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Port focuses on potential clients

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The Port of Port St. Joe is attracting interest from potential clients.

With Bank of Montreal continuing to “shake the bushes” in the private sector, port staff entertained a possible client, with a potential for at least 100 “high-paying” jobs, in the past two weeks.

Port director Tommy Pitts told the Port Authority board last week that Economic Develop-

ment Council/Chamber of Commerce director Barry Sellers has brought to the port a project with the potential for providing growth long sought by the Port of Port St. Joe.

The client has requested a confidentiality agreement as negotiations move ahead, but Sellers and Pitts provided initial details.

“The only thing we are allowed to say is they are in the business of manufacturing technologically advanced items,” Pitts said.

Pitts said the company would

be coming in with a minimum of 110 “well-paying” jobs with a growth potential to expand that number two and three times.

“It’s looking good,” Sellers said. “There is a potential for growth.”

The company is a new one, Pitts said, but Sellers added that the officers in the company have previous experience in the industry and are lining up financing at this point.

“I’ve very excited,” Pitts said. “(Sellers) has been very active.”

Sellers added, “We are getting calls every day.”

Dredging and rail

Jorge Gonzalez, senior vice president for the St. Joe Company, said the company is “getting the process” started with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for dredging of the shipping channel adjacent to the old mill site.

Dredging the channel would provide additional opportunities to grow the port and was seen as an important step in the process by Jeff Holt with the Bank of Montreal during his visit to the port late last year.

Gonzalez added that the Bank

of Montreal continues to actively work in the private sector to identify potential clients.

“They continue to shake the bushes,” Gonzalez said. “There is no specific update, but they are very actively identifying potential clients.”

The market analysis by the Bank of Montreal will be incorporated within the port master plan currently being updated, Pitts said.

Pitts said the pace of the update would be picking up in the next few weeks.

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POLICE: DRUNKEN DRIVER CRASHES INTO ELDERLY WOMAN’S ROOM



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The interior of Carol Penrod’s house shows extensive damage after a driver crashed into Penrod’s mother’s bedroom Jan. 8. **Below**, damage to the exterior of the house is mostly covered after the crash.

CLOSE CALL

97-year-old escapes serious injury when truck crashes into home

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ST. JOE BEACH — A 97-year-old woman is recovering after she was pinned in her bedroom for an hour last week when a pickup truck careened into her room.

Jean Penrod suffered a bruised arm but is otherwise healthy after 28-year-old Anthony Robinson drove his truck into her bedroom about 1:30 a.m. Jan. 8. The wreck left her unable to move, and firefighters had to cut her out of the house, said her daughter-in-law Carol Penrod.

“We heard a big crash,” Carol Penrod



said. “My husband jumps out of bed and yells, ‘Mother what are you doing?’”

Jean Penrod is quite active and mobile, Carol Penrod said, but the couple soon learned the crash was not caused by her. The damage will be at least \$20,000, Carol Penrod said.

“There’s a truck in the living room,” Carol Penrod recalled. “And you can see the cab and the driver from the hallway.”

The driver of the truck was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. Penrod said Robinson was disoriented after the wreck and tried to back the truck out of the house while she tried to get him to cut the engine.

“I’m screaming at him,” Penrod said. “There’s a woman trapped; kill the engine.”

Robinson did shut the truck off, but he tried to run away. Jim Penrod and a neighbor stopped him.

Attempts to reach Robinson were unsuccessful.

“If she was 2 feet over, or even a foot,

she probably would’ve been injured bad,” Carol Penrod said.

Jean Penrod lost just about everything she had, but she was heartened that a firefighter was able to retrieve a photo from her wedding in 1938, Carol Penrod said.

“All her memories, except for the few pictures that the firemen saved ... are just gone,” Carol Penrod said.

Robinson was taken to the hospital after the wreck. A Gulf County Sheriff’s Office incident report indicated his head was bleeding, but the extent of his injuries is unclear. He told a deputy at the scene, “I lost control and crashed into a house.”

Jean Penrod is staying with neighbors for now. Though she was largely unharmed physically, she has suffered from nightmares since the crash, Carol Penrod said.

The Penrods’ neighbors, and the fire department, have been “beautiful,” and their insurance company has been “terrific,” Carol Penrod said.

City holds 1st ‘BayPark’ workshop

Recreation area planned to showcase area’s history

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PORT ST. JOE — With the acquisition of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse under their belts, Port St. Joe City Commissioners held their first workshop Tuesday to discuss plans surrounding the proposed new location for the structure.

A collaborative group of local architects presented a conceptual design for “BayPark,” a new city recreation area that would house the lighthouse along the coast of St. Joseph Bay as part of George Core Park.

The group, composed of Erin Searcy, Mark Howley, Gena Johnson, George Coon and Eric Davidson, was hired by the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency to kick off the first planning steps for the park.

The designs presented included plans for a bayfront amusement area, complete with a sunken pirate ship and water spray park, a bay promenade featuring a series of walking paths and boardwalks, and a number of buildings that would house museums highlighting the area’s history.

The team also designed the park to be user-friendly for festivals, particularly the Florida Scallop and Music Festival, hosted by the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce every August.

“Hopefully, all of these working together will be good for everybody, the county and the city, and it will help us preserve the park,” Davidson said. “Obviously, a great strategic objective of ours is to celebrate the character and history of this city, this county and this bay.”

However, the plans were met with concerns from area residents.

Port St. Joe resident Christy McElroy said she visits the park about four days per week and wasn’t pleased with the “Disney World-type look” of

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Residents speak out on the planned move of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. **A5**

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the amusement area. She also expressed concerns with parking.

"If we're going to knock down trees and put up parking lots, that's going to be an issue," she said.

Commissioner Rex Buzzett reminded the audience plans are only conceptual and represent long-term goals for the city.

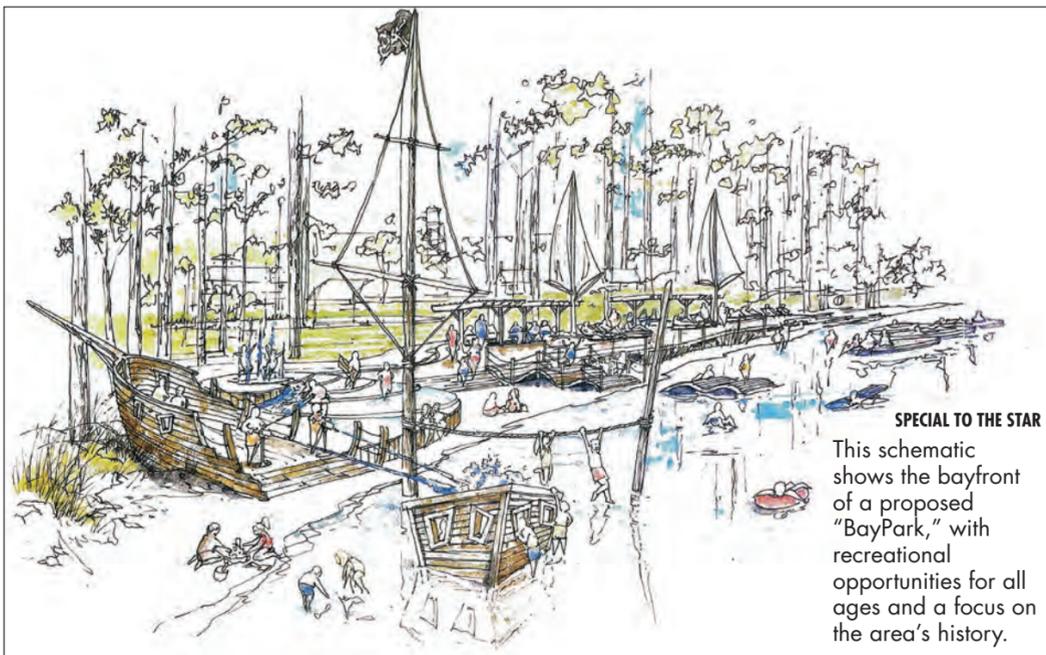
"Keep in mind that this is our first workshop," Buzzett said. "This is a conceptual plan; there's a lot of long-range vision there, and I envision us having many more workshops to get it tweaked like we want it."

Buzzett said the short-term goal is to get the lighthouse out of harm's way to preserve the piece of history.

After Hurricane Isaac last fall, the U.S. Air Force-owned coastline that houses the lighthouse eroded upwards of 30 feet, leaving the lighthouse more threatened by the Gulf.

The National Park Service approved the city of Port St. Joe's application for conveyance of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse to the city in late December, turning down a similar application from Gulf County requesting the lighthouse be relocated to Salinas Park on Cape San Blas.

Officials estimate it will cost about \$325,000 to



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

This schematic shows the bayfront of a proposed "BayPark," with recreational opportunities for all ages and a focus on the area's history.

relocate the lighthouse, money that is not included in the city's budget. However, relocation of the lighthouse was submitted for consideration as a project to be funded by dollars coming to the county from the RESTORE Act.

Pat Hardman spoke on behalf of the Coastal Community Association of South Gulf County and expressed concerns about the cost and potential damages that could occur with moving the lighthouse 24 miles

from Cape San Blas to Port St. Joe. She said the 2-mile move to Salinas Park would be much safer.

Hardman filed a protest on behalf of Cape San Blas residents against relocating the lighthouse to Port St. Joe.

"The city could bring (higher) tower and have a better observation situation (for less money) as opposed to stealing the lighthouse from the cape," Hardman said. "The basic bottom line is it's always been out there."

Charlotte Pierce, president of the Port St. Joe Historical Society, said the society board has expressed support to relocate the lighthouse into the city.

The historical society has been on a fundraising campaign since last summer to secure funding for relocation of the lighthouse and keeper's quarters.

The design group has reached out to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, an agency that would need to play a key role in the development of the bayfront area.

"They are receptive to our ideas," group member Gena Johnson said. "They want to have a seat at the design table with us, and at the end of the day they would like to see something that meets the public need, the regulations of the state and that has the least

amount of environmental impact possible."

Johnson said after two meetings with FDEP, the team factored in mitigation for potential environmental impact in their designs.

"They main gist of it is they're receptive, so there's no brick walls yet," she said.

Although still a conceptual idea, PSJRA Director Gail Alsobrook said the group intends to keep the project moving.

"We have a wonderful history and culture that we're not celebrating," Alsobrook said. "The people that come here, there's nowhere to go and see it. We want to preserve it and celebrate it."

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A Florida Department of Transportation grant of \$5 million has been earmarked for improvements to the Genesee-Wyoming rail line between Port St. Joe and Chattahoochee, Gonzalez said, with the final milestone before the funding is released a joint rail planning agreement.

Gonzalez said he was confident the document would be executed soon.

Rail access and dredging have been identified as keys to unlocking the port's potential.

The G-W railroad has indicated it will be a 12-month project to improve the lines along the approximately 90-mile stretch. Gonzalez said the northern 40 miles or so are in good shape, but work must be completed on bridges over the span, including that over the Apalachicola River.

"The rail is in great shape, the problem is a couple of bridges," Gonzalez said.

RESTORE project

The Port Authority submitted by Tuesday's deadline a pre-proposal to the county RESTORE Committee, seeking \$5 million to help satisfy a mortgage, with interest and penalties, held by Capital City Bank on the parcel of port property facing the Intracoastal Canal.

The Port Authority received several million dollars in state and federal grants to improve that property, including constructing a bulkhead and making uplands improvements.

Capital City Bank has filed to foreclose on the property, and the Port Authority has responded with a legal response. Capital City Bank is seeking a summary judgment in its favor to force foreclosure, and potentially a sale, on the property, but a judicial decision has yet to be made.

The Port Authority provided several options for receiving the money.

"Whatever path that gets us to preserving this as a public asset is the goal," board member Patrick Jones said. "We need to emphasize the public asset aspect as opposed to this becoming a private asset for who knows what use."

Workforce needs

Loretta Costin, director of Gulf Coast State College's Gulf/Franklin campus, said the night welding class created in collaboration with Gulf District Schools has 17 students and will begin again in February once the current class graduates.

Costin said the college is exploring all possibilities for assisting in addressing workforce needs as tenants begin arriving at the Port of Port St. Joe.

"The welding class is a short-term solution, but we are also looking at more long-term solutions, up to and including renting a facility to bring in more instructors and provide more course options," Costin said. "We want to be a position to ramp that up when the need arises."

Gonzalez said workforce development and addressing workforce needs is an issue across the country and having the Gulf/Franklin Center was essential.

"It is a challenge everywhere," Gonzalez said. "Having partnerships like that is huge, huge."

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- Gulf County Schools - New Tax
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- Cape San Blas Light House
- Beach Restoration - FEMA
- CBRA Progress
- Story Telling Event - March 8 & 9
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- Sheriff's Report
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Bay elections supervisor testifies before Senate panel

Supervisor of Elections says he doesn't want major changes

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PANAMA CITY — Bay County Supervisor of Elections Mark Andersen spoke to the state Senate's Ethics and Elections Committee in Tallahassee on Monday, discussing voter wait times, ballot length and election costs.



MARK ANDERSEN
Bay County elections supervisor

Andersen was one of nine elections supervisors who testified before the committee, which is looking to remedy Florida's election troubles that again made national headlines last November.

Andersen said the panel agreed ballot length was problematic in the recent election. Bay County had a two-page, four-sided ballot for the first time ever.

Some parts of Florida saw six-page ballots, which contributed to wait times as long as six hours.

"A shorter ballot reduces voting times and election costs. We must not just look at the number of words, but the number of amendments," said Jerry Holland, Duval County elections supervisor.

The panel also explored how long is too long to wait in line. Andersen said it is relative to the individual, and no firm time frame can be given.

"If you ask the voters in Bay County, anything over an hour is too long," he said.

Early voting also was discussed — whether the number of days should stay at eight or be increased. "The consensus right

now is moving in the direction of no less than eight days of early voting and no more than 15 days of early voting," Andersen said after the meeting.

The committee's focus Monday was more information gathering than policy setting, Andersen said. Early voting changes, if there are any, will be worked out down the road, he said.

Cost will be a big factor if any changes are made. Andersen said some counties don't need 15 days for early voting and don't want to be hit with the expense.

"There are counties with thousands of voters versus millions of voters," he said. "You've got to write (some legislation) that we can all work within."

Shrinking budgets must be considered, too. Andersen and other elections supervisors listed

the budgets cuts they have had to make recently. Andersen said Bay County has been "cutting and cutting and cutting" its budget. He trimmed it by 11 percent for fiscal year 2012-13, though he noted budgets are cyclical based on the number and type of elections in a given year.

"Any election can affect our budget by \$150,000 to \$225,000," he said.

Andersen also reaffirmed his position that Florida's election only needs tweaking, not major alterations.

"Sometimes you make big changes and you jump over, and you go a little bit too far," he said.

Andersen said he is hoping for a "light adjustment." Particularly locally, he feels things are in pretty good shape.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.



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Dr. Walker's chair

Our minister made a comment this morning during church that wasn't directed at anyone in particular; I think he was just making a point of how folks are remembered when they leave this life. He said something to the effect of, "Living a life that made a difference."

I understood what he meant.

If my time to go is tomorrow, I would like to think I made a difference for folks who knew me (and I was trying to help). This minister was a "relief preacher" of sorts, being the associate pastor who comes in when our head fellow has to go out of town or needs a break.

I like him.

He's Italian, young, kind of short and has less hair than I do. That's not why I like him, that's just what he is. In this week's sermon, he showed a short video of a fellow hitting a baseball and even talked about Jesus spitting. Not that it was the subject of the sermon, but it was a good way to get you interested.

The "Living a life that made a difference" kept going through my mind during the sermon.

A friend of mine from high school recently lost her daddy, a Mr. Walker. He was 85 and passed away peacefully, leaving a loving wife, children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren.

The family seems to be handling it very well, being joyful, knowing he lived a meaningful life helping others and being an important part of his church, family and community. He seemed to be the type of fellow who was always prepared.

People who knew him well have been sharing their memories of my friend's daddy; I've enjoyed reading them and realizing how much he meant to so many people.

He was a man who made folks not only smile, but smile prettier. In addition to touching so many lives by his faith and kind deeds, he also worked on folks' teeth. He was an orthodontist. As a matter of fact, in the part of Alabama where I grew up, Dr. Walker was actually the first full-time university-educated specialist in orthodontics.

He straightened teeth, lived faithfully, helped folks and scared the ever-

loving daylights out of teenage boys.

At least he did me... What kind of memory were you expecting?

Above all else, Dr.



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Walker would expect me to be honest, and I actually think he would revel in the fact that what he was doing worked.

It's been more than 30 years ago, but I still remember the experience of

"the chair." Dr. Walker had that effect on folks, particularly boys who would come calling on his baby daughter.

It was high school; she was a pretty girl. She was funny. Why not go to the movie or get some pizza? That's what teenagers do.

My buddy, "Hawg," was a Dr. Walker authority. He had been there and survived. When I told him I was going over there to go out with Dr. Walker's daughter, he gave me the lowdown.

I'll tell you what he did — he scared me more than Dr. Walker did.

Hawg explained to me how it would go. He said, "He's going to put you in a chair, and then he is going to start asking you questions. You better be ready, because they are tough questions." I asked my buddy if he was kidding. Hawg assured me he was not lying to me. Knowing him since kindergarten, I could tell when he was pulling my leg.

He was not.

Hawg went on to say, "Don't make the same mistake I did. I sat in his chair. He didn't like that at all." My buddy Hawg assured me I could tell which chair was Dr. Walker's.

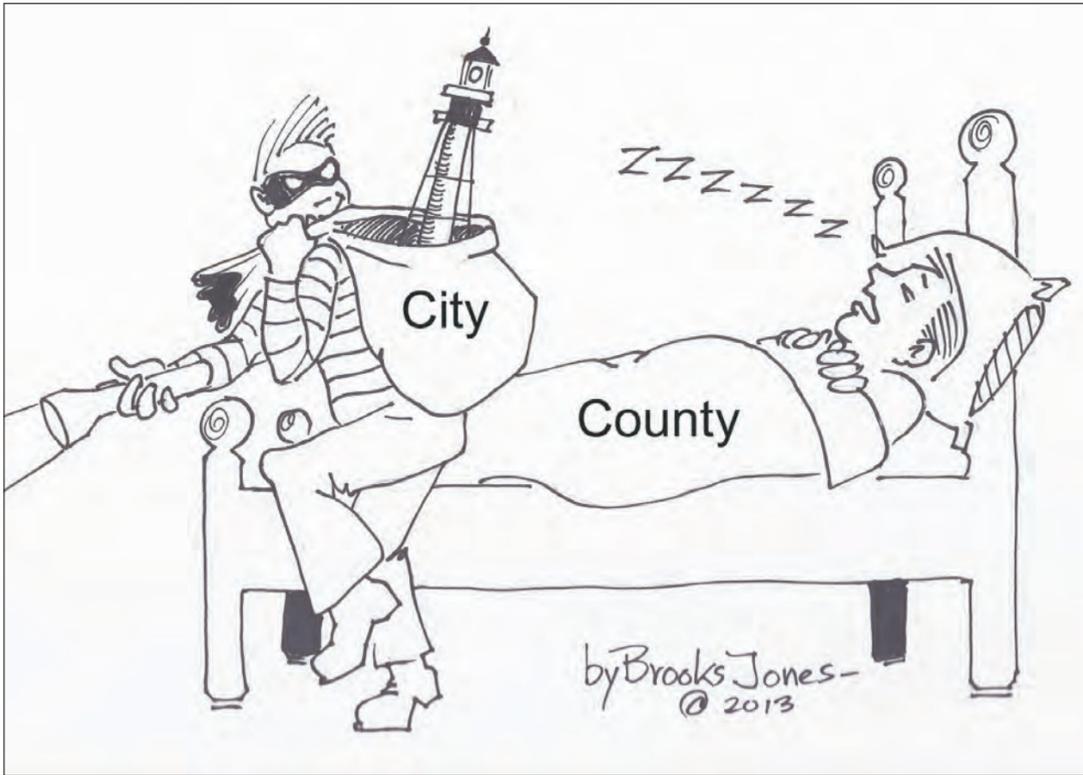
I never have asked Hawg, "If you could tell which chair was his, why on earth did you sit in it?" He's been one of best friends since we were little, and his nickname is "Hawg." You can imagine what he would say.

I remember pulling into the Walkers' driveway and asking myself if this was really worth it. My friend was as sweet as she could be, but I didn't need to be dressed down by a daddy for going to get pizza or to see a movie.

When I showed up at the door, I was relieved. My sweet pretty friend answered the door.

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Your VIEW



The 'BBRM' rides again!

My about-to-be-6-year-old granddaughter invited me to her birthday party. "We are going bowling, KK."

I pondered on that for a moment. How does a 41-pound angel pick up a 16-pound bowling ball? Her little fingers couldn't possibly stretch into those tri-placed holes. How could she even remotely advance it toward the foul line? And there was no way she could put enough "mustard" on it to roll it all the way down the lane. I turned to explain to my sometimes naive son the proper etiquette and safety involved in raising a 6-year-old when Addison sent my thoughts in another direction: "Have you ever been bowling, KK?"

Miss Carolyn Blades was the best first-grade teacher in the world. If you finished arithmetic early and you would be extra quiet, she'd let you slip back to the clay modeling table. Me and Yogi would carefully shape up six or seven "pins," stack them neatly close together and roll a clay bowling ball down a lane framed by No. 2 pencils. The clay ball wouldn't roll worth a hoot and was too light to inflict much mayhem on the target. Yogi produced a steel ball bearing from his back pocket, and we were living large until Bob Edwards rolled it a mite hard and it careened off the

table and ran all the way up to Suzie Cozart's desk near the front of the room.

My first bowling experience ended up with "time-out" in the cloak room. Miss Carolyn didn't believe for a second my pleas of being an innocent bystander. She didn't care if it wasn't my ball bearing or that I might not have actually been

the last one to touch it as it bounded across her classroom. You couldn't talk, sit down, touch nothing or see anything in that tiny cloak room!

We'd stack up empty milk bottles in the backyard and roll a baseball at them for hours. You had to keep the ball on the ground. If you looked away for a second, Leon would "put a little air" under his ball, actually throwing it at the bottles. Figuring the bumps, hollows and run of the grass was part of the contest. Keeping score was too; and taking turns. Three brothers inventing ways to move time along in the summer of 1955 weren't too good at either. The fight broke out when Leon declared a "miss roll" and me and David Mark allowed that there was no such thing!

By junior high, we had sophisticated up our bowling game a mite. After basketball practice, we'd pull several rolls of hand towels out of the janitor's

closest in the boiler room and stack them under the basket. We'd back up to half court and bowl a basketball at the makeshift pins. I don't remember keeping score. But, I'm telling you, it was still a thrill to make those towels splatter!

We were in high school when Pam Collins gave me the word about the real bowling alley being built out on South Highland Drive. I didn't believe her at first. Listen, we had a movie theater, a town square and a baseball field over by the Pajama Factory. I thought that was about all the law allowed in rural West Tennessee in the early '60s.

I rode out with Wesley Beal to see the construction for myself. It didn't look big enough for a bowling alley! Of course, you've got to understand at the time I'd never seen a sure 'nuff bowling alley. I didn't know how long an actual lane was. We didn't have a clue as to how much room a pin area took. And we all wondered who was going to run down and set up those pins and bring your ball back.

Still, it was big news. And we couldn't wait for the grand opening. The Hi-Land Lanes Bowling Center boasted "sixteen modern AMF lanes, a spacious modern cafeteria and a seating capacity of 150." It also cost 75 cents to bowl one game! Shoot, that was more than the picture show! Leon said it was because they had

two "moderns" in their advertisement.

You also had to rent a pair of "their" shoes. "I've got on my Chuck Taylor All Stars," I tried to reason with the attendee. She didn't care about the nature or status of my footwear. She held out a pair of red, blue, white and yellow shoes that surpassed ugly by a county mile. "Ma'am," I looked them over carefully and smelled the inside, "just who all exactly have had their feet in these shoes?"

The balls were heavier than they looked, and every hole I put a finger in was either too big or too tight. Me and Yogi watched a couple of people bowl on the lane beside us and figured what the heck. At least you got a running start! I found out early what that gutter on either side of the lane was for. But it was more fun than rolling a clay ball silently between rows of No. 2 pencils. And the crash down at the end was even better than knocking down a few milk bottles. And when we realized they had this deal where you could bowl all night, as many games as you wanted, for two bucks, we were off and running!

"So you see, Addie G., I'm the B-B-R-M; the Bowling Ball Rolling Man! Just point me toward the lane—"

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JASON ALDERMAN

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Another important lesson: Know your legal rights and what funeral-related goods and services cost so you — or your survivors — don't feel pressured into buying things you don't want or need. The Federal Trade Commission oversees "The Funeral Rule," which regulates how funeral providers must deal with consumers. Among its provisions:

- Upon request, funeral homes must provide an itemized price list of all their goods and services, whether you call (even anonymously) or visit in person.

- You have the right to choose among their offerings (with certain state-mandated exceptions) and are not required to purchase package deals containing unwanted items.

- Before purchasing a casket or outer burial container from a funeral home, they must share descriptions and prices before showing you stock on hand.

- Providers that offer cremations must make alternative containers (besides caskets) available.

- The Funeral Rule does not apply to third-party sellers such as casket and monument dealers, or to cemeteries that lack an on-site funeral home.

If your beliefs don't require following specific funeral protocols, here are a few ways to reduce

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I remember saying to myself, "Thank you God, maybe he's not here."

Then she said it. I started sweating as soon as she did. She pointed to a room and said, "Sit down in there; daddy wants to talk to you."

After she said it, she left. It felt like hours passed.

Pulling at my collar, all these things started going through my head. I sweated more. My buddy Hawg's laugh got louder and louder in my mind. I only had brothers, I didn't know what to expect — other than I was about to be put through the ringer.

I made sure I was sitting in a chair that couldn't have been "his." I picked out a plain wing chair in the Walker's beautiful home.

It now seemed like days were passing. I was checking the walls for weapons and animal heads. I thought seriously about sneaking out.

Then he entered the room.

I stood up; he told me to sit down.

I did.

I don't know what I looked like, but I'm pretty sure Dr. Walker was having a good time getting ready to put me through the "Dr. Walker School of Daddies."

He started firing questions at me. I don't even remember what my answers were.

"What are your intentions with my daughter?"

"Are you saving money to go to college?"

"How are you doing in school?"

"What are you planning on doing with your life?"

I needed my Mama. She wasn't there.

Somehow I survived.

We went to get pizza or to the movie or whatever; honestly, I don't remember. I think we only went out that one time. She was kind and sweet and pretty, but I wasn't sure I could survive what "the chair" might bring out of me the next time.

Dr. Walker was a kind man. When I thought I wanted to go into dentistry, he let me work in his office for a couple of weeks during high school. Once I got to college, I visited the dental school where they showed me a cadaver; I no longer wanted to be a dentist.

Now it's more than 30 years later, and I can look back and laugh at myself sitting in "the chair" in Dr. Walker's house.

As a matter of fact, I appreciate being put in the chair. I'm a daddy. I have two daughters who are 16 and 20 years old.

If more daddies were like Dr. Walker, the world would be a much better place.

Boys, be forewarned: I went to the "Dr. Walker School of Daddies." Just because I survived does not guarantee that you will. One other thing — my chair is the big leather one by the fireplace.

A pretty good memory, wouldn't you say?

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Residents voice lighthouse woes

Lighthouse move negates historical value

How can it be? A landmark stands on Cape San Blas, resisting everything Mother Nature can throw at it, and then one day, the city of Port St. Joe announces they are moving it to town so it can be the "cornerstone" to a pie-in-the-sky dream of a tourist attraction.

A few questions should come to everyone's mind on this ambitious and costly venture. First, in such an urban setting, far from the current Cape San Blas location, can the lighthouse really retain its identity as the historic Cape San Blas Lighthouse?

Second, how does the city of Port St. Joe justify the conservatively estimated \$600,000 relocation expense, and then \$35,000-40,000 annual maintenance expenses for the Cape San Blas Lighthouse when city residents recently have seen significant increases to their water bills in order to pay for infrastructure improvements needed to deliver clear water?

Third, if the city of Port St. Joe only wants a tower for tourists to climb, why not go for the Depot Creek fire tower, which would be of comparable elevation, has no significant historic value and would be much less expensive to relocate and maintain? Actually, the firetower option is win-win for everyone. The city gets a tower to satisfy some egos, tourists have a climbing structure for better bay views, the 160-year history of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse is preserved and maybe the city can apply any residual futuristic planning to solving their current budget woes and forget this unwarranted move on a historic landmark.

Bob Willis
Gulf County



FILE PHOTO

South Gulf County ladies' well stated arguments and were ready to do what "was right" by protesting the decision and trying to keep the lighthouse on the cape.

It was also obvious that Commissioner Brant was politically motivated to, for some reason, back the city's grab for the lighthouse. When the lady from the city spoke, she had no figures, no rebuttal to the facts the other ladies from the cape had put forward, just some strangely conceived accusation that the county commissioners should support the city, as opposed to the citizens of Gulf County on the cape and that the county were "bad guys" for even considering not supporting the city. She basically ignored the history, the financial cost and the folly of moving the lighthouse to town. Somehow the county commissioners seemed to be intimidated by this argument.

When the idea of sending a letter to the Feds stating that the county would accept the lighthouse if the city couldn't raise the funds, Commissioner Brant and Yeager jumped on this idea and then amended it further to add that the letter would not be sent until it was shared with the city commission and brought back to the county commission (delaying the time to confront the issue with the feds, possibly beyond the time this mistake could be corrected). To make sure he nailed the final nail in the casket and to leave no question that he stands on the side of the city grabbing the lighthouse and does not support the tax paying citizens on the cape or the history of Gulf County, Yeager made a final amendment saying the letter would contain language that the county supported the city's efforts to take the lighthouse. Shame on you, Mr. Yeager, for putting politics above what is obviously "right" for Gulf County and history.

The county commissioners should review this, correct the mistake and actively support the effort to keep the historic Cape San Blas Lighthouse on the cape where it has resided for 160 years. County, protest the federal decision. Commissioners, please step up and do what is right. It is not the county commission or the citizens on the cape who are the "bad guys", but the city of Port St. Joe.

One final comment to citizens of Port St. Joe. With the economy in such bad shape, with unemployment in Gulf County at an all-time high, with city water that is brown and not being fixed, why are you standing silently at a proposal of more than \$600,000 of tax money (and the figure likely will be closer to \$1 million) to move a lighthouse? If you believe this will "bring in money to Gulf County and won't cost the city (YOU) a cent," I have some good swamp property in Simmons Bayou I'd like to sell you.

Robyn Rennick
Port St. Joe

Port St. Joe 'the bad guy' for lighthouse

I own properties in South and North Gulf County and am a Gulf County tax payer who frequently visits Gulf County and who does not want to see the city steal the Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

I watched the last county commission meeting in appalled amazement. As Mrs. McNeil said so well at the County Commission meeting, "A mistake has been made, and any mistake can be corrected." The Cape San Blas Lighthouse needs to stay on the cape and not become a part of an amusement park in downtown St. Joe. Watching the county commissioners, it was obvious by their body language and their comments that three commissioners, Smiley, McLemore and McDaniel, understand the

Special thanks to First United Methodist Church

Dear Editor:

The committee and volunteers of the 2012 Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinner for Gulf County are very thankful to all of the men and women that helped coordinate, prepare, cook and deliver the delicious green beans for more than 1,500 people. Your help over the past 10 or more years has been such a wonderful contribution to our program. Thanks again for caring and sharing your time and talents to help others. Thanks also to the people that made financial donations to help pay for these and other things needed.

Jerry Stokoe
Port St. Joe

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costs while still honoring the deceased and their survivors:

- Veterans, immediate family members, members of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service and certain civilians who have provided military-related service might be entitled to burial at a national cemetery with a grave marker. Burial is free, but families are responsible for funeral home expenses and transportation to the cemetery.

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- For many, cremation is a viable, less expensive option to burial. If you plan to hold a viewing first before the cremation, ask whether you can rent an attractive casket for the ceremony.

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The death of a loved one is always upsetting, but you might be able to ease your family's emotional and financial burdens by planning ahead.

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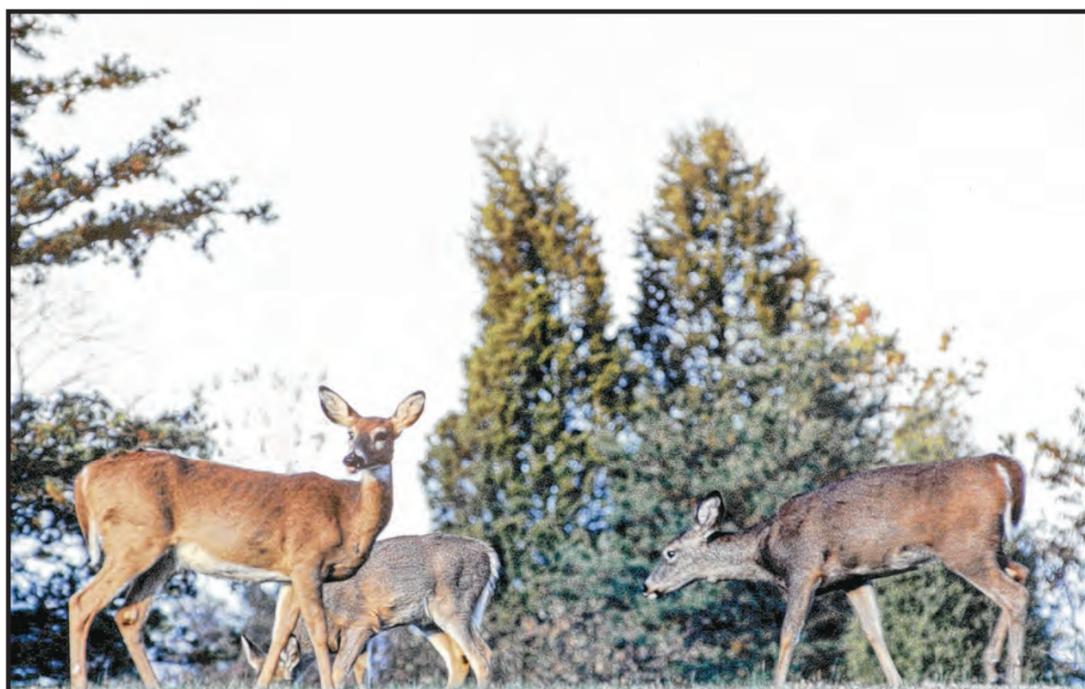
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Hunting active during rut breeding period

By STAN KIRKLAND

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

If there's one thing hard-core deer hunters focus on, it's when bucks tend to be most visible as they search for does to breed, a time known as the rut.

What many hunters might not grasp is that the female segment of the deer population plays as important a role in the rut as bucks.

"The rut is really the breeding period when bucks are searching for and breeding with does that have come into estrus or are 'in heat,' as it is more commonly known," said James Kelly, assistant Deer Management Program coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "With bucks, the rut begins with the decreasing photoperiod, or periods of daylight, which triggers certain hormonal changes, including increased testosterone.

"In turn, you see bucks developing hardened antlers, establishing dominance among themselves via behavioral cues or through signposts such as scrapes and rubs. As things progress, they actively begin searching for does to breed."

Kelly said the peak of the rut is when the large majority of does come into estrus. Bucks are able to pick up on behavioral and olfactory cues (or scents) from the does to sense when a doe is in estrus. During this time, bucks, particularly larger, older, dominant bucks that are seldom visible, do the unexpected and are apt to show up anywhere in their search for does to breed. It's also when many of the larger bucks are taken by hunters.

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Mon, Jan. 21	63°	44°	0 %
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19	Sa	4:10pm	0.9	2:29am	-0.2
20	Su	4:51pm	1.0	3:04am	-0.4
21	Mo	5:38pm	1.1	3:45am	-0.6
22	Tu	6:27pm	1.1	4:26am	-0.6
23	We	7:13pm	1.2	5:05am	-0.7
24	Th	7:56pm	1.2	5:40am	-0.7
25	Fr	8:35pm	1.2	6:09am	-0.7
26	Sa	9:12pm	1.1	6:33am	-0.7
27	Su	9:50pm	1.0	6:52am	-0.6
28	Mo	10:31pm	0.9	7:04am	-0.4
29	Tu	11:18pm	0.7	7:10am	-0.2

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
17	Th	7:03am	0.8	7:15pm	1.0
18	Fr	8:27am	0.6	7:44pm	1.0
19	Sa	10:20am	0.6	8:20pm	1.0
20	Su	9:02pm	1.0	5:11am	-0.1
21	Mo	9:54pm	1.0	6:15am	-0.3
22	Tu	2:57pm	0.8	10:51pm	1.0
23	We	3:24pm	0.9	11:50pm	1.0
24	Th	3:50pm	0.9	8:37am	-0.5
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Freshwater

Area lakes and rivers are still producing good bream and crappie catches. Around the Howard Creek area and up to the Dead Lakes, many anglers are reporting on crappie and bream catches on tree overhangs and in deeper holes in the rivers.

Inshore

Surf fishing is a great way to spend the day on the warmer than usual beaches this month. Good-sized whiting and a few pompano have been caught on Cape San Blas and along the beaches from Mexico to Indian Pass.

DEER DISCUSSIONS

FWC seeks input on Panhandle deer management

By STAN KIRKLAND
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will host a series of public meetings in late January to help shape the future of deer management in the Florida Panhandle.

"We are working on an exciting project to establish deer management units throughout Florida," said Cory Morea, the FWC's Deer Management Program coordinator. "We are looking at the Panhandle first, but we are moving to a new model of deer management in the state in which hunters and other stakeholders will have a greater impact on deer management decisions."

DMUs will divide the state into smaller geographic areas where deer population characteristics are similar. The state is divided into four management zones that are used to set hunting season dates based on deer breeding chronology. As proposed, DMUs will be smaller units within zones and allow the FWC to manage deer on a more local level based on the preferences of hunters, farmers and other interested stakeholders.

Two DMUs are proposed for Zone D, which encompasses much of the Florida Panhandle region (western portions of Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla counties and all counties west of them). One unit would cover the area south of Interstate 10 and the other north of Interstate 10.

The new DMUs are intended to allow the FWC more flexibility with deer management based upon the deer population, habitat conditions and public preference within each of the units.

"We surveyed hunters, farmers and other members of the general public to determine attitudes and opinions regarding deer management, and we will be sharing the results of that survey at the public meetings. We will also present information on the DMU model and will be gathering public input on deer management preferences," Morea said.

For people who cannot attend any of the meetings, there will be other opportunities to learn about this project and provide input.

"We have information on our website, and we will be accepting comments online," Morea said, noting public input will determine what changes might be made and that "no changes" is an option. "This project is about managing deer based on public preference.



"Of course, we wouldn't do anything to risk the sustainability of this valuable public resource, but deer densities and other deer management preferences, such as antler regulations, can be better suited to public preferences using the DMU model."

A technical assistance group, composed of members of the public, will be established to review all available public comments and make recommendations to the FWC on the two DMUs within Zone D. The public meetings and the TAG will be facilitated by a third-party vendor, Normandeau Associates, which will develop a summary report to the FWC.

Up to 25 TAG members will be chosen based upon their expertise, their representation of an important interest group and their willingness to dedicate some time to better deer management in Zone D. Anyone interested will

be able to apply for TAG membership at the public meetings or on the FWC's website.

More information about the proposed DMUs, the technical assistance group and a meeting agenda is available at MyFWC.com/Hunting. Click on "By Species," "Deer" and then "DMUs."

Meeting times and locations

- Jan. 29, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. CST at the Jackson County Agricultural Conference Center, 2741 Pennsylvania Ave., Marianna, FL 32448;

- Jan. 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. EST at the Burns Building Auditorium, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee, FL 32399;

- Jan. 31, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. CST at the University of West Florida, Commons Auditorium, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514.

For more information, call Cory Morea at 617-9487.



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Lady Tiger Sharks go 3-2

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School girls' basketball team has been busy playing since 2013 began.

On Jan. 3, Port St. Joe took on county rival Wevahitchka. The first time these two teams met, the game came down to the wire with the Lady Tiger Sharks winning 45-42. This second time was no different as Port St. Joe led at the half 18-15 and held a narrow lead to the finish to win 41-37.

Maya Robbins had 16 points for Port St. Joe. Callie Fleshren had nine, seven in the final quarter. Brooklyn Quinn added seven points, Alyssa Parker four, Teiyahna Hutchinson three and Hallie Jasinski two.

The Lady Tiger Sharks traveled to Rutherford the following day and came up a bit short, losing 35-28. At the end of the third period, Port St. Joe led 25-22, but the young Lady Tiger Sharks couldn't hold on. Hutchinson and Robbins each had nine, with Parker and Shannon Pridgeon each adding three, also Jasinski and Fleshren had two apiece.

The Lady Tiger Sharks traveled to Bozeman on

Port St. Joe has two more district games at home: Friday against Blountstown at the Washington Recreation Center and Saturday against Franklin County. Games are at 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 10 and jumped to a 21-5 first-quarter lead and never looked back. At the half the lead was 39-7 and Port St. Joe won 58-12. Hutchinson, Robbins, and Quinn each had 12 points, Fleshren nine, Anna Haynes five, and Maliayah McNair and Jasinski four points each. Port St. Joe won the Junior High game 41-8. This ended the junior high season with the Lady Tiger Sharks finishing 10-2.

Port St. Joe came up short when district leader South Walton came to town the next night. Port St. Joe fell behind at the half 37-16 but cut the lead to three when during a third-quarter run. But the Lady Seahawks, with seven seniors, were just too much for the young Lady Tiger Sharks as Port St. Joe lost 56-40. Hutchinson had 15

points, Robbins 11, Quinn eight and Fleshren six.

Port St. Joe traveled to Greensboro to take on West Gadsden in another district game the next night. Port St. Joe led at the half 25-9 and 34-18 at the end of three periods, coming away with a 43-22 win.

Hutchinson led the Lady Tiger Sharks with 16 points. Robbins added 12, Quinneight, Fleshren three while Da'Vida Tschudi and Jasinski chipped in two points each.

After they faced Liberty County on Tuesday, Port St. Joe has two more district games, both at home; Friday against Blountstown at the Washington Recreation Center and Saturday against Franklin County.

All will be played at 4:30 p.m. ET.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Historical photos and memorabilia are seen at the museum next door to the recreation center at Washington High.

RECREATION RE-CREATION

Tiger Sharks host Blountstown on Friday in homage to Washington High School

By **PAT McCANN**
Halifax Media Group

The idea, Derek Kurnitsky said, has been bouncing around in his head for a couple of years now, kind of like a basketball being dribbled from ear to ear and between brain waves.

It has its roots much deeper in the history and tradition of this enclave where the sport is engrained and preserved like a well-polished gem also found in the lush rolling hills of Kentucky and Indiana.

The unveiling is Friday night when the Tiger Sharks play the first high school basketball game in 43 years in the gymnasium that previously housed the accomplished teams of Washington High.

Before the full-scale integration of public education that took place here in 1970, all-black Washington High forged its own rich history. Kurnitsky pointed out that in 1969, Washington placed second in its state tournament, and Port St. Joe High School, bolstered by David Langston, one of the first cross-over students to integrate, won a Florida High School Athletics Association state title.

Port St. Joe returns to embrace the athletic fabric that intertwines the community when it hosts Blountstown 7:30 p.m. Friday in a boys District 4-1A game in the gym that currently functions as the city recreation center.

"This gym is a big part of our tradition," Kurnitsky said Tuesday. "I tell people that it is the reason we have eight state championships, because that is where the kids grow up playing."

"We have our summer kids program there, the little kids basketball. It's a big part of our tradition. Our kids start playing there when they're 2 years old."

Kurnitsky said the event wasn't planned to coincide with the upcoming Martin Luther King holiday and other MLK celebrations, but he wasn't avoiding the quaint juxtaposition with school



idle on Monday in commemoration of King's birthday.

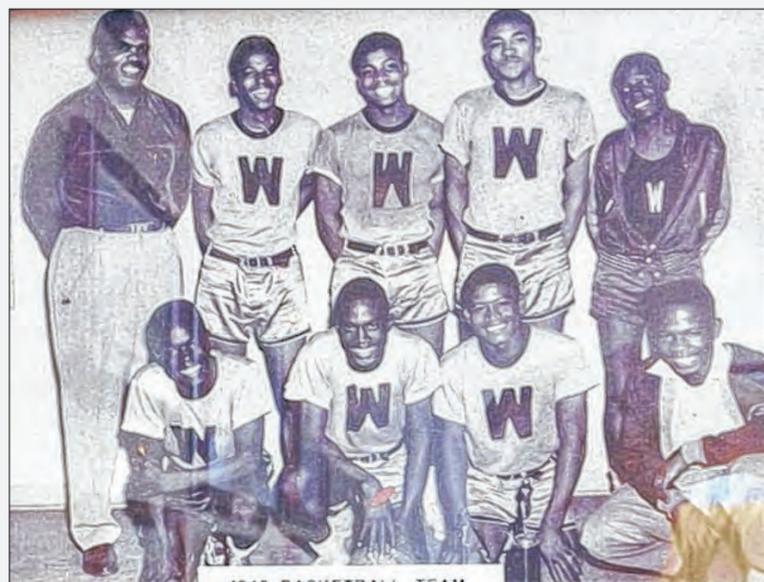
"I wanted it in January ... the way it turned out, I think it's poetic justice," Kurnitsky said.

The Tiger Sharks boys head coach said the only drawback was in trying to keep his players focused for the game Tuesday night against Liberty County, and not be too amped in anticipation of Friday.

"They are fired up," he said. "They grew up in the gym. It's going to be like small-town Indiana, like small-town Kentucky."

The evening begins with a girls varsity game at 4:30 p.m. followed by the boys junior varsity at 6 p.m. and the boys varsity at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$5, with \$3 for students and \$1 for seniors.

See **TIGER SHARKS A8**



STANDING: Coach Emile Twine, Bill Mason, James Grant, Billy Quinn, Clellis Harvey. KNEELING: Left to Right, Josephus Givins, Sidney Givins, Scott Washington, Wiley Hopps.



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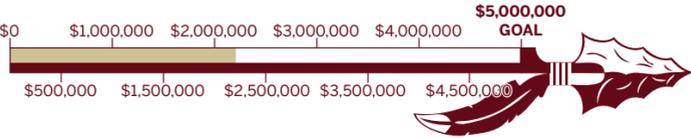


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PSJ girls take down Rocky Bayou; teams prep for district

Star Staff Report

The No. 3 seed Port St Joe girls soccer team defeated No. 2 seed Rocky Bayou Tuesday by a 1-0 score in the District 1-1A playoffs. They now move on to face rival Franklin County, the No. 1 seed, at 7 p.m. ET Friday at the Port St Joe Soccer Complex. Franklin County was a 6-1 winner over No. 4 Baker on Tuesday at PSJ.

Freshman and team leading scorer Kathleen Rish connected on the lone goal of the match (her 13th on the season) in the 65th minute from about 10 yards out. Christian Laine, junior goalkeeper, and a stout defensive effort held off several good scoring chances by Rocky Bayou in the closing 15 minutes. On the night, PSJ outshot Rocky Bayou by a slim 12-9 margin. Laine was forced to make six saves.

Her record in goal is now 7-3-1 on the year, and her goals against average was lowered to .756. It was the ninth shutout of the year for the Port St Joe lady booters, whose record now stands at 10-4-1 on the 2012-13 season.

The PSJ boys enter next week's 1-1A Districts to be held at Freeport, as the No. 1 seed. They have a 11-2-1 record on the season.

Jan. 8 matches

Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School's soccer teams swept to victories over Bozeman last Tuesday night.

The girls, 9-3-1 on the year after their 4-0 victory, began district tournament play in Tuesday at home.

The boys improved to 11-1-1 after beating Bozeman 8-0.

Freshman Kathleen Rish scored her team-high

11th goal in helping lead the Lady Tiger Sharks, who also received goals from Brittney Shoemaker (her second), Christian Laine (her third) and Hayley Wood (her first).

Laine also had two assists and Lexi McGhee and Allie Strippling each had an assist.

Seventh-grader Celeste Childs picked up her second win in goal against no losses and lowered her GAA to 0.955. She had one save on only two shots. It was her first solo shutout of the season. Port St. Joe had 30 shots.

The girls, the third seed in District 1-1A, faced Rocky Bayou on Tuesday.

Franklin County faced Baker in the other semifinal.

The boys got hat tricks by high-scoring forward Marcel Duarte and midfielder Drew Lacour.

For Lacour, it was his first high school hat trick, while it was Duarte's fourth of the season alone.

Duarte now has 28 goals on the campaign and Lacour has eight. Also scoring were Daniel Jones (his seventh) and Witt Shoaf (his first).

Duarte had two assists and Lacour, Jones, Josh Cabiness, Jacob Lacour, Justin Hites, and Isaac Rocha each had one assist.

Tucker Smith was in goal and was only called on to make a lone save on two Bozeman shots in 40 minutes of action. He was relieved by Javarri Beachum for 17 minutes of the remaining play, before the "Mercy Rule" score kicked in. Beachum also only had to make a single save on the one Bozeman shot he faced. Port St. Joe had 32 shots.



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Left: Drew Lacour maintains possession during a doubleheader against Baker last week. **Below:** Javarri Beachum had a hat trick in the second game against Baker last week, bringing him to 10 for the season, second on the team.



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Sports BRIEF

Dixie Softball sign-ups

Sign-ups for Wewahitchka Dixie Softball will be 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 26, Feb. 9 and Feb. 23 at the Honeyville Softball Complex. Participants must be 4 or older; have a birth certificate and pay a \$45 registration fee when signing up. Tryouts will be March 2.

For more information, call Daphne Lister; Wewahitchka Dixie Softball secretary, at 832-8809.

TIGER SHARKS

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The location of the rec center, Kurnitsky said, is advantageous for many residents, but he warned that limited seating capacity could cause some logistical problems.

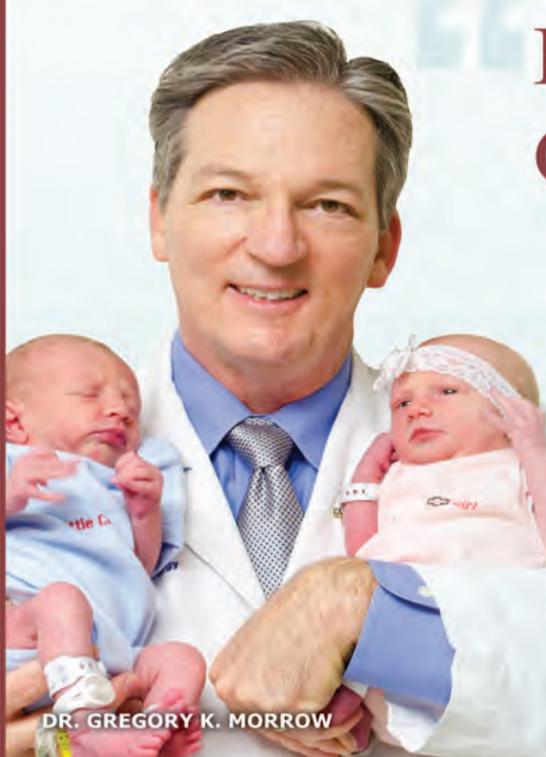
"We'll have seating on the stage, seating in the corners" but bleacher space is minimal, Kurnitsky said. "I've had some old-timers telling me they haven't been to a game forever, but they are going to come to that game. People can walk to it."

Also paying homage to a throwback theme, the Tigers Sharks will be wearing gold uniforms.

"The colors of Washington High were maroon and gold," Kurnitsky said, "so we're going to wear our gold Friday night. "We have only worn them once this season. They're almost like the cat-in-the-hat socks for us."

"Maybe this is something we can do every year. I know that I won't have to give a pregame speech Friday night. Our kids know. I'd say you had better get there early because it will be jam-packed. It's going to be small and intimate."

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Expanding OB/GYN Care in Port St. Joe

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We are pleased to announce that Dr. Gregory Morrow, will start seeing patients in Port St. Joe starting on Jan. 18. Dr. Morrow specializes in obstetrics and gynecology, including expertise in minimally invasive robotic surgery. Dr. Morrow has provided care to women in our area for 19 years through the Coastal OB/GYN practice in Panama City but is now expanding to Port St. Joe to better serve Gulf and Franklin County patients.

Dr. Morrow will have office hours on Friday mornings at the Gulf County Health Department. **For more information on Dr. Morrow, or to make an appointment call 850-785-0515.**



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A MAN'S MEDAL

Mexico Beach resident receives military award 64 years after serving

By TRACI GADDIS
Special to The Star

I was very young the first time I asked my dad about his military service. "Were you in the military daddy?" He replied, "Yep," and then I asked the words that have bothered me for years. "So where is your medal?" Looking back, I can remember the sadness in his eyes, but at 8 years old I just needed an answer. My dad replied "Not everyone gets a medal." Well, that was that. And it would be decades before the subject was revisited.

When my oldest daughter started checking into our family history last year, it opened up many interesting avenues into our ancestors. It also made us revisit our past. I learned more than I needed to about some relatives and not enough about others. I was able to look at the census reports and track the dynamics of my dad's family.

When my grandfather packed up and left his young family, it was my dad who stepped up to fill his shoes. At the age 17, he joined the United States Army. Too young to legally enlist, his mother had to sign the documents allowing him join the military service. So on Sept. 4, 1946, Private 1st Class James O. Middleton joined his "Uncle Sam" at Fort Sheridan to begin active duty.

After serving his country, my dad was honorably discharged and began his civilian life. He did inquire once about his medal but was told there was a shortage of medals, as well as metal. During World War II, there were shortages in a lot of areas. So the medal was forgotten and he moved on.

My dad was married, had two children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and retired from civil service at Tyndall Air Force Base. The years and decades passed. He is a proud veteran but never talked about his military days until he told my daughter Stephanie he was owed a medal from the United States Army.

When my daughter brought it to my attention, I told her "No, he is not owed a medal because I asked him one day about it." But she just kept saying to ask him. So that's what I did. We were right back to where we started when I was 8 years old.

"Dad, what's this about the Army owing you a medal?" He said he was owed one, but when he was discharged there was a shortage. He never tried again.

"Do you want me to check on

it Dad?" My second question was "Why didn't you tell me before now?"

He didn't really have an answer for either question. He said he sure would like to see his medal. And so began my journey with the Army.

I learned very quickly the U.S. Army likes duplicates of everything. Sometimes I had to fill out the same paperwork three times but I pushed on, only to find out my dad's military records were destroyed in a fire in 1973.

Luckily he still had all of his original paperwork, and we were able to piece together his military service record. Last year, the Army sent a letter stating they would indeed award my dad the World War II Victory Medal and the Honorable Service Lapel button World War II. But at that moment there was a shortage.

It would take eight months before the medal arrived at my house, and I will admit that I had to wipe the tears away as I held it in my hands for the first time. After 64 years, the Army had awarded my father his World War II medal.

Then I was faced with the dilemma of what to do with it. I didn't want to just drive down to his house and say "Here it is." I wanted a parade with flags and noise and veterans and singing and food. He deserved something special.

I spoke to Jim Moore, a classmate from high school. Moore is involved with a group called Warrior's Watch Riders. All I really knew about them is that they ride motorcycles and honor veterans by providing "Welcome home" parades as well as standing guard during funeral services.

Part of their mission statement says, "The Warrior's Watch Riders envision a day when every member of the United States Armed Forces, at home and abroad, and their families feel appreciated, honored, respected and loved by the citizens they risk their lives to protect."

The members of this group are volunteers and do not accept donations or charge for their services because it is their belief that "your service men and service women have

See **MEDAL B6**



James O. Middleton during the service.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Above: Middleton earned these medals while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. **Below:** About 50 Wounded Watch Riders, bringing with them a vintage World War II motorcycle, showed up to share Middleton's birthday along with the special presentation of his medals.

James Middleton said he was owed a medal, but when he was discharged there was a shortage. He never tried again.



Weather poster, video contest deadline Friday

Special to The Star

TALLAHASSEE — The deadline to submit entries for the Florida Division of Emergency Management's 2013 Severe Weather Awareness Week poster and video contests is Friday. The poster contest will have seven winners selected from across the state. One winner each from middle and

high school will be selected for the video contest. The 2013 Severe Weather Awareness Week in Florida is Feb. 11-15. The poster contest is open to all elementary school students in Florida, including private and charter schools and those enrolled in home-school programs. Posters should feature what severe weather in Florida means to the student.

Poster submissions must be postmarked by Friday and sent to the Capitol Area Chapter of the Red Cross in Tallahassee. Winners will be announced Feb. 1. Visit www.FloridaDisaster.org/swaw for details. The video PSA contest is open to all Florida middle and high school students, including private and charter schools and those enrolled

in home-school programs. Entries are a 30-second public service announcement that incorporates a safety or preparedness message relating to these "Know Your Zone" topics: flood zone, evacuation zone or storm surge zone. The winning video will be professionally re-produced for broadcast use by the Division of Emergency

Management in their statewide public awareness campaign. Final digital videos should be submitted via the FDEM Video Portal at www.KidsGetAPlan.com by Friday. Winning entries will be announced Feb. 1. For complete poster and topic information, visit www.FloridaDisaster.org/SWAW or www.KidsGetAPlan.com.



Reward offered for missing cat

Special to The Star

Blaze slipped out the door early Dec. 21. Because he has not returned, I hope someone might have brought him inside their home to keep warm. He is very friendly, but he needs medication and a special diet. He is missing from Palm Boulevard and 21st Street, close to the Centennial building in Port St. Joe. A reward is offered for his safe return or any information you may have. Contact Kendall at 227-8790.

Atlanta dentist acquires Padgett practice

By DAVID ADLERSTEIN
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Apalachicola dentist James A. Padgett DDS has decided its time to put a crown on his achievement of serving the needs of the community for more than three decades.

Beginning this week, Padgett, 69, has begun introducing a new dentist, Rex A. Whiteman, who acquired Padgett's practice at 218 Ave. E in Apalachicola on Jan. 1.

Whiteman and his wife, Cindy, have owned a home on St. George Island since 1991, after having been frequent visitors and residents of the Apalachicola area since the early '80s.

"I've wanted to be a permanent resident of this area for many years," said Whiteman, 56. "Hearing that Dr. Padgett may be interested in planning a transition of his practice, we began speaking about the opportunity last year."

Padgett said the two "had many long conversations" about their approach to dentistry, leading Padgett to determine Whiteman was just the type of high-quality clinician he could count on to serve the patient base built ever since 1980.

In 1967, Padgett graduated from the Louisiana State University Dental School and started his practice in Panama City. After earning a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Florida,



DAVID ADLERSTEIN | The Times

Dr. Rex A. Whiteman, left, has bought the Apalachicola dental practice of Dr. James A. Padgett.

the Westville native had worked for seven years in the oil and gas industry, first with Shell Oil and later with Union Carbide.

Padgett first came to Apalachicola as a new dentist in 1980, acquiring a public health clinic practice in 1983, and up until two years ago was the county's only dentist. He built the house where his practice is located in March 1985 and has been there ever since, with his wife, Andrea, assisting with clerical matters for the practice.

"The community's been good to me," he said. "I hope I'm good to the community."

Padgett isn't going anywhere; he plans to stay on for at least two years but will gradually taper off to just a couple days a week.

"I'm still going to be here, but I want to cut back, though," he said. "I love dentistry; I still do. If I didn't

do it, I'd miss it."

Originally from northeast Ohio, Whiteman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Denison University. In 1984, he graduated from the Emory University School of Dentistry in Atlanta. He started and has owned and operated his solo practice in Peachtree Corners, in north metro Atlanta, for more than 25 years.

"Rex is a perfect fit for the practice and the community, and we share the same philosophy of providing ideal dental care to our patients," Padgett said. "The superb team of office management, dental hygiene and dental assistants will not change and will continue to provide the excellent services they have provided to the community for many years."

The Whitemans are selling their home and their practice in the Atlanta

area, and once completed, they will be in the county full-time. They have been married for 31 years and they and their dog, Jaeger, plan to reside on St. George Island.

One change the community can expect from the transition to Whiteman's ownership is an expansion of services.

"Jim and I have many complimentary skills, and together, we will be able to offer more services to the community," Whiteman said. He said the practice plans to offer Invisalign (clear braces) in addition to the currently offered "Six Month Smiles" cosmetic braces system.

Another service will be the placement of dental implants to complement the restoration of implants that the practice has offered.

Whiteman said other new services will include CAD/CAM Cerec technology, which allows patients to have inlays and onlays and some crowns completed in one visit, eliminating the need for temporaries. NuCalm, a non-narcotic relaxation therapy that reduces anxiety during the patient's visit, also will be forthcoming.

Whiteman said new cosmetic dentistry services also will be brought in, including dermal fillers, which reduce deep lines on the face, and Botox treatments to ease temporomandibular joint disorder problems, chronic headaches and wrinkles on the face.

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Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Faith's Thrift Hut is always in need of donations also, and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! Faith's Thrift Hut Has Expanded! We now have more furniture & appliances. The hours for the store are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter!

Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!
If you are missing a pet or want to adopt a new pet, please check with your local Humane Society or Shelter.

Recreation Center to honor Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

Special to The Star

The annual community-wide Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday Observance will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST Monday at the Washington Recreation Center.

This significant national holiday will culminate with activities

focusing on community service, "A Day On! Not A Day Off." Activities highlighting this occasion will consist of health care workshops, essay contest for our youth, religious information, social, fun games for the youth and political involvement in living and honoring King's legacy.

The theme for this year is "From King to Obama."

The entire Gulf County community is welcome to attend and be a part of this commemoration and help make this year's Dr. King's event a celebration to remember.

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Free health and safety fair coming to Centennial Building

Star Staff Report

The Gulf County Health and Safety Fair, hosted by the Port St. Joe Rotary Club and the Gulf County Senior Citizens Centers, will provide an exhibition of area health and safety services and a variety of free health screenings at the Centennial Building in Port St. Joe from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET Jan. 24. The goal of the fair is to foster a healthier and safer Gulf County.

The fair will offer free health screenings, such as blood pressure, body mass index, blood oxygen, depression, Medicare basics and more. Screening results are not a diagnosis. The Gulf County Health Department will raise awareness on healthy eating and living to prevent and manage chronic disease. "If somebody doesn't have health insurance, for instance, it's a great

opportunity for free screenings," Rotary member Lorinda Gingell said. "You don't have to be a senior citizen to start having some of these health problems." Gingell said the organization of the health and safety fair directly reflects the Rotary club's motto, "Service above Self." The fair also will feature booths from area law enforcement and the Tourist Development

Council. Vendors also will be offering prizes and giveaways. The St. Joe Bay Humane Society will provide applications for their new free spay/neuter program. A unique stop will come at the end of the maze at the Bridge at Bay St. Joe booth, where patrons can step into the shoes of a dementia patient through a simulated "Virtual Dementia Tour." The Bridge will transform the Centennial

Building's upstairs room into a "dementia room" where subjects, with their senses skewed, will be asked to perform a series of simple tasks. The results are eye-opening, as participants learned last year. Marsha Lindeman, director of the Gulf County Health Department, said during "snowbird season" the health department sees an increase in its patient population.

"These are fairs where people can come, not only people from Gulf County but our visitors from the north who may be here for three months or more," Lindeman said. "This is a way for us to raise their awareness about the health care services we offer and remind our own citizens about the services. I'm really pleased with how we're strengthening our health promotion and awareness (in Gulf County)."



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Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest – Students are participating in the community-sponsored "One King Day, One King Book Essay Contest" and are writing essays to research and learn more about the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Essays are due to English teachers today, Jan. 17, with the contest being held on Jan. 21 to coincide with the presidential inauguration ceremonies. Essays should not exceed 500 words. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded. Good luck to those participating.

NJROTC News – The NJROTC is preparing for its annual Area Managers Inspection to be held at 9 a.m. ET on Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the school's gymnasium. All veterans and interested individuals are cordially invited to attend. Come and view the pride and professionalism these young men and women possess and be part of the celebration of 36 years of NJROTC in Port St. Joe.

The NJROTC Academic Team traveled to Titusville High School to compete in the State NJROTC Academic Championship on Jan. 12. Skipped by Cadet Lindsay Furr, the team placed in the top 12, making it to the semi-final round. Team members included Cadets Javarri Beachum,

Megan Hubbard, Caleb Greenwood and Logan Haddock. Sunday found these cadets on a tour of the Kennedy Space Flight Center where much was learned about our American Space Program and beyond.

Parent Info – Report Cards for first semester were distributed to students on Friday, Jan. 11. We ask you to review your student's progress and address any questions to our teaching staff. Thank you for your outstanding support.

All second-semester schedule changes have been made by the guidance department. Changes in this semester are only made for those students who have fulfilled requirements for graduation and are opting out of remediation. The majority of classes at Port St. Joe Junior-Senior High School are year-long, and no change is necessary between semesters.

The STEM counselor will be at our school to meet with her students next Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 23-24. Students involved will be called out of class throughout the day for this very important program.

Girls Soccer – Good luck to our girls' soccer team as they enter district play. We are behind you 100 percent. Go Sharks!

Basketball News – This week's rivalry games against Blountstown will



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At top: PSJHS art students at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. Above: NJROTC students recently traveled to Titusville and had a tour of the Kennedy Space Center.

be at the Washington Recreational Center at 414 Kenny's Street in Port St. Joe. The Girls tip it off at 4:30 p.m. ET followed by the boys' junior varsity at 6 p.m. and the varsity at 7:30 p.m. Come out and support the Sharks as the tune up for district play. Go Sharks!

Art on the GO! – Seventeen art students had the opportunity of a lifetime when they embarked on an adventure into the Arts. Leaving at 5:30 a.m.

Jan. 10, they travelled to Atlanta, where they visited the High Museum of Art. Once settled in their hotel rooms, they continued their cultural adventure by attending a performance of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" at Shakespeare's Tavern. On Friday, they toured the Atlanta Campus of Savannah College of Art and Design, followed by a trip to the Atlanta Aquarium. A great and educational time was had by all!

Coastal Cleanup events this weekend

Star Staff Report

The University of Florida, in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), seeks volunteers to participate in coastal cleanup events on St. George Island on Saturday and on St. Joseph Peninsula on Sunday.

These beaches provide important resources for nesting shorebirds and sea turtles as well as our local economy, and by volunteering for these cleanup efforts to remove unsightly and harmful trash and debris, you can help improve our valuable coastal habitats. Volunteers will also document the amount and types of items they pick up on the beach to determine sources of coastal debris to help reduce and prevent its adverse impacts on our beaches.

If you are interested in volunteering for these cleanup events or have any questions, please email Jessica McKenzie at sjturtlepatrol@gmail.com.

ST. GEORGE ISLAND COASTAL CLEANUP

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. EST (or until all sections of beach have been covered)

WHERE: Meet at the St. George Lighthouse parking lot, located at 2 East Gulf Beach Drive

WHAT TO BRING: Dress appropriately for weather and walking (trash bags, gloves, and water will be provided)

St. Joseph Peninsula Coastal Cleanup

WHEN: Sunday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. EST (or until all sections of beach have been covered)

WHERE: Meet at Cape Palms Park, located just south of Rish Park

WHAT TO BRING: Dress appropriately for weather and walking (trash bags, gloves, and water will be provided)

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Guardian Angels the topic at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

Whether guardian angels really exist will be explored at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT Monday, Jan. 21.

Participants will view an exclusive filmed interview with a woman who claims her life was saved by an angel encounter; and they'll have the opportunity to share stories of their own experiences with angels.

"Some studies show that more than half of all adults believe in guardian angels," says said representative Craig Cable. "We'll look at the evidence and consider why, if it's true guardian angels exist, they seem to protect some people and not others."

Admission to the 60-minute event, titled "My Angel Saved Me," is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is at 1602 U.S. 98 in Mexico Beach across from El Governor Motel.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. For more information, contact Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

Put prayer back in school

I believe prayer should be put back in school.

How about teaching the Ten Commandments again, and also the golden rule?

This would be a good starting point to get back to God.

If we don't start soon, we'll see a lot of heartache,

before we leave this earthly sod.

Just a few days ago 26 kids and teachers were killed at just one school.

Yes, I think we're overdue for prayer in school, and the golden rule.

Many other schools have lost kids and teachers too.

If you know Jesus, you should know what to do.

Pray for our leaders, the saved, and the lost.

We need prayer back in school whatever the cost.

He won't come back until we ask Him in.

We will then have protection from His Almighty Hand.

Billy Johnson

Obituaries

Joyce J. Hopper

Mrs. Joyce J. Hopper, 70, of St. Joe Beach, passed away Wednesday morning, Jan. 9, 2013, at her home. She had been a resident here since 1977.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Hopper, Sr., and her brother, Ralph Cartwright.

Survivors include her children, Carl Hopper,

Jr., and wife Lynn, Chuck Hopper and wife Jewell, Scott Hopper and Rhonda Youngs, Tim Hopper, Christine Quintanilla and husband Victor, Jodie Hopper and Shaun Thomason; 18 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ray Cartwright and wife Joyce Ann,

and Harold Cartwright; one half-brother; six step-brothers; and one step-sister.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. E.S.T. Friday, January 11, 2013, at the Hope Family Worship Center, conducted by the Rev. Glen Davis. Interment will follow in the family

plot in Holy Hill Cemetery.

The family received friends at the church for an hour prior to the service.

Those who wish may make a donation in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

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

Melvin Carl Magidson

Melvin Carl Magidson, 88, of Black Mountain, N.C., and formerly of Atlanta, Ga., passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, after a brief illness.

Mr. Magidson was born Aug. 11, 1924, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the late Philip and Augusta Magidson.

Mel had a passion for fly fishing and traveling. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps, serving during World War II. Mel was in the first graduating class of men from Florida State University. He taught members of the first FSU football team while working on his master's degree.

He had been in the insurance business for most of his life. Mel was of the Baptist faith and was a member of First Baptist Church, Swannanoa, N.C.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Matthew Magidson.

Mel is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Dorothy Costin Magidson; sons, Mel Magidson, Jr. and wife, Helen, and Guerry Magidson and wife, Susan; grandchildren, Clay Magidson and wife,



MELVIN MAGIDSON

Tami, Christopher Magidson, Guerry Magidson, Jr., Laurie Rosenbaugh and husband, Thomas, Martha Oetting and husband, Matthew, and John Magidson; great-grandchildren, Anika Rosebaugh,

Caden Rosenbaugh, Kortlynn Rosenbaugh and Lucy Oetting; and numerous friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, at 2 p.m. ET at First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe. Burial will follow in Holy Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. ET today, Jan. 17, 2013, at First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to FSU Foundation, 2010 Levy Ave., P.O. Box 3062739, Tallahassee, FL 32306; Haggai Institute, P.O. Box 13, Atlanta, GA 30370; or a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are in the care of Harwood Home for Funerals, 828-669-2977, www.harwoodhomeforfunerals.com.

Local services are provided by Comforter Funeral Home.

May Dell Norris

May Dell Norris, was born May 6, 1918, in Jackson County to Allie and James Willis. She passed away Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 in Port St. Joe at the age of 94.

May was a longtime resident of Apalachicola, a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church, and a

homemaker.

She is survived by her sister, Frances Edenfield; nieces, Linda Dean (Woody) and Juanita Powell (Vernon); nephews, Gary Edenfield (Renn), Mark Edenfield (Vanessa), and James Willis, Jr. (Mary); caregivers, Jessie Mae

Harris, Felicia Boone, Kathy Williams, Red Williams, and Lee Spears; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Norris and brother,

James D. Willis of Altha.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Kelley Funeral Home with burial in Magnolia Cemetery. A visitation will be one hour prior to funeral services.

Kelley Funeral Home is handling all arrangements.

Carmi Ward

Carmi Murphy Ward was born Sept. 8, 1917, in Jasper County, Alabama to Erah Mae and Joe Murphy. She passed away in Port St. Joe, Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 at the age of 95.

Carmi was a member of First Baptist Church, a homemaker, and a longtime resident of Apalachicola.

She is survived by her son, James Lloyd Ward (Elizabeth) of Colorado, daughter-in-law, Martha Pearl Ward, of Apalachicola; aunt, Audie Shell of Apalachicola; grandchildren, Carol Clayton (Danny), Dakie Ward (Rachel), George Ward, Tommy Ward

(Patty), Joey Ward (Jessica), and Gayle Harris (Alan); 21 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Ward; sons, Buddy Ward, Wayne Ward, and Gene "Boots" Ward; daughter-in-law, Donna

Ward; and grandson, Olan Ward.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. (EST), Thursday, Jan. 17 at Kelley Funeral Home with burial in Magnolia Cemetery.

Viewing will be held 6-8 p.m. (EST), Wednesday, Jan. 16 at Kelley Funeral Home.

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James family

In memory of Jimmy James, his family would like to say thank you to everyone who sent flowers, brought food, sent cards, called or visited and prayed for us during our time of loss. A special thanks to A&A Home Health, Covenant Hospice, Brother Dave Fernandez, Eddie Martin and Oak Grove Church.

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New education commissioner follows Jeb Bush's lead

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — As schools chief in Indiana, Florida's new education commissioner had a reputation as a hard-charging, caustic, union-battling advocate for the kind of conservative policies pushed by former Sunshine State Gov. Jeb Bush — a friend and supporter of the Republican.

Tony Bennett's style didn't sit well with Indiana voters. In November, they voted him out of office after one term in favor of school librarian Glenda Ritz, a Democrat, while electing another Republican governor and backing Mitt Romney in the presidential race.

Bennett might fare better when he begins his new job today in Florida, where Republicans control the governor's office and Legislature. His agenda includes private school vouchers, charter schools, accountability standards for school administrators and teachers, high-stakes testing and teacher pay based on annual evaluations.

Florida already has adopted many of the changes he fought for in Indiana.

And in Florida, Bennett won't answer to voters. The governor-appointed State Board of Education has the power to hire — and fire — education commissioners.

Bennett, 52, and most of the board members share a devotion to Bush, who continues to influence education policies through his Foundation for Florida's Future.

"Gov. Bush is an admirer of Tony for his boldness and courage in doing the education reforms that were done in Indiana," said Patricia Levesque, the foundation's executive director. "There's a mutual understanding and respect that Gov. Bush has for education reformers and they have for him."

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels introduced Bush to Bennett in 2008.

"We began to pursue the Florida blueprint," Bennett said. "Gov. Bush came to



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Tony Bennett
Florida education commissioner

Indiana and assisted us in just about every way possible. We've had a close working relationship since then."

Bennett is chairman of Chiefs for Change, a group of state school leaders formed by the Foundation for Excellence in Education and created by Bush to promote his policies nationally.

Bush, along with three of the seven Florida board members, contributed to Bennett's unsuccessful reelection campaign, according to Indiana campaign records.

Indiana State Teachers Association President Nate Schnellenberger said he hoped Bennett learned something from his defeat in the race.

"It was always his way or the highway," Schnellenberger said.

Bennett doesn't deny he is aggressive, but he said the top-down image is a caricature drawn by his opponents.

"Passionate aggression is mistaken for rigid, but I think people who know me best wouldn't describe me as rigid," Bennett said.

His Indiana allies included House Education Chairman Bob Behning, who said opponents distorted Bennett's image and that he simply was carrying out policies set by the General Assembly. Behning said Bennett puts children first and is dedicated to improving schools.

"He's totally committed

and will pursue it to the end," Behning said.

Schnellenberger said Bennett is passionate and credited him with putting education on the front burner in Indiana.

But Rick Muir, president of the Indiana Federation of Teachers, said he had nothing good to say about Bennett.

"He completely devastated public education in Indiana," Muir said.

He criticized Bennett for leading efforts to limit teachers' collective bargaining rights, bringing in for-profit companies to manage failing schools and favoring private and parochial schools through a voucher system that's broader, though smaller, than Florida's two programs.

Florida limits vouchers, which let students attend private schools at public expense, to disabled and low-income children. Indiana's is open to low- and middle-income students.

Florida, through its consulting firm, approached Bennett to apply for the education commissioner's job in 2011 after Gov. Rick Scott pressured Eric Smith

to resign. Bennett declined. Smith now is executive director of Chiefs for Change.

The state board hired another Chiefs for Change member, Gerard Robinson, but he resigned last summer after about a year on the job, citing separation from his family in Virginia, where he had been secretary of education.

Bennett was selected for the job in December. He said he has spoken with Scott several times since and that the governor stressed he wants public schools to be a primary driver of economic development by preparing students for jobs and college.

Bennett — who has bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in education — was a teacher, coach and principal who worked through the administrative ranks to school superintendent in Clarksville, Ind., before running for state office in 2008, according to his application for the Florida job. Bennett said before 2008, he had little involvement in politics, but friends urged him to run for state superintendent when he decided not to seek re-election.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Variance Application - Miles & Susan Bry - Parcel ID # 03180-120R - Located in Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida - encroachment into road setback by 12 feet for a pool.
2. Animal Control Ordinance - Review and comment on the County's proposed Animal Control Ordinance as applicable to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations (LDR).
3. Public and Open Discussion

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

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Left: Cpl. Jeremy Matt Cabaniss presents James Middleton with his long overdue medals earned during World War II. **Right:** Middleton shows the medals earned while serving.

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already paid the price." With my dad's medal now in hand, Moore and I set up to surprise him on his 84th birthday. On Saturday, Jan. 12, with his family gathered at his house, my dad looked out the window because he could hear rumbling coming from across the canal and on U.S. 98. "Sounds like motorcycles" his great-granddaughter Kenzie Barber said. Other family members said "something" was going on. My dad walked out into the driveway as the Mexico Beach Police Department car's siren let out a blast. He looked down the road and at 45 motorcycles, a blue stars and stripes lead car, two police cars, several parade cars and countless American and POW flags. The showpiece in the group was a 1942 Harley Davidson motorcycle, also a veteran from World War II. Finally my dad was getting his parade. I could see the confusion in his eyes, so I leaned over to him and said "Dad, you remember that World War II medal that the Army owes you? Well, these men are

bringing it to you." I was close enough to see the surprise, the shock and a glimpse of a 17-year-old boy who had joined a "Man's Army" 64 years ago. It is a memory I will always carry with me. As the rumbling of the motorcycles died down, Wounded Warrior and Purple Heart recipient Cpl. Jeremy Matt Cabaniss Ret. stepped forward to present Pvt. 1st Class James O. Middleton with his long-awaited World War II Victory medal and Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII. Other veterans and members of the NWF Warrior's Watch Riders stepped up to present him with a World War II hat, Warrior's Watch Riders certificate and booklet and two medallions. As the veterans saluted Pvt. Middleton, he snapped to attention and saluted them back. Mary Lou Cumbie led the entire group singing "God Bless America" as red and blue balloons were tossed in the air with "Happy Birthday" sung as the final song of the day. When asked to make a speech my

dad said "That it was just too much for words," and he made his way into the crowd to thank everyone personally. After the crowd filled up on Paul Gant BBQ, they were treated to one of Cumbie's homemade chocolate cakes. As the crowd started to disperse and the rumbling of motorcycles was a sound in the distance, I saw my grandchildren playing with balloons, flags and garland, and I looked down at the silver chain around my neck that holds the dog tag of James O Middleton, Regular Army 1946. My granddaughter hugged me and said "Best day ever Nana." And I smiled and had to agree with her. Thank you to the United States Army, NWF Warrior's Watch Riders and other riders, Semper Fi Sisters, CVMA, The Wounded Warriors and Mexico Beach for helping my entire make a memory. For more information on the Warrior's Watch Riders, visit www.warriorsswatch.org.

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99830S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. RICHARD A. ANDERSON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated January 3rd, 2013, and entered in Case No. 232011CA000425XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff and RICHARD A. ANDERSON; DEBRA K. ANDERSON; WETAPPO PRESERVE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Gulf County, Court- house, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port Saint Joe, Florida 32457 County, Florida, 11:00 a.m. ET on the 7th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 34 OF VILLA DEL SOL, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE(S) 44-45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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

DATED at Port Saint Joe, Florida, on January 4th, 2013.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk, Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

SHD Legal Group PA. Attorneys for Plaintiff PO Box 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438 Phone: (954)564-0071 Service E-mail: answers@shdlegalgroup.com Jan 17, 24, 2013

89834S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 232011CA000095XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. MUBEEN DARJI, RAFIQ DARJI, MARNIE'S ISLAND PRESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.

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CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 232011CA00283XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

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Plaintiff,

vs. AAA PROPERTIES, LLC.; et al., Defendants.

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89896S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 232011CA000095XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. MUBEEN DARJI, RAFIQ DARJI, MARNIE'S ISLAND PRESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.

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in Case No. 232010CA000085XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff and MUBEEN DARJI, RAFIQ DARJI, MARNIE'S ISLAND PRESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Gulf County, Court- house, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port Saint Joe, Florida 32457 County, Florida, 11:00 a.m. ET on the 7th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT ONE (1), BLOCK A, MARNIE ISLAND PRESERVE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 22 & 23, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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

DATED at Port Saint Joe, Florida, on January 4th, 2013.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk, Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

SHD Legal Group PA. Attorneys for Plaintiff PO Box 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438 Phone: (954)564-0071 Service E-mail: answers@shdlegalgroup.com Jan 17, 24, 2013

89896S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 232011CA000095XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. MUBEEN DARJI, RAFIQ DARJI, MARNIE'S ISLAND PRESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated January 3rd, 2013, and entered

99832S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 232011CA00283XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

vs. MUBEEN DARJI, RAFIQ DARJI, MARNIE'S ISLAND PRESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, Defendants.

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DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is January 17, 2013.

Personal Representative: Clifton Osborne 273 Settler's Ridge Rd. Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Attorney for Personal Representative: Mel C. Magidson, Jr. Attorney for Clifton Osborne 528 6th St. P.O. Box 340 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850) 227 7800 Fax: (850) 227 7878 E-Mail: mmagidson@gtcom.net January 17, 24, 2013

91741S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 12-59-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. O'SHALL Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of DOROTHY M. O'SHALL, deceased, whose date of death was November 23, 2012 is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 10, 2013.

Personal Representative: Charles A. Costin FL Bar No. 699070 P O Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850)-227-1159 January 10,17, 2013

9181S 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 February 7, 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 PARCEL A1 COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER C-30A WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF HALL STREET AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT OF MONEY BAYOU SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 28 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 107.14 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 49 SECONDS WEST 117.79 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 44.72 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THEN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 265.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.25 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

AND ALSO PARCEL A2 COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER C-30A WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF HALL STREET AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT OF MONEY BAYOU SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 28 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY AS FOLLOWS SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 107.14 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 39.25 FEET TO A ROD AND CAP; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 01 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 140.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.16 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

TOGETHER WITH A 5 FOOT WIDE PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER C-30A WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF HALL STREET AS PER THE RECORDED PLAT OF MONEY BAYOU SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 28 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA;

THENCE RUN ALONG SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 107.14 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 265.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 5.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 398.49 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATERLINE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID WATERLINE NORTH 87 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 5.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WATERLINE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 398.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Personal Property Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property"). pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Order on Report and Recommendation on Motion for Summary Judgment 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. MELISSA BURGESS WALDEN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and any unknown heirs of PHILIP M. WALDEN, JR. or, any other parties claiming an interest in the estate of PHILIP M. WALDEN, JR., deceased, Defendants. and the docket number of which is 2012-CA-000106. 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 7th day of January, 2013. REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk January 17, 24, 2013

91825S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 08-00476

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THENCE RUN ALONG SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 82 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 107.14 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 265.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 5.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST 398.49 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATERLINE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID WATERLINE NORTH 87 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 5.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WATERLINE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 398.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

MELISSA BURGESS WALDEN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; and any unknown heirs of PHILIP M. WALDEN, JR. or, any other parties claiming an interest in the estate of PHILIP M. WALDEN, JR., deceased, Defendants.

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WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 7th day of January, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk January 17, 24, 2013

91825S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 08-00476

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 7th day of January, 2013, and entered in Case No. 08-00476, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES, 2006-4 is the Plaintiff and ERNEST REESE ANTLEY; SARA M. ANTLEY and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

Bidders shall have applicable experience in beach grooming and raking and shall provide references to document experience. Gulf County reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and to waive any technicalities and formalities. Gulf County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received as a result of this invitation for bids or to negotiate with all qualified bidders, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this invitation for bids if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. This solicitation does not commit the County to award a contract or to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation of your bid; or to produce or contract for any articles of goods or services.

Your bid must be signed by an official of your company authorized to bind the bidder, and shall contain a statement that the bid is good for a period of at least 60 days from the date of bid opening.

Gulf County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or in the provision of goods and services.

BID INSTRUCTIONS: Bids shall be submitted based on the specifications and must be filled out completely. All required Certificates of Insurance must be included with your bid. All contractors will provide a minimum of three references for contracts of similar requirements and scope. Please provide name and current phone number of a primary point of contact for each reference. Failure of your bid to comply with these requirements will render it non-responsive.

For additional information concerning this solicitation, please visit the Gulf County TDC Building located at 150 Captain Fred's Place, Port Saint Joe or contact Jennifer Jenkins at (850) 229-7800.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA /S/ Tynain Smiley, Chairman January 17, 2013

The Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency is seeking proposals from qualified companies to manufacture 75 vinyl banners using owner-provided art. Sealed bids must be received, hard copy only, by 1 PM on Friday, February 8, 2013. Bids may be mailed or delivered in person to Gail Alsobrook, Executive Director, Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency, 150 Captain Fred's Place Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The complete RFP and bid form are available at www.psjra.com. 850-229-6899.

91877S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 12-202CA

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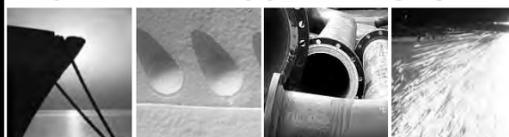
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