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PSJ officials turn focus to lighthouse site

Water study to begin in next two weeks

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After considerable discussion Tuesday night Port St. Joe city commissioners approved a final

scope of work for the project manager on the Cape San Blas Lighthouse location.

There will be a joint workshop at noon ET today, weather permitting, on the grounds south of Baltzell Avenue to examine potential sites for the relocated lighthouse.

The workshop will be moved to the same time on Friday if rain interferes.

Commissioners approved the scope of work for Preble Rish, Engineers which has agreed to serve as project manager for the relocation.

Last week commissioners sought a clearer and more palatable timeline for paying milestones in the work, given that the initial architectural and design work to be done by subcontractors for the new site was pegged at just over \$49,000, more than has been banked in the relocation fundraising effort to date.

Commissioners were presented with another proposal for that work at Tuesday's regular bi-monthly meeting, a proposal to perform that work for \$20,000 less.

Commissioner Rex Buzzett said that the city put its engineers of record over the project and any proposal for a portion of the work – the latest from the design firm that performed under the planning grant for a new waterfront park-and-Preble Rish, not commissioners, should consider the proposal.

"We put Preble Rish in charge of the project and we should let them manage it," Buzzett said.

Resident Lorinda Gingell said commissioners pledged to hold Preble Rish to the city's bid poli-

cies – any task over \$5,000 requiring a bid – in piecing out the work and wondered why the architectural and design work was not bid.

Clay Smallwood of Preble Rish said that under the company's continuing contract with the city, it was not required to bid the work.

Further, the company had tapped the same firm that had undertaken renovation work on the lighthouse and keepers' quarters on two previous occasions based

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JSJ brings egg-citement for Easter



PHOTOS BY TIM CROFT

More than 100 youngsters ages a few months to 12 turned out at the Eighth Street Park in Port St. Joe for the annual Junior Service League Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. In addition to hunting for candy-filled eggs, the kids enjoyed some time with the Easter Bunny, face-painting and arts and crafts under a glorious egg-blue sky. Check out a photo gallery from the event at www.starfl.com.

District faces difficult budget season

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When he sat on the Gulf County School Board, the late Oscar Redd used to say the school budget looked like a Cadillac in Tallahassee and resembled a Schwinn bicycle by the time the folks in Gulf County saw it.

This year appears to more of the same.

While the district will realize additional funding from the state under the Florida Education Fi-

nance Program (FEFP) and local voters gave the district four more years of an additional operating millage, the district still faces a difficult road in crafting the coming year's budget.

Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton said on Tuesday that where once the prediction was the district would face as much as a \$600,000 shortfall even with the additional mill approved by voters, that number now represents the bottom floor on potential cuts.

"Even with the one mill we are still going to have a budget short-

fall," Norton told board members. "We are still projecting at least a \$600,000 shortfall for next year. I previously said it could be as much as \$600,000 – now it appears the shortfall will be at least \$600,000."

In addition, the Congressional budget tug of war that resulted in sequestration of some federal funds will hit the district in funding for Title I, Title II and Title VI – generally addressing the needs of the poorest and neediest children – as well as funding that support vocational programs.

"We are looking at a 9 percent

cut in federal funding," said Sara Joe Wooten, assistant superintendent for instruction. "That is what they are planning on, at a minimum."

The district will see additional funding from the state, but as financial officer Sissy Worley said those funds are earmarked.

The state will send down \$2,500 for teacher pay raises – the district is unclear if that is in perpetuity or a one-time bonus, whether that amount will cover benefits

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Bed tax spiking, TDC tweaks strategy

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With bed taxes continuing an upward trend in January, the Gulf County Tourist Development last week put the finishing touches on a change in marketing strategy.

Executive director Jennifer Jenkins said bed tax revenue for January climbed 25 percent year over year, continuing a consistent upward arc for the TDC during the current fiscal year that began in October.

Save for one month, bed tax revenue in that time has grown by double digits each month.

The TDC marketing committee, and in turn the Board of County Commissioners, last week approved a new marketing strategy as Jenkins and her team enter the first full "season" of her tenure.

Jenkins came aboard in the spring of last year, pledging changes to a beleaguered agency but without the requisite time to make substantive tweaks.

This year is different. The overhauled special event grant funding process is in place, a new sleeker and more uniform Visitor's Guide is on the streets and the marketing strategy Jenkins has formulated will be accomplished in-house and will focus on a new strategy.

Gone, Jenkins said, are the days when marketing would center on large media print and broadcast buys in markets such as Birmingham and Atlanta.

Jenkins said she will make some television guest spots herself, but the emphasis will be on using social media to market the county and its brands.

"It's all based on content and that content will come from the community," Jenkins said. "This is a change in philosophy. I think we're going to do good things this way. I think we have the community to do this."

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Artists celebrate 8th Plein Air paint-out

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In May, artist Mary Erickson will celebrate her eighth year as one of 23 artists attending America's great Plein Air paint-out in Port St. Joe and Ken DeWaard his fourth.

During the invitational event, presented by the Forgotten Coast Culture Coalition, nationally known artists converge on the area to draw inspiration and capture scenes of "Old Florida" on canvas.

The name of the event, "plein air," comes from the French term, meaning "open air."

Erickson lives in Venice, Fla., and began painting at a young age. She now travels the country capturing the beauty of nature and showcasing her work at exhibitions.

Of all the places she has visited, Port St. Joe ranks high on her list of favorites.

"It's one of the most picturesque areas in the world," Erickson said. "The best part is the people. They welcome the artists with

open arms."

DeWaard's feelings on the Gulf County area weren't much different.

"The people take pride in the area around them," he said.

Erickson first became involved with the festival after meeting Plein Air founder Richard Carrell during an art show in Lakeland. He explained to her an idea of gathering artists together on a beach in northern Florida.

Though Erickson's interest was piqued, three years passed before the inaugural Port St. Joe Plein Air event

took place in 2005.

DeWaard had several friends in the artist community who had participated in the Plein Air event and encouraged him to do the same.

When he first entered Florida on the drive from his home in Wisconsin, all he saw were pine trees, but as soon as he made it to Apalachicola and took in the terrain, the people and the architecture, he understood what all the fuss was about.

"The sunrises and sunsets are the best," he said.

A love of Gulf County is one reason Erickson looks forward to the annual event, but she also views it as an opportunity to catch up with her fellow traveling artists.

She describes the artist community that gathers at Plein Air as having a "very strong sense of family." Not only do these artists come together once a year to paint together, they look forward to seeing one another and appreciate the opportunity to catch up and have lunch.

"It's a win for all of the artists," she said.

DeWaard agreed.

"Painting is a very solo thing," he said. "It's great to get around others to reconnect and learn from fellow artists."

When venturing out to paint, Erickson doesn't have a specific location in mind. What starts off as a trip to Eastpoint quickly might see her detoured to the Apalachicola waterfront painting the afternoon sun as it reflects off the bay.

"I keep an open mind," she said. "I stay open to the emotions of the environment."

On his first visit to Apalachicola, DeWaard saw a worn-down, yellow house that caught his eye.

"It had seen better years," he said.

He had every intention to



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Ken DeWaard is one of 23 artists invited to the 2013 Plein Air Paint-Out.

paint it but couldn't find the right angle or the right light. The next year he tried again with no success. On his third visit, he found the perfect approach and captured the house. It later won him the Artist's Choice award by his peers.

Major supporters of the arts, Erickson and DeWaard also have donated their time to local high schools, where they hosted workshops that exposed students to painting and gave them insight into the life of a traveling artist.

"It gives younger kids a chance I didn't have," DeWaard said. "It's a wonderful opportunity."

During the paint-out, the artists are spread out over a large distance, and Erickson provided some handy hints for first-timers.

She suggested locating the home base for the artists as they'll post notes each morning that indicate the areas in which they'll be painting. Erickson went on to recommend the Apalachicola Historic Cotton Exchange as a great place to socialize and recommends attending

The Grand Patrons' party at the Reid Avenue "Wetroom" on May 11 to meet the artists and see all of the art in one place.

Lastly, she suggested newcomers and veterans alike keep an eye on the official calendar of events on the website. Almost every night there is a social gathering where art lovers can talk to the artists and view the pieces created that day.

The reactions to Erickson's art are at times more exciting than the creative process. She feels it reminds viewers why they live in Gulf County and lets them be reacquainted with the local settings.

"The art gives a whole different view of the area. It lets the locals see the beauty through an artist's eyes," she said.

"As artists, it allows us to capture a fleeting moment in time," DeWaard said. "It preserves history."

The Plein Air Paint-Out will be May 2-12 at various locations along the Forgotten Coast, from Alligator Point to Mexico Beach.

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"It is important we create tools that are good for the consumer. Once we have created these tools that are spokes of the wheel, our partners will be able to (access them)."

The emphasis will be on using social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and other outlets.

The strategy will be using those tools in different ways, at different points of the process of marketing the county and its assets.

For example, Facebook and Pinterest will be used to reach consumers out of the market, posting information and photos on upcoming events, offering deals from partners and the like.

But once those folks are in market, the use of a more immediate outlet such as Twitter to connect immediately to alert consumers on happenings that day will be the focus.

"We will use each a little differently and for different reasons," Jenkins said. "We are being stewards of the message."

The change in strategy is already reflected in the work Jenkins and her team has undertaken for months, using Google analytics to assess the market, its assets and what draws a response from potential visitors.

The work is done completely in-house, reducing the need for vendors and also bringing more bang for the buck.

"This is the way to go," said TDC marketing committee member Tony Whitfield of the new strategy.

The strategy also includes an overhaul of the TDC website, using the colors of the Visitor's Guide and employing a selection of photos on the masthead that will be changed with the season.

"This is a plan for the

whole year," said marketing committee chair Alyson Gerlach. "That allows our partners to leverage their funds (in conjunction with the TDC)."

The change in strategy will also necessitate a different method of tracking return on investment, or heads in beds.

Jenkins is working the Clerk of Courts staff to establish criteria to use to determine the effectiveness of marketing and promotions.

"That is what we've been asking about for years, measurement and tracking," Gerlach said.

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and the raises must still be negotiated on the local level – as well as for safe schools and technology and additional computer bandwidth.

However, the district could not spend any of those dollars to address the budget shortfall, Worley noted, without facing a financial penalty, taking flexibility from the equation.

"We are getting more money but it is earmarked for specific items," Worley said. "None of it will help us with the budget shortfall."

The answer, Norton said, may ultimately come to a declaration of a financial emergency followed by a declaration of a reduction of the workforce.

Norton said input from the district's labor consultant indicated the workforce cuts could be accomplished without sacrificing state

constitutional class size mandates. He held out the possibility that the district could reduce the workforce and reach other cuts through employee furloughs.

He added that he was not making the declaration now, the board and union representing employees would be notified in advance, but that the swiftest way to address the budget shortfall – and school districts must balance their budgets – would be cuts in jobs.

"We know we can make it work," Norton said. "But we cut \$1.25 to \$1.5 million this year and there was room. We have cut to the bone. We are going to have to get to the proverbial marrow."

The one mill additional operating levy, approved by voters for four

more years in March, has dropped in value over the course of the first four years since initial passage from \$2.2 million to \$1.3 million.

The district went to voters for four more years, promising not to levy additionally beyond current levels on Local Capital Improvement, or bricks and mortar.

However, the district, high-performing and an honor roll district under state formulas, with two out of four schools graded "A", is also facing a 10-year trend of declining enrollment combined with a designation as "property rich" which forces more of the burden for funding schools onto local taxpayers.

"We have performed at a high level while cutting and cutting," Norton said.

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Chickens and Cows

My dog, Doolittle weighs 95 pounds, maybe more now. He is a Standard Poodle (the big kind). He doesn't sport one of those fancy haircuts; that just wouldn't be Doolittle.

They say Standard Poodles weigh between 45 and 70 pounds. Therefore, mine is kind of larger than he is supposed to be. He is not fat; this is not for lack of trying.

Doolittle's demeanor is about as sweet as a dog's could be, but he gets into things when left unattended. Boredom is probably the cause of it.

Recently, Doolittle found the Easter candy stash. He probably thought it was intended for him. Big League Chew bubblegum, Swedish fish, Reese's peanut butter eggs and marshmallow Peeps. He ate it all-enough for three older children.

I've never been a fan of those yellow marshmallow Peeps, but I guess that didn't rub off on my dog. He ate two or three packages. We forgot how many we bought.

No, I don't want my dog to get sick or die. He is just an addict. He did not eat the boxes the Peeps came in; I can't say that for the wrapping on the Reese's peanut butter eggs.

Life goes on, I suppose. My older brother always liked those marshmallow Peeps, maybe Doolittle got this hankering for those yellow sugar coated marshmallow chickens from him.

Maybe Doolittle weighs more than 95 pounds now. Marshmallow Peeps are only 12 calories each; I think the peanut butter eggs and bubble gum are probably more than that.

There were a couple of scientists who once did a study on marshmallow Peeps to determine what they could survive. The company that makes them claims the yellow chicks have a shelf life of 2 years. Honestly, I think Peeps would last longer than that.

These two scientists at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, found in their research that Peeps will not dissolve in water. Moreover, the scientists found that not

even sulfuric acid would dissolve the sugar crusted chickens.

The scientists need to know that the Peeps could not escape my 95+ pound big poodle. I don't suppose they tried very hard to get away from him. Based on the carpet in my basement, Doolittle ate too many of them. It was either that or he decided that he couldn't keep the bubble gum down.

Enough about the chickens, have you heard about the Louisiana cow?

There is a young man in Slidell, Louisiana who wanted to go on a "student ambassador" trip to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. It is a 19 day trip and it is going to cost the boy about \$8,000 to go.

Being one of six children, the young man knew that he was going to have the raise the money for his trip on his own. Bake sales and car washes can only bring in so much when you are working alone.

A farmer offered the boy a cow to help out. What did the young man do with the cow? He decided to raffle it off. The venture sounds logical to me. As a matter of fact, for a 14 year-old, it sounds brilliant.

The boy is selling tickets for \$10 a pop and hopes to sell a thousand. That would more than cover the cost of his trip and perhaps give him a little spending money. *You know what happens with stories like this.*

I understand that there are folks that do not eat meat and feel none of us should eat meat. They can have their opinions, this is America. However, they should leave this young entrepreneur alone and let him raffle his cow.

These folks sent the young man a nasty letter about mistreating cows and animals in general. They also sent him pictures of nice looking women in lettuce bikinis.

I guess that is supposed to make us want to eat lettuce, instead of cows.

The young man is not telling anyone what

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HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

God, baseball, freckles and possibilities

Someone asked Saturday at the little league field if I was as excited about this "new baseball season" as always. I assured them I was hoping to "play two" that very day. I explained that when the sun came up in the morning, I saw stitches around it. And I went into my "God invented baseball speech".....

I don't know how I got into baseball. I think my father or older brother rolled a ball toward me a lifetime ago. And I rolled it back. The game, since that moment has certainly held a fascination for me. It has been more than just a way to while away some hours. It has brought joy, pain, anguish and laughter. It has been a magnificent friend and occasionally, it has been the epitome of the agony of defeat. It has been more than a "meal ticket" or an "outlet." If you feel like talking, baseball is alive with jargon, nicknames and "inside dope." But there is nothing more silent than rounding first base and putting your head down and trying to beat the right fielder's one-hop throw into second! It is such a team sport and yet, the team can't will you to run faster than you can run.

It is a game that is universal in an instant and yet, it remains so personal on so many levels.

The major league season kicks off this week. You can scratch your head over how much the players make these days; or how many games ESPN can show in one week; or how Houston will look in the American League. You can renew old rivalries against the Cubs or BoSox or the Yankees. You can magically transport yourself back to the days when the freckles outnumbered all but the possibilities.

Every team has a chance in April. Everyone is a three hundred hitter

coming out of the Easter break.

It didn't always seem so clear cut for me. My anxieties had anxieties. I wasn't sure I was in the same league with Wesley Beal, Bo Booth or Billy Bradley. I wasn't the best player or the worst. Thank goodness Wesley and the others didn't show up at the field over by Bethel College pondering on aptitude or social standings. We chose up sides and went to playing baseball. You didn't have to fit in, you just grabbed a glove and sauntered out toward shortstop.

The day took care of itself. I remember a fight breaking out between second and third base over something Yogi had said at school two days earlier. We let it go on until it was holding up the game and then some of the older guys stepped in. We sometimes had grudges that would be held over from season to season. That's when you knew you were probably taking it serious enough. Roger Williams hit a baseball off of me one day in 1964 that is still going up as I write this.

We had a neat field behind the house for a while. Dad put us in a backstop and everything. Aunt Jessie would come out of her house and help us look for foul balls. Ricky Hale pulled a deep fly that bounced off the wooden insert between the glass panes on our kitchen window. I kid you not! He hit that ball three hundred feet and placed it perfectly between 9 panes of glass! A little bit later that day he lined one into right center that hit between a dozen panes in Mrs. Boaz's bedroom window. Somehow he managed again to break no glass! To this day it was the single best piece of one day hitting I have ever seen!

Little League gave us coaches, uniforms, organized teams and city championships. We still had to

catch and throw it. The game sped up. And not as many fights broke out. I spread my wings to American Legion baseball in Paris, Tennessee. The town was new, the players were named Winchester, Davis, Garnett and Farmer. But the game was astonishingly the same. They put me behind the plate and left me alone. The stories and memories grew.

I showed up in college and found myself beset with the same old fears. I can't play with these guys! But the game rolled on. A high hard one off the left center field wall is after all, a high hard one off the left center field wall. "Take two and hit to right" is still sound advice in most quarters. We worked some Shakespeare and John Milton in and around road trips to Washington and Lee and Centre College.

I grew up and built baseball lockers in my house. I rolled a ball toward my young sons. They rolled it back and a whole new set of stories evolved.

I was paid at one point to be involved with baseball. I don't think that added to, or took away, from one thing I understood about the game. I have talked "rolling the top hand" in a baseball swing with the greats and not so greats. I enjoy seeing how a good hitter handles the 3-1 pitch today as much as ever.

So I'm ready for the 2013 Baseball Story to begin. I am not interested in all star games or World Series winners. I don't care if the Yankees have the best team money can buy.

Baseball is still about feeling good about yourself and where you came from. It's about pick-up games in the back yard. It's about Wesley Beal, Billy Bradley and Ricky Hale. I wish we were limbering up in that vacant lot beside Jimmy Childress' old house this morning.

Respectfully,
Kes

Letters to the EDITOR

Taxation without cell service

Dear Editor:

When we first moved to Cape San Blas (before the rocks), I complained and complained about the cellphone reception. Local residents insisted that it was a moot point — "No need to go there! It's been tried before. We don't have enough votes out here to do anything. The 'greenies' will shout it down." Well, my response to this was unprintable. And to think that the cape area provides approximately 67 percent of the county's taxes adds to my frustration.

Now I find that AT&T came by a few years ago asking to put a cell tower up in Salinas Park. But some greedy politician sought to put the tower on some privately-owned property to reap the monthly rent paid by the AT&T.

Here's an idea ... put one on Salinas Park (county/state land?)

and donate the funds to some worthy causes: a continuing supported food bank, park supplies, beach trash barrels and fixing the fire stations.

I didn't know that the taxes I paid out for fire/EMT don't proportionately go to our two volunteer fire stations. The county is divided into four different fire districts, so we only get 25 percent of the taxes collected ... that's not right! Why not take a chunk of the monies collected from a cellphone tower and supplement our fire station's budget?

Let's do what's smart.
Brooks Jones
Cape San Blas

American Legion Post thank you

Dear Editor:

American Legion Post 116 of Port St. Joe held its second annual Good Friday Benefit Fish Fry March 29. This year we added charcoal grilled

chicken to our menu. The event was a huge success as the fish and chicken sold out in less than three hours. Our apologies to those that came after the food was gone and had to be turned away. Profits from the event will be used to benefit the PSJHS Navy ROTC and other American Legion community events.

Many thanks go to all our members and friends of the American Legion who participated in this annual event. Thanks also to the Gulf County Commissioners, specifically Joanna Bryan, all the contributors, and the community for coming out and supporting us, and thanks to God for providing such a beautiful day.

For God and Country,
American Legion Post 116

Glad to be home

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 22, I was released from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. It was a happy day. I had been at

Walter Reed since July 6. During that time, I had received hundreds of cards from people across the Panhandle, and I have been the beneficiary of the prayers of thousands more. I hope you will allow me to express my gratitude and to say thank you through this letter.

Walter Reed is a wondrous place albeit for horrible reasons. The doctors, nurses and therapists there are the very best. Moreover, the many non-profit organizations that are dedicated to our wounded warriors insure that whatever our soldiers need is provided. God bless them all.

I am currently assigned to the Community Based Warrior Transition Unit in Orlando, but I will be living in Panama City until my medical board review. It is good to finally be home.

Sincerely,
Carter Hess
Sgt. U.S. Army

Are your parents spending your inheritance?

Many economic factors have taken their toll on seniors' nest eggs in recent years. Thus, if you were counting on a sizeable inheritance to help finance your own retirement, you might want to rethink that strategy.

Here are several reasons why many seniors are revising their estate distribution plans:

Most people who invested heavily in the stock market during the Great Recession watched helplessly as their accounts lost significant value. Although the market has mostly recovered, many people — especially those in or approaching retirement — stashed their remaining balances in safer investments earning very low interest, worried the market might plunge further. Many likely will have



JASON ALDERMAN

to draw on their account principal to make ends meet, thereby depleting their savings (and estates) much more rapidly than planned.

Many seniors expected their home's equity would help fund retirement. But after the housing market crashed, they instead found its value drastically reduced. Fortunately, the housing market has begun to recover. But many tapped-out seniors have turned to reverse mortgages and home equity loans to draw on their home's equity to cover living expenses, thereby lessening their estate's future value.

As average life spans increase, so does the period we'll need to survive on our retirement savings. A 65-year-old man today will live until 83 on average; for women it jumps to 85. Many people never imagined their

savings would have to last that long and didn't plan accordingly.

Even if they buy Medicare prescription drug and Medigap coverage, seniors, like everyone else, spend an ever increasing percentage of their income on medical care. Such costs usually far outpace benefit cost-of-living increases and interest earned on investments.

Baby Boomers have begun tapping Social Security and Medicare benefits; and far fewer younger workers now fund those programs, so it's possible that benefits will decrease, premiums will rise or taxes will increase — or a combination of all three; all options would strain fixed incomes.

When the market was booming, many people retired early, assuming they could afford to bridge the gap before receiving Social Security and Medicare. But plummeting home

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Cops, robbers and cronies

The Gulf County 2012 election cycle is over. Hopefully this will lead to more open effective and efficient government. Wow, even something as radical as County Wide Voting may be on the horizon.

However, one ridiculous issue that loomed over the entire cycle that began before the candidate registration period closed and lasted through Election Day and still is not resolved to this day. That is The State Attorney's Office (SAO) investigation of citizens exercising their first amendment rights. A group of residents/citizens formed a Political Action Committee (PAC) called Citizens Improving Gulf County. This PAC, properly registered with the Supervisor of Elections had active members from every district in the County; its effect seemed to bring almost a "County Wide Voting" atmosphere to the process as they highlighted BOCC Commission issues and performance across the entire county, a welcome service and activity. After some rough starts this PAC became very effective delivering its message, it definitely was a plus during this cycle, and I hope it continues next issue "County Wide Voting". Apparently the PAC activities caused great concern among a group of residents who prefer the status quo.

This faction rather than deal with issues in public campaigns as the political process normally provides chose to engage in activities to discredit and intimidate the PAC and its members.

How did this all this happen? This is what occurred to the best of my knowledge with some conclusions and opinion mixed in. On June 28 I met with my friend, Commissioner Bill Williams. We had always planned to talk about how he would end his term of office since he and I both had long understood he was not going to run again. He gave me the time and place as he often did because of his schedule lunch - beers together-cigars etc. We met, my interest was to get Bill to end his term as Commissioner and current Chairman gracefully calming down the commission politics, thank his supporters, remind all he was a Republican, that he wanted the party and county to continue grow, but his effort over eight years was long enough and he had to focus now on personal life and business. Also I wanted him to endorse a successor candidate, Joanna Bryan, as the best choice for the District Three voters. These political issue conversations were routine, we usually had them at least monthly over the past 12 years, sometimes weekly or even daily in the election cycle. We were close friends as were our families and he usually served our district and county well. At the time I thought this particular conversation was really wide ranging and a little strange as

he kept leading the topic to the PAC's activities particularly as related to Commissioner Warren Yeager's activities but, oh well.

About a week later two men appeared at my house, told me they were investigators from the SAO and asked if I would talk to them concerning an inquiry into criminal activity. I initially thought they were dealing with an ethics complaint that I heard had been filed concerning Yeager. As we talked it became clear that the interview was about my conversation with Williams; they informed me it had been recorded. They said that at that time I was a "witness" to an attempt at criminal extortion by the PAC and particularly Mr. Garth. My reaction was that's ridiculous there was nothing but our discussion of the political environment as we saw it and how Williams should handle it positively. A lot of circular Q+A followed in an attempt to intimidate me. They then asked me if I would wear a wire and have a planned conversation with Garth. My answer was of course not, but if they wanted to talk to both of us, either I would get him on the phone for a four-way conversation or he would be here in a few minutes to resolve any issues they thought existed. They said not but they would consider it. Soon the tenor of the conversation changed. They said, "Well extortion had occurred," one of them insisted on reading me the statute, "and someone would be arrested and charged, if they could not get evidence on Garth, then I could be the one arrested." My response was- "If the witness (me) saw no crime then the witness is the criminal?" The conversation continued like this for about 45 minutes and really got very silly. They asked me if I would testify against Garth. My answer was I would tell anyone the truth but I did not believe that it would indicate any criminal activity. They asked me who was a member of the PAC. I answered that I did not know anyone for certain other than Garth but that it was registered at the Election Supervisors Office; go look. They read me a list of names and asked if I knew about them I don't remember all the names. My impression as the dialog continued was, the investigator from FDLE attitude changed and he began to see that this was much ado about nothing. The other guy from the SAO office continued to be somewhat confrontational and the meeting soon ended. I asked them for their business cards and believe it or not, both said they didn't have any, — other coat or other truck or something. They said they would be in touch as soon as they talked to Garth about a four-way meeting. I said fine and never heard from them again except by telephone an hour or so later saying they would not be setting up a meeting with Garth and me. That ended any contact I had with the SAO office and I thought the issue very

silly "keystone Kops" like, and appropriately dead. Also I never heard from "my former old friend Williams again." Except for one cryptic e-mail a few days later that indicated Garth should be concerned and feel threatened. Hmmmm... oh well. The issue of who authorized this conversation to be taped and based on what evidence or probable cause was never discussed with them, but it concerned me, I noted it, and will discuss it later.

The primary election process went into full swing moving to the vote. As the door knocking and campaign contacts increased I was surprised to be asked and be contacted by people who made direct remarks and veiled references to the PAC investigation. Obviously this confidential investigation was "leaking" and threats and misinformation concerning PAC members or candidates they supported were floating. Although I never heard of any specific activity by the "investigators" or SAO during this period.

The primary ended the voters spoke, and we moved into the general campaign. The "investigators" suddenly reappeared I received alerts from several candidates and friends that the investigators were back and visiting candidates or alleged PAC members requesting meetings/interviews, at least four residents contacted me to let me know? Why me, because it was also now common knowledge that there was a tape out there of my conversation with Williams. Wow -well run confidential investigation -not! Or a vehicle to intimidate the PAC, Garth, or selected candidates-oh well, whatever? Sometime during this period I learned that the investigation was formally closed by Mr. Glenn Hess on Oct. 16 with no action taken.

The capstone finale for this whole sordid six month event was the BOCC meeting of Oct. 25, 2012 just one week before Election Day. I urge everyone to see the tape if you have not. This was a clearly well staged planned event intended to smear the PAC members, Garth, and it was obvious. Their plan was to get the now closed SAO investigation into the public arena to create a guilt by accusation and association premise, since they knew as of Oct. 16 there will be no criminal findings and no handcuffs. All commissioners were involved. They got a resident, Ms. Christine McElroy, a known associate of Yeager, who had been used previously to attack Garth and the PAC. The result- a 20-minute plus diatribe supported by unanimously approved three minute time extensions. McElroy was set up to enthusiastically reveal confidential information about the SAO investigation and then embellish it with falsehoods and innuendo intended to smear the PAC members, Garth, Bryan

and others. Commissioner "I wore a wire" Williams will brag, then lie about the investigation being serious and ongoing even though they all knew it was closed on Oct. 16 with no action. Also he will throw in a personal attack along with McElroy, to implicate Bryan. Commissioner McLemore will threaten "blow-ins" and the PAC with deportation; Commissioner Tan Smiley will ask why we can't come together and keep politics out of politics; Commissioner Ward McDaniel will misquote the constitution and Yeager will smile and talk about the good old days when we all behaved.

Probably an unintended consequence of this performance was that the so-called criminal investigation conducted by the SAO was now public and the closed file could be demanded by the public and the press. That occurred, after many delays and unresponsive dealings with the SAO office it was released to The Star. I have reviewed the file and predictably it raises more questions about the entire silly episode than it answers. (Note: As a senior Army Commander one duty I performed was Court Martial Convening Authority. That is similar to the role of a District Attorney, in my case for a community of 25,000 soldiers, families and civilian employees. Over three years I reviewed and decided actions taken in 50-75 criminal cases based on the file provided by MP and CID investigators guided by the Staff Judge Advocate. Based on that experience, in my opinion, this case file is woefully inadequate. It is incomplete, unprofessional and if this meets the standard for the FDLE and/or the SAO for a controlled and well directed criminal investigation those of us who reside in this district and rely on the justice system to protect us and our rights have a serious problem.) The discrepancies in the file and investigation report are numerous and writing an analysis of the issues and inconsistencies would take more time and space than I have now. A quick list of several of issues as I see them follows.

The sworn statements from Williams and others are not accurate and in three instances may be deliberate lies. They read like a telephone pass it on game and any experienced investigator should have been skeptical.

The dates of the statements appear to bend time. Apparently Williams made his complaint to SAO about June 17, yet the sworn statement was signed the day of our wired conversation (June 28, 2012) - why? Who reviewed those documents and authorized the taping? No record of that authorization or conclusion is in the file.

The file ends with the interview with me on July 17 as I think it should have; since it should have been clear at that point to any competent investigator that there was no

criminal activity or "blackmail." However, Mr. Hess says the investigation was not concluded until Oct. 16. What occurred during that 90 day period? There are no entries in the file.

There is no record of the three attempts to conduct interviews that I know occurred between July and August?

No record of the three interviews with McElroy which she said (Oct. 25) were conducted?

No record of the interviews with the individuals mentioned by McElroy (Oct. 25) in which she reported the subjects invoked their Fifth Amendment privilege?

No activities mentioned that supposedly led to the discovery of a previous felony conviction of Garth? No record of any documents that led to that conclusion. Who? What? Where? This very publicly released investigation finding/accusation has yet to be documented by any evidence. The Supervisor of Elections office when pursuing appropriate actions asked the SAO office for the evidence/record and was told, "Never mind" and Garth has yet to receive any response from the SAO to his request of 75 days ago?

What happened between July 17 and Oct. 16? There were several visits to county residents by investigators and multiple attempts at interviews. Several after the primary election date when commissioner Yeager the alleged victim was reelected. Since there is no record in the investigation file, the question becomes was all this activity just meant to intimidate Garth, the PAC, candidates or voters.

This saga can continue for many more pages but I am out of time and paper. What does all this mean for us Gulf County residents, voters, and candidates? Is the SAO so easily duped by pols and influence peddlers that he can't determine free speech from crimes? Did someone in the SAO's office deliberately participate in an effort to intimidate the PAC, Garth, voters and candidates? Every Gulf County voter must look at the issues put them in the context of that election cycle and decide for themselves. Then recognize that we are less than two years from the next one and two of the commissioners, Smiley and McDaniel, who participated in the "Clown Act" of Oct. 25 will be up for reelection and Hess is up two years after that. I believe this whole episode was contrived to intimidate, suppress the free speech activities of citizens and candidates of Gulf County. If you think the same, remember it and hold them all responsible for ineptitude or attempting to use the law and your tax dollars to intimidate and influence your election process.

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equity and reduced 401(k) balances have forced many retirees to aggressively withdraw from savings, trim expenses or even return to work.

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Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 17, 2013, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2013.

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to do with the cow should they win the raffle. In other words, he's not telling them to eat it. However, this is America, if they want to eat it, I think they still can.

On the other hand, if these lettuce bikini wearing ladies would like to come to my house and meet my dog...

He will eat lettuce, he ate an orange that had been sliced and left on the table this morning.

Me on the other hand, I would like a pear with a little mayonnaise with grated cheese and a half of maraschino cherry on the top (on a bed of lettuce). Perhaps the ladies would share some of their lettuce

with me.
I love pear salad.

Did you know the company that makes those yellow marshmallow chickens puts out enough of them each year to circle the earth twice?

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NESTING SEASON

By DIANE HIRTH
Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

Marine-turtle nesting season began in March on Florida beaches from Brevard through Broward counties, although two leatherbacks laying their eggs in late February got a head start. May 1 marks the official start in other coastal counties.

This year, Florida's nesting sea turtles face specific challenges because of the after-effects of Hurricane Sandy, which slammed the Atlantic Coast last October, and Tropical Storm Debby, which hit the Gulf Coast in June 2012.

"The impact of two strong storms last year and the resulting beach re-nourishment and repairs have altered many Florida beaches where sea turtles nest," said Dr. Robbin Trindell, who is responsible for sea turtle management at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "Changes in the coastal landscape, such as a shallower strip of sandy beach or an unnatural profile, can make it more challenging for sea turtles to successfully lay their eggs and produce hatchlings," she said.

"Still, we are hoping for a strong sea turtle nesting season,

and we ask beachfront property owners and coastal towns and cities to keep nesting beaches free of potential hazards to increase the chance of successful nesting in the wake of such major storms."

The FWC reminds beachgoers it is illegal to disturb sea turtles, their nests or hatchlings. The loggerhead is listed as a federally threatened species, and the leatherback and green turtle are federally endangered species. State law restricts beach renourishment and repairs on structures such as seawalls during nesting season, which continues through October.

Coastal residents and visitors can help ensure successful nesting of threatened and endangered sea turtles by:

- Ensuring beach-repair work is completed before nesting turtles arrive;
- Removing all equipment, beach furniture and other potential obstructions from the beach at night, when nesting females and hatchlings need to move unimpeded across the sand;
- Managing artificial light at night by turning off lights when not in use, closing curtains and shades, and shielding lights needed for human safety so no light is visible from the beach.

Nesting and hatchling sea turtles might become confused by artificial nighttime lighting and head in the wrong direction when trying to find the water. If confused hatchlings end up heading landward instead of toward the sea, they often die from dehydration, get run over or become prey for raccoons, ghost crabs and fire ants.

Each year, about 2,500 FWC-permitted volunteers patrol more than 800 miles of sandy shoreline throughout the state on a regular basis, scanning the beach for leatherback, loggerhead and green turtle nests. The Marine Turtle Permit Holders mark and count nests and edu-

cate the public about protecting turtles, eggs and hatchlings.

Eggs in most nests will have finished incubation and hatch by the official close of nesting season Oct. 31, although green turtles continue laying eggs into October, keeping volunteers busy.

"We love it. It is more of a passion for us than a job, and there's nothing better than to feel you're making a difference," said Debbie Sobel, a sea turtle permit-holder and president of the Sea Turtle Conservation League of Singer Island. "I have been monitoring beaches since 1990. Seeing nesting numbers rising for leatherbacks, greens

and loggerheads makes me realize our efforts are paying off wonderfully."

Last year was a good one for sea turtle nesting on Florida beaches, especially for loggerheads, which had a record number of nests statewide. Based on a monitoring program the FWC began in 1989, loggerhead nesting had continued a positive overall trend after several years of decline. Leatherback and green turtle nesting also had improved.

To help conserve sea turtles, people can donate \$5 and receive a sea turtle decal or just learn more about sea turtles at MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle.



LEATHERBACK HATCHLING



LOGGERHEAD HATCHLING

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Apr. 04	71°	62°	100 %
Fri, Apr. 05	67°	53°	20 %
Sat, Apr. 06	71°	59°	0 %
Sun, Apr. 07	73°	61°	0 %
Mon, Apr. 08	74°	63°	10 %
Tues, Apr. 09	75°	64°	0 %
Wed, Apr. 10	75°	65°	40 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

Cat Point	HIGH	LOW
	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:

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
4	Th	5:47pm	1:3	3:03am	-0.2
5	Fr	7:17pm	1.1	3:37am	0.0
6	Sa	8:55pm	0.9	3:54am	0.2
7	Su	10:29am	0.7	10:47pm	0.8
		3:47am	0.4	3:43pm	0.4
8	Mo	9:55am	0.9	3:02am	0.7
		5:07pm	0.2		
9	Tu	9:54am	1.1	6:09pm	0.1
10	We	10:09am	1.3	7:02pm	0.0
11	Th	10:33am	1.4	7:54pm	0.0
12	Fr	11:02am	1.4	8:50pm	-0.1
13	Sa	11:36am	1.6	9:52pm	-0.1
14	Su	12:15pm	1.6	10:58pm	-0.1
15	Mo	12:56pm	1.6	11:59pm	-0.1
16	Tu	1:41pm	1.4		

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
4	Th	12:1pm	1.0	10:46pm	1.1
		6:09am	0.1	6:03pm	1.0
5	Fr	1:53pm	1.0	7:13am	0.1
		7:19pm	0.8		
6	Sa	12:35am	1.1	8:05am	0.2
		8:16pm	0.6		
7	Su	2:04am	1.1	8:49am	0.4
		9:04pm	0.4		
8	Mo	3:12am	1.1	9:27am	0.5
		9:47pm	0.2		
9	Tu	4:09am	1.2	9:58am	0.6
		10:26pm	0.1		
10	We	4:58am	1.2	10:25am	0.8
		11:02pm	0.0		
11	Th	5:43am	1.2	10:48am	0.9
		11:36pm	-0.1		
12	Fr	6:26am	1.2	11:12am	0.9
		12:09pm	0.1		
13	Sa	7:10am	1.1	12:09am	-0.1
		1:14pm	1.0		
14	Su	7:56am	1.1	12:44am	0.0
		12:14pm	1.0		
15	Mo	8:46am	1.1	1:22am	0.0
		12:57pm	1.1		
16	Tu	9:41am	1.1	2:08am	0.1
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Fresh water

Local waters are back to normal this week from last month's floods and cold. Decent reports are starting to come in from Depot, Howard, and Lake Wimico this week. Most local anglers are fishing for painted bream in the back waters off of the main channels in the big river, and the catfish bite is improving as well.

Inshore/Bay

Sheepshead are the talk of the town this week with good reports from Mexico Beach to Indian Pass. St Joe Bay is a great place to start looking for these fish around the docks, pillings and the "sea wall" outside of the marina. The old shipping channel markers in the west end of the bay are another "go-to" spot for sheepshead fishing. Some Spanish mackerel are here but not in good numbers. Slow trolling close to the beach and out by the buoys will be the hot spots this week.



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Boats need love too! Minor fiberglass repairs, Part 2

Stress cracks, blisters (voids between gelcoat and fiberglass) require attention to keep damage from decaying structure.



SHIPSHAPE
By Richard Hance

Using an aggressive sanding disc, 60 grit, on your drill or with an angle grinder or dremmel tool, remove surface gelcoat and one-eighth to one-fourth inch of fiberglass. Enlarge damaged area to about one inch, beveling or tapering area to accept fiberglass. Clean the area with acetone or denatured alcohol. Apply masking tape along edges of the prepared area. Cut fiberglass cloth into strips or pieces that will fill the area, smaller pieces fitting into bottom of repair; additional pieces slightly larger until you have three to four layers to build into repair.

Mix your polyester resin or epoxy as per instructions on package, careful to measure accurately. With a disposable one-inch brush, apply resin onto repaired area. Allow five to six minutes to allow resin to become tacky, then apply smallest fiberglass piece. Repeat with additional fiberglass until area is filled. Note, don't overfill the damaged area. It must be kept slightly below flush with surrounding gelcoat. As you apply each piece of fiberglass, use your brush to gently push new fiberglass, eliminating air pockets and wrinkles. Note, for vertical surface repairs or beneath the boat, use a thickened epoxy, West Systems G-56, comes in a caulking tube, available online or at West Marine. The epoxy is considerably stronger than the poly resin and can be used on all fiberglass repairs.

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PLAY BALL!

PSJ Dixie Youth baseball, softball seasons open

Words and photos by Tim Croft

The Port St. Joe Dixie Youth League softball and baseball seasons got off to a rousing start recently with the annual Day of Baseball.

Fighting off impending rains, most of the games were played across the Eighth and Tenth Street ball fields.

Mary Lou Cumbie sang the National Anthem, Kesley Colbert tossed out the first pitch and Dr. Gregory Lentz from First United Methodist Church offered the prayer to kick-start the event.

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Lady Gators divide the spoils

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School softball team has split four games over the previous weeks.

The Lady Gators beat Cottondale 2-0; lost to Sneads 9-1; lost to Franklin County 10-1; and beat Sneads in a rematch 3-0.

Against Cottondale, Brianna Bailey pitched seven innings allowing two hits while striking out five and walking no one.

Tara Walding was 2 for 3, Naomi Parker reached base twice on walks, Sam Hoover walked and had a sacrifice fly, Ashleigh Price walked and Ireland Hamm had a single in three trips to the plate.

Parker pitched five innings in the loss to Sneads, striking out three and walking one. Bailey came on to pitch the final two innings.

Jessica Smith, Bailey, Parker, Mariah Brown and Alyssa Bass each had a hit, Bass driving in the Lady Gators' sole run. Parker, Brown and Smith also reached base on walks.

Price started on the mound against Franklin County but gave way to Bailey after one inning. Bailey pitched through three innings, and Parker came on to throw the final three innings.

Brown, Price and Walding each had a hit, and Parker reached twice on walks.

Bailey was on the mound throwing a complete game five-hitter in the win at Sneads. Of the five hits, two came courtesy of fielding miscues by the Lady Gators.

Smith and Walding were each 2 for 4 at the plate. Price and Brown each had a hit and a sacrifice bunt, and Bass and Parker each had one hit. Parker also reached twice on walks.

Wewahitchka hosts Ponce de Leon tonight, is at Port St. Joe on Tuesday and hosts Blountstown next Thursday.

Port St. Joe baseball splits 2

Star Staff Report

The Tiger Sharks of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School split a pair of games in the past week.

Port St. Joe fell 7-5 to South Walton and pummeled East Memorial Academy out of Alabama 8-1.

Against South Walton, Port St. Joe was held to just four hits, all singles.

The Tiger Sharks earned six walks and had one batter hit by a pitch.

Bryce Godwin (1-2) was the losing pitcher, allowing six hits and walking two while hitting two batters and striking out five.

The Tiger Sharks dropped to 2-5 in the district as untimely errors again proved their undoing.

Cole Cryderman led the win over EMA, starting on the mound and tossing seven innings of four-hit ball. He walked no one and hit one batter.

Drew Lacour was 3 for 3 with an RBI to lead the Tiger Sharks. Chase Wilder was 3 for 4 with a pair of doubles and drove in a run, Godwin was 2 for 2 with a walk, and Tyler Worley was 1 for 3 with two RBIs on a fifth-inning double which sparked a Tiger Shark rally.

"Cryderman's effort on the mound was what the Sharks have been needing," Coach Chuck Gannon said.

The Tiger Sharks were at Franklin County for a makeup game on Tuesday.

PSJ competes at Capital City Classic

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School track team competed in the 14th annual Capital City Classic in Tallahassee over the past weekend.

On the girls' side, Maya Robbins placed fifth in the 100 meters, took seventh in the 200 meters and was fourth in the long jump.

Celeste Chiles was fourth in the pole vault and Dantasia Welch fourth in the triple jump.

For the boys, N'Namdi Davis won the triple jump with a leap of 43 feet, 1 inch and took second in the long jump. Davis earned fourth at 100 meters and finished seventh at 200 meters.

Jack Cummings was the only other Tiger Shark to place, finishing eighth in the shot put.

The track teams will be in action at the Northwest Florida Relays in Panama City on Saturday.

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Port St. Joe High School's Carter Thacker, competing at 139 pounds, finished fourth in the Region 1-1A weightlifting meet at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach. Thacker's total for the bench press and clean-and-jerk was 415 pounds. Thacker must now wait to see if his total is sufficient to qualify for the State Class 1A meet in Kissimmee on April 19-20.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE FORMING

Star Staff Report
The staff at the Bridge at Bay St. Joe is shouting, "Let's play ball!"

The Bridge is inviting all local businesses and organizations to join its softball league. Staff members hope it will be a fun league and a great opportunity to build relationships.

Team fees will be \$300 to cover costs only.

For more information, call or email Ron Reid at 525-0441 or admin.baystjoe@signaturehealthcarellc.com.

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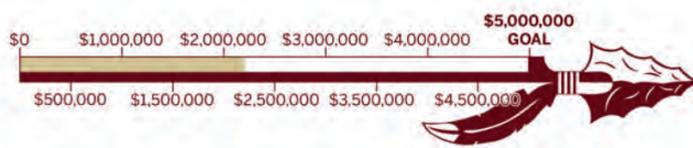
Pictured: Shirley Sweet, president-elect, and Sandy Ingram, president, representing the Pilot Club of Panama City. The club contributes annually to the Adam Arias Memorial ABA Endowed Scholarship, which provides scholarship assistance to graduate students in the Psychology Applied Behavior Analysis Program.

Providing annual support to students in the ABA program at FSU Panama City is a meaningful way for the Pilot Club to give back to this community while maintaining our focus on increasing awareness of brain related disorders.

— Sandy Ingram, President
Pilot Club of Panama City

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on the firm's knowledge and background with the structures.

Several commissioners said their memory of what had been promised in reference to bidding was focused on construction costs associated with the relocation, not the architectural or design elements.

Smallwood assured Mayor Mel Magidson the company would bid out any construction component that exceeded \$5,000.

The site for the relocated lighthouse also sparked considerable discussion.

Magidson said he and Smallwood walked the property last week and determined the likely best spot and highest ground to be west of Miss Zola drive and along the axis of the Third Street turnaround on Baltzell.

That would put the two keepers' quarters and oil house just south, near and partially on the historic Maddox property.

That is a bit west of the site proposed under the wa-

terfront park plans.

However, after input from members of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency, which spearheaded the waterfront park plans, members of the design team noted that the Magidson's proposed location was one it had originally identified before being warned off due to potential impact on underground utilities.

Smallwood and Magidson suggested that the site was preferred, was likely the highest on the property and would require minimal permitting for "low quality" wetlands on the Maddox property.

Stakeholders in the project will meet on the property today for a workshop to identify the site. The next major steps in the relocation is identifying a site and performing soil borings in anticipation of foundation construction.

"We have to nail down the site and get the soil borings," Magidson said. "It's really time to move or cut bait."

Water study

Dave Kozan of CDM Smith, the company that designed the city's surface water treatment plant, said preliminary data analysis has been completed and profile testing of the plant and distribution system would begin in the next two weeks.

That testing will continue for about three weeks, Kozan said, and at that juncture the information collected should be sufficient to provide the city with possible short-term chemical treatment options to address water discoloration and prepare a report on options for a longer-term study of the system.

"We are behind schedule due to the analysis of all the data we were provided," Kozan said, noting the amount of data on the where, how, what and when of water problems was more voluminous than anticipated. "The profile testing will bring us back on schedule because there will be less information needed" on the back end.

Free baby shower for Gulf and Franklin counties

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On May 23 the Healthy Start Coalition for Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties will host their annual baby shower in Port St. Joe.

The event aims to educate and be a resource for new parents. Though the focus of the event is on delivering parenting info to new or expectant mothers with a baby six months or younger, caregivers, fathers and new moms from other counties are welcome to attend.

Healthy Start's mission is to educate new parents and promote positive birth outcomes and protect the health and well-being of all mothers and children in the surrounding area.

"It's essentially a bridal expo for new parents," said Director Sharon Owens, who's been involved with Healthy Start for the past eight years.

With a reputation for keeping its baby showers fun, informative and engaging, Healthy Start's annual events draw 50 to 100 attendees but the coalition is always looking to increase their numbers to ensure that all babies in the region get off to a safe and healthy start. Car seat safety, safe sleeping, and available community resources are just a few of the topics covered during the two-hour seminar. Information booths will also be

on-site to pass along flyers for pediatric physicians, dentists, and other infant services.

To keep things light, information will be delivered through activities and games, and a series of door prizes will be given away throughout the presentations. The grand prize winner will be awarded a \$200 gift certificate to Walmart.

"Sometimes people are scared to death when they come to the baby shower," said Owens. "It's neat to see new moms realize that there's so much support."

In addition to passing along information and resources to new parents, Owens emphasized the importance of building a network of supportive and knowledgeable people.

"You have to get a driver's license to drive a car, but there's not a test to have a baby," she said.

Healthy Start gives guidance to anyone with a baby up to three years of age. There are no eligibility requirements and new parents can call 800-895-9506 with questions. The Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions has 32 branches across the state all working to improve pregnancy outcomes, reduce infant mortality rates and promote healthy growth and development in all children.

Healthy Start's fifth Gulf County baby shower will take place at the Centennial Building from 4 p.m. - 6 ET. The shower is a free community-wide event.

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Relay for Life comes to PSJ and Wewahitchka in April

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Over one million people in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer each year and Gulf County is hosting two Relay for Life events to raise money and awareness in order to fight the disease.

Relay for Life is an overnight community fundraising walk to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The event honors not just

cancer survivors, but the memories of those who have lost the battle and those who continue to fight.

Teams are formed in advance and compete to raise money, both leading up to and at the relay itself.

During the 18-hour-long family-friendly event, members of each team take turns walking around a track and must keep one person moving at all times.

Gulf County Tourist Development Council business manager Kelli Jackson is the marketing

chairperson for Gulf County's Relay events.

She became involved after attending a relay several years ago with a friend. She learned about the ACS, the deep meaning behind the event and how the money went to cancer-prevention research and knew it was a cause she wanted to support.

This is her first year on the committee for Gulf County.

"It lets us honor both the friends we have lost and the survivors," said Jackson.

The first Relay event will be held on April 19 at the Wewahitchka Junior/Senior High School football field.

The theme for the event is "Carnival of Hope" and the field will be full of games, activities, and classic fair treats like popcorn and cotton candy. The event starts at 6 p.m. CT and music will be provided by local DJ, Byron Barlow

The Monopoly board game will be the theme of the second event, held at the Port St. Joe Jr./

Sr. High School football field on April 26.

Activities include a Ms. Relay Pageant and additional family events.

The PSJ relay kicks off at 6 p.m. ET.

In traditional Relay fashion, both events will start with a "survivor's lap" to honor those and the caregivers of those who have fought and defeated cancer.

The Luminaria ceremony will

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Farmers Market returns



WES LOCHER | The Star

The Port Cottages will have an official ribbon cutting during this Saturday's Salt-Air Farmer's Market.

Port Cottages to hold open house

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Something familiar and something new will be on display this weekend in the vicinity of Port St. Joe City Hall.

At City Commons Park adjacent to City Hall, the Salt-Air Farmer's Market returns for a fourth year.

The market kicks off at 9 a.m. ET and will run until 1 p.m.

The new season will have a special treat in a cooking demonstration by Mary Ann Conroy of Gourmet Chef Now.

Conroy's website is www.gourmetchefnow.com. Her demonstration begins at 10 a.m.

The band Thirty-Three will take to the gazebo at 11 a.m. to provide live music. Thirty-three is a local band of young musicians who performed during the Christmas edition of the

Farmer's Market.

"If you missed their performance at the last market then you missed out on hearing a very talented group who can really rock," said John Parker, volunteer coordinator for the Salt-Air Farmer's Market.

The Barnharts, B & H Farms and Tim Corker, farmers who have long made the Salt-Air Market a place for fresh produce, will be back as will Uford Madden, "The Goat Man", who will be bringing fresh organic lamb, goat and chicken along with goat milk and ice cream.

Parker said many other local arts and crafts vendors will also be on hand.

Saturday will also be a cause for celebration as the Port Cottages, constructed directly across U.S. Highway 98 from City Hall, will have its official open house.

The Open House begins at 9 a.m.

ET and the official ribbon cutting with the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce will take place at approximately 12 noon.

There will be live music, food and refreshments.

Created through collaboration between David Warriner and the Port Inn and partners Bill Kennedy and Steve Wich, the Port Cottages are the first new development in the city in several years.

Kennedy designed the cottages and partnered with Wich to construct them as a reflection of shotgun shack-style vacation housing Kennedy had seen and studied at spots such as Steinhatchee and Alabama.

"They came out pretty close to what I had envisioned in my brain," Kennedy said.

The cottages - the first rented this

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Republican Party holds concealed weapons course in Port St. Joe

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The Republican Party will hold its fifth concealed weapons class at Capital City Bank in Port St. Joe on April 20.

The bi-annual class is led by Frankie Mills, a National Rifle Association certified instructor.

"This class gives qualified adults the security to take care of their families," said Mills, a retired Sheriff of Okaloosa County.

Designed to take place in a "comfortable setting," the class strives to be informative and ensure that students understand all proper rules and regulations that come with the permit.

Questions may be asked as they arise and are encouraged so that Mills can ensure the competency of his students.

Mills "re-exposes students to the basics" to ensure proper handling and respect of all weapons and limits the class to handgun usage.

Those planning to attend who do not own a gun will have one provided for them and Mills hopes that his class will assist non-owners in making sound firearm purchases based on their own needs.

Additional info covered in the five-hour class will include where not to take concealed weapons, the Florida Stand Your Ground law, and all appropriate state statutes of which students will need to be aware.

The State of Florida has issued the most concealed weapon permits in the country with 1,025,654 permits as of February 2013.

Gulf County has issued 696 of those permits which are valid for seven years in Florida and will allow the holder to carry their weapon in 35 states.

"You may never need it," said Mills, "But you'll be glad you have it."

In order to obtain a concealed weapons license in Florida you must be at least 21 years of age, be a U.S. citizen, eligible to purchase and able to demonstrate competency with a firearm, and have never been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor violence, domestic violence, substance or alcohol abuse, juvenile offense or have a history of mental illness.

The class will take place from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET. A fee of \$75 is required. To register, call Tom Semmes at 639-5345. Applications must be received by April 16.



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1) Where does Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls" center around a civil war?
Mexico, U.S., Ireland, Spain

2) Of the world's 10 largest cities how many are built at, or near earthquake faults?
2, 4, 6, 8

3) Which Rice Krispies character wears a red-and-white striped hat?
Snap, Tony, Crackle, Pop

4) Of these who isn't/wasn't at least 6' or taller?
Ryan Seacrest, Rutger Hauer, Tony Hawk, Jack Palance

5) What did actress Betty Grable leave an imprint of outside Grauman's Chinese Theater?
Foot, Leg, Elbow, Hand

6) Which of these lived past the age of 40?
Lou Gehrig, Jules Verne, George Gershwin, Marilyn Monroe

7) Typically chicken wire is meshed in what geometric shape?

Squares, Hexagons, Octagons, Pentagons

8) Of these who isn't/wasn't at least 6' or taller?
Steven Segal, Vincent Price, Gregory Peck, Jackie Gleason

9) Without Pluto how many planets in our solar system were discovered by Americans?
0, 1, 2, 3

10) Which of these lived past the age of 40?
Bob Marley, Yuri Gagarin, Mickey Mantle, Andy Kaufman

11) Which "Doctor" is less commonly known as Theodor Geisel?
Holliday, Jekyll, Spock, Seuss

12) Where did the term "rocketry" originate?
Ancient China, Soviet Union, USA, Germany

13) Generally speaking how much ingested chocolate would it take to kill a 35 lb. dog?
5 oz, 12 oz, 2 lbs, 5 lbs

14) Rodinia, Gondwana, Pangaea, Laurasia, and Nuna were known as?
Oil reserves, Prison camps, Oceans, Supercontinents

ANSWERS
1) Spain. 2) 8. 3) Crackle. 4) Ryan Seacrest. 5) Leg. 6) Jules Verne. 7) Hexagons. 8) Jackie Gleason. 9) 0. 10) Mickey Mantle. 11) Seuss. 12) Ancient China. 13) 5 lbs. 14) Supercontinents.

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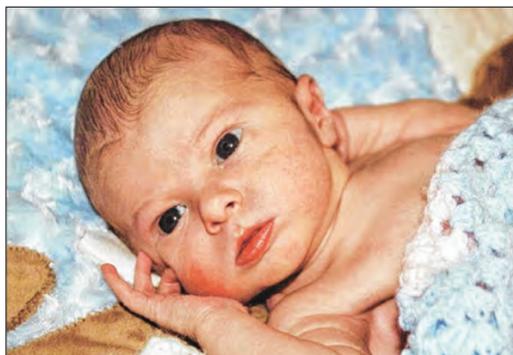
The June 1960 issue of the St. Joe Paper Company news magazine, the St. Joe News-Liner, was dedicated to the construction of the company's largest container plant in Houston, Texas.

By 1961 St. Joe Paper had nine container plants throughout the U.S., can you name the locations of all nine?



ANSWER ON PAGE B6

Birthdays



Thomas Edward Rish is born

Mr. and Mrs. William Joseph Rish, Jr. are pleased to announce the arrival of their newborn son, Thomas Edward Rish. Thomas Edward was born on Feb. 26, 2013 weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He is welcomed home by brothers and sisters, Williams Joseph Rish, III, Marilyn Kathleen

Rish, Caroline Elizabeth Rish and Master Robert Maxwell Rish. Thomas Edward is the grandson of Carol T. Rish and the late William J. Rish, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edward Squires, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Penn, Jr. and a host of loving uncles, aunts and cousins.

Jay and Jessica wish to thank all of their family and friends for their outpouring of love and affection during this special time.

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VFW Relay for Life yard sale

Star Staff Report
From 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT on Friday, April 5, and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. CT Saturday, April 6, the Relay for Life team from

VFW Post 10069 will be having a yard sale. The sale will take place at 500 15th Street (the old church on the corner) in Mexico Beach. Many

members and friends have been donating treasures – it's going to be big. The best part of it – all proceeds from the sale will go directly to

American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Come on out, browse around – you just might find that treasure you have been looking for!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



Pictured are Roy Nilsen, Richard Maupin and Jack Reynolds. Other Post Members honored were John Kievit, George McLaughlin, Roy Pauga, James Conway, Ray Brant, Laurence Cox, Donald Hatton, Marvin Shimfessel, William Loftus, Donald Rudd and Billy Wilson.

American Legion Post honors Korean War vets

Star Staff Report
On March 24, at its regular monthly meeting, Legionnaire members who are veterans of

the Korean War were honored with Certificates of Appreciation. These certificates were issued by the Department of Defense

at the request of the National Headquarters of the American Legion commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.

Anniversary



Hufts celebrate 50 years of marriage

On a cold winter day a sailor met a girl and a spark was lit. The sailor and his sweetheart said "I Do" and made a home with love and fidelity. The sweetheart became a Mama with a baby girl and a family got its start. From Maryland to Virginia the family knew happy shore times and lonely sailor at sea times, news of his son came by

telegram to a submarine. In South Carolina the sailor traded his white navy cap for a white painting shirt and created a business and another baby boy followed. Moving down to Florida another daughter came along and the painter traded his white shirt for a white collar and a ministry began. The family grew into generations. Fifty years

passed by in a blink. The sailor and his sweetheart still share a home with love and fidelity.

On March 17, 2013, the Rev. Jerry and Mrs. Jacqueline Huft celebrated 50 years of marriage. A celebration in their honor was given with love by their children on Saturday evening, March 16, at the Gulf County Senior Citizens

Community Center in Wewahitchka. Jerry and Jackie have four children, and five grandchildren. Through the years Jerry and Jackie have set an example of faith, love, and service to their family, friends, and community. On March 17, 1963, a sailor married his sweetheart and the spark never went out.

Congratulations on 50

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We still have spaces available for our FREE SPAY/NEUTER Program for Gulf County residents. You can print an application online or come by the shelter.

If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com or adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Applications are available at www.sjbhumesociety.org We require all potential adopters to complete an application form. Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations.

Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Faith's Thrift Hut is always in need of donations also, and all the proceeds go directly to support the animals in our care! The hours for the store are Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome at both our store and our shelter! Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe! Hope to see you all there soon!

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High School High Tech students participate in career shadowing

Special to The Star
Local businesses and professionals took time out of their busy schedule to be mentors and provide career shadowing opportunities for members of the High School High Tech program (HSHT) at Port St Joe High School. HSHT is partially funded by the ABLE Trust and Vocational Rehabilitation and is carried out through Dyslexia Research Institute in Tallahassee. After spending time with their mentors the students, mentors, some of their parents, and representatives from the ABLE Trust and Dyslexia Research Institute met for lunch at the Sunset Coastal Grill to share their experiences. The students were placed with mentors in careers that they have an interest in pursuing. This shadowing gives them an opportunity to determine if that career is a path they might want to pursue. It also allows them to meet potential employers and for employers to meet them for employment in the Summer Internship program.

All students are sophomores, juniors and seniors at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School. In order to participate in the paid internship program this summer, the HSHT students had to earn enough points through participation in HSHT events and programs and doing community service throughout the year. These students have already reached that goal and are eligible for the summer jobs to learn workforce skills. Students who were awarded a computer, or if they already had earned a computer received a gift certificate for meeting or exceeding the number of points were Joe Price, Rayanna Smith, Cameron Pryor, Corey Williams and Torey Williams.

The students and businesses and professionals who participated in the Career Shadowing Day were: Rayanna Smith-Early Learning Center; Arnisha Harris-Novak Law Office; John Keigans-Seahorse Safari; Katie Noble-Sunset Coastal Grill; Joe Price-Hungry Howies; Cameron Pryor-ARC; Jak Riley-St.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Joe Golf Club; Fairpoint Communications-Carl Sheline and Reed Smith; Corey Williams-Hooper Photography (Debbie Hopper) and

Torey Williams-Sheriff Department (Officer Larry Dickey). Lynn Hauck spent real quality time matching up the students with

the various businesses and professionals and everyone had a great day. Mentors and students shared their experiences for the shadowing.

HSHT deeply appreciates all the mentors giving of their time to expose these students to the workforce world.

Community education classes offered at Gulf, Franklin campus

Special to The Star

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Instructor: Bonnie Jones, GCSC Adjunct Instructor and Professional Photographer

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Room: C-103

CRN: Course: XCE0063 **Fee:** \$21

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Instructor: Jennifer Bonaventura, GCSC Adjunct Instructor and Professional Artist

Date: Thursday, April 4, 11, 18, 25 **Time:** 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Room: C-103

CRN: 91302 **Course:** XCE0066 **Fee:** \$99

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Obituaries

Beulah Clark

Mrs. Beulah Weekes Clark passed on to be with her Lord, Thursday, March 28, 2013, from her home in Port St. Joe.

Covenant Hospice had been in attendance many weeks.

Mrs. Clark taught in Port St. Joe schools for 12 years, first in elementary and then at the junior high level. She was the first special education teacher in Gulf County.

After moving to Santa Rosa County to be near her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Weekes, she continued teaching another 15 years.

Mrs. Clark was a faithful member of Long Avenue Baptist Church and of Bagdad Baptist Church. She taught Sunday school most of her adult life. She faithfully attended Oak Grove Church since returning to Port St. Joe 13 years ago.

Her family joyfully remembers that she lived by the Bible verse, Deuteronomy 6:7 "...teach them diligently to thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest

in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

She is preceded in death by her husband J. Douglas Clark and is survived by all six of her daughters and their spouses: Joy and (Dale) Smith, Pat and (Gene) Barfield, Catherine and (Randal) Kelley, Carolyn and (Olen) Roney, Ruth and (Tommy) Sauls and Nellie Schofield. She has 15 grandchildren and numerous great and great-greats. "Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. ET Monday, April 1, 2013, at Oak Grove Church in Port St. Joe. Visitation was for an hour prior to the service at the church. Interment followed in Bagdad Cemetery in Bagdad, Fla.

Those who wish may make donations in her memory to Covenant Hospice, Oak Grove Church, or to The Gideons.

Services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.

Linda Pyle Bray

Linda Pyle Bray, of Panama City, passed away Friday, March 29, 2013.

She was born May 30, 1937, in Carrabelle, Fla. She married James Carroll Bray, and after several years in Germany, the couple made their home in Port St. Joe and then Panama City. Linda had a zest for life and a love of learning that kept her young. She loved her work and friends at Gulf Coast Hospital, was a long-standing member of her book club, and above all else, she cherished her family.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Margaret Pyle of Port St. Joe.

She is survived by her husband Bo; daughter, Mary Margaret

Madden, son-in-law Don, grandsons Andrew Bracy and Owen Madden; her son, David Bray, daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren Austin, Patrick, Alexandra and Riley Bray; sisters Peggy Maddox, Polly Creekmore and Katie Brown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gulf Coast Medical Center Cancer Program. For information please contact Charla Carter 850-769-8341.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. ET on Wednesday, April 3, at the First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe. A graveside service followed at Holly Hill cemetery.

Funeral services were provided by Comforter Funeral Home.

Mrs. Doris Tullis

Mrs. Doris Tullis of Port St. Joe went to her heavenly home on Monday, March 25, 2013, at the age of 75, after a long battle with COPD. Doris was a loving wife and a homemaker like no other.

She was very involved in the lives of her husband and three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was an amazing mother and she cared deeply for her family and community.

Mrs. Tullis is preceded in death by her father, JB Waters; her brother, Roy Waters; and her sister, Myra Sue Byrd.

She is survived by her loving husband, Edward Tullis of Port St. Joe; sons, Donald Tullis, Harold Tullis and wife Stacey all of Port St. Joe, and James Tullis and wife Wendi of Wellborn, Fla.; her grandchildren, Victoria McCall, Julie Parrish and husband

Greg, Cassie Tullis, and Rachel Tullis; her great-grandchildren, Jacob Scott and Emily Parrish; her loving sisters, Myrtle Harris of Panama City, Mildred Levins and husband Joe of Port St. Joe, and Joyce Scully and husband Dennis of Highland View; her brothers, John H. Waters and James Edward Waters both of Howard Creek; sister-in-law, Sharon Caylor of Port St. Joe; and brother-in-law Larry Byrd of Crestview, Fla.; she also had 27 nieces and nephews who she loved dearly.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. EDT Thursday, March 28, 2013, at Holly Hill Cemetery with the Rev. David Fernandez officiating.

The family received friends at their home.

Services are under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home.

Reputation of Christians considered at Lifetree

Special to The Star
The reputation of Christians will be explored at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, April 8.

The program, titled "What People Really Think of Christians... and Why" features an exclusive filmed interview with Gabe Lyons, author of the bestselling book "UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity and Why It Matters."

"Christians are sometimes viewed as hypocritical or judgmental," said Lifetree representative Craig

Cable. "We'll discuss whether that reputation is deserved."

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located 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 lwclifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

Later is sooner than you think

I'll get around to it later, I'm sure you've said this before.

Many times because someone was wanting you to do a chore.

We put off things lots of times, that we could do quick as a wink.

But before you know it, later, is sooner than you think. I've heard men say I'll stop it later, about the way they drink.

It happened again, later, is sooner than you think. I'll fix it later, a man told his wife, about the kitchen sink.

One more time, later, is sooner than you think. When you're young and full of life, and really in the pink, Be careful how you live your life, later, is sooner than you think.

I've talked to people about Jesus, that they knew they were living wrong.

They said they hoped he'd wait for them, they'd straighten up before long.

Some of these are gone now, and as filthy rags, did stink.

It all goes to show you, later, is sooner than you think.

Billy Johnson



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Tomatoes for the home garden – Part 1

Tomatoes are the most popular vegetable grown in home gardens. They are nutritious vegetables that provide good quantities of vitamins A and C.

Tomatoes are either determinate or indeterminate. The determinate types are gaining in popularity in home gardens. Determinate tomatoes are referred to as “self-topping” or low-growing types. They will usually grow to a height of 3 to 4 feet depending on the variety. As a result, they can usually be staked with 4- to 5-foot stakes or cages. Determinate varieties will bear fruit primarily over a four- to five-week period, then fruit production decreases considerably.

Indeterminate types have a different growth habit than determinate



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

types; they are not self-toppers and usually produce fruit throughout the season.

Recommended varieties for the home gardener are Floramerica, Celebrity, Amelia, BHN602, Fletcher, Florida 91 and

Talladega.

To raise any vegetable successfully, you need to begin with adequate soil preparation. Tomatoes need a slightly acidic soil, with a pH between 6.0 and 6.8. If the pH of your soil is less than 6.0, you need to add lime to raise the pH.

Because some of our soils in Florida are slightly alkaline, you really shouldn't add lime unless you have a soil test that indicates the need for it. Then about 5 pounds of dolomite per hundred square feet of garden is the average recommended

rate. Be sure you work the dolomite into the soil well in advance of planting.

Another important part of soil preparation is fertilization. My information was provided by Extension Vegetable Specialist Dr. Steve Olson of the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

There are a couple of schools of thought on when to add fertilizer. Some people believe in fertilizing the soil before planting. In this system you apply 2.5 pounds of fertilizer for

every 100 square feet of garden use an 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 with minor elements. Do this a week before planting, and mix the fertilizer thoroughly into the soil. Three weeks or so after you plant the tomatoes, and another 2 pounds of fertilizer per hundred square feet. You should irrigate/water thoroughly to get the maximum benefit from the fertilizer.

In the other system, fertilizer isn't added to the soil until planting time. Apply 5 pounds of all-purpose fertilizer, such

as 8-8-8 or 10-10-10, per 100 square feet. Spread it in furrows 3 inches from either side of the garden row. Three weeks after planting, apply 2.5 pounds of fertilizer as side-dressing. Every 10 days after that, apply one more pound of fertilizer. Always water it in well.

Before you set out the plants, make sure all danger of frost has passed. It's best to transplant on a cloudy day or late in the afternoon, and as soon as possible after a rain.

When setting the plants,

it's a good idea to set them slightly deeper than they were rowing at the nursery. You also might want to add a cutworm control at the same time. If the tomato varieties you're growing require staking, you can drive stakes into the soil at the time of planting. Place the stakes 3 or 4 inches from the plant. As the plant grows, simply tie it to the stake with string.

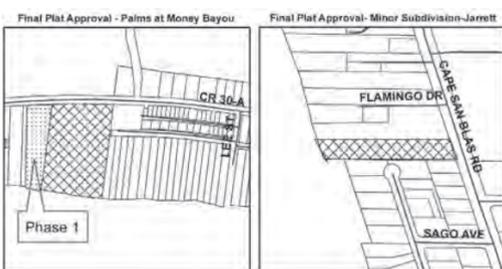
For more information, contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu>.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. ET, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. ET. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Final Plat Application for Phase 1 - Palms at Money Bayou, LLC - for Parcel ID #03179-005R - Located in Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida - Development review for approval and development order.
2. Final Plat Application for a Minor Subdivision - Timothy H. Jarrett - Parcel ID # 06345-120R - Located in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 12 West, Gulf County, Florida - development of a four (4) lot subdivision.
3. Scoping Public Hearing for revisions to the County Development Regulations and Policies
4. Staff, Public and Open Discussion

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



#2013-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Scoping Meeting will be held by the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. ET, and at the PDRB regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. ET. Both public meetings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.

The public meetings will be for scoping or fact finding as the beginning process for Updating/Revising the Gulf County Land Development Regulations (LDR).

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. A comment form will be available to express your views. Anyone wishing to speak must fill out a form before speaking. Name and address must be included with all comments. Anyone who cannot attend a meeting may comment by e-mail (drichardson@gulfcounty-fl.gov) or fax (227-9563) and may also mail or deliver a written comment to the Planning Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 311.

#2013-53

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold its Annual Meeting on April 23, 2013, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.D.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public.

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1ST PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2013 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$650,000. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low and moderate income persons;
2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or
3. To meet other community development needs of recent origin having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The categories of activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing rehabilitation, neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, or economic development and include such improvement activities as acquisition of real property, construction of infrastructure, rehabilitation of houses and commercial buildings, loans to private-for-profit businesses, and energy conservation. Additional information regarding the range of activities that may be undertaken will be provided at the public hearing. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons.

In developing an application for submission to DEO, the City of Port St. Joe must plan to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG activities. In addition, the City of Port St. Joe is required to develop a plan to assist displaced persons.

A public hearing to receive citizen views concerning the community's economic and community development needs will be held at Port St. Joe City Hall on Tuesday, April 16th, 2013 as a part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Commission which begins at 6:00p.m. For information concerning the public hearing contact Ms. Charlotte Pierce, Grants Coordinator at 850-229-8261.

The public hearing is not being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any mobility impaired person requiring access must notify the City at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Ms. Charlotte Pierce, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Charlotte Pierce at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call 850-229-8261. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Ms. Charlotte Pierce at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting.

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The Port Cottages include a full kitchen, with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and all the pots, pans, plates, glasses and utensils required.

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past weekend and four of the six are booked for this weekend – will be marketed and rented as part of the Port Inn.

“For roughly the price for two people, you can sleep six and have all the comforts of home,” Wich said.

If your home is a luxury abode. The cottages, roughly 625 square feet, have flat screen televisions in every well-appointed room, a full kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel refrigerator, dishwasher and stove, blender, micro-

wave oven and full array of cooking pots and pans and eating utensils.

Each room displays a sunset picture and the windows and doors are built to keep out the noise – during a visit last week highway traffic could barely be heard.

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take place at 9 p.m. local time on both nights. White paper bags are set around the track with the names, photos or drawings of those whose lives have been affected by cancer. As the sun sets, candles inside the bags are lit in tribute.

“It’s such a great way for the community to come together,” said Jackson.

Funds from the event will be donated to the ACS to help in the research and prevention of cancer and to help support their additional services.

The Hope Lodge is a home away from home for out-of-town cancer patients a comfortable place to stay at little to no cost.

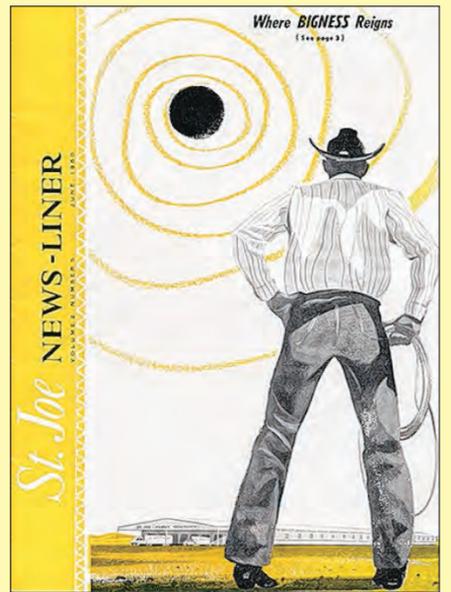
The Hope Closet provides wigs to those undergoing chemotherapy treatments and the Road to Recovery has a circuit of volunteers who drive patients to and from treatment appointments.

Anyone wishing to participate in the event or the survivor’s lap should contact Kelli Jackson at 850-819-1564.

Relay for Life is just one of many ways to become involved in the fight against cancer. For more information visit www.cancer.org.

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 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA-000130

ONE WEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT I. GARVER, JR. A/K/A ROBERT GARVER; 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, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR ONE SOURCE MORTGAGE, LLC; AND BARRIER DUNES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 23-2012-CA-000130 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, where in the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 2nd day of May, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. ET in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

UNIT 47 BARRIER DUNES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY THAT CERTAIN SURVEY FROM A.D. PLATT AND ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED JULY 13, 2000 AND BEARING JOB NUMBER 4380-47, AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 'H' COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4, IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST-ERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2 IN SAID FRACTIONAL SECTION 36, FOR A DISTANCE OF 999.95 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST-ERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2, RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 749.58 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 239.04 FEET TO THE WEST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A PRIVATE ROADWAY (RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH VARIES), THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 109.50 FEET, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 87 DE-

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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.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT TC 10U, LLC the holder of the following Tax Certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Tax Sale Certificate No. 503
 Application No. 2013-13
 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
 R.E. No: 01936-000R

COMMENCE at the NE Corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, and extend a line South along the East line of said NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 for 552.4 feet; thence turn Westerly for 26 feet to a POINT OF BEGINNING. From the POINT OF BEGINNING, continue the line last described Westerly for 16 feet, thence turn Southerly for 100 feet, thence turn Easterly for 165 feet, thence turn Northerly for 100 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 Tax Sale Certificate No. 1253
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 Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 17th day of April, 2013. Dated this 12th day of March, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
 By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk
 March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2013

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Description of Property:
 FARM #91, Gulf County Farms Unit Three:
 COMMENCE at the Northwest Corner of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida, thence South 3 Degrees 03 Minutes 30 Seconds East along the West line of said Section 30, for 1321.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence North 71 Degrees 43 Minutes 40 Seconds East for 509.98 feet to the Westerly right of way line of a 60 feet street; thence South 18 Degrees 16 Minutes 20 Seconds East along said Westerly right of way line for 400.00 feet; thence South 71 Degrees 43 Minutes 40 Seconds West for 618.76 feet to said West line of Section 30, thence North 3 Degrees 03 Minutes 30 Seconds West along said West line for 414.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 5.18 acres, more or less.

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 Tax Sale Certificate No. 1280
 Application No. 2013-21
 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
 R.E. No: 04594-220R

Description of Property:
 Lot 4, According to the Plat of the Village at Marina Cove, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 48, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

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COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 13-19-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF
MARTIN Q. GAY
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of MARTIN Q. GAY, deceased, whose date of death was March 5, 2013 is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 4, 2013.

Personal Representatives:
Arvelia Lynn Williamson
245 Annie Avenue
Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Karen Regina Burge
4022 Napoli Road
Panama City, FL 32405

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Charles A. Costin
FL Bar No. 699070
P O Box 98
Port St. Joe, FL 32457
(850)-227-1159
Email:
ccostin@costinlaw.com
April 4, 11, 2013

93021S NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Wewahitchka Board of City Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2013-1065L on Monday April 22, 2013 at 6:50 PM CT to consider adoption of the ordinance with the following title, to wit:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR A SERVICE AGREEMENT, MAINTENANCE FOR CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF THE SEWER SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING MAINTENANCE FEES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance No. 2013-1065L in its entirety may be inspected at the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours, 8AM - 4PM CT Monday - Friday. All interested parties may appear at the meeting to be heard with respect to this proposed Ordinance.

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Connie Parrish,
City Clerk
April 4, 11, 2013

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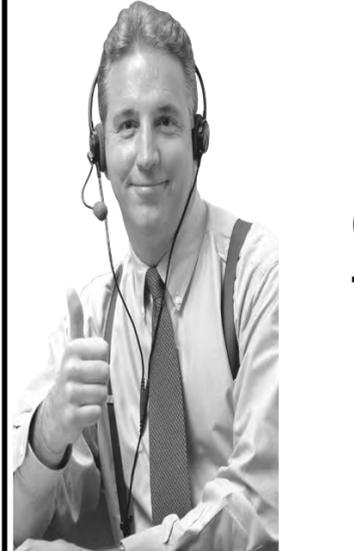
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