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## BOCC, commissioners sued in federal court

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*The lawsuit alleges the BOCC “choreographed” Christy McElroy’s appearance and comments and “were motivated to retaliate for Jim Garth’s exercise, on his own behalf and on behalf of the PAC, of First Amendment rights.”*

The Gulf County Board of Commissioners, three current and former commissioners and a Port St. Joe resident are named as defendants in a federal civil rights lawsuit filed last week.

The suit, filed by political action committee Citizens Improving Gulf County and its president Jim Garth, alleges that the BOCC, current Commissioners Warren Yeager and Carmen McLemore and former commissioner Bill Williams abused their power and illegally retaliated against the PAC and Garth for exercising protected First Amendment rights.

The lawsuit also names Lois

McElroy, a.k.a. Christine or Christy McElroy, alleging she coordinated with the BOCC in the attacks against Citizens Improving Gulf County and Garth.

The suit further levels a count of defamation toward McElroy.

The suit asks for a jury trial and for unspecified “punitive and compensatory” damages.

The lawsuit was filed by Tallahassee attorney Marie Mattox.

Although county attorney Jer-

emy Novak distributed copies of the lawsuit to the board, the BOCC had not been formally served. Yeager said he had no comment.

Attempts to reach Williams were unsuccessful. McElroy said, “I have no comment at this time. We will go from there.”

The allegations center on three 2012 BOCC meetings during which Citizens Improving Gulf County, Garth and other members were, according to the complaint, “at-

tacked” and “humiliated” for exercising their rights to free speech and questioning government.

The first meeting was on April 24, 2012 when McElroy spoke during the “Public Discussion” portion of the BOCC meeting. McElroy, the complaint alleges, was “invited and choreographed” to speak to the BOCC about Garth and the PAC.

At that meeting, McElroy alleged that during a meeting with

Garth and two other PAC members she was asked to assist in digging up information that could be embarrassing to members of the BOCC and would be in turn “fed to the press.”

McElroy mentioned a letter written by her to the BOCC detailing her allegations and “as if on cue”, the complaint details, Yeager requested the letter be read aloud in its entirety. The letter essentially detailed the allegations McElroy made, the complaint asserts.

The second BOCC meeting came on July 24, 2012, after Garth had sent a letter to Yeager requesting he resign due to a conflict due to his employment with Preble Rish Engineers, the county’s engineers

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## Sittin’ on the dock of the bay



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Kevin and Chantel Burdette from Panacea were married last Saturday on Black’s Island. Their photographer for the occasion, Debbie and Jon Hooper with joebay.com, wondered if the couple would be interested in some aerial wedding pictures, given the gorgeous day. The Hoopers left Costin Airpark just before 7 p.m. ET, circled the island a couple of times for group shots and then snapped the bride and groom, who decided to provide a special pose for the special day.

## Ashbrook announces for PSJ Group I

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DAVID ASHBROOKE

David Ashbrook lives in Port St. Joe with his wife Joy and five-year-old son David, Jr. Joy has been a teacher in the Gulf County School System for over eight years. David, Jr. will be starting Kindergarten in Port St. Joe in August.

Growing up in a small town, Van Meter, Iowa, population 1,000, David found his love of small towns and a sense of community. David’s leadership and management skills were ingrained at an early age. During his senior year in high school, David joined the Army National Guard as a way to represent his community and serve his country. Serving as a military police officer, he was deployed several times during his 12 years with the National Guard, most recently spending 18 months in Germany managing a police department for a small community where he worked closely with military police investigators and the criminal investigation division. He also served during 9-11. His duties required him to be involved in monitoring the newly appointed TSA at the Kansas City airport.

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## Patterson announces for re-election

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JAMES PATTERSON

James “Bo Knows” Patterson announced his candidacy for re-election to the Port St. Joe City Commission Group II.

Bo has been very active in the community supporting youth baseball and Upward Basketball and is a two-term past president of the Port St. Joe Kiwanis Club.

Bo is owner and operator of Bo Knows Pest Control and is a member of Florida Pest Management Association.

Bo is a member of Long Avenue Baptist Church.

Bo feels his 15 years in business in the city of Port St. Joe and past two years as a commissioner of the city working on the city budget and working with all the people of Port St. Joe make him the most qualified candidate.

Bo asks everyone to call him at 340-0260.

## School district prepares to reduce workforce

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The inevitable became reality this week for Gulf District Schools.

During a special meeting Monday, Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton officially notified the School Board and the union representing district employees of a Reduction of Force as the public schools stare down a deficit of more than \$800,000 for the next budget year.

The cuts have been predicted by Norton for months, even with the voter approval of a one mill additional levy in March that continues for four years.

“We had a projected shortfall of more than \$2 million without the additional one mill,” Norton said. “This school year is balanced. This is all based on next year’s

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## Forgotten Coast not so forgotten

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As winter fades into a chilly memory and with Spring Break behind us, Gulf County and the surrounding areas now look to the summer months when tourism is at its peak.

Local real estate brokers, rental agencies and the Tourist Development Council know that it’s time to kick into high gear as summer looms on the horizon.

The area has seen its share of ups and downs with numerous hurricanes and the oil spill which contributed to the housing market “crashing” here almost a year before the rest of the U.S. So how are we doing?



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Pin-up value has once again increased interest in real estate along the Forgotten Coast.

After speaking with best tourism results of the past eight years.

Executive Director of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, Jennifer Jenkins, noted

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# Industrial park fuels commissioner debate

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County Commissioner Carmen McLemore urged his fellow commissioners Tuesday morning to support his effort to do "a little of this, a little of that" to spruce up the Dalkeith Industrial Park for a new tenant.

By the end of the day, the question for Commissioner Ward McDaniel was what a "little bit of this, a little bit of that" entailed.

Commissioners called an emergency meeting Tuesday night to deal with the fallout after the board decision earlier in the day, which included McDaniel shutting down a county work crew and locking the door to the Industrial Park.

While McLemore argued he was "personally hurt" by McDaniel's action and that McDaniel had no authorization to shut down "his" work crew, McDaniel argued that the scope of work was beyond what was authorized.

Further, McDaniel noted that staff from Tifco Inc., which is leasing the Industrial Park beginning May 1, were on the property even though the company had yet to offer the proof of insurance and lease payment required under the lease agreement.

McDaniel also said the ceiling

and insulation had been torn out, painting was commencing and the county was performing work that under the lease agreement was the Tifco's responsibility.

He said the Board of County Commissioners discounted the lease payments to offset the renovation work the company would have to undertake in the Industrial Park.

He said when arrived on the site, a county work crew, inmate crew, maintenance truck and limb truck was all on site.

That was well beyond the expenditure of \$600 the board had authorized that morning for installation of a culvert pipe and driveway.

"Nobody should be on that property," McDaniel said. "We have got to follow procedures. The contract says they would do this work. We are not going to refurbish that building. When is enough enough?"

McLemore said he would like to have met McDaniel at the park to resolve the issue and reiterated he had no authority to shut down a work crew.

Deputy administrator Michael Hammond said county staff was caught in the middle.

"The problem for staff is this, you put us in a damnable position when commissioners are pulling from both sides," Hammond said.

Commissioner Joanna Bryan

said the issue was emblematic of a nagging problem.

"This is a perfect example of why things should be put in writing before they come to this board," Bryan said. "Any motion that included 'a little bit of this and a little bit of that' should not have been approved."

Bryan was the lone dissent to the morning vote to authorize McLemore to clean up the park and she also was the lone dissent when, during the emergency meeting, commissioners approved McLemore continuing the project by painting the inside of the building — at Tifco's expense — until noon CT on Wednesday.

"We have finally gotten a company that is leasing the building and that will put people to work," McLemore said of the company's plans expand its workforce by up to 15 employees.

The building has been vacant for several years, the company will have to put in money to upgrade the facility and McLemore said creating a front-entrance driveway over county land — the current entrance is over land owned by David and Abigail Taunton — would improve the value of county property.

Bryan noted that the company had just been provided a very favorable lease by the county, low payments that are 100 percent credited toward purchase.

"I have been contacted by a number of citizens who think that is excessive," Bryan said. "We need to be cautious on everything we are giving with this property."

TDC officially filed the paperwork on litigation after additional discussions with BP failed to broker an agreement.

Commissioners have said that if the TDC settlement could be separated from the BOCC claim, they would accept it.

## County sues BP

Unwilling to accept a late settlement offer from BP, the Board of County Commissioners pressed forward last week with litigation in circuit court.

Last Saturday, April 20, was the three-year anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The statute of limitations on damage claims due to the spill would become a factor on that date and last week the BOCC considered settlements from BP.

Those settlements, which were linked into one settlement, was to resolve claims from the Gulf County Tourist Development Council and the BOCC.

While commissioners expressed a willingness to settle on the TDC claim, BP was offering to bring the total settlement of TDC damages to \$365,000, but BP insistence that the claims be accepted as a bundle was a deal-breaker for commissioners.

The settlement offer from BP on the county's claims was not made public.

Last Saturday, attorneys representing the BOCC and the

## ACF

McDaniel, the county's representative to the state board advocating for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River System, said he would be attending meetings in Apalachicola this week aimed at crafting a response to an proposal from the city of Atlanta for move water from the system.

Atlanta, McDaniel said, currently is entitled to 9 percent of the water from Lake Lanier, the primary source of the Chattahoochee and in turn the Apalachicola River.

The city has proposed to increase that to 25 percent.

The ACF board will undertake an assessment of river flows required to maintain marine life within the river system, McDaniel said.

The fear, he added, was that further withdrawals from Atlanta could be catastrophic to already stressed fisheries, particularly oysters, within the system.

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The time he served in the military is where he found his calling to serve the public and obtained his sense of duty.

David attended North West Missouri State where he studied psychology and criminal justice. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity where he was quickly appointed as Treasurer. David also held a part-time job as a dispatcher for the local police department as well managed a 22-unit apartment complex and supervised the construction of a second complex where he then took over management.

When he arrived in Gulf County, he was eager to be involved in the community he was excited to call home. David served three years on the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce Board where he was the Secretary and Vice President. He was instrumental in organizing and implementing a plan to increase the success of the Scallop Festival in revenue and attendance. David was then asked to serve on the Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Guild Board where he currently represents the board as the communications director.

David has served as the Director of Operations for Tapper Company for the past six years. He manages the 35 employees of the MainStay Suites and The Port Inn. He is responsible for the day-to-day operations including sales, marketing, human resources and event management. David is a Certified Hotel Administrator, the highest certification through the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

As a family man, businessman, and veteran, David has acquired many of the skills necessary to serve as your next City Commissioner. He lives his life by adhering to the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. These values have served him well in his personal and professional life and are qualities that will help him make the hard decisions necessary to strengthen Port St. Joe.

Remember that early voting is May 4-May 11 at the Supervisor of Elections office, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET Monday - Saturday. Election Day is May 14, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the City Firehouse on Williams Avenue. You may contact David at 227-4068 with any questions or visit the campaign Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/davidashbrook1978](http://www.facebook.com/davidashbrook1978). Thank you for your support.

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that traffic to the new TDC website was up 21 percent in March and 87 percent since February, signifying interest in the new brand and the area.

Advertising programs were run in Atlanta and Birmingham to increase awareness of Port St. Joe as a vacation destination and a targeted search engine marketing program is driving additional traffic to the online hub.

"The months of January and February showed increased bed-tax revenues," said Jenkins.

Numbers from the TDC show a 25 percent increase for January and a 4.5 percent increase from February compared to 2012. Though May is traditionally a slow month for tourism, Jenkins notes that that summer bookings are piling very strong.

"The TDC's are doing a great job at selling the product and the BP money has put rentals back on track," said Jay Rish, a broker with Gulf Coast Real Estate Group.

He and fellow broker Natalie Shoaf echoed the sentiments on growth and said the sale of single-family homes in Mexico Beach are up 100 percent from last year.

Cash sales are also up 100 percent and the amount of days that a house is on the market is down 39 percent.

"Numbers are up across

the board," said Shoaf. "The market is fabulous."

Rish said that the current trend in the area is for sellers to get at least 90 percent of their asking price.

Shoaf noted that she had seen some homes receive up to seven offers.

While not quite the bidding war of the old days, she called it "a rare thing" to see over the past eight years.

Due to bad weather and an oil crisis, the housing market crashed in Gulf County a year before the rest of the country, but Shoaf was pleased to see things turning around.

People who were waiting to sell their homes are reportedly starting to put them on the market.

"The housing market is like the wild west," said Rish regarding the difference in dynamics between resellers and investors looking to make some money on foreclosures or bank sales, "Each buyer is different."

At one time the area had part-time residents from cities like Atlanta, Nashville and Birmingham who were forced to leave during the economic downturn.

Rish said that they're starting to return.

One way Rish identified that the market was returning was that he began receiving phone calls from "scoundrels" looking to make some quick cash

through real estate.

These buyers had been absent from the market for years.

"It's been an uphill battle," Shoaf said, "but it won't be a buyer's market for much longer."

Rish said that demand in area homes is due to the pin-up value and new buyers who didn't "get burned" when the market originally crashed.

"It's a family-friendly area with plenty of ecotourism and small-town coastal charm," said Rish.

He explained that in his experience, tourists saw the real estate available during their visits and came back when it was time to buy. They took comfort in knowing that there wouldn't be any high rises popping up.

"A lot more people are aware of the area," said Shoaf. "Get it while you can."

Things have also picked up on the Cape, said Denise Tarpley, manager at Cape San Blas Vacation Rentals. She mentioned that the company had its biggest winter to date and that summer bookings were "looking good" and that they had the best March in their 30-year history.

Adam White, Marketing Director for Gulf Coast Vacation Rentals said the rental company had a "tremendous year" so far with 90 percent occupancy over spring break and are already 95 percent booked



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This year, cash sales are up 100 percent.

for the Fourth of July weekend.

He credits the growth of the digital marketing strategies that the TDC pioneered for the area over the last year.

"We're expecting a record high this year. Twenty-five to thirty percent of our references come from the TDC," said White.

He cited the TDC's social media workshops in helping locals work together to get visitors and new residents to Gulf Coast and explained that the TDC did a great job of spreading the word on the rental and real estate fronts.

White said their email correspondence regarding rentals was up 45 percent from the previous year, likely due to more guests "coming into the digital age."

Though he appreciates the community being supportive of one another, White said that his favorite marketing strategy is to walk outside and take a photo of the beach and post it online.

Within moments of being seen, people begin to ask where it was taken and how they can get there. They are of course, directed to Gulf Coast Vacation

Rentals.

"Guests want that 'get-away-from-it-all feel,'" White said. "They want an escape to something low-key. We have the beaches for that."

For any who may believe that Gulf Coast and the surrounding areas may still be feeling the effects of the economic downturn, the proof, as they say, is in the pudding and the areas has begun to ramp back up toward being a top vacation destination in Florida.

Shoaf may have said it best, "The Forgotten Coast is not as forgotten as it used to be."

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## The Florida Map

Our parents and grandparents leave us memories. Hopefully, yours left you good memories. My grandfather, who I called, "Papa," continues to give me memories and things many years after his departure.

He was packrat, keeping things "just in case" he might need them some day or perhaps so that someone would find it and realize some meaning. The other day I did just that.

My older brother and I were going through some of Papa's things the other day together and my brother held up a Florida road map from the American Oil Company and asked me, "Do you want this?"

Sometimes it's eerie, I see my Papa in my older brother and when he asked me the question, it was almost as if Papa was asking me.

Papa and I would load up in one of his little cars with his little dog and head off to Florida on many occasions. Sometimes we would get there and sometimes we would not. It all depended on who we met along the way and if we found too many other interesting places to stop.

We would eat peanuts, hoop cheese and crackers. We would try new soda waters along the way. Papa was guilty of letting little boys drink too many RC Colas, Fanta's, Nehi's and any other sugary drink you could get from a roadside store or vending machine.

My older brother knew I wanted the road map of Florida. By asking, he was simply telling me I needed it.

It was old, but I couldn't really tell how old it was. There was no date stamped on the front and I wanted to handle it carefully until I could get to a place I could examine it more carefully. We were in a dark place where my Papa hid things that only we know about. (I say this just to irritate some of my relatives who think we know the hiding place of my Papa's treasure.)

In trying to determine the age of the map, I first looked at the "popular

points of interest." As the American Oil Company map states, "To help add adventure to your trip, high lights of popular points of interest are described below."



**CRANKS MY TRACTOR**  
BN Heard

One place of particular interest to me was Cape Canaveral, Florida. On the map it noted that Cape Canaveral was home of the United

States Missile Center and launching site. I knew that around 1960, the "Missile Firing Laboratory" as it was called had become an extension of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Later in 1962, Kennedy Space Center's Launch Operations Center was established as an independent NASA field center, separate from the Alabama NASA location.

The map seemed to be from the late 1950's to early 1960's.

Checking Boca Raton's key attraction, I found "Africa U.S.A." This turned out to be a really interesting place on the map (or it used to be). On March 10, 1953, John Pedersen opened Africa U.S.A. to the public. The admission to the gardens areas was free, and the Jungle Train Tour was 95 cents.

The Jungle Train was open-air. In other words, there were no bars protecting you from the wild beasts.

It sounded like a lot of fun. It was a zoo with no cages where visitors "could safely interact with the animals." Pedersen roamed the world collecting animals and buying them from other zoos. These included camels, elephants and giraffe. The herds began to grow as the animals adapted to the South Florida climate.

There were also cheetahs and other exotic animals running around. I'm not so sure about "safely interacting" with some of these creatures. It reminds me a little of Jurassic Park.

Reading more about John Pedersen, I found that he and his wife were

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## They made me toe the line!

Band of Brothers..... naw, none of them would ever say that. It was just college baseball. And we came from all over. Mike Scheunemann was from Carlsbad, California; Chap Wasson from Falls Church, Virginia; Bill Davis from Illinois; Rick Mathews from Seattle; Gary Sims from Mowbray Mountain; Bob White from up near Cleveland.....you get the idea.



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

We didn't have hardly anything in common. Except, maybe surviving! The University of the South is located on a wind swept plateau forty miles or so west and a couple of thousand feet higher than Chattanooga, Tennessee. It could get colder than all get out up there! And, since it was an all boys' school back in the late '60's when we were playing, it could be "way passed lonely". You throw in professors that lectured faster than a speeding bullet and expected you to memorize the entire syllabus the first day, it could be a little intimidating. Ok, it could be a lot intimidating!

Baseball was a much needed outlet for most of us. Of course, some were there because the football coach (who doubled as the baseball coach) made them play. I reckon he wanted to keep an eye on them. Or he felt like we needed a little more beef when the fights broke out.

We spent hours after hours on that ball field from February into May

whether we wanted to or not. We answered to names like Dootsie, Chappy, Under Dog, Blue Steel, Bambi, Corky, Mighty Silly Tommy Tilley, Loony Scheuny and "The Prune".

We built a fire in the dugout on extra cold days. We raked an infield that was so brick hard you couldn't make a dent in it. A slide into second base was like throwing your body

across a slab of concrete. We ran endless laps around an outfield that seemed to grow longer as the season progressed. We took road trips in a couple of old Checker limousines that looked like something out of "Bingo Long and The Traveling All-Stars". And we had to endure Bobby Akin reminding us how good he was.....at every practice, before and after every game, at every meal, on every road trip and any other time that he was awake.

We had each others' backs. The day I got my Dear John letter John Popham met me at the first base line, "She must have finally gotten a good look at you in the daylight." John Stewart added, "You didn't send her a recent picture by chance." Rick Van Orden strolled by singing, "It's just a matter of time".

Teammates to the end! We did hold our breaths and our tongues (for a moment) when Akin hit the fence nose first, George Horton broke his ankle sliding into second and Van Orden ripped a deep gash

above his eye in a collision at first base.

Bob White told me about the big city. I explained how we did things in a small West Tennessee town. Tim Peters drove me down to the City Café after practice and, over a Coke, talked baseball, country music and how to survive at the university. Corky Grant didn't say "you need to practice hard". He led by example. Tim Turpen's mom liked me more than him most days. We laughed and joked and got on each other.....and in between we played some pretty good baseball. It was an honor to play behind Bob White or Dain Sain and along side John Stewart, Chap Wasson, Ernest Kirk and the others. Scheuny would grab me as he headed out to right field, "Kes, you get out here quick and catch anything you can, I told Coach Majors I came here to hit, not to field."

If you needed an encouraging word, it might come in a strange form, but it would come. When a real problem arose, those baseball players lined up to provide aid and comfort. If you were really down and out, they wouldn't let you get near a gun or a cliff. If you were short on cash, those guys were better than an ATM.

Jim Williams and the Paschall brothers talked me into attending the University of the South. A baseball team saw that I didn't fail.

Those people that think a college education is immersing yourself in European surveys, trigonometry and

memorizing ream after ream of John Milton and Shakespeare, might be surprised. I learned more out on that old baseball field than all the classrooms put together.

Billy Cunningham, a pretty fair switch hitting catcher, had the idea to get us all back to The Mountain for a reunion. We've been doing it for several years now. We hug each other unashamedly. We talk about marrying above ourselves. We relish in retelling those wonderful stories (again and again) of yesteryear. We watch the present day team play. And we lean on each other getting up and down the bleachers.

Popham keeps us informed via email on the comings and goings in our group, as well as reminding us that Akin might not have been quite as good as he says. John will zing all of us from time to time. But I thank God for John and Bobby; both live near my oldest son in the Nashville area. If something went terribly wrong they would drop everything and sprint to Josh's aid! As would any of the others that understood I had a real need. I marvel at, and appreciate to this day, the depth of friendships that were born on that old hard rock baseball field in such an "out of the way" place. And I'm so thankful there are still things left in this world the years can't diminish.

But Band of Brothers.....naw, none of them would ever SAY that.....

Respectfully,  
Kes

## Should you 'Freeze' your credit reports?

Although the odds of having your identity stolen remain quite low, anyone who's ever been had their bank or credit card account compromised knows what a pain it can be to unravel the mess. Sometimes enterprising hackers just need your Social Security number, address and date of birth to start opening new accounts in your name.

Many victims don't realize anything's wrong until they apply for a new account and find their credit has been trashed; or, they start getting calls from collection agencies regarding unfamiliar accounts. More and more people have begun blocking access to information in their credit reports, even if there hasn't yet been any fraudulent activity, by instituting a "security freeze."

A credit security freeze is where you instruct the three major credit bureaus to disallow new creditors from viewing your credit report and score. Because most businesses won't lend without first checking your report, a freeze can deter identity thieves.

Before going to the trouble and expense of doing a credit freeze, however, learn how the process works and be aware of several possible inconveniences:

First, determine if you really need a credit freeze. If your credit or debit card is lost or stolen, you won't necessarily be a victim

of identity theft, which usually requires additional personal information. Similarly, fraudulent billing charges don't necessarily indicate identity theft. Verify by reviewing your credit reports. You can order one free report annually from the three major bureaus through the AnnualCreditReport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.



**JASON ALDERMAN**

To freeze your credit reports, you must individually contact each credit bureaus: Equifax (www.equifax.com), Experian (www.experian.com) and TransUnion (www.transunion.com). You'll need to supply your name, address, birth date, Social Security number and other personal information.

Filing requirements and fees vary based on your state of residence (commonly \$5 to \$10). People over age 65 sometimes receive a discount and if you are an identity theft victim, credit freezes are free - although you'll need to provide supporting paperwork.

Once implemented, you'll receive a unique personal identification number (PIN) from each credit bureau. Store these PINs securely because you'll need them to temporarily lift a credit freeze and then reinstate it - usually for a fee.

All these fees can really add up, so if you're planning any action

that requires a credit check, you may want to hold off implementing a freeze. It can take up to five business days to process a request for a security freeze or temporarily lift, so plan major purchases or other credit actions carefully.

A few additional facts about credit freezes:

- Although freezes can help block the creation of new credit accounts, they can't prevent an identity thief from making charges to existing accounts.

- Your current creditors can still access your credit reports, as can collection agencies acting on their behalf.

- Government agencies have access for collecting child support payments or taxes, to investigate Medicaid fraud, or in response to court or administrative orders, subpoenas or search warrants.

- You can temporarily lift a credit freeze either for a specific period of time, or for a specific party - say, a potential landlord or employer.

- If you lose your PIN, you may request a new one, although there may be a fee.

Bottom line: Always monitor your credit reports to spot errors or fraudulent activity. To take security a step further, consider placing a credit freeze on your reports.

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# RESTORE projects reflect local wants, needs

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*With myriad other plans, projects and ideas, Gulf County has plenty of ways to make the Forgotten Coast unforgettable. All 84 of the pre-applications can be read online at [www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/grants.cfm](http://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/grants.cfm).*

The RESTORE Act Committee had its final meeting recently to decide which pre-applications would move to the official application stage as the committee whittled down the list of projects that may receive funding from the RESTORE act settlement with BP.

Formed after an October meeting during which the broad strokes of the RESTORE Act were laid out, the goal of the group was to have not-for-profit projects with environmental or economic benefits for Gulf County on the table if and when the money finally came.

Six months, and 84 pre-proposals later, the county is still waiting with little information on what type of funds Gulf County may be eligible for.

"It's hard to work up a plan if you don't know where you're going," said Don Butler, chairman of the RAC.

The group did, however, accomplish its goal of narrowing the projects down to 73 valid prospects.

With 84 projects presented totaling over \$113 million, there came 84 separate ideas on how to improve the towns, structures and areas around Gulf County.

"They're all good projects and all of them were submitted by good people," said Butler.

What follows is a sampling of the pre-applications that were submitted for consideration.

The City of Port St. Joe

filed a pre-proposal for needed improvements to the Centennial Building, which has been used a civic gathering location since 1938.

The \$475,000 proposal suggested that if the building was to stay in use, repairs were needed to the roofing and flooring with additional funds going toward sound dampening and new paint. Renovations were estimated to take 18 months.

A proposal was filed by the Gulf County School Board for funds to be allocated toward renovating existing science labs in both the Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka junior/senior high schools.

These updates would create state-of-the-art laboratories and adjoining classrooms for implementing a science program aimed at training students for careers and lifestyles that promoted conservation and protection of the area's ecosystems and natural resources.

The \$1.5 million dollar project would also cover the purchase of supplies, equipment, staff development and transportation.

"It's about opening career paths for our students," said Sara Joe Wooten, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. "It will let them look at how

the environment affects their community."

Also in the market for educational updates, Gulf Coast State College President Jim Kerley proposed a new multipurpose technology center be added to the Gulf/Franklin campus.

The \$3.9 million dollar project would provide the lab space required to provide technical training programs to expand and diversify the economy of Gulf County.

Local historic landmark, the Port Theatre was one focus of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency.

The agency filed a 3-year, \$3.5 million proposal for acquiring and renovating the Reid Avenue structure along with making updates to the furniture and equipment.

These upgrades would allow the building to be a source of community theatre that would support the arts and contribute dollars to the local economy through job creation and new business opportunities.

On a mission to make Gulf County more accessible to visitors, the Tourist Development Council suggested a Wayfinding project aimed at making navigation of the Forgotten Coast a little bit easier.

The \$269,000 project would

add signage and graphic communication to various places of interest. The consistent and organized look would reportedly help visitors simplify their travel from place to place while also allowing for old or faded signs to be replaced.

"Research confirmed our guests are explorers and like to wander so good, clean, strategically placed branded signs would be a great asset for us," said Jennifer Jenkins, Executive Director of the TDC. "It connects the brand to the visitor while they are in market."

The City of Wewahitchka submitted five proposals, one of them to suggest replacement of the Dead Lakes dam. This would aim to fix water levels that have lowered both the fish populations and fishing-related tourism in the area. The \$5 million dollar project would also create a new water supply for the north end of the county.

Friends of St. Joseph State Park teamed up with the Constitution Convention Museum State Park and expressed interest in extending the Cap San Blas bike path with a project estimated at \$1 million.

Open only to foot and bike traffic, the recommended extension would begin at the

current path's end on the northern end of the Cape and end inside Eagle Harbor Park. It was suggested that the bike path would give visitors another way to enjoy the peninsula State Park, which receives over 200,000 visitors each year.

The largest amount on the list checks in at \$17 million for the stabilization of St. Joseph Peninsula Beach. Sections of the beach have eroded over the years and the GBOCC, which filed the application, said that without this nourishment, the beach may not last another 10 years.

This 12-month project would treat the area from the southern tip of the beach to one mile north of the Stump Hole area.

Butler went on to mention that other counties are now reaching out after hearing about the Gulf County RAC process.

"It's a great thing. The more of us moving in the same direction, the better," he said.

With myriad other plans, projects and ideas, Gulf County has plenty of ways to make the Forgotten Coast unforgettable. All 84 of the pre-applications can be read online at [www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/grants.cfm](http://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/grants.cfm).

The RESTORE Act Committee consisted of Chairman Don Butler, Towan Kopinsky, Jeremy Novak, David Richardson, Jennifer Jenkins, Johanna White, Loretta Costin, Kim Bodine, Jim Anderson, Phillip Gaskin, Dewey Blaylock, Eugene Raffield, Guerry Madgison, and Pat Hardman. Warren Yeager served for several sessions, eventually being replaced by Minnie Likely.

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an incredible story by themselves.

Pedersen came to Florida from Racine, Wisconsin. He was a fellow who had struggled through many hard times early in his life. John was a fellow who had fallen on hard times who always wanted an "African Safari" of his own. After trying his hand at a number of things to keep his family fed through very rough times including the Great Depression, John found his "goldmine."

Actually his wife, Lillian found it or found a way "to rope it in."

Lillian was real handy with crafty things and started making these little fancy ropes she called "curtain tie-backs" out of scraps of material. They got real popular with her friends and neighbors. Her husband, John after patenting the curtain tie-backs, went to Chicago and sold them to all the major Chicago department stores like Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck. With these contracts, the Unique

Novelty Company was born and the Pedersen's began dreaming about that African Safari again.

With the proceeds from the curtain tie-backs, John bought land around Racine where he constructed affordable housing for workers. His two bedroom houses cost \$1000 to buy, and he built 70 houses for rental properties. He became well-known for his "one cents sale" - if you bought one house you got another for one cent!

Can you believe that?

Well, he eventually ended up in Boca Raton, Florida and bought a lot of land where he built Africa U.S.A. I guess you could say the Pedersen's just needed to pull back the curtains to see their dreams.

Africa U.S.A was sold and closed its doors on September 4, 1961. All of John's animals were sold at auction to zoos around the country. Mr. Pedersen was 65 at the time and tired of fighting city hall. I guess folks got a little edgy living so close to an African

Safari.

Therefore, I figured out my map had to be around 1960 or so.

Then, I came across a site on the internet that "decodes" the numbers used on road maps to determine when they were

published, the version, the original map date, etc. I figured out the year it was published and the other particulars.

It was a good feeling. My brother had asked me if I wanted my Papa's Florida road map which

I found to be published in 1962, using the mapping information and points of interest from a few years previous.

My brother knew I wanted it. My Papa knew I would want it. He had saved it for me.

I was born in 1962. Over the next 10 to 12 years, my Papa would take me back and to forth to the Sunshine State for adventures that he keeps reminding me of.

Read more stories at [www.CranksMyTractor.com](http://www.CranksMyTractor.com).

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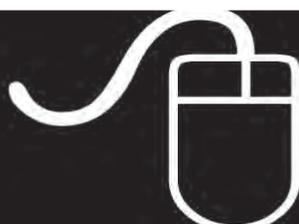
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# Ling Ding tourney wraps up week 3

Star Staff Report

The 98 Real Estate Group Ling Ding Tournament finished week three and the cobia are coming to the scales each week. Capt. Mitch Coleman was leading after the first week with a 67.30 pound fish, and so far it is still holding the lead.

In week two Capt. Charlene Burke was fishing out of the boat named St. Misbehavin II and caught a cobia

weighing 37.96 pounds. In week three Capt. Dave Mullis caught a cobia weighing 41.85 pounds. He was fishing in the boat named Spirit Horse.

The largest amberjack in the tournament was caught by Keith Carraway in the boat named Seament. It weighed 71.87 pounds.

The tournament will conclude this Saturday, April 27, with a party for the anglers at Mexico Beach Marina on Saturday evening.



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Capt. Dave Mullis with the biggest cobia caught in week three of the Ling Ding Tournament. The fish weighed in at 41.85 pounds.

## Adopt a nest – mother and baby sea turtles

Special to The Star

What would you name a mama sea turtle? Would you name her after your mother, a country music

singer, your best friend or your favorite flower? And if you can think of lots of names you can also name all the hatchlings. Do you know a child or a

friend who would like to follow their own mother sea turtle and her nest of eggs this summer? With turtle nesting season approaching the Supporters of St. Vincent National Wildlife Preserve is once again looking for interested persons to “adopt” sea turtle nests. This program along with grant money provides financial assistance to support the sea turtle nesting program on the island. An adopted nest makes a thoughtful gift for any occasion.

Nesting season begins in May and runs through October. Loggerhead turtles are the most prevalent species that lay their eggs on the gulf beaches of St. Vincent Island. Each nest contains over 100 eggs. Confirmed nests (those that actually contain eggs) need protection from the predators – primarily feral hogs and raccoons – that live on the island.

The beaches are patrolled several times a week by trained volunteers. The “crawls” are examined by the volunteers to determine the species of the turtle and if there are eggs in the nest.

The confirmed nests are protected with wire cages, marked, and the location is documented with GPS. The nests are then monitored for the rest of the season ending with a hatch count when the nest hatches.

You can help support the turtle program on St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge by participating in our “Adopt-a-Nest” program. For a small fee of \$25 you will be able to name the turtle whose nest you adopt and you will receive the following:

- adoption certificate
- photo of adopted nest
- activity/hatchling report

### BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



FROM ST. VINCENT ISLAND

• recognition in Supporters' newsletter

Proceeds from nest adoptions help offset refuge costs for the turtle monitoring program. These costs include fuel for the survey vehicles and materials to construct cages

to protect nests from predators. Turtle adoptions make a wonderful gift for people of any age who care about turtles and wildlife preservation. With so many turtles choosing to nest on St. Vincent Island last year, we are hoping for an increase in turtle adoptions. To adopt a nest or learn more about the program, email us at [supportstvin@hotmail.com](mailto:supportstvin@hotmail.com) or leave a message at 229-6735 – and thank you for your support!

Wednesday, May 8 will be the last monthly island tour before the summer heat and bugs arrive. In the fall the tours will

resume on the second Wednesday of each month. Our enhanced website will give you details about the tours plus a convenient place to sign up. Just click on “Island Tour Sign Up.” The tour is free, but participants must make a reservation on the web @ [www.stvincentfriends.com](http://www.stvincentfriends.com). Seats are filled on a first come, first served basis. There is a small charge for boat transportation to and from the island. You can also visit the island on your own. Do remember that the island is primitive – bring everything you need, including drinking water – and leave only your footprints behind.

This monthly column is provided by the Supporters of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge. Please visit our web page for more information and volunteer opportunities — [www.stvincentfriends.com](http://www.stvincentfriends.com) — and never miss an opportunity to visit St. Vincent Island.

### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Apr. 25	79°	63°	30 %
Fri, Apr. 26	80°	67°	0 %
Sat, Apr. 27	78°	67°	30 %
Sun, Apr. 28	78°	66°	40 %
Mon, Apr. 29	79°	65°	60 %
Tues, Apr. 30	81°	66°	0 %
Wed, May 01	78°	64°	0 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
25	Th	9:57am 1.6		6:53pm -0.2	
26	Fr	10:13am 1.7		8:01pm -0.3	
27	Sa	10:57am 1.8		9:14pm -0.3	
28	Su	11:48am 1.9		10:29pm -0.3	
29	Mo	12:42pm 1.9		11:37pm -0.3	
30	Tu	1:38pm 1.8			
1	We	2:35pm 1.6		12:33am -0.2	
2	Th	3:35pm 1.3		1:14am -0.1	
3	Fr	4:52pm 1.0		1:38am 0.1	
4	Sa	10:00am 0.9	7:23pm 0.8	1:36am 0.3	3:00pm 0.7
5	Su	8:51am 1.0		12:55am 0.6	4:21pm 0.4
6	Mo	8:36am 1.2		5:12pm 0.2	
7	Tu	8:44am 1.4		5:56pm 0.0	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
25	Th	4:49am 1.3	2:58pm 1.4	9:50am 0.9	10:40pm -0.2
26	Fr	5:47am 1.3	3:29pm 1.5	10:25am 1.1	11:23pm -0.3
27	Sa	6:45am 1.3	4:05pm 1.6	11:01am 1.2	
28	Su	7:44am 1.3	4:46pm 1.6	12:11am -0.3	11:40am 1.2
29	Mo	8:44am 1.2	5:34pm 1.5	1:05am -0.3	12:26pm 1.2
30	Tu	9:43am 1.2	6:30pm 1.4	2:04am -0.2	12:39pm 1.2
1	We	10:37am 1.1	7:39pm 1.3	3:08am -0.1	2:57pm 1.1
2	Th	11:23am 1.1	8:09pm 1.1	4:15am 0.1	4:37pm 1.0
3	Fr	12:01pm 1.2	11:02pm 1.0	5:20am 0.3	6:03pm 0.8
4	Sa	12:33pm 1.2		6:19am 0.4	7:11pm 0.5
5	Su	12:59am 1.0	1:01pm 1.2	7:12am 0.6	8:06pm 0.3
6	Mo	2:31am 1.0	12:26pm 1.3	7:58am 0.8	8:54pm 0.1
7	Tu	3:40am 1.1	1:49pm 1.3	8:38am 0.9	9:36pm 0.0

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### FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



#### Inshore

Our area fishing is heating up this month as the weather and air temps start to climb. Trout and red fish are in the bays over the flats once again. Gulp shrimp in new penny color is red hot right now, if flounder is on the menu, try new penny with a char-treuse tail. Spanish mackerel and great pompano are running the beaches along Cape San Blas and Indian Pass this week.

#### Offshore

Gag grouper is back open in Franklin Co. and Indian Pass for our region. Good reports from the live bottom areas are producing nice 12-15 pound fish in 100 feet of water. Cobia fever has sent in on the Forgotten Coast this week with great reports from Mexico Beach and the Cape as well. Live eels, pin fish and jigs all will work for these fish, but be prepared, most are over the 50 pound mark!

## Boats need love, too! Fiberglass repairs, Part 4

### Refinishing with gelcoat or paint



SHIPSHAPE  
By Richard Hance

Matching color with gelcoat is best accomplished by ordering a factory match from boat dealer, Spectrum Colors or Mini-Craft of Florida.

Provide them with year, make and model along with hull number, located on right rear corner of transom. The kit include the catalyst needed but recommend ordering recommended thinner and a Pre-Val spray kit (about \$10); this kit will allow you to spray the repaired area without air compressor/paint gun, etc.

Follow mixing instructions on the can, mix a small amount, 2-3 ounces, for small repair; gelcoat will catalyze in 15-30 minutes after mixed, depending on outside temperatures and amount of catalyst added. Apply a very light coat first, wait 3-5 minutes, then heavier coat, wait, third and fourth coats.

Now open pre-val container and add a tablespoon, one-third ounce of the reducer, apply 2-3 additional light coats around the perimeter 3-4 inches beyond repair. The objective is to allow the original gelcoat to slightly show through; this will help blend repair into surrounding areas.

Allow gelcoat to thoroughly dry, about 24 hours. Begin wet sanding area with 600 grit, objectives is to make new gelcoat, perfectly smooth (careful, don't sand through your fresh gelcoat). Now, sand again with 800-1,000 grit and then with 1,500 grit, polish with compound and apply a coat of wax.

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# PSJ girls place second at regional track meet

## Robbins, Davis win individual titles

Star Staff Report

Maya Robbins and N'Namdi Davis swept the 100 meter titles and the Port St. Joe girls finished fourth at the Region 1-1A track and field meet last week in Jacksonville.

Robbins, a junior, took the 100 meters in a time of 12.69 and also garnered two silver medals, finishing second at 200 meters with a time of 25.73 and second in the long jump with a leap of 16-feet-11.

Davis, a senior, won the boys 100 meters in a time of 10.96. Davis also qualified for the state meet this weekend in the triple jump, finishing fourth.

The top four individuals or teams in each event advanced to the state Class 1A Track and Field meet this Friday in Jacksonville.

Also qualifying to state for Port St. Joe was Nicole Endres, second in the pole vault with a leap of 10-0.

The Port St. Joe girls compiled 38 points to finish in fourth place in the team standings.

The Port St. Joe boys were 13th; the Wewahitchka boys were 21st and the Lady Gators finished 22nd.

In other individual efforts, Davis was fifth in the triple jump and Michell Pryor scored points for Port St. Joe by finishing seventh in the shot put.

Pryor was ninth in the discus.

Jack Cummings was seventh for Port St. Joe in the shot put and Celeste Chiles was seventh in the pole vault.

In the girls 4 by 400, the Wewahitchka team of T'Kalyn Carter, Hope Freeman, Brittany Griffin and McKenna Waters finished sixth and the Port St. Joe team of Damari Cutler, Robbins, Brooklyn Quinn and Maliyah McNair was eighth.

The Wewahitchka boys' 4 by 100 team of Shaquille Scott, Bryce Chancey, Cameron Laster and Josh Epps was seventh and the 4 by 800 team of Scott, Laster, Epps and Jakob Bidwell was also seventh.

The Port St. Joe girls' 4 by 800 team of Zykeriah Pittman, Khaliyah Johnson, Aliyah Johnson and Morgan Gant finished 10th.

Port St. Joe's Jak Riley was 12th in the 200 meters and 15th in the long jump; Freeman was 12th in the 400 meters; and Port St. Joe's Teiyaha Hutchinson was 11th in the 200.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

After winning the district title the previous week, the Port St. Joe girls finished fourth in the Region 1-1A track and field meet.



PHIL COALE | Special to The Star  
MaKayla Ramsey won two games, striking out 11 in the semifinals, to lead Port St. Joe to the district title game.



PHIL COALE | Special to The Star

Port St. Joe Coach Chuck Gannon, right, and team captain Tyler Worley, a senior, bring the lineup to the meeting of umpires prior to the start of the playoff game with South Walton.

## Tiger Sharks eliminated in district tournament

Star Staff Report

Walks and errors, an Achilles' heel for the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School baseball team all season caught up to the Tiger Sharks again in the district tournament.

Port St. Joe fell to South Walton on Monday in the opening round of the tournament 6-0, ending the Tiger Sharks' season.

Port St. Joe managed just four hits in the seven innings of play and were hurt by errors and walks in the third and fifth innings as the Seahawks built their lead. South Walton advances to take on top-seeded Bozeman in the semifinals today.

The Tiger Sharks ended up 10-16.

"I would like to thank all of the players for working throughout the season," said Coach Chuck Gannon. "We would like to thank the community for its continued support of Shark baseball."

"We would also like to wish our four seniors the best of luck in their next step in life."

## Port St. Joe runner-up at tournament

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School softball team hosted the District 4-1A tournament last week and the Lady Tiger Sharks reached the title game before falling to Liberty County.

Port St. Joe will travel to Sneads Tuesday for a regional quarterfinal match-up. The winner will face the winner of Liberty County-Wewahitchka on May 3.

The Lady Tiger Sharks

opened the district tournament by whipping West Gadsden 15-0 in a game shortened due to the run rule.

MaKayla Ramsey started on the mound for Port St. Joe and struck out seven and walked none and allowed no hits and no runs over four innings.

Ramsey had three hits to lead Port St. Joe while Haley Wood, Brittany King, Shannon Pridgeon and Hal'leigh Keels each knocked out a pair of hits.

In the semifinals, Port St. Joe pounded South Walton 9-3. Ramsey went the distance on the mound, allowing four hits and three runs while striking out 11 and walking three over seven innings.

Keels had three hits, Ramsey two and King pasted a two-run home run in the sixth to pad the lead.

In the title game, Liberty County, ranked No. 3 in the state in Class 1A, carved out a 6-2 victory.

"We had our opportuni-

ties but we got only one run in the second after loading the bases and just couldn't get a hit when we loaded them again in the seventh," said Port St. Joe coach Jim Belin.

Ramsey pitched six innings, allowing 11 hits and four earned runs while striking out five and walking two.

Wood, Ramsey and Callie Fleshren each had two hits and Kelsey Miles, King, Christian Laine and Keels had one hit each.

## WHS players Smith, Wright standout in classics

Star Staff Report

Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School basketball standouts Jessica Smith and Raheem Wright were chosen as members of two area all-star classics played in the past month.

Both played in the Halifax All-Star Classic held April 6 at Gulf Coast State College and there were also selected to play in the 8th annual Florida Panhandle Shootout on April 12 at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Senior athletes were selected from high schools between Pensacola and Tallahassee to headline these events.

At the Halifax Classic, Smith scored five points and had one steal in the girls' game.

Wright had eight points and five rebounds for the winning East squad during the boys' event.

Rutherford star, Jai Jenks,



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Jessica Smith and Raheem Wright played in two all-star classic basketball games the past month.

a Wewahitchka native, who moved to Panama City during his elementary years, was named the Most Valuable Player of the game.

At the Florida Panhandle Shootout, Wright scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the East team to victory. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the

game. Smith scored four points and played great defense for the East girls' squad.

"This was a great honor for Jessica and Raheem," said WHS boys' basketball coach Jay Bidwell. "They are the first two basketball players from Wewa in recent history to participate in a basketball all-

star game and they actually were chosen for two different all-star teams.

"On top of this, Raheem was able to show other top high school and college coaches what made him such a special player for us when he earned the MVP at the Panhandle Shootout. By playing at such a high level against future college players, Raheem gave us a preview of what he might accomplish at the college level.

"Jessica also demonstrated great basketball potential, but as a three-sport star, she decided to go another route earlier this spring when she signed with the University of Central Florida's softball team. I join the whole administration and coaching staff here at Wewahitchka High in wishing these two special players the best of luck as they continue their athletic and academic pursuits at the university level."

## Spring football begins next week

Star Staff Report

Spring football practice begins next Wednesday for the two county high schools.

Spring practice begins on May 1 for Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High Schools, with two weeks of practice culminating in a spring jamboree on May 16.

The jamboree will be held at Shark Stadium in Port St. Joe and the two county schools will be joined by Franklin County.

Each team will play two halves, four full quarters.

The night gets started at 6:30 p.m. ET with Franklin County facing Wewahitchka in the first half of play.

Franklin County will play one half against Port St. Joe and the night will end with Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe facing off for two quarters.

The community is encouraged to come out and support these three football programs.

## BOCC from page A1

of record. The Yeager allegations had been publicly aired by PAC members, the complaint details.

The allegations concerning Yeager are also the subject of an ongoing investigation by the Florida Commission on Ethics, which is scheduled to hold a closed hearing on the matter this week.

At the July 24 BOCC meeting, the complaint details, McElroy again discussed Garth and the PAC during the "Public Discussion" portion of the meeting.

McElroy began by asserting that the PAC had raised questions about the passing of a county nuisance and homeless shelter ordinance and again, the complaint notes, McElroy was provided additional speaking time by commissioners.

Yeager and Williams picked up the comments from there, with Yeager saying there were personal attacks against him and "threats to his family and others," according to the complaint.

Williams said the PAC had bad intent and motives and "was out to destroy people."

McLemore said if the PAC had problem it should come after him and leave family alone, alleging threats that had not been made, the complaint reads. The lawsuit alleges the BOCC "choreographed" McElroy's appearance and comments and "were motivated to retaliate for Garth's exercise, on his own behalf and on behalf of the PAC, of First Amendment rights."

The lawsuit details that in a matter unrelated to the BOCC meetings, the State Attorney began an investigation based on a complaint by Yeager. The lawsuit alleges the investigation was "initiated and conducted" in retaliation for Garth's and the PAC's legal and protected statements. The final meeting detailed in the complaint concerns a BOCC meeting of Oct. 25, 2012.

The lawsuit alleges McElroy was invited into the room where commissioners were concluding preparation for the meeting where she offered documents pertaining to her upcoming comments that morning.

McElroy was again invited up during "Public Discussion" during which she "falsely and maliciously" attacked the PAC and Garth, detailing information from the SAO investigation which had already been closed, the lawsuit details.

McElroy and Williams used the term "extortion" to describe the actions of Garth and the PAC and criticized the actions of several local individuals during the investigation. The lawsuit alleges that after that meeting, multiple phone calls, from one or more of the named defendants, were made to the SAO in order to have the "extortion" investigation reopened.

The sole result of the reopening of the

case, the lawsuit details, was to shift the focus to a criminal conviction of Garth's more than 40 years old and whether his voting rights had been restored.

The evidence of the conviction and the voting rights question has never been made public.

When the Gulf County Supervisor of Elections moved ahead to remove Garth from the voters rolls, the SAO failed to provide evidence of a crime and suggested the removal of Garth from the voting rolls should not progress. The result, the lawsuit alleges, was "retaliatory humiliation" for Garth and the PAC.

They allegations are that operating under the "color of state law" as elected officials, the BOCC, Williams, Yeager and McLemore took actions designed to retaliate and humiliate and infringe on the protected interests of Garth and the PAC.

The board and commissioners continued that infringement through the "false complaint" that led to the SAO investigation and later by contacting the SAO to have the investigation re-opened, the lawsuit alleges. Yeager, Williams and McLemore, individually, further infringed on the First Amendment rights of Garth and the PAC, the lawsuit alleges, through actions and words at BOCC meetings and the false complaint to the SAO.

The lawsuit makes the same claim toward McElroy through a legal theory that McElroy possessed "animus" toward Garth and the PAC and was spurred by "recommendation" through the actions of the BOCC.

McElroy, the lawsuit alleges, acted in "bad faith and malicious purpose" and "deliberate indifference and/or reckless disregard" for the civil rights of the plaintiffs.

The lawsuit further alleges abuse of power by the BOCC and Williams, Yeager and McLemore for knowingly directing or causing the SAO investigation and for that investigation to be reopened, motivated by the private and illegal agenda of the board, individual commissioners or McElroy.

The board further erred by not having in place a policy to protect the plaintiffs constitutional rights to free speech and expression and failed to adopt a policy even after learning of the damage and harm to plaintiffs, including "grave mental anguish, pain and suffering, loss of capacity for enjoyment of life, embarrassment, humiliation, loss of reputation, lost employment opportunity and lost wages."

McElroy is additionally sued for abuse of power — due to her allegedly providing the recommended path for the BOCC and individual commissioners to engage Garth and the PAC — and for defamation of character.

## SCHOOL from page A1

projections.

"As we have known about the shortfall, even with the additional mill, we had to sit down and plan for it, to identify potential cuts. We knew this was coming."

Notifying the School Board and union of the pending job cuts is a requirement by law.

The notification also provides some flexibility to the district on how cuts will be made.

The district, as it does each year, last month notified those personnel employed for less than three years and on annual contract that their contracts were up.

In a typical year, the district will hire nearly all those teachers back once budget numbers are clear.

The union, president Billy Hoover said, would like the district to make the cuts from that pool of teachers and not hire 30 back before cutting other teaching positions.

"They want to cut tenured teachers, which I don't understand," Hoover said.

However, where a Reduction of Force notification has been issued, state law mandates that districts not take seniority into account on job cuts.

"We can not make these cuts on the back of our younger teachers," Norton said. "As the state requires, we had to decide that the number one priority was to identify our program needs of the students of Gulf County."

Norton said the estimated number of positions eliminated in the teaching ranks to be 12-15, adding that cuts will be sig-

nificantly realized through attrition.

As detailed in the Reduction of Force notification, much of the focus on job cuts will be among instructional personnel, but Norton said there will be cuts in administrative and non-instructional positions.

Among the various services the district provides, including transportation and food service, the district will also look at the viability of outsourcing custodial/janitorial services, which would eliminate 11-12 positions.

Norton, however, noted that in examining the spectrum of cuts, administrative cuts in the schools will prove difficult as each school is already operating without an assistant principal. District staff has also been reduced each of the past two years.

"We are literally in the marrow," Norton said. "We aren't in the muscle, we aren't in the bone. We are in the marrow."

"We do not have assistant principals in the schools. We are very light in district staff. We think we do an excellent job with the existing staff."

Given the current numbers for public school financing in the Florida Legislature — and they are subject to change in the final weeks of the legislative session before arriving on the governor's desk — the district will bring in \$16.26 million in revenue next year against \$17.128 in expenditures, translating into a shortfall of \$868,249 for fiscal year 2013-14.

Included in those expenditures is \$190,000 in

what Norton called an "unfunded mandate" for the district to pick up 2 percent of the 3 percent employees must now pay toward retirement and \$307,849 in merit-based teacher raises that can not be spent for any other use.

"Again, Tallahassee is setting the terms and passing down unfunded mandates," Norton said. "They get to look good and bad and they make us look bad and ugly."

Compounding that is declining enrollment.

The district receives roughly \$3,200 in state financing for every full-time equivalent student. The district has lost more than 400 students the past decade.

This year alone, Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School saw enrollment erode by nearly 40 students, more than offsetting modest gains at the two elementary schools.

"There is \$100,000 in funding lost," Norton said. "But despite that, we are a high-performing district that ranks in the top 25 percent in the state of Florida. We have two 'A' schools and in comparison Bay County does not have one."

"We have wonderful schools that serve our community. To cut any further than we are going to and deliver the high level of service we do now would be an impossible task."

The School Board will formally begin considering areas for budget cuts beginning with its next regular meeting, to be held 6 p.m. CT May 7 at Wewahitchka Elementary School.



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## Gold coin commemorates Port St. Joe's 100th birthday

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A commemorative coin, die-struck in brass and gold-plating will soon be available for purchase to serve as a reminder for the upcoming 100th birthday of Port St. Joe.

To honor the July 1 birthday, a week-long celebration full of activities and events will be held across the town.

In October, Mayor Mel Magidson appointed several committees to brainstorm and coordinate the events.

He sought out people whose families were steeped in the history, background and culture of the town.

"They're all hard workers and familiar with the area," Magidson said. One of the committees, headed by City Auditor and Clerk, Charlotte Pierce was asked to come up with the perfect memento that locals could buy and pass down through future generations to remember the

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The commemorative centennial coin will be available for purchase for \$15.

## PHOTO CONTEST



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Rob Greenland's winning photograph from the 2012 "Beaches" category.

## WEWA RELAY FOR LIFE



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Many turned out to show support at Wewahitchka's Relay for Life event.

## Wewahitchka Relay for Life doesn't let bad weather stop fight against cancer

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Poor weather didn't stop those at Wewahitchka's second annual Relay for Life event from celebrating survivors and raising close to \$15,000 to fight cancer.

The "Carnival of Hope" was moved indoors to the gymnasium at the First Baptist Church but the rain didn't keep locals from coming out to support a good cause.

"Thank you to all the teams and the committee for all of their hard work!" said Christy Husband, event chair for the Wewahitchka Relay. "Thank you to the survivors, caregivers and spectators for their support by showing up to Relay with

us! Together we will continue to Celebrate, remember, and fight for a cure!"

Each Relay for Life event is made up of fundraising teams who sell goods and provide entertainment while a member from each must walk around a track for 18 hours. Teams swap out members as needed to keep someone moving at all times.

Funds raised are donated to the American Cancer Society.

Husband was the announcer for the event and welcomed everyone to the relay.

Ashley Lister Forehand, the team development chair gave a passionate thank you to those in attendance and

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## Gulf County Relay for Life this Friday

### Star Staff Report

Walkers will go around the clock in the battle against cancer when the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Gulf County gets underway at 6 p.m. ET on Friday, April 26.

Teams of residents will gather at the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School Football Field.

Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at the football field, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening.

Teams do most of the fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during Relay.

For example, the Sacred Heart Relay Team will be serving breakfast during the Relay Saturday morning from 6-9 a.m. Diners can choose from pancakes w/sausage or biscuits and gravy w/sausage (served with orange juice) for \$5. To purchase a ticket contact Kim Kurnitsky at 227-4093.

Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups, people from all

walks of life. The aim to help further the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

Survivors wishing to register for the survivor ceremony/dinner please contact Deann Wilder 227-8417.

To purchase a luminaria in honor or in memory of a loved one please contact Heather Bryant at 340-1666. They may also be purchased at Centennial Bank and Capital City Bank.

"Relay is a unique opportunity for our community to come together to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against the disease," said Kurnitsky, Relay For Life of Gulf County team development chair.

"Many of the participants are cancer survivors, which serves as a reminder that the Gulf County community is not immune to this disease and that by participating in Relay, we are joining with the American Cancer Society's efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays."

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### Trivia Fun

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"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record Holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 newspapers across the country and is a weekly feature in The Port St. Joe Star.

1) Manorama has played the most leading roles in movie history and is what nationality?

British, German, Indian, Italian

2) Who's been the only U.S. president blind in one eye?

Monroe, Taylor, T. Roosevelt, Eisenhower

3) What was the first TV show ever to be put into reruns?

"Rin Tin Tin," "Cisco Kid," "Lone Ranger," "Sky King"

4) Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional de Mexico is what type of organization?

Political, Musical, Olympic, Floral

5) The world's termites outweigh the humans about how many to 1?

2, 3, 5, 10

6) Who was the "Good Gray Poet"?

Longfellow, Whitman, Frost, Sandburg

7) Besides Deputy

8) Fife, what character won an Emmy for "The Andy Griffith Show"?

Aunt Bee, Floyd, Andy, Ernest T. Bass

8) What date is a French legal holiday on which WWII ended in Europe?

March 10, May 8, July 20, Oct. 3

9) Where does a hemi-designed engine ordinarily place the sparkplugs?

Sides, Center, Back, Front

10) Both Lincoln and Kennedy were killed on what day of the week?

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

11) What's the square of a number?

Zeme, Zenzic, Zizel, Zoid

12) Charcoal is created by heating wood to high temperatures in the absence of?

Light, Oxygen, Water, Smoke

13) Who was quoted, "It ain't a fit night out for man or beast"?

Mae West, W. C. Fields, Karl Marx, Patrick Henry

14) Where was movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn born?

Poland, England, Mexico, Israel

### ANSWERS

1) Indian. 2) T. Roosevelt. 3) Lone Ranger. 4) Musical. 5) 10. 6) Whitman. 7) Aunt Bee. 8) May 8. 9) Center. 10) Friday. 11) Zenzic. 12) Oxygen. 13) W. C. Fields. 14) Poland.

## Centennial TRIVIA

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



This Port St. Joe photograph was taken during the ceremony dedicating the recently completed monument commemorating

the signing of Florida's first constitution.

What year did the dedication take place? a) 1913, b) 1923, c) 1938, d) 1956



ANSWER ON PAGE B6

# Troop 47 launches new website, attends merit badge weekend

Star Staff Report

Boy Scouts Troop 47 of Port St. Joe has launched a new website.

Check out the site at [www.troop-47portstjoe@scoutlander.com](http://www.troop-47portstjoe@scoutlander.com) and see what the local boys and their troop are doing and how they are serving the community.

And if your organization needs some help and the boys can assist

please send Bill Van Der Tulip the Scoutmaster a message and will try to help.

Troop 47 attended an Eagle Merit Badge Academy at Camp Osbourne in the South Georgia Council. Seven scouts attended and collectively earned 18 Eagle Scout required merit badges over the weekend.

Merit Badges earned were: personal fitness, environmental science,

first aid, emergency preparedness, citizenship in the community and communications.

"We are proud of the scouts that attended and have set their sights on that eagle badge," said Van der Tulip.

The scouts were Patrol Leader Josh Willis, Hunter Van Der Tulip, Thomas Miniati, Tyler Watson, Caleb Schwickert, Christian Quaranta and Dakota Braun.

# Taylor account established

Special to The Star

On March 24, Theodore Taylor, 65, of Port St. Joe, was admitted to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

After being on the waiting list for two years, he is now next in line for a new heart. We hope and pray that he doesn't have to wait long. For this reason, the

family is asking the help of their community, family, friends and loved ones to assist them in raising the necessary funds to alleviate costs that they will incur during this stressful time. A prayers and donations are welcome.

Donations can be made to Emerald Coast, account number 71744-015.

## Engagements

### Lauren Milton, Justin Lyons to wed

Albert and Kathy Milton of Marianna are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Danielle Milton, to Justin Lee Lyons of Port St. Joe, Florida. He is the son of Cecil Lyons III of Port St. Joe, Florida and Sheila and Don Kelly of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lauren is the granddaughter of the late Robert H. and Lucille Milton of Marianna and the late Henry C. and Althea Stevens of Marianna.

Justin is the grandson of Cecil II and Beth Lyons of Port St. Joe and Michael and Mary Cox of Lynn Haven; and the great-grandson of Robert Williams of Port St. Joe, Florida.

The bride is a 2003

graduate of Marianna High School. She attended Chipola College and Florida State University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management in 2007. She is currently employed in Marianna as a Realtor with ERA Chipola Realty.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of Port St. Joe High School. He attended Chipola College and Florida State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology in 2012. He is currently employed in Panama City as an IT specialist for Big Bend Community Based Care.

The bride and groom are to be married in Marianna, Fla., on June 1, 2013.



### Caitlin Poff, Coy Knox to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Poff and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knox request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their children, Caitlin Michelle Poff and Coy Allen Knox at 6 p.m. ET on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church in Port St. Joe. All friends and family are invited to attend. No local invitations have been sent. A reception will be held following the ceremony at Windmark Beach, Village Center Pool.

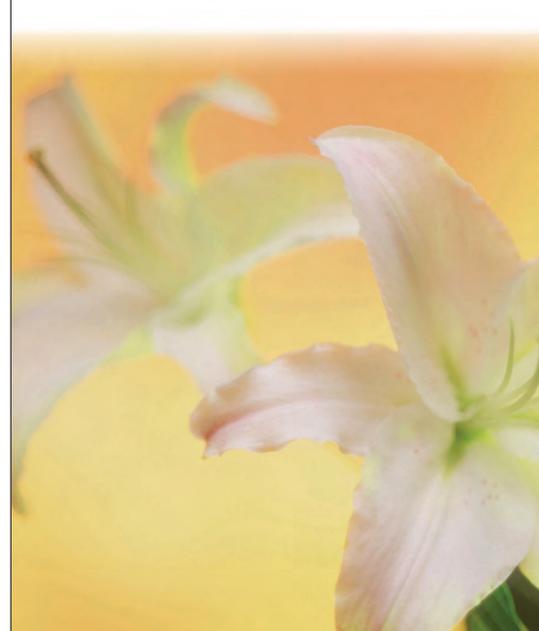


## PSJ Garden Club news

Star Staff Report

The Port Saint Joe Garden Club will tour Dragon's Mead Daylilies near Panama City on Thursday, May 9. The Club will meet at our historic Garden Center on Eighth Street at 9 a.m. ET and car pool to the gardens.

Anyone interested in our club is welcome to come along. Our building is on the state and national lists of historic sites. The building may be rented by inquiring on the Port Saint Joe Garden Club Facebook page.



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# Thank you



**Special to The Star**  
The staff of Faith Christian School would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the Lion's Club of Gulf County for their contribution to the technology program of FCS. The Lion's Club is the world's largest

service club organization, and their members work hard to meet the needs of their local communities. From performing hands-on community work and service projects to providing emergency assistance, the Club's community and environment programs improve their communities.

Faith Christian School is a non-profit, private school that provides a high-quality, Christian-based education to Gulf County's children. This generous gift from the Lion's Club will ensure the students of FCS continue to learn leading-edge technological skills for the future.

## Kindergarten registration at PSJ Elementary

**Special to The Star**  
Kindergarten registration will be held at Port St. Joe Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, May 3 for children who will be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2013. Parents and children should enter through the school office and then

proceed to the Kindergarten building. Parents need to bring a copy of the birth certificate, the Social Security card, proof of immunizations and proof of a physical within the last 12 months. Registration forms may be picked up in the school office prior to May 3. For more information call Port St. Joe Elementary School at 227-1221.



**Special to The Star**  
**FCAT/EOC Testing** — Testing is in full swing. We have completed 7th- and 8th-Grade Math, 7th-, 8th-, 9th- and 10th-Grade Reading, 8th-Grade Science and 11th-Grade American History FCAT Testing. The Biology End of Course (EOC) exam is scheduled for April 30 with Algebra 1 EOC scheduled for May 7. Standardized testing is concluded with the Geometry EOC scheduled for May 14.  
**NJROTC News** — The NJROTC will hold a Change of Command and Awards Ceremony at 6 p.m. ET on Thursday, May 9 in the Commons Area. Next year's staff will be installed and outgoing seniors will be honored for their performance throughout their high school careers.

fl.us and we will put you on the list.  
**Football Next Week** — Spring football begins May 1. All interested students need to have a completed or updated sports physical to be eligible to practice. See Coach Gannon for more details. Physical Forms can be picked up in the Main Office.  
**2013 Junior/Senior Prom** — Congratulations to all involved for making this year's Junior/Senior Prom an outstanding success. Held on April 20 at the Centennial Building, the whole town was out to see our young men and women in their finest enjoy this annual tradition.  
**Lady Shark Softball** — Regional Tournament play commences at Sneads at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30 when our Lady Sharks compete in Regional Semi-Final play. The Lady Sharks wish to thank all who have supported them this year: GO SHARKS!  
**Relay for Life** — This extremely important fund raiser kicks off this Friday at Shark Field at 6 p.m. ET with the Survivor Walk. Come and enjoy the fun and

companionship throughout the next 24 hours as Port St Joe once again supports those in need.  
**Drama Performance** — Under the direction of Ann Comforter, the drama students will present "Alice in Wonderland" on Monday evening, May 13 in the GYM. Slip down the Rabbit Hole and enjoy the timeless story of a young girl's adventures behind the Looking Glass.  
**Senior News** — This year's Senior Trip to Orlando will be May 3-5. Our seniors will be leaving early Friday morning and return on Sunday. A fun time is scheduled for all. Our senior's last day of official classes will be Wednesday, May 15. A Baccalaureate will be held for all seniors at 5:30 p.m. ET on Wednesday, May 22 in the Gymnasium. Port St Joe Junior-Senior High School will hold Commencement Exercises for the Senior Class of 2013 at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday, May 23.  
**Last Day For Underclass** — The last day of classes for all Port St Joe Junior-Senior High School underclass students will be Friday, May 24.

# Dazzling Dolphins



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Front Row: Carley Callis, Zoey Burkett, Peyton Herring  
Back Row: Alex Strickland, Dianara Angel, James Smith, Jonathon Vickers

## Math problems completed at WES



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Mr. Huff's third grade class at Wewahitchka Elementary School has completed 41,499 math practice problems on www.IXL.com. Way to go kids!

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# Mother of Amish schoolhouse shooter interviewed at Lifetree

Special to The Star

An exclusive filmed interview with Terri Roberts, mother of Amish schoolhouse shooter Charles Roberts, will be screened at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, April 29.

On Oct. 2, 2006, Charles Roberts backed his truck up to the entrance of the West Nickel Mines School in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

He barricaded himself inside and shot 10 young Amish girls. Five died. Roberts killed himself before police could enter the one-room schoolhouse.

Roberts' mother, who was working nearby at the time of the shootings, was embraced by the Amish community. Amish members stunned observers when they openly forgave the killer and his family. The Roberts family is not Amish.

Participants at this program, titled "Amazing Grace," will experience never-before-seen footage and hear from Roberts, who still lives among the families of the girls her son murdered.

"The trauma, pain, and shame endured by this mother turned into an incredible picture of forgiveness and grace," said Lifetree's Thom Schultz, who conducted the exclusive interview with Roberts.

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 lwlife-treecafe@fairpoint.net.

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By Billy Johnson

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## Obituary

### Manuel Mathews



Manuel Mathews was born on April 4, 1943, in Gilbert, La., and the third son of Amanda and Warren Mathews.

He was a graduate of Carroll High School, Monroe, La., alumni of Grambling State University and a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was quite a trumpet in his earlier years.

He was baptized at the Friendship Baptist Church in Monroe, La. After moving to Seattle in 1966 he met his future wife, Letha Gavin. They married in 1983.

The year 2012 was eventful for Manuel and Letha. They made the big move to Port St. Joe, Fla., from Seattle, Wash. He retired from the Boeing Company as chemist after 30 years. After spending many years in Washington State they decided to move so they could enjoy some sunshine and hot weather. They both liked outside gardening and doing yard work.

God called Manuel home on Friday, April 19, 2013, with Letha his loving and devoted wife by his side.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory his wife, Letha Mathews; sons Charles Mathews (Joanne) of Seattle, Wash., Greg Lewis of Seattle, Wash.; daughters Jai Bryant (Johnny) of Seattle, Wash.; Willie Mathews of Seattle, Wash.; Geneva Cuevas (Rene) of Blaine, Wash.; seven granddaughters, Brittney Brown, Breanna Lewis, Janee Lewis, Shacorra Mustafa, Madison Bryant, Trinity Mathews, and Kaylyn Mathews; eight grandsons Ricco Mathews, Kendall Harris, Isaiah Russ, Juwan Harris, Joshua Russ, Mathew Russ, Maison Lewis and Tommy Sykes; one great-granddaughter, Romia Lewis; and nine brothers, one preceded him in death; and four sisters.

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# Caladiums can add color to your landscapers

One of Florida's most popular warm season foliage plants is the caladium. This colorful, tropical species, which will grow in all areas of our state, is relatively inexpensive, and requires very little maintenance. Caladiums, with their wide variety of bright, contrasting colors, add a cool look to summer gardens.



**ROY LEE CARTER**  
County extension director

Caladium is a genus of flowering plants in the family araceae. They are often known by the common name Elephant Ear, Heart of Jesus, and Angel Wings. There are over 1,000 named cultivars of

caladium bicolor from the original South American plant.

Both "Fancy" and "Lance" leaved caladiums grow well in Florida. Fancy leaved caladiums, which are the most popular, have large, somewhat rounded leaves, and are available in a wide range of foliage color from pure white, with strongly contrasting green veins, to pink, rose, and red. Many of these have showy crimson crinkled centers and dark green veins. The lance leaved caladium is available in all of these colors too. But, its leaf shaped is narrow

and elongated, rather than round. And the entire plant is somewhat smaller than the fancy leaved varieties. My information was proved by Emeritus Horticulture Specialist Dr. Robert Black, of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Caladiums may be grown from tubers, or be planted as established specimens purchased in containers from nurseries or garden centers. Tubers should be planted about two inches deep and 18 inches apart. Established plants should be set at the same depth at which they were growing in their containers, and the spacing recommended for tubers. If your soil is

quite sandy, amend it with organic matter before planting. Make sure the site has good drainage. Caladiums grow best in moist, but not soggy, soil. Too much water will cause roots to decay.

Find somewhat shaded area in which to plant your caladiums because they can't tolerate full summer sun. The ideal is considered to be 40 to 60 percent shade. Of course, they do need some sunshine an hour or two in the morning is best. Longer exposure tends to bleach caladium foliage of its attractive colors and limits plant growth as well.

Proper fertilization produces healthy, large leaved caladium plants.

When growing caladiums in organic soils, spread 2 pounds of a complete fertilizer, such as an 8-8-8 or 10-10-10, per 100 square feet of bed area, four to six weeks after planting, and every two months during the growing season. For plants growing in sandy soil, where leaching is a problem, fertilizer should be added monthly.

Mulching the plant will help maintain necessary soil moisture and promote lush, healthy foliage development. If the soil is allowed to dry out, the plants will wilt rapidly.

Caladiums grow best at temperatures of 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit, and they make excellent house plants. For indoor culture, prepare a soil

mix of one part sand and one part peat. Keep the soil moist, but not soggy. If a plant turns pale, or doesn't seem to be growing well, try giving it some extra fertilizer.

Cut caladium leaves, are very popular as indoor decorations. The leaves will last several days if the freshly cut stems and plunged into hot, and then cold water. Keep the stems in the hot bath until the water turns lukewarm. Then place the cuttings in a bath of cold water.

For more information on caladiums contact the Gulf County Extension Service @ 639-3200 or visit our website: <http://gulff.ifas.ufl.edu> or [www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu).

## Warriner appointed to GCSC District Board of Trustees

**PANAMA CITY, FL** – David Warriner of Port St. Joe was recently appointed to the Gulf Coast State College District Board of Trustees by Governor Rick Scott. Warriner is the owner and



**DAVID WARRINER**

president of Tapper & Co. and was previously a legislative assistant with the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate.

"David has been heavily

involved with the College for years, specifically with our Foundation," said GCSC president Dr. Jim Kerley. "He's an ardent supporter of education, and he, his wife Trish and her family, the Tappers, have helped build Gulf Coast's tradition of excellence. We welcome David to the Board."

The Gulf County native earned a degree in finance from the University of Florida in 1968. He is managing director for the George G. and Amelia G. Tapper Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors of the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida and

the Florid Restaurant and Lodging Association. He's a founding director of the Community Development Corporation in Gulf County.

"I am so proud of the confidence the Governor has shown by appointing me to the GCSC Board," Warriner said. "I've been associated with the College

for the past 25 years and Gulf Coast is very dear to my heart. I'm happy to bring a foundation of knowledge and historical perspective to the issues and challenges we face. I look forward to working for the students that choose to make GCSC their institution of higher learning."

### COIN from page B1

birthday. Other coins have been donated to the city which served as inspiration for the centennial token.

One historic coin celebrated 100 years since the signing of the Florida Constitution, marked 1838 to 1938. Another commemorated Florida's sesquicentennial of 75 years in 1988.

Pierce noticed that both historic designs featured the Constitution Monument seen in the Constitution Convention Museum State Park and decided to keep with tradition.

Bids were taken from designers and ultimately The Pin Center was awarded the project.

Seven ideas were sent over for the committee to review and they were whittled down until just one remained.

"The colors went well together and complimented one another," said Pierce of the final design.

The two-inch gold coin highlighted with blue, features the constitution landmark on one side and

the state of Florida on the reverse. A star marks the location of Port St. Joe.

Magidson explained that the purpose of the coin was two-fold. It would help raise funds for the upcoming centennial celebration and would serve as a memento to commemorate the important event.

"Port St. Joe has been around for a long time," said Magidson. "This coin lets us commemorate history and our significance within the state."

The coin supply is limited to 1,500. Each will cost \$15 and come with a velvet storage bag. Those who wish to purchase a coin

and support the centennial celebration can visit City Hall.

Local merchants will also have them in stock soon.

Pierce and Magidson have been hard at work planning the celebration and hope that the town will enjoy the activities they've worked hard to coordinate.

"We're looking forward to the events. It's going to be an awesome week and we thank everyone for their support," said Pierce.

The Port St. Joe Centennial Celebration will take place June 28 through July 4.

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### CONTEST from page B1

The moments in time collected from the Mexico Beach community have also been used in the branding of the city and many have been used in printed materials, marketing campaigns

or were included in the annual calendars.

Winners are also highlighted on the CDC's Facebook page and official website.

The entry fee is \$5 per photo and all proceeds will go toward the Best

Blast on the Beach fireworks display on July 4.

Official rules and entry form can be downloaded online at [www.mexico-beach.com](http://www.mexico-beach.com). Submissions will remain open until July 30.



Carolyn Butchikas, Camille Butchikas and George Butchikas support FSU Panama City through the The George A. Butchikas Foundation for Autism. On April 17, they presented a check for \$40,000 in support of the ECAP Clinic and an original drawing by Camille (pictured above) which will be displayed at the ECAP Clinic.

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S UNIVERSITY Endowment for Tomorrow's Jobs



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# GULF COUNTY from page B1

Funds raised at Relay For Life of Gulf County help the American Cancer Society to impact the lives of those touched by cancer within the community.

In 2012, Relay For Life events across Florida raised over \$20 million to help cancer patients and their families in local communities and to fund life-saving cancer research. The Relay For Life of Gulf County raised over \$60,000 that helped to fund lifesav-

ing programs and services locally. Our most requested program, Road to Recovery, provides transportation for patients to and from life-saving cancer treatments. All of this is made possible by Relay For Life. We welcome you to join us in the fight against cancer today! So, please join us for an evening full of food, fun, and lots of entertainment for the entire family. For more information please contact Kurnitsky, 227-4093.

# RELAY from page B1

after the colors were posted, Morgan Mayhann sang the National Anthem.

Husband introduced brain cancer survivor, Ryan Teall, who shared his story with the crowd.

As is tradition with Relay for Life, a group of local cancer survivors and their caregivers were on hand to take the first journey around the track in a "Survivor's Lap."

Non-stop music was provided by DJ Byron Barlow

to keep the energy levels high throughout the many hours that followed.

As team members walked around the track, events took place in the center including a self-defense demonstration from the Port St. Joe Karate School, a live cake auction, and the traditional Luminaria Ceremony.

The ceremony is scheduled at each relay event for 9 p.m. Candles are lit inside white paper bags, decorat-

ed to honor the memories of loved ones who lost the fight to cancer and those who continue to fight.

Around the perimeter of the track teams sold goodies and had games to raise additional money for the American Cancer Society.

Team included the Hopeful Clowns, Sassy Sisters, Mekenka's Hope, the Wewahitchka High School Cheerleaders, the WHS Student Government Association and Anitra Mayhann

Photography.

Husband said, "They dedicated themselves with meetings and fundraising all year."

The next Relay for Life event will take place on April 26 in Port St. Joe at the high school football field. The theme will be the Monopoly board game and festivities will begin at 6 p.m. E.T. Anyone interested in participating in the 2014 event on the committee, as a volunteer or as a survivor

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday, April 26

- 5:30 p.m. Thirty-Three Performance
- 6 p.m. Opening Ceremonies-ROTC
- 6:20 p.m. Survivor's Walk
- 6:40 p.m. Thirty-Three Performance
- 7 p.m. Ms. Relay Pageant (Event-Wide Fundraiser)
- 8 p.m. Allen Tyler
- 8:30 p.m. Scavenger Hunt
- 8:45 p.m. 2012 Awards Ceremony
- 9 p.m. Luminaria Ceremony
- 9:45 p.m. Zumba in the Dark
- 10 p.m. Allen Dykes Band
- 10:30 p.m. Change Game (DJ playing)
- 11:15 p.m. The Boyer Band (50s, 60s, 70s)
- 12 p.m. Karaoke

#### Saturday, April 27

- 1 a.m. Limbo
- 2 a.m. Chubby Bunny
- 3 a.m. Face the Cookie
- 5 a.m. Sunrise Run
- 6 a.m. Breakfast by Sacred Heart
- 8 a.m. Carrabelle Christian Center Dance Group
- 9 a.m. Emerald Coast Dancers
- 10 a.m. Closing Ceremonies



Teams sold goodies and game tickets to raise money.



Other teams sold baked goods to raise donation funds.



Some booths offered face painting for the little ones.



Each bag recognized a loved one who had lost the battle to cancer or was currently fighting.

## SPECIAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold a Meeting to discuss a Request for a Special Exception on 5-14-13

4:00 EST, at City Hall at 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL for First Baptist Church located at 102 3rd St, Parcel # 04706-000R.

The reason for the request is Per Section 6.03(G)(7) of Land Development Regulations. The proposed plans can be reviewed at the Building Department located at 1002 10th St. and can be reached for questions at (850) 229-1093.

All persons are invited to attend this meeting. Any person who decided to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Development Review Board with respect to any matter considered at said meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The Planning and Review Board of the City of Port St. Joe Florida will not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk, City of Port Joe, at City Hall, (850) 229-8261



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 Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Circuit Court  
 By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk  
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 Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St Joe, FL 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
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 The date of first publication of this notice is April 25, 2013.  
 Personal Representative: J.D. Rayburn II 4055 Kilmartin Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32309  
 Kimberly L. King Attorney for J.D. Rayburn II Florida Bar Number: 0593011 KING & WOOD, P.A. 1701 Hermitage Blvd. Suite 104 Tallahassee, FL 32308 Phone: (850)580-7711 Fax: (850)205-4501 E-Mail: kimking@kingandwoodlaw.com Secondary E-Mail: eservice@kingandwood-law.com April 25, May 2, 2013  
**92969S**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CB International Investments 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. 1748  
 Application No. 2013-22  
 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
 R.E. No: 06346-815R  
 Description of Property:  
 Lot 19, Block B, Sunset Pointe Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 41-43, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.  
 Name in which assessed: Rex H. & Anne D. Anderson  
 All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 2013. Dated this 2nd day of March, 2013.  
 REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013  
**93111S**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 13-08-PR  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF OUIDA YVONNE Deceased.  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
 The administration of the estate of OUIDA YVONNE BRANCH, deceased, whose date of death was January 10, 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 name and address of the personal representative and the per-



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 By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013  
**93155S**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA File No. 13-23PR  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF NANCY CAMPBELL HOWELL Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 (Summary Administration)  
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:  
 You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Nancy Campbell Howell, deceased, File Number 13-23PR, by the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456; that the decedent's date of death was March 5, 2013; that the total value of the estate is \$1000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:  
 Margaret Askew 1410 Long Ave. Port St. Joe, FL 32456  
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:  
 All creditors of the estate of the decedent



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 and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 18, 2013.  
 Person Giving Notice: /s/ Margaret Askew Margaret Askew 1410 Long Ave. Port St. Joe, FL 324567  
 Attorney for Person Giving Notice: /s/ Mel Magidson Jr. Mel Magidson, Jr. Attorney FL Bar No: 261629 P.O. Box 340 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850) 227-7800 Fax: (850) 227-7878 E-Mail: mmagidson@gtcom.net April 18, 25, 2013  
**93265S**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 13-00021-PR Division:  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF JEAN ELAINE QUARANTA Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of Jean Elaine Quaranta, deceased, whose date of death was February 3, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
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 The date of first publication of this Notice is April 18, 2013.  
 Personal Representative: F.M. Branch P.O. Box 252 Wewahitchka, 32465 FL  
 Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles A. Costin FL Bar No. 699070 P O Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850)-227-1159 April 18, 25, 2013  
**93155S**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA File No. 13-23PR  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF NANCY CAMPBELL HOWELL Deceased.  
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**93265S**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 13-00021-PR Division:  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF JEAN ELAINE QUARANTA Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of Jean Elaine Quaranta, deceased, whose date of death was February 3, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
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Personal Representative:  
Jayne Bamburg  
126 Gulf Coast Circle  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Attorneys for Personal Representative  
SANDERS AND DUNCAN, P.A.  
FL Bar No. 442178  
80 MARKET STREET  
APALACHICOLA, FL 32320  
(850) 653-8976  
E-Mail Address:  
bsanders@fairpoint.net  
April 25, May 2, 2013

**93271S PUBLIC NOTICE**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHITE CITY FIRE STATION

RFP #1213-09

Qualified "Design-Build" TEAM for the design and construction of the new White City Volunteer Fire Station for the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

Proposers shall be ranked per the following selection criteria:

- \*Firms shall be limited to those certified under 489.119 F.S. as a General Contractor, Building Contractor, under 471.023 F.S. to practice engineering, under 481.219 F.S. to practice architecture.
- \*Submittals must be spiral bound and must include the following:
  - \* Letter of Transmittal
  - \* Table of Contents
  - \* Introduction of Firm
  - \* General approach to deliver services
  - \* Information regarding the firms qualifications to provide the Design-Build services
  - \* Project Team and Qualifications
  - \* Experience with Metal Building design
  - \* Experience with Metal Building construction
  - \* Experience with Owner Direct Purchase
  - \* Method of Costing/ Estimating Project
  - \* Proof of Errors and Omissions Insurance for Designer
  - \* Proof of Bonding Limit for Builder
  - \* Florida License for Builder
  - \* Florida License(s) for Designer
  - \* Verification of ability to furnish payment and performance bond in the amount of contract and insurance coverage required by Gulf County Board of County Commissioners
  - \* Current work load of Designer and Builder
- \*Special attention shall be given to:
- \* Similar experience(s) in the State of Florida
- \* Engineering/ Construction experience(s), with similar facilities
- \* Experience with Civil Design, Permitting with FDEP, FDOT & NWFVMD
- \* Experience with Design-Build projects
- \* Experience of Project Team
- \* Ability of Firm to deliver project in a timely manner
- \* Availability to project site(s) (Designer and Builder)

Upon selection of a Design-Build team by Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, the designer shall meet with the owner, tour the proposed site and assist in evaluating the various building size, function and budget. This phase will include schematic floor plans, site plan and evaluation of individual fire department budget. The second phase shall be as follows:

\*\*The Designer shall complete documents for each site with budget review at 30%, 60% and 90% document states. After final review, the Builder shall conduct a final cost breakdown for each site and enter into a construction contract with Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

Proposals must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. (local time) on Friday, May 10, 2013 at Gulf County Clerk of Court, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida. Proposals will be opened on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., local time at the same location.

Questions to this RFP may be directed to Brad Price, Gulf County BOCC, (850) 229-6106, or via e-mail at bprice@gulfcountry-fl.gov. All questions must be submitted by May 1, 2013 and all answers will be disseminated by May 2, 2013. Please check the website at www.gulfcountry-fl.gov for any addendums which will be posted

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NLT May 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., E.T.

/s/ Tan Smiley  
Chairman  
Gulf County Board of County Commissioners

/s/ Rebecca Norris,  
Clerk  
April 25, May 2, 2013

**93283S PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST CITY OF PORT ST. JOE ELECTION- MAY 14, 2013 GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Logic and Accuracy test for the M100 Tabulation System and the Ivtotronic Touch Screen System to be used for the May 14, 2013 Port St. Joe City Election will be held at the Gulf County Supervisor of Elections Office, 401 Long Ave., Port St. Joe, April 29, 2013 - 9:00 AM EST. This test is open to the public.

John M. Hanlon  
Supervisor of Elections  
Gulf County, Florida  
April 25, 2013

**93291S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER USE PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for a water use permit has been received by the North-West Florida Water Management District:

Application number 107379 filed 04/11/2013 City of Port St. Joe, P.O. Box 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457

Requesting an annual average daily withdrawal of 3,147,000 gallons per day from the Chipola River for Public Supply use by an existing facility.

General withdrawal location(s) in Gulf County: T05S, R09W, Sec. 34B; T07S, R11W, Sec. 35, 36

Interested persons may submit written comments/ objection or submit a written request for the notice of proposed agency action (NOPAA) regarding the application by writing to: Division of Resource Regulation, Northwest Florida Water Management District, attn: Terri Peterson, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333.

A NOPAA will be mailed only to persons who have filed such requests. A NOPAA must be requested in order to be advised of further proceedings and any public hearing date. Written comments/ objection or NOPAA requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. eastern time on May 9, 2013.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. Publication of this notice constitutes constructive notice of the permit application to all substantially affected persons.

April 25, 2013

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93313S PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES

RFP NO: 1213-10

The Board of County Commissioners, Gulf County, Florida (the "County") is seeking proposals from qualified individuals or organizations to provide commissary services for the inmates incarcerated in the Gulf County Detention Facility, located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456.

RFP DEADLINE: May 10, 2013 no later than 4:30PM local time and will be opened on Monday, May 13, 2013.

LATE PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THE AFOREMENTIONED DEADLINE DATE, EITHER BY MAIL OR OTHERWISE, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND RETURNED UNOPENED. NO FAXED, ELECTRONIC, OR ORAL PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

To be considered, Proposer must submit an original and five (5) copies of the RFP in a sealed envelope or package, clearly marked with the Proposer's name, address, and the words "INMATE COMMISSARY SERVICES" addressed to: Gulf County Clerk of Court, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Rm 149, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. Questions may be directed to Michael Hammond, (850) 227-1124 or via email at mhammond@gulfcountry-fl.gov.

Tynalin Smiley  
Chairman

Rebecca Norris  
Clerk  
April 25, May 2, 2013

**3100-3350 MERCHANDISE**

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3220 - Furniture  
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3250 - Good Things to Eat  
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Food Svcs/Hospitality

**Bartender / Therapist Needed**

The Port Inn/Thirsty Goat is now accepting applications for a part time bartender. The ideal candidate will have a thorough knowledge of liquors, beers, wines, and mixology techniques, but we are willing to train the right person. If you have an eye for detail, the highest desire to deliver superior service, and can play well with others, we would love to hear from you! Apply in person at the address below. E.O.E. DFWP Port Inn 501 Monument Ave. Port St. Joe, FL 32456

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**Evening Cook Needed**

The Thirsty Goat is now accepting applications for an evening cook. The ideal candidate will have restaurant experience, but we are willing to train the right person. Applicants must have the ability to function in a fast paced environment while remaining professional and friendly. Candidates must be able to work weekends and holidays, dependability is a must! If you have an eye for detail, the highest desire to deliver superior service, and can play well with others, we would love to hear from you! Apply in person at the address below. E.O.E. DFWP Port Inn 501 Monument Ave. Port St. Joe, FL 32456

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 25, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
Jayne Bamburg  
126 Gulf Coast Circle  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Attorneys for Personal Representative  
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FL Bar No. 442178  
80 MARKET STREET  
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April 25, May 2, 2013

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RFP #1213-09

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NLT May 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., E.T.

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**4100-4130 EMPLOYMENT**

4100 - Help Wanted  
4130 - Employment Information

**HELP WANTED**  
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Food Svcs/Hospitality

**Kitchen Help/ Dishwashers**

Needed to work day and night shifts. Need cooks/ kitchen assistant. Apply: Call (850) 229-7121 before 11 am Web ID# 34248916 Text F44916 to 56654

**GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE**  
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**FIRE SCIENCE COORDINATOR**

Manage all aspects of the Fire Science program to include: recruiting students, advising, instructing certification & advanced programs, and scheduling/ supervising instructors & staff of the program. Requires Associate degree in related field + Fire Science certification; Bachelor's degree in related field + 5 years fire science experience preferred.

**Range starts at \$30,600/yr. Apply by 5/3/13.**

Only those who provide all requested items, GCSC Application (must be completed), legible transcripts & resume will be considered.

**Additional info: www.gulfcoast.edu/hr.**  
Women & minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.  
GCSC is an EOE/DFWP/Vet employer. GCSC Equity Office 850.873.3516

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Medical/Health

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ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 25, 2013.

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Port St. Joe, FL 32456

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Pickup Applications at the Centers or send resumes to smcgill@floridachildren.org

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