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County faces landfill expiration date

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With the budget process approaching, the Board of County Commissioners faces tough questions on how to handle the county's trash.

With less than five years remaining in the life expectancy of

Five Points Landfill and given the money pit that is solid waste removal, commissioners are examining myriad questions about the future of garbage collection and who picks up the tab.

That will almost certainly mean an increase in tipping fees at Five Points Landfill and possibly the end of roadside yard debris removal and the imple-

mentation of mandatory garbage pickup.

And looming over any discussion is the reality that unless the county has a permitted, operational method of disposing of solid waste, the county is prohibited by law from issuing any building permit.

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Joe Danford
director, Solid Waste/Public Works

LOCAL MAN'S COFFEE COMPANY FUNDS ORPHANAGE



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Fifteen orphans are housed in Satellite Republic Coffee's facility in West Africa. Tyler Ford, below, a native of Port St. Joe, is the owner of Satellite Republic.

BEANS FOR BEDS

New coffee company building buzz

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Tyler Ford is in the business of waking people up.

Ford is the owner and operator of Satellite Republic Coffee, a new company in Marianna whose product has quickly found its way onto local shelves and maybe even into your kitchen's Brewmaster 5000.

The coffee, available at Piggly Wiggly stores in Port St. Joe, Blountstown and Bristol, has traveled as far away as Chicago, Nashville and San Francisco through online sales.

Though Ford and his family reside north of Gulf County, his roots are firmly planted in Port St. Joe.



"I accomplished what I set out to do. I took a great product and a great cause and put them together."

Tyler Ford
owner, Satellite Republic Coffee



A former student of Faith Christian School and a 1990 graduate of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, he went on to obtain a business degree from Bryan College in Tennessee. His father, Tom, worked at the

Port St. Joe paper mill, and his mother, Dawne, still lives locally and has helped to spread the word of Ford's newest venture.

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Chairman: Port activity 'coming to a boil'

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A site visit next week, a visit from a delegation from Colombia in a couple of weeks and a master plan update almost ready for public roll-out have activity surrounding the Port of Port St. Joe on an upswing.

Though the Port Authority had few concrete decisions to make during its regular bi-monthly meeting,

chairman Leonard Costin could hardly hide his enthusiasm for events out of the public eye.

"I feel like things are coming to a boil, so to speak," Costin said. "I am excited about what is happening. I think we are close to having some happy news to report."

Barry Sellers, executive director of the newly formed Gulf County Economic Development Alliance Inc., agreed and said an announcement could be coming before the

summer is too far along.

"I think sometime before July, we'll have an announcement that will make everybody happy," Sellers said. "I don't want to get too far ahead, but I do believe it will happen. Things are looking good."

The good starts with a site visit next week by representatives from an unidentified company that specializes in the manufacture of

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PSJ early voting begins Saturday

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Early voting for the Port St. Joe municipal election begins Saturday at the Supervisor of Elections office, 401 Long Ave.

Early voting will continue through May 11. Voting hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET every day but Sundays.

Election Day is May 14, with voting from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET at the Port St. Joe Fire Department next to City Hall on Williams Avenue.

This is a universal election; each voter may cast a vote for every seat on the ballot.

Three commissioners were up for re-election this year.

Mayor and Commis-

sioner Mel Magidson was re-elected to a fourth term after he drew no opposition during candidate qualifying in March.

Group I Commissioner Bill Kennedy elected not to run again after one term.

Two political newcomers, David Ashbrook and William Thursbay, are vying for the seat Kennedy will vacate.

Group II Commissioner Bo Patterson is running for a second term and facing a challenge from Eddie Fields, another political newcomer.

The last day to request an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. ET May 8.

Voters are encouraged to ensure their voting registration information — address, signature, etc. — is up to date to ensure quick processing when voting.

State budget includes funds to move lighthouse

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Among local projects included in the state budget being crafted by the Florida Legislature is a \$325,000 appropriation to fund the relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

The money is in the budgets of both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. The houses are putting the final touches on the budget in conference before passage.

"The money is listed under local projects, and that means (Rep.) Halsey Beshears and (Sen.) Bill Montford would be the sponsors, since they are our local representatives," said Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson.

"All I know is that it was proposed as a local project. We hope it will be sent to the governor. Until he puts paper to pen, you never know."

Gov. Rick Scott's veto pen would be the final hurdle to securing the funding.

For example, a \$5 million appropriation for bulkhead improvements at the Port of Port St. Joe was vetoed last year after clearing both legislative

houses. Magidson noted state law contains a mandate that the Legislature must appropriate dollars to preserve historic structures, lighthouses in particular.

"I am hopeful we will get the money," Magidson said.

Based on current estimates, the money would fund the relocation of the lighthouse, two keepers' quarters and an oil house from Cape San Blas to George Core Park in Port St. Joe. The lighthouse would become the centerpiece of the park, the site near Miss Zola Drive and the historic Maddox House property.

The appropriation would represent the largest contribution to the relocation project. A fundraising campaign by the St. Joseph Humane Society has not exceeded \$40,000.

It also would represent the first use of taxpayer money in the project, which commissioners pledged not to use.

The move of the lighthouse and ancillary structures is estimated to cost \$200,000 to \$250,000.

That would not include the cost of any site prep work, foundational work in George Core Park or ongoing maintenance.

Oyster study confirms fishery problems

A University of Florida study confirms the dire straits of the Apalachicola Bay fishery

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APALACHICOLA — A newly released report on Apalachicola Bay's oyster situation is long on analysis but short on solutions, recommending more studies and confirming the conventional wisdom that the fishery is in dire straits.

The study by the University of Florida Oyster Recovery Team, which has been assessing the oyster situation since October 2012, backs up lawmakers' and researchers' claims that water flow down the Apalachicola River is the key ingredient to a healthy fishery.

For years, Florida has squabbled in a "water war" with neighboring states, particularly Georgia, to release more water out of suburban Atlanta's Lake

Lanier, which feeds the river and ultimately the bay.

The study states the bay had high salinity in 2012 caused by low river flow and "limited local rainfall in most months." In fact, the lower part of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-FlintRiver Basin has been in "exceptional drought" over the last three years, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System.

Thus, problems have set in and appear to be here for the long haul.

"The 2012 decline in oyster landings and recruitment of juvenile oysters is unprecedented during the period of data analyzed and has likely involved recruitment failure or high mortality of small oysters," the study states.

The study found a "general downward trend" in legal-sized oysters (3 inch or

larger) and a "large decline" in sub-legal oysters (smaller than 3 inches) in 2012. That means it's likely this year will see another devastating oyster harvesting year, and 2014 could be even worse.

The study did reveal a few positives, though, such as the 3-inch minimum oyster size preventing over-harvesting.

"However, it is essential that this size limit be accepted by the community, adopted by the industry, and enforced by regulatory agencies and the county judicial system," the study said.

Another silver lining is oil from 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster appears to have stayed out of Apalachicola Bay. Oysters, white shrimp, brown shrimp, blue crab and various finfish species have all been tested for oil residue, but no "chemical contamination" was found,

according to the study.

But, plenty of concerns remain, including the fact that a large percentage of oysters' shells suffer from parasitic sea life. Familiar bay residents, including clams, sponges and other organisms, will prey on the oysters' shells, the study said. The parasites hurt shell growth and productivity, though it's difficult to say to what extent because there's no historical data on the phenomenon.

Legislator speaks out

State Rep. Halsey Beshears, R-Monticello, thinks drastic measures need to be taken.

"We're going to have to change our harvesting practices there to give (the oysters) the time to grow adequately, to where they can catch up," he said.

Beshears said the lack of flow down the river and

drought has changed the environment, so adjustments must be made to allow the oysters to recover and flourish. He said during the BP oil spill three years ago oysters were over-harvested to a disastrous effect.

"We just didn't have enough foresight to go, 'Hey, wait a minute; maybe we ought to hold up,'" he said, adding, "Essentially we raped the land out there. We over-harvested and we haven't had a chance to grow those oysters back."

Beshears stopped short of saying there should be a harvesting moratorium, but he did say dramatic changes need to be put in place to let the oysters come back. He said there are a lot of ways to "skin that cat," but, he thinks, on the whole harvesting should be reduced dramatically.

"We have to find a way to stop harvesting, give the

sea a chance to recoup, but at the same time we can't just hand out checks to oystermen to just do nothing," he said.

Beshears suggested increasing programs to relay oyster shells in the bay, to which the oyster spat affixes itself, as a recovery idea. He also said opening up restricted areas for oyster harvesting is another option.

"There's a lot of different ways to do it; we just haven't found that right balanced yet," he said.

Beshears said more studies are a good idea, but they will "only prolong the inevitable" — the need for major changes in harvesting practices and recovery programs.

"We have to readjust our farming practices now. ... I think that we're going to explore all our opportunities and options," he said.

Mexico Beach continues search for new city clerk

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The hunt has commenced for a new City Clerk for Mexico Beach.

The position has been vacant since Debbie McLeod's resignation. During its pre-agenda meeting last week, the council agreed to continue looking at resumes and applications to ensure that McLeod's former responsibilities don't fall by the wayside.

"I don't want us to get behind or bogged down," Mayor Al Cathey said of the clerk's responsibilities that

included filing payroll and ensuring that all incoming invoices are paid on time.

The advertisement for the vacant position was posted in the Panama City News Herald, Monster.com and the Florida League of Cities website.

According to the classified ad filed by the council, Mexico Beach is seeking a highly motivated and energetic city clerk and applicants should have exceptional accounting, organizational and personnel skills.

Cathey said of the resumes they had received so far, more than half are not remotely qualified, and at

a previous special meeting where the council reviewed 20 applicants, there was only one good candidate.

The mayor suggested if a qualified candidate did not file an application they should seek "someone trainable."

Councilmember Lanny Howell said he had researched salaries in nine towns of similar size to Mexico Beach where the city clerk was also the director of finance.

The council scheduled a special meeting Monday to review additional applications that had been received.

During the special meeting the city council compared the salaries of city clerks in sister cities to decide on a final salary range for a new clerk.

"Our salary is one of the highest around," said councilmember Jack Mullen of McLeod's former \$27 an hour wage.

Councilmember Tanya Castro encouraged everyone to consider whether or not the clerk needed to be a full-time position and suggested they hire a consultant to evaluate the responsibilities to help them come up with a final number.

"City clerk is a full-time

job," Cathey said.

Some candidates had a higher salary than what the city could offer while others had no government experience. Only two locals made the shortlist while all others were from out of town or out of state. Of the six candidates who made the cut, only two received unanimous "yes" votes from the council.

After the applications had been reviewed, Mullen proposed a salary range of \$41,600 to \$56,160 annually based on qualifications.

Castro offered to reach out to the six and discuss the salary to see if it would shorten the list, after which

the council would meet again to determine a time and process for interviews.

In other business, the council discussed the abandoned church and surrounding land they had planned to buy and use as a site for the town's public safety department. The council agreed to discontinue discussions with the church owners because an agreeable purchase price could not be reached by either party.

The current city hall, a former bank which has been leased for \$2,600 a month, does not have the space to suit the needs of the administration.

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During a workshop on Monday, commissioners were provided the stark reality of the county's plight by Solid Waste/Public Works director Joe Danford.

The portrait was nothing to cheer about.

For years, the county has operated the Five Points Landfill, the lone remaining landfill in the county, at a significant loss.

Several years ago, that loss was close to \$1 million per year. During the current fiscal year, the county will lose \$452,013.73, all borne by ad valorem taxpayers.

"Since it opened, we have operated with negative income," Danford said. "Five Points has never made a profit, and that means the taxpayer has paid the costs all along."

The primary problem, Danford said, is the BOCC has over the years never charged a sufficient tipping fee, which is compounded by the lack of solid waste to sustain the landfill in the black.

The county currently charges \$35 per ton.

Further, the county handles roughly 3,800 tons a year, with 99 percent of household garbage hauled out of the county.

"We can't support a new landfill," Danford said. "We are never going to have another landfill. It is too expensive. To my mind, expansion will cost way too much. Of course, none of it is going to be cheap."

"And we can't support an incinerator" (as in Bay County).

Five Points, opened in 1987 with a permit upgrade in 2009, also has a short shelf life.

The permit for the landfill will expire in 2018, and the county must choose between expanding the landfill, which Danford said would add roughly 10 years to the site, or moving in the direction of establishing a transfer station from which the county would haul solid waste to Panama City.

Danford said the logistics of expanding the landfill would prove problematic because wetlands issues — the recent modification to the Florida Department of Environmental Protec-

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tion permit, three years in the approval, was to create a dome at Five Points — and costs.

Moving to 80 acres the county owns on the north end of the county near Wetappo would be unsuitable for the same reasons: wetlands.

The cost of dirt alone in building up a 20 acre site to suitable level, Danford said, could run \$11 million to \$12 million.

The estimate to expand the landfill, Danford said, would bring about an annual operating deficit of \$664,426.14, or more than \$6.6 million to taxpayers over the life of the expansion, through 2028.

That would include an increase in tipping fees to \$46.50.

Establishing a transfer station on the south end — and Danford said eventually commissioners would have to create one on the north end as well —

would be less costly, would require no funds be placed in escrow to handle costs associated with closing a landfill and would open up the potential for recycling.

Closing a landfill is expensive. The county currently sets aside \$96,000 a year, and has for 20 years, to cover Five Points at its expiration date. The county would have to budget \$320,000 a year to ultimately cover any expansion.

The transfer station, though, would be operated in the red at almost the same cost the county currently sinks into Five Points.

The transfer station would cost the county \$447,920 a year, with the potential the county could recoup at least \$90,000 by recycling at the transfer station.

"I need a decision from this board, and I need one by September," Danford said, noting the time re-

quired to prepare to expansion of the landfill or creating a transfer station in the next five years. "I think a transfer station is the way to go, but it won't magically happen."

"One transfer station probably would not be enough to handle everything we have. Eventually you are going to have to have one at both ends of the county."

Commissioner Carmen McLemore agreed, saying it sounded like the county would need to go the direction of a transfer station.

Commissioners also agreed with Danford's suggestion to increase tipping fees by \$5 per ton to \$40.

"That would give us a place to start, and I would suggest an increase every year," Danford said, citing the higher prices charged by neighboring counties.

Given they were in a workshop, commissioners could take no formal action.

They also wondered if the roadside pickup of yard debris had to stop. The BOCC had voted to stop the pickup several years ago, but the service has returned, and some residents, one commissioner said, had to come to see it "as an entitlement."

But deputy administrator Michael Hammond noted the county loses \$125,000 a year while removing yard debris at no cost, another burden uniformly borne by ad valorem taxpayers while

not universally used.

"The people deserve some services," McLemore said. "I am not in favor of cutting them out."

The discussion about mandatory garbage pickup echoed that theme.

Danford suggested it as a necessity and noted the amount of garbage that ends up on roadsides and under bridges.

"It is ending up in your parks," Danford said. "It becomes a community problem and a health problem."

Commissioner Joanna Bryan said commissioners need to find the most efficient method of dealing with solid waste because taxpayers are "paying either way."

McLemore said he had a big problem with tourists coming down and leaving their trash behind while tacking on more expense for residents on a fixed income.

"It is going to be hard for me to support mandatory garbage pickup," he said. "There are people who can't afford mandatory garbage pickup."

Administrator Don Butler said mandatory garbage pickup has issues, most notably that some residents won't pay and others will dispose of their garbage by other means.

Commissioner Tan Smiley said he had no real problem with mandatory pickup because the cities already employ it.

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Changing your swing

Major League Baseball players know their swing can be the difference in being a great hitter or being sent down to the minor leagues. Teams have hitting coaches whose job is to find problems with batters' swings and help them improve. This is a story that is more about changing your swing than it is baseball.



CRANKS MY TRACTOR
BN Heard

There is a book I keep in my office at work that I will always treasure; I will often just open it and read a random page or two. I've read it many times. Today, I first turned to the pages in the book about joy and sorrow. The author notes, "The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain."

I thought about it. It's difficult when you see folks on the digging side of that thought; when sorrow is digging into them making room for joy. It's even more difficult when it's you or someone you love being dug into.

Then I thought about Daddy's baby sister, my "Aunt Ruby." You probably have someone close to you that comes to mind.

How can she be so doggone happy all the time?

It can be the worst of situations and Aunt Ruby will quote a Bible verse and say "GIG," meaning "God is good."

Then again, perhaps the answer possibly is knowing sorrow has made room for all this joy and happiness. She has lost many of her loved ones including a grandson and a husband much too early in their lives.

She keeps going and keeps saying how blessed she is.

Recently, Aunt Ruby's health hasn't been so good, but you'd never know it. A day or two before she had to check into the hospital, she was sitting in the car with her daughter watching the local junior college play baseball.

She noted, "We parked near the outfield, it was a gorgeous day, God outdid Himself today!"

Perhaps it was because "her boys" won.

None are related to her, they just play in the rural Alabama town where she now lives. Honestly, I think if either team won, she would be just as happy.

She loves baseball. She still watches her grandsons when her health permits and watched her son and husband play the game.

Her son played college basketball. "The Georgia Peach," Ty Cobb told the St. Louis Cardinals to give her husband a shot to play baseball many years ago.

They did and he played for awhile but never made it to the big leagues, perhaps he had an issue with his swing. Aunt Ruby's husband came from a baseball family; his uncle had played for the Brooklyn Dodgers. His uncle, Jake Daniel is still the only professional baseball player to come out of Roanoke, Alabama (Population ~ 6000).

After spending time with the Dodgers, Jake came back south to play and coach for many of the southern minor league teams that were prevalent in the 1940's and 50's. As a matter of fact, at age 42 in his last season, he hit .284 for Vidalia (GA) in the Georgia State League. From Brooklyn to Vidalia, sounds like he knew what he wanted to do.

Aunt Ruby knew what she wanted from Jake Daniel's nephew also.

As my Daddy used to say about his baby sister, "When she gets something on her mind, Ruby is going to do it." Back in 1951, Aunt Ruby's boyfriend at the time made the mistake of stopping by the drugstore where she was working to introduce her to a sailor friend of his named Bobby.

With her quoting those Bible verses all the time, you would think Aunt Ruby would take things kind of slow.

She didn't in 1951. She went out with her boyfriend one more time to let him down gently and then married my Uncle Bob (Bobby) about

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Where have all the children gone ...

Folks, there is a military school in Pyongyang, North Korea, where eleven year old students are being taught tactics and strategy aimed at preparing them

for the "fight" against the United States. One of the pre-teen students at the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School was quoted as saying, "I am trying to study harder, because I really think that's how I can get my revenge on the American imperialists". The shaven headed Jo Chung Hyok, between taekwondo thrusts, added, "It's my revolutionary duty."

Are you kidding me! What kind of world are we living in? It sometimes can be a razor thin line between "brainwashed" and "hogwash"!

And listen, the problem I have here is not that North Korea hates us. That is not breaking news. And I'm not concerned this morning about the upcoming 60th anniversary of the close of the Korean War. Or who has the most missiles aimed at whom. Or who, for goodness sakes, has right or might on their side! I'm not even thinking about the eventual outcome of all of this.

I believe with all my heart that an eleven year old kid ought to be first and foremost... an eleven year old kid! I don't care what language you speak. I don't care who your father is mad at. I don't care about national policy or U. N.

sanctions. It doesn't even matter if your national leader is a complete nincompoop.

When I was eleven years old I was swinging on a grapevine across that big ditch down behind George Sexton's house. I was polishing the Johnson waxed dining room floor with my back side as I slid into an imaginary home plate with the

winning run. I was racing my little brother to the top of the hill in front of Paul David Campbell's house. I wasn't mad at anyone. Hate wasn't a part of my vocabulary. I wasn't trying to "get even" or "settle an old score". I wasn't concerned about strategy or tactics. I wasn't living for the future... I was trying to have the most fun that I could have at that particular moment. It seemed like the God intended natural thing for a little boy to be doing.

Oh, I knew about world events. You sit on the front steps of Woodrow Kennon's store and listen to the men talk for five minutes and you came away with a working knowledge of hog prices in Memphis, the weather "coming up" from the Arkansas/Missouri area and the job Ike was, or wasn't, doing in Washington. We took it all in, we figured some of it was important but to tell you the truth, we were much more interested in the peanuts we were pouring down the neck of the Coca-Cola in our

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sweaty little hands.

Mrs. Cox, in the fifth grade, taught us arithmetic, reading and spelling. She didn't teach revenge. We read books that had pictures of little children jumping mud puddles and playing on slides. She helped us grasp the rudimentary elements of knowledge commensurate with our age and ability. She certainly didn't scare us or threaten us with ideas and worldly affairs way above our station.

I was eleven years old when Calvin Purvis ran into Bill Argo's Gulf Station with the news that Russia had just sent this "Sputnik" thing into outer space. Didn't no one there panic. Mr. Argo didn't turn to me and say, "Kesley, you've got to start training right now to 'get us back ahead' of those Commies." He didn't give the old "win one for America" speech. He didn't stick a BB gun or a Ka-Bar knife in my hand and admonish me to "learn to use them". They talked of the "space race" and what Khrushchev might be up to... but they didn't include me in the conversation. I was, after all, just a little boy.

When my first son was only a few days old, Coach

Wayne Taylor gave me the best single piece of advice I ever received on raising children. He said, "Let him be the age he is. Don't wish him to be older for your benefit. And don't try to keep him a little boy after he grows past that stage."

I wish today those little shaven headed eleven year olds in North Korea had that same opportunity. What a warped sense of life, not the beauty and joy of it, is being forced on them! They will have plenty of chances to see the twisted, contorted world that grown-ups have created. Let's don't rush them into that!

Besides, the world picture changes way too often for "long range hates and enemies". In 1958, we were preparing for the Russians. There was no other enemy looming. I get to be an adult and so much of the world attention has shifted to the Middle East; and then on to Afghanistan and the Al-Qaeda.

Those little boys in North Korea are preparing for a fight against a perceived enemy that may not even exist, or could actually be an ally, when they grow into a position to use all these fighting skills they are so ardently pursuing now.

How sad. I wish I could sit down with each one of them, hug their necks, and discuss life... over a six and a half ounce bottle of Coca-Cola filled to the brim with a bag of Tom's Peanuts.

Respectfully,
Kes

Earth Day reminder from Goodwill

Dear Editor:

This year's Earth Day served as an outstanding reminder that everyone can make an important difference for the environment through the simple act of donating gently used clothing or household items to Goodwill.

Each year, donors help Goodwill prevent more than two billion pounds of usable goods from ending up in landfills. But the impact to the

environment is only part of the story. Revenue raised from the sale of donated items at Goodwill stores funds job training programs, employment placement services and other vital programs in the community. People, as well as the planet, benefit.

To show individuals how their donations truly impact their communities, Goodwill developed a Donation Impact Calculator (<http://donate.goodwill.org>).

The calculator shows how your donation can help a person receiving services from Goodwill. For example, a donation of one working computer translates into 5.8 hours of a job search class that can help a person right in our community who may be unemployed and struggling to support his or her family.

Goodwill encourages everyone to making one small green change in your life. Individual

actions add up to global impact. Not only will you be helping those in your community who face challenges in finding employment, but you will also reduce waste in our landfills.

To find your nearest Goodwill donation site, go to www.goodwillbigbend.com.

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Share your money before you die

Now that the long-debated estate tax rules have finally been settled, let's get real: Despite all the hoopla raised, most people probably would never be impacted whether the lifetime estate tax threshold had stayed at \$5.12 million or reverted to \$1 million. In the end, it actually went up a bit to \$5.25 million for 2013.

Even if your estate will only be a fraction of that amount, it still pays to have a plan for distributing your assets. If your finances are in good shape, there's no reason not to start sharing the wealth while you're still around to enjoy helping others. It also doesn't hurt that you can reap significant tax advantages by distributing a portion of your assets now.

Before you start doling out cash, however, make sure you are on track to fund your own retirement, have adequate health insurance, can pay off

your mortgage and are otherwise debt-free. You wouldn't want to deplete your resources and then become a financial burden on others.

If you can check all those boxes, consider these options:

Avoid the gift tax. You can give cash or property

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Pay for education. If college is still far off for your children, grandchildren or others, consider funding a 529 State Qualified Tuition

Plan for them. Any interest the account earns is not subject to federal (and in most cases, state) income tax; plus, many states offer tax deductions for contributions made to their own 529 Plans. And don't worry: If one child decides not to attend college, you can always transfer the account balance to another without penalty.

Roth IRAs for kids. If your minor children or grandchildren earn income (allowances and gifts don't count), you may fund a Roth IRA on their behalf. You can contribute up to \$5,500 or the amount of their taxable earnings for the year, whichever is less. Your contributions are made on an after-tax basis but the earnings grow, tax-free, until the account is tapped at retirement.

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Before taking any of these actions, consult your financial advisor to make sure your own bases are covered. If you don't have an advisor, visit www.fpaforfinancialplanning.org for help locating one.

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America's Great Plein Air Paint-Out kicks off today

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Starting May 2, America's Great Plein Air Paint-Out will welcome 23 artists from around the world to the Forgotten Coast where they'll spend 10 days making art, hosting workshops and taking in the local culture.

The Wetroom, located at 234 Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe, will be a hub of activity during the event and will showcase the paintings created each day.

Several exhibits can be seen up and down the Forgotten Coast displaying some of the best art from years past.

Watch Art Happen will take place throughout the entire event as artists paint any open air scenery that grabs their attention all along the coast between Mexico Beach and Alligator Point.

Another exhibit, Our Seafood Heritage, will be inside the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, the gallery will feature art from past years that features oyster shuckers along with shrimp and fishing boats.

The Plein Air Classics exhibit will be housed inside the Mexico Beach Visitor Center and will feature major paintings from past years. Art and history collide with a focus on paintings whose objects no longer exist, such as the old Mexico Beach pier.

The Nature's Bounty exhibit takes place at the Carrabelle History Museum Monday through Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. ET and has a focus on paintings of nature scenes.

The Artist's Choice collection will be housed at the St. George Lighthouse Museum.

Each year, artists submit one of their paintings to be considered for the prestigious award and the winners are chosen by their peers. Each winning painting is purchased by the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition and displayed the following year. Enjoy the best of the best daily from noon until 5 p.m. ET.

Each day of the event is packed with ways to quench your thirst for art. As much as it is about the paint, Plein Air is also a time to bring creative minds together in a social setting.

To kick off this year's events, a luncheon will be held at noon on May 3 at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art to welcome the artists to the Forgotten Coast and



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show them some southern hospitality.

Art demonstrations taking place the same day include "A Working Waterfront" in Riverfront Park, Apalachicola, from 9 a.m. to 11 ET and "Reid Avenue Streetscapes" in downtown Port St. Joe from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET. Watch artists render the town, along with its buildings and residents on canvas.

Artist Tracey Frugoli will teach her workshop, "Simplify Your Way to Better Paintings," on May 2 and 3. Frugoli will discuss theory and the beauty in simplicity with her students. The fee for the workshop is \$200 and registration can be completed online.

On May 4 the Quickdraw event will bring together professional and amateur artists to capture the beauty of Cape San Blas on canvas. The event will take place at St. Joe Peninsula State Park inside the T.G. Stone Memorial pavilion. The fee is \$10 and the event starts at 10 a.m. ET.

Later that evening, enjoy a reception for the artists at Salinas Park on the Cape from 4 p.m. to 6 ET. Meet and greet with the artists, view their works in progress or just talk some shop.

Demonstrations on this day include the "Salinas Park Panorama" at Cape San Blas and day two of "A Working Waterfront" at Riverfront Park in Apalachicola. Both events run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

"The View from Eastpoint" at the Apalachicola Estuarine

Top: Artists will be out in force throughout the Forgotten Coast, from Mexico Beach to Alligator Point. **Right:** Take time and stop to see the artists at work throughout the next 10 days.

Bottom: Student art day is a highlight each year, offering a chance for local high school students to learn from a master.



Research Reserve will be the lone demonstration on May 5, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET and will be followed by the Nocturne Paint event where artists will capture evening landscapes. This event, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. ET will happen simultaneously at the Apalachicola Riverfront and the Port St. Joe Marina.

Carrabelle will be the epicenter of activity on May 6. The demonstration, "Marine Avenue Vistas," will take place at the Marine Street Pavilion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET and be followed by a reception for the artists at the Carrabelle History Museum. From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. ET, guests can meet the artists and view their work.

The art moves to St. George Island on May 7 with the "Island Vistas" demonstration at the Lighthouse and Visitor Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET. It will be followed by a reception in the

same location.

The annual Student Art Day event will take place on May 8 at the Eastpoint Community Pavilion. Artistically-driven students from Gulf and Franklin counties will meet and receive one-on-one instruction from the professional artists from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET.

Mexico Beach becomes the art hub on May 9 with the "Mexico Beach Tableau" demonstration at the Welcome Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET. A reception with the artists will immediately follow.

The "Art as a Window" event will take place on May 10. Join an artists' roundtable discussion on their love of the medium and their careers to date. The discussion takes place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET at the Wetroom in Port St. Joe. That night, head over to the Plein Air T.G.I.F. social event at Riverfront Park in Apalachicola. Relax with the artists and enjoy a low-country



boil, music and more. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. ET and tickets are \$10.

The Grand Patrons' Party, the biggest event of the Plein Air Festival takes place on May 11 at 6 p.m. in the Wetroom. Here guests can meet the artists, view and even purchase their works. The Artist's Choice paint will also make its debut. Tickets for the event are \$40.

End your 2013 Paint-Out experience with "Art in the Afternoon," and

family-friendly event at the Wetroom in Port St. Joe. Here you can view the paintings one last time and make any last-minute sales. The event runs from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. ET. Greg LaRock. Will teach his own class, "Guiding the Eye," on May 12 and 13. The fee for his workshop is \$200 and registration can be completed online.

With 10 days of amazing art and talent you'll count the days until the 2014 Plein Air on the Forgotten Coast.

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a month later.

She moved fast. As she would say, "God is good" (especially when you're in a hurry).

They had three children and were happily married until Uncle Bob's untimely death in 1989 at age 58. His "Uncle Jake," the Brooklyn Dodger would die six years later at age 84.

In 2006, Aunt Ruby lost a grandson in an automobile accident. He was 22.

I'm sure you or folks you know have suffered similar heartaches. It's tough. Sometimes you want to say, "I'm tired of this sorrow shovel digging room for joy. Just stop and let me try to fill this hole with happiness." Everybody needs an

"Aunt Ruby." You watch her filling in that hole and trying to find the good in everything.

In her most recent trip to the hospital which she refers to as "The Spa," she not only found joy, but also "a blessing." Her nurse's last name was "Blessing." *That could only happen to your Aunt Ruby.*

It makes me wonder what she could have done for Ty Cobb's soul (as everyone knows, in addition to being the best player of his era, he also was known to play dirty and use foul language).

"The Spa" couldn't hold Aunt Ruby. She was back again on the porch in her yellow swing in a day or so sitting with her cat, "Sister Sarah." Hopefully, Sister

Sarah has been "fixed" and doesn't give birth to any "Isaac's." One cat is more than enough in my opinion.

Aunt Ruby loves her porch swing. She had stored it for awhile. Her daughters talked her into hanging up again and painting it yellow to make it look "happier." You see this baseball player gave her that swing, but never got around to painting it. They had three kids and a wonderful life together after courting for all of a month.

Things get to moving fast, you don't time to paint or change your swing; you just count your blessings along the way.

But Uncle Bob would know, their children would

know and we all know that porch swing will always be the perfect swing with Aunt Ruby sitting in it.

I looked back in the book again where the author, Kahlil Gibran described "love." He spoke of what your desires should be, including one that struck me - "To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving..."

There you go. Aunt Ruby does just that. Each morning, she and Sister Sarah enjoy a cup of coffee, Uncle Bob's perfect swing and another day of loving.

If we really think about it, we all should try.

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PORT from page A1

pre-cast concrete, port director Tommy Pitts said.

Pitts and Sellers said they had been in communication with the company, a large nationwide concern, for about four months.

The company would hope to establish a facility on Port of Port St. Joe land.

"It is a lot of talk right now, but there is a lot of interest," Costin said. "It would be a big operation that would change the port in a substantial way."

"This is a good potential customer if it turns out to be feasible."

Port staff does not have some of the particulars, such as financial backing and the scope of the facility the company is proposing for the Port of Port St. Joe,

but the site visit is a step in the right direction, Pitts said.

"There would be a good domino effect if that company did come here," Sellers said in reference to additional businesses that might follow the company to the port.

Also drawing interest, Sellers said, is the former Gulf County Shipbuilding site.

Though not part of the 300 acres of combined Port of Port St. Joe and St. Joe Company land that comprises the port planning area, the shipbuilding site has water access and much of the infrastructure already in place for a marine products manufacturer.

The complex also would

serve as a natural link to the port and its rail and deepwater and barge terminal access.

"There has been a lot of interest in that site," Sellers said.

The Port of Port St. Joe also is scheduled to have a visit by members of the office of Congressman Steve Southerland, R-Panama City, as state and federal stakeholders take a growing interest in the development of the port under the collaborative agreement between the port and St. Joe.

Further, a delegation of representatives from a port city in Colombia that was visited during a Florida trade delegation to that South American company is scheduled to visit Port St.

Joe before the end of May.

The Colombian port city is one visited by representatives of the Port of Port St. Joe and St. Joe Company during the trade delegation earlier this year.

The EDA board also will begin facilitating community discussions among stakeholders concerning the viability of attracting "boutique" cruise lines to Port St. Joe.

Loretta Costin of the EDA said the plan would be to invite parties such as the city of Port St. Joe, county, Chamber of Commerce, Tourist Development Council and EDA, among others, to discuss the existing opportunities for such cruises and identify the cruise companies.

"We want to facilitate what would be a community-wide discussion," Loretta Costin said.

"I think there is a great opportunity there," Leonard Costin said. "I think it has a lot of potential."

The update to the port master plan, Pitts said, is 80-85 percent completed and is awaiting feedback from Port Authority board members before the finishing touches are put on the document.

The hope is to review the master plan in a public hearing later this month in order to communicate the plan to the city of Port St. Joe for incorporation into the city's comprehensive plan.

"We would hope to have

a public hearing on May 22," Pitts said, the date of the second May meeting of the Port Authority.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity funded the update through a \$70,000 grant.

The master planning document is crucial for attracting state and federal funds to develop the infrastructure for the port. The Port of Port St. Joe is a member of the Strategic Intermodal System. Some 75 percent of Florida Department of Transportation discretionary funding each year is spent on projects within the SIS.

The port, significantly, recently received a three-year extension on its SIS designation.

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After college, Ford spent some time in Atlanta working sales in the telecommunications field and eventually felt the call of the ministry, spending the past decade as a pastor in Marianna. After his father died, Ford found himself asking an important question.

"What do I really want to do with my life?"

He missed sales, the corporate structure and enjoyed interacting with people, and he sought a way to combine those loves with the skill set he had developed.

After several conversations with his wife, Kristy, and their three children, Zack, Jake and Nicole, the answer was clear as mud. They recalled that their favorite vacations were the ones where they relaxed on the back porch of a rustic cabin and drank great coffee.

Ford's new path began brewing.

After letting the ideas

percolate for a bit, he made a bold move in November and left his job to start Satellite Republic. After he explained the business plan to his mother, she loaned him \$1,000 to get things moving.

Ford's friends were confused by the sudden job change, and it took a while to filter in that he wasn't the sales rep for a new coffee company, but rather the owner.

"I wanted a fun, quirky name for the company," said Ford. "Everyone is connected. Satellites and republics both bring people together in their own ways."

The quiriness didn't stop there.

Satellite Republic's packaging, logo and labels, designed by brother-in-law Dave George, were created to stand out against the competition.

"I wanted something completely different," said Ford, "something Earthy."

Ford enjoys naming his



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Profits from Satellite Republic Coffee go toward maintaining an orphanage in West Africa.

coffees as much as drinking them. Rocketboy is the moniker given to his Sumatra blend, Major Tom comes from Ethiopia, Planet Love hails from Costa Rica and Mosaic Moon uses beans from Guatemala.

While seeking the perfect roaster to create the company's signature blends, he visited a facility outside of Little Rock, Ark., where he

was able to sample the coffees they offered and customize his own flavors.

"For a coffee lover, it was like going to Disneyworld," Ford said of the experience.

After the ultimate taste-test, Ford teamed up with the roaster and soon after found a partner in Edward "Bubba" Vance, who brought years of experience with import/export to

the burgeoning business.

As much as Ford and his family love coffee, he admitted to a secondary agenda behind Satellite Republic.

All profits from his business are donated to the maintenance of a girls orphanage situated on the Ivory Coast of West Africa.

The orphanage houses girls whose parents were killed during recent military coups in the country. The building has 15 occupants with the capacity to hold up to 144.

Ford said it's a "wonderful life" to help children who can't fend for themselves and have no one to take care of them. His father-in-law was a missionary who dedicated his life to building orphanages, and hearing the stories of the places and children touched Ford's heart enough for him to follow suit.

In addition to building more orphanages in West Africa, Ford said he would like to see his company help fund projects in troubled ar-

eas around India and Haiti.

"Through our business, people can enjoy a product but also give back to something bigger than themselves," he said.

He noted feedback on his products has been "extremely positive," and he hopes to see Satellite Republic on more store shelves as the year continued. The company is exploring a deal with a larger grocery chain in the south.

With "100 ideas" for new flavors of coffee, more quirky names and new marketing strategies, it leaves one to question if these creative sparks might be grounds to keep Ford awake at night. If they don't, the coffee will.

"I accomplished what I set out to do," said Ford, "I took a great product and a great cause and put them together."

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DOH leader named 'Pioneer of the Year'

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The local head of Bay County's Florida Department of Health (DOH) office has received a top honor.

Douglas Kent, 63, was named the 2013 Statewide Community Healthcare Pioneer of the Year for his efforts to abate "racial and ethnic health disparities" and enhance the health of all residents of Bay and Gulf counties, according to a statement released by his office.

Kent said he was competing for the honor with all those nominated across Florida — DOH employees as well as other residents. But the DOH's Office of Minority Health tapped Kent for the honor.

"I'm thrilled to be recognized," he said.

Kent serves as DOH's Bay County administrator, a position he's held since April 2010. Before leaving to head the Bay County office, Kent served as environmental manager and administrator at Gulf County's DOH office from September 1996 to February 2010.

Kent said in both counties he's tried to decrease health disparities in not just the minority communities, but the population at large. And he's been leading the charge to bring better health services to the area.

"When you're doing this job, you're really trying to do what's best for the community as a whole," he said.

Since joining the Bay County DOH, Kent's led several initiatives to improve health and wellness



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Douglas Kent was named 2013 Statewide Community Healthcare Pioneer of the Year.

in the area. Kent helped start the "after hours/ER diversion clinic," which offers medical services to the community's uninsured and underserved. He also started a children's dentistry clinic, which serves kids on Medicaid. He called it a "top priority" and said it came online within the first year of his arriving in Bay County.

Kent also began a prescription drug assistance program, which now has three locations. And he increased the number of locations for the federally funded Women, Infants and Children nutrition program.

Kent even got into the septic realm, creating a same day "septic tank permitting service" and "on-line sewage treatment and disposal system records search."

Though he's been with the organization a long time and is fresh off a nice award, Kent said he has no plans to retire — to take his honor and ride off into the sunset.

"I'm proud to be a part of the community and be able to do public health in this area," he said.

Bill aims to help rural communities

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"Unfortunately, across America many of these bedrock communities are fading away because they can't match the access to infrastructure and services that larger cities provide. Our legislation will make it easier for rural communities to thrive by providing the technical assistance and project planning they need to strengthen public safety, public health and public access to upgraded services — all at no additional cost to taxpayers."

Rep. Steve Southerland

BLOUNTSTOWN — The city of Blountstown operates on a \$3 million per year budget, and the Calhoun County seat is struggling to keep up with infrastructure needs.

"It's no cheaper to fix things here than it is in a big city," City Manager Emory Pierce said. "But in big cities with multimillion-dollar budgets, a couple of thousand dollars to fix something is nothing."

The story is similar for rural communities across the Panhandle, and U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland, R-Panama City, said he hopes a new bill might help those areas he said "form the backbone of North and Northwest Florida."

Southerland recently introduced the Building Rural Communities Act, aimed at giving rural government officials the necessary tools to plan large-scale improvement projects in a more cost-effective manner.

Co-sponsored by Rep. Mike McIntyre, D-N.C., the legislation would channel between 3 percent and 5 percent of funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Essential Communities Facilities loan and grant program toward technical assistance and financial planning for rural communities.

"Unfortunately, across America many of these bedrock communities are fading away because they can't match the access to infrastructure and services that larger cities provide," Southerland said. "Our legislation will make it easier for rural communities

to thrive by providing the technical assistance and project planning they need to strengthen public safety, public health and public access to upgraded services — all at no additional cost to taxpayers."

Pierce said funding issues have halted a project to run a force main sewer line from Altha to the Blountstown wastewater treatment plant. All of Altha's buildings run off septic tanks.

"Without real community sewer lines, they are severely limited in Altha and along that entire corridor toward Blountstown," Pierce said.

He said the Calhoun County School District is exploring options for a new high school in Altha, but the

current infrastructure cannot support a structure that size.

Overall, Pierce said he would support any bill that could help rural areas such as Blountstown.

"We have the normal, aging infrastructure that all cities big and small have, and we are searching for funding to help with our internally generated funds," said Pierce, who noted the city cannot raise utility rates for fear of losing customers. "All the people and businesses here are strapped. If we raise rates, I would estimate we would lose several customers and the community just can't stand that."

Southerland's bill was referred to the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture for further consideration.

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Big River Roundup Tourney returns

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The Blountstown Rotary Club will host the 17th annual Big River Roundup Florida Flathead Catfish Tournament Memorial Day weekend, May 24-25.

The tournament was not held in 2012, but after encouragement by the community to continue the event, the Rotary Club re-launched the tourney. This year's tourney will have some changes, such as no bank fishing and more cash prizes.

The 2013 Big River Roundup marks the 17th anniversary of the first organized flathead catfish tournament in Florida. The Roundup tournament is unlike any other, with fierce competition between locals for bragging rights, cash prizes and \$50,000 at stake if the current state record is broken during the event.

Contestants vie for \$1,000 for the largest flathead; \$500 for second largest; \$400 for third largest; \$300 for the fourth largest; and largest non-flathead catfish will win \$100. In addition, the most flathead catfish total poundage for the event will pocket \$100.

The tournament has graced the pages of Field & Stream, Florida Fish & Game and GAFF magazines, and fisherman from Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, South Carolina and even as far as Ohio have regularly traveled to take their chances at winning the event.

The tournament entry fee for adults is \$50 per person if pre-registering or \$55 per person at the gate. Ages 14 and younger may enter in the youth category for \$20 per person. Pre-register to be included in a special pre-registration prize drawing. Participants can also register onsite from 9 a.m. CT to midnight CT on May 24 and from 6 a.m. CT to 10 a.m. CT on May 25 at the Blountstown Landing (Neal Landing). There will be multiple boat launch sites available and approved by the Blountstown Rotary Club.

The tournament begins at 4 p.m. CT on May 24 and ends at noon CT on May 25. Awards presentation will be held at noon CT on Saturday at the Blountstown landing.

For more information on the tournament, a list of rules and an application, visit www.blountstownrotary.com, or call Tournament Director Phil McMillan at 850-643-7082 or Assistant Tournament Director Phillip Hill at 850-447-1975. Mail applications to Blountstown Rotary Club, P.O. Box 161 Blountstown, FL 32424, or drop off applications at the Calhoun County Senior Center, Gulf State Chemical, Adams Funeral Home or Centennial Bank in Blountstown.

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Capt. Mitch Burke aboard the boat Floridaze brought in the winning cobia.

Coleman wins Ling Ding fishing tourney

Special to The Star

The 98 Real Estate Group Ling Ding fishing tournament came to a conclusion on Saturday with the winning cobia coming in at 67.30 pounds. Capt. Mitch Coleman on the Floridaze landed the winning fish the first week in April and never gave up the lead in the following four weeks.

Week two had a 37.96

pound cobia weighed in by Capt. Charlene Burke on St. Misbehavin, and week three was led by Capt. David Mullis on Spirit Horse, who weighed a fish weighing 41.85 pounds.

In week four, the winning fish was landed by Nathan Murphy and weighed 50.71 pounds. Don Sutton and Tennessee Chuck McGibbon landed a 43.11 pound cobia followed by Murray Gaskins

who landed a cobia weighing 36.76 pounds.

The largest amberjack was caught by Keith Carraway, which weighed 71.87 pounds. The winning Spanish mackerel was 2.91 pounds and was landed by the crew of the Sand Dancer.

"We are so pleased to bring back this tournament to our area," said Zach Childs, owner and broker of 98 Real Estate Group. "It

was a great turn out and we hope it will continue to grow each and every year.

"The tournament supports the efforts of the (Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association) to build more artificial reefs in our area, and this is something we all believe in. We have an amazing system of artificial reefs in our area that support diving and fishing, and we all benefit."

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, May 02	78°	63°	50 %
Fri, May 03	77°	60°	40 %
Sat, May 04	75°	61°	20 %
Sun, May 05	77°	64°	0 %
Mon, May 06	79°	67°	0 %
Tues, May 07	79°	68°	30 %
Wed, May 08	80°	68°	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
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	
8	We	9:03am 1.6		6:38pm -0.1	
9	Th	9:29am 1.7		7:23pm -0.1	
10	Fr	10:00am 1.7		8:07pm -0.1	
11	Sa	10:33am 1.7		8:55pm -0.1	
12	Su	11:08am 1.7		9:43pm -0.1	
13	Mo	11:44am 1.7		10:26pm -0.1	
14	Tu	12:19pm 1.7		11:03pm -0.1	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
2	Th	1:23am 1.1	9:09pm 1.1	4:55am 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	10:1pm 1.2	7:12am 0.6	8:06pm 0.3
6	Mo	2:31am 1.0	12:6pm 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
8	We	4:35am 1.1	2:12pm 1.4	9:13am 1.0	10:15pm -0.1
9	Th	5:22am 1.2	2:37pm 1.4	9:45am 1.1	10:50pm -0.2
10	Fr	6:02am 1.2	3:05pm 1.4	10:15am 1.1	11:23pm -0.2
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12	Su	7:14am 1.2	4:16pm 1.4	11:20am 1.2	
13	Mo	7:49am 1.2	4:54pm 1.4	12:25am -0.1	12:01pm 1.2
14	Tu	8:26am 1.2	5:39pm 1.3	12:57am 0.0	12:50pm 1.1

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Kids Win fishing tourney coming up

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The 11th annual Kids Win Fishing Tournament will take at the Port St. Joe Marina on May 10 and 11.

Presented by the Kids Win Foundation, children ages 3-16 who register will learn the basics of fishing and be armed with the know-how to reel in a big one.

Trophies will be given out for the biggest fish and most fish caught within each division. The "Small Fry" division is for kids aged 3-8 and "Junior" for children 9-16. The contest is limited to in-shore, near-shore, Intracoastal waterway fishing, and contestants can be no further than three miles from shore. Fishing can take place from a boat, dock, bridge, pier, beach, shore or while wading.

"It's about teaching kids to fish," said Rick Carrie, president of the Kids Win Foundation.

Carrie spent the last nine years working around the marina and has always encouraged locals to fish, especially the kids. His reasons have deep, historical roots.

"My grandmother said that it's hard for kids to get in trouble when they're fishing," Carrie said with a laugh.

The first 350 kids to register for the event will receive a rod and reel, a tackle packet, T-shirt and goodie bag. With 348 participants in



FILE PHOTO

A "small fry" shows off his big win at the 2012 tournament.

the 2012 event, Carrie predicted 2013 to be the biggest tournament to date.

On Friday, May 10, registered contestants can pick up their fishing equipment at the Port St. Joe Marina between 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. ET.

Kids will also enjoy a cookout, exhibits, and on-site classes to get tips on rod casting, knot tying, and casting nets. These classes will provide kids with important information to ensure they have a fun and active day of catching fish instead of remembering the one that got away. The official rules meeting will follow at

6:30 p.m. at the Marina.

The tournament kicks off at 7 a.m. ET on Saturday. Fishing ends by noon with trophy presentation to follow at 1 p.m. Children may fish with an adult but must be the ones to reel

in all fish entered into the competition.

Registration is free and is open until May 9. Those interested in volunteering or making donations should contact the Port St. Joe Marina at 850-227-9393.

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Inshore/Bay

Trout and redfish are on the move in St. Joe Bay still. Good reports from the "flats" behind Black's Island are coming in daily, with most anglers using live shrimp or bull minnows for the trout and bull minnows for the flounder. Surf fishing is producing great pompano catches along Mexico Beach and the Cape.

Offshore/Bottom

Cobia action has heated up with 10 fish caught last week over the 50# mark. Most anglers are reporting fish running the stretch from Mexico Beach to Shell Island. Only one month away from red snapper season in our waters, so get your gear ready. New laws are in place again this year for both federal and state waters, so make sure you check them before heading out.



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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Haley Porter was undefeated this year at Southwestern College in Kansas.

Porter a tennis standout at Southwestern College

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Haley Porter, a freshman tennis player at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., completed her undefeated singles season last week with a three-set win in a dual match with Kansas Wesleyan. Porter's singles match was Southwestern's only win of the day as the Lady Builders fell to the Coyotes 8-1 in Salina. The Moundbuilders end the regular season at 10-9 and 4-3 in Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference play. Southwestern has qualified for the KCAC Woman's Tennis Championship, which will be played May 2 at Riverside Tennis Center in Wichita.

Porter led her team with a perfect 14-0 record this season as a freshman and was picked as Woman's Athlete of the Week on April 15 for the entire KCAC. She is the daughter of Ron and Holly Porter of Grain Valley, Mo., and the granddaughter of Cecil and Beth Lyons of Port St. Joe.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Maya Robbins, N'Namdi Davis and Nicole Endres each earned medals at the state track and field meet.

3 medal at state

Star Staff Report

Nicole Endres, Maya Robbins and N'Namdi Davis of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School each medaled last weekend during the state Class 1A track and field meet in Jacksonville.

Endres was the top individual finisher, placing fifth in the pole vault with a jump of 10 feet.

Robbins took seventh, in the points, in the 100 meter dash and finished in ninth in

the long jump.

Davis, the lone Port St. Joe boy to qualify for state, was fifth in the 100 meters, earning team points. He also finished 11th in the triple jump.

Davis is also the lone senior on the track and field team.

Coach Kenny Parker and the team would like to thank everyone for their support for this year's track team.

"We had a good season, but our future is very bright," Parker said.

Cheerleaders extend thanks

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School cheerleaders wish to thank the following for their assistance with the cheerleaders' fifth annual shrimp boil, held April 13.

Tommy Ward, 13 Mile Seafood and Sara Ward, PSJ cheerleading alum, for their time and talent in making the fundraiser so successful since 2009; John Wright, Steve Nor-

ris and Clay Smallwood for their help every year with the cooking; and the community for buying shrimp plates and support these girls.

Coaches Kristal Smallwood and Anna McFarland want the girls to know how much they appreciate the parents and their help. Also, the coaches are very proud of the girls and their hard work that made the fundraiser a success.

Beach Blast draws large turnout

Star Staff Report

Perfect weather lured a large field for the spring Beach Blast Triathlon/Duathlon last weekend at Veterans Memorial Park in Beacon Hill.

According to race director Olga Cemore, 325 athletes turned out to participate in one of the four races that comprise the Beach Blast: Olympic triathlon, Sprint Triathlon, Olympic Duathlon and Sprint Duathlon.

Cemore sent a special shout-out to the dozens of volunteers who assisted with the race.

"The race simply cannot exist without volunteers," Cemore said. "Also, Gulf County helped with permits and clean-up and maintenance of the park, and Sheriff (Mike) Harrison and his new and fresh support of the event helped tremendously.

"The event was a great success, and we heard only appreciation of local support from athletes. The athletes also raised over \$600 for Boston Marathon bombing victims, and event T-shirts were designed as a tribute to the terrible tragedy."

The participants represented a wide demographic. Sixty percent were men, 40 percent women and 58 percent of the athletes hailed from around Florida. Twenty-two percent came from Georgia, 10 percent from Alabama and participants came from as far as Mississippi and Texas.

Roughly one-quarter of the participants competed in the Duathlon and the remainder the triathlons, 60 percent in the Sprint and 40 percent in the Olympic.

Almost three in four participants brought at least one other person with them, filling the park with hundreds of visitors, Cemore said.



Athletes emerge from the Gulf of Mexico after the swim portion of the triathlon.

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SOFTBALL SEASONS END

Star Staff Report

The softball seasons for the two county high schools ended in the Region 1-1A quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, runner-up in District 4-1A, traveled to Sneads and lost 7-4.

Wewahitchka, runner-up in District 1-1A, was at the District 4 champion Liberty County. The Lady Gators lost 10-0 in a game ended on the run-rule.

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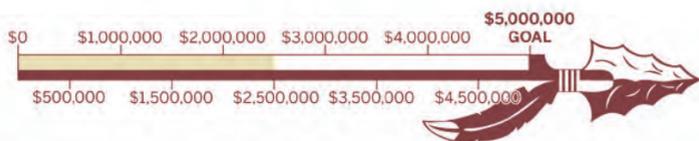


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Eligible fish species include:

Small Fry: Catfish • Speckled Trout • Redfish • Flounder • Pinfish • Spanish Mackerel
Junior: Catfish • Speckled Trout • Redfish • Flounder • Spanish Mackerel

For more information and complete rules on this exciting event...

Call Port St. Joe Marina: 850.227.9393

or go online at www.KidsWinFishing.com

Register at the Port St. Joe Marina anytime from April 8th through May 9th. Gear pick-up, cook out, exhibits and fishing classes 3:00 pm (ET) until 6:30 pm (ET), Friday, May 10th. Rules meeting @ 6:30pm (ET) May 10th at the Port St. Joe Marina. Actual fishing begins @ 7:00 am (ET) on Saturday, May 11th. Fishing ends by Noon. Final weigh-in begins @ 10:00 am (ET) on May 11th at the Port St. Joe Marina with trophy presentation @ 1:00 pm (ET).



2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report City of Wewahitchka

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2012 CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants							
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	June-09	N	1	0.6-1	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride (ppm)	May-12	N	0.93	NA	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Sodium (ppm)	May-12	N	34	NA	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Barium (ppm)	May-12	N	0.017	NA	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	May-12	N	3.1	NA	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
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Stage 1 Disinfectant/Disinfection By-Product (D/DBP)							
Chlorine (ppm)	Jan-Dec 12	NA	0.46	0.39-0.53	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	Jul-12	NA	7.3	NA	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	Jul-12	NA	18.6	NA	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	Jun-Sep 12	N	0.14	0 of 10	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

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Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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We at City of Wewahitchka would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.

Get ready to party like its 1913

By WES LOCHER
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Everyone loves a birthday party and the residents of Port St. Joe are no exception.

In preparation for the big 100, Mayor Mel Magidson appointed several committee members late last year to plan out a series of events that would take place on and around July first, the official day that the town became incorporated in 1913.

The committees came up with events to entertain the town and promote the history that would involve enthrall longtime residents and newcomers alike.

The Music through the Years Music Festival at George Core Park will be the first of several events leading up to the

centennial celebration to help raise funds for the festivities to come. The concert, which will feature six bands of different genres, will also mark the third reunion of the hit 1970s band, The Villagers, in 15 years.

The concert was coordinated by a music committee and will take place on Saturday, May 11. Food and beverages will be sold on-site. Additional fundraisers in the planning stages include a fish fry and a restaurant tasting.

City Auditor and Clerk, Charlotte Pierce and Patti Blaylock of Sunset Coastal Grill have been busy planning a parade that will open the celebration on June 28 by cruising down Reid Avenue. Floats will feature well-known community members for PSJ's past and present.

The parade route would

end at George Core Park where locals would be treated by a light show, currently being planned by Tim Nelson, Anna Duren and Jennifer Jenkins.

Over the weekend, the City Commons will be abuzz with an art fair joining the regular farmer's market as local artists set up to sell their wares and share inspiration with the community.

The event is being orchestrated by John Parker.

Nelson and Dana Boyer of Boyer Signs are working with the St. Joseph Historical Society to create a Timeline Wall to be on display for the duration of the celebration.

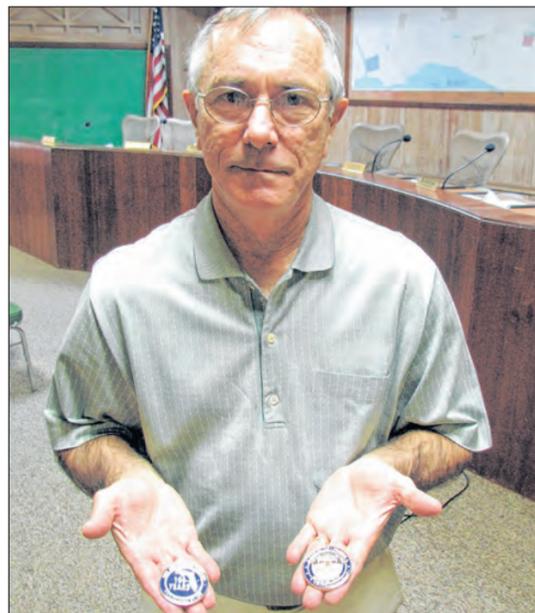
Using old photos scanned at recent events, the group has collected and is working to chronologically organize

the images to show the past and present of Port St. Joe. The wall will stand 30 feet long and seven feet tall, displaying the town's heritage as far back to 1913 as possible.

The timeline photos will also be collected into a book printed specifically for the event and available for purchase during the festivities.

Parker and the photo committee are hard at work on the details.

To help residents and visitors get into the centennial mood, Steve Kerigan and Boyer are collecting vintage artwork, relative to the community, to hang in the windows of vacant buildings in the downtown area. These works will show off the deep artistic roots of Port St. Joe and entertain and



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Mayor Mel Magidson prepares for the centennial celebration by picking up the first of the commemorative coins.

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TOUR DE JOE



JOE MIZERECK | Special to The Star

Members of the Sumter Landing Bicycle Club rode through Port St. Joe last week on its "Forgotten Florida Tour."

Forgotten Florida tour comes through Port St. Joe Beach

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Drivers in Port St. Joe last week noticed a long line of bicyclists along the picturesque strip.

These bikers were 18 members of the Sumter Landing Bicycle Club and most of them were enjoying their first visit to the Forgotten Coast.

The 340-member group is based out of The Villages, an active retirement community in central Florida with more than 85,000 residents.

"Port St. Joe was just gorgeous," said Dave Taylor, the club's president. "The people were very nice."

Taylor said that the group rides together four

times a week, usually bringing over 200 members wherever they go. Several times a year the group organizes an "away ride" where they bike 60 miles a day, and stop at major tourist destinations along the way.

For this year's ride, dubbed the "Forgotten Florida Tour," the group started at a Best Western Hotel in Crawfordville and spent four days visiting sites in St. George Island, Apalachicola, Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach.

The bikers were followed by two vehicles carrying spouses, suitcases and emergency equipment and ended their first leg at the Wakulla State Park Lodge where they were joined by

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St. Joe Relay for Life raises \$40,000



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The first lap of the relay belong to cancer survivors at the Port St. Joe Relay for Life.

Cancer survivors celebrated during Relay for Life

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Relay for Life celebrated those who survived the fight against cancer and those who continue to fight. Held at the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School football field, the event brought the relay total to just over

\$39,500 for the year. The funds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

On the beautiful Friday afternoon, the Relay started as the colors were posted by the NJROTC students from the high school and the national anthem sung by Lisa Keels.

The announcers for

the relay, Event Chair Kim Kurnitsky and Jera Horton welcomed everyone and thanked the community for their outpouring of support.

Cancer survivor Amy Nobles took to the stage and shared the story of her year-and-a-half battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She hopes to soon be certified cancer-free.

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, swapping out members as needed to keep someone moving at all times. Around the

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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) Besides money what's the most common reward employers give their workers?

Weekend getaway, Discounts, Lunch, Afternoon off

2) 73 percent of women are more apt to marry a man who has what?

Driver's license, Tattoo,

Home, Pet

3) What's the a.k.a. of Donald Duck's sister, Della Thelma Duck?

Ductella, Dumbella, Thelmaletta, Thelmor

4) Where is America's No. 1 bus destination?

Branson, Las Vegas, Hollywood, Area 51

5) The average guy will lie how many times on the first date?

1, 3, 6, 9

6) "Surete Nationale" is the French equivalent of our?

NASA, FBI, NRA, Library of Congress

7) From a classic "Brady Bunch," what game did Alice trip over, spraining her ankle?

Chinese Checkers, Scrabble, Monopoly, Life

8) Who entered the country music charts for the first time with "Cry Cry Cry"?

Johnny Cash, Kenny Chesney, Willie Nelson, George Strait

9) Who was the original choice to play Lamont on TV's "Sanford and Son"?

Cleavon Little, Richard Pryor, Flip Wilson, Bill Cosby

10) Until rubber erasers were invented, what did writers commonly use?

Flour, Bread crumbs, Saliva, Lemon juice

11) What product was introduced in the colors of steel blue and chrome?

Tupperware, Velcro, Frisbee, Duct tape

12) "Kelly's Eye" is sometimes referred to as what number on a dartboard?

1, 3, 7, 9

13) What's the term for the playing surface of a soccer field?

Kite, Pitch, Lume, Masa

14) If you have a desk job, you do what twice as much as one who does manual labor?

Pray, Eat, Loaf, Bathroom trips

ANSWERS

1) Lunch. 2) Pet. 3) Dumbella. 4) Branson. 5) 6. 6) FBI. 7) Chinese Checkers. 8) Johnny Cash. 9) Cleavon Little. 10) Bread crumbs. 11) Duct tape. 12) 1. 13) Pitch. 14) Eat.

Centennial TRIVIA

Pelican Pete has a Centennial Stumper for You!



What year do you think this photograph of two ladies strolling on the boardwalk in front of the Port Inn was taken? a) 1902, b) 1912, c) 1922, d) 1932.



ANSWER ON PAGE B6

The Artery to host spring art sale, Open House

Special to The Star

The Artery Studio will open its doors to the public this weekend for a Spring Art Sale and Open House. The works of 19 artists will be on sale, including pottery, jewelry, stained glass, paintings, notecards, mosaics, driftwood art and more. The sale will take place in the studio, 214 Williams Ave. in Port St. Joe, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Saturday, May 4. A Preview Party from 6-8 p.m. Friday will give people the opportunity to meet and mingle with the artists.

Many of the participating artists make their work right at The Artery with other area artists taking part as well. With Mother's Day right around the corner, all of the artists have included work that would make unique gift items and are priced accordingly. With this in mind, several of the artists each produced hand-made or hand-decorated flower pots especially for this

sale, and there will be a small selection of plants available for purchase as well.

The Artery is a working art studio that is open to the public for classes and drop-in art activities. The studio will be transformed for the sale, but underneath it all, "You'll get a glimpse of the fun and funky atmosphere here," owner Leslie Wentzell said. Wentzell is a clay artist, so there is a strong emphasis on pottery in the studio, but she also brings in other artists to teach painting classes and other mediums.

"Just as important as the art experiences here at The Artery is the sense of community and fellowship," Wentzell said. "Seeing the studio, and more importantly, meeting the people who come here to be creative is the reason we want to open our doors for an event like this."

For more information, call Wentzell at 227-5741 or visit www.ArteryStudio.com.



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The recipients of the Good Citizens Award are Christina Collins, Shelby Wood and Kassandra Favre.

3 earn DAR Good Citizen Awards

Special to The Star

The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award luncheon was April 24 at the Sunset Coastal Grill in Port St. Joe.

The Good Citizens from the area schools are Kassandra Marie Favre of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, Shelby Anna Wood of Wewahitchka

Jr./Sr. High School and Christina Michelle Collins of Franklin County High School.

After the luncheon, the students read their essays, "Our American Heritage and our Responsibility to Preserve It."

The Good Citizen Award is given annually to a member of each senior class in Gulf and Franklin

counties and is chosen by faculty and students on a merit basis. The student selected must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

The Good Citizens are presented with a certificate and a DAR pen at the luncheon and will receive a scholarship at graduation or Awards Day at their schools.

Society BRIEFS

Special to The Star

Kemp Family Reunion

The 53rd Kemp Family Reunion will be Sunday, May 5. All family and friends, please come and enjoy fellowship and food. We will draw names for prizes.

We will meet at the Kemp Cemetery off of State 22, seven miles from Wewahitchka. All family, please bring old family pictures.

We will eat at 12:45 p.m. CT, but come early if you can.

Cinco de Mayo fundraiser

The St. Joseph Bay Humane Society will have a Cinco de Mayo Mexican fiesta from 5-8

p.m. ET on Sunday, May 5, at Barrier Dunes at the end of Cape San Blas Road.

For \$20, enjoy fun and food, with raffles, margaritas, sangria, Mexican beer, wine and bottled water.

Mexican attire optional. Proceeds benefit the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

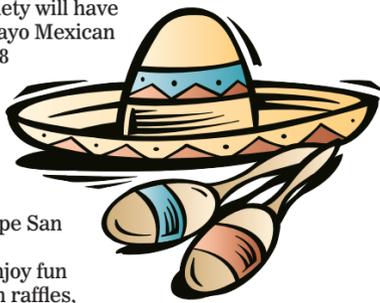
Purchase tickets at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, Scallop Cove BP or call 628-1013.

Amateur radio license exams

Ham it up! Get on the air! Enter the exciting world of amateur radio. Communicate with people around the world.

The Gulf Amateur Radio Society will give licensing exams at 10 a.m. ET May 11 at the Gulf County Emergency Operations Center behind the County Courthouse. Get your initial license or upgrade a present license.

For registration, details and/or assistance, call Cecil Tillis at 648-8251.



Callie Clayton turned 2

Covered in cake and icing,
You smile from ear to ear.
Two candles celebrate
Our joy of your second year.

We sing Happy Birthday
And you play with the wrapping and bows
We are amazed at how you have touched our lives
Just two years ago.

Happy Birthday Callie!
We love you!

Callie Clayton turned 2 on April 25, 2013. She celebrated her birthday with a Carnival-themed party with her family and friends.

Callie is the daughter of Jamie and Mary Clayton; granddaughter of Keith and Debbie Ford, and Sam Sr. and Jeannette Amerson; and the niece to Sam Jr. Amerson and Jeremy Owens.



Panhandle Writers coming to Port St. Joe

Star Staff Report

The Panhandle Writers will hold a book signing at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse Gift Shop from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET May 11.

Participants can meet authors Sandra Bass Joines, Marlene Womack, Corinda Pitts Marsh, Beverly Mount-Douds and Dawn Evans Radford. Check out all their

books and other local stories pertaining to this area and by authors in the Florida Panhandle.

The gift shop is at 155

Capt. Fred's Place (the old Maddox House), Port St. Joe, next door to the Welcome Center in Port St. Joe.

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St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



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

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

www.sjbhumanesociety.org

If you are missing a pet or want to adopt a new pet, please check with your local Humane Society or Shelter.

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DAZZLING DOLPHINS



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Front row: Jackson Buckner, Hunter Ard and Jamicia Glen. Back row: Ali Evans, Luke Lentz, Jackson Vaughn, Tristan Butler, Micaela Fedd and Jacob Kennedy.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER GRADUATION



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Gulf Coast State College will be graduating the Correctional Officer Basic Standards Class 219 at 7 p.m. ET May 9 at the Gulf/Franklin campus. The students wish to invite family and friends to join them in the graduating ceremony.



Special to The Star

FCAT/EOC testing: Algebra 1 EOC is 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 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.

Shark Bites: Anyone interested in receiving "Shark Bites" our weekly schedule of events, please email LCDR Marty Jarosz at mjarosz@gulf.k12.fl.us and we will put you on the list.

Spring football: Spring football has begun. Support our Tiger Shark Gridders as they compete in the annual Spring Jamboree 7 p.m. ET May 16 against the Seahawks of Franklin County and the Gators of Wewahitchka. GO TIGER SHARKS!

Drama performance: Under the direction of Ann Comforter, the drama students will present "Alice in Wonderland" on May 13 in the commons area. Slip down the Rabbit Hole, and enjoy the timeless story of a young girl's adventures behind the Looking Glass.

PSJHS Spring Art Show: Come to Sacred Heart Hospital in Port St Joe to view the many and varied art works of our high school students from 6-8 p.m. ET May 2.

Senior News: This year's Senior Trip to Orlando will be May 3-5. Our seniors will be leaving early Friday morning and will return Sunday. A fun time is scheduled for all. Our seniors' last day of official classes will be May 15. A baccalaureate will be held for all seniors at 5:30 p.m. ET 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 May 23.

Last day for underclassmen: The last day of classes for all Port St Joe Junior-Senior High School underclassmen will be May 24.

STUDENTS PAINT FOR COVENANT HOSPICE



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Each year, Debbie Cole's art classes at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School have created something for the annual Covenant Hospice Mask Parade gala during the 11 years the event has been held. This year's theme was "Under the Sea," and the class painted a coral reef scene. Shown here are Bree Scruggs and Alexa Allison with the vignette they painted in art class.



WES club explores Rockets, Rovers and Robots

By AUBREY CLAYTON and JADEN MOSELY
Special to The Star

Wewahitchka Elementary School fifth-grade scientists have been exploring, observing, constructing and testing air-pressured rockets and building and programming their Lego Mindstorm robots.

This club brings together students who are excited about science, technology, engineering and math. As an added bonus, students at WES have been participating in NASA Explorer Schools — NASA's Design Challenges.

The club is an extension of the regular curriculum; however, being a member of NASA Explorer Schools program

gives WES students a deeper understanding of designing, creating and testing our masterpieces. It also opens up doors for students to work with other fifth-graders around the United States.

It is exciting watching young minds at work. The environment is one where it is OK if your model doesn't fly straight or the parachute doesn't open properly. Each scientist offers his opinion or skill to assist in correcting the design flaw. Students also discuss constraints of their challenges and help each other figure out how to overcome these obstacles. Young people also explore their strengths and weakness they bring to the projects. Teamwork is the key to making this club successful.

FCS students get intro to phonics

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THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

The truth will set you free, if only you believe.

I've often wondered why it's turned down, when by accepting your sins He would relieve.

He made the world and all there in,

Why can't you believe that He'd die for your sin?

He not only died, He arose the third day.

If you're making plans for heaven, He is the only way.

He'll not beg or plead; you have to ask Him in.

The truth is then; He'll forgive all your sin.

You are on your way to heaven, so let everyone know.

That's what it's all about; He wants all of us to go.

Billy Johnson

Lifetree Café to discuss racism

Special to The Star

The issue of racism will be explored at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT Monday, May 6.

The program, titled "The Black and White Truth About Racism: Will We Ever Live in a Colorblind World?" features an exclusive filmed interview with Daryl Davis, a black man who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan.

Davis said, "I wanted to question those people who would lynch me for no other reason than the color of my skin," Davis said. "Why do you hate me when you don't even know me?"

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

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

Faith BRIEFS

Special to The Star

Revival at Howard Creek Baptist

Howard Creek Baptist Church is having a revival at 7 p.m. May 10, 7 p.m. May 11 and 11 a.m. May 12 with lunch after the service. The guest speaker will be Dave Fernandez.

The church is at 7230 Doc Whitfield Road, Howard Creek.

Matron Auxiliary anniversary

The Matron Auxiliary of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church will celebrate its anniversary at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 5. The community is cordially invited to come out for this worshipful service. The church is at 259 Ave. D.

Obituaries

Delores Faye Crosby Clark

June 23, 1930 - April 26, 2013

Graveside services for Delores Faye Crosby Clark, 82, of Port St. Joe, Fla., (formerly of Cairo, Ga.) were held at 2 p.m. ET Sunday, April 28, 2013, in Greenwood Cemetery, Cairo, Ga. Dr. Ron McCaskill officiated. Mrs. Clark passed away on Friday, April 26, 2013, at The Bridge of Port St. Joe, Port St. Joe, Fla.

Mrs. Clark was born on June 23, 1930, in Berlin, Ga., to the late Ralph and Evelyn Ruth Tidd Crosby. On Oct. 29, 1950, she married E. Lamar Clark. Mr. Clark preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 2002. She was a retired registered nurse, having worked at Grady General Hospital, Archbold Hospital and Southwestern State Hospital. She was a member of Cairo First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Ken Collins

of Port St. Joe, Fla.; granddaughter, Tessa C. and Jim Anderson of Port St. Joe, Fla.; grandsons, Simon Collins and fiancé, Kristen Mackery, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Terrell and Susan Collins of Cedar Hill, Tenn.; great-granddaughters, Samantha Anderson of Port St. Joe, Fla., and Sadie Collins of Cedar Hill, Tenn.; great-grandsons, Brett Collins and Gage Collins of Cedar Hill, Tenn.; and a brother, Earl Lynwood Crosby (Martha) of Baton Rouge, La.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Covenant Hospice, 107 W. 19th St, Panama City, FL 32405.

The family received friends at Clark Funeral Home from 1-2 p.m. ET Sunday.

Guests may sign the online register at www.clarkfuneral.com.

Lewis 'Buddy' Franklin Hefner

Lewis "Buddy" Franklin Hefner, 83, of Eastpoint passed away April 29, 2013.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Dennis F. Hefner and S.L. Pruitt.

Mr. Hefner is survived by his wife of 48 years, Hazel Rainey Hefner; daughters, Jacki Hefner and son, "LiL Buddy" of Eastpoint and Nola Stout of Arizona; and sons Andrew C. Pruitt of Marietta, Ga., John W. Pruitt of North Georgia and William G Hefner of Ga.; 18 grandchildren;

eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Ellen Fox of Washburn, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank all of their friends and family for all the prayers and support. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make donations to Covenant House Hospice, 1545 Raymond Diehl Road Suite 150, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

A Memorial service will be held at a later time in Georgia. Local services are provided by Comforter Funeral Home.

Andy L. Stewart

Andy L. Stewart, 51, of Wewahitchka, passed away Thursday afternoon in a Panama City hospital. He was a lifelong resident of Wewahitchka and he worked at Taunton Truss Co. and later Eastern Marine. He was a loving father and son.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vernon Stewart, and his sister Dinah Stewart.

Survivors are his mother, Christina Stewart of Wewahitchka; two daughters, Hannah

Stewart and Elizabeth Stewart of Apalachicola; one sister, Linda Stewart; one brother, Eric Stewart (Stacy), all of Wewahitchka; a niece, Crystal Ake (Buddy); and a nephew, Joseph Shiver.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. CT Sunday, April 27, 2013, at Roberts Cemetery in Wewahitchka with the Rev. Dallas Presley officiating. Interment followed.

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

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Local celebrities participate in first NFCD read-a-thon

By WES LOCHER
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North Florida Child Development's north end facility hosted its first Celebrity Read-A-Thon last Wednesday.

Local celebrities were invited to read to the children, aged zero through five and could bring their own book or have a class favorite supplied.

Celebrity guests included Wewahitchka author Michael Lister, Panama City news anchor Amy Hoyt and Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison.

The event, coordinated by Center Manager Gina Crane, was used to promote early literacy and language enrichment in preschool children.

"If we get them into reading now, it goes with them as they grow," Crane said.

In addition to calling on local celebrities to come for story time, the event allowed students to see and interact with new people.

The North Florida Child Development Center in Wewahitchka has more than 40 students and three classrooms enjoyed hearing their favorite stories.

"It was great," said Hoyt of the experience after she finished her reading of the folk tale, "The Little Red Hen," the moral of which encourages contribution and collaboration.

Much to the delight of the class, Sheriff Harrison came prepared with the Dr. Seuss classic, "Green Eggs and Ham," which he recited confidently.

"I have three kids of my own," he said. "I've had lots of practice."

Award-winning novelist Lister read P.D. Eastman's "Are You My Mother?" utilizing the participation of the energetic class to provide the sounds of the dogs, cats and birds within the story.

"They loved the story and said it was their favorite," Lister said. "They knew what was coming."

Crane plans to continue the Read-A-Thon as a monthly event at the NFCD Center.



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Celebrity guests at the Read-A-Thon included Michael Lister, Amy Hoyt and Mike Harrison.

St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol seeks volunteers

Special to The Star

St. Joseph Peninsula is host to one of the highest densities of nesting sea turtles in the Florida Panhandle. St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol volunteers assist in the continued monitoring of sea turtle nesting activity on St. Joseph Peninsula to aid in the survival of these threatened and endangered species.

From May 1 through Oct. 31, volunteers survey six miles of beach daily, looking for signs of nesting and hatching activity. Volunteers identify nests, post nesting signs and protect the nests from predators, and collect and submit data on nesting activity. During hatching season, nests are checked for signs of emergence and then excavated to record hatching success. Volun-

teers also rescue turtles that become disoriented after hatching.

Dedicated volunteers are critical to the success of this monitoring program, and the St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol needs your help. Volunteers must be able to: commit to surveying shortly after sunrise at least one day a week; walk two to four miles on the beach if necessary; accurately collect and record data; and deal effectively with the public to increase awareness about sea turtles and the human impacts on them.

We need your help to protect local sea turtles! If you are interested in volunteering for Turtle Patrol, please contact Jessica McKenzie for more information: call 205-910-4717 or email sjtpatrol@gmail.com.

Things everyone can do to help sea turtles:

- Never disturb a nesting female, nests or emerging hatchlings.

- Sea turtles can get disoriented by beachfront lighting. Be sure to shield indoor lights and turn off outdoor lights after dark.

- Fires and fireworks can also disorient sea turtles. Avoid these activities on beaches during nesting season.

- Recreational equipment left on beaches overnight can block or ensnare nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings. Make sure to remove all equipment from the beach each night.

- Report sea turtle violations, injured or stranded turtles or disoriented hatchlings to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-FWCC.



Tips for choosing a lawngrass

A beautiful lawn can add substantial value to your home. While providing an attractive setting for landscape ornamentals, a good lawn will reduce weed growth and prevent erosion. Selecting the proper grass for your specific location is a basic key to attaining these goals.

Five lawngrasses are commonly grown in Florida. Saint Augustine, Bahia, Centipede, Zoyia are most popular, though carpet is used less often. In this article we'll offer some facts which could help you choose the species that would be best for your home site. My information was provided by J. Bryan Unruh, associate center director and professor, West Florida Research and Education Center, Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, Jay, Fla.

The most important thing to consider when selecting a lawngrass is the compatibility of that grass with the soil, climate, and growing conditions of your specific area. For example, if you live along the coast, you should plant a salt tolerant grass, such as Saint Augustine. If you try to grow Centipede or Bahia, you're asking for trouble. You might be able to establish these grasses in a coastal location, but only with considerable expenditures of time and money. Likewise, if you need a grass for a shaded lawn, you should plant Saint Augustine or Bahia, not Bermuda, which requires full sun.

After you decide which lawngrasses will grow well in your area, you should choose one that you'll be able to manage properly. Now lawngrass is maintenance free, but some types do require more care than others. For example, Bermuda produces the most beautiful lawns, but only if it's heavily fertilized, frequently mowed, and kept free of pests and diseases. If you can't provide such high maintenance, you'd be wise to plant a low care grass, such as Bahia, or Centipede. Saint Augustine is not difficult to

maintain, but thatch and chinch bugs are common problems.

The amount of water a particular grass requires is another consideration. Bahia has excellent drought tolerance. Saint Augustine ranks second and Centipede ranks third.

In recent year, dramatic improvements in Zoysia grass have been made by turfgrass breeders. These improvements

include insect resistance, accelerated establishment, and overall performance. Zoysiagrasses are adapted to a variety of soil types and have good tolerance to shade, salt, and traffic. They provide an extremely dense sod that resist weed invasion, but certain pest can be problematic.

Of all Florida lawngrasses, Bahia is most resistant to pests. It's the best choice for landscapes heavily infested with nematodes. Saint Augustine also has good nematode tolerance. But, as we said, chinch bugs are a serious threat to this grass. While it may be severely damaged by nematodes, centipede has few other pest problems, providing it is not fertilized to heavily. Bermuda is plagued by many problems, in fact, it's particularly impossible to grow this grass without a continuous control program to cope with nematodes, insects, and diseases.

As we pointed out in the beginning, a number of good lawngrasses grow well in Florida. But, each has certain advantages and disadvantages, as well as specific cultural requirement. Area climate, landscape soil type, amount of home site shade and sun, and the degree of traffic by people and pets are important considerations. You should also evaluate the expenditure of time, effort, and money that will be required to keep a particular grass healthy and attractive.

For more information on choosing a lawngrass, contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit gulf.ifas.ufl.edu or edis.ifas.ufl.edu.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

Program increases sea turtle awareness

Special to The Star

The Supporters of St. Vincent National Wildlife Reserve are announcing this new program to increase awareness of and participation in the annual sea turtle nesting season. One of the objects of the program is to provide financial assistance to support the sea turtle program. Sea turtle nesting season begins in mid-May and lasts through October.

Loggerhead turtles are the species most often found on St. Vincent Island. Female Loggerhead sea turtles lay their eggs along the gulf side beaches of St. Vincent. Each nest contains over 100 eggs. Unfortunately, there are quite a few predators on the island that disturb the nests and destroy the eggs. The main predators are feral hogs and raccoons. Confirmed nests, those nests

that actually contain eggs, need protection from the predators. Wire cages are placed over the confirmed nests to discourage the predators. In most cases, these cages do a very good job.

The gulf side beaches of the island are patrolled several times each week by volunteers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife staff. The number of patrols per week depends on staffing levels. The beaches are patrolled for evidence of turtle activity (crawls). The crawls are examined to determine the species of sea turtle making the crawl and whether the turtle actually made a nest. The nests are examined to determine if there are eggs present, marked, documented, and GPS location noted. All nests are monitored during the nesting season and accurate records kept. This is done so

that complete survey data can be kept and used to determine nesting trends, etc.

The Supporter's group is requesting a tax-deductible donation of \$25 to "adopt" a specific sea turtle nest. This donation applies to one nest per nesting season. Donors will receive an "adoption certificate," a photo of the nest, and a complete activity report at the end of the nesting season. All donors will be recognized in the Supporter's newsletter. The \$25 donation will help pay for the cost of the wire cages, supplies, and fuel for the patrol vehicles. Your support of this project will be greatly appreciated by the mother sea turtles, volunteers, staff, and sea turtle lovers everywhere.

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20 more members of the club before continuing on to St. Marks and Tallahassee.

The trip was organized by ride leader Sandy Larson, who mapped the course and made accommodations.

A fan of long rides, she made the trek from San Diego to St. Augustine on two wheels along with trips from Maine to Florida and across New Zealand.

"Most residents of The Villages come from other places and they're not familiar with the Florida coast," said Larson, who has lived in the Sunshine State for 13 years. "It was

a great experience and we had a fun time riding through."

Larson and her husband had driven their RV through the area over the years and she was eager to share the Forgotten Coast with her bicycle buddies.

Five-year member of the club Larry Peart said that Port St. Joe was a "delight to visit" and praised local motorists for being considerate.

Why do they do it?

"Bicycling is good for you, physically," said Taylor. "It's fun to do and gives you a true feeling of independence."



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Left: Survivors were treated to dinner and a beautiful relay themed cake. **Right:** The Survivor dinner was in the center of the track for all to see.

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

As is tradition with any 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." Music for the event was provided by local band, Thirty-Three.

The traditional Luminaria ceremony took place at 9 p.m. Candles were lit inside of white paper bags, decorated to honor the memories of loved ones who lost the fight to cancer and those who continue to fight.

Teams at the event included Beach Realty, Beat It, Bridge At Bay - Saint Joe, Cadence Bank, Capital City Bank,

Centennial Bank, First United Methodist Church, Gulf County Health Department, the Mexico Beach Tumor-nators, Oak Grove Church, Outlaw Cancer, Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, Port St. Joe Schools/District, Sacred Heart Lifesavers, Super Survivors, VFW Post 10069, Waswas and Zumba for a Cure.

The event was

sponsored by Progress Energy, Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, Bluewater Outriggers, Piggly Wiggly, 98 Real Estate, Buy Rite Drugs and Cathey Construction.

Gulf County's Relay for Life team had a goal of \$51,000 for the year and will host additional fundraisers within the community as they work their way toward reaching it.

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inspire passersby.

The commemorative centennial coin which was produced to raise funds for the upcoming celebration officially went on sale last week.

The token is available for sale at Portside Trading Company, The No Name Café, Cadence Bank, Joseph's Cottage and City Hall. The cost is \$15 and the coin comes with a velvet bag for storage.

Clarence Monette is coordinating the details of a time capsule that will soon be under construction at the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

The capsule will then be filled with mementos created by local students or donated by businesses and buried in the City Commons on July first.

Monette has also been organizing a basketball game to take place at the Washington Gym that will feature athletes of note from the past and present.

Not to be left out, Magidson has prepared several speeches about Port St. Joe. He will speak at several of the events throughout the celebration.

The Centennial Celebration will culminate on Thursday, July 4 with

the annual fireworks display, closing out the festivities with a bang.

A website for the week-long was created by Rick Lamberson at the Bluewater iNet Group and features a schedule of the

events, historic photos and a list of the centennial celebration sponsors.

For more information on how to get involved or donate funds, visit www.psjcentennialcelebration.com.

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2013 Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City of Port St. Joe's Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in the Fire Station. Polls open at 7:00 A.M., ET, and close 7:00 P.M., ET.

The following offices will be up for election: Commissioner Group I and Commissioner Group II.

Beginning May 4, 2013 - May 11, 2013, (includes Saturdays of May 4th and May 11th) Early Voting will be held at the Supervisor of Elections office located at 401 Long Avenue from 9:00 A.M., ET to 5:00 P.M., ET. There will be no Sunday voting on May 5, 2013. Also, Absentee Ballots may be requested now but will be mailed after received from printer.

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Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., E.T. on May 16, 2013 at the Gulf County Human Resources Office. For more information, please contact Brett Lowry, Deputy Administrator (850) 229-5335. Gulf County enforces a Drug-Free Workplace Policy and is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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The Call Center Manager is directly responsible for managing a group of Call Center associates. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Successfully motivate, coach and develop Call Center associates
- Drive team performance and deliver on critical performance measures including team productivity, efficiency, and quality
- Foster a team environment that promotes the highest level of service to all customers, departments and properties to ensure total customer (both external and internal) satisfaction
- Create a collaborative environment in which associates at all levels of the organization are encouraged to voice ideas and concerns
- Deliver performance feedback, including performance appraisals, developmental action plans, performance improvement plans and disciplinary action
- Recommend promotions, terminations and salary adjustments for sales associates
- Facilitate effective team meetings
- Participate in the new hire sales associate interview and hiring process
- Analyze reports and data to improve the customer experience
- Demonstrate strong communication, presentation, and influencing skills
- Ability to build and maintain positive working relationships with individuals at multiple levels
- Provide exemplary service and set expectations of providing solutions for everyone you encounter, make it easy for customers to do business with us and give every customer an extraordinary experience
- Must be able to understand call matrix, set operational goals for department, team and yourself with passion and accountability to strive to attain them
- Continuously improve yourself and others around you
- Contribute to the company by providing great ideas and feedback

Qualifications:

- 2+ years of Management within a call center and a minimum of 5 years of call center experience.
- Proven track record of achieving revenue goals and growth.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Four year degree
- Strong analytical skills
- Basic understanding of sales operations
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Strong people management experience in a call center environment
- Ability to make quick and accurate decisions which may, at times, be based on limited information and require multi-tasking.

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