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## New school in town



### North Florida Child Development center opens

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The crystallization of a dream now stands at the end of Field of Dreams Avenue.

That was how U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland described last week's official opening of the North Florida Child Development, Inc. Early Child Development and Family Resource Center in Port St. Joe.

Under a glorious azure cloudless sky, a crowd gathered to cut the ribbon on Gulf County's first new school in more than 40 years.

"It's surreal," said Sharon Gaskin, president and CEO of NFCD and the dynamo behind the crystallization of the dream of her board's some seven years ago. "It's pretty satisfying. This was an accomplishment because this was a struggle at times."

"It is something I am very proud of."

The new \$5 million facility replaces the old Highland View Elementary School site used by NFCD and expands on the foundation of services at that facility.

The Early Child Development and Family Resource Center sits on two-and-a-half acres and is 18,000 square feet. It has two additional classrooms — 10 total — with room to add two more, a state-of-the-art kitchen, a multi-purpose community room and will offer an array of medical services in collaboration with the Gulf County Health Department.

The facility brings 10 new jobs to the community. NFCD has a Gulf County payroll of \$1.8 million with a \$7 million annual impact to the county, Gaskin noted.

"This is a vision that became a reality," said Damon McNair, NFCD board chairman. "It took us several years to get to this point, but we got here."

The facility is also a product of wide ranging public/private partnerships.

Funding came from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the



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Sharon Gaskin, center left, and U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland officially cut the ribbon on the facility, which Southerland called the "crystallization of a dream." **Top:** The 18,000 square foot \$5 million facility has 10 classrooms and is the first new school built in Gulf County in more than four decades.



Florida Department of Community Affairs with a major/grant loan package from U.S. Department of Agricultural Rural Development.

The city of Port St. Joe sponsored a Community Development Block Grant for infrastructure such as the road Field of Dreams Avenue.

The Board of County Commissioners and Gulf County School Board

were supporters of the project.

"This has been seven years of blood, sweat and tears," said Rural Development state director Richard Machek. "A facility like this is a dream. You have set the bar very, very high for the rest of the state of Florida."

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## Port St. Joe names focus group for park plans

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While noting issues with aspects of a plan for a city bay front park, Port St. Joe city commissioners last week appointed a focus group to serve as a "sounding board" as the plans move forward.

The park plans, with a working title of BayPark but which incorporates much of George Core Park and the historic Maddox House, have been presented to the city commissioners and the Board of County Commissioners.

They are the product of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency that secured a planning grant for the proposed park.

A public workshop was held on the planning document two weeks ago in the Port St. Joe commission meeting room.

The park is envisioned as the relocation spot for the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, which was awarded to the city by the Department of Interior last month.

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## Removal process of PAC president's voting rights stops

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The process of removing Jim Garth, president of the political action committee Citizens Improving Gulf County, from the voter rolls at the recommendation of State Glenn Hess has been stopped by Supervisor of Elections John Hanlon.

Hanlon said until provided with evidence that Garth should be stripped of his voting rights "the matter is over as far as I am concerned."

In addition, the State Attorney's Office contacted Hanlon last week that and recommended the removal process "be stopped at this time," Hanlon said.

That call came shortly after Hanlon had contacted the Florida Bureau of Voter Registration within the Division of Elections about the situation.

Hanlon said the deputy of the bureau, Maria Matthews and the bureau's chief legal counsel were consulted and provided the information to date.

The opinion Hanlon received was that a letter from State Attorney Glenn Hess stating his office found evidence of a felony conviction in Garth's past and that "apparently" his civil rights had not been restored was insufficient to revoke Garth's voting rights.

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## CCA debates lighthouse, beach trash pickup

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Coastal Community Association president Pat Hardman called it the elephant in the room

While a host of issues were raised and discussed during the nearly two-hour annual CCA membership meeting last Saturday at St. Joseph

Country Club, the Cape San Blas Lighthouse and the decision by the U.S. Department of Interior to award the lighthouse and ancillary buildings to the City of Port St. Joe drew the most passionate debate.

In short, there did not seem, by a raise of hands, much support for the notion of taking the lighthouse off the cape and moving it into the city.

But, Hardman noted, the CCA had taken the issue about as far as it could.

A protest from the CCA to the Department of Interior, she said, was not taken up by the agency because the Board of County Commissioners — which joined the city as the only two applicants for the lighthouse — had written a letter that, in part, offers support to the city and its efforts

to preserve the lighthouse.

Also coming under attack were the logistics of moving the lighthouse to the city. Noted during the meeting was that while the city has estimated the move at \$300,000, it has applied for nearly \$1 million in RESTORE Act funds to facilitate the move.

In addition, the consensus

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# Callaway man killed in Gulf County wreck

Star staff report

One person was killed in a Gulf County accident last Thursday night, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Carl Allene Wilson, 24, of Port St. Joe, was driving northbound in a 1998 Chevrolet Corvette on Gulf County 386 at a "high rate of speed" about 9 p.m. EST when he failed to negotiate the curve, overcorrected and rolled the vehicle, FHP reported.

He was sent to Bay Medical Center with minor injuries. Passenger John Paul Tinsley, 23, of Callaway, was killed. Vanessa Ann Raynor, 22, of Mexico Beach, was sent to Bay Medical Center with serious injuries.

Wilson was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. Both passengers were wearing seat belts. The FHP report said the wreck was alcohol-related but did not elaborate.

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"When the local community gets behind projects like that, they happen."

And community is reflected in the private sector side of the creation of the facility.

The St. Joe Company donated the land. The Kiwanis Club sponsored one classroom and the Early Learning Coalition, Capital City Bank, Centennial Bank and the United Way all provided various levels of funding.

Gulf Correctional Institute and its inmates, along with private citizens built playhouses and other items to be raffled for the new center. A golf tournament raised more funding from the community.

It was all part of Gaskin's mission and pledge on one federal loan — "You get me that \$300,000 and I will turn it into \$5 million."

"This was a seven-year plan and you do not do a project like this in a small community without the support of the community," Gaskin said. "Locally we



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A state-of-the-art kitchen offers not only the opportunity to produce hot wholesome food but also potentially a culinary training site that NCFD president Sharon Gaskin is already exploring.

had so much support.

"We have been blessed with all-stars from the private sector, the community and local, state and federal governments."

The new center also expands the educational infrastructure of the county.

"This is impressive," said Loretta Costin, director of the Gulf/Franklin campus of Gulf Coast State College. "We are so fortunate to have a facility like this."

Barry Sellers, director of the Economic Development Council, said that when potential clients see the corridor of U.S. 98 in which stands Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, the Gulf/Franklin campus and now the NCFD facility they will come away impressed.

"Not many counties have these kind of facilities to offer," Sellers said. "Education and economic development are one. This is the beginning of economic

development, providing the education and medical services young children need."

Southerland, who was present and keynote speaker for the official groundbreaking a little more than a year ago, echoed many of Sellers' sentiments. He noted the importance of a facility bringing programs and services to children up to age 5 and their families. "It is really an honor to see a vision crystallized," Southerland said. "When you have a vision, you grow strong and you will not perish. When that vision grows, good things happen. America is a country where if you dream it it will happen."

"We are going to grow healthy children, we are going to grow healthy parents and we are going to grow the relationship between them. As a family grows so grows the nation. I challenge you not to rest, to not

be complacent."

This is no issue with Gaskin.

Firstly, she insured that the transition from one school site to another was smooth. While there was a week or so lag between sites — the new facility opens for school Monday — teachers were kept on the payroll and worked an outreach schedule by going to students' homes.

"The transition was very smooth," Gaskin said. "The biggest thing for me was people needed to keep being paid."

Secondly, while basking in the satisfaction in a job well done, Gaskin was already thinking about possibilities for expanding programs at the new facility.

The kitchen could be used for a culinary class. The community room has a host of potential purposes.

"I am already on the next page," Gaskin said.



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was that the move would destroy the history of a lighthouse that has sat on Cape San Blas for more than a century and skepticism that the city understood what it was taking on in attempting to move the lighthouse — which Hardman said would require two 40-ton cranes and a drive that would require covering nearly 30 miles using 13 Mile Road.

The county proposed to move the lighthouse two miles down C-30E to Salinas Park.

“I don’t think anybody understands the structure,” Hardman said. She has done extensive work examining the costs and logistics for moving the lighthouse. “Technically, they could destroy the lighthouse in the move.”

“I actually took for granted that (the county) would be going to get it,”

said County Commissioner Warren Yeager, whose district covers the area of the CCA, which includes most everything from St. Joseph Peninsula to Indian Pass.

“If the city can fund it, and I have my doubts, then that is the decision. I have serious doubts they can raise the money. If the city can not perform on their contract, we still have an opportunity.”

Hardman also noted a focus group recently selected by Port St. Joe city commissioners to consider and provide input about the proposed plans for a city park to which the lighthouse would be relocated.

“Maybe we can talk to them about building something nice for the city and we can save our lighthouse,” Hardman said.

Prompted by questions, Yeager pledged that he would not allow the BOCC

to bail out the city for any of the \$1 million proposed cost reflected in the city’s pre-proposal application to the RESTORE Act committee.

Julia Cunningham said the lighthouse relocation should not even qualify under the RESTORE Act funding criteria and suggested the county try to postpone the transfer of the lighthouse and buildings until the city demonstrates the fiscal ability to relocate the lighthouse and maintain it at a new location.

“This has the potential to become an embarrassment,” Cunningham said.

Betty McNeill, as she did during a BOCC meeting several weeks ago, expressed dismay that moving the lighthouse off the cape was even under discussion and said a decision by the St. Joseph Histori-

cal Society to support the move to the city involved “a conflict of interest.”

“What is distressing to me is people are misstating the facts,” McNeill said. “It is a distressful thing to take a historic site and put it in an amusement park. I think the decision by the historical society involved some conflict of interest.”

“We have a lot of support for keeping it on the cape. There are other members (of the historical society) who say they do not agree with moving it off the cape. History is being destroyed and ignored.”

### BEACH CLEANLINESS

Several questioned and CCA members said the new system of trash/pet stations on the peninsula and cape beaches was “inadequate.”

The Gulf County Tourist Development Council

recently launched a campaign to bring more uniformity to pet/trash stations on the beach and setting stations so that county work crews could easily access and clean them.

However, TDC director Jennifer Jenkins, who received warm, generous applause for her efforts the first six months on the job, was grilled by several people who said there were too few stations too far apart and the beach could become “a landfill” when the tourist season arrives.

Jenkins explained the efforts she had undertaken, including going out for

qualifications for a beach cleaning company.

“I am trying to get some uniformity,” Jenkins said. “The beaches are important to me.”

She said the TDC with input from Yeager would visit the issue and examine potential solutions for more trash/pet stations.

“We will address that,” Yeager said. “There is some concern there and we will address it.”

On the same issue, Yeager said he also wanted to hear from the public about potentially adopting “Leave No Trace” ordinances for beachgoers.

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Matthews and legal counsel, Hanlon said, could find no evidence of the conviction in their own search and said that without attached copies of evidence from the State Attorney, the letter did not constitute evidence in itself.

Hanlon, who is the final authority on removing a voter from the Gulf County rolls, said he immediately stopped the process.

“Taking somebody off the voter rolls, that is a pretty major thing to have happen,” Hanlon said. “That is our most fundamental right, voting. I could not remove anybody just based on a letter.”

Hanlon said that if provided information on the felony conviction and lack of restoration of rights, he would begin anew the process of removing Garth from the voting rolls.

Garth’s “apparent” voting rights and felony conviction — which Garth has stated could only be the result of actions more than four decades ago — was a finding from the State Attorney investigation into an alleged

“extortion” attempt against County Commissioner Warren Yeager.

Hess closed that investigation, which examined actions by Citizens Improving Gulf County and St. Joe Beach resident Tom Graney, the only person mentioned in the letter closing the case, on Oct. 16.

In closing the case at that time Hess made no mention of Garth’s conviction. The case was reopened based on “new information” after a “heated exchange” about the investigation during the Oct. 25 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

During that meeting former Commissioner Bill Williams acknowledged wearing a wire during the investigation and a private citizen made assertions about the case that ultimately were not borne out by the investigative file released to the public by Hess’s office.

Commissioners spent more than 20 minutes criticizing the actions of the members of Citizens Improving Gulf County and Williams repeatedly used the word “blackmail” to describe

the allegations.

The case was finally closed last month.

In closing the case, Hess said while he found probable cause of extortion, he added that as prosecutor he would have to weigh whether reasonable people would see the case as one of just dirty politics.

The lone information in the investigative file dated after June 2012 was the information about Garth’s “apparent” voting situation, which Hess said had been discovered during the initial investigation yet was not mentioned when he closed the case Oct. 16.

Garth said he has twice contacted the State Attorney’s Office for information on the felony conviction to begin the clemency process — as Hess recommended in his letter, Garth could restore his voting rights within the ensuing 30 days — and received only a phone call that the office would be in touch.

This paper also sought clarification on the felony charges last month with no response.

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## This is not rocket science

It was going to be a nice long weekend. Perhaps, I thought I could get a few things done around the house and then just “do nothing.” Never underestimate the value of simply doing nothing.

Some folks think they are too busy or important to simply do nothing. Honestly, I think those are the same folks that actually probably do nothing all the time. You’ve seen these folks; they spin their wheels all day, talk a lot about all they have to do and get nothing done.

There are lists on the internet that give folks ideas on “How to do nothing.” Just to give you an idea, the list I found included advice on choosing the right loafing role models, sketching flowers, staring at the clouds and taking a nap. Are you kidding? These folks have lists for everything and after spinning their wheels all day, they feel so proud of it — that they need to learn how to do nothing.

I know how to do nothing.

Also, I understand that you have to “do something,” before you get to do nothing. The kitchen sink had been dripping for a while and someone got the bright idea to replace the whole thing. You know, “Update the kitchen sink with a brand new fancy faucet.”

They have these faucets now that you can wave your hand over and they come on. These new fancy faucets are amazing, but I chose one that was not so fancy. The fancy one was nice, but I didn’t want to risk waving at it the wrong way. It might have sprayed me in the face or something.

When I got home, I read the instructions for my new faucet before I took anything out of the box. Honest, I did. Sometimes I’m not so good about reading the instructions, but this time I wanted the whole process to go smoothly.

The new faucet fit into the sink perfectly and it looked great. Now, all I had to do was get under the sink and hook it up.

It looked simple enough, although there were a lot of archaic

looking pipes and tubes under the kitchen sink. Apparently, the faucet I was replacing had been there since the 70’s and



**CRANKS MY TRACTOR**  
BN Heard

the fellow who put it in was expecting an earthquake or something. There had been lots of soldering and piecing together. Rather than earthquake preparation, perhaps the fellow before me had

either experienced a leak or they had cut the pipe one too many times (it was pieced together a lot).

Disconnecting the old faucet had been so easy that I was already looking forward to doing nothing. Then I made my first attempt at hooking up the new faucet. After turning on the water, I needed to get a towel. It was leaking pretty badly.

No problem, I thought, I’ll just tighten the connections a little more.

I turned the water back on; I needed two towels this time. It was getting just a little frustrating. After coming to the conclusion that I might need to replace the fittings, I headed out to the hardware store. The hardware store is a nice place to talk about doing a lot of stuff (and not actually doing it). I view it as a medicinal experience.

New fittings didn’t fix the leaks. More towels were needed and I decided I needed to start cutting pipe; I went back to the hardware store. I took digital pictures of the battlefield under the sink so I could stand around and talk about it with the fellows at the hardware store.

We all agreed that I had what I needed to win the war under the sink.

Four or five hours and about eight towels later; water was still leaking under the kitchen sink. Too tired to even enjoy doing nothing, I decided to go to bed and start again the next morning.

Before I started the next morning, I headed out to the hardware store for encouragement. We have a nice local Ace Hardware and the ladies and fellows that work there are always telling me, “You can do that yourself.”

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## Hunker DOWN

# He will always be ‘the man’

There is no way you’re going to understand this story today. Partly because I don’t have the writing ability to properly illuminate and pay homage where it is most appropriately due. But even more than that, we are delving into a relationship here between heroes and boys whose time, sadly in this world today, has mostly come and gone.



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kelsey Colbert

Stan Musial died. He was 92. Unquestionably, he lived an interesting, much decorated and full life. His beautiful wife of 71 years, his childhood sweetheart, had died just this past May and Stan and Lil are reunited now. His baseball legacy, his twenty-two years in the big leagues, the seven batting titles, the three Most Valuable Player awards, the .331 lifetime batting average, the 475 homeruns, the 3,630 hits.....all bespeak of his astounding baseball prowess.

But none of those remarkable records account for the tears I’m shedding this morning. It does not explain the ache in my heart..... half a century after Stan last wielded a Louisville Slugger and dropped into his familiar crouch from the left side of the plate to stare down the likes of Robin Roberts, big Don Newcombe or Warren Spahn.

It started in a small living room with a family huddled around an old floor model Zenith radio in 1952. There was, of course, no television. There was little money for entertainment. Going to town was only

for necessities. The world moved at a snail’s pace and any, and everything, of significance had definitely missed our little corner of it. In between “Amos ‘n’ Andy” and “Fibber McGee and Molly” Dad would tune in KMOX out of St. Louis and for an hour or so we would be transported out of the mundane.

Harry Caray, the venerable St. Louis Cardinal broadcaster, would describe old Sportsman Park in minute detail, the fast moving clouds, the mood in the dugout, the high kick of Vinegar Bend Mizell and he’d worry and fuss about an error by third baseman Billy Johnson that had the Cards behind by two runs moving into the bottom of the eighth. Enos Slaughter and Peanuts Lowery would scratch out hits and Stan the Man would gracefully step to the plate for the pivotal at bat in this ball game. He’d take a low and away pitch for “ball one” from Brooklyn Dodger ace Carl Erskine. We’d have our heads literally glued to the radio. I can hear Harry this morning as clear as a bell from 61 years away, “Musial digs in, Erskine gets the sign, hereeeee’s the pitch, swung on... theree’s a drive, waayyy back, it might be out of here, it could beeeee.....IT IS... A HOME RUN! The Cardinals take the lead!”

Stan Musial, more than any one else on earth, was selling hope down at the end of Stonewall Street in the 1950’s. If our beloved Redbirds were trailing by six runs late in the game, we expected—we believed with all our hearts—that if

Stan could just get one last at bat, he’d hit a seven run homer! We never doubted him. We never gave up on him. We trusted him. We prayed for him. It went way beyond him leading the league in doubles, RBI’s or batting. I didn’t understand consistency, role models or much else in those formative years, but I knew Stan Musial was the real deal.....he was playing for all of us! When he stepped to the plate, all business, festivities, small talk and motion ceased; time itself stood still! And somehow along the way, believe it or not, this unabashed love affair even transcended winning or losing. He carried us way beyond the walls of our little universe.

The fights in the backyard pick up games were not about some advantage gained in choosing up sides, a close call at second or the final score. It was about who got “to be” Stan in that game. Right handed batters would move to the left side of the plate to emulate him. Every little league player in our town wanted to get the No. 6 jersey.

My first trip to Sportsman’s Park was in 1955. I’d never seen grass so green. I was a little surprised that Stan was the same size as the rest of the players. He didn’t disappoint this day, getting a couple of hits off a tough Cincinnati pitching staff and driving in, naturally, a key run. That trip is still one of the highlights of my life.

Heroes were real in small towns like ours. Stan never wavered from the top of the list. And we never out grew him. I wouldn’t date a girl that didn’t pull for him and the Cardinals.

I bought baseball cards looking for Stan up to the day he retired. My loyalty ran as deep as a Donora, Pennsylvania, coal mine. He WAS family! Bobby Jack, Terry Brown, Jackie, Leon, Bobby C., Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell, Deake, Buddy..... I could list near about the whole town who thought just like I did. It wasn’t so much as the years rolled by, “did the Cards win?” but “how did Stan do?”

He galvanized all of us. It has been a thrill and an honor to be associated in such a way with Stan Musial over the years. He is an untarnished hero. He was universally loved and respected by contemporary players, kings, paupers and presidents. He truly lived an exemplary life. By all accounts this 24 time Major League All Star was a better person than he was a baseball ballplayer. I’m not sure you can pay a man a higher tribute than that!

As the tears came freely over Stan’s passing, so did my memories of the long vigils around that old Zenith radio with the four most precious people in my life. I thought of Ricky, Squeaky, Emily Scarbrough, Chick, Goat Hayes, J. S. and a hundred others..... Some I’ve already heard from. The others, I promise, rolled my name over when they heard the news. We all thought back to those pick up games or a ride to St. Louis or the Sunday afternoon doubleheader on May 2, 1954, when The Man hit five home runs against the Giants.

Stan has brought us all together again. It’s just like old times.

Reverently,  
Kes

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# Florida’s growing cancer of socialism can be removed by California

Good Morning Jerry Brown, You and the California Congressional caucus are in the position to add \$260 billion per year to California’s annual GDP at no expense to California taxpayers, by doing another state a favor — Florida.

All you and the California Congressional caucus have to do is actively support Florida’s request for “secession” and initiate and pass Congressional legislation that states that Federal facilities, which serve national interests, should be located in those states whose taxpayers pay for the support of those facilities.

Referencing USAspending.gov, an OMB website, CNBC reported that California taxpayers are subsidizing 72 percent of Florida’s annual GDP. (No. 1 subsidized state in U.S.). According to CNBC, the U.S. Federal government annually subsidizes the Sunshine State \$30,318 per capita. When you multiply \$30,318 times 19.1 million Floridians, you get the approximate annual cost of ObamaCare. You need to know, those subsidies come from California taxpayers and U.S.-FED Debt, sans an ROI for California or America. Shouldn’t U.S.-FED tax monies be recycled in the tax-source states whenever possible?

Florida should really appreciate California taking appropriate action. The presence of military bases in Florida forces Floridians to participate in a political activity which is against the political Principles of Floridians.

Taking California taxpayers’ dollars to subsidize Florida’s GDP is applied socialism.

Most of Florida’s 21 military base activities could be relocated — to California. An independent state of Florida would then be free to reimburse the U.S.-FED for services that primarily benefit the host state (i.e., U.S.-FED Resources Regulation, Grants and Coast Guard). Florida would be free of socialism.

The “facts” behind Florida’s situation and the need for California Congressional caucus action:

1) Secession really benefits Florida and the U.S.. In the not too distant future, Florida’s military bases will have to begin importing a workforce to provide civilian support for their facilities. Florida’s public schools do not provide the tech-trainable workforce necessary to support the civilian workforce needed by tomorrow’s military. Based on national standards, Florida’s K-12 schools don’t graduate college-ready students or tech-trainable candidates for America’s Tech-sTem-driven workforce.

Florida’s school districts have indicated no interest in making the “schooling” changes necessary to tech-grade the capabilities of local high school, college, or university “graduates” to meet the predictable civilian support needs of tomorrow’s military or the tech-sTem-driven American workforce.

Florida has laid the groundwork for building a Polytechnic University similar to Cal Poly. In truth,

Floridians lack the enterprise management experience, the university-level intellectual resources, the K-12 level student competencies, or the public support necessary to build a nationally recognized Polytechnic University.

2) Florida’s “secession” would eliminate a significant direct Federal Tax drain, plus reduce a majority of “Grant” requests submitted to the U.S.-FED for additional U.S.-FED aid. Simply processing Florida’s “Grant” requests may cost the U.S.-FED more than Floridians pay into the U.S. Treasury from their un-subsidized GDP. The reduction of Florida’s Grant requests could reduce the U.S.-FED annual deficit by possibly \$200 Billion.

3) California should respect and support Florida’s political perspectives and lifestyle aspirations. Secession would relieve Floridians of the necessity of pretending to protect, support, and defend something they don’t believe in — the U.S. Constitution. Floridians’ “Home Rule” perspectives violate the Spirit, Intent, and the Written Word of the U.S. Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution is ignored legally and politically at all levels in Florida. Four of the Initiatives on the ballot in the last election violated the U.S. Rule of Law, as does about 80% of State Statute. No politician or attorney in Florida can accurately complete the following “The U.S. Rule of Law states...” in 48 words or less. The ACLU has sued Gov. Scott 11 times for Constitutional violations. Local school districts consistently

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## Our lighthouse, our waterfront

Dear Editor  
I've been watching all the back and forth pertaining to the lighthouse with both amusement and concern. Putting all the drama aside, my first concern is to see the lighthouse saved. I love them and never grow old of visiting an old Fresnel lens when I get the chance. Like the sailors that took comfort in their steadfast aid to navigation, people, adults and kids alike, are naturally drawn to them. The have a calming effect.

With regard to the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, I have my own ideas as to what is best. And to be honest, had it been decided it should remain on the cape and relocated to Salinas Park, I would have respected and been happy with that outcome. It does represent the most affordable solution to my highest priority, saving the lighthouse.

However ... you knew there had to be a however, right? I mean what good is a letter to the editor amidst a local controversy without a little, however. However, the lighthouse's relocation to the City of Port St. Joe makes the most sense, representing the best probability for a positive influence over the entire area in the long haul. The opportunity to convert visits

into a positive economic impact is best served with the lighthouse in the city.

That kind of economic return just wouldn't be realized if the lighthouse was moved to Salinas Park.

While I applaud the city's award, I must side with Christy McElroy and her concerns as expressed in the, "Bay Park Workshop" article featured in The Star dated Jan. 17. Her comments are spot on. I couldn't agree more. I understand all we are currently seeing are conceptual ideas, but we don't need to turn our waterfront into any resemblance of an amusement park. What a huge mistake that would be. Doing so would only cheapen both the rich history of the area and the lighthouse itself. We can do much better to showcase both.

The visitors of the cape area are a more mature group, to include their children. They like what is naturally offered about the area without the need for fabricated entertainment. The forgotten coast is unmolested. This is one of the key reasons people come back, year after year. It is also the reason my wife and I are the proud owners of our cottage in town. In the mornings when I walk my dog, Ms. Dixie, along the waterfront, I can't help but feel so fortunate

to be in a place so close to town, yet still beautiful, so undisturbed.

As this project moves forward, let's keep one simple thing in mind. Lighthouses do not need cheap, or in this case, expensive gimmicks to get attention or gain attractiveness. Lighthouses have their own magnetism without the need for human intervention. All that is needed is better access. A tasteful placement along the waterfront will do that just fine, bringing people closer to our shops, artists, and restaurants. We would be far better served diverting those additional resources towards continuing the revitalization of the downtown area to prepare for those additional visits. That is, unless the goal is to be more like Panama City. If that's the case, you're moving in the right direction, unfortunately.

Kirk S. Jockell  
Port St. Joe

## What is really going on — again?

Dear Editor:  
I am a lifelong resident of North Port St. Joe, served two terms on the DRA Board and am involved in other activities in my community. After constantly hearing the city does not have any money, yet the costs of water

continues to increase and the water is not drinkable, therefore I am having to buy drinking water, I see no improvement in my community.

Yet I see money spent on things the town can do without such as the lighthouse. The lighthouse needs to stay in the Cape area. In North Port St. Joe the gym can not open because there is no money. The only time we hear promises is during election time. When certain jobs become available they are already filled when it is made known to the public. It is political friends of friends and it is not what you know but who you know. North Port St. Joe hears the same old song — there is no money but money is being spent all over town.

When is North Port St. Joe going to see something?

Thank you,  
Ann Sue Fields  
Port St. Joe

## Billy Johnson

Dear Editor:  
My parents grew up in Port St. Joe and now live in Denver, Colorado. They receive the Star weekly. As they have spent the last month enjoying the white sandy beaches of their childhood home, I have been looking after their home here in Denver. Since they aren't here to read The

Star, I have taken it home to catch up on the happenings myself.

Imagine my surprise at the hypocrisy that is your newspaper. On Page 2 of the Dec. 27, 2012, edition, there is a lovely article remembering Everett Gant, who was murdered in a hate crime. The article appropriately puts down the murderer as an ignorant racist. Hallelujah, I think to myself, Gulf County has finally joined the 21st century.

Then I draw bile when I read the article written by Billy Johnson. "We can be gay" jumps off the page at me assaulting me with hate. I remember though, that he is one man with one ignorant opinion and I move on.

Against my better judgment, I pick up the Jan. 3 edition and run into Mr. Billy Johnson again. As if disparaging "gays" wasn't enough in the week before, this time he eloquently calls homosexuals "queers;" a term that has been derogatory and hateful for all of my 44 years.

I tried to remind myself that he is one ignorant man with one ignorant opinion, but decide I can't let it go. The Star certainly should rise above hate and homophobia and act like a newspaper and not a rag. Exactly what kind of message are y'all trying to

deliver when on Page 2 you renounce hate but on Page 14 you unabashedly allow hate to blossom? That's not a rhetorical question, actually. I am seeking insight more intelligently explained than "freedom of speech."

Shame on you. I have spent a lifetime here in the West defending my Southern brothers and sisters. No more.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Joines  
Denver, Colorado

## No theme park

Dear Editor:  
I have been coming to Cape St. Blas for eight years now and every year make it a point of visiting our lighthouse. I understand the need to secure these buildings, and feel this should be of utmost importance.

One of the things my sister and I enjoy is downtown Port St. Joe and its atmosphere.

I would hate to see all of the historical buildings and great downtown overrun with a theme park. Perhaps this will take away or change your lovely town.

If only the three buildings could be secured on some land where they could stand alone as they are now.

Jane Rowan  
Elliot Lake

## LETTER from page A4

violate their students' Constitutional Rights with impunity. There is no "...provide for the common defense..." commitment in Florida. Florida has the highest percentage of young adults, 18-24 years old, who are unfit for military service in the USA.

Importing a competent workforce to meet the support needs of the military will meet with considerable local resistance. Newcomers are not welcome in Florida. Local Florida communities practice graveyard nepotism and the sanctification

of antebellum political and social traditions, in both public and private employment, which have successfully opposed "change" for decades. Floridians focus on lowering their taxes and eliminating "regulation", not providing competent community services nor "... secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

4) The 2012 Presidential Election tells Americans and the world all they needed to know about Florida: 14 days to vote; 10 days to count the votes; Results submitted 5 days after

the election was over. Why? Floridians, when they read, read very slowly. Only 28 percent of Florida-born 3rd graders will graduate from high school by completing and passing all of the required courses for earning a standard or better Florida high school diploma.

Florida only requires Basic Level 2&3 through 10th grade reading skills for a standard High School diploma (lowest in USA today).

The reality of 21st Century life in America — Floridians want individual freedom from

responsibility or obligation to the USA. It is time to give Florida what Florida wants — its independence. Please recruit the California Congressional caucus to consider and support Florida's secession, and initiate legislation that relieves Florida of participating in American Socialism. It is the Right thing to do — for Florida, for California, and for America.

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PS. Florida's secession would not cause any "brain drain" for the U.S.

Among U.S. universities, the top 3 Florida Universities are: University of Florida No. 122 in the U.S.; University of Miami, No. 193, and the University of South Florida, No. 240. If non-PhD granting colleges, like CalPoly (SLO-CA) were included, it is unlikely any Florida school would be in the top 400 in the U.S. It is a K-12 problem. As my grandfather used to say, "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

## CRANKS from page A4

They know I've worked in the space business for over 25 years, I'm pretty sure they just assume I can do "simple" tasks around the house.

It's not always the case.

I disconnected, cut and connected everything back together again. It still leaked and it was getting closer to noon. Have you ever seen the episode of The Andy Griffith Show where Andy keeps telling Aunt Bea to, "Call the Man," to fix the noisy and sparking freezer she has filled with a side of beef she got a bargain price on? My back was soaking wet and my legs were sticking

out from under the sink. I thought I heard Andy Griffith yelling at me, "Just call the man."

I had too much time invested at this point. How could I enjoy nothing after not accomplishing a thing?

Another break was in order, so I decided to call my godmother, Phyllis. She is always encouraging. She is however, going to be 92 next month, so she doesn't hear so well.

After explaining to her that I was having trouble with the water leaking from the kitchen sink, she went into a few sermons, apparently only hearing the part about the water.

Phyllis talked about being baptized, Jesus walking on the water and turning water into wine. I'm sure I needed to hear all of that and by the time she was finished, I had calmed down some.

She prayed for me like she always does.

This time I knew the leaks would stop. I tightened everything one more time and turned the water back on while I was

still under the sink looking straight up. Something turned loose and a tube went crazy spraying ice cold water in my face like a wild serpent spewing cold venom under the sink.

I was soaking wet. I had to take my shirt off on the spot.

Perhaps this was a Baptism. Perhaps this was what Phyllis was praying for.... I did not know.

There were no more

dry towels left in the house after I mopped up the kitchen floor.

I went to the hardware store one more time. I came back and unhooked it all, then hooked it back up. It was a miracle. It didn't leak (maybe just a drop or two). The way I figure it,

the drops of water were probably just sweat from the pipes wrestling with me for a couple of days.

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## LET IT BURN

### Controlled fires planned for area sawgrass marsh

By STAN KIRKLAND  
Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission

Over the next several days, wildlife biologists will be busy with several large prescribed burns north of Apalachicola in the sawgrass marsh.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Wildlife Biologist Derek Fussell said the prescribed or controlled burns will be done in several phases on marshlands in the Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area. An estimated 10,000 acres will be burned in the next seven to 10 days.

"Our purpose in doing the burn is really twofold," Fussell said. "It's about hazard reduction or removing as much combustible material as possible to prevent a more serious

*Before settlement in Florida, Native Americans sometimes used wildfire to burn significant areas of the state. They recognized that fire not only kept forests and fields open, but was good for wildlife such as white-tailed deer.*

wildfire.

"Additionally, burns like this help stop the encroachment of hardwoods into the marsh."

Before settlement in Florida, Native Americans sometimes used wildfire to burn significant areas of the state. They recognized that fire not only kept forests and fields open, but was good for wildlife such as white-tailed deer.

To burn as much as

10,000 acres quickly, Fussell said the FWC would be using a helicopter and aerial ignition system called Delayed Aerial Ignition Device. Pilots using the DAID system fly along, dropping pingpong-like balls filled with a chemical mixture. When the balls hit the ground, they ignite.

Under the old burning methods, biologists on the ground with fire pots could burn and maintain control

of a prescribed burn of usually not more than several hundred acres. Using a helicopter and a modern DAID system, they can safely burn thousands of acres in a day.

Fussell said another important reason biologists and foresters like to burn in January and February is because of predictable weather.

"We have to keep the smoke away from people and highways, and this time of year fronts and wind direction are much more predictable," he said.

Fussell said the FWC works closely with the Florida Forest Service and obtains a burn permit before beginning any prescribed burn. To keep it safe, the burn permit takes into account relevant burning conditions.



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### FWC, DEP combined forces increase service in state parks

Special to The Star

When the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission acquired additional personnel from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) last year, its staff gained new responsibilities. Now, FWC officers patrol all of Florida's woods and waters, including its state forests and state parks.

Gov. Rick Scott said, "By combining the efforts of Florida's environmental law enforcement, we can ensure that our state's many visitors are safe and natural resources are protected. This efficient approach provides FWC more opportunities to serve Florida families and enhance the natural condition of our state parks and forests."

"We have become more efficient and effective with an even broader range of skills and experience," said Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement. "By reducing supervisors, increasing

the number of officers in the field and working closely with DEP's Florida Park Service, we have been able to increase service levels in the parks by 28 percent."

The statistic refers to the number of activity hours in the parks in the first six months after the consolidation — July through December — compared to the same time period of 2011, when a smaller number of DEP officers was patrolling the parks alone. The consolidation of officers became official July 1, 2012.

"We are pleased with the extremely high level of service provided to our state parks and visitors by FWC law enforcement professionals," said Donald Forgiome, DEP's Florida Park Service director. "The safety of our visitors and the environment is our top priority. With the consolidation of Florida's environmental law enforcement divisions, we have a larger pool of officers from multiple areas of the state who are available to efficiently and effectively assist the state parks when called."

### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Jan. 31	62°	41°	0 %
Fri, Feb. 01	65°	43°	0 %
Sat, Feb. 02	64°	46°	0 %
Sun, Feb. 03	66°	48°	0 %
Mon, Feb. 04	65°	49°	0 %
Tues, Feb. 05	68°	51°	10 %
Wed, Feb. 06	66°	51°	0 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
31	Th	1216am 0.4	211pm 0.4	637am 0.0	847pm 0.1
1	Fr	154am 0.2	214pm 0.7	519am 0.1	1122pm -0.1
2	Sa	243pm 0.9			
3	Su	330pm 1.0		101am -0.3	
4	Mo	428pm 1.2		212am -0.6	
5	Tu	531pm 1.3		315am -0.7	
6	We	636pm 1.4		411am -0.8	
7	Th	737pm 1.4		502am -0.9	
8	Fr	834pm 1.3		546am -0.8	
9	Sa	929pm 1.1		621am -0.7	
10	Su	1022pm 0.9		645am -0.4	
11	Mo	1117pm 0.7		650am -0.2	
12	Tu	105pm 0.3		629am 0.0	518pm 0.2

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
31	Th	538am 0.9	605pm 1.0	1141am 0.1	
1	Fr	644am 0.8	632pm 1.1	1240am 0.1	1209pm 0.3
2	Sa	808am 0.7	705pm 1.1	144am 0.0	1237pm 0.5
3	Su	1005am 0.6	745pm 1.2	308am -0.1	101pm 0.6
4	Mo	836pm 1.2		442am -0.2	
5	Tu	941pm 1.2		602am -0.4	
6	We	311pm 0.9	1057pm 1.2	707am -0.5	554pm 0.9
7	Th	331pm 1.0		802am -0.6	714pm 0.9
8	Fr	1214am 1.2	354pm 1.0	849am -0.6	812pm 0.8
9	Sa	123am 1.2	414pm 1.0	930am -0.5	901pm 0.6
10	Su	224am 1.2	431pm 1.0	1006am -0.4	947pm 0.5
11	Mo	319am 1.1	447pm 1.0	1036am -0.2	1031pm 0.3
12	Tu	412am 1.1	503pm 1.0	1102am 0.0	1115pm 0.2

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### FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



### Freshwater

Unusually warm weather has the fish confused again in our area this week. With a cold front predicted to be moving our way, now is the time to be out on the water. Lake Wimico and parts of the Apalachicola River are seeing good sheepshead and a few stripped bass still this week.

### Inshore

Most action around town is still in the I.C.W. canal in St. Joe. Try starting out under the powerlines and moving your way up towards the "I". Live shrimp has been the bait of choice, however, Gulp shrimp and D.O.A. are good alternatives this week.



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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Drew Lacour had two goals as Port St. Joe won the District 1-1A title. The Tiger Sharks hosted Tallahassee Maclay as region play begins.

## Port St. Joe girls fall in region quarterfinal

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School girls' soccer season came to a sudden end in last week's regional quarterfinals as the Lady Tiger Sharks were whitewashed by Tallahassee Maclay 7-0.

The game was at Maclay, which won the District 2-1A title. Port St. Joe was runner-up to Franklin County in District 1-1A.

The Lady Tiger Sharks finished 10-6-1 and tied the program's deepest

playoff run.

Port St. Joe coach Gary Hindley said it did not take long for the Lady Marauders to go up 1-0 with a goal in the fifth minute. Maclay was up 6-0 at the half and outshot the Lady Tiger Sharks 20-1 during that span.

Junior goalkeeper Christian Laine made 12 saves to try and hold off the attack, Hindley said.

Maclay outshot the Sharks by a 32-2 count for the match. Laine gave up six goals on 28 shots faced

and had 11 saves. She was relieved by seventh-grader Celeste Chiles, who played the final 30 minutes in goal and recorded two saves on four shots and gave up one goal.

The Lady Tiger Sharks have hope for the future with only three seniors graduating from the roster of 21. The Lady Tiger Sharks finished first or second in the district three of the past four years and should be a solid contender again next year, Hindley said.

## Tiger Sharks win district; to host Maclay in region

Star Staff Report

The game, Port St. Joe coach Gary Hindley said, was somewhat sloppy. The results — the Tiger Sharks will take.

Port St. Joe won its second-straight District 1-1A boys' soccer title, the third in four years, with a 4-2 win over Franklin County last Friday at Freeport High School.

Port St. Joe, 13-2-1, hosts Tallahassee Maclay, runner-up in District 2-1A, at 6 p.m. ET Wednesday at Sam Cox Field.

Port St. Joe started quickly against Franklin County as junior forward Caleb Odum scored in the seventh minute, set up by an assist from Daniel Jones. It was Odum's sixth goal of the season.

Seven minutes later midfielder Drew Lacour headed in a corner kick from Justin Hites to make it 2-0.

Just a minute later, Franklin County cut the score to 2-1 before sophomore forward Marcel Duarte scored his 32nd goal of the year in the 32nd minute and Port St. Joe was up 3-1 at halftime.

Lacour converted a penalty kick to put Port St. Joe up 4-1 in the 58th minute, his 11th goal of the year.

Franklin scored again in the final five minutes of regular time, but could not cut the lead further.

Port St. Joe enjoyed a 25-5 margin in shots on the night and senior Tucker Smith started in goal and played the first 75 minutes, allowing a single goal while facing three shots and making two saves.

Smith is 13-2-1 with a Goals Against Average of 1.275. Javarri Beachum played the final five minutes in goal, facing three shots, making two saves and allowing the Seahawks final goal.

## PSJ girls, 13-11, head to district

Star Staff Report

After a week stepping up in class the Lady Tiger Sharks of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School prepped for this week's District 2-1A tournament.

Port St. Joe, which finished 13-11 overall and 8-4 in district play, earned the number three seed in the district tournament and played sixth-seeded West Gadsden Tuesday night at South Walton High School.

The Lady Tiger Sharks won 49-19 and will meet Blountstown at 8 p.m. ET on Friday in the district semifinals. A win would guarantee a spot in the region playoffs and would advance Port St. Joe to the district title game scheduled for 8 p.m. ET on Saturday.

The Lady Tiger Sharks played larger schools in the final week of the regular season and split four games.

On Jan. 22 Port St. Joe traveled to Wakulla. The Lady Tiger Sharks jumped to a 11-4 lead after one quarter but by halftime it was 18-16 Port St. Joe.

The Lady Tiger Sharks held a 30-26 lead after three periods but Wakulla took control in the final quarter for a 44-40 win.

Maya Robbins led Port St. Joe with 15 points, Callie Fleshner added eight and Hallie Jasinski five. Alyssa Parker, Shannon Pridgeon, and Brooklyn Quinn each

scored four points.

Two nights later, Port St. Joe hosted East Gadsden, which Port St. Joe beat earlier in the year. Port St. Joe jumped to an 18-6 lead after the first quarter, but with a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer the margin was 26-25 Port St. Joe. East Gadsden took a 39-35 lead after three periods. The lead changed hands four times in the final quarter, with Port St. Joe prevailing 54-51 by hitting seven of 10 from the free throw line down the stretch.

Robbins scored six of her 19 points in the fourth quarter and Brooklyn Quinn scored three of her nine points in the final period. Teiyahana Hutchinson had four of her 12 points in the fourth.

Fleshner added 10 points, Jasinski three, and Parker two.

Mosley visited "The Dome" the following night, which was Senior Night and a salute to Parker, the lone senior on the team.

Mosley won 54-20. Robbins led Port St. Joe with seven points, Fleshner had five, Pridgeon three, Quinn three and Hutchinson two.

The next night, the Lady Tiger Sharks traveled to Bay High and led the entire way en route to a 38-29 win.

Hutchinson had 12 points to lead Port St. Joe. Quinn added 10, Robbins nine, Parker three, Fleshner two and Jasinski two.

## Tiger Sharks close regular season with pair of losses

Star Staff Report

Whether complacency with district tournament seeding ensured or road woes that have plagued them all season, the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School boys' basketball team finished the regular season with a pair of losses away from home.

The Tiger Sharks, who had won seven of eight en-

tering the week, finished the regular season 12-11 overall, 7-5 in District 2-1A. Port St. Joe is seeded second behind West Gadsden for next week's district tournament at South Walton High School.

Port St. Joe will face Franklin County on Tuesday in the opening round at a time to be announced.

The Tiger Sharks played

district foe Bozeman last Friday and with their seeding clinched, Coach Derek Kurnitsky said his team played a bit flat.

"I don't know whether it was because we had the seeding locked up and Bozeman needed it, or we just had a bad shooting night," Kurnitsky said of the 48-34 loss.

"We have also not played well away from home and

we need to do better on the road."

The Bucks jumped on top early and led 25-21 at halftime and steadily built the margin over the course of the second half as Port St. Joe managed double digits in only one quarter, the third.

Cory Calloway led the Tiger Sharks with 19 points. Chad Quinn added eight, Marcel Johnson 5 and Mar-

quez Johnson two.

The next night Port St. Joe was at Bay High without leading scorer Calloway.

Calloway, an eighth-grader, is limited in the number of regular season games he can play and was forced to sit as he had played several middle school games at the beginning of the season.

Even their leading scorer

would have likely not helped the Tiger Sharks as they fell 66-38 to the Tornadoes.

Bay was up 26-14 at halftime and coasted from there.

Marcel Johnson led Port St. Joe with 14 points and Marquez Johnson added eight. Ramello Zaccaro had seven, Natron Lee five, Quinn three and Jak Riley one.

## Baseball, softball on tap this weekend

Star Staff Report

Fans of the diamond can get an early fix this weekend as Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School baseball and softball teams are in action.

The annual 100-inning baseball game involving the Port St. Joe varsity and junior varsity will begin at 9 a.m. ET on Saturday at the high school baseball field.

After the 100-inning

game and a bit of break, the annual alumni game will be held at 3 p.m. ET at the high school baseball field. The alumni game pits Tiger Shark alumni against the current high school varsity.

The softball team will be in Sneads for a preseason classic.

The Lady Tiger Sharks will play the host school at 11 a.m. ET and will face Blountstown at 1:30 p.m. ET.

### NOTICE OF GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REFERENDUM ELECTION – MARCH 5, 2013

AT THE REQUEST OF THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS CALLED FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION. THE ELECTORS IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA WILL DETERMINE IF THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S AD VALOREM MILLAGE SHALL BE INCREASED BY A TOTAL OF ONE MILL, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING FOUR YEARS ON JUNE 30, 2017, FOR NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1011.71(9) INCLUDING FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR TEACHERS AND CLASSROOMS.

THE DATE OF THE REFERENDUM ELECTION IS MARCH 5, 2013. ALL POLLING PLACES WILL BE OPEN ON ELECTION DAY 7 TO 7(ET) 6 TO 6 (CT). ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE. CONTACT THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR ABSENTEE REQUEST OR TO PLACE A NEW REQUEST. EARLY VOTING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SPECIAL ELECTION.

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**PARK** from page A1

"The focal point is getting the lighthouse moved," said city manager Jim Anderson. "Regardless (of what is decided about the park) we have to figure out how we get the lighthouse moved."

The park plans have come under criticism, during the prior workshop and BOCC meetings, for aspects that some see as putting too many structures along the water, offering the look of an amusement park in parts and being too grand in scale for the city to pull off.

"I'm looking at this (plan) as a good start," said Port St. Joe Commissioner Rex Buzzett. "I want to use it. But some parts of it, I don't think it will work."

In order to broaden public input on the plans and to provide what Mayor Mel Magidson called a "sounding board" for the PSJRA board as it moves ahead — final plans and decisions are in the hands of city commissioners — the commission named a 14-member focus group.

The group includes Danny Raffield, Lois Byrd, Steve Newman, Trish Warriner, Jennifer Jenkins, Charlotte Pierce, Clay Smallwood, Jr., Barry Sellers, Bill

*"We were elected to make policy. That is our responsibility. (The focus group) is the sounding board for the PSJRA ideas. I think something will work down there that won't harm the bay and be an asset to the entire county."*

**May Mel Magidson**

Kennedy, Joanna Bryan, Dewey Blaylock, Lorinda Gingell, Ralph Rish and Christine McElroy.

There are representatives from the city and county commissions, the Tourist Development Council, Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council and interested stakeholders.

"I think this is a good mix of people to provide public input," Buzzett said. "They need to know what we are asking them to do."

Magidson said he envisioned the group as the entity that the PSJRA board presents items in the plans to gauge sentiment and gather input.

The PSJRA, he said, was tasked with coming up with the

plan and the focus group was "to help refine plans to bring to us and roll out to the public," Magidson said.

"We were elected to make policy," Magidson continued. "That is our responsibility. (The focus group) is the sounding board for the PSJRA ideas. I think something will work down there that won't harm the bay and be an asset to the entire county."

"The focus group is to give our (public) stakeholders a say. We are trying to make the process more inclusive."

That, Commissioner Bill Kennedy said, was not in his view the current case. He criticized that the plans were so advanced and

a workshop already held. He also stressed the care all should have concerning St. Joseph Bay.

"That bay is the golden goose, we should not have more structures there," Kennedy said. "The only thing I like about (the plan) is the lighthouse."

McElroy said she was also leery about more structures along the water and stressed the importance of being able to maintain current recreational options in the city while determining whether to add more to the plate.

Kennedy said he would have liked to have seen a scope of the project before planning documents were crafted and also criticized the lack of boat access at the park during a time the city is examining ways to expand public boat access.

"I don't mind them (the PSJRA) starting and planning provided we are going to lay eyes on it at some time," Magidson said.

And Gail Alsobrook emphasized that "nothing has been done in the dark" during the planning process, the team for which included several local professionals. The PSJRA holds

its meetings in the sunshine, the first workshop was advertised and the plans presented to the BOCC.

"The PSJRA board is the first focus group and nothing has been done in the dark," she said. "A lot of people are already involved and I hope there will continue to be public involvement."

Port St. Joe resident Tim Nelson said the city should have an idea of what it wanted out of the park before plans were drawn up.

He said public input to the planners is essential and the park plans should not be created in a vacuum.

"This should not be an isolated plan," Nelson said. "To me the important thing is connecting (the business district on Reid Avenue) to the waterfront."

"Before they start, the planners need guidance."

And that guidance, Buzzett said, should be coming at least initially from the focus group.

"We should have a formal focus group to work with the PSJRA and we should vote on them," Buzzett said. "The focus group has to provide that guidance."



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## Officials conduct hurricane exercise

**Star staff report**

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For many Floridians, these aren't just names, these are memories. Each year, the Atlantic hurricane season sees an average of nine to 10 tropical storms with at least two to three becoming major hurricanes.

Many times, these storms leave in their wake millions of dollars in damage, broken lives,

and sometimes even death. While various preparations can be made, there is no form of prevention. The only defense is planning, mitigation and response. After the storm has passed, and its havoc has been wreaked, emergency workers are the first on-scene to help pick up the pieces and restore citizens to their normal routines.

Although much of what emergency responders accomplish during the response

phase is similar to their usual work, hurricanes and tropical storms bring with them a slew of challenges that can be difficult to predict and handle.

"Even if we get hit by only one storm, that's still a 'bad season,'" Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson said. "We don't worry so much about what the seasonal forecast says; we just plan to be prepared no matter what."

With the next season looming

on the horizon, Gulf County Emergency Management hosted a hurricane tabletop exercise at the Gulf County Emergency Operations Center to give staff and other agencies the chance to plan. The Jan. 23 exercise used a scenario that simulates a hurricane affecting Gulf County. Multi-agency responders were presented with challenging informational injects throughout the exercise to give them a feel for how demanding and

overwhelming an event like this can be, as they make on-the-spot decisions that will affect their county.

Nelson said this exercise couldn't come at a better time.

"We have a lot of new people all needing a chance to integrate with each other. We need to work and train with each other now so that when an emergency occurs and we walk into the EOC,

**See HURRICANE B5**



Photos by TIM CROFT | The Star

People streamed into last week's Health and Safety Fair and dropped a red ticket in the fishbowl on the way in to win one of the many prizes raffled off during the event.

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

### Hundreds screen health, learn safe practices

By TIM CROFT  
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Hundreds participated in last week's free Gulf County Public Health and Safety fair. The fair, which was at the Centennial Building in Port St. Joe, provided participants with a wealth of information, from free home medical and safety supplies and even a massage.

"We did not have the line waiting when we opened as with last year, but it has been a steady stream of people in and out all morning," said Lorinda Gingell of the Port St. Joe Rotary Club, which co-sponsored the Health and Safety Fair with Gulf County Senior Citizens.

Participants could experience the Virtual Dementia Tour put on by the Bridge of Bay St. Joe, could have their blood pressure check and found out ways to improve their diet with more than 40 vendors and organizations represented at the fair. Those in attendance also could find out about animal adoption from the St. Joseph Bay Humane, learn about the outreach of the American Red Cross and enjoy a bag of medical supplies provided by Buy Rite Drugs.

And every 20 minutes or so, there was a prize to be raffled off, making pretty much all in attendance a winner.

"It has been very successful, and people seem to have enjoyed themselves," Gingell said.



Dr. Bob Gilliland of HealthSouth provided blood pressure readings for event participants.



Folks could undergo various tests while also receiving updated information on products to improve health and diet.



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## Dentist with Heart aids needy

**Star staff report**

Dr. Frank D. May of Port St. Joe has a unique Valentine's Day present for the needy of this area.

For the past 12 years, May has provided free dental treatment for Valentine's Day at his office.

This year, his office will schedule appointments Feb. 13 with those in need of treatment.

To schedule an appointment, send or deliver a letter to May's office giving a brief description of dental needs and the situation that makes you a good candidate for this benefit. May's office is at 319 Williams Ave. in Port St. Joe, FL 32456. No phone calls will be accepted.

Be sure to include your telephone number so you can be contacted to schedule an appointment.

May will see 20 patients in need of dental treatment, and hygienists Anealia Bush and Linda Wright will see eight to 10 patients each for cleanings. The office hopes to serve as many as 40 patients.

Patients must be at least 12 years of age and accompanied by a parent or guardian if under the age of 18. Treatments provided will include cleaning, X-rays, fillings, extractions, diagnostics and pain control.

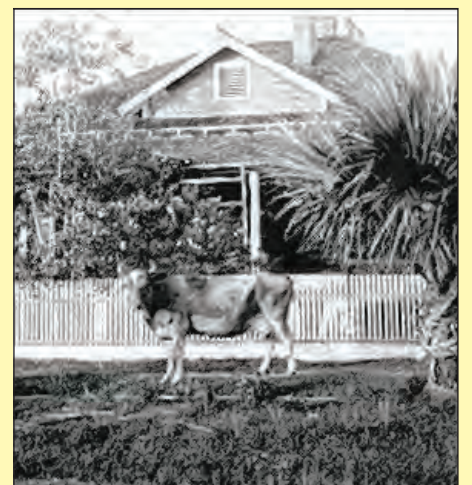
May said he and his staff participate in Dentist With a Heart because they "wish to impact people who otherwise could not afford to see a dentist, and help those people save their teeth, as well as relieve them of any discomfort they may be having. Our office cares about this community and would like to give those in need of our services, their smiles back!"

### Centennial TRIVIA

#### Pelican Pete has a Centennial Stumper for You!



There was a time in early history of PSJ when cows and other livestock freely wandered around town. The building behind the cow in this early photo still exists; can you identify it?



**ANSWER ON PAGE B5**



## Society BRIEFS

Star staff reports

### Gulf Amateur Radio Society to provide license exams

The Gulf Amateur Radio Society will provide ham radio license exams at 10 a.m. Feb. 9. The exams will be given at the Gulf County EOC building behind the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe.

Those interested in obtaining a ham license or upgrading a present license should contact C.H. Tillis at 648-8251 for information and exam registration.

Anyone who would like to become involved in amateur radio and needs information as to what is needed and how to obtain a license should contact the above number.

Ham it up; get your license today and become part of amateur radio.

### Port St. Joe Garden Club luncheon to prepare for district meeting

On Valentine's Day, the Port St. Joe Garden Club will have a luncheon and prepare table decorations for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District II meeting in May in Port St. Joe.

The Feb. 14 program will take place at the club's historic Garden Center on Eighth Street, which is on the state and national lists of historic sites.

The building may be rented by inquiring on the Port Saint Joe Garden Club Facebook page.

### Gulf County Senior Citizens to host Dancing to the Oldies

Gulf County Senior Citizens, 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, will host Dancing to the Oldies by D.J. Frances Markham from 10 a.m. until noon ET Tuesday. Folks can listen and dance to the music of the '70s, '80s, '90s and today. Members of the Panama City 55-plus Club will be on hand to demonstrate the cha-cha, line dances, bop and shag and much more.

This event is open to the public, and donations are needed and appreciated.

Other events at the center include gospel singing, weekly blood pressure checks, exercise class, bingo, arts and crafts and educational programs. An Alzheimer's Support group meets from 2-3 p.m. ET fourth Tuesdays.

The center serves hot nutritional meals each day at noon to seniors 60 and older; and donations are accepted. The center is open 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

For more information about any of these events, call Debbie at 229-8466.



# Authors seek photos of old Mexico Beach

Star staff report

Beverly Mount-Douds, along with Al Cathey and Cathey Parker Hobbs, are putting together a book on the history of Mexico Beach and are searching for old photos of the

Patio, Mexico Beach Skating Rink, the Surf Restaurant, Lois' Brown Hut and any other early landmarks (such as the 'Marianna Hill') and points of interest would be greatly appreciated.

Comforter's "The Patio"

is the little building in the background to the right in this photo. If you have a photo with this building, please share it.

Please include name, contact information, the approximate date the photo was taken and a brief description of the image.

The deadline to submit photos is March 1. If you have any questions or comments please contact Al Cathey (227-8623), Cathey Parker Hobbs (227-5319) or Beverly Douds (229-1094).

# Senior group, school host Valentine's Day Pageant

Star staff report

Gulf County Senior Citizens and Wewahitchka Elementary School will host the 2013 Valentine's Day Pageant.

The pageant will begin 6 p.m. CT Feb. 9 at the WES auditorium.

Registration packets are available at all local schools and at the Port St.

Joe and Wewahitchka Senior Centers and Wewahitchka City Hall.

Registration is \$20 and the deadline for registration is Friday.

No late registrations will be allowed.

The competitions are open to pre-kindergarten through 12th grade girls in Gulf County (public or private) schools.

Children younger than school age will not be judged but will receive a trophy. For the 10th-through 12th-grade division a \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

Tickets for the event will be sold at the door the night of the pageant.

There are six divisions: Baby Valentine Princesses (presentation only); Little Miss

Sweetheart, pre-K through first grade; Little Miss Valentine, grades second and third; Miss Valentine Sweetheart, grades four through six; Miss Teen Queen, seventh through ninth grades; and Miss Gulf County Valentine Queen, 10th through 12th grades.

For more information, call Gulf County Senior Citizens at 229-8466.

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We require all potential adopters to complete an application form. Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations. In some cases donations may be requested to offset cost of pets requiring any additional medical care.

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## Wewa holds annual snowball fight

Star staff report

During the 13th annual Snowball Fight on Jan. 18, the Wewahitchka Elementary School Pre-K class students were outnumbered, but were victorious against all the adults, including parents, teachers, Principal Lori Price and Officer Tadlock.

Tadlock came to the WES Pre-K site to investigate a reported fight. He soon was overtaken by a group of marshmallow-hurling pre-K students. He returned fire but was unsuccessful because of the pre-K students' speed and agility. He said he "enjoyed the fight and

can't wait for a rematch next year."

After the battlefield was cleared of thrown "snowballs," the students and adults enjoyed a post-battle party together. The parents provided hot chocolate and snacks for the tired warriors.

The Wewahitchka Elementary Pre-K class includes students Anthony, Aubrey, Avery, Braden, Brandon, Bryce, Karter, David, Emily Emma, Hadley, Hannah, Jenna, Kaden, Ryder, Laila, Trenton, Makayla, Cosette and Brianna.

Their teacher is Darlene Ake with paraprofessionals Teresa Redd and Diane Clark.



## Students explore Pioneer Village

Special to The Star

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



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Caroline Rish and Maddie Flanagan in front of the banner created by the high school for Coastal Connection TV.

## Graduation pictures, black history month upcoming highlights

**Parent Information:** Seniors will be sitting for their cap and gown pictures for the yearbook on Feb. 13. FCAT Write 2.0 for eighth- and 10th-graders will be Feb. 26. Any parent or guardian interested in receiving "Shark Bites" our weekly schedule of events, email LCDR Marty Jarosz at mjarosz@gulf.k12.fl.us and we will put you on the list.

Our Black History Month celebration will be at 9 a.m. ET Feb. 28 in the gym. All are invited to attend.

Students taking the PSAT last fall were given an interpretation of their grade on Monday. This interpretation will help them prepare for the SAT or ACT required for college acceptance. Check with your student to see where they stand.

Guidance will be sponsoring "College Day Saturday — FAFSA Financial Aid Workshop" from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET Feb. 16 in Computer Lab 103, Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this extremely important event. College Financial Aid cannot be obtained without an accurate Financial Aid Form. Rayonna Parrish from the Florida Department of Education will be here to assist.

**Art:** Students from Mrs. Hodges' art class have been working on a mural at the new TV station in Port St. Joe. Our students have done a super job. Stop by the offices of Coastal Connection TV to see their efforts.

**Football:** Spring football begins May 1. All interested students need to have a completed or updated sports physical to be eligible to practice. See Coach Chuck Gannon for more details. Physical forms may be picked up in the main office.

**Sports:** Basketball and soccer are winding down, but weightlifting, track, softball and baseball are gearing up. Check the school's website, <http://psjhs-gcs-fl.schoolloop.com/>, for dates and times.

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For more information, call 229-6707 or talk to your child's teacher.



## DAZZLING DOLPHINS

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## Legionnaires honor fallen

Star staff report

On Jan. 26 at VFW Post 10069, the officers and members of American Legion Post 116 honored the passing of its First-Vice Commander James L. Emerson, who died during the holidays.

Emerson was remembered as a person who contributed greatly to

the veterans' community and especially to his beloved Covenant House.

Legion Commander Doug Calendine said this ritual was a first for him as commander. Songs were sung by two ladies, one in the Norwegian language. Friends praised Emerson for his devotion to this fellow man, friends and employees.

As the playing of taps began, more than 150 people in attendance stood ramrod straight and saluted with pride. Tears began to fall from the eyes of those especially close to Emerson.

After the ceremony, food, drinks and fellowship followed in the VFW Hall with stories of Emerson and his wonderful contributions to the community.

## Moral decay of the USA

The morality of the USA is sinking real fast.

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God sent Jesus to pay for our sin.

The next time He returns, it'll be judgment time my friend.

Are you ready to go, or do you even believe?

If not, Satan is waiting, your soul to retrieve.

Beatings, rapes, robberies,

murders,

it's in the news each day.

It's not going to stop till we get on our knees and pray.

God had been kicked out of

schools, movies,

homes and many churches too.

If you need help, call on Him, He will not call on you.

We're overdue for chastisement, but it will come my friend.

My prayer is that you would find Jesus

before He comes back again.

Billy Johnson

## Program at Lifetree Café to discuss terrorism

Special to The Star

The terror of jihad will be explored at 7 p.m. CT Monday at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "Inside Terrorism: A Muslim's Quest to Stop Jihad," features a screening of the Academy Award-nominated film "Killing in the Name."

The film tells the story of Ashraf Al-Khaled, whose wedding reception was transformed into a bloodbath when an Al-Qaida suicide bomber attacked the hotel. Ashraf's father and 26 other family members died in the attack. The film follows Ashraf as he speaks with an Al-Qaida recruiter, a militant who was behind one of the world's worst terrorist attacks, and a group of boys being prepared for jihad.

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

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

## Faith BRIEFS

Special to The Star

### Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church Usher's Anniversary

The Usher Board of Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the Annual Usher's Anniversary, in conjunction with the City-Wide Ushers Union Service, at 3 p.m. ET Sunday. The church, 280 Ave. C, will serve as the event's host church. Our guest speaker will be Sister Bernice Milton. Sister Milton serves as Florida State Usher Representative of the Florida Missionary Baptist Association, Usher president of The New Gulf Coast Association, and Chief Usher at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Jacob City Florida. She also is the mayor of Jacob City.

### Memorial service for James Bailey Jr.

A Memorial Service for the late James Bailey Jr., former resident of Port St. Joe, will be at 1 p.m. ET Saturday at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 208 N. Park Ave., Port St. Joe.

### Fifth annual Chili Cookoff

The Fifth Annual St. Joseph Catholic Church Men's Club Chili Cook-off will be 5-7 p.m. ET Feb. 23 at the Church Hall.

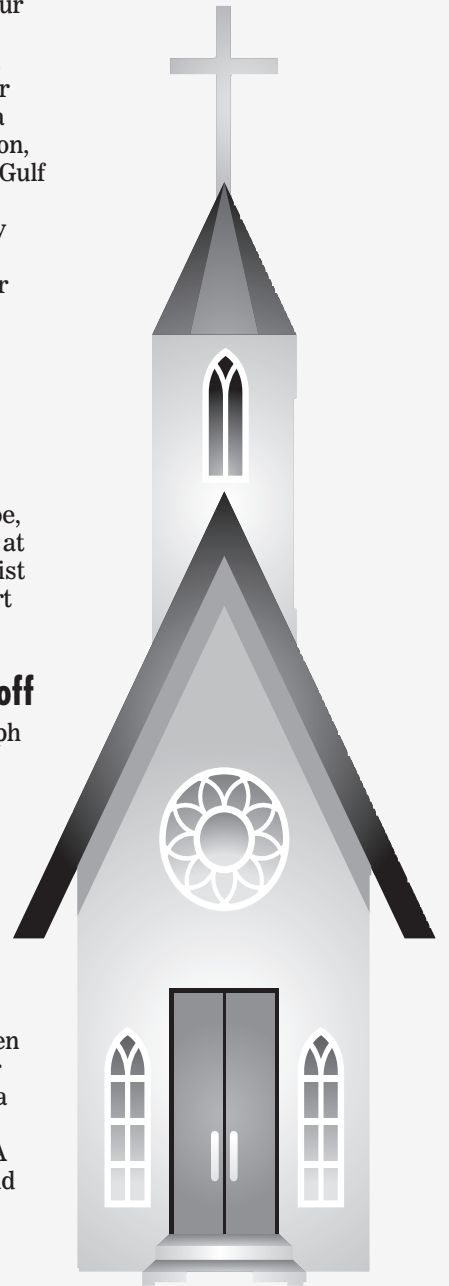
Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children age 4 to 12, and free for children 4 and younger.

Start off with sampling as many chilies as you wish, vote for your favorite, and then go back for a full bowl of your choice. Soft drinks, coffee, tea or water is included, along with dessert and ice cream. A donation bar offering beer and wine also will be available.

Tickets are available from

any Men's Club member, at The No Name Café on Reid Avenue, at the Church Hall office (227-1417) or from Dan Van Treese (227-9837).

If you would like to compete (number of contestants limited to 9), or more information on the event or other St. Joseph Catholic Church Men's Club activities, call Van Treese at the above number.



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Greg Layfield from Gulf District Schools provides the briefing from the group charged with examining and planning for meeting shelter and infrastructure needs as the storm scenario proceeded.



This group of key county staff, including the TDC director, county administrator, county emergency management team, discuss steps to take and dissemination of information to the public as the exercise scenario unfolded.



A briefing is provided to the main group on issues and concerns communicated by a group, including staff from the Gulf County Health Department and Sacred Heart Hospital, charged with addressing the planning for medical emergency services.

there's no doubt about what we need to do," he said.

The exercise was designed for a variety of responders but is not restricted to government agencies.

"One of our main goals for this exercise is to involve as many community partners as possible," Marshall Nelson said. "In the event that a hurricane hits, it would impact our whole community, from emergency agencies to private industry to local citizens and we all need to be ready to respond."

To that end, the exercise featured quite an array of participants including personnel from Gulf County Emergency Management, Commissioner's Office, Administration, Grants Department, EMS, Building Department, Public Works, Mosquito Control, Planning Department, Fire/Rescue, Sheriff's Office, Gulf County Health Department, Florida Forest Service, Gulf County Amateur Radio Society, Gulf District School Board, Sacred Heart Hospital, Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, Gulf County Tourist Development, the American Red Cross as well as local media.

Terry Schenk, the exercise director for Disasters, Strategies, and Ideas Group, the organization designing and running the exercise, praised the county for creating such widespread participation.

"Once again, Gulf County is planning now instead of being blindsided by a future event," said Schenk, who also worked with Gulf County on a full-scale mass casualty exercise in 2011. "Just as the county proved then when everyone is working as a cohesive team, it lays the groundwork to being better prepared for future emergencies. The Gulf County Board of Commissioners commitment to teamwork translates into lives being saved."

An evaluation team from DSI will assess the response with the goal of developing an "after action report and improvement plan" to be used by the participants in enhancing their response capabilities. Marshall Nelson said the purpose of bringing in an evaluation team is to find strengths and weaknesses and use these findings as a learning tool for improvement.

With the practical certainty of future weather-related disasters, the need for local agencies to be better prepared has never been more important. This exercise, and the lessons learned from it, will serve to strengthen our multi-agency coordination and help Gulf County continue to be a safe and peaceful place to live.



Staff from the Disasters, Strategies, and Ideas Group facilitated the exercise, that played out the events of a real hurricane to better prepare local governments in planning for emergencies.

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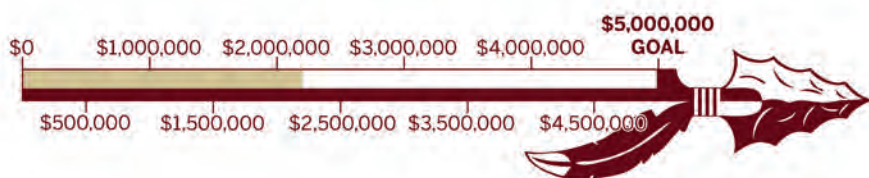
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To learn how you can support our community's university, contact Mary Beth Lovingood at (850) 770-2108 or mblovingood@pc.fsu.edu.

### Trivia ANSWER



A. The medical office of Dr. Owen Oksanen.



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# Lacy Pettis completes OSHA outreach training

Special to The Star

GCEC Compliance Officer Lacy Pettis recently completed the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's 30-hour Outreach Training Program in Construction.

The OSHA Outreach Training Program for the Construction Industry provides training on the recognition, avoidance, abatement and prevention of safety and health hazards in workplaces. This training helps to ensure that workers are more knowledgeable about workplace

hazards and their rights and contributes to increased productivity.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is part of the Touchstone Energy national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to members large and small. About 75 employees serve more than 20,000 meters and 2,500 miles of line in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties and in the municipalities of Wewahatchka, Ebro, Lynn Haven, White City, Fountain and Southport.



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# Stress upsets root/leaf balance, causes tree dieback

Dieback is a process of decline which causes trees to give a portion of their leaves. It usually occurs as a result of some severe stress to the tree's root system. There's a delicate balance between a tree's roots and the number of leaves it can support. If a tree loses part of its root system, it also must give up some of its leaves. However, this process doesn't happen overnight.

Visible dieback of a tree takes time — often quite a long time from the date the roots system was injured. The larger the tree, the longer it takes for this stress sign to show up. With older trees, it could easily be a year or more before dieback is observed. Also the larger the tree is, the less disturbance it can tolerate to its root system.

A small tree will adapt to almost any growing condition that it has to. On the other hand, a mature tree is "set in its ways," as the saying goes, and can't respond favorably to changes in its environment. What can be done to prevent dieback in old trees?

Probably the first thing we need to realize is that trees, like all living things, have a natural life expectancy. Sometimes, no matter how careful you are not to disturb a tree's environment, dieback will occur. Each year, trees grow new bark. But, this becomes more difficult as the tree get older. At some point, the tree won't be able to grow enough replacement parts for those it's losing. Once a tree begins this period of decline, there's nothing you can do for it.

However, it is possible to extend a tree's natural life expectancy and delay this inevitable period of decline. The most important thing you can do to extend a tree's life is to protect its roots. Give a tree the space it needs. As I have

said, a small tree can and will adapt to a limited space. A mature tree that's forced to occupy a small space will not adapt.

Protect a tree's bark as much as possible. Bark is a tree's only protection. A wound that goes deep into a tree

will expose the interior to all sorts of wood rotting fungi and boring insects. Treat all wounds with a wound dressing as soon as damage is noticed. When pruning, make clean cuts that are flush with the adjoining trunk or branch. Never leave jagged edges that won't heal well.

Also be sure you keep your trees pruned away from utility lines. If you don't do the pruning, the company probably will, and you might not be very happy with the results. However, always be cautious concerning the danger of electrical shock. If in doubt, hire a competent expert to remove limbs near power lines.

Be very careful when you use weed killers in your landscape. Some herbicides can hurt your trees, even if you apply them as much as 20 feet away from where a tree is growing. If you must use a herbicide anywhere near a tree's trunk or root's make sure the product is designed to kill green growth only.

One of the worst things you can do is start excessively fertilizing an old tree. You may think this will stimulate a tree and extend its life. For young trees, this may be true. But, for a mature tree, in its declining years, excessive fertilization will only cause problems. An old tree doesn't need an overabundant crown. It doesn't have the root system to support this excessive growth, and the tree will become top heavy.

For more information on Tree dieback, call the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200, 229-2909 or visit <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu>.



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## Beekeeping video series coming soon

### Star Staff Report

The University of Florida-IFAS will sponsor Beekeeping in the Panhandle, an interactive video class to be at the local County Extension Offices.

The Gulf County Extension Office is at 232 Lake Ave. in Wewahatchka. The phone number is 639-3200.

The deadline for registration is Feb. 8 and the fee, \$25 per person, \$40 for a family, covers course materials and refreshments.

The schedule of classes, which will be 6-8 p.m. CT Mondays:

Feb. 18 - Queen and Package Bee Production; Feb. 25 - Nutrition/Immunity in Honey Bees;

March 4 - IPM for Disease/Pest Control; and March 11 - History and Theory of Honey Production.

The cost of the Field Day and Trade Show is \$15 per person, \$10 for additional family members.

For more information or to register, call the Gulf County Extension Office at 639-3200.

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# Sixth annual Sportsman's banquet Feb. 21

Special to The Star

What better way to wish fall away and usher in spring than to spend the evening at the sixth annual Panhandle Sportsman's Banquet sharing with friends your outdoor adventures of the fall and planning new ones for the spring. One of the area's most anticipated sportsmen's events is soon to occur.

The banquet has been set for Feb. 21, presented by the Port St.

Joe Lions Club.

Attendees will enjoy the historic surroundings of the Port St. Joe Centennial Building while socializing with numerous area sportsmen and friends, and enjoying appetizers of Apalachicola oysters, boiled shrimp and all the trimmings beginning at 5 p.m. The beverage bar also will open.

At 6:30 p.m., dinner will include Chef Charlie Norton's "famous, no-man-left-hurry"

ribeye steaks, salad, potato and rolls. Sister's "almost equally famous" banana pudding will be served for dessert.

The Centennial Building will remove the threat of inclement weather impacting the evening and provide the backdrop of the historic building, erected in recognition of the signing site of Florida's First Constitution.

Live auctions and raffles will kick off at 7:30 p.m., with more

than \$20,000 worth of contributions and prizes. Items include shotguns, hunting rifles and pistols, along with numerous other outdoor products. Items for women and children also will be available.

For the third year, the final drawing will be for an \$8,000 cash prize. Each ticket holder will have a one in 25 chance of at least doubling their money.

Tickets for the event are \$50

in advance and \$60 at the door. They can be purchased at Han-non Insurance and Ramsey's Printing and Office Products in Port St. Joe and from any Lions Club member.

For more information, call 227-1133, 227-7767 or 527-1338.

The banquet funds community service projects supported by the Lions Club. Almost \$15,000 was raised at 2011's banquet for community service programs in the Panhandle.



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CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES A. GUFFEY and JENNIFER A. BARNES, f/k/a JENNIFER A. GUFFEY, Defendants.

**CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of foreclosure entered December 13, 2012 in the above-styled cause, the Clerk of Court for Gulf County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder at the Gulf County Courthouse Lobby, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL, 32456, on February 21, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. EST the following described property:

Lot 17, Block C, Seven Springs Lake Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida at Plat Book 5, Pages 17 and 18.

Parcel ID: 02624-460R (the "Property").

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

Dated this 18th day of January 2013.

Rebecca Norris As Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk Jan 31, Feb 7, 2013

**91803S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000429

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,

vs.

ARION J. WARD; DEBBIE Y. WARD; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed December 14, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000429 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Front Lobby, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 7th day of February, 2013 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

All that certain parcel of land situate in the County of Gulf and State of Florida, being known and designated as Lot 19, and Lot 21, of the Millview Addition to the City of Port St. Joe, Florida according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 53 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.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Charles P. Gufford, Esq. FL Bar No. 0604615 McCalla Raymer, LLC 225 E. Robinson St. Suite 660 Orlando, FL 32801 Ph: (407) 974-1850 Fax: (321) 248-0420 Email: MRSservice@mccallaraymer.com January 24, 31, 2013

**91923S**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

Pursuant to Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners intends to designate the position of Emergency Manage-

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ment Director, Public Works Director, and Maintenance Superintendent as Senior Management Class Positions under the Florida Retirement System, effective October 1, 2012.

/s/ Tynalin, Chairman Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk January 31, 2013

**91929S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 12-49-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROY ALLEN HOLYFIELD Deceased.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of the estate of ROY ALLEN HOLYFIELD, deceased, whose date of death was July 30, 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

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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 24, 2013.

Personal Representative: Maureen Holyfield 2815 CR 381 Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles A. Costin FL Bar No. 699070 P O Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850) 227-1159 January 24, 31, 2013

**92019S**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2013-01

The City of Port St. Joe will receive sealed bids from any qualified and properly licensed company or corporation interested in providing construction services for the following project:

US-98 LANDSCAPING - North Port St. Joe Gateway

Project is located in the City of Port St. Joe, Florida and consists of NEW LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION ON US-98.

Bids will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port

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St. Joe, Florida 32456 until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on Friday, February 8, 2013. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, February 8, 2013 at 3:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for US-98 Landscaping - North Port St. Joe Gateway.

The complete Bid Solicitation, Plans and Specifications can be downloaded from the Port St. Joe Redevelopment website at [www.PSJR.com](http://www.PSJR.com). January 24, 31, 2013

**92021S**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE NOTICE OF SOLICITATION REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) for Professional-Quality Film Documentary of the Rescue and Relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse City Auditor/ Clerk at City Hall by 3:00 pm EST on Friday, February 8, 2013. January 24, 31, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the City of Port St. Joe, FL is seeking Proposals of Qualification for qualified entities to produce a professional-quality video documentary of the rescue and relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. Experience in all phases of motion picture production, television and/or movies is preferred. Submissions should include the following:

- Resume
- Membership in Professional Organizations
- Description of Approach: Up to two pages describing the typical approach to projects similar to this one.
- Team Expertise: Brief description of general qualifications,

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the multi-disciplinary nature of the team assembled for this project, specific evidence of relevant experience, and a listing of key personnel that would be available to work on this project.

5. Work Sample: Provide a sample reel.

RFQ details are on file at the Port St. Joe City Hall located at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, and on the City's website at [www.cityofportstjoe.com](http://www.cityofportstjoe.com).

Proposals of Qualification will be evaluated by the Port St. Joe City Manager and the City Commission. The City retains the right to reject any or all proposals.

Please submit Three (3) copies to: Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk The City of Port St. Joe P.O. Box 278 Port St. Joe, FL 32457

All Submissions must be clearly marked Film Documentary of the Rescue and Relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse City Auditor/ Clerk at City Hall by 3:00 pm EST on Friday, February 8, 2013. January 24, 31, 2013

**92087S**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the following amendments and Ordinances with the following titles:

AN ORDINANCE OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA: WHEREBY AMENDING ORIGINAL GULF COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE NUMBER 2005-24 AND THEREAFTER ITS AMENDMENT THROUGH ORDINANCE NUMBER 2008-20 AND HEREIN AMENDING BY ADOPTION OF "GULF COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE" WHEREBY PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION BY REFERENCE: FLORIDA STATUTES RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL, ANIMAL WELFARE AND ANIMAL CRUELTY; PROHIBITION AGAINST NUISANCE ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR HUMAN CARE GUIDELINES; PROHIBITION AGAINST ANIMALS FROM RUNNING-AT-LARGE; PROVIDING FOR PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR MULTIPLE PET PERMITS AND KENNELING; PROHIBITION ON FEEDING FERAL ANIMALS; REGULATING SALE OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR PROPER REMEDIATION AND DISPOSITION OF UNWANTED AND IMPOUNDED ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR RABIES CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR PROPER HANDLING OF DANGEROUS AND AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR SPAY AND NEUTERING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE" WHEREBY PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION BY REFERENCE: FLORIDA STATUTES RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL, ANIMAL WELFARE AND ANIMAL CRUELTY; PROHIBITION AGAINST NUISANCE ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR HUMAN CARE GUIDELINES; PROHIBITION AGAINST ANIMALS FROM RUNNING-AT-LARGE; PROVIDING FOR PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR MULTIPLE PET PERMITS AND KENNELING; PROHIBITION ON FEEDING FERAL ANIMALS; REGULATING SALE OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR PROPER REMEDIATION AND DISPOSITION OF UNWANTED AND IMPOUNDED ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR RABIES CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR PROPER HANDLING OF DANGEROUS AND AGGRESSIVE ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR SPAY AND NEUTERING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance and referenced amendments. If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the Gulf County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings and that for such purpose he/she may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings made and which would include any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance and amendments are available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. est. and 5:00 p.m. est. at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 C.G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: TYNALIN SMILEY, CHAIRMAN Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 2013

**ADOPTIONS**  
**1130**

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**PETS & ANIMALS**

2100 - Pets  
2110 - Pets: Free to Good Home  
2120 - Pet Supplies  
2130 - Farm Animals/Supplies  
2140 - Pets/Livestock Wanted  
2150 - Pet Memorials

**PETS**  
**2100**

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Home visits/overnight in the comfort of your pets home. Gulf & Bay County Diana 227-5770 Dan 227-8225  
[extramilepetsitting.com](http://extramilepetsitting.com)

**3100-3350**  
**MERCHANDISE**

- 3100 - Antiques
- 3110 - Appliances
- 3120 - Arts & Crafts
- 3130 - Auctions
- 3140 - Baby Items
- 3150 - Building Supplies
- 3160 - Business Equipment
- 3170 - Collectibles
- 3180 - Computers
- 3190 - Electronics
- 3200 - Firewood
- 3210 - Free Pass it On
- 3220 - Furniture
- 3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
- 3240 - Guns
- 3250 - Good Things to Eat
- 3260 - Health & Fitness
- 3270 - Jewelry/Clothing
- 3280 - Machinery/Equipment
- 3290 - Medical Equipment
- 3300 - Miscellaneous
- 3310 - Musical Instruments
- 3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies
- 3330 - Restaurant/Hotel
- 3340 - Sporting Goods
- 3350 - Tickets (Buy & Sell)

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**3220**

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**GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
**3230**

**NEW TODAY!**  
Apalachicola, 233 12th ST, Saturday, February 2nd, 8am to 11pm  
**Yard/ Porch Sale**

Cleaning out Shed! Everything must Go! Clothes, shoes, framed pictures, jewelry, armour, luggage set and much, much more! Text FL39884 to 56654

PSJ: 2001 Garrison Ave @ Hope Family Worship Center, Sat. Feb. 2, 8am til ?? Beautiful home decor, pictures, clothes, shoes, toys, prom dresses, motorcycle helmet, Lots of Everything! All items priced to sell!

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
**3300**

**Bargain's**  
New Merchandise Liquidation Store, In Hickory Plaza, Prices 25-75% Below Retail! Mention Ad for Additional 10% OFF! 414 S. Tyndall Pkwy 850-215-2755

**4100-4130**  
**EMPLOYMENT**

4100 - Help Wanted  
4130 - Employment Information

**HELP WANTED**  
**4100**

Customer Support

**Mediacom**

MEDIACOM Join us Friday Feb 1st 9a-2p 239 W Hwy 98 to discuss Career Opportunities with our growing SALES & INSTALLATION Teams. Excellent pay/benefits. Visit our career site at [www.mediacomcable.com/careers](http://www.mediacomcable.com/careers) to apply prior to the event. EOE m/f/v/d Text FL39539 to 56654

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**Hospitality**

**Housekeeping**  
Part Time weekend help needed for all positions, apply in person, 4693 Cape San Blas Rd or 1200 Hwy 98 Mexico Beach

**Other**

**SALES STAFF OPENING**

for an Experienced Licensed Agent. For more info, call Cathy or Maria, Parker Realty of Mexico Beach 850-648-5777 Web ID#34239279 Text FL39279 to 56654

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**4100**

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To direct & manage the Continuing Education department at GCSC. Initiate & maintain working relationships with area Chambers of Commerce, agencies & businesses to meet the area's training needs. Requires BS degree & 5 yrs. related experience, MS degree & 3 yrs. related experience preferred; strong verbal & written skills; 3 yrs. supervisory experience; valid FL driver's license and the ability to work flexible hours.  
**Position Open Until Filled** with a review starting 2/4/13. Salary commensurate with education & experience.

Only those who provide all requested items, GCSC Application (must be completed), legible transcripts & resume will be considered.  
**Additional info:** [www.gulfcoast.edu/hr](http://www.gulfcoast.edu/hr). Women & minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. GCSC is an EA/EO/MI/F/Vet employer. GCSC Equity Office 850.873.3516

**NORTH FLORIDA CHILD DEVELOPMENT, INC. JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Substitute Teachers – Gulf County**

Seeking qualified applicants for Substitute Teacher positions at their Gulf County Centers. Assist teaching staff with schedules, routines, and activities. Requirements include an High School Diploma; some experience teaching in early childhood setting, and training courses and certifications mandated by DCF. Submit resumes to NFCD, Human Resource Department, PO Box 38, Wewahitchka FL 32465 or email [smcgill@floridachildren.org](mailto:smcgill@floridachildren.org).  
Closing Date: February 15, 2013 - DFWP/MF/6-6/EOE - C14GU0134 - C14GU0624

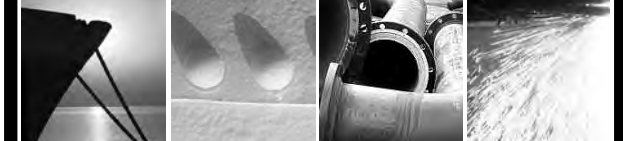
**Infant/Toddler Teachers – North Gulf County**

Seeking 2 positions of Infant and Toddler Teachers in North Gulf County. The teacher prepares and implements appropriate curriculum for individuals and small groups. Must have a minimum of a CDA (FCCPC) or Associates degree or higher in Early Childhood Education; 2 years experiences in an early childhood setting working with infants and toddlers preferred and certificates for state mandated courses. Submit resumes to NFCD, Human Resource Department, PO Box 38, Wewahitchka FL 32465 or email [smcgill@floridachildren.org](mailto:smcgill@floridachildren.org).  
Closing Date: February 15, 2013 - DFWP/MF/6-6/EOE - C14GU0134

**Family Case Manager – North Gulf County**

Seeking qualified applicant for Family Case Manager in North Gulf County. Works with families to enhance the quality of their lives and support them in their efforts to reach established goals. Must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related field; 2 years experiences in social work field. Submit resumes to NFCD, Human Resource Department, PO Box 38, Wewahitchka FL 32465 or email [smcgill@floridachildren.org](mailto:smcgill@floridachildren.org).  
Closing Date: February 15, 2013 - DFWP/MF/6-6/EOE - C14GU0134

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Install/Maint/Repair  
**Licensed Electrician**

Gulf Coast Electric Co-operative is accepting applications for position of Licensed Electrician at Workforce Center of Florida, 625 Highway 231, Panama City, Florida through Friday, February 1, 2013. For more information visit our website at [www.gcec.com](http://www.gcec.com)  
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**APARTMENT RENTALS**  
**6110**

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Install/Maint/Repair  
**Line Technician**  
Gulf Coast Electric Co-operative is accepting applications for two positions of Line Technician at Workforce Center of Florida, 625 Highway 231, Panama City, Florida through Friday, February 1, 2013. For more information visit our website at [www.gcec.com](http://www.gcec.com)  
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Install/Maint/Repair  
**Water Technician**

Gulf Coast Electric Co-operative is accepting applications for position of Water Technician at Workforce Center of Florida, 625 Highway 231, Panama City, Florida through Friday, February 1, 2013. For more information visit our website at [www.gcec.com](http://www.gcec.com)  
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- 6160 - Rooms for Rent
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- 6200 - Vacation Rentals

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