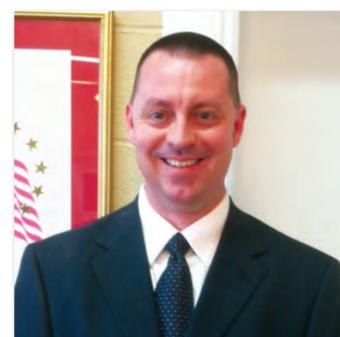
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Two more wins for Gene Raffield teams

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For the second week in a row the Jaguars and Dolphins hosted undefeated teams. This week it was the 4-0 Tigers from Blountstown that were trying to knock the defending champion Port St. Joe teams off their perch. They were to be denied.

The Jaguars, as has become their habit, scored early and often. On their first possession, Jasmine Thomas powered off the left side, broke a tackle, cut to the sideline and behind a crushing block by Trey Sanders went all the way to score the Jags first 6-points. The conversion attempt failed.

The very next possession gave the Jags another TD, this time the result of a 31-yard scamper by Thomas. Bryce Register ran in the 2-point conversion.

Jacob Renfro, the Jaguar defense's ball magnet, set up the next Port St. Joe TD when he recovered a Ti-



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The teams take on the Wewahitchka Warriors this weekend.

ger fumble on their 19-yard line. Four plays later Ethan "Freight Train" Lafontaine carried the ball in from the 5-yard line. Thomas made the conversion good. The half ended when Khayyon Zaccaro sacked the Tiger

quarterback for a 30-yard loss.

Blountstown worked hard to score in the second half by using spread formations and throwing the ball often. It backfired midway through the third quarter

when Thomas had a 35-yard pick-6 bringing the score to 28-0 Jags. Late in the fourth quarter a Jaguar turnover gave the Tigers a short field and they scored on an excellent run around end, then kicked for the 1-point



Both Gene Raffield football teams were victorious this week.

conversion making the final score 28-7 Jaguars.

Not to be outdone by the Jaguars, the Dolphins came out ready to play and play hard. Their first touchdown was set up by a 69-yard run by Josh Farmer. Max Cargill then went the final 3-yards to the end zone.

Just before half time, George Foxworth threw a 60-yard pass and run to his brother Brennon Foxworth for another 6-points. Farmer carried the ball 9

times for a total of 130 yards and 3 TD's. Brennon Foxworth led the defense with 6 tackles. Jay Stuckey had 4 tackles while Keaston Hopper and De'Marion Gray each had a fumble recovery. The strong effort on both offense and defense gave the Dolphins a 30-6 win and a 4-0 record.

This Saturday the Dolphins and Jaguars will meet county rivals, the Wewa Warriors in Wewahitchka starting at 10 a.m. ET.

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 during a recent Sunday. The players had a great time, good weather, a fun game, won prizes and ate "low country shrimp boil" which included Cole slaw and key lime pie served up by Gourmet Chef Now! 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 club members and two from Tyndall AFB-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. Prizes were given for Closest to the Line and Closest to the Pen for men and women. 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 Bucciori, Morgan Kennington, Witt Shoaf, and Javarri Beachum. 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 Schoaf.

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 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.

The Autumn Action was a huge success because of the players and because of all the generous sponsors in



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



Teens from Port St. Joe High School, Sammy Bucciori, Morgan Kennington, Witt Schoaf, and Javarri Beachum, were sponsored by a pair of doctors from Tennessee.

Gulf County. Thanks to our businesses and citizens who made this tournament a major golf tournament success. Gulf County youth will benefit greatly from their generosity this year.

The major sponsors were Gulf County Tourist Development Council, GAC Contractors, Penelope's Pet Stop, C W Roberts Contractors, Progress Energy, Preble Rish, Inc, Gulf 2 Bay Construction, The Port Inn, MainStay Suites, Dr. Anne Brown and Dr. Fred Thomason, Forgotten Coast Realty, El Governor Motel and Coastal Community Association.

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Thanks again to everyone who made this a most successful tournament, including the excellent staff at St Joseph Bay Golf Club who made sure everyone had a great time.

PSJ Soccer hosts tourney this weekend

Special to The Star

The Port St Joe High School Boys soccer team will see its first competitive action this weekend at home, as the team hosts a Jamboree of four quality high school teams.

The Jamboree starts off with a Friday night contest at 6 p.m. ET with ri-

vals Franklin County and Port St Joe. Games will continue through Saturday at Sam Cox field (behind the PSJ football stadium), with games at 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Come out and support your PSJ Boys, who were 15-3-1 last year, won the District Championship and were Regional runners up.

Sharks win last home game

Special to The Star

In their last home game of the season Oct. 19, the Port St. Joe Sharks beat the FAMU Rattlers 7-0, in a tough defensive battle.

The Sharks took on a tough Rattler team whose record was very misleading at 3-3. The FAMU schedule consists of both 3A and 4A district teams.

The Sharks were in a good defensive battle and both teams made great defensive stops in the

fourth quarter, making for an exciting game until the end.

With 1:25 left in the game, Ramello Zaccaro picked off a FAMU pass at the 50 yard line and ran it back to the Sharks' 20.

After a couple of running plays, Freshman Quarterback Troy Williams hit Zaccaro with a hitch and go pass to score with 1:08 left on the clock. Justin Hites' extra point was good.

On the ensuing kick-

off, Dusty Richter made a great hit to keep FAMU deep in its own territory. Two plays later, Troy Williams picked off a last ditch pass by FAMU to seal the win for the Sharks.

They were led by Dallas Burke's 19 tackles and Natron Lee's 14 tackles. The Sharks will continue the season with a 5-2 record. The Sharks' next game is on the road Friday, as they take on Liberty County High School.

Sharks pummel West Gadsden

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe Sharks came out victorious in a district game on the road against West Gadsden Oct. 25, beating the Panthers 57-7.

The Sharks offense was on track, first with a 2 yard quarterback sneak by Ramello Zaccaro, with a successful extra point by Justin Hites, bringing the Sharks up by 7.

After an interception by Jak Riley on the Panthers' next offensive series, Jarkiece Davis took the hand-off and scampered around

left for a 52-yard touchdown run. The extra point was no good.

The Sharks continued to score in the first half on touchdown runs by Dusty Richter, 12 yards, Natrone Lee, 4 yards, with Zaccaro and Corey North both with one yard touchdown runs. Richter finished the scoring before half time with a 41-yard interception return. Hites made one of the four extra point kicks before the half, leaving the score at the half 44-0.

The second half started with a running clock, but the Sharks continued the

score offensively.

The last two Shark scores came from a 7-yard run by Zaccaro and a recovered fumble in the end zone by Freshman Umstead Sanders after a good hit by freshman tackle Clay Raffield, bringing the score up 57-0.

The Panthers scored on a 70-yard run to end the game with a final score of 57-7.

The Sharks are 6-2 overall and 2-1 in the district. The Sharks have a big district game against Liberty County Friday in Bristol at 7:30.

Wewahitchka Cross Country report

Special to The Star

Both Wewahitchka High School Cross Country teams competed in the Panhandle Championship on Oct. 20.

The boys team did well, lead by Josh Epps and followed by Micah Lister, Elijah Sarmiento, Shaquille Scott, Jason Haire, Colby Gay, Tony Buckley-Paige, Charlie Laird, Josh Daulton, Weston Sarmiento, and Jonah Bidwell.

The girls team was led by Sha Mario Cole and followed by Ashleigh Price, Brittany Griffin, McKenna Waters, Tara Walding, Rylee Waters and Brooke Hysmith.

The team also went to Altha on Oct. 24 with the girls team finishing in first place and the boys in third.

Wewahitchka Cross Country also competed at Port St. Joe High School on Oct. 29. The teams are coached by Mary Holley and Jay Bidwell.



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A large black bear sits 60 feet up a pine tree in Springfield.

BUSTLING BLACK BEARS

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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

Because bears now are busy filling their bellies, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission asks people to be extra diligent in securing food sources around their homes and businesses that can attract bears and create problems.

"If you are a Florida black bear, raiding a garbage can to eat stale doughnuts and the leftovers from last night's spaghetti may be more appealing than foraging in the woods for palmetto berries and acorns," said David Telesco, the FWC's bear management program coordinator. "Preventing bears' access to food is the most important thing people can do to keep bears and other wild animals out of neighborhoods."

In autumn, bears begin a natural process called hyperphagia, which means they are putting on fat for the winter. They will consume about

25,000 calories a day and eat almost anything that's convenient. The easier a food item is to get, the more likely it is a bear will take advantage of it — and a bear's sense of smell is so keen it can detect food more than a mile away.

Bear-related calls to the FWC are up this year in many parts of the state. Since January in central and south Florida, the FWC has documented the highest number of calls per month on record for six of the past nine months. Calls in other parts of the state also are relatively high this year.

"Now more than ever we are relying on residents to keep bears from getting rewarded for being in neighborhoods," Telesco said.

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

- Feed your pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding.
- Secure household garbage in a shed, garage or a wildlife-resistant container.
- Put household garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters consisting of metal lids or metal-reinforced plastic lids and lock bars.
- Clean grills and store them in a locked, secure place.
- Remove wildlife feeders or make them bear-resistant.
- Protect gardens, apiaries, compost and livestock with electric fencing.
- Pick ripe fruit from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- Encourage your homeowners association or local government to institute ordinances on keeping foods secure that would attract wildlife.

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

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Hooked on Outdoors

If I can keep my feet, head and hands warm while hunting, I can stick in there with the best. But up until now I have found very little comfort in cozy toes and cozy hands — those things you open and put in your shoes before you hunt.

I discovered something last year that keeps my hands warm. It resembles one of the muffs women used to stick their hands into to keep them warm. Add one of those chemical hand warmers and my hands stay warm. That still left my feet to freeze, until recently.

Ronnie Groom at C&G Sporting Goods informed me of a new product made by ThermaCell, the same company that builds the ThermaCell to keep mosquitoes at bay.

This product slips into your boot, sort of like Odor Eaters fit into your shoe or boot. It is really neat how this product works. You simply plug each right and left bootie into the wall

plug and charge it up for a certain amount of time and you are ready to go. Unlike the chemical product that is activated the minute you put it into your boot, it doesn't activate until you want it to.

Everyone is familiar with the door opener you have on your keychain to lock and unlock your car. This device looks the same. You don't want your feet to get all sweaty walking to your blind so you wait until you get settled down and then you mash the up button to activate. Once you get your feet real toasty you simple mash the down button so they don't get too hot. Believe me, this will be a joy to have during winter.

One charge will last five hours, which is more than enough time for the sun to come up and warm you naturally. I used to dread hunting on real cold days, but now I can look for other things to worry about because my feet will think they are at home by the fire.



Outdoor Life
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WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Nov. 01	76°	53°	0 %
Fri, Nov. 02	76°	52°	0 %
Sat, Nov. 03	76°	52°	0 %
Sun, Nov. 04	76°	54°	0 %
Mon, Nov. 05	74°	59°	30 %
Tues, Nov. 06	75°	57°	10 %
Wed, Nov. 07	76°	56°	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
1	Th	1117pm 1.9		901am 0.1	
2	Fr	1156pm 1.9		959am 0.0	
3	Sa			1052am 0.0	
4	Su	1236am 1.8		1035am 0.0	
5	Mo	1215am 1.7		1110am 0.1	
6	Tu	1255am 1.6		1136am 0.1	
7	We	139am 1.3		1152am 0.3	
8	Th	255am 1.1	812pm 1.0	1155am 0.6	
9	Fr	628am 0.9	716pm 1.1	144am 0.8	1129am 0.7
10	Sa	702pm 1.3		239am 0.4	
11	Su	714pm 1.6		330am 0.2	
12	Mo	745pm 1.8		426am -0.1	
13	Tu	827pm 2.0		528am -0.3	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
1	Th	348am 1.5	720pm 1.3	1156am 0.0	1125pm 1.3
2	Fr	423am 1.5	801pm 1.3	1228pm 0.0	
3	Sa	503am 1.5	845pm 1.3	1204am 1.3	103pm 0.1
4	Su	448am 1.4	830pm 1.3	1254am 1.2	1245pm 0.1
5	Mo	540am 1.3	914pm 1.3	1258am 1.2	134pm 0.2
6	Tu	646am 1.2	954pm 1.3	219am 1.1	230pm 0.3
7	We	810am 1.1	1030pm 1.3	345am 1.0	331pm 0.4
8	Th	949am 1.0	1101pm 1.3	457am 0.8	432pm 0.5
9	Fr	1130am 1.0	1129pm 1.3	555am 0.6	530pm 0.7
10	Sa	100pm 1.1	1156pm 1.4	645am 0.3	623pm 0.8
11	Su	217pm 1.2		731am 0.1	712pm 1.0
12	Mo	1225am 1.5	324pm 1.3	817am -0.1	756pm 1.1
13	Tu	1257am 1.5	425pm 1.3	903am -0.3	837pm 1.2

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FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Freshwater

As the weather gets cooler and cooler this week, freshwater fish will hide out in deeper holes and channels in area rivers and lakes. Crappie are starting to show up in local spots such as Depot Creek and Howard creek right now.

Inshore

Redfish and trout are on the move to warmer waters. In cooler months, inshore species will move into the I.C.W. here in St. Joe in good numbers and hold throughout the winter months. Good reports from places like the "T" and White City bridge of redfish, black drum and trout.

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Beshears, Hill face off in Fla. House District 7

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The new District 7 of the Florida House of Representatives encompasses nine full counties and more area than any other, and two new faces in state politics will face off for the seat Nov. 6.

Republican Halsey Beshears of Monticello and Democrat Robert Hill of Bristol are new to the Florida political scene, but both managed to come out victors in a crowded primary, with four Republican candidates and three Democrats that

sought a bid to the general election.

District 7 includes nine rural counties in Northwest Florida: Lafayette, Taylor, Jefferson, Gulf, Madison, Wakulla, Franklin, Calhoun and Liberty, and also the southwest corner of Leon County.

Due to redistricting, there is no incumbent for the seat. Marti Coley, who represented a large portion of the new district previously, is seeking reelection in District 5.

As far as voter registra-

tion goes, there are more Democrats in the district.

Hill received 11,141 votes in the Democratic primary (40 percent), more than the entire amount of votes cast in the Republican primary (10,685). Beshears

won the primary with 38 percent of the vote over his three opponents.

There may be more registered Democrats, but the rural communi-

ties garner conservative values, and on the major issues of the race Hill and Beshears hold similar stances.

Job creation and a focus on education remain major issues in the race, along with strong stances from both sides against the privatization of state prisons, and a focus on protecting the rights of state employees.

Beshears, a nursery owner, has come out as an advocate for "common sense" politics and believes shrinking government is the best way

to bolster the district's economy, by ridding the area of heavy regulations for small business owners. His platform is based on conservative values, a focus on family and basic, common sense decision-making.

Beshears has never held a government position, unlike Hill, who is currently completing his third term as Liberty County Clerk of Court. He also serves as the county administrator and has also held the position of Liberty County Superintendent.

Hill has said through his experience in public

service he knows how get things done for the people and also has a keen understanding of District 7 communities.

"The areas that I hope to represent, they're all rural counties that are not very populated," Hill said. "I do understand the uniqueness of our small, rural counties."

As a former educator, Hill has said he will fight for adequate funding in Florida's public schools, as does Beshears, who also pushes the importance of parenting as the major force behind the success or failure of the public school system.



HALSEY BESHEARS



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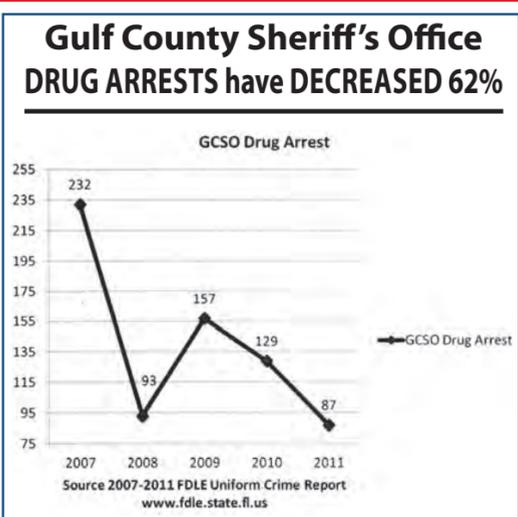
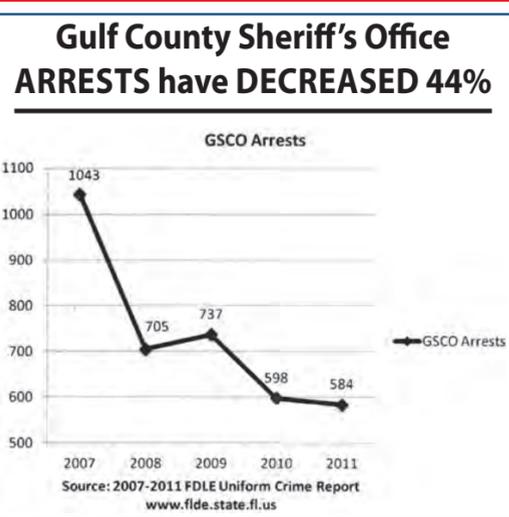


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Montford, Shaw opponents in Dist. 3 State Senate race

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Redistricting has shifted the state senate game in the Panhandle.

Although it's a new area for District 3 candidates Bill Montford and John Shaw, this is not the first time they have challenged each other for a legislative seat in Tallahassee.

Montford, the Democratic incumbent, has held the District 6 seat since 2010 when he beat his current Republican opponent, Shaw, carrying 70 percent of the vote.

The new District 3 encompasses 11 Panhandle Counties including Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla.

Montford carries 40-plus years of education experience, as former Leon County Superintendent, high school principal and math teacher, and places improving the state education system as his number one priority in the senate.

"Education comes first because everything depends on education," Montford said. "Whether it be job creation or good quality of life, it all depends on a good, sound public education system."

While Montford supports examining past cuts to the school system and putting

more money back into public schools, Shaw believes the education system could use a little housekeeping.

Shaw said he believes cuts in education need to be made in high-paying administrative jobs like district superintendent, and focused back on the teachers and students.

Shaw, a 27-year-old IT specialist, is taking a third shot at a seat in the Florida Legislature, after running for the State House of Representatives when he was only 21. He harnesses a limited government stance, with a focus on reducing federal regulations in Florida in order to help create jobs.

On issues surrounding job creation, Shaw sees a multifaceted solution in the legalization of industrial hemp in Florida, which he said would create private-sector jobs, and boost the economy while supporting energy independence and environmental protection.

"As far as job creation goes, this is absolutely hands-down the best idea," Shaw said.

On the other hand, Montford said he would place focus on protecting established jobs in the district.

"I believe in creating new jobs, but we have to focus on the jobs we already have in place," he said.



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Lee Brice's music, personality easy to love

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It's going to be a busy weekend for Lee Brice, starting tonight with the Country Music Awards.

Which is probably why he burnt off some steam last Thursday before his concert at Cain's Ballroom, a classic cowboy club in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He had dragged some mats in from his tour bus, to do a little jiu-jitsu and boxing exercise.

"My stresses have to be prioritized," said Lee, a 33-year-old country singer-songwriter on course for a remarkable breakout year, playing more than 200 tour dates across the country, including an 8 p.m. concert Saturday night in Apalachicola to highlight



LEE BRICE

the 49th annual Florida Seafood festival.

home," he said. "I'm always one to say I can get to the woods if I can find time. Just being home,

just getting home and being there for a few days, and being at the house, my stress kind of decompresses."

Back home in Nashville, Lee has the chance to spend family time with his fiancée, Sara Reeveley, and their 4-year-old son Takoda. "I want him to have a stable thing at home; stability is a big thing for kids," said Lee. "My little boy requires a lot, so when I'm there, I have to be there."

"Luckily this thing doesn't happen overnight. I've been able to slowly adjust to this," said Lee, whose second album "Hard 2 Love" was released in April and has already spawned the platinum hit "A Woman Like You" and the gold "Hard To Love."

"I've done a lot of things, been on the road for seven years," he

said. "It's starting to feel this might be our year, that we're here and we matter. Rubbing shoulders with everybody, it feels good."

Not only does it feel good, but it looks good, and tonight at the Country Music Awards, Lee and Sara will radiate some of that hot look at his being nominated for "Best New Artist," along with Hunter Hayes, Brantley Gilbert, Thompson Square and Love and Theft.

"I love it for Sara, she gets to get dolled up and I get to take her out. It's almost like a date," said her beau. "It's a big deal for her to walk the red carpet. I like it enough, but I'd rather be in a field hunting."

See BRICE B9

David Ball in PSJ for Operation Troop Aid

Special to The Star

Grammy Award winner David Ball will bring his band to Port St. Joe to perform at the Thirsty Goat at 9 p.m. Nov. 10, the day before Veteran's Day. This special show, part of a 2-week swing through Florida, will benefit David's charity, Operation Troop Aid.

After selling 3 million copies of his debut record Thinkin' Problem, Ball collaborated with Bob Dylan on The Songs of Jimmie Rodgers - A Tribute and won a Grammy for his contribution to the 2005 collection Beautiful Dreamer- The Songs of Stephen Foster. He was one of the first artists to take an independent release to the Country Top 5, with 2002's "Riding With Private Malone."

In 2011, Ball became an Honorary Board Member of his charity, Operation Troop Aid. OTA raises money for care packages delivered at mail call to the US military around the world and offers bill assistance once veterans return home. OTA merchandise will be available the

See BALL B9



A way of life

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Nov. 2

10 a.m. - Park opens (No admission charge)
4 p.m. - Blessing of the Fleet
4 p.m. - Arrival of King Retsyo Smokey Parrish and Queen Christina Collins
5 to 10:30 p.m. - Musical entertainment on main stage, featuring Jhaki Davis, "Sol," "Korn Bread," and "90 Proof."
10:30 p.m. - Park closes

Saturday, Nov. 3

7 a.m. - Registration for Redfish Run (Front steps of Gibson Inn)
8 a.m. - Start of Redfish Run
10 a.m. - Gates open (\$5 admission charge, kids under 12 free)
10 a.m. - Parade starts (Hwy 98)
Noon: Ashley Carroll on main stage
1 to 5 p.m. - Blue Crab races, at the top of each hour, for kids younger than 12. Lots of prizes!
1 p.m. - Oyster Shucking Contest, including Mike Martin, three-time national champ
1:15 p.m. - Oyster Eating Contest. Eat as many oysters as you can in allotted time. No entry fee.
2 p.m.: Musical entertainment, including Living Waters Church, Eastpoint Church of God youth band, "Highway 67," and Lisa Shaffer
8 p.m. - Headline entertainment Lee Brice.
11 p.m. Park closes



King Retsyo Smokey Parrish and Florida Seafood festival Queen Christina Collins.

Florida Seafood Festival starts Friday

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Just one year shy of its golden anniversary, this weekend's 49th annual Florida Seafood Festival is going to light up Apalachicola like never before.

"We expect it to be one of the best," said John Solomon, president of the non-profit that oversees the affair. "It's shaping up to be a very good one. There's a lot of growth

and interest this year in the festival."

As proof of his assertion, Solomon cited Saturday evening's headline entertainment, country star Lee Brice, whose hit song "Hard to Love" has reached number one on Billboard's Country Song Chart.

Two days before he steps on stage, Brice will be at the Country Music Awards, striding the red carpet with his fiancée Sara Reeveley as he waits

to learn whether he will take home the honor of being selected Best New Artist of the Year.

But more than even music, the festival is about the rich bounty of the sea that has made Franklin County renowned in the seafood industry.

Selected as King Retsyo this year is County Commissioner Smokey Parrish, and he'll be escorting his queen,

See FESTIVAL B8

New school nearing completion, set to open doors January 2013

Special to The Star

North Florida Child Development Inc., Cathey Construction, and Clemons, Rutherford, and Associates hosted a community Hard Hat Walk-Thru on Oct. 25 at the construction site of the new Early Childhood and Family Learning Center located at 173 Field of Dreams Ave.

The event was well attended by the community business leaders. The center construction is progressing very quickly and is scheduled for completion in December

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See SCHOOL B6



The North Florida Child Development Center, located at 173 Field of Dreams Ave. in Port St. Joe, is set to be completed by January.

SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Society BRIEFS

Star Staff Reports

Call C.H. Tillis at 648-8251.

DR. OKSANEN OFFICE CLOSING

The office of Dr. Owen D. Oksanen M.D. closed permanently Oct. 5. Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will be in charge of all medical records. A new physician's office opened Oct. 15. All medical records are available through Sacred Heart if you prefer to select another new physician.

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS

Ham it up and get on the air. Get your first-time ham radio license or upgrade your present license.

The Gulf Amateur Radio Society will be sponsoring amateur radio license exams at 10 a.m. ET Nov. 10, at the EOC Building in Port St. Joe.

SENIOR CITIZENS EVENTS

Gulf County Senior Citizens, 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, invites you to join them from 10 a.m. to noon ET Tuesday, Nov. 6, for Dancing to the Oldies by D.J. Frances Markham. We will be listening and dancing to music from the '70s, '80s, '90s and today. Members of the Panama City 55+ club will demonstrate the cha-cha, line dances, bop and shag and more. The event is free, but donations are needed and appreciated. Other events include Gospel singing, weekly blood pressure checks, exercise class, bingo, arts and crafts and educational programs. For details, call Debbie at 229-8466.

Birthdays



Randy Raffield turns 49

With the Port St. Joe High School Band of Gold serenading him with "Happy Birthday" Randy Raffield celebrated his 49th birthday last week with family and friends and Raffield Fisheries.



Happy 1st birthday, Bladen James Buell

Love,
Mommy and Daddy

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



OLIVE

Little Olive is seeking donations for her recovery. She has had surgery to remove her injured eye and is recovering well. She still has outstanding vet bills that need to be paid. She will require several follow-up visits to ensure she has a healthy recovery. If you can help this sweet girl with a donation, no matter how small, please do not hesitate to visit our website or come by the Humane Society in person.

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.sjbhumanesociety.org

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FACEBOOK: St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

NOTICE

The St. Joseph Bay Humane Society will hold its annual meeting November 1, 2012, at 4:30 pm at the South Gulf County Fire Station, #1 on Cape San Blas.

For more information, contact the Humane Society at 850-227-1103 or go to www.sjbhumanesociety.org

Wedding

Raevyn Jefferson, Stephen McLaughlin wed

Raevyn Trai-Joie Jefferson and Stephen Vaughn McLaughlin were married in a Royal Wedding on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at The Potter's House International Ministries in Jacksonville. Bishop Vaughn McLaughlin, pastor and father-of-the-groom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Temolynn White-Wintons, of Apalachicola. The bridegroom is the son of Vaughn and Narlene McLaughlin, of Jacksonville.

The bride was escorted by her mother to "God Has Smiled on Me," pre-recorded by the late Bishop Daniel White, grandfather of the bride. She wore an ivory princess gown adorned with beads, sequin, lace and diamond accessories with a 12-foot train. She carried a bouquet of lighted, bejeweled, freshly cut ivory roses. The groom wore a black



tail tuxedo with ivory accessories.

The spiritual ceremony consisted of the salt covenant administered by Pastor L.D. and Bishop Sheila Martin, of the Love & Worship Center, uncle and aunt of the bride; prayer for the couple by Bishop Ella B. Speed, great-aunt of the bride; communion served by Apostle Shirley C. White, grandmother of the bride; the sanctity of marriage taught by Lady Narlene McLaughlin, mother of the groom; sibling vocal and musical tribute by Bobby Wintons, Jr., brother of the bride, and

Angel McLaughlin, sister of the groom; liturgical dance and solo duet by Michellita Taylor and Shenette Howard; and musical send-off of "This Will Be" by Temolynn Wintons, mother of the bride.

The Royal Court included bridesmaids Clarissa Clark, maid of honor; Jessica Farley, matron of honor; Angel McLaughlin, Tscienna White, Ke'Asha Dorsett, Tamara Robinson, Audreen Robinson, Dana Washington, Stephanie McCorvey and Valisa Coleman. Groomsmen included

Gerald Kohn, Harry Coxsome, Bobby Wintons Jr., Kenneth McLaughlin, Jr., Ken Owens, Jared Jones, Tracey Tate, Deon Madison, Daron Collins, Nirobie Riley and attendant to the bride Jathan Martin. Flower girls were Madison Garland and A'Zari Coxsome. I'lan Bates served as the ring bearer and Zkhi Taylor as the bell ringer.

The wedding was followed by a grand reception in ministries' youth sanctuary, during which family and friends were entertained with live music. Following a Hawaiian honeymoon, the newlyweds will reside in Jacksonville.

The bride is a graduate of Port St. Joe High School and Port St. Joe, and she earned a master's degree in business administration from Florida A & M University in Tallahassee. She is the former 2003 Miss Florida Seafood. She is employed with Fifth Third Bank.

The bridegroom is a graduate of The Potter's House Christian Academy and attended St. Johns Community College. He is employed with the Jacksonville Impact House and is head basketball coach at The Potter's House Christian Academy.

For photos and video footage of The Royal Wedding please visit the newlyweds' wedding website at www.raevynandstephen.wedsite.com.

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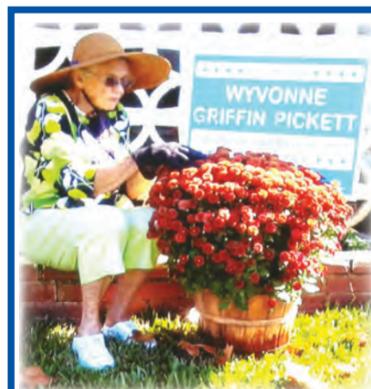
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Port St. Joe Elementary School

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Back row: Halston Fulk, Lane Herring, Lilia Pagan, Allie Godwin, Kelvin Griffin



Seniors: The Second payment of \$75 is due for the senior trip on or before Nov. 1. A deposit of \$80 is due on Nov. 6 for Graduation Announcements.

Community: The Gulf Coast Workforce Board in cooperation with the Port Saint Joe Jr.-Sr. High School is running a food drive 10/30—11/14 and we need your help! The class with most items brought in per student will be recognized and rewarded. Join our efforts to fill the shelves of the food pantry at 401 Peters Street in Port St. Joe that will feed the hungry and needy in our local community. Together we can make a difference!

On Friday, Nov. 9, Port St Joe Schools will honor our Veterans with a special presentation in the Junior-Senior High School gym at 9 a.m. All veterans and interested individuals are cordially invited to attend this extremely important event.

Sports: Come see our Tiger Sharks battle against Liberty County on Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. ET in Bristol, and at Sneads on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. ET. GO SHARKS!

Boys Soccer has a pre-season Jamboree on 2/3 November here at Port St Joe's Sam Cox Field. Their first regular season game will be at Rutherford on Nov. 6 at 8 p.m., preceded by the Girls at 6 p.m. Once again, GO SHARKS!

The Lion's TALE



The Lion's Tale

Special to The Star

Fall is here! The crisp, cool air and the changing leaves are reminders of God's creative design. How amazing that God, in His majesty, would create such a stunningly beautiful world and allow us to enjoy and partake of its splendor. As we bask in the glow of a ruby sunset, or gaze upon the autumn colored trees, may we honor and



praise Him.

Pictured is a bulletin board that was designed by the mothers of the elementary students.

Thank you moms for bringing a little of that autumn beauty inside for FCS students, staff and visitors to enjoy.

WES LEADER IN AR POINTS



Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Elementary School leader in Accelerated Reader points is Travis Roberson - 6th grader.

Travis has 226 AR Points. This represents approximately 50 books completed in nine weeks. Great Job!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Wewahitchka Elementary School

This month's Principal's Award goes to Michael Rahl. Michael took advantage of moving to a new school to get a fresh start with an improved attitude and outlook.

BUS RIDERS OF THE MONTH



Wewahitchka Elementary School

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Obituary

Zulma Ogan Crocker

Zulma (Poupee') Ogan Crocker went to be with Jesus on Monday, the 22nd of October 2012 at the home of her daughter Edith "DeeDee" Hice in Monroe, Georgia. Poupee' as she was known, was born on the 29th of July, 1915 in Fray Bentos, Uruguay to Perceval Ogan and Maria Pesce. She was a lifelong Methodist.



ZULMA CROCKER

extended family at Carr School and the Calhoun Public Library petitioned the Jefferson Awards Nominating Committee to honor her for her community service and then again when she became a recipient of that award. She was preceded in death by her best friend and great love of her life, her husband E. Osborne Crocker and her son Eric Crocker.

Serving was the call on her life and her love language. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. Living a life with an open door policy and never meeting a stranger. Her life can be summed up as "It can be done, and Yes, I will"

Through her desire to help children she volunteered as the 1st librarian at the Kinard Public Library when funds for that position were not available. She also volunteered at the Carr School. Her time and heart were invested into the children, the PreK program; literacy program and helping the immigrants learn English. She was greatly humbled when her

again when she became a recipient of that award.

Survivors include; daughter Elaine and her husband Dr. James Hamilton of Wilmore, Kentucky; son Michael and wife Beverly (Soluri) of Wewahatchka, Florida; daughter Edith and husband Dr. Jody Hice of Monroe, Georgia and son John and wife Crystal (Pitts) of Kinard, Florida and Jean Ann (Robertson) Crocker, of Coyuca de Benitez, Mexico, wife of her late son Eric. She was also survived by 13 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be given to her beloved Kinard Library and the Carr School.

Happiness Secrets Explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

An hour of upward attitude adjustment will be provided at Lifetree Café on Monday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. CT.

The program, titled "Smile...Even When You Think You Can't," will provide proven ways

to cope with difficult situations in life. A short film will be shown featuring a wheelchair-bound man who competes in triathlon events.

"It's easy to feel overwhelmed by life's hardships," said Lifetree representative Craig

Cable. "This program offers hope and some key skills that help overcome challenges."

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

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all the people who rallied to my side during the worst possible time of my life. Many years ago someone asked me why do I stay in Port St. Joe. Well let me tell you. This is paradise with great fishing, but more than all that it is the wonderful people. I had such huge support when my baby boy Christopher Acree had his auto accident and died. Food, monetary donations, emotional support, friends, churches, kids of all ages. He was a special boy and I will forever miss him. But I would like to thank each and every one of y'all who were there in my time of need. The dishes from those days are at my shop, Coopers Cut and Style, 321 Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe. Please stop by and pick up your plates and bowls.

Thanks again for all the support and kindness shown to me during this ordeal.

Irene Acree

Card of Thanks

Verna Marshall and family would like to express their thanks and appreciation of all the love that was shown during such a difficult time. Holly Hill funeral home was fabulous. Words cannot express how Paul, Jon and Darryle were so attentive to our needs for the arrangements.

It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping. John Sinor.

All the Marshall girls loved their Daddy dearly and he will be missed very much so~!

Thanks again for everything

Verna Marshall and family

Please reply to fyefye63@yahoo.com



5th annual St. Joseph Men's Club spaghetti dinner

Star Staff Report

A fabulous spaghetti dinner, entertainment, sing-along fun, door prizes and a cash bar featuring Italian beer and win await you at the 5th annual St. Joseph Catholic Church Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner will be held 5-7 p.m. ET Saturday, Nov. 3 at the church hall. The hall is located just east of the church (20th and Monument Avenue) on 20th Street in Port St. Joe.

In addition to the spaghetti dinner, you will get a salad, garlic bread and delicious desserts. You will enjoy Italian accordionist Tony Minichello and vocalist and sing-along leader Marty Jarosz. You may win of the many door prizes as well.

Tickets at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5-12. Four-year-olds and younger will be admitted free of charge. Get your tickets from any Men's Club member, by stopping by the church hall office (227-1417), at Hannon Insurance or by calling Men's Club president Dan Van Treee at 227-8138.

Get your tickets early - only 192 will be sold. You can also get dinners to go, if you wish.

Card of thanks

We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support that has been shown to our family over the past two weeks. Thank you so very much for all the calls, texts, emails, cards, flowers and food. With our deepest and most heartfelt sincerity, we thank you all.

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SHH surgeon seeing patients full-time

Star Staff Report

Sacred Heart Medical Group has announced Dr. Richard Brunner, a board-certified general surgeon, will relocate his practice from Marianna so he can serve full-time in his office at Sacred

Heart Hospital on the Gulf beginning today.

“We look forward to expanding Dr. Brunner’s practice in Port St. Joe,” said Roger Hall, president of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf. “This move will improve the level of care

for patients in Gulf and Franklin counties, while also bringing more surgeries and patients to the hospital.”

Brunner joined Sacred Heart Medical Group in 2010 and has practiced as the chief surgeon at Sacred Heart since the hospital

opened. He earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences and performed his residency training in surgery at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center in Jacksonville. He has broad experience performing

general surgery using minimally invasive, laparoscopic techniques. He also is trained in thoracic, vascular, gynecologic and trauma surgery.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Brunner, call 229-5833.

Faith BRIEFS

Fall Festival in Highland View

Highland View Baptist Church and Highland View Assembly of God will host their annual Fall Festival 4-6 p.m. ET on Nov. 3 at the intersection of Ling Street and Cobia Street. There will be food, fun, games, booths, candy and prizes for all ages. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please call 227-1306.

Installation of new pastor at Zion Fair

Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church family welcomes the community to attend the installation service for their new pastor, Rev. Wilson Hall of Tallahassee. The speaker for this special occasion to bring the anointed message will be Rev. Dr. Craig Riley, pastor of Greater Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee. This service will be held at 5 p.m. ET on the first Sunday, Nov. 4, at the church at 280 Avenue C in Port St. Joe. We look forward to your present in joining with us to share in this spirit-filled

worship experience.

An evening of worship and prayer at Long Avenue Baptist

The Worship and Music Ministry of Long Avenue Baptist Church invites you to An Evening of Worship & Prayer at 6 p.m. ET on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the sanctuary of LABC. The purpose of this service is to seek God’s face through times of worship, scripture, and prayer for our country’s upcoming election. We invite all area churches to join us for this special evening as we come together as a united body of believers to pray for the future of our country. For more information, please contact Long Avenue Baptist Church, labc@fairpoint.net or 229-8691.

St. John’s Bazaar/ yard sale

It’s that time of year again! St. John’s Episcopal Church in Wewahitchka is having its annual bazaar from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. CT on Saturday, Nov. 10. This year’s event will feature

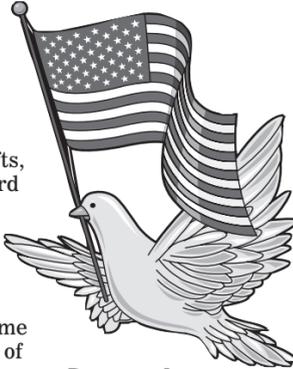
a Veterans Service at 11 a.m. CT and a homemade meal of turkey, dressing, greens, sweet potatoes, dessert and drink for only \$7. Crafts, baked goods and a yard sale will top off the bazaar. Proceeds will help benefit needy families in the area. Come out and enjoy spending time on the lovely grounds of the “Church with the Red Doors” at 4060 N. State Road 71.

Veterans thank you at Glad Tidings

Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church in Wewahitchka FL will be hosting a “Thank You” program for military veterans and families at 10:30 a.m. CT on Sunday, Nov. 11. Everyone welcome.

Pastor Appreciation Day

The Highland View Assembly of God Church will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day during their 11 a.m. service Nov. 11. Lunch will be served following. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Pastors’ Anniversary

New Life Christian Center Church would like to invite everyone to come out and help us celebrate Pastors Johnny and Shirley Jenkins’ Anniversary on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. ET. The Church is at 504 6th Street. This will be a day of praising God and celebrating our Pastors for all that they do for us and the community that we live in. Dinner will be served after service.

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.

Sports SHORT

Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum Silent Auction & Golf Tournament Nov. 9-10

Special to The Star

As part of a full weekend event, a reception will be at 6 p.m. ET Nov. 9 with hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine for a \$10 entry fee. A cash bar for spirits also will be available, and live music by George Boyer & Cletus Heaps. A silent auction will take place with items such as limited-edition prints of historic military and cultural events and area hotel stays. Some of the items can be seen at CampGordonJohnston.com or stjoebaygolf.com.

A benefit golf tournament will be Nov. 10, with proceeds to support the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. The club is open to the public, and the tournament will be a four-player scramble format, kicking off at 12:30 p.m. ET with a short ceremony to honor

America’s veterans and a 1 p.m. shotgun start. A meal and awards ceremony will follow. Cash prizes for the tournament include \$400 to the first-place team, \$350 for second place and \$200 for third place. A Hole-In-One Challenge will offer a \$10,000 cash prize.

The Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum has been honored by Smithsonian Magazine for six straight years and is dedicated to preserving the memories of the amphibious soldiers who trained at the camp, which is located in Carrabelle.

Hole sponsorships are available and tournament registration information can be found at www.stjoebaygolf.com, or by calling 227-1751. Special Lodging Packages are available starting at \$69.99/single, \$89.99/double. Call the Mainstay Suites at 229-6246 for a reservation.

Notice of special meeting

Star Staff Report

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold a special

meeting Nov. 15 at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. ET. The meeting will be open to the public.



“I promise to work for all of the people of Gulf County - not just a few.”

As we approach Election Day, I encourage voters to make decisions based on the qualifications of the candidates and their ability to handle the issues we face. There are distinct differences between the candidates and thus a clear choice. I have run a clean and respectful campaign based on my qualifications and the issues.

In recent weeks, there have been vicious personal attacks against me – anonymous “Hate Mail” sent to voters in District 3, organized public verbal attacks on my character, and over 200 yard signs stolen. These actions are clearly an attempt to distract and mislead you – the voter. I have every confidence that you can see through these desperate acts.

My campaign remains a grass-roots effort – going door-to-door, mailers, ads, and local meet and greets – to get to know each other. That is it. No big strategic plan – just a simple, clean campaign that focuses on you and your concerns for Gulf County.

As I have said throughout the campaign - I promise to work for all of the people of Gulf County - and that means you. Please feel free to contact me any time.



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Sharon Gaskin thanked USDA Rural Development, Centennial Bank, Preble-Rish, Cathey Construction, Clemons Rutherford & Associates and the City of Port St. Joe. Thanks was also given to those very special people who play such a key role in any nonprofit organization, the NFCD, Inc. Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Damon McNair, for helping make the dream a reality.

"This is a five million dollar project with multi-funding sources," Gaskin said. "It has been a challenge but it is finally coming to life."

The center will open and classes will start in January 2013. Gaskin said she is looking forward to the Grand Opening and welcoming the community.



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District 3

As the political season comes to a close, I would like to thank those of you that have supported me and my family, invited us into your homes to share various viewpoints and concerns, and allowed me time to put forth my thoughts, plans and focus if elected for District 3.

I continue to encourage each Gulf County voter to do their homework on the pool of candidates for District 3 and other elected offices. Who are the candidates? Why are they running for office? Who is the most qualified and the most prepared to begin working for "YOU" right out of the starting gate?

Regarding District 3, all candidates have common denominators:

- We all promise to work for every citizen of Gulf County.
- We all promise to work towards creating a more incentive-based, competitive, business-friendly environment to stimulate job creation.
- We all promise to be honest and fair.

Promises are not enough. In order to fulfill those promises and truly be effective for District 3 and Gulf County, the successful candidate needs to have hands-on knowledge of and experience with every facet of our local government. The person needs to have a below-the-surface understanding of Gulf County's past successes and failures, as well as the ability to work with others to establish and execute the critical path necessary to bring prosperity back to Gulf County.

One candidate:

- Is a local real estate attorney and former attorney for the old St Joe Company regime during the time frame our jobs were lost, our hunting leases were cut off, and a significant portion of our scenic Hwy 98 disappeared for real estate development.
- Has been aligned with and managed by a local political action committee (PAC) known for its unfounded complaints and character assassination tactics all of which have been costly for our tax payers and overall counterproductive.
- Received campaign contributions from various PAC members while representing them as their attorney.
- Received campaign contributions from real estate and construction interests in Bay County totaling nearly \$10,000. This should speak volumes in itself. Why is a candidate running for office in Gulf County receiving an overwhelming majority of campaign contributions from Bay County? You better believe there is a reason, and there is a catch.
- Avoided their own party's only publicly organized opportunity to debate the issues.
- Has no fiscal or operational management or leadership experience in a government environment.

The other candidate:

- Signed one of my petitions.
- Stated "I have no interest in running for District 3."
- Had to be convinced to run for District 3.
- Will represent a predetermined vote by those who convinced him to run.
- Has no fiscal or operational management or leadership experience in a government environment.

These are critical times for our County. We require a commissioner who is experienced, decisive and committed to serving District 3 and Gulf County.

I am the only candidate who has:

- Over 14 years of management and government experience.
- Developed and managed operating and capital budgets in a government environment.
- Spearheaded cost saving initiatives and established programs that promoted more effective and efficient public services.
- An established rapport with all levels government- local, State and federal.

In the last 15 years, I've had the privilege of coaching your kids in Gulf County youth sports and continue to watch them grow up. *I KNOW EXACTLY WHY I'M RUNNING AND WHAT'S AT STAKE!* My wife Regina and our two boys, Jaden and Owen, and I would like to thank you for your support. Should you have any questions please contact me at **(850) 647-6277** or **johngrantland@gmail.com**.



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Franklin County High School senior Christina Collins, selected at an August pageant for the honor of Miss Florida Seafood.

Collins, daughter of Cindy Collins and Johnny Collins, plans to study mathematics at Florida State University before returning to Franklin County to work in the family business, said she is looking forward to representing the seafood industry.

"It's such a great honor," she said. "It's mostly like a way of life. That's how locals look at it."

Parrish said he was proud to stand beside Collins in their roles. "I think she's going to be great representing the county. She's very intelligent and speaks well. She's going to present Franklin County and the industry well, representing our heritage and way of life."

The seafood industry is the cradle in which Parrish was born, entering the world 51 years ago in Pascagoula while his dad was fishing off the Mississippi coast.

Married to wife Angela, with three sons, Billy, 31, Smokey, Jr., 27, and Dalyn, 15, and a granddaughter Keelee Bray, 3, Parrish now works for Wards and Sons Seafood, one of the county's oldest and most respected seafood processors.

"I got in on the processing end

The seafood industry is the cradle in which County Commissioner Smokey Parrish was born, entering the world 51 years ago in Pascagoula while his dad was fishing off the Mississippi coast.

rather than the fishing end," said Parrish, who shrimped with his dad on summer vacations, beginning at age 7.

After graduating from Apalachicola High School in 1979, Parrish attended Gulf Coast Community College for a while, and then worked a year in construction, before establishing a seafood industry career ever since. He now is one of the county's most listened-to experts on the industry, and how it can be helped during these turbulent years.

"I think it's an honor to represent the seafood industry and try to promote the seafood industry with all the battles we're facing," he

said. "With the state of the bay as it is, they wanted a strong spokesman to speak out for the seafood industry and who had a great amount of knowledge and how to address the problems we're facing at this time."

"We're facing a lot of difficult regulations," he said, as he drove back from a meeting of the Florida Commission on Oil Spill Response Coordination. "Basically we're on a down cycle as far as freshwater we need and with FDA regulations, there's a multitude of problems right now hitting the seafood industry from all different angles."

"Being a resilient people we just have to push forward and try to bring seafood industry back to what it once was and bring economic revival back to our community," said Parrish.

In addition to savoring fresh, locally caught seafood, festival goers will have a lot to enjoy, beginning Friday night when the festival is free.

"Arts and crafts is completely stacked full again. We couldn't get another one in there if we tried," said Solomon.

And then on Saturday there's a huge parade, and the traditional oyster shucking and oyster eating contests, as well as crab races for the kids.

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"I'm proud to be even nominated for that," Lee said.

Brice and Sara are getting married in April, and then he wants more kids. "We need to wait until we get married, and then as soon as we get married..." Lee said.

Great at football, but loved music

Two big passions coursed through Brice's own childhood, music and football. He learned to play the piano growing up in Sumter, South Carolina, and then was taught his first guitar chords by his mom's brother, Carlyle Lewis, known as Uncle Boy for being the only boy among all sisters.

"He taught me chords and then from there I taught myself," said Brice.

The burly baritone with gentle grey-blue eyes sang in church and wrote his own songs, including one in his sophomore year, "I've Grown to Love You," that won him a talent contest.

"I had my cowboy hat, two-tone, button-down, long sleeves on, and I won, and won every year after that," Brice said.

He and his friends had a band "The 12 Bridges," named for a road right down from the two-mile stretch where they were all from. They played locally, everything from Hank Williams, Jr. to Aerosmith, half of them covers and half originals.

That range of musical tastes is in keeping with Brice's influences, which

Two big passions coursed through Brice's own childhood, music and football. He learned to play the piano growing up in Sumter, South Carolina, and then was taught his first guitar chords by his mom's brother, Carlyle Lewis, known as Uncle Boy for being the only boy among all sisters.

he said encompass everything from gospel and country, especially Garth Brooks, to Eminem, Foo Fighters, Guns 'N Roses and Coldplay.

"I've been influenced by every genre there is," he said. "On my next album, there's definitely a lot more music I want to share."

Brice's journey to Nashville came after he indulged the other great love of his boyhood - football. The inside linebacker and offensive lineman on a 17-player team that won the lower state championship his junior year, Brice "was pretty damn good at it," he said so himself.

Recruited to play for several Div. I schools, Brice was invited to walk on at Clemson and played there for a year before an injury, and the lure of Nashville, sidelined the gridiron dream.

"I went and visited Nashville and knew immediately," he said. "I thought 'Well, I'll move here for the summer.' There was no turning back, and I never made it back to Clemson."

Brice, however, is making it back on Saturday morning for the wedding of a longtime college bud-

dy, a fellow engineering student at Clemson, who met his bride after one of Brice's concerts.

College buddy's wedding Saturday morning

"We're sitting at the bar after one of my shows and ice starts getting thrown and we figure they're throwing it at me. Come to find out this beautiful bombshell is directly hitting Bert with this ice," said Brice. "Now they're getting married, and I'll play a song at the wedding.

I promised him."

Those vocals will be at the marriage of Bert Bagley and Jolene Weikel in Thomasville, Ga. that afternoon, and then Brice is "hauling butt up to the show."

He said he plans to savor some of Apalachicola's finest oysters, and see how they compare to the ones he had at the Oyster Fest Block Party he played at Shaw's Crab House in Chicago three weeks ago.

"I ordered all the oysters they had," Brice said. "I really like them raw."

Concertgoers in Apalachicola can expect

something special Saturday night, from a talented performer and songwriter whose "Crazy Girl," was named the most played song of 2011, who has written hits for Garth Brooks, Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, Blake Shelton and more, and who holds Billboard's record for the longest charting country song with "Love Like Crazy," which was also named the most played song of 2010.

"I have an unbelievable band, they've been with me for a long time, since the very beginning," said Brice. "That's kind of rare."

Leader of the band, who Brice described as brilliant on keyboard and background vocals, is Reggie Smith. On bass is "one of the smartest people I've ever known," Paul Rippee, and on guitar is "an absolute gunslinger from Texas," Travis Bettis.

The only change in

Brice's accompaniment has been his bringing in drummer Donnie Marple, "a freak of nature" who has been playing drums since age 3, with a shift of the band's original drummer Michael Gray to second on drums and percussion.

"I couldn't do this if I just hired guys to come out. I wouldn't have the same show," said Brice. "You'll see the difference; they're not hired guns to stand there."

Expect some electric, some acoustic and a whole lot of energy as one of country's most promising young talents lights up the Apalachicola stage.

"We're just working hard and while the iron's hot, I want to strike. We're doing the best we can," said Brice. "The iron's hot for us, we have a song sitting at number one and it's great for us. I want to play as much as we can. I want to push my shows as far as I can push it. I want to push this forward."

NOTICE

TAX IMPACT OF VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD GULF COUNTY TAX YEAR 2012

Members of the Board

Honorable	Ward McDaniel	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	2
Honorable	Warren J. Yeager, Jr.	Board of County Commissioners, District No.	5
Honorable	George Cox	School Board, District No.	2
Citizen Member	Aaron Farnsley	Business owner within the school district	
Citizen Member	Eugene Raffield	Homestead property owner	

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) meets each year to hear petitions and make decisions relating to property tax assessments, exemptions, classifications, and tax deferrals.

Summary of Year's Actions

Type of Property	Number of Parcels					Reduction in County Taxable Value Due to Board Actions	Shift in Taxes Due to Board Actions
	Exemptions		Assessments*		Both Withdrawn or settled		
	Granted	Requested	Reduced	Requested			
Residential	0	1	0	3	2	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Commercial	0	0	0	3	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Industrial and miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Agricultural or classified use	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
High-water recharge	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Historic commercial or nonprofit	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Business machinery and equipment	0	0	0	1	1	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
Vacant lots and acreage	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
TOTALS	0	1	0	7	3	\$ 0	\$ 0.00

All values should be county taxable values. School and other taxing authority values may differ.

*Include transfer of assessment difference (portability) requests.

If you have a question about these actions, contact the Chair or the Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board.

Chair's name	Warren J. Yeager, Jr.	Phone	850-229-6106	ext.	1402
Clerk's name	Rebecca L. Norris	Phone	850-229-6112	ext.	1101

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night of the show, with 100% of the proceeds going back to the charity. For more info or to donate, visit <http://www.davidball.com/operationtroopaid.htm>

Ball is currently on tour in support of his ninth studio album, Sparkle City, being backed by his band, The Pioneer Playboys, the same band used on record. The Austin Chronicle said of the album, "he glides between swing, honky-tonk, blues, and even a touch of Tex-Mex, with the ease of George Strait, the difference being Ball composes his own material." A new single, dedicated to Operation Troop Aid, will be released early 2013. David's first Christmas collection, The Greatest Christmas, has just been released.

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89214S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12000174 CAAXMX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. SHAO CHANG LIN, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Shao Chang Lin and Xiu Lan Lin last known residence: 2009 Palm Blvd, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456 and all persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendants.

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

LOT 11, BLOCK E, FOREHAND'S SECOND ADDITION TO HIGHLAND VIEW, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and your are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Aldridge Connors, LLP, plaintiff's attorney, at 7000 West Palmetto Park Road, Suite 307, Boca Raton, Florida 33433, within 30 days of the first date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before November 19, 2012 on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on October 9th, 2012.

Rebecca L. Norris As Clerk of the Court

BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk Oct 25, Nov 1, 2012

90391S STATE OF FLORIDA, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION, Petitioner

vs. CORY M. WEBB, Case # 33210 Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: CORY M. WEBB, Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.

You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Jennifer C. Pritt, Program Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before December 16, 2012. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.

Dated: October 16, 2012 Ernest W. George CHAIRMAN- CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

By: -s Ashley Hegler, Division Representative Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2012

90425S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-000297-CA COMPASS BANK Plaintiff,

vs. JOHN F. ARNOLD; KATHY ARNOLD; JEAN F. ARNOLD; CAPITAL CITY BANK; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through

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and under any of the above-named Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on the 8th day of November, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. 1000 5th Street, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOTS FIVE (5) AND SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) OF BEACON HILL SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO PLAT FILED BY M.D. TAYLOR AND H.H. BULLARD IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 2, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ALSO: THAT PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN FRONT OF THE ABOVE NUMBERED LOTS, BETWEEN STATE HIGHWAY IN ORIGINAL LOT 3, SECT. 31, T6S, R11W, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 15th day of October, 2012.

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

Rebecca Norris CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: B.A. Baxter Deputy Clerk Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012

90437S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2009-CA-000502 DIVISION:

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. CHRISTOPHER S. BENOIT, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 21, 2012 and entered in Case No. 23-2009-CA-000502 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida where in JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and CHRISTOPHER S. BENOIT; TARA M. BENOIT; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 15th day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 22, BLOCK 3, RISH ADDITION TO WEWAHITCHKA, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, UNIT ONE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 AT PAGE 16 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 619 EAST CHIPOLA AVENUE, WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32456

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

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the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 15, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

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

ADA Coordinator P.O. Box 1089 Panama City, FL 32402 Phone: 850-747-5338 Fax: (850) 747-5717 Hearing Impaired: Dial 711 Email: ADARequest@jud14.flcourts.org F0900069 Oct. 25, Nov 1, 2012

90439S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000356 DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. DAVID E. FOSTER, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 21, 2012 and entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000356 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida where in WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and DAVID E. FOSTER; PAMELA FOSTER; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 8th day of November 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT AN IRON ROD MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE GO SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER FOR A DISTANCE OF 373.37 FEET; THENCE GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 233.34 FEET; THENCE GO NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 373.37 FEET; THENCE GO NORTH 00 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 233.34 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 180 HITCHING POST LANE, WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 15, 2012.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

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90445S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2009 CA 000128 DIVISION:

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, vs. ELIPHETE YACINTHE, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale date October 11th, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2009 CA 000128 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which GMAC Mortgage, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Eliphete Yacinthe, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 29th, day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

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90445S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2009 CA 000128 DIVISION:

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, vs. ELIPHETE YACINTHE, et al., Defendant(s).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale date October 11th, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2009 CA 000128 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which GMAC Mortgage, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Eliphete Yacinthe, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 29th, day of November, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

UNIT 9, EAGLE LANDING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 477 PONDEROSA PINES DR. PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456-7367

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 in Bay County, Florida this 15th day of October, 2012.

BILL KINSAUL Clerk of the Clerk Court Bay County, Florida

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743

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 Administrator at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, Florida, 32402. Phone number 850-747-5338, at least (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

90449S IN THE COUNTY COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 12-116-CC

SE PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. TIMOTHY P. CROFT AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY MAE HILTON, AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA LUANN REDD, GLORIA WOOD, AS GUARDIAN OF HARLEY REDD, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BETTY MAE HILTON or any other parties claiming an interest in the estate of BETTY MAE HILTON, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA LUANN REDD or any other parties claiming an interest in the estate of PATRICIA LUANN REDD, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BETTY MAE HILTON and PATRICIA LUANN REDD or any other parties claiming an interest in the estate of BETTY MAE HILTON and PATRICIA LUANN REDD

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage lien on real property located in Gulf County, Florida, described as follows:

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Commence at the SE Corner of Lot 8 in Block 2 of Britt's Subdivision, Unit No. 1 to the City of Wewahitchka, and run East 208.75 ft., more or less, to the West R/W line of SR No. 71; thence run South along the West side of said SR 71 for 50 ft.; thence run West 208.75 ft.; thence run North 51.99 ft. to the POB. Said Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012

ALSO: Lots 1, 2, and 3, of Unit 1 of Britt's Subdivision to the City of Wewahitchka, according to the official map or plat thereof on file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, upon Jeffrey P. Whitton, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Post Office Box 16, Panama City, Florida 32402, on or before November 17, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service upon Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2012.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of the Court

By: L. Roberts Deputy Clerk Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012

90475S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA File No. 12-41PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD CLYDE PRIDGEON III Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Edward Clyde Pridgeon III, deceased, whose date of death was July 18, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 25, 2012.

Personal Representative: /s/ Sean Pridgeon Sean A. Pridgeon 1318 Marvin Ave. Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Mel Magidson Jr. Mel C. Magidson Jr. P.O. Box 261629 528 6th Street P.O. Box 340 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850) 227 7800 Fax: (850) 227 7878 E-Mail: mmagidson@gtcom.net Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012

90541S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT Pursuant to Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners intends to designate the position of Building Official and Mosquito Control Director II as Senior Management Class Position under the Florida Retirement System, effective October 1, 2012.

Bids shall be submitted

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/s/ William C. Williams, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012

90549S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will hold two public hearings to consider adoption of an Ordinance with the following title:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2009-04 KNOWN AS THE GULF COUNTY FLOOD PREVENTION ORDINANCE; TO ADOPT A NEW FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE; TO ADOPT HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO ADOPT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The first public hearing will be held during the Gulf County Board of County Commissioner's Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., E.T. and the second public hearing to consider adoption will be held during the Gulf County Board of County Commissioner's Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., E.T. Both public hearings will be held 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 and Building Departments, located 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 November 1, 15, 2012

90551S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS BID NO. 1213-01

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

Sale of one (1) 1988 Caterpillar Motor Grader

Proposals must be turned in to the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd, Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456, by 4:30 p.m., E.T., on Friday, November 2, 2012. Interested parties should contact Public Works Director Joe Danford for additional information at (850) 227-1401. Equipment may be viewed by appointment only Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., E.T. by calling (850) 227-1401.

Please indicate on the envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME OR YOUR NAME, that this is a SEALED BID with the BID NUMBER. Bids will be opened at the above location on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ William C. Williams, III, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012

90569S PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2012-12

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for replacement of a Horizontal Pump at the 1st Street Lift Station will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 4:00 PM EST, Friday November 16, 2012. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday November 16, 2012 at 4:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted

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in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for "Replacement of Horizontal Pump at the 1st Street Lift Station".

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Remove the existing pump, motor and base plate. Provide and install a skid mounted horizontal pump (per codes/regulations). The proposal shall include the labor and material as it relates to the following: *The disassembly of the existing pump from the concrete base and removal from the dry pit. *The reassembly of the new pump with special alignment by a Certified Alignment Technician. *The new horizontal pump shall be a 15 HP/460 Volt and deliver 800 GPM @ 37' TDH (1200 RPM) with a tangential CW rotation discharge (like existing Taco Pump), stainless steel wear rings, certified test curve, and water flush seal. *Pump shall have a five (5) year 100% Warranty *Startup Services by a pump manufacturers certified technician *All required 6" piping, flanges, fittings, hardware, etc. necessary to reconnect new pump to existing suction and discharge piping. *Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) to automatically operate the new horizontal pump based on level. *One (1) Level Transducer *Install starter and transfer switch into existing control panel for across-the-line starting. *VFD shall have a six (6) year 100% Warranty *Provide estimated start and completion dates.

For questions concerning this project, please contact John Grantland at 850-229-8247

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Statements of Bids in whole or in part, to waive informalities in the process, to obtain new Statements of Bids, or to postpone the opening pursuant to the City's purchasing policies. Each Statement of Bid shall be valid to the City of Port St. Joe for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening.

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 2012

90579S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ST. JOE RENT-ALL, INC intends to dispose of or offer for sale the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809)

ST. JOE RENT-ALL, INC will dispose of said property no later than November 3, 2012.

Property is located at 706 First Street, Port St. Joe, FL and 131 Volunteer Ave., White City, FL

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90601S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2012-192 CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, an Arkansas banking corporation P.O. Box 610 Crawfordville, Florida 32327, Plaintiff,

vs. DAVID ARMANDO FERNANDEZ, JR. and CYNTHIA LYNN FERNANDEZ a/k/a CINDY FERNANDEZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on November 15, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) at the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, 1st floor front lobby, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for

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sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder, the following described real and property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

LOT 5, BLOCK 3 OF OAK GROVE SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 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

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Boost your chance of landing a seasonal job

By **CAROLINE M.L. POTTER**
Monster Contributing Writer

As soon as the calendar turns over to September, retailers will know how much help they will need to handle the holidays. The National Retail Federation predicts retailers will add 585,000 to 625,000 seasonal workers in 2012, which is comparable to the 607,500 seasonal employees hired last year.

“Recent consumer confidence readings have been relatively weak and unemployment remains stubbornly high,” John Challenger, CEO of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, said in a statement. “The mixed picture is likely to compel retail employers to proceed cautiously when it comes to hiring extra workers for the holiday season. Look for many to start at last year’s levels and hire additional workers only if strong sales early in the season warrant it.”

If you want to get a distinct advantage over other would-be seasonal workers, plan your job search carefully using these tips.

Know where to look

“The best opportunities for

seasonal job seekers will be at the large discounters, like Target and Wal-Mart, which will be heavily favored by cost-conscious consumers this holiday season,” Challenger said.

But be prepared to look past retail sales jobs for other opportunities.

“The big-box stores need extra workers on the floor, but they also need extra workers in their shipping facilities and overnight stocking positions,” he said. “Opportunities also exist outside of retail, in areas like catering and with shipping companies such as UPS and FedEx.”

Start early

Employers already know how many people they will need, so start searching today. Even if a job does not begin for another month, it’s best to lock in an opportunity sooner rather than later.

Dress the part

When you’re looking for any kind of job, show up dressed in business-casual attire, at the very least. Even if the seasonal work for which you’re applying is outdoors (think Christmas trees), wear neat slacks, polished shoes



and a collared shirt.

Be prepared

If you are stopping into an establishment to shop for seasonal work, be prepared to fill out an application and participate in an impromptu interview. Bring your own pen, necessary documentation to prove you can

work in the U.S. legally, a resume if you have one and all contact information for your professional references. Be sure you block off enough time to meet with a few supervisors should the opportunity arise.

Know what you want

If you are applying for seasonal

work, know precisely what you offer to a potential employee — and what you want in return. Determine what hourly rate is acceptable to you, what hours and days you are available, if you have the wherewithal for a particular position (some might involve lifting heavy boxes or standing for the greater part of your shift), and if the location is viable in terms of fuel costs and transportation options. (Will you always have access to a reliable car or a convenient bus line?) You do not want to make a commitment only to leave an employer in the lurch during the hectic holidays.

Be flexible

The best way to make sure you stand out from other seasonal talent is to present yourself as flexible — but only if you really are. A hiring manager revealed that demanding a specific schedule from prospective employers is a sure way to jettison your chances at landing a job.

Instead, advised Challenger, “Temporary workers must be prepared to be flexible, whether it is hours or type of work. Either can vary as the holiday season progresses.”

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