



Port Authority considers RESTORE projects

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In a wide ranging discussion about the RESTORE Act and the potential for dollars to Gulf County, the Port Authority identified several priorities, particularly holding onto the barge terminal land under threat of foreclosure from Capital City Bank.

Much of the discussion was about the broad strokes of the

RESTORE Act, which provides for dividing possible BP fine monies from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010.

In particular, Port Authority board members were focused on so-called Pot No. 1, which represents money that would come directly to the eight disproportionately impacted counties in Florida.

The estimate of the amount possibly coming to Gulf County ranges from \$15 to \$20 million,

though a trial date in the civil case against BP has not been set and there is no civil settlement, which the RESTORE Act specifically addresses.

Board chairman Leonard Costin suggested the Port Authority propose sponsoring and being the first recipient in a revolving economic development fund. The idea is aimed at the land under threat of foreclosure.

"My thought is we need to apply for that \$5 million loan," Cos-

tin said, alluding to the \$4 million-plus the Port Authority owes Capital City Bank. "I am thinking a low-interest loan with variable terms or to apply for a \$250,000 grant to address environmental problems in the (old mill site).

"I think we could be the sponsor of a revolving economic development fund that would be countywide and be the first recipient to tap into it. Paying it back would make it easier to swallow" for the Board of County Com-

missioners, the final say in how county funds are spent.

Port director Tommy Pitts said the environmental problems are strictly wetlands delineation.

Board member Patrick Jones agreed that the Port Authority's focus must be in keeping the barge bulkhead land, which is along the Intracoastal Canal.

"Our first priority is to secure the land where that bulkhead is

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BRIDGES CLASS SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER



Tidings of the season

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As they do each year, the Bridges class from Wewahitchka Elementary School visited school district offices last week to hand out ornaments and candy to Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton, School Board members and his staff as the students demonstrate the spirit of the holiday season.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Holiday help needed in community

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As 2013 dawns, make a resolution to volunteer to make the community a better place for all.

Here are a number of opportunities:

• **Christmas Dinner volunteer schedule:** Volunteers are needed at noon ET Dec. 24. The volunteers will be assembling boxes, setting up the tables, packing dessert cake for the meals and setting out signs, registration, information and

supplies. All of the preparation and assembling of the Christmas dinners will be done at Oak Grove Church, 603 Madison St. The many volunteers will reassemble at 8:30 a.m. Christmas Day to start the assembly of the 700-plus meals. There will be a need for more than 80 volunteers to make this project of love happen.

• **Organizers are gearing up for the 2013 Great America Plein Air Paint-out,** and they need volunteers. Come join, and learn more about participating in the 2013 activities. The 2013 Plein Air Kickoff/Volunteer Appreciation

Gathering will be at 6:30 p.m. ET Jan. 14 at the Indian Pass Raw Bar. There will be oysters, shrimp and gumbo. Bring a friend.

• **Goodwill Career Training Center** is asking retirees and volunteers to share their expertise and skills by volunteering to tutor or mentor. Many participants at the center need help completing their GED, including language, writing, mathematics and computer skills. Please call Tandra Burns at 229-1273.

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From left are David Sapte, co-chief of South Gulf County Fire Department; Barb Van Treese, chairperson of the Christmas Bazaar for St. Joseph Bay Golf Club; Sheriff Joe Nugent; Pat Hardman, chairperson of the Jingle Bell Golf Tournament; and Melissa Larsen, co-chief of South Gulf County Fire Department.

Bazaar, golf tourney has record donations

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Organizers said the third annual Christmas Bazaar and Jingle Bell Golf Tournament was an even greater success this year than the first two years. More vendors, golfers, shoppers, door prizes and a great deal more toys and money were given for the Christmas Wishes Program of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

This year's event had more than 100 new toys donated, including four new

bikes, fishing poles, tackle boxes, dolls, balls, games and more. Plus, \$1,445.78 in cash was raised. The sheriff's office works with the school to make sure the appropriate children get close to what they want for Christmas. With the new toys and cash, many children in Gulf County will have a very nice Christmas.

The new toys were dropped off at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, South Gulf County Fire Department

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ARSON SUSPECTED IN MASONIC LODGE FIRE



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Authorities believe arson was the cause of a Friday night fire that caused major smoke and heat damage to the Masonic Lodge in the 200 block of Reid Avenue in downtown Port St. Joe. The Port St. Joe Fire Department received the call about 11 p.m. ET Friday. Units from Highland View Volunteer Fire Department and the Beaches Volunteer Fire Department provided backup. The fire marshal declared the cause as arson, and a reward of up to \$2,500 is offered for information leading to the arrest of a suspect(s). Call 1-877-662-7766 or email facap.org if you have any information.

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• **Be a part of making a difference in your local schools.** Volunteer to teach a Junior Achievement class at the fifth-, eighth- or high school level, and help teach students real life skills. Junior Achievement teaches children about running businesses, managing money and preparing to get a job.

All classes are taught by volunteers. Whether you are an employee, employer, retiree or stay-at-home parent, Junior Achievement values the life experiences you can share with the students while teaching the Junior Achievement courses.

Volunteers are provided course "kits" that have everything you need to teach a class, as well as training that will help you feel more comfortable in the classroom. All kits have hands-on activities that keep the students engaged and interested.

A class lasts 5-7 weeks, depending on the age group, and meets once a week during the school day, for an hour. The amount of commitment time is 5-7 hours to teach the class, two hours for training and your preparation time, which varies from person to person.

The classes are sponsored by individuals and businesses in the community, the Tapper Foundation and the Port St. Joe Capacity Building

Fund. There is no cost to the school or the volunteer. Junior Achievement is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to teaching students K-12 about entrepreneurship, personal finance and work readiness skills. We provide 13 classes at the fifth-grade, eighth-grade and high school levels in Port St. Joe, and six classes at the eighth-grade and high school levels in Wewahitchka.

For information about volunteering for fall or spring classes, contact Jackie Brooks at jabay@knology.net or 624-0524.

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

manager, at 785-3040. We would be happy to bring the training to you.

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

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

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

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

Board extends deadline for PSJES work

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The Gulf County School Board last week approved extending the deadline for completion of construction work to the kitchen and cafeteria at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

The work originally was to be completed no later than Jan. 30, 2013, under the original construction manager agreement between the district and Ajax Building Corp., which won the bid to manage work to the elementary school and Port St. Joe High School.

The work at the high school, which included a complete overhaul of the boys' locker room, bathrooms and coaches' offices, is nearing completion on time.

However, the district and Ajax agreed on an extension on the work at the elementary school "to allow for incorporation of numerous changes, adjustments and/or clarifications in the design" and existing scope of the work "due in part to unanticipated conditions" combined with the budgetary constraints of the project.

Among those unforeseen circumstances were non-reinforced walls and other construction characteristics in the 1970s-era building that required altering how the projects were undertaken.

For example, because some concrete walls had not been filled in or reinforced, contractors had to move entire stainless

steel countertops and equipment foundations as one unit, a far more delicate operation, said architect Bayne Collins.

The deadline for Substantial Completion is now March 15, 2013, with Final Completion by April 15.

The projects at the two schools were effectively paid for by savings realized on a roofing project at Wewahitchka Elementary School.

The district asked, and the state agreed, to allow the district to use some \$900,000 in savings to pay for the work at the two Port St. Joe schools. Additional dollars came from the district's Local Capital Improvement funds.

Since the opening of school in the fall, the elementary school has served meals by employing several measures while construction, which began in the summer, continued.

The school gymnasium was divided in half, with one half used for children as a makeshift cafeteria.

Once work began on the kitchen, the district brought in a temporary kitchen at substantial cost to provide a method of cooking meals. The district leased the kitchen, and it will be returned when the construction is complete.

March 15 is the day on which the kitchen will be back in action with the expected arrival of students into the newly refurbished cafeteria — all but complete save some window replacement — by April 15.

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and Gulf to Bay Construction. Money was raised through the vendor table fees, event sponsorships, golfers, mulligan sales and Christmas Wishes Stockings at area businesses: No Name Café, Bay Breeze Antiques, Sisters, Peppers, Buy Rite PSJ, Centennial Bank PSJ, Piggly Wiggly and Gulf County Sheriff's Office; and in Wewahitchka at IGA, Buy Rite and

Centennial Bank.

The Christmas Wishes Stockings remain at the area businesses until Christmas, so the sheriff's office can help as many Gulf County children as possible. Donations are greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,
Alexis Price

Dear Santa,
I want a ipad and I want a elextric jeep and I want a new backpack.

Santa how are you and Mis. Claus doing down there? And I want a gater stompeys.

Love,
Terry

Dear Santa,
I want a iphone 5 for Christmas and I want a candle fire for Christmas. And I want to spent time with my family. And I want a dirt bike for Christmas. And I want a ipod.

How is the elfs doing? How is your wife doing? Have I been noty or nice?

And thank you for the presents and I will

be nice for the elf.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Lajuan

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a girl electric motorvox. Also I would like to say I love you and I want tattoo and hall set, those come together. I also will leave you cookies and milk.

Also, I would love to be with my mom and dad the rest of my family. Also I would like a drawing set to draw in.

One simple question how is your wife Mrs. Claus doing and the elfs? I hope they are fine because I love you and I hope you are fine to because I want you to be alright your intire life Santa cause I love you very very much. Have fun! I want to thank you Santa.

Love always,
Janasia Walker

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a motor bike and a letri skooter. I mite make choklit cookies for you.



Thank you for the xbox 360. How is Mrs. Klos and your elfs doing? When I mete you I will be happy to mete you Santa. I hope I see you again.

Sincerely,
Alex

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Fortune and for Christmas I would like a electric scooter, cow girl boots and clothes.

Thank you!!
Love,
Taylor

Dear Santa,
Santa I love you. Do you love me? Can you please bring me a doll house, I-Pad, DS, laptop, bike, pussie, tablet, Dray with a back and a four wheeler. Santa I love you so much!

Ride safely on your way to my house. Have a happy New Year.

Do you want a present this year? How is your life in the North Pole? You and Mrs. Claus are very, very,

very nice.
Love,
Alexis C.

Dear Santa,
I hope you be careful when your flying and I hope that I get a DSi for Christmas and a iPad2 and one more thing a puppy for Christmas.

Thank you Santa and I believe in you.

Merry Christmas Santa.
Thank you.
Love,
Karalina

Dear Santa,
I want four video games, and polly pockets on the wall, and toy elfs, and also new clothes, and play-doh, and please tell grace to come next year because Grace is nice and so cute and kind.

Love,
Jasslyn

Dear Santa,
I want a Legos Star Wars episode 1 the video game, episode 3 movie. And I also want a lego city undercover. And I also lego Star Wars malebolence star fighter.

Don't worry I will

leave you cookies so be safe on Christmas.
Your friend,
Cameron

Dear Santa,
What I want is a skooter and a elf too Santa. I got A's and B's on my report card and I want a point set for Christmas and a Christmas hat like you and a bird and a Santa costume too and pone.

Happy flying. I will make you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Trinten

Dear Santa,
My name is Rylan Fortune. For Christmas I would like a trampoline, boxing man, airplane (electric).

I have been good most of the time. Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Rylan

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a wonderful Christmas everybody. And I want to have for Christmas is a iPad 2 and love too.

And I will leave cookies for you Santa and milk.
With love,
Stephanie

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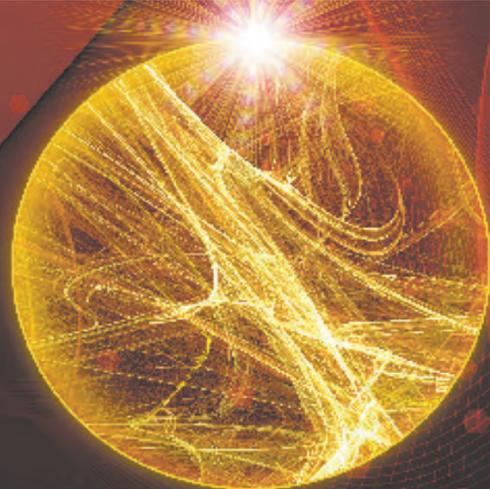
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Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a new bike and a phone, and a night light, and a jersey box, and some Christmas earrings and some Christmas bracelets.

Thank you for the presents Santa!
Love,
Addison Watts

Dear Santa,
I will give you coklet cookise and milk. Will you bring me a EDSXL, bayblays and I want some lego ningago. And a Ipad and lego Star Wars.

Sincerely,
Levi

Dear Santa,
I would like a PSP vita, a movie called Fred Claus, a game called punchout for a Wii and a electric scooter with a charger.

Sincerely,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow and green mashin and kindle fire hd. I have made a honor roll on my report card and progress report. I have been good. Can I get a elf on the shelf.

Your friend,
Zach

Dear Santa,
I want an Ipad. I was also want a DSXL.

Love,
Macie

Dear Santa,
My name is Bailey

Fortune and for Christmas I would like Miss me jeans and a pair of cow girl boots.

I have been a good girl.

Thank you.
Love,
Bailey Fortune

Dear Santa,
My name is Mahayla Canington and I am 3 years old. For Christmas I would like some pink books, a TV for my room, a baby doll and I would like to see snow when we go to Missouri for Christmas! Thank you so much Santa, I love you!

Love,
Mahayla

Dear Santa,
I think that I am doing good Santa. I want a Wii U and New Super Mario bros. U and many more stuff I want, if I'm good.

I will get you cookie and milk or something you like and anything else. I don't know what else to say.

Love,
Cedric

Dear Santa,
I would like a cidel fire and a thing that's a ice cream maker and a electric scooter and a 3DS and I want to ask you how are you and your wife and the elfs.

I want baby dolls and elf toy and a Santa toy and Miss Close toy.

I would like a big room that is clean ever



night and morning and I have a big house and I had a lot of close. I wish I was rich for the rest of my life.

Love,
Isa Barwick

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a Barbie house and Barbie car and Barbie clothes and blonde hair Barbie.

Love,
Ella

Dear Santa,
My name is Zydarien Shackelford. I am 8 years old.

I want an Ipad and a Iphone and dirt bike. I have been good this year,

I love you,
Zydarien

Dear Santa,
My name is Alivia. I am six years old. I have been good. I feed my puppies.

Thank you for my gifts. This year I would like a God doll because I like to pray.

Love,
Alivia

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyrell. I am 10 years old. I want an iPad.

I have been a good boy this year. I love you,
Tyrell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a puppy, an iPod, a phone, Ken's Dream House, a tree house, a Kenya doll, Orbeez Soothing Spa, a TV for my room, a pool, and a real fairy.

I have been very good this year!

Thank you!
Love,
Isabella
Age 7

Dear Santa,
My name is Zacarius.

I am seven years old. How do your elfs make the toys? First, can you bring me a trash pack? Trash Pack is little things that are in garbage.

When you come to my home I will give you chocolate chip cookies and warm milk.

Love,
Zacarius

Dear Santa,
My name is tad. I am 8.
I have been good. I want a bike. Thank you.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.

I would like an iPad. I want babey one like me.

When you come please wake me up.
Love,
Zoey

Dear Santa,
I have been good. My name is Nathan. I am 8.

I want Ninja turtles. I was the sonic movies and toy sonic.

Thank you,
Nathan

Dear Santa,
My name is Ardarien. I am 6. I have been good. I help my mom.

Thank you for my gifts.

This year I would like a ball because I like to play with balls.

Thank you Santa Claus.

Love,
Ardarien

Dear Santa,
My name is Kerrien and I am 12 years old.

I was a PSPi and a phone and 4-wheeler. I had being good this year,

I love you,
By Kerrien

Dear Santa.
I have been a good boy this year. I hope you will bring me a new robot and a ninja. I hope you will get here soon.

Love,
Thomas Hutchinson

Dear Santa,
My name is Sam. I am 8 years old.

I want a DS and 4 car and I love you.

I have been a good boy this year.

I love you,
Sam

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelsey. I have been a good girl.

I would like a glitter tattoos and a baby doll.

I love you Santa.

Love,
Kelsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Patrick Cullen and for Christmas I would like to have a ATV, iPad 3, Xbox 360 Connect.

I have been a good boy.

Thank you,
Patrick

Dear Santa,
My name is McKensi. I am six years gold. I would like a make up for Christmas. I would like my own make up set that's pink and red and green. Those are my favorite colors.

I will leave some cookies and milk.

Love,
McKensi

Dear Santa,
My name is Grenley Amison and for Christmas I would like a iPad, Optimus Prime Race Track and a Iron Hide Toy.

I have been a good boy.

Thank you,
Grenley

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a Barbie shop and I also would like some new dresses. Mold popsides, I love you Santa.

Love,
Jenna

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Combow and for Christmas I would like to have a iPad, race cars and two truck named "Mater".

I have been a good boy.

Thank you,
Cody

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I hope you bring me an ipad. I hope to see you soon.

Please be careful. Love,
Fisher Vandertulip

Dear Santa,
My name is Donnell Hill and for Christmas I would like a game called Sonic, a DS and race car.

I have been a good boy.

Thank you,
Donnell

Dear Santa,
My name is Wake. I am 6 years old. I would like to tell you I made A's and B's on my report card.

This Christmas, I would like a DS charger so I can charge my DS.

I will leave a plate of carrots for you and your reindeer.

Love,
Wake Giffen

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody Lamb and I would like to have a iPad for Christmas and for my dad a warm jacket.

I have been a good boy.

P.S. I would like a black teddy bear.

Thank you,
Cody Lamb

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.

I would like a 3DS and Xbox 3-360 Play Station 3.

Do not forget my sister.

Love,
Jamarren

Dear Santa,
My name is Aidan Black and for Christmas I would like to a iPad, suitcase of cars and Angry Bird gamee.

I have been a good boy.

Thank you!
Aidan

Dear Santa,
I hope you remember about your stop at my home.

I hope to see you soon.

I want a four-wheeler. Love,
Garrett Acree

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Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in the north pole. I know you're busy, but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas.
I would like a wrestling ring, a playstation vita and I would also like a WWE'II game.
Thank you Santa!
Yours truly,
Cheon Beachum

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a ship lazer tag and I want to know what is that shining stuff.
Love,
Isaiah

Dear Santa,
I want Drew to come down for Christmas. I also want a 3 DS. Last, I was moreo games for my 3 DS.
Thank you Santa. Take care of the elves.
Love,
Chase Lanford

Dear Santa,
My name is Estevan. I am six years old.
I would like to know what the elfs names are.
This year for Christmas I would like an apple I phone. I would like an apple I phone so I can call my cousins and play games on it.
I hope you have a good Christmas, Santa.
Love,
Estevan

Dear Santa,
I hope all is going ok in the North Pole. I know your busy, but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a big builders workshop. Also I would like Nintendo DS games. Last, I would like a lego creatinary.
Thank you Santa. Take care of Mrs. Claus, reindeer and the elves.
Your friend,
Eli Fidier

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and give me a Luigi pet.
Love,
Kevin Barnes

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in the North Pole. I know you're busy but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like an Android tablet. I would also like some beats. Last, I would like to have a H.P. laptop.
Thank you Santa! Take care of your reindeer, Mrs. Claus and elves.
Yours truly,
ShaNecia Sims

Dear Santa,
My name is Braden. And this is what I want for Christmas. A iPad and a 3DS and a electric skeet.
I would leave Rudolph carrots.
Love,
Braden

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope I can have a kitty, DSIXL and Marianna earrings and a

necklace.
I hope you have these things. I love Christmas!
Santa, I know I have been a bad girl, but can you get it please?
Take care of the reindeer and Mrs. Claus.
I love you a lot. Hayen does, too.
Love,
Lexi Nicole Parrish

Dear Santa,
My name is Carson. I am six years old.
I would like to know how old your reindeer are.
I would like to have a toy elf. I would play Christmas games with him.
I will leave crunchy cookies and milk.
Love,
Carson

Dear Santa,
I hope you will be able to get all the presents to everyone. I might like to get one.
I would like nine bottles of Cover Girl lip gloss. I would also like some new batteries for a new Wii controller.
Take care of Mrs. Claus and don't get distraught.
I have cookies for you.
Your friend,
Alexis Gathers

Dear Santa,
My name is Travis Jenkins.
I have been a good boy.
I would like a Play Station 3 and a iPad and a electric train.
I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Travis

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in the north pole. I know your busy, but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas.
I would like a Karoake machine. Also, a drawing set. Last, I would like a 3DS XL.
Thank you Santa! Take care of yourself, Mrs. Claus, your reindeer and the elves.
P.S. Don't eat too many cookies or you might get a tummy ache!
Yours truly,
Celeste Hamm

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I hope you will bring me a new stuffed animal frog and an art set.
I hope you will see me on Christmas and I will see you soon, Santa.
Love,
Desirae Causey

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in North Pole. I know you're busy, but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want an iPhone and an Android tablet beats. Also, I want a Wii, a flat screen T.V., some new cloths, shoes and video camera, necklace and earrings, bracelets.
Love,
Lexi Fountain



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Dear Santa,
My name is Brooke. I am seven years old. I would like to know, what does your place look like?
This year for Christmas I would like to have a Just Dance Disney Game. I hook up Just Dance Disney to the T.V. I can dance to the music.
I will leave cookies and carrots for the reindeer.
Love,
Brooke

Dear Santa,
I know you are busy, but I really would like to have these three things. I would like to have an iPhone 5. I would like a Wii. Last, I would like to have an Android tablet.
Have a great Christmas and take care of the elves.
Yours truly,
Caitlin White

Dear Santa,
I was a good girl. I would like you to bring me gigosode.
I love you so much
Santa,
Love,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing okay in the North Pole. I know you're busy, but could you send me a few gifts?
For Christmas, I would like a Shake It Up Karaoke machine. I would also like Marianna earring with matching necklace. Last, it would be nice to have a nail art set.
Please make sure my Elf On The Shelf Jingles is a good boy.
I hope you have a wonderful Christmas.
P.S. Don't eat too many cookies.
Love,
Gabriella Price

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I hope you bring me a cute baby and a passé for the baby.
I wish for a buggy. I hope you will be careful.
Love,
Makenna Kurnitsky



Dear Santa,
I hope all well is in the North Pole. I know you're busy, but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas.
I would like a HP laptop. Also, I would like a wireless printer with three sets of ink. Last, I would like an Android tablet with Microsoft Word.
Take care of the reindeer and Mrs. Claus!
Yours truly,
Dane Wright

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelsie. I am six years old. I would like to know how old are the elves?
This year for Christmas I would like an Ipad tablet. I would play Christmas games outside on my Grandma's porch.
I will lave treats out for your elfs.
Love,
Kelsie Tomes

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in the North Pole. I know you're busy, but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas.
I would like an Xbox 360 connect. Next, I would like a dirt bike. Last, I would like a pool.
Take care of everybody.
Love,
Austen Bales

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and a dog.
Love,
Timothy

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in the North Pole. I would like a real pug for Christmas. Next, I would like an IPod. Last, I would like a phone for Christmas.
Take care of Mrs. Claus and your reindeer.
Your friend,
Maelynn Butler

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
I would like a iPad tablet baby for Christmas.
I love you Santa. I will make you cookies.
Love,
Callie

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in the North Pole. I know you're busy, but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas.
I would like a flat screen T.V. for my room. I would also like an iPad.
Thank you, Santa! Take care of your reindeer, elves and Mrs. Claus.
Yours truly,
Kaydan Haisten

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I hope you will please bring

me a new ipad and a nerf gun.
I hope I will see you soon. Please be careful.
Love,
Dawson Fisher

Dear Santa,
I would like a ipod 2 and a little modersicel. And here is another thing I want. I want another 3 ds that has a cord to hook up to my other 3 ds so that I can play both 3ds. And this is the last thing I want, I want a ramp.
Your friend,
Marcus Cumbie

Dear Santa,
My name is Lance. I am seven years old. I have been good. I listened to my Mom and Dad.
Thank you for giving me gifts Santa.
This year I would like a Power Ranger movie.
They Santa tell everybody I said hey.
Love,
Lance

Dear Santa,
I hope all is well in the North Pole. I know you're busy but I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like to have a video camera and a LaLa Lucy Doll.
Last I want lip gloss.
Thank you and take care.
Yours truly,
Karys Linton

Dear Santa,
My name is Madison. I am six years old.
I would like to know what your last name is.
This Christmas I would like to have an I pad to play Shel Bob.
I will leave your reindeer some gifts.
Love,
Madison

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all you have done. I would like a pink laptop. I would like a Ipad Touch. I would like a pink Kindle Fire.
Last, I will leave cookies and milk.
Love,
Raelynn

Dear Santa,
My name is Brandon. I am six years old. I am very good because I helped my Grandma pick watermelons.
Thank you for the presents.
This year I would like Harry Potter years four-six for DS.
Tell Rudolph the Reindeer I said hello.
Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like to have an IPhone this year. Next, I want a lego Batman 2 video game for the Wii this year. Last I want an Ipad touch for Christmas.
Your friend,
Gavin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.
I would like a Ipads and a scooter.
I love you so much Santa. My little sister wants a frisikle with a helmet.
Love,
Kaylee

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I hope you will bring me a new ipad, some shiny new shoes and an American Girl Doll.
Love,
Kylie Ingalls

Dear Santa,
Thanks for all you give us Santa Claus. I would like Mario stickers game. I would want Mario 3D and next I would love a 3DSXL.
I will have cookies out and lot of cookies for you and milk for you.
Last, how do you get to houses so fast too?
Your friend,
Ricky

Dear Santa,
My name is India. I am seven.
I have been good. I help my Mom wash dishes.
I want a dirt bike. I love you Santa.
Love,
India

Dear Santa,
My name is Jackson. I am six years old. I help my mom pack. I have been good to my sister and my brother.
Thank you for the presents.
This year I would every kind of gun.
I love you Santa and Miss Claus.
Love,
Jackson

Dear Santa,
I been a good girl today.
This Christmas I would like the move Vampire Diary. This Christmas I would like a blue laptop. This Christmas I would like a Ipod Touch.
How are you and Mrs. Clause?
Your pal,
Kadence

Dear Santa,
My name is Teaojan. I am seven years old. I would like to know what kind of toys the elves can make me.
I would like a Crusher. He is a Skylander and he has a hammer. He smashes bad guys with the hammer.
I will play with him every day.
Love,
Teaojan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like more dance class clothes. I would also like a Ladybug pillow pet. Last I would like an FSU poster.
I will leave some yummy cookies, milk and reindeer food.
Thank you,
Skylar

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a turtle and a place for it and food for it.

I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Austin

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like some Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. I would like new DS games. Santa, I would like an Ipad 2.

Have a safe trip Santa.
Love,
Precious

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl.

I would like a Jumpy house and a play for Christmas.

I will make cookies and milk.
Love,
Lauren

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I bet you have been good too, Santa.

I love you Santa. I would like a PSP and a four wheeler. We will leave milk

and cookies and water for the reindeer.

Love,
Jay

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. My name is Braden.

I would like a DS for Christmas. I like a DS because it has Mario games.

I will make cookies.
Love,
Branden Givins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a real diamond. I would like a pink sparkly touch screen cell phone. I would also like a DSIXL.

I will leave you lots of cakes and milk. And sum for your reindeer too.

Your friend,
Isabel

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. My name is Shativa.

I would like a Easy Bake. I would like a DS.

I will leave cookies for you Santa.
Love,
Shativa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? And I been good this year.

I would like an Ipad Touch. I would like a remote control robot that is blue and white. That last thing I would like is a 3DS.

How do you get every house in one night? Have a good Christmas Eve and a good time at Christmas.

You are the best in the world.
Your friend,
Gunner

Dear Santa,
My name is Owen. I am 7. I have been good to my Mom and Dad. I help my Mom clean our home.

Thank you for the elf.

This year I would like a long board.

Love,
Owen

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are you doing?

I would like justice clothes. I would also like a rock star costume. Last, I would like a real diamond

ring.

I will leave baked cookies and milk out if you like.

Love,
Sayla

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I hope you get me a new bike and a new doll.

And a new games and a new supply box.

Love,
Juveryona Daniels

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are you doing?

This year I want a pet with a pretend cat. I also want a dress up cat. Finally, I want a unicorn plush.

Your friend,
Emily

Dear Santa,
My name is Mary. I am six years old.

I have been good. I help my Mom clean and I help my Mom feed my dog.

Thank you for my gifts.

This year I would like a bike because I would like to ride my bike because it is fun.

Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Love,
Mary Margaret

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.

I would like an Xbox 360 that's red this year. Also, I would like an iPad. The last thing I would like is a 3DS.

We will be sure to leave milk and cookies.
Your friends,
AJ

Dear Santa,
My name is Sha'Myra. I am seven years old.

I would like to know where you live. My mom is going to buy a tablet from WallMart. I can learn a bunch of new stuff.

I can leave you a brownie with milk.

Love,
Sha'Myra

Dear Santa,
This year I want Call of Duty Black Ops 2. I would also like a paintball gun. I want a dirt bike to.

And I will not forget your milk and cookies like I did last time. I will be good this

year.

Your friend,
Donovan

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. Fairy LPS, Samll LPS, Big LPS.

Because I love all LPS.
Love,
Ashleigh

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like a mini donut maker and a popcorn make and a slushy maker.
Your friend,
Ashley Sapp

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I hope you will bring me a new psp and a pellet gun.

I hope to see you soon.
Love,
Devin

Dear Santa,
Would you get me lots of mystery and a pretty yellow bike and I will like to have a 3DS and a Kindle Fire.

Thank you for all these things.
Your pal,
Shinah

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- Gulf County Tourist Development
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- Kids Win Fishing Tournament
- Mexico Beach Offshore Classic
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- Junior Achievement

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
My name is James. I am 6. I help my dad. I have been good.
I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus.
I would like a toy helicopter.
Love,
James

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I would like a Kindle Fire this year. I want a purple Laptop. The last thing I would like a cell phone.
Have a great trip on Christmas Eve.
Your pal,
Nathan

Dear Santa,
My name is Luke. I am 7. I have been good. I have been helping my Mommy to unload the dishes.
I would like a air hogs battle tracker and a music KS and Ipod touch.
Love,
Luke

Dear Santa,
How are your doing?
I would like some scary books this year. I would also like new shiny black shoes. Last, I would like a green shirt.
I will leave cookies and milk.
Your friend?
Bladen

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner. I am seven years old.
I would like know how old you are.
I want a Wii to play with my brother.
I hope you have a great Christmas.
Love,
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I would like a blue four wheeler this year. I would also like a blue remote control car this year. Last, I would like an ipod this year.
I will leave you cookies.
Thank you,
Jayson

Dear Santa,
My name is Shauna Flowers. I have been a good girl.
I would like a ipad, ipod and an electric scooter.
I will leave carrots and I will leave some cookies and milk.
Love,
Shauna

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are you doing?
I would like a remote control helicopter. Then I would like one electric scooter. Last, I would like an Ipad touch.
Well, have a great trip on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Ian

Dear Santa,
My name is Arlena. I am six years old.
I have been a very good because I listen to my teacher. Thank you for my presents.
This year I would like to have a Baby Alive because it walks.
I love you and Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Arlena

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a mote control fighter plane. And a trampaleen please Santa.
How have you been doing? I live on Hunter Circle, that is my address.

The next thing I want is a automatic nerf gun please Santa. Oh, yeah, one more thing. Is Misses Claus doing okay?
Are the raindeer ready for Christmas.
Love,
Jacob

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I hope you will bring me a real BB, a xbox 360, a new bike, an ipad and an electric scooter.
I hope to see you soon. Please be careful.
Love,
Jamal Leslie

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Hannah Riley. How are you? Do you like your job?
I'm seven years old. I will leave you cookies to eat.
May I have some Barbie clothes? I would like a pink bow and arrow.
You are the best.
Love,
Hannah

Dear Santa,
My name is Samantha. I am six years old. I have been very good. I listen to my teacher.

Thank you for my presents.
This year I would like some teacher stuff because I like to play teacher.
I love you and Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Samantha

Dear Santa,
Hey Santa how are you doing? Is Rudolph doing ok? Last Christmas was fun.
I like the toy you brought me and my brother. That was his first Christmas and he liked mikey mouse and I liked the mp3 player.
Christmas I will like a baby alive and my brother will like a playhouse and I will like a new big bike.
Love,
Damari

Dear Santa,
I hope the elves are working hard because I want a lot of toys.
I want an ipad, a puppy, a phone, a treehouse, a new doll, Ken's dream house, a purple dog, cherry lipstick, a lot make up, a real fairy, a pool and to be at the north pole with you.
Love,
Bella Carington

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas this year. I want the iPhone 5 and some books that I can read and legos. Port St. Joe Elementary is my school.
Thank you for all the things that you gave me.

How are your raindeers doding?
Your friend,
Prince

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I hope you will bring me a cuddley bear from Build A Bear Workshop.
I hope I get to see you soon.
Love,
Danica Kelly

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas can you get me a game, a toy, and a good book?
How is Comet doing and Dasher doing and can you get somethings for my cat Skittles?
Did Nathan tell you that I was bad? I will make six cookies.
Your friend,
Dane
Age 8

Dear Santa,
This year we moved to Florida. On Sunset. Please make sure you give my mom some cleaning stuff. My dad would like a gun or a fishing pole.
I would like a art set, that's all.
Sookie would like a lot of toys to play with. Please give Kira a art set as well. Katie would like a some superhero toys. Ellise would like lipgloss.
If you do all of that for my family I will leave you a huge batch of cookies.
Your love,
Kaylin

Dear Santa,
My name is Elyse. I am six years old.
I would like to know if I'm on the naughty list or not. I would like make up for Christmas this year.
Make up makes me feel beautiful.
I hope you have a good Christmas Santa.
Love,
Elyse

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Britt. I am 7 years old.
I hope you are doing well.
I want a skylander the game for the wii. My sister wants a toy puppy. My dad wants a new game for his Xbox 360 and my mom wants a ipod. And I want a toy gun and a dsxl and the new Mario game. And I want a t.v. for my room.
Love,
Britt W.

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a toy for my baby brother. I want a Baby Alive doll.
Love,
Taniyah

Dear Santa,
My name is Chase. I am seven years old. I would like to know how Rudolf got his red nose.
This year for Christmas I would like a yellow and blue dirt bike. It would be fun to ride out in my Grandma's garden.
I will make chocolate milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Chase

Dear Santa,
I have been waiting to see you come down the chimney again. How are the rain deer?
I really want a Xbox 360 from you. I would like Call of Duty black Ops two.
Love,
Saylor

Dear Santa,
My name is Kylie. I have been very good. I help my mom clean.
Thank you for the gifts this year.
I would like teacher stuff because I like to play teacher.
I love you and Misses Claus.
Love,
Kylie

Dear Santa,
I wanted to tell you that my family moved to Florida and our new address is on Sunset.
Now I am ready to tell you the toys I want which is not a lot. I want a big teddy bear and a few movies. I think that is all I want from you Santa.
How is your wife doing? I want to know. I also want to know how you are doing. Santa, I will not forget to leave you cookies and hot coca to top

it off. Just wanted to tell O.K. Santa?
Santa,
my you say Hi to the dear for me?
Love,
Kira

Dear Santa,
My name is Landon. I am seven years old. I have been good. I helped my mom clean.
Thank you for the gifts.
This year I would like a 3 DS because I can watch movies.
I love you Santa.
Love,
Landon

Dear Santa,
You are nice! I live in Mexico Beach and my school is Port St. Joe Elementary Schoo.
I want a furby and a dollhouse for Christmas. Is that ok with you? If it is, that's good.
My name is Desirae and I am 7 years old.
Your friend,
Desirae

Dear Santa,
My name is Alyson. How are the raindeer. I have two dogs their name is Soveey and Bintly. I live in the creek.

Do you know what I want for Christmas?
I want some books. Do you know what else I want? I want a Barbie doll. I am 8 years old.
How are you doing? Do you like your job?
I will leave you cookies. You are a great man. Oh, I want a diary.
Love,
Alyson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie camera. Also, I would like a iPhone 5. And a Barbie crushie. One more thing to tell you.
I would like a America Girl doll.
And how is Miss Claws and you?
Your friend,
Cassin
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause doing and how are you doing Santa?
I can't wait for you to come and bring joy

to us. But I live on Over Street. Go over the bridge, go straight and two gray houses will be there. My age is 8.
I hope you come Santa. I want a Xbox360 and a bike.
Love,
Kacie B.

Dear Santa,
I hope other kids get the special things they have been waiting for all year!
I hope everyone has a merry, merry Christmas! My name is Madison and I am 7 years old. I am about to turn 8.
I go to school at Port St. Joe Elementary School.
I want a Polly Pocket wall party for Christmas. I also want an art set.
P.S. I will be Disney

World so see me there!
Love,
Madison B.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? My name is Walker.
For Christmas I want some legos and some cars. That is all the stuff that I want.
Thank you for giving us toys that people wanted.
Love,
Walker

Dear Santa,
I live at Hunter Circle. I am 7 years old on December 25. I will give you milk and cookies on December 25.
I want legos. I have been so good.

Goodbye.
Love,
Cole

Dear Santa,
Hi. My name is Kaiden. I am 7 years old. This year I would like a Xbox 360. Next a new TV. But not least I would like a new game.
Say hi to Miss Claus. Your friend,
Kaiden
Age 7

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. How are the raindeer doing? Are they being nice? Are they doing good for you?
Please tell the elves to please make me a lego set, the hole set.
Oh, and make sure no one is on the bad list.
Your friend,
Gail

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Opinion

Finding the lost city in an orange convertible

Recently, I flew into the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport. I was there to serve as the Grand Marshal of the Vernon Christmas Parade. It was an honor and experience that I will always cherish.

I'm a wanderer, as in I love driving, looking at interesting things and talking to people. After getting a fantastic rate on a rental car through one of those online bidding sites, I let two pretty girls behind the rental car counter talk me into paying a little extra for an orange convertible.

December in Florida is glorious — at least it was for the three or four days I was there. The temperature was in the mid to upper 70s and that was warm enough for me to justify exploring with the top down.

I'm sure a lot of folks got a kick out of seeing a 50-year-old fellow with a gray beard and glasses from the NASA Apollo Era driving around in an orange convertible Chevrolet Camaro playing old Christmas music really loud.

What did you expect me to be listening to?

As I see it, Florida would be a glorious place to spend Christmas. No shoveling snow, no driving on ice and no opportunity to forget about the damper and smoke up the house.

Having a connection to Port St. Joe, I decided to drive that way. It was a beautiful afternoon and I always run into the nicest people there.

My mother was a history teacher for more than 40 years in an Alabama public school and my grandfather was a wanderer just like me. The combination of the two made for a lot of inexpensive trips to look at historical markers, battlefields and landmarks.

Papa and I invested a lot of time in meandering around the Panhandle. I'm not sure if he would have appreciated the orange convertible or not, his dog might have jumped out. Papa always traveled with a small dog of some sort, usually a Chihuahua.

Heading toward Port St. Joe, I had it in my mind to see what I could find related to "Florida's Lost City." If you get away from the Panhandle, most folks don't realize what a big deal it was or even where it was. I know. Papa told me and I've researched it.

St. Joseph was once the largest city in Florida. Now Port St. Joe has taken her place. The history books and researchers say that yellow fever and a hurricane destroyed the old city of St. Joseph, forcing the folks that were left to

move on. This is by all accounts is the true story, however as my Papa always said, "There's more to the story."

When I got to Port St. Joe, I stopped to get a drink. I got it in my mind that I needed a big Nehi orange soda water as Papa used to call them. I had to settle for

a Fanta orange in a plastic bottle, it worked just fine.

My exploring would end in the parking lot on this day because I got tied up. Sometimes I find that talking to people is just as interesting as seeing places, this holds true when you learn something or teach someone something.

There was a young man in the parking lot who was interested in my convertible. First we talked about the car, which he knew a lot more about than I did. He explained what some of the levers and knobs were. Technically, I am a rocket scientist, but I drive an older vehicle that doesn't have all the bells and whistles on it.

Later, we started talking about Port St. Joe and the old city of St. Joseph. The man, probably still in high school, knew the history of St. Joseph. He noted he enjoyed growing up in the area and like me, thought the folks were very nice.

On a whim, I decided to add to the story of St. Joseph. As I told the young man about my idea, I started believing it myself.

This is what I told him. I explained to him the yellow fever and the hurricane were a little of the reason why folks in St. Joseph moved on, but not the whole reason.

I continued my story, "From what I can tell, you had this large city with a lot of good hard working folks who knew they had a good thing here in Florida with the weather and the nice people. These folks all got together after they had the bout with the yellow fever and the hurricane and they had a big meeting. They decided that these bad events were a sign that they were supposed to leave the area and travel the world and tell folks how nice it was here in Florida."

When he thought I was finished, the young man smiled and gave me a "you're pulling my leg" look.

I asked, "It seems to have worked didn't it?" He laughed and said, "Yes, it sure seems to have."

I'll be back to Port St. Joe soon, but getting to talk to a young fellow who appreciates how good he's got it was worth my time.

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TIM CROFT
Star news editor

Typing the letters to Santa found inside this newspaper was a different experience this year.

In the background there was Newtown, Conn., a name that will, unfortunately, take a place on a list that includes Columbine, Virginia Tech and Aurora as touchstones of the madness of humans.

A tragedy in a town described as small and tight-knit.

A town described as a place where everybody knew everybody.

A town that was described as a place many people sought for its unique charms not found elsewhere.

A community that sounds an awful lot like Gulf County.

The school and the people described by those who knew them and observed them as heroes, as caring more for their children than themselves, on that ugly Friday, seemed not much different from the folks who lead and teach at the county's elementary schools.

Most of all, the ages of the victims are represented, with a certain ache, in the letters that fill several pages in this newspaper.

They are letters of innocence; they are letters of heart, honesty and sweetness.

Those letters ask after Santa and Mrs. Claus.

They wonder if Santa has cared for those reindeer, one child skipping right past Rudolph, clearly a favorite, to Comet and Dancer.

There are plenty of bakers among those children, because after Gulf County Santa is going to have issues with take-off.

There are certainly thoughts linked to the consumerism that has become too much a part of the holiday.

The wishes for all sorts of things from a DS, a play station to several

requests for real diamonds are there.

But so too is the spirit of what the Christmas season, the holiday season, is through the eyes of a child ages 6 and 7, the same age as so many of those young victims in Newtown.

The wish for Santa to make sure sister gets a toy.

The desire to see Santa thinks of Dad for a new coat or fishing pole and for mom some cleaning "stuff" or new clothes.

The acknowledgement that, no, that had not been good all year, but they hoped to earn a place on Santa's "nice" list.

There are several letters from children who have recently moved to Florida, to Gulf County.

They provide the new address so that Santa is sure to find them.

And there are those who wonder just how Santa does find their home.

How does he do it all in one night?

How does he take of all those gifts around the world?

Above all, maybe, there was also an outpouring of love.

Love for Santa because he is no very, very, very nice.

Love for Mrs. Claus for she too must be awful nice to live in the North Pole with Santa and those elves.

Love for Rudolph and assurance that he would be ready for Christmas Eve.

Not for presents, not for anything that might show up under the tree, but for all they do for children, all that work at the North Pole.

Santa needs to ensure the elves, or as children so young call them elfs, are safe and working hard and being taken care of, some children write.

Santa needs to ensure that Mrs. Claus, Misses Claus, Ms. Claus and even Miss Claws — we type them as we get them and that in part reflects the hearts and minds of ones so young — is also in good health and taking good care of Santa.

And Santa must travel safely. That Christmas Eve night he must take care.

He must keep his reindeer, or raineder, well fed and there are plenty of youngsters more than willing to help out, whether with carrots or (?) brownies.

That is what we, everybody, lost in Newtown, 20 lives that saw the world through those eyes, with that sort of brain and heart and honesty.

There is no politics in those pages of letters, no disagreements about the things that in contrast to Newtown seem so pointless and so ... small.

There is no filter. There is no cynicism, no sense of entitlement — several letter writers spelled it out for Santa, can't bring me anything, that is okay — no desire to get one over on anybody or anything.

Maybe in this holiday season, that is what we can take away and cherish for if Newtown taught anything it is that life offers no guaranteed expiration date and there is no depth to which we as humans can sink within our minds, hearts and deeds.

We can cherish that we are still here and among us are young minds and hearts that, despite our ability to drown them out, have this idea of the holiday season, of brotherhood and giving to one another of ourselves and faith in humanity as DNA.

We, as parents and grandparents and aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, can wrap each other and our children a little tighter, a little closer, while keeping the ache and pain in Newtown fresh, determined to have learned from tragedy that cuts through all the nonsense that consumes too much of our lives.

And maybe in those letters we can find that even in the darkest of times, even in the toughest of circumstances, there remains a hope, a light, that can not be extinguished and which we will hope guides all of us throughout the year.

Keyboard KLATTERINGS

Christmas lights

A Christmas parable

A Christmas Parable

The snow had come suddenly last night. I couldn't help but think of the guys at school. They'll be happy. All they had talked about the whole Christmas vacation was whether it was going to snow or not. Mother said she reckoned it was about five inches. Well, to be honest, the snow wasn't all they talked about. The Hinson brothers were bragging about the new bikes they were going to get. Dennis was eyeing that B-B gun Mr. O'Connell had in his storefront window. Karl wanted a Swiss Army Knife. And Alan Hinshaw laid it on thick about something called an erector set. I didn't even know what that was.....didn't care!

It sounded expensive, but shucks, his dad owns the sawmill; he can get anything he wants! I wish I'd a'brought my cap, it's colder up on this mountain than I thought it'd be. I just left in too big of a hurry. This is where I come to think. And I've got a heap of thinking to do what with Christmas Day being tomorrow and all. We're getting nothing again this year. Mother said, "Ryne, I'm sorry, it's 1934, there's a depression. Someday you'll understand. If your dad hadn't a—" That's when I got out'a there! That's the same thing she said last year. Is this depression going to last forever? And the Lord knows it's not Mom's fault. She's doing all she can do. There just ain't no work. And I don't care

about the presents. I don't want nothing. But Billy has talked about a toy train and I'd give my right arm if I could get Coleen that Raggedy Ann doll she keeps a'studying on in that picture book. I ain't being completely honest. I'd love to have a new bike. A shiny red Western Flyer. I'd wheel into school and park right between Jeff and Chuck. Wouldn't that be grand!



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

Shoot a mile, who am I trying to fool carrying on like that. I ain't got a chance. Why do guys like Alan Hinshaw get all the luck? Nobody cares about us. Why, I'd leave in a minute if—"Hello, son."

I near 'bout jumped out of my skin. I didn't hear nobody coming up.

"What's your name?"

"Ryne, sir. Ryne Bernier." How did he get up here without me hearing him? How did he know about my secret place?

"How old are you, son?"

Well, I don't make a habit out of talking to just anybody. But this guy looked O.K. He was dressed in overalls and looked as common as me. And he wasn't a real old man, looked kinda young — in an old sorta way. Timeless. You know what I mean? His eyes were gentle and friendly, and he liked me — kids can tell about things like that.

"Twelve, sir."

"Are you sure about that, Ryne?"

"Well, I'm eleven, but my birthday is just next month." He smiled like he

knew I got it right.

"What are you doing up here?"

Before I knew it I was spilling my guts to a perfect stranger; told him everything — except the part about me wanting a bicycle. I figured he might think I was selfish. He never said a word except for when I was telling him how I wished I could carve out a wooden train for Billy. He said I could do it — it would just take a little practice — that he used to be a carpenter himself; he kinda' smiled and said he'd never carved out a train though.

I also upset him a little when I got down to the part about nobody caring a whit for a nothing boy like me. He looked me right in the eyes, didn't scare me mind you, but it sure got my attention. "Don't say that, Ryne. And don't you ever believe it for a minute. Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

We didn't talk much longer — he stood up and placed his hand on my head — guess he was wondering why I was out here bareheaded. He didn't say nothing about my missing hat and I played like I didn't notice those awful scars on his hands. He said he had to go and that I'd better hurry home — a storm was coming. Ha, I had him there! Listen, I'd lived in these hills all my life. Too clear and crisp; the storm had done passed through. He didn't know as much as I thought he did, "Hey, Mister, you're plum wrong about—"

He was gone. I looked all around. I couldn't even find his tracks. It started snowing before I got to Calumet

Creek. And I got a little turned around where the trail forks behind the old Sutton place. Dark was setting in. And I wasn't exactly sure where I was. I stumbled around looking for a tree or a rock that I could recognize — I couldn't be lost — the house has got to be close by! I climbed up on a ledge and there was the light from the barn. Thank goodness! I was home in ten minutes.

Mother was all over me. "Son, come look, you won't believe it!"

You could have knocked me over with a feather! Billy was on the floor, pulling the finest wooden train I ever saw between the legs of that old cane bottom chair Uncle Wyatt let us have. Seven cars with a Red Caboose! Perfect. And Coleen was a'hugging a Raggedy Ann so hard I don't think either one of them could breathe.

"Son, he just stopped by, appeared out of nowhere; said he'd picked these things up a while back and wondered if we'd have any use for them. He said you were all right and that you'd be home soon. Land sakes, he was gone before I could even thank him proper. Ryne, do you know—"

"Mother, how long has the barn light been out?"

"Son, that light hadn't worked in over a year." I made a dash for the back door. I had to see for myself. It was so dark out there I fell over the bicycle parked right slap dab in the middle of our back porch. The brand new bicycle. Western Flyer. Red!

Merry Christmas, Ryne and His Friend

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Thanks to all who helped

Dear Editor:
I want to thank everyone who came to help me on Dec. 11 when my nice phone repairman found that I had a gas leak with a fire under my house.

He made all the necessary phone calls and before I knew it, I had the St. Joe Beach Fire Department, the Port St. Joe Fire Department, the crime scene unit, Sheriff's Office and volunteers here to help.

Also then the St. Joe Natural Gas people came to see what they needed to do. Thankfully all turned out good with no major problems. I then found out I needed an electrician, as the gas people said I was having voltage going to the frame of the old trailer. Kenny Strange Electric then came and stayed and found out the problem and were able to fix it. As of now, all is good and I again want to thank everyone that was here to help.

Thanks again,
Elaine Dixson
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Op ED

'Twas the Night Before Fiscal Cliff

By Nick Thomas
Special to The Star

'Twas the night before fiscal cliff, and throughout the land,
Democrats, Republicans were taking a stand.
Their positions unwavering, intractably firm,
With donkey-like stubbornness or entrenched pachyderm.

But the public was hopeful all snug in their beds,
With visions of compromise alive in their heads.
"Come on!" said the people in frustrated dismay.
"Abandon this meaningless partisan fray."

When Obama and Boehner finally met,
Their first thoughts were not of a country in debt.
And Obama, the chief, said to Boehner "Oh crap!
I'd rather depart for a nice winter's nap."

"I know," sighed Boehner "I've plenty to do,
Was planning to take a vacation or two."
"Never mind," said the Prez, "we'll just keep
delaying,
Who cares what the grumbling public are saying."

But out in the blogosphere there arose such a
clatter,
The people revolted, resolving this matter:
"There's only one way to deal with such fools
Obama and Boehner must settle by duel."

"No way!" said Obama, "I'm renowned for my
peace.
"With a medal of proof on my lounge mantelpiece."
"I agree" cried Boehner, not eager to battle,
And caught the first plane heading out to Seattle.

"Come back," yelled the people, "we demand this
by right,
You've had chances to talk, now you settle this
fight."

But the pair, reunited, were far from impressed,
As the thought of a duel made them rather
distrressed.

As he pondered the various White House residents,
Obama now knew why we have the vice
presidents.

Quick thinking, as always, to Biden he beckoned,
"Get over here Joe, and I'll make you my second."

"Now Joe I expect you'll appear around dawn,
To face off with Boehner on the White House's
lawn.

"Yeah right!" smiled old Joe, "Would love to assist,
But I ain't packing no pistol — what if I missed?"

And then, in a twinkling, Obama's next step,
Was to call up more buddies, to be his next rep.
"Now Pelosi! now, Clinton! now, Durbin and Reid!
But all vanished from Washington with notable
speed.

"Oh dear," mused Obama, "now what should I
do?"

So he phoned up Boehner for a quick rendezvous.
"My friend, we are beaten, let's abandon
aggression."

"Agreed," said the Speaker "it's time for
concession."

So they sprang into action, both recommending,
Adding some taxes and cutting some spending.
Then I heard them exclaim, "We've reached a
consensus!

Good-bye fiscal cliff, we've come to our senses."

Thomas' features and columns have appeared in more than 250 magazines and newspapers, including the Washington Post, LA Times, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, San Francisco Chronicle, and Christian Science Monitor.

A holiday message from the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention

Special to The Star

1. Start with a vision: Start your holiday with a clear vision of how you want it to go. Share your thoughts with your family and friends.

2. Set goals and prioritize: Learn to say no. Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't attend every party or participate in every activity.

3. Organize and simplify: Find easy-to-implement steps for having a more organized

and productive holiday season. Identify ways to simplify. Organization is no longer a luxury; it's a matter of survival!

4. Care for yourself and set limits: Find time to take care of yourself — physically, mentally and spiritually. Remember to keep any medical appointments and checkups to stay in control of your health. Get enough sleep, carve out quiet time, meditate read inspiring literature, write in a journal, visit a library, study, or listen to music. Avoid tobacco and watch less TV.

5. Be safe: Whether traveling long distances, hanging lights,

or simply stoking the fireplace, it's important to pay extra attention to safety around the holidays.

6. Stay financially fit: We are responsible for our own happiness and health during the holidays. Having a good holiday is a function of our decisions, not our conditions. Decide to make financial and time commitments that you can keep this holiday season.

7. Eat well: Some things you can do to keep things under control: Limit your portions, don't go to a party hungry, steer clear of items high in

fats, watch out for high calorie foods and beverages, and drink lots of water. There is no harm in trying new things; you can sample that 5 cheese and salsa dip, but don't eat half the bowl!

8. Be active: Find opportunities to stay active to help you feel better, more energized, focused, and fit for the demands of the season. Go for a walk and spend time outdoors.

9. Get connected: Work with those you love to create meaningful traditions and routines that can be part of future holidays. Get in touch

with old friends.

10. Explore new experiences: Trying something new. A refreshing exercise, like Tai Chi, is a great way to keep fit, bust stress, and meet new friends this holiday season

11. Give: Commit random acts of kindness, volunteer, visit the elderly or donate money, clothes, toys, food.

12. Have fun: Play, sing, laugh, enjoy. Experience the joy, excitement and wonder of the holiday season. Remember what the holiday season was like when you were a kid or look at it through your children's eyes.

Helpful tips to cut your holiday expenses

The closer the holidays loom, the less time harried families have to buy gifts, plan seasonal events and make travel arrangements. Unfortunately, when time is at a premium and you're forced to make last-minute decisions, it's usually your budget that suffers.

As an occasional procrastinator myself, let me share a few tips I've picked up over the years that can help take the expense — and stress — out of holiday planning:

Before you start shopping, calculate how much you can afford to spend on the holidays as a portion of your overall budget. If your finances are in good shape, spend no more than 1.5 percent of your annual income. But if you're deeply in debt, can't meet your regular monthly expenses or don't have an emergency fund, this isn't the time to rack up additional debt.

Once you determine an overall amount, tally up expected holiday-related expenses including gifts, decorations, new clothes and accessories, giftwrap, cards, postage, special meals and year-end



JASON ALDERMAN

unanticipated expenses from last year.

If you're looking for ways to cut back, consider:

- Arrange gift lotteries with family members and friends so everyone concentrates their time, effort and money on buying fewer, nicer gifts.
- Speak candidly with friends, coworkers and extended family about placing a moratorium on exchanging gifts. They're probably feeling the pinch too.

- If the gift-giving gesture is important to you, suggest pooling resources with others to make a sizeable contribution to a charity you all believe in.

Once you've determined your overall holiday spending budget — and before you start shopping — make a detailed list that includes:

- Everyone on your shopping list.

gratuities. Don't forget travel-related expenses if you plan to leave town, and try to recall

- Spending limits and several gift alternatives for each person.

- How much you actually spend on each gift. If you overspend on one present you'll need to make up for it elsewhere.

- What you gave each person — to avoid giving them the same thing next year.

- What each person gave you to avoid "re-gifting" disasters later on.

- Other expenses (decorations, etc.)

Some people relish hunting for bargains; others loathe it. Either way, here are a few money-

saving tips:

- Clip newspaper and online coupons. Stores often match competitors' prices even if their own items aren't on sale.

- Plus, many consolidation websites post downloadable coupons and sale codes for online retailers.

- Mobile shopping apps let in-store smartphone and tablet users scan product barcodes and make on-the-spot price comparisons, read reviews, download coupons, buy products and more.

- If you're traveling for the holidays, note that

many airlines charge \$25 or more for each checked bag. Many stores and websites ship gifts for free, saving you hassle at the airport.

- Carefully read purchase-return policies for deadlines, exclusions (e.g., for sale or clearance items) and restocking charges.

- Keep receipts. Many retailers will refund the price difference if an item goes on sale within a few weeks after purchase.

- Check whether your credit card agreement provides free product warranty extensions and/

or price protection.

And finally, consider the gift of time. Older relatives don't need more chocolates, but they probably could use help with chores, running errands or rides to doctor's appointments. Plus, they would probably appreciate your company. Offer to babysit for harried parents so they can run a few errands or simply recharge their batteries.

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Thomas, just prior to the bandage being removed and his being release



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Grandsons Thomas and Jackson Copley Subbarao help FWC Wildlife Technician Ron Copley to splint Thomas the bear's leg. **At right**, Dr. Norm shaves Thomas in preparation for surgery.

Bear cub on the mend

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A bear cub injured by an automobile is back with his family and doing fine.

Last week, an article in the Apalachicola and Carrabelle Times titled "Bears, bears everywhere" featured a photo of a mother bear and cub. The cub was one of three being successfully raised by a bear sow in Carrabelle, a tribute to this year's bumper crop of acorns.

The night before the Times article was released, disaster struck when the cub was hit by a car about 6 p.m. Dec. 12.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Wildlife Technician Ron Copley went in search of the injured cub and found him about 50 yards into the woods, not far from the scene of the accident.

Copley tranquilized the cub using a dart gun and examined it. The 100-pound cub had a bloody nose and a broken leg but seemed otherwise uninjured.

Copley took the cub home and with the help of his twin grandsons, 13-year-olds Thomas and Jackson Copley Subbarao, of Eastpoint, he splinted the cub's leg and put it into a pen for observation. The boys were



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Thomas and his mom before the accident.

a little nervous at first but soon warmed up to the task of helping the cub.

On Thursday morning, the bear was sitting up and alert. "He was in a lot of pain and didn't fight us but Adam gave him a syringe of shot to calm him and make him more comfortable," Copley said.

FWC Wildlife Biologist Adam Warwick contacted Dr. Norm Griggs of the Shepherd Springs Animal Hospital in Crawfordville, who agreed to treat the bear pro bono. On Thursday evening, the cub was taken to the hospital where

Griggs performed surgery to reset the bone and inserted a metal rod into the broken leg. The cub was nicknamed Thomas in honor of Copley's grandson.

The surgery went well and Thomas was brought back to Copley's house to await release. Thomas was observed on Friday and Saturday. He was given dry dog food and a pan of water, and made rapid progress.

Thomas and his family frequently visit several large oak trees in the vicinity of the accident. On Saturday evening, Warwick worked with Copley, his wife Terri, and the twins to take Thomas back to the site and place him at the edge of the woods in a cage.

As if on cue, Thomas's family appeared at dusk.

"We waited about an hour when the mother and the other cubs came out of the woods and went directly to the cage where the injured cub was being held," Copley said. "They climbed on the cage sniffing all around. Adam and I slowly went to the cage, and pulled the cable releasing the injured cub Thomas. Making low grunting noises (he) ran straight into the woods where his mom and siblings were waiting. Adam and I watched all four bears for a while, then left so they could get to the acorns they were after."

As if by a miracle, Thomas was successfully returned to his mother.

Warwick said the bear is expected to avoid using the leg for two or three weeks and it will remain sore for a longer stretch. Griggs predicted a full recovery.

Copley said the experience was thrilling for his entire family. The twins were ecstatic when Thomas's mother emerged from the woods. He said Jackson and Thomas — the grandson not the bear — have both talked in the past about becoming wildlife officers, and the experience was educational for the Franklin County School eighth graders.

Copley said the cub's plight has generated a lot of interest in Carrabelle. He said he has been stopped by people who want to know Thomas's condition. Several folks were concerned the bear would be euthanized. Everyone can rest easy. Against all odds, Thomas made it home safe and sound and he'll probably look both ways before crossing the street again.

"He was never aggressive during the whole ordeal," Copley said. "I can't even guess the odds of him making it back home."

Copley and Warwick will be keeping an eye on Thomas during the rest of the winter. Right now he is easily recognizable because of his shaved leg.

If you see him, call give Ron Copley at 323-1017 to let him know if Thomas is on the mend.



ADAM WARWICK | Special to the Star

Veterinary technician Maria Steurer and Dr. Norm Griggs performed surgery on Thomas.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Dec. 20	73°	43°	50 %
Fri, Dec. 21	58°	42°	0 %
Sat, Dec. 22	62°	48°	0 %
Sun, Dec. 23	64°	47°	10 %
Mon, Dec. 24	63°	42°	10 %
Tues, Dec. 25	65°	50°	30 %
Wed, Dec. 26	64°	50°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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
19	We	5:47pm	0.7	8:59am	0.1
20	Th	5:09pm	0.9	7:01am	0.2
21	Fr	5:12pm	1.0	3:10am	0.0
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27	Th	12:47am	1.2	4:58pm	1.0
28	Fr	1:32am	1.1	5:20pm	1.0
29	Sa	2:16am	1.1	5:41pm	1.0
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Inshore

Redfish and trout are still holding in the I.C.W. from the "powerlines" to the White City Bridge. The month started off with smaller-sized trout with good numbers; however, the trout are now getting bigger and more aggressive. Black drum and black snapper are also here holding to the bottom structures and holes here. Live shrimp is a must-have for the fishery right now.

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PSJ soccer keeps rolling

Star Staff Report

The boys lost for the time on the season, but the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High soccer teams continued their winning ways in weekend wipeouts of Freeport High.

The Tiger Sharks, after wins over Franklin County and Freeport sandwiched around a loss to Class 4A Arnold, are now 7-1-1 overall and 5-0-1 in District 1-1A play.

The Port St. Joe girls, after a tie with Franklin County, a loss to Arnold and a blowout of Freeport, now stand 5-3-1 overall and 3-2-1 in district play.

The highlights of the week came over the weekend when Port St. Joe traveled to Freeport on Saturday.

The Lady Tiger Sharks won a "mercy rule" 8-0 victory and the boys cruised to an 8-3 win.

On the girls' side, freshman Kathleen Rish netted a hat trick (bringing her goal total on the year to seven) to lead the Lady Tiger Sharks.

Junior midfielder Cailyn LaPlante scored her first high school goal, junior forward Allie Stripling added her third goal of the year, junior midfielder Lexie McGhee her sixth and sophomore forward Loren Costin scored her first of the year.

Christian Laine, who started in goal and played 30 minutes, scored her second of the year later in the contest. McGhee, Laine, Hayley Wood and Brittany Shoemaker had assists while Cat Robles had a pair of assists.

Laine faced one shot and made one save in her time in goal before giving way to seventh-grader Celeste Childs, who faced one shot and made one save over the final 50 minutes.

The Tiger Sharks tied a season-high for goals in their demolition of Freeport. Sophomore Marcel Duarte and senior Javarri Beachum each recorded a hat trick. Duarte now has a team- and area-leading 16 goals and is three goals from the single season school record. Single goals were scored by senior Daniel Jones and eighth-grader Jacob Lacour. Beachum and Drew Lacour had two assists apiece while Justin Hites, Duarte, and Jacob Lacour also had assists.

Senior Tucker Smith (7-1-1) started and played 55 minutes in goal, making four saves

while facing six shots and allowing two goals. Beachum played 25 minutes in goal and made two saves while facing four shots, allowing a single goal.

Arnold

The Tiger Sharks dropped their first game of the season after Arnold scored in the opening five minutes and held on for a 1-0 win.

Arnold scored early on a deflected goal, that snuck past Smith then held off a furious Port St. Joe offensive late in the second half to protect the lead. Arnold outshot the Tiger Sharks 12-5, with Smith making eight save.

The Port St. Joe girls struggled to contain the more experienced Arnold group and gave up two first half goals and three more in the second for a 5-0 win.

Arnold outshot the Lady Tiger Sharks 17-2. Laine saw 60 minutes of action in goal and recorded seven saves on 12 shots while Childs had three saves on six shots over the final 20 minutes.

Franklin County

The boys won 3-1 and the Lady Tiger Sharks earned a 0-0 draw.

In the girls' contest, both teams struggled on offense, Port St. Joe Coach Gary Hindley said. Port St. Joe was outshot 11-5. Laine made seven saves for Port St. Joe.

The Tiger Sharks got a first half goal in the 20th minutes from midfielder Drew Lacour, the goal unassisted. Second half goals were scored by Beachum, on an assist from Hites. Hites also scored unassisted. Franklin scored its lone goal with 12 minutes left. Smith recorded the win, making four saves on six Franklin shots. Port St. Joe had 12 shots.

Both teams played at home on Tuesday versus North Bay Haven, before breaking for the holidays. The girls start at 6 p.m. ET, the boys at 8 p.m. ET.

Both teams end regular season district play at Baker on Jan. 5. The girls' districts are at Port St. Joe on Jan. 15 and Jan. 18. The boys' districts will be at Freeport on Jan. 22 and Jan. 25.

Tiger Sharks win on the road

Star Staff Report

The inconsistency of youth was on full display last week as the Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks scored 68 points on the road to beat Liberty County only to manage just 38 points in a loss on Saturday night at home to West Gadsden.

The week leaves Port St. Joe at 5-3 overall, 3-2 in District 1-1A.

"We are just very inconsistent right now, on both ends of the floor," said Port St. Joe coach Derek Kurnitsky. "We had too many turnovers and that led to too many easy baskets against West Gadsden. We just have to learn to be consistent every night."

On Dec. 11 the Tiger Sharks cruised past host Liberty County 68-41.

Port St. Joe had a 33-15 halftime lead and fought off a late Liberty challenge.

Jacorian Calloway led Port St. Joe with 21 points, T. J. Williams adding 17 and Chad Quinn 13.

Marcel Johnson had eight, Ramello Zaccarrosix, Cole Cryderman two and Luke Galloway one.

"We played good defense," Kurnitsky said. "It was a good win, one in the district and one on the road."

"Against West Gadsden, not so good."

The Panthers jumped out on the host Tiger Sharks early, building a 33-22 lead by halftime and stretching the margin to 12 after three quarters and winning 56-38.

Port St. Joe, Kurnitsky said, did a poor job of controlling the ball and played to the Panthers strength with double digits in turnovers.

Marcel Johnson led Port St. Joe with 10 points. Calloway had nine, Williams seven, Quinn six, Zaccaro four and Marquez Johnson two.

The Tiger Sharks traveled to Wewahitchka on Tuesday, play at Franklin County on Friday and host Bay High beginning at 6 p.m. ET on Saturday with junior varsity action.

Gators fall to Graceville

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School basketball teams traveled to Graceville Dec. 11 and the boys, girls and boys' junior varsity all fell.

The junior varsity boys' team dropped a 45-17 decision to Vernon. Hunter Hysmith led the Gators with seven points.

The varsity girls were edged 45-42 despite 19 points from Jessica Smith and 12 points from Tara Walding. Mallory Peak pulled down 18 rebounds.

The boys' varsity lost 82-73. Raheem Wright led all players with 35 points and 15 rebounds.

Two nights later, the boys' teams traveled to Sneads and came away with a split.

The junior varsity lost 35-29 with Jeff Hunter and Tanner Harden leading the scoring for Wewahitchka.

The varsity team won 80-64.

Wright had 27 points and 12 rebounds and Clay Sasser added 18 points. Javar Hill had 13 rebounds for the Gators.

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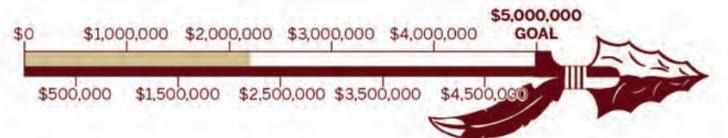


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Society BRIEFS

Star Staff Reports

First annual community Christmas dinner

The Washington Improvement Group and the Community Advisory Counsel have partnered with the Oak Grove Church to co-sponsor and host a Christmas dinner. The staff members and volunteers will serve a buffet turkey dinner with all the trimmings from 10:30 a.m. and noon ET on Christmas Day at 402 Peters

St. To RSVP, call the WIG/CAC building.

Christmas dinner volunteer schedule

The gathering of volunteers is needed at noon Dec. 24. The volunteers will assemble boxes, set up tables, pack cake and set out signs, registration, information and supplies. All of the preparations will be at the Oak Grove Church at 603 Madison St. The many volunteers will reassemble at

8:30 a.m. Christmas Day to start the assembly of the 700-plus meals. More than 80 volunteers are needed.

NFCD's moving sale

North Florida Child Development will be holding a moving sale from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday at 153 Redfish St. in Highland View. A pre-sale for Gulf County residents will be from noon to 3 p.m. ET Friday. This sale will include all items not being transferred to the new Child Development Center,

including dishwashers, Central HVAC systems, 30-gallon water heaters, cabinets, under-the-counter refrigerators and much more.

Mexico Beach sanitation holiday schedule

The City of Mexico Beach will observe the following schedule for Sanitation services during December:
Week of Dec. 24 - Dec. 28:
 Monday-Holiday- No garbage pick up

Tuesday-Holiday- No garbage pick up
 Wednesday- 15th St. to Canal Parkway
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 Friday- Yard Debris pick up
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 Wednesday-15th Street to Hwy 386
 Thursday- Regular garbage pick up
 Friday-Regular garbage pick up



NFCD's Playhouse has new home

Special to The Star

NFCD would like to congratulate Madison Hall for winning the playhouse. The drawing occurred Saturday night after the Wewahitchka Christmas Parade. NFCD partnered with Gulf Correctional Institute for the construction and design of the playhouse and would like to recognize Officer Stephen

Brown and Warden James Blackwood. NFCD would also like to thank their sponsors: Centennial Bank, Taunton Truss and White's Towing. In addition, NFCD would like to thank all of the people who purchased tickets. The donation will be going toward building a community-based playground at the new South Gulf Center at 176 Field of Dreams in Port St. Joe.

Support the fight against cancer with ATV drawing

Star Staff Report

Just in time for Christmas to surprise your child. Relay for Life of Port St. Joe is holding a chance drawing for this practically new ATV (helmet included).

Your \$10 donation will purchase one ticket or three tickets for \$25.

The drawing will be at noon ET Dec. 21 at Centennial Bank in Port St. Joe.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, call Kim Kurnitsky at 227-4093 or any Relay for Life team member.



Birth



Garrett James Harper is born

Garrett James Harper was born to proud parents Lacey Strickland and Cole Harper at 9:37 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, 2012. Garrett was born at Bay Medical Center in Panama City, weighing in at 7 pounds and 1.2 ounces, and measuring 20 inches long.

Garrett's grandparents are Stacy and Laura Strickland of Port St. Joe and Randy and Misty Harper of Wewahitchka. Great-grandparents are Bob and Agnes Ridgley and Daryl and Doris Strickland of Port St. Joe; Jimmy and Carolyn Harper of Wewa; Linda Graham of Lynn Haven; and Curt and B'Shayne Wilber of Big Rapids, Mich. Great-great-grandparents are Don and Mary Lawley of Wewa and Crystal Stiles of Muncie, Ind. Also, very excited and proud are Garrett's uncles, Brandon and Alex Strickland and Chance Harper.

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School BRIEFS

Special to The Star Gator Roundup

Wewahitchka High School will observe Christmas holidays starting with noon dismissal today, Dec. 20. Students will return on Monday, Jan. 7. Teachers and staff will return on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 3-4, for workdays to prepare for the beginning of second-semester classes.

Report cards will be issued Jan. 11.

Wewahitchka High School offers sincere condolences to the Sandy Hook Elementary School community in Newtown, Conn. We share your grief.

A day at the Pioneer Village

On Nov. 29 second-graders from Wewahitchka Elementary enjoyed a fun-filled day exploring the lifestyle and daily struggles of pioneers from previous centuries. Though life was not nearly as complex as today's society associated with computers and cellphones, it was not without challenges. The men and women of the 18th century were faced with the physical stress of producing many of the goods and services Americans take for granted. The students were fascinated with the visual of a one-room schoolhouse, a blacksmith with his tools of the trade and the medical practice of practitioners who once took house calls and traded livestock for services rendered. American history is entrenched in the core of our educational ideology. Do we really learn and educate the next generation of students based on our ancestors' way of life? Absolutely. Second-grade students today are the American workforce of tomorrow and are ready to explore the world and continue the evolution of everyday life.

PSJHS Class of 1963 reunion

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



At left, Hannah Fulk, Christian Alcorn and Hannah Anderson were sixth-grade winners. At right, Caroline Sapp, Hagan Parrish and Hannah Smith were fifth-grade winners.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Students spread knowledge at science fair

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe Elementary School's annual science fair was Nov. 27. Each class in grades K-4 displayed a science fair exhibit in the hallways and outside classrooms, and grades 5-6 projects were on display in the gym and in the fifth-grade science lab. The projects were constructed according to the proper implementation of the

scientific method, and the students demonstrated a wide variety of ideas and creativity. Fifth- and sixth-grade projects were judged, and first-, second- and third-place winners received medallions, while honorable mentions were awarded ribbons. The judges were very impressed with the students' work.

The teachers would like to thank the judges and the parents who help to make the science fair

a success every year. Any time a parent is working with a child toward a common goal, it's a good thing.

Fifth-grade winners were, in first place, Hagan Parrish (Plants and Water); second place, Hannah Smith (Raising the Temp); third place, Caroline Sapp (Which Polish Will Fail Your Nails?).

Sixth-grade winners were, in first place, Christian Alcorn (Flammability); second place,

Hannah Fulk (Rainbow of Plant Growth); third place, Hannah Anderson (The Effect of Caffeine on Plant Growth).

Honorable Mentions went to Sara Whitfield, Madison Taylor; Heath Plair, Jade Cothran, Sean Farnsley, Brandon Barnes, DJ Davis, Jacob Kennedy, Lilia Pangan, Hannah Simpson, Canaan Goddin, Jacob Tracy, Cameron Dorman, Cameron Harmon, Joel Bogaert and Corbin Grogan.

High-schoolers learn personal finance early in life

Special to The Star

On Nov. 14, students in Ms. Riley's 11th grade class received Junior Achievement Personal Finance Certificates of Achievement.

During five one-hour sessions, Ms. Carol Cathey, a Junior Achievement Volunteer, discussed with students the importance of making wise financial decisions, including earning money, saving money and spending wisely.

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WES takes field trip to fire tower

Special to The Star

On Oct. 25, the second-grade classes of Wewahitchka Elementary School took their annual field trip to the Wetappo Fire Tower. This trip originally was planned when one of the second-grade teachers, Misty Harper, contacted Richard McGhee from the forestry division, about 10 years ago, to plan a small outing to check out the facilities at the Wetappo Fire Tower.

At that time, McGhee was able to round up a couple of emergency service vehicles from the Wewa Fire Department and the Gulf County Ambulance Center. Now, one decade later, McGhee has a variety of vendors involved in addition to the Stone Mill Creek Fire Department and the Gulf County Ambulance. The students were able to enjoy demonstrations from the Gulf County Sheriff's K-9 unit, FWC law enforcement and the Division of Forestry Department of Agriculture. Of course, the trip wouldn't be complete without Smokey Bear.

The classes of Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Taunton and Mrs. Anderson would like to thank McGhee and everyone who was involved, and they hope a 10-year tradition may continue for many years to come.



DAZZLING DOLPHINS



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

This week's Dazzling Dolphins at Port St. Joe Elementary School are Colton Baker, Dawson Wood, Terry Whitlock, Shelby Causey, Jasmin Thomas and Estevan Agnel.

GCSC Gulf/Franklin campus graduates first LPN to ADN class

Special to The Star

A recent Thursday was a unique day of celebration at the Gulf Coast State College Gulf/Franklin campus when the first LPN to ADN class graduated. The program was expanded and the nursing lab upgraded earlier this year to give more licensed practical nurses a convenient option in pursuing an associate's degree in nursing.

The 10 women and two men were students in the weekend-based transition program that began in the spring 2012 semester. Half the members of this graduating class also earned their practical nursing education at the Gulf/Franklin campus.

"It's exciting to have the associate degree in nursing offered at the Gulf/Franklin campus because the licensed practical nurses in this area now have a feasible means



of obtaining a higher degree without having to drive great distances or sacrifice working hours for education hours," said Debbie Brzuska, assistant coordinator of LPN to ADN and Practical Nursing.

The Gulf/Franklin campus nursing lab recently was renovated and upgraded through the generosity of the Alfred I. DuPont Foundation and the Gulf Coast State College Foundation to

give students valuable experience with real equipment simulating the clinical health care environment.

The pinning ceremony was Dec. 13.

The 12 ADN graduates are Shane Adams, Amanda Atchison, Brandy Banks, Jessica Hicks, Rachel Kenney, Charelle Louis, Brooke L. McVay, Miriam Nunez, Alison Price, Jennifer Ritenour, Kyle Steen and Leigha Thursby.



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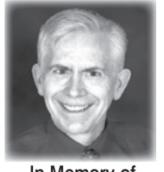
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Obituary

John Joseph (Jack) Kerigan

John Joseph (Jack) Kerigan, 79, of Mexico Beach, Fla., passed away peacefully, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at Covenant Hospice after a brief illness.



JOHN (JACK) KERIGAN

Jack was born Jan. 28, 1933, in New London, Conn. He is a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, where he served as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne. He is a graduate of Austin Peay State University with a degree in chemistry. He operated Kerigan Dental Studio, in Dothan, Ala., before moving to Mexico Beach in 1976.

He was preceded in death by parents, Bill and Gertrude Kerigan.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Lynn Ramsey Kerigan, along with four children, Jack Kerigan Jr. and Steve Kerigan (Kim) of Port St. Joe, Fla., Patrick Kerigan of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Tim Kerigan (Alison) of Smithfield, N.C.; 16 grandchildren, Jaelyn

and Joseph (Jack Jr.), Brett, Alexa and Grayson (Pat), Kathleen, Janel, Steven, Rebecca, Maclain, Jake, Carson, Sophie and Delilah (Steve), Cully and Riley (Tim); two sisters, Claire Melish (Len)

of Lynn Haven, Fla., and Joyce Mulligan (Bill) of Fairfield, Conn.; and three brothers, Bill Kerigan (Elanor) of Lecanto, Fla., Jim Kerigan (Jane) of Fairfield, Conn., and Joe Kerigan (Paula) of Marshfield, Mass.

A memorial service was at 3 p.m. EST Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, at First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe with Pastor Ted Lovelace officiating. Friends and family were encouraged to attend this celebration of the life of "Grandpa Jack."

In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make a memorial donation in his name to St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, 1007 10th St., Port St. Joe, FL 32456.



Winston Wells, Fead Etheridge, Tony Maige and Fr. Lou Little prepare to deliver gifts.

St. Peter's provides Christmas ministry

Special to The Star

St. Peter's Anglican Church provides a 30-minute weekly ministry to The Bridge at St. Joe Bay nursing facility, providing gospel and fiddle music with comforting words of scripture to residents at 10 a.m. ET Saturdays. Over the years, the church has attracted a loyal following. We have become friends with many of the regulars who attend.

As part of this ministry St. Peter's also has provided Christmas gifts to some of the needy residents of the facility for the past five years. It has become our Christmas project to provide items needed by some of the residents. This is a whole church project that involves shopping and wrap-

ping items to donate to The Bridge at St. Joe Bay. This project is a perfect compliment to our weekly program on Saturday mornings. The Bridge at St. Joe Bay provides the list of items needed and we provide the "Love."

The churches of Port St. Joe are generous in meeting the needs of its senior citizens and the children of the area. The Advent season is the beginning of the Christian year. It is a time of penitence or reflection on the coming of Christ. Let us not get caught up in the hype to hurry the season as pursued by the advertising media to buy our way to Christmas. Let us prepare ourselves spiritually to receive the greatest gift given to mankind.

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Many members don't keep their commitments when their tithe is due.

Many will pay for their booze, auto or boat.

But some of these won't pay their tithe to keep the church afloat.

Women with women and men with men.

He'll keep His promise to them too my friend.

To Christians who keep their commitments, heaven will be home one day.

To those who haven't received Jesus as Savior, the lake of fire will be your pay.

Jesus is coming back my friend.

Is your passport stamped by His nail-scarred hand?

Billy Johnson

First United Methodist to show Live Nativity

Special to The Star

First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe will have the Live Nativity on Friday through Sunday on the south lawn of the church. Conch

Class will stand from 6-7 p.m. Friday. Alpha Class will stand from 6-7 p.m. Saturday. A 7 p.m. church service will be Sunday at the Crèche. The Rev. Jim Fillingim will preside, and The Youth of our Church will present the True Meaning of Christmas. This community is invited to come and worship at this Live Nativity on Monument Avenue.



School to present Christmas program

Special to The Star

The light has come to Faith Christian School.

FCS's annual Christmas program presented the gospel in a fun and festive atmosphere.

Students sang and shared scriptures and family and friends enjoyed brunch following the program.

Faith Christian School would like to extend Christmas wishes as we celebrate Jesus' birth.



Lifetree Café program to explore healing power of music

Special to The Star

The power of music to affect our moods, enhance our mental state and aid in our physical well-being will be explored at 7 p.m. CT Dec. 26 at Lifetree Café. Note

change from normal Monday evening (Christmas Eve) schedule.

The program, titled "Unlocking the Mystery of Music," features an exclusive film about a music therapist and a patient who credits music with helping in

his recovery.

"We'll share research that provides practical strategies for using music to enhance our lives," Lifetree representative Craig Cable said. "Music can improve memory, ease pain, and even

help with weight loss."

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

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

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located and the sands are running," Jones said.

As was emphasized during last week's meeting, the county essentially is working in the dark. Federal rules have not come down from the Department of the Treasury, which will oversee disbursement of funds under RESTORE.

In addition, with no trial date and the potential that a trial could take years, there is no guarantee the county will see funds in the near term. There is also the possibility that BP might negotiate the civil penalty with the Department of Justice in such a way that renders RESTORE all but moot.

Port Authority board members were encouraged to look at the Port of Port St. Joe as a regional project, which would allow it to tap into multiple pots of money for various efforts, such as environmental or economic development of Northwest Florida.

"I really believe it will happen, that the port will come back to Port St. Joe, and that has regional impact," Costin said.

Board member Eugene Raffield also emphasized that in thinking about projects to be funded under RESTORE, there was a need for a long-term view.

"Buying land is not the issue, it is where the land is," Raffield said. "A port needs to be where the water and deepwater access is. This is not about today, it is about tomorrow. A port is a global thing."

Pitts said he was submitting a pre-proposal to the county RESTORE Act committee seeking \$5 million and working toward unencumbering the barge terminal land with a promise to the county to return the money.

Capital City loan

Capital City Bank has filed a request for summary judgment in a foreclosure case against the Port of Port St. Joe.

Port attorney Tom Gibson, who is not directly handling the litigation, said Capital City had filed a denial of claims by the

Port and requested a judge issue a summary judgment under which a \$4 million-plus mortgage on port property along the Intracoastal Canal should be foreclosed upon and a sale date for the property set.

Gibson said the bank was arguing there were no issues of fact for a judge to decide, and therefore the foreclosure should proceed.

Gibson said if the judge rules in the bank's favor, such a judgment would be expected in the next 30-45 days with a sale possible as soon as March or April.

The property in question was substantially improved by the Port Authority through state and federal grants, including the construction of a bulkhead for a proposed barge terminal site.

Gibson said the hope would be that the Port Authority successfully argues there are issues of fact to be decided by the judge which would necessitate a trial.

Colombia trade mission

Gibson reported on a recent trade mission undertaken by Gov. Rick Scott to Colombia in which Gibson was a participant.

"Overall, it was a good trip," Gibson said. "It was the largest trade delegation from Florida to go to Colombia."

Gibson said the trip including several days in Bogota, the country's capital, as well two days in port cities such as Cartagena and Barranquilla.

Gibson was part of one-on-one conversations with officials from a cement company that exports to the Southern United States and operates port locations in Houston and North Carolina.

Also part of the trip was Santa Marta, a tourist area where the port is located downtown. It provided an opportunity to view the potential challenges the Port of Port St. Joe would have in being a good neighbor through stewardship of surrounding lands.

Gibson noted that a coal terminal moved coal from ship to shore that was within 100 yards of what Gibson called a very

clean beach.

"That kind of operation can be done," Gibson said, noting that the port of Santa Marta provides a "little of everything" as far as products shipped in and out of the port.

"Our intent was making sure everybody knew we were here and what we do," Gibson said.

Following up on contacts made during the trip — the mission included several executives of the St. Joe Company, the Port Authority's collaborator in developing the Port of Port St. Joe — already has begun.

"There were a lot of good contacts made down there, and we are trying to follow up on this," said Dane Caldwell of St. Joe, referencing contacts made by company CEO Park Brady and others.

Master plan update

Port director Tommy Pitts said he had completed the first two steps in the process of updating the port master plan, and that had brought down some funding from the Department of Economic Opportunity, which provided grant funds for the update.

"The DEO did us a favor by frontloading the grant," said Pitts, who has been working for months at \$1 per month.

He said the plan would include response from the marketplace and feedback from the St. Joe Company and the Bank of Montreal, which St. Joe engaged to assist in identifying the best use for the port and potential clients.

Pitts also expressed confidence that the Port of Port St. Joe would receive at least a two-year extension of its status as part of the Florida Strategic Intermodal System. That extension is crucial, as 75 percent of discretionary funding for the Florida Department of Transportation is earmarked for projects within the SIS.

"We have no written confirmation yet, but there is consensus (among DOT officials) that we are going to get an extension," Pitts said.



JESSICA MCCARTHY | The News Herald

Eastern Shipbuilding prepares to launch the Harvey Deep-Sea.

Eastern Shipbuilding launches Harvey Deep-Sea

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more than 1,350 employees, the vessel will provide future employment.

CALLAWAY — The Harvey Deep-Sea got her first taste of saltwater Dec. 12 when Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. launched the 302-foot vessel from its Allanton shipyard.

Brian Disernia, president of Eastern, said the vessel will be with them a little bit longer before going to her new home in New Orleans with Harvey Gulf International.

"She'll be delivered in June," Disernia said. "We still have about five months of outfitting, like setting cranes and wenches, to do. She'll be at our Nelson shipyard until delivery."

Disernia said it cost about \$85 million, took about two years for build time and is a fairly complicated vessel. He said the Harvey Deep-Sea can handle 102 tons of weight while in waters 10,000 feet deep.

"For a vessel to have the horsepower and technical capabilities to handle that weight at that tremendous depth accurately, amazing," Disernia said. "With her dynamic positioning system, she can hover accurately within three meters anywhere in the world."

In addition to the local labor force it took to construct the Harvey Deep-Sea, part of Eastern's

now go to work in the Gulf of Mexico, and under the Jones Act, she will displace any foreign flag vessels that are operating in the Gulf and there are quite a few," Disernia said. "She will create further jobs for American mariners."

Disernia said the displacement is a one to one ship ratio. He also said Eastern is working on 10 oil field platform vessels, their 55th 90-foot tugboat and five more 290-foot oil field vessels. Those will be exported to Brazil and will continue to bring money into the country.

"That's another win-win story," Disernia said. "Not only does the construction of those Brazilian vessels provide jobs for Bay Countians and folks in Northwest Florida, the long-term financing for those vessels was provided by the U.S. Maritime Administration and those payments ... come into this country and reduce our trade deficit."

It was said at last week's Port Authority of Port St. Joe meeting the vessel would be the first coming to Gulf County for outfitting. An Eastern spokeswoman said that decision has not been made.

Star Editor Tim Croft contributed to this story.



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Potted citrus an ideal Christmas plant

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ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

A potted citrus plant can be an attractive addition to a home's holiday décor. It can provide pleasure for many years to come. My information on selection and care

of potted citrus was provided by Fruit Crops Specialist Dr. Pete Andersen of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Citrus trees can make very attractive container plants for the homeowners who have the space and the access to natural light indoors to support citrus growth or for those who need to move their plants inside occasionally to escape winter freezes. Of course, from the stand point of size, the smaller members of the citrus family like limes, kumquats and calamondins are the best choices for house plants but all citruses

will adapt to containers until they reach a certain size.

The container must be large enough to give the citrus room to grow. Any material will do, really, from old wooden barrels to large planters available from your local garden center. However, if you are going to be moving your plant occasionally, weight is a consideration. Whatever container you choose, make sure it has holes in the bottom to allow for drainage.

All citruses require lots of sunlight to grow properly. However, you may wish to choose partial shade as opposed to full sunlight to slow the growth of your tree and acclimatize it if you plan to move it indoors from time to time. Make sure, though, to

avoid subjecting your container citrus to lengthy periods of full shade as this will hamper its development. Probably the biggest problem with growing potted citrus indoors is that the plants have a tendency to become spindly or leggy due to a lack of sufficient light. If this happens, prune your tree back about one-third. After pruning, the plant should thicken and become bushy.

Water only as needed. Too much water is as bad as too little. After thoroughly wetting the soil, allow the top inch or so to become dry before watering again. If the surface soil feels damp, water is not needed.

Naturally, potted citrus requires fertilizer, but, like

watering, fertilizing can be overdone. The best policy is to apply small amounts of water soluble fertilizer about every five weeks. If the mature leaves are deep green in color, the plant is receiving ample fertilizer.

As long as your potted citrus plant receives proper care, it usually will not develop disease problems. About the only pests it might have are scales or spider mites, and these rarely kill a plant. If you suspect an insect problem, spray the plant with an appropriate insecticide from your local garden center.

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east corner of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence South 89°05'50" West (assumed) 647.27 feet to a point on the East right of way line of State Road No. 71 said point being 33.0 feet from and at right angle to the centerline of said State Road; thence North 04°46'43" East along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 168.00 feet to an iron pipe for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 05°11'45" West, 48.96 feet; thence North 08°04'27" West along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 46.68 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line curve of said State Road No. 71, said point being 33.00 feet from and radial to the centerline of said State Road; said curve having a radius of 1651.42 feet and being concave Westery; thence Northerly along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 20°35'55" for 593.71 feet said arc being subtended by a chord bearing and distance of North 10°14'30" West, 590.52 feet; thence leaving said right of way line curve North 89°05'50" East, 784.10

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feet. Thence South 44°34'00" West, 343.36 feet; thence South 40°43'09" West, 471.08 feet; thence South 46°07'04" West, 124.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 5.536 acres, more or less and being subject to a drainage easement across the following portion thereof: Commence at an iron rod marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence North 89°05'50" West (assumed) 647.27 feet to a point on the East right of way line of State Road No. 71 said point being 33.0 feet from and at right angle to the centerline of said State Road; thence North 04°46'43" East along the Easterly line of an existing ditch 168.00 feet to an iron pipe for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 05°11'45" West, 48.96 feet; thence North 73°12'44" East, 31.22 feet; thence North 46°07'04" East, 65.00 feet; thence North 40°43'09" East, 470.75 feet; thence North 44°34'09" East, 319.77 feet; thence North 89°05'50" East, 34.22 feet to an iron

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pipe, thence South 44°34'00" West, 343.36 feet; thence South 40°43'09" West, 471.08 feet; thence South 46°07'04" West, 124.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Description by recent survey:

Commence at a 4 inch by 4 inch concrete monument (no identification) marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, as shown on the Florida Department of Transportation, right of way map as prepared by David H. Melvin, Inc. with a final date of January 13, 1999 (map no. 2190041, sheet 1 of 9); thence run South 88°53'21" West along the South boundary of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, containing 5.502 acres, more or less.

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00°47'33" East for 29.89 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING continue North 00°47'33" East along said Easterly right of way for 50.49 feet; thence North 89°12'28" West along said Easterly right of way for 9.84 feet; thence North 00°47'33" East along said Easterly right of way 15.90 feet to a point of curve to the left; thence along said right of way and curve with a radius of 1665.27 feet; through a central angle of 21°23'44", for an arc distance of 621.85 feet, (chord of said arc being North 09°54'20" West, 618.24 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence leaving said Easterly right of way run thence North 89°00'45" East for 751.97 feet to a found 1 and 1/4 inch iron pipe; thence South 44°28'55" West for 343.36 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 40°38'04" West for 471.08 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 46°02'21" East for 123.95 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 5.502 acres, more or less.

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Subject to a drainage easement across the following portion thereof:

Commence at a 4 inch by 4 inch concrete monument (no identification) marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, as shown on the Florida Department of Transportation, right of way map as prepared by David H. Melvin, Inc. with a final date of January 13, 1999, (map no. 2190041, sheet 1 of 9); thence run South 88°53'21" West along the South boundary of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24 for 622.82 feet to the Easterly right of way of State Road No. 71; thence Northerly along said Easterly right of way as follows: North 00°47'33" East for 75.63 feet; thence South 89°12'28" East for 3.28 feet; thence North 06°49'25" East for 62.45 feet; thence North 00°47'33" East for 29.89 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732 for the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGIN-

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NING continue North 00°47'33" East along said Easterly right of way for 50.08 feet; thence North 73°07'39" East for 25.35 feet; thence North 46°01'59" East for 65.00 feet; thence North 40°38'04" East for 470.75 feet; thence North 44°29'04" East for 219.77 feet; thence North 89°00'45" East for 34.22 feet to a found 1 and 1/4 inch iron rod pipe; thence South 44°28'55" West for 343.36 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 40°38'04" West for 471.08 feet to a set one half inch iron rod and cap LB0732; thence South 46°02'21" East for 123.95 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel II:
Lots 1, 2 and the North 29 feet of Lot 3 in Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, according to the Higgins and Hollinger Plat of the Town of Wewahitchka, Florida and on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

Together with:

All of the following property whether now owned or hereafter ac-

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quired and wheresoever located as well as the proceeds and products thereof:

All equipment and machinery, including power-driven machinery and equipment, furniture, and fixtures now owned or hereafter acquired, together with all replacements thereof, all attachments, accessories, parts, equipment and tools belonging thereto or for use in connection therewith.

All inventory, raw materials, work in progress, and supplies now owned or hereafter acquired.

All contract rights and general intangibles now in force or hereafter acquired.

Including, without limitation:
Alpine Timber Mill, M/N 620 PRO SSD, S/N M86TROSSDAC0740.
Floor Truss Machine, M/N 47, S/N 748-018.
Fork Lift Truck, Komatos, M/N FG4OZT-7, S/N 102992A.
Roller System, M/N 705, S/N 705A02006.
Wise Fork Lift, M/N MC81159, S/N 4549.
Roller Press/Apline, M/N 214H, S/N 1451.
Komatsu Fork Lift, M/N

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 40ZT/7, S/N 102475A. Air Compressor, M/N 1WD74, S/N R0004173. Panel Assembly Unit, M/N 1085-2211-280-2212-125. Gantry Table-Alpine. Saw-Alpine Automill, M/N 344-B, S/N 344B0020008. Kaeser Fork Lift, M/N 2001, S/N 1071.

Less and Except: Roof Truss Assembly: M/Tek 102' Wkg Lg RoofGlider gantry, (2) heads, (14) steel, top tables, jiggling & aisle pads, S/N 052005208359.1b, M/N 82700; (13) receivers SYSTEM PRICE, 2005, Good Condition, (0) power - (0) idler conveyors - (0) FRP 460 volt).

Cutting equipment: Alpine ALS saw, S/N 276C05027-000, M/N 276C, 2005, Good Condition.

Wall Panel Equipment: IBS wall panel line with (7) plant terminals/stands & hub, [No guns included], 12'-3" x 16' Ft. Framing table/light bar, [With auto stops, tool laser, beam seam tilt option], 12'-3" x 16' Ft. Sheath/Square table with multi-tool bridge, S/N 2000, 2001 & 2002, [With multi-tool bridge/router bridge - stitch tool], 10' x 10' Ft. Component table / nailer & ejectors, S/N 2003, 2005 & 2006, [With auto stops - 40 ft. of rollers], 13' Ft. Tilt table, S/N 1997, 1998 & 1999, [20 ft. of skate wheel conveyor], Super chop saw w/16" Tiger stop, SYSTEM PRICE, 2005, Good Condition, 2006, Good Condition, [Pro separate, 10 HP 24" blade, 15" in/10" out conv. 13" wide].

And Less and Except: Used Caterpillar Wheel Loader 980C, S/N: 63X002885, with cab, air conditioning heater, general purpose budget, with cutting edge, 26.5 x 25 tires, parts & operating manuals with new paint & decals.

all at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the courthouse lobby located at Gulf County Clerk of Courts, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, at 11:00 a.m., ET on January 3, 2013.

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.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 45.031(2), this notice shall be published twice, once a week for two consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least 5 days prior to the sale.

Witness my hand and the official seal of this Court on November 30, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS, Clerk of Circuit Court

BA Baxter Deputy Clerk Dec 13, 20, 2012

89526S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

GREGORY F. FLETCHER A/K/A GREGORY FRANKLIN FLETCHER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GREGORY F. FLETCHER A/K/A GREGORY FRANKLIN FLETCHER, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Replevin and Foreclosure dated November 14, 2012, in Case No. 12-126-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and GREGORY F. FLETCHER A/K/A GREGORY FRANKLIN FLETCHER is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on January 3rd, 2013; the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Replevin and Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Exhibit "A" DESCRIPTION: (Parcel Id#0034-720R)

Lot 4, Block G, Howard Creek Properties, Unit 4, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 8, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Gulf County, Florida;

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 25 seconds West for 25.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds East, parallel with the North line of said Section 8 for 1949.2 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 25 seconds West for 749.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds West, parallel with North line of said Section 8 for 100.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence continue North 89 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds West for 100.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 25 seconds West for 218.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds East, parallel with North line of said Section 8 for 100.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 25 seconds East for 218.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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.

DATED: November 30, 2012

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 Dec 13, 20, 2012

89588S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 232012CA 000225CAAXMX

DATED: November 30, 2012

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 Dec 13, 20, 2012

89528S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-99-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF MAXWELL WOODROW FLEMING, JR. A/K/A MAXWELL FLEMING A/K/A MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A DR. MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A MAX FLEMING A/K/A MAX W. FLEMING, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MAXWELL WOODROW FLEMING, JR. A/K/A MAXWELL FLEMING A/K/A MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A DR. MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A MAX FLEMING A/K/A MAX W. FLEMING, DECEASED; BETTY L. FLEMING A/K/A BETTY FLEMING; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; BAY MEDICAL CENTER; CAPITAL ONE BANK; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Reformation of Mortgage dated November 27, 2012, in Case No. 12-99-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and THE ESTATE OF MAXWELL WOODROW FLEMING, JR. A/K/A MAXWELL FLEMING A/K/A MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A DR. MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A MAX FLEMING A/K/A MAX W. FLEMING, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST MAXWELL WOODROW FLEMING, JR. A/K/A MAXWELL FLEMING A/K/A MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A DR. MAXWELL W. FLEMING A/K/A MAX FLEMING A/K/A MAX W. FLEMING, DECEASED; BETTY L. FLEMING A/K/A BETTY FLEMING; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; BAY MEDICAL CENTER; and CAPITAL ONE BANK is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on January 3, 2013; the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Reformation of Mortgage and more particularly described as follows:

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 Lots 7, 8, 9 and the North 5 feet of Lot 6, Block 9 of Gulf County Land Company's Sub-division of Wewahitchka, Florida according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 11, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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

DATED: November 30, 2012

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 Dec 13, 20, 2012

89588S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 232012CA 000225CAAXMX

DATED: November 30, 2012

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. 1300 Thomaswood Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308 Dec 13, 20, 2012

89528S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-99-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

TREZIA HUDDLESTON A/K/A TREZIA L. HUDDLESTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TREZIA HUDDLESTON A/K/A TREZIA L. HUDDLESTON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

TREZIA HUDDLESTON A/K/A TREZIA L. HUDDLESTON (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN) 364 JIM RISH ST. WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TREZIA HUDDLESTON A/K/A TREZIA L. HUDDLESTON (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN) 364 JIM RISH ST. WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 3, BLOCK "I", RISH SUBDIVISION, BEING AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 36; RUNNING THENCE N 01 DEG. 17'24" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 36 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1090.39 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EAST LINE WITH THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CORN GRIFFIN STREET (A PRIVATE 60 FOOT R/W); THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST LINE RUN S 89 DEG. 59'26" W ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 118.31 FEET TO THE POINT ON THE CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCEALED TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90 DEG. 00'00", AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING S 44 DEG. 59'26" W FOR 141.42 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 247.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 85 DEG. 19'08" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 264.35 FEET; THENCE N 01 DEG. 06'05" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 429.15 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PRESBYTERIAN STREET (A PRIVATE 60 FOOT R/W); THENCE N 41 DEG. 15'02" E ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 136.68 FEET TO THE POINT ON THE CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 145.20 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24 DEG. 20' 59", AND BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD BEARING N 53 DEG. 28' 29" E FOR 61.67

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, Florida 33324 on or before January 19th, 2013, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 1000 Cecil Costin Boulevard, Rm. 148, Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Phone No. (850)229-6112 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or hearing, if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 7th day of December, 2012.

DOUGLAS C. BIRMINGHAM As Clerk of the Court

Cindy Strange As Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, P.A. 8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000 Plantation, FL 33324 Phone: (954) 382-3486 Fax: (954) 382-5380 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com File No.: 12-04376 BOA Dec 20, 27, 2012 Jan 3, 10, 2013

89668S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2011-CA-000508

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor in interest by purchase from the FDIC as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank F/K/A Washington Mutual Bank, FA Plaintiff,

vs.

James S. McGuffin and Lisa L. McGuffin, Husband and Wife; Capital City Bank Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 13, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000508 of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor in interest by purchase from the FDIC as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank F/K/A Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff and James S. McGuffin and Lisa L. McGuffin, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, REBECCA L. NORRIS, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front desk of the GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. ET on January 17, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 10, BLOCK 49, OF UNIT #3, ST. JOSEPH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP THEREOF, ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 32.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY,

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If you are a person with a disability who needs an 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 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, call 711.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Gulf County, Florida

Tanya Knox Deputy Clerk of Court

Submitted by: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360 Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707 December 20, 27, 2012

91283S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-169-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOEY KEETH A/K/A KENNETH CHARLES JOSEPH KEETH, THE ESTATE OF JOE CORNETT A/K/A BILLY JOE CORNETT, DECEASED, BILL CHAMPION A/K/A WILLIAM J. CHAMPION, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 27, 2012, in Case No. 12-169-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and JOEY KEETH A/K/A KENNETH CHARLES JOSEPH KEETH, THE ESTATE OF JOE CORNETT A/K/A BILLY JOE CORNETT, DECEASED, and BILL CHAMPION A/K/A WILLIAM J. CHAMPION are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on January 3, 2013, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 6, Block 39, Unit 3, St. Joseph's Addition to the City of Port St. Joe, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 32, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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

DATED November 30, 2012

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91287S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2011-501 CA

GREEN TREE SERVICE INC 7360 S. Kyrene Road Tempe, AZ 85283 Plaintiff,

vs.

HERBERT WATKINS A/K/A HERBERT PAUL WATKINS, IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF HERBERT WATKINS A/K/A HERBERT PAUL WATKINS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT, NORMA WATKINS A/K/A NORMA J. WATKINS, CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., and THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 1680 PLEASANT REST ROAD, WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA 32465 Defendants.

and the docket number of which is 2012-CA-000105.

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 with the clerk of the court within 60 days after the sale.

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the undersigned not later than seven days prior to the proceeding to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 30th day of November, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF COURT GULF COUNTY, FL

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91301S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS GULF COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS INVENTORY BID #1213-03

Gulf County Public Works desires to contract with an individual or company to provide inventory weekly for our fleet, detention crew and operation

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 lowing described property: See Attached Exhibit "A" annexed hereto and incorporated herein, EXHIBIT "A"

COMMENCING AT THE NW CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 5 S, RANGE 11 W, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE N ALONG SECTION LINE FOR 100 FEET TO THE N SIDE OF A COUNTY ROAD; THENCE W ALONG SAID N SIDE OF ROAD A DISTANCE OF 730 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 330 FEET; THENCE E 330 FEET; THENCE S 330 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID LAND BEING LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4, SECT. 31, T5S, R11W.

LESS AND EXCEPT THAT CERTAIN PARCEL SOLD TO ARCHIE BARBEE DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 107 AT PAGE 256 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT THAT CERTAIN PARCEL SOLD TO GUSTAVE A. SANDER AND WIFE, LINDA M. SANDER DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 170 AT PAGE 536 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Together with that certain 2005 Horton 66 x 27 Mobile Home model Migellers Serial Number: 181474GL&R

Property Address: 227 Forest Drive, Port St. Joe, 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 THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: November 30, 2012

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91287S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2011-501 CA

GREEN TREE SERVICE INC 7360 S. Kyrene Road Tempe, AZ 85283 Plaintiff,

vs.

HERBERT WATKINS A/K/A HERBERT PAUL WATKINS, IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF HERBERT WATKINS A/K/A HERBERT PAUL WATKINS, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT, NORMA WATKINS A/K/A NORMA J. WATKINS, CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC., and THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 1680 PLEASANT REST ROAD, WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA 32465 Defendants.

and the docket number of which is 2012-CA-000105.

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 with the clerk of the court within 60 days after the sale.

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the undersigned not later than seven days prior to the proceeding to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 30th day of November, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF COURT GULF COUNTY, FL

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91301S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS GULF COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS INVENTORY BID #1213-03

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REBECCA NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk December 13, 20, 2012

91293S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on January 3, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Gulf County, Florida: Real Property

Lot 8, Block 47, of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the official map on file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

Personal Property

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property.

pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to BAYSIDE SAVINGS Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

TIMOTHY M. HIGHTOWER; LARRY LEE HIGHTOWER; JEFF HIGHTOWER; RANDY LYNN HIGHTOWER; JOANN SHIVER; ANNETTE FAY HIGHTOWER; CHRISTINA STRADER; SHEILA RUTH REGISTER; DOVE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, successor in interest to CHASE BANK, USA, N.A.; CAPITAL CITY BANK; and any unknown heirs of MARTIN F. HIGHTOWER or, or any other parties claiming an interest in the estate of MARTIN F. HIGHTOWER, deceased; and any unknown heirs of CHARLOTTE L. SIMS a/k/a CHARLOTTE L. HIGHTOWER, deceased. Defendants.

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Southeast 1/4 of North-east 1/4 of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, and run South for 320 feet to south line of County Road, thence run East for 334 feet to Point of Beginning, thence continue to run East for 236 feet, thence run South for 325 feet, thence run West 236 feet, thence run North for 325 feet to the Point of Beginning, same lying and being in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, REBECCA L. NORRIS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on January 17, 2012, at 11:00 am Eastern Time, at the Gulf County Courthouse, Courthouse Lobby, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

Real Property
 LOT 34 OF TWO PALMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THERE OF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 56, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure in a case pending in said Court

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 with the clerk of the court within 60 days after the sale.

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 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.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 14th day of December, 2012.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
 CLERK OF COURT
 GULF COUNTY, FL

By: Tanya Knox
 Deputy Clerk
 December 20, 2012

91567S
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.:
 23-2011-CA-000515
 DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBY L. GANNIE
 A/K/A
 RUBY L. FORMBY
 et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 13, 2012 and entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000515 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 RUBY L. GANNIE A/K/A RUBY L. FORMBY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUBY L. GANNIE A/K/A RUBY L. FORMBY N/K/A PAUL FORMBY; GEORGE H. GANNIE; PROSPERITY BANK; 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 17th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST ONE HALF OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, AND RUN WESTERLY 104.375 FEET; THENCE TURN RIGHT AND RUN NORTHERLY 417.5 FEET; THENCE TURN RIGHT EASTERLY 104.375 FEET; THENCE TURN RIGHT AND RUN SOUTHERLY 417.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT ANY ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS OF RECORD.

A/K/A 375 LUKE FORD ROAD, 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 December 14, 2012.

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Cindy Strange
 Deputy Clerk
 **See Americans with Disabilities Act
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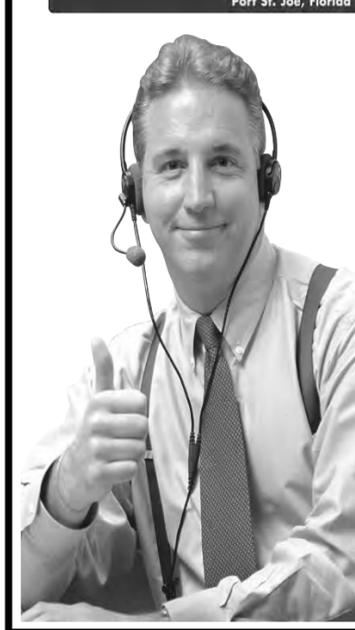
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