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St. Joe agreement 'game changer' for port

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An agreement announced last week by the St. Joe Company could have a major impact on the growth of the Port of Port St. Joe.

St. Joe announced that it had signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Green Circle Bio Energy Inc., a maker of wood pellets used for energy, particularly in European markets.

The deal is perfect symbiosis for the companies: Green Circle Bio Energy needs sustainable forest products; St. Joe has tens of thousands of

acres of timberlands.

In the LOI, Green Circle and St. Joe expressed intent in entering into a wood fiber supply agreement as part of a formal agreement still to be negotiated.

The release details that the LOI "anticipates several potential new business development opportunities to create jobs in Northwest Florida."

Green Circle is interested in leasing a site from St. Joe along the Genesee Wyoming rail line, formerly the Apalachicola Northern Railroad, to develop a wood production facility, the release continues.

Those pellets, under the LOI,

would be shipped through the Port of Port St. Joe.

"The relationship between Green Circle and St. Joe is a step toward creating jobs and revitalizing the Port of Port St. Joe," said Park Brady, CEO for The St. Joe Company.

The key for the Port of Port St. Joe is that the LOI changes the dynamics on maintenance dredging, a top priority for the partners, St. Joe and the Port St. Joe Port Authority, in growing the port.

The plans to ship through the Port of Port St. Joe are contingent on the

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SCOTT VETO AFFECTS PORT

Gov. Rick Scott this week vetoed a \$2 million appropriation which would have helped the Port Authority meet mortgage requirements on the barge terminal parcel. The effort sponsored by Capital City Bank and supported by the Port Authority, was aimed at providing time and space for the port to grow. The case now returns to its previous status, heading to a Circuit Court hearing at which each Capital City Bank and Port Authority are seeking summary judgments in their favor. A hearing is scheduled for July 17.

SPRING FLIGHT



Marie Romanelli of Indian Pass snapped this photo of a Great Blue Heron off Indian Pass last week, a sure sign that spring has arrived.

Class of 2013, 125 strong, graduates

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Caps will fly this week as the county's two public high schools graduate the Class of 2013.

Clad in the red of Wewahitchka High School and the purple of Port St. Joe High School, 125 seniors will walk the stage for their diploma and entrance into the next passage in life.

Ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. ET today in the R. Marion Craig Coliseum as Port St. Joe High bids farewell to its class of 75.

They are completed at 7 p.m. CT Friday at the Wewahitchka High School gymnasium as the 50-member senior class takes their proud professional.

The schools had yet to identify the entire honors and high honors list of graduates by press time and that information, along with scholarship information will be found in next week's edition of The Star.

See Senior portraits on **Pages A6 and A7** of this edition.

Port St. Joe High School graduates

Crysta Loraine Anderson, Javarri De Montez Beachum, Kyle Anthony Biggins, Mary Caitlin Bouington, Mary Frances Branch, Samuel Robert Buccieri III, Dallas Cole Burke, Michael Lee Burke, Joshua Dylan Cabaniss, Alyssa Lee Catha, Bre'Anna Gail Causey, Austin William Clayton, Carley Ann Clements, Jacklyn Brook Collinsworth, Jackson Ty Combs, Justin David Cotthran, Abigail Maria Davis, N'namdi Qua'darius Davis, Taylor James Deeson, Taylor Michelle Duhon, Kassandra Marie Favre, Thomas Clifton Gainous, Charles Colby Gentry, Alyssa Danielle Graziano, Tiffany LeAnn Greene, Miranda Dayne Gref, Nicolette Kayelynn Haddock, Guy Caleb Hall, Arnisha La'joyce Harris, Cassie Marie Hayes,

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School district to privatize custodial services

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The business of whittling the bottom line became tangible Monday for the Gulf County School Board.

During a special meeting, board members unanimously approved privatizing custodial services for at least the next school year,

hoping to save \$80,000-\$100,000 as the district addresses a budget shortfall of almost \$900,000.

"That money is money that is keeping us from cutting into teacher ranks," said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton.

Norton has estimated 12-15 teaching positions are likely to be trimmed.

The pain of removing employees, many of them long-term,

from the district workforce was evident among board members.

"None of this is taken lightly," board member John Wright said. "Anytime you have layoffs there is a real concern. We've looked at this for months and shed a tear or two."

Board member Billy Quinn Jr. said: "Some of these folks are our neighbors, people we see in the grocery store. We are going to be

watching this process."

The process, though not formally ratified during Monday's meeting, is to "piggy-back" on a similar move and contract from Bay County, Norton said.

Bay County went out for qualifications and bids and four companies applied. Bay County School District chose the lowest bidder;

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City receives funding to relocate Cape San Blas Lighthouse

DEDICATION CEREMONY

Port St. Joe will hold a ceremony to dedicate the Holly Hill Cemetery Pavilion in honor of former Commissioner Charles Stephens at 10 a.m. ET May 31. While commissioner, Stephens, who died a week ago, was instrumental in the construction of the pavilion. The public is encouraged to attend. The cemetery is at 1665 Madison St.

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Now the heavy lifting begins.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed a state budget this week that includes \$325,000 to help fund the relocation of the historic Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

The announcement by Mayor Mel Magidson during Tuesday's regular bi-monthly

Port St. Joe City Commission was met by applause from a packed chamber.

The city was awarded the lighthouse, two keepers' quarters and the oil house by the federal government earlier this year.

Funding the relocation from the cape to the city — the site in George Core Park adjacent to the historic Maddox property and aligned with the Third Street axis from U.S. 98 — had been a significant hurdle.

Though formal costs are an unknown until bidding, the city had been operating with a number of \$200,000-\$250,000 as the most optimistic estimate for the actual moving of the buildings.

A campaign by the St. Joseph Historical Society had raised just under \$40,000 and the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency had secured grant funding for foundation

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News BRIEFS

Star staff report

Port St. Joe man killed in auto accident

A Port St. Joe man was killed in a single-vehicle accident Tuesday morning in Franklin County.

Christopher Lamar Anderson, 40, was killed on U.S. 98 in Carrabelle when the vehicle he was driving left the shoulder of the road and hit a tree, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

According to the FHP, Anderson was traveling east on U.S. 98 when his vehicle, a 2006 Saturn Vue, traveled onto the south shoulder, losing control.

The vehicle reentered the road and traveled across both lanes and onto the north shoulder where the right side of the vehicle struck a large tree.

Anderson was pronounced dead at the scene. He was not wearing a seat belt, according to the FHP. Toxicology results are listed as pending.

Panama City man dies in Gulf County boating accident

A Panama City man was killed Monday from injuries suffered when a boat he was fishing from hit a bank.

Mancle Wellborn Rehberg, 80, was pronounced dead at 12:05 p.m. ET at the Howard Creek Boat Landing.

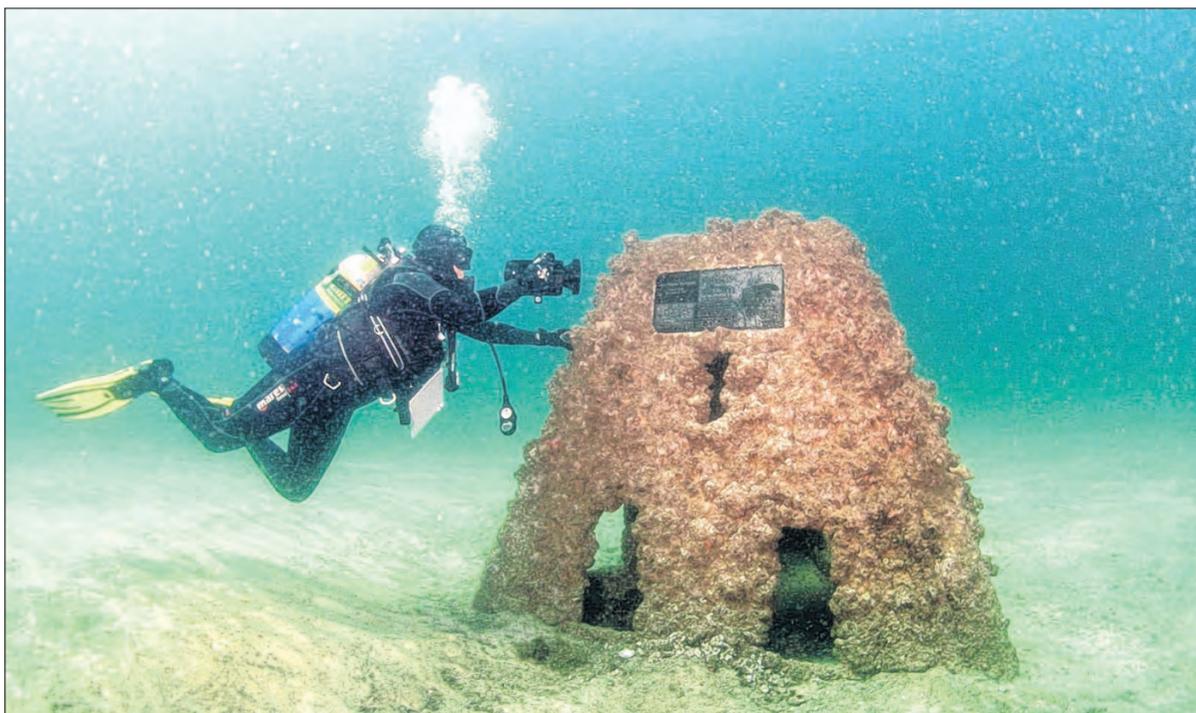
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers believe the accident happened mid-morning.

Rehberg and Billy Donald Turk, 75, both of Panama City, had been bream fishing in Bearman Slough off Brother's River when Rehberg reached to grab an overturned bait bucket and lost control of the 15-foot vessel they were fishing from, according to information from the FWC.

Rehberg was severely injured when the vessel slammed into a bank. Turk was thrown from the vessel but was not injured. Both men were wearing life jackets.

Setting it STRAIGHT

Last week's PSJ election story stated that William Thursbay was 27 votes down after absentee and early voting in his race against David Ashbrook. Thursbay was 27 votes ahead after early and absentee votes had been counted. The Star regrets the error.



Reef a memorial for avid diver

By CAROL COX

Board of Directors and Research Diver
Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association

How do you say good bye to the love of your life? How do you say good bye to someone who has been your mate, your best friend and even your best fishing buddy? For Bonita Thompson, her husband John had been all these things and more. When cancer took John's life, Bonita knew how she wanted to say good bye; she would build John a reef.

It wouldn't be just any reef; it would be a reef in John and Bonita's favorite fishing area, the Bell Shoals site 3 miles off the shores of Mexico Beach. John and Bonita spent many happy days there, following their passion to hook a cobia, one of the largest, best fighting sport fish in the area.

The Bell Shoals site had just been reopened for reef building after a 10-year hiatus. The John Thompson Memorial Reef was the first new reef planned for this area. Bonita initially planned to put down three modules, one with a plaque to honor John's memory. It shortly became evident that family and friends wanted to build John a larger reef. With help from

the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association (MBARA), Bonita set up a memorial fund. Donations rolled in and the reef grew from three to 21 modules.

Building a reef this size takes time and planning. The Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association, a non-profit organization that builds reefs off the coast of Mexico Beach, was there to give Bonita all the support she needed. MBARA does a reef deployment one or two times a year. John had passed away in December, so his reef was planned for the scheduled deployment the following April. That allowed time to build all the reef structures, make a trip to build John's reef, and plan a fitting Life Celebration to be held after the deployment.

On a beautiful day in March, Bonita and John's sister travelled to Reefmaker's yard in Orange Beach, Ala., where John's reef would be built. They were joined by MBARA board members Bob and Carol Cox. The Cox's were there to support Bonita and build a reef for Bob's grandparents.

Everyone watched as Reefmaker's crew set about pouring wet concrete into a triangular-shaped mold. They carefully placed the heavy granite plaque lovingly

designed by Bonita. The plaque had a poignant message along with John's portrait. In a corner was a reminder of the happy life Bonita and John had together: a photo of John piloting his boat as Bonita stood on the bow searching out their favorite quarry, cobia.

With the plaque in place, Bonita placed John's favorite cobia jig in the wet concrete. After time to reflect, Bonita and John's sister helped the Reefmaker crew add limestone rocks to the panel. The limestone would allow quicker growth of marine organisms on the reef. Once the concrete panel dried, it would be combined with two more panels to form a three-sided pyramid.

In April 2012, the day came for John's reef to be deployed in the Gulf of Mexico, 3 miles from the Mexico Beach Canal where John and Bonita made their home. The sun shimmered on calm seas as the Reefmaker boat, escorted by a school of dolphins, approached a small buoy marking the spot for John's memorial reef. As Bonita and a few family and friends looked on from their boats, the reef containing John's plaque was gently lowered

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to its resting place in 21 feet of water. The water was clear and the reef could be seen resting on the bottom. Soon, the other structures were put in place and the boats returned to the canal.

Three days later, a flotilla of more than 30 boats made its way out to John's reef, with Bonita in the lead. This was John's Life Celebration service. The weather was almost unnaturally calm; the surface was glassy, and there was no current or wind. With Bonita clutching an urn to her chest, the other boats surrounded her. The engines went silent and Bonita said good-bye as she spread John's ashes over his reef. Then, as a procession of boats made their way over John's reef, many friends tossed flowers as they said their own good-byes. Later that day, friends and family gathered outside Bonita's home to celebrate John's life.

The next day, Bob and Carol Cox paid a different kind of visit to John's reef. They dived the reef and took underwater photos and video. Although it had been on the ocean floor for only three days, signs of life were already emerging. A large school of round scad, known by fishermen as cigar minnows, were already schooling around the reef. A few tomtates happily swam around inside their new home. A striped sea star slowly crawled across the sandy bottom. As they returned to their boat and motored away, Bob and Carol were joined by two bottle-nose dolphins.

The story doesn't end there. John's friends and family decided to keep building the reef. In April 2013, two more modules were added to the reef. Since then, MBARA has received more

donations to add to the site during their next reef deployment.

When most of the reef had been in the water for just over a year, Bob and Carol did another dive. This time they were joined on their boat by Bonita. As they approached the reef, they were able to see how large this reef actually was; the modules were clearly visible from the surface. As the two divers descended to the bottom, they were surrounded by a large school of Atlantic spadefish. In the distance were elusive gag groupers, many of legal size. Gray triggerfish boldly swam straight to the cameras. The reefs had 1 to 3 inches of marine growth on them, such as barnacles and tunicates. It made it difficult to locate the pyramid with the plaque. After much searching, Carol saw a dime-sized spot that looked like black granite. With her dive knife, she was able to scrape off some of the growth and verify the location of the plaque. She and Bob worked 10 minutes to uncover John's dedication, while small fish picked at the tidbits released during their labors. After taking pictures and video, they returned to the boat to tell Bonita about all the wonderful life that now surrounds John's reef. For Bonita, she said this was her therapy, to be able to come out to John's reef and remember the happy times they had together.

John's story doesn't end here. His reef will nurture marine life for many generations to enjoy. For those who knew John, going to the reef to fish for cobia is like visiting an old friend. For those not lucky enough to know John Thompson, they will admire him greatly for the living legacy he leaves behind.



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- CLIFFORD C. SIMS (Medal Of Honor)
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Next Meeting: June 17, 2013

A green chair and a purple iris

Mama could always count on a Mother's Day card from me. She could always count on it being about four days late. I would call her and tell her, "Your card is on the way." She would laugh and know that was just the way her middle son was when it came to cards. Honestly, most of us know that each and every day should be "Mother's Day."



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So in honor of my Mama (and yours), I'm sending you a Mother's Day story "about four days late."

My brother sent me pictures from our childhood. You know the type of pictures – the ones that Mama had made at Olan Mills with our heads tilted and wearing little outfits that I'm sure she put a lot of thought into picking out.

In that group of pictures, there was a random one that anyone else would not have understood, but I did. It was a picture of a green plastic yard chair and a blooming purple iris.

Our Mama passed away over a year ago and as those of you who have lost your mother knows, it is difficult not only on Mother's Day, but also every time you see or hear or smell or taste or touch something that reminds you of your mother.

My Mama loved purple and in particular, she loved purple irises. They seemed to just show up in the yard every spring.

Folks often squabble over the worldly possessions their mothers owned. Things like china, silver, jewelry and antique furniture. I understand that many of these things are heirlooms and hold meaning for children and grandchildren.

However, I think the "things" that are most valuable are those that really can't be squabbled over – things that were meant to be shared. These "things" are the precious memories our mothers left us with or shared with us.

The little things like seeing a purple iris or the smell of a particular dish your mother cooked. These are things that won't be in the Will when your mother leaves.

If your mother has passed away, you can still share those memories with your siblings, children and grandchildren. Her silver pitcher will tarnish, her china could very well shatter when it hits the floor, and the stone in her heirloom ring could fall out never to be found.

So if your mother is still living, don't ask her who's going to get the china

cabinet or the dining room table. Ask her what her favorite flower is; what she loved doing when she was a little girl, what scared her, what made her happy and what kept her from quitting.

Ask her what her favorite song was, her favorite books and all of those other questions that you want to know. Do it before it's too late. ... Do it

understanding all of the time she invested in you. ... Do it understanding all of the things she didn't get to do because of you. ... Do it knowing you wouldn't be here, if it weren't for her.

The other night I was watching the movie, "The Greatest Game Ever Played." I've seen it at least twenty times, but still watch it every chance I get. It's about Francis Ouimet, the first amateur ever to win the U.S. Open.

I'm not an avid golfer; I get to play about once a year. You don't need to know anything about golf, to appreciate Francis' accomplishment. He came from an immigrant family that was part of the working class – who were not supposed to be playing golf, let alone winning.

Francis' mother does what so many mothers do – she's a real "dream weaver." I'm not talking about computer software or some song from the 1970's. I'm talking about a mother who selflessly patches together scraps to weave their children's dreams. She does it with a smile on her face and a glow in her heart.

At one point in the movie, Francis' father who thinks that his son's dreams are unreachable due to their working class stature, points this out to Francis's mother.

He says to Francis' mother, "All you ever do is encourage him."

Francis' mother pops back at her husband, "That's right. I do encourage him. He has a God-given talent, and this is his one chance to give a voice to it. He's just trying to make you proud."

That's what mothers do. ... They tell you (and everyone else) that "you can do it," when everyone else tells you that you can't.

So that's my story about the picture my brother sent me of the green chair and the purple iris.

The green chair may be empty, but the purple iris still blooms.

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Keyboard KLATTERINGS

Holiday theme

This will be a weekend of barbecues, family and good times.

For some it will mean an extra day in bed, at the beach, in front of the television.

According to forecasters, the weather outside will be delightful, with a small chance of rain and plenty of sunshine.

The beaches are inviting, the water intoxicating, with plenty to keep everybody busy.

Amid the hustle and bustle is time to pause to remember, to consider the price that was paid and continues to be paid for those bounty of choices.

From Lexington and Concord to Anbar Province, from the Chosin Reservoir to the Ardennes Forest, from Hamburger Hill to Hu Province, the price in American blood and lives is what affords us the ability to enjoy a "holiday" because it has surely been no holiday for the men and women of uniform.

Who have answered a call that some can't imagine answering, who have suffered injuries many of us could not possibly comprehend, who have sacrificed beyond the pale, beyond what many of us could fathom.

We read, watch and hear their stories of battles in foreign lands, but we don't, we can't, fully appreciate the experience, the mind-set, the motivation required to defend your country, to sacrifice all for your fellow American, fellow man.

You can't know until you have walked in their boots.

The price paid by men and women, who have fought and been seriously hurt – while many of their comrades have died – to provide the backbone to basic rights we enjoy, rights that seem under attack, the right to free speech, freedom to worship where we choose, a free press.

Memorial Day's meaning was

driven home to me since I came to Port St. Joe, one of the first stories I wrote for The Star, about the death of Christopher Blaschum, a Lieutenant Commander and Navy pilot who died while on training exercises in the Mediterranean.

He was a graduate of Port St. Joe High School who was known for his infectious laugh, out-sized personality and among the first of what has become the thousands of those who died in the wars that followed 9/11.

His funeral was in large part a celebration of his life and mourning of his passing, but also a heart-rending testament to the sacrifices of the soldier. Once the uniform is donned, soldier cuts to the front of the line from adjectives such as son, father, husband, wife, sister, brother and mother.

The uniform wipes it all away. Over the years, I have also had the honor of writing about Major Buck Watford, who has spent four years since 9/11 in service to his country, leaving behind a wife and two, at the time, small children, because that is what you do when you sign up to serve in uniform.

The following "Motivational Analysis" was written by Lt. Colonel Richard T. Tallman and is contained within the file of Clifford S. Sims' Congressional Medal of Honor file. Sims was awarded the Medal of Honor after throwing himself on a grenade to save his men in a far-off province in Vietnam.

He is the only man from Gulf County so awarded and if it does not capture what we should remember this weekend it is hard to know what would.

"Staff Sergeant Sims was not a man to act rashly; he made decisions with the firm belief that he was right, and he made them without counting the cost to himself. He was intensely loyal to his men, and never put his own interests above theirs. Just five days before he died he was assigned the task of securing an LZ during heavy fighting. He assured that his men were properly positioned and

behind suitable cover. And he made certain that the wounded were expeditiously evacuated. Yet he never considered cover for himself during a full six hour period during which he was under a harassing sniper fire. His devotion was to his duty and to his men. And so I believe, as he never acted otherwise that I was aware of, did he consider the safety of his men on 21 February, fully aware of the sacrifice he was making, yet more poignantly concerned for the fate of his men were he to choose any other course. In simple fact, Staff Sergeant Sims knowingly and willingly laid down his life so that his comrades might live."

Even having read that passage dozens of times, having read the testimony that was submitted recommending Sims – this man who rose from an impoverished, segregated life to marry, have a child and go off to war and not return due to his sense of honor and duty – for the Medal of Honor; trying to understand his sacrifice under fire still clutches the throat.

And particularly in this day and age when too much of what we read, hear and experience derives from the impacts of men and women, at home and throughout the country, who carry with them a false sense of entitlement, that life owes them, that their community owes them.

Sims' life and his sense of patriotism and courage shames them all and is a lesson all youngsters should be taught and understand, such as those who will walk the stage for graduation this week.

And this Memorial Day we pledge to have a fine time, spend the extra hour in bed if able, go to the beach, have a meal out, but do so remembering that for more than 200 years and counting men and women have paid a price for this holiday in blood.

That such men and women have existed through the years is sufficient to remember; that they continue to walk among us is reason for celebratory awe.

They like their pork and beans early

I have wondered all my life why the British were noted for their "stiff upper lip." It has been, since boyhood for me, a strange term. I figured it had to do with their bent for "pomp and ceremony."

Or possibly their disdain for the colonies around the world that had the audacity to rebel against them. Or maybe, it just underscores their stoic nature towards history, things not in the best interest of the realm and/or unseemly international events. The thought crossed my mind that it could have something to do with the French residing so uncomfortably close ...

I decided to go over there and find out. It was, as it turned out, none of the above. We visited England in April: the beginning of spring. The leaves should be busting forth, the birds awakening, the sun drenching St. Paul's Cathedral, Windsor Castle and the white cliffs of Dover. Folks, there is no spring in the British Isles! It was colder than the bottom side of a gold digger's mining pan on Christmas day in Alaska! It was so cold those famous milk cows from Jersey were delivering ice cream right on the spot.

All those upper lips "over there" are stiff because they are frozen in place!

My feet didn't thaw out for two weeks. "Bobbies" guarding the streets thought my toboggan was surgically

attached to my noggin. I ate poached eggs and pork and beans for breakfast with my gloves on! I crawled out on the exposed top of the famed double decked sightseeing bus one time. My eye balls immediately froze over and I missed six cathedrals, Piccadilly Circus, Sherlock Holmes' place and Madame Tussauds' Wax Museum.



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

I finally understood Roger Miller's song, "Westminster Abby, the Tower of Big Ben, the rosy red cheeks of the little children ..." Let me tell you, it's a thin line between "rosy red" and "frostbite!"

The day we visited the famed Tower of London it was snowing. The Beefeater dressed guide was discussing the beheading of Anne Boleyn. I figured that was one way to escape the cold! That same guide, noting the number of Americans in the group, had some rather disdainful remarks aimed at humor about how we viewed our position in the world. I had to bite my tongue to keep from reminding him in 1940 his King George VI and wife Elizabeth were in Hyde Park, New York, bowing before our president and begging for help against the rampaging Nazis. Nobody in England was making fun of the United States soldiers crowding their streets in 1944!

The Crown Jewels are housed in the Tower of London. I couldn't tell if they

were real or not. Some of that zirconia stuff can fool the untrained eye ... They had swords in there older than Denmark. There were enough ruby laced crowns and scepters to outfit Lord Wellington's army. The Beefeater guy wouldn't let me try on King Richard's armor or any of the rings.

I ambled outside to see if winter had ended. I got to telling the unblinking and ramrod straight soldier with the high black hat and perfectly creased uniform guarding the building about growing up in West Tennessee. He didn't crack a smile or even glance in my direction ... until I told him about the Halloween Leon pulled the sheet up over his head and thundered through town on the big horse yelling, "The British aren't coming!"

I saw the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. It took an hour and a half! And they didn't have but two guards! And remember, it's bitterly cold. It took two bands, eighty-five red and black clad soldiers and more high-stepping back and forth than Washington and Cornwallis both did at Yorktown to get four guys to swap places. I kept thinking the United States Marines could have accomplished the switch in eight seconds ... and the queen would have been much safer. Of course, I reckon those guys are doing a good job. I haven't heard of any force, foreign or domestic, ever storming Buckingham Palace.

We visited Westminster Abby on Thursday. You couldn't believe the vast

number of people milling about. I asked the Baptist (he was taking up the money before you went inside) ticket guy, "Y'all having a revival?"

It was a spectacular place. As was the near-by Parliament Building. Big Ben had the correct time. And the Thames River crept through, and around the ancient buildings much like the Weekly Reader depicted back in Mrs. Paschall's eighth grade history class. I am not a "city guy" but London was impressive. Just the history alone makes it a special place. And, after a few "howdies," "y'alls" and "you'ins always in such a hurry," the upper lips softened a bit.

They liked the stories about Leon and growing up in a small town "back home". When you got through the façade of who we were all supposed to be and just sat down and talked a few minutes, they were most friendly, kind and "jolly good"! And when I found out that the tradition of pork and beans for breakfast stemmed from the shortage of meat during World War II, I figured they had paid a price to be here, too.

I've just thawed out enough to type this little blurb. I'm still practicing raising my upper lip, and holding it. And the Tower of London guard is coming to America to meet Leon in August ... I can't wait to see how long it takes him to melt.

Respectfully,
Kes

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Avoiding hidden flight, hotel fees

The last few years have been tough economically for many people. Unemployment fears combined with plunging home, stock and retirement account values caused many to forgo big vacations – even though stressful times are when we most need to recharge our batteries. But with the economy turning around, many families are cautiously dipping their toes in the travel pool once again. Hotel occupancy rates have risen in many areas and airports are as crowded as ever.

Airlines and hotels are notorious for tacking extra charges onto their bills. Here are a few to watch out for:

- A few airlines allow one free checked bag (Southwest still allows two), but most charge up to \$25 for the first checked bag each way, and even more for additional pieces. Plus, most now tack on hefty fees for overweight and over-sized checked and carry-on luggage, so measure and weigh

your luggage carefully.

- Expect to pay extra for things like changing flights, extra leg room, priority boarding, unaccompanied minors, pets, Wi-Fi access and food. Some airlines even charge extra to speak to a live person or to buy your ticket at the airport counter or by phone.



JASON ALDERMAN

- **Airfarewatchdog.com, Travelnerd.com** and **Kayak** offer great fee comparison charts for various airlines; but always double-check the airline's own posted rules before booking your flight.

- Some hotels charge extra if you check in before a certain time. Ask whether they'll store your luggage for free until check-in so you can begin sightseeing unencumbered.

- Many hotels charge a hefty penalty if you don't cancel a reservation 24 to 72 hours beforehand and some also charge an early-departure fee – sometimes the equivalent of one night's lodging. Read the

hotel's cancellation policy before booking, especially if you're looking at a discounted, non-refundable rate.

- Minibars often have electronic sensors that trigger a charge if you simply move the contents. Also, water or snacks sitting on the dresser may appear to be complimentary, but double-check before consuming.

- Hotel parking in major cities can cost up to \$50 a day, and many have mandatory valet parking, which means adding a tip on top of that. Research nearby municipal parking lots beforehand, or check the city's tourism bureau for hotels offering parking promotions. Sometimes using public transportation and taxis is cheaper overall than paying for parking.

- Some hotels and resorts automatically add housekeeping or spa gratuities to your bill, so ask first before leaving your own tip – unless of course the service was terrific.

- Most hotels charge exorbitant amounts for local and long-distance calls made from room phones, so use your cellphone.

- Resorts often charge extra for services they offer – such as gym access or daily newspaper delivery – even if you don't use them. Find out the policy ahead of time and scrutinize your bill for unused services.

- Ask to see your bill the night before you check out, so you can review it carefully for overcharges.

- If you're traveling abroad, be aware that using your cellphone can be mighty expensive. Research your carrier's international calling plan and ask whether your phone is compatible with foreign networks. You might need to rent an international cellphone, or buy or rent an unlocked phone and international SIM card.

If your budget's in good shape and you're getting wanderlust, maybe it's time to venture out into the world again. Just be cautious about how hidden expenses can add up.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney

Letter to the EDITOR

GCDVTF says thanks

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force, we would like to express our extreme gratitude for all the attendees who were able to come to our Third Annual Ladies Night Out Event on May 9 in Gulf County. The event was a huge success and raised over \$4,500 in contributions and generous donations. Our auction was a huge success thanks to each and every person! On behalf of the board and many volunteers we wanted to send our appreciation for your participation and support.

We'd also like to thank the special individuals who gave tirelessly to help make the event such a success: Patricia Mamoran, Chairman of Ladies Night Out; Lindsey McCrary, Co-Chair; Georgene Brinkley, Past Chairman, Pat and Henry Horst, Director and Treasurer; Cathi Rigdon, Director; Joyce Downard, Director; Charlie Brock, Volunteer; Ann Jarosz, Volunteer; Liz Brenner, Volunteer; Martika Albino, Volunteer; Diane Pierett, Volunteer; Bobby, Volunteer; Olga, Volunteer; Alexander, Volunteer; Ebony and Elis, Volunteers; Larry Gay, Volunteer and Jerry Arhelger and Bill Small for our entertainment.

The Task Force could not do what it does without the generous support of a caring community, therefore we want recognize our local businesses and citizens who donated auction and food items for our cause:

Thank you to the following friends and merchants for our door and game prizes, gift bag items and financial support:

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Thank you to the following merchants who provided to our silent and live auctions items:

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Thank you to the

following merchants who donated and provided the food: Bailey's Crab House for the She Crab Soup, Provisions for the Pasta Salad and Shell Shack for all of our Shrimp.

We would like give a special thank you to First Presbyterian Church who allowed us to use their facility for all necessary needs. We would like to recognize First Baptist Church who allowed us to borrow 120 chairs for the event and to the First United Methodist of Mexico Beach and Highland View Church of God for providing us with extra tables. Without any of them, this event would not have been possible.

We would also like to recognize the Senior Citizen and Community Center who allowed us to use their venue. It was absolutely perfect and we are very thankful.

In our final sincere appreciation, we would like to recognize Kelly Faircloth, Department of Juvenile Justice for providing his youth to help with several aspects of service. They were absolutely amazing and provided an intricate part to the success of our event.

Our purpose of the event was to raise local awareness of our services; and to raise funds to support and assist victims of domestic violence in Gulf County. The support was absolutely priceless.

Lindsey McCrary

Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force

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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT IN THE CITY COMMISSION GROUP 2 ELECTION.

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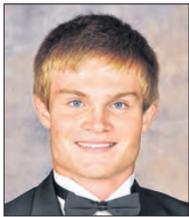
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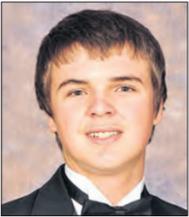
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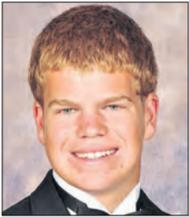
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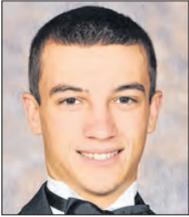
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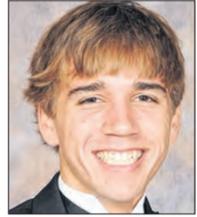
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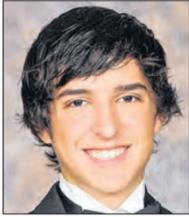
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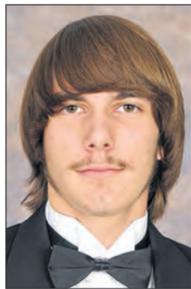
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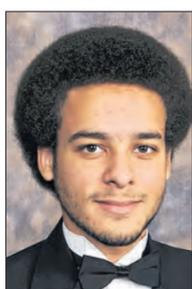
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City debates golf cart crossing

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Port St. Joe city commissioners had a packed house on Tuesday in large part to discuss golf carts.

Specifically, what it would take to allow golf carts to legally cross State 71.

Though commissioners have wrestled with the Florida Department of Transportation over proposed crossings at State 71 and Reid Avenue and State 71 and U.S. 98, it has thus far been to no avail.

But Commissioner Bo Patterson pressed for the city to fund a traffic study to determine if a Reid-71

crossing might be viable. "This is something I sincerely want," Patterson said. "I think it's money worth spending."

The cost of the study would be just under \$5,000. The city has not budgeted for the money but city manager Jim Anderson was charged with finding the funds.

The FDOT has suggested the city pursue just one traffic study at a time and that the study focus on Reid-71.

Resident Ed Creamer said that would fulfill what he believed to be the main goal.

"The main goal is to cross 71 to get into town," Creamer said.

However, he noted, given

the one-way nature of the crossing streets on Reid Avenue, one drawback would be that once the golf cart driver left Reid Avenue, they would have no way back onto Reid save for driving the five blocks to First Street to turn around.

Another resident noted that having golf carts on Reid would also exponentially raise dangerous traffic conditions. For instance, folks backing out of the angled parking spaces along Reid already have a difficult time seeing oncoming traffic.

"Reid Avenue is an accident waiting to happen," Gary Howze said.

Suggestions for a possible

crossing further up State 71, at Woodward or Marvin Avenues, to facilitate getting to town were discounted due to increased speeds of traffic at those intersections.

"And you are still going to have golf carts on Reid Avenue," Commissioner Rex Buzzett said.

Commissioner Bill Kennedy and resident Boyd Pickett argued that the goal should be access not to town, but St. Joseph Bay.

"A lot of people in our community would like to go to the water, that's the main goal," Pickett said.

Commissioners approved 4-1 (Magidson dissenting) to perform the traffic study of Reid-71.

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maintenance dredging which has become a top priority for St. Joe and the Port St. Joe Port Authority.

"This is exciting news for the Port Authority," said Leonard Costin, chairman of the Port St. Joe Port Authority. "With the commitment from Green Circle Bio Energy, the Port Authority can now move forward with grant proposals for funding the ship channel dredging."

Port director Tommy Pitts called the agreement a "game changer" for dredging efforts.

The partners in developing the Port of Port St. Joe have been lobbying the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Department of Transportation concerning the maintenance dredging.

A FDOT grant of some \$1 million is available for the Port of Port St. Joe pending a local match. There are also some federal monies available if dredging moves forward.

St. Joe has secured a FDOT grant for improvements to the old AN Rail

line, work that should be completed sometime early next year.

The LOI with Green Circle anticipates some time will be required to secure the permitting, permission and execution of dredging, but in the LOI the obligations of either party are contingent upon the Port of Port St. Joe receiving funding to complete maintenance dredging of the shipping channel.

And that changes the narrative for dredging. No longer is it "if" dredging is completed a customer will come. Now, the port and St. Joe can argue a customer is present and waiting.

"A viable business is ready to use the Port and rail access to the Port site is being improved; the missing link to an operational Port is the necessary dredging improvements to the shipping channel," Brady said.

The port has a navigational channel that is federally-authorized to a maximum of 37 feet. Dredging to the authorized depth has been the top priority of the Port Authority and St. Joe in luring customers.

Once dredging has been

completed, the port's options will only grow, Pitts said.

According to Pitts, the commitment of tonnage through the port, though still conditional, "is a phenomenally huge step in the efforts to revitalize port activity here."

Once a commitment to dredge and the dredging is accomplished, Pitts said, other opportunities that were previously out of reach come closer.

Green Circle operates the world's second-largest wood pellet plant in Cottondale. The company employs 81 at the plant with several hundred indirect jobs and more than \$70 million injected into the local economy, according to the release.

The wood pellets produced at the new production facility can be transported via truck or railway to the Port of Port St. Joe for shipment to overseas markets, particularly Europe where the consumption of wood chips for energy is exploding.

"We are excited about the possibility of leveraging our strong presence in Northwest Florida, further job and economic development in

the region, and look forward to the successful dredging improvements of the shipping channel," said Morten Neraas, CEO for Green Circle Bio Energy Inc.

Additionally, bulk cargo port facilities are being considered for development at the port site to accommodate Green Circle's shipping needs. The Florida Ports Council, in its annual report, noted that the Port of Port St. Joe is positioned for bulk cargo shipments, offering access to rail, the U.S. Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and state and federal highways.

State and federal elected officials also weighed in on the announcement.

"This is great news for Port St. Joe and our surrounding region," Congressman Steve Southerland said. "By building upon Northwest Florida's tremendous potential, both as a world leader in biomass production and a natural fit for rail, road, and waterway shipping, The St. Joe Company and Green Circle have made an important commitment to growing jobs and strengthening our local economy."

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GCA Education Services out of Knoxville, Tenn.

GCA made a presentation at the prior Gulf School Board meeting and Norton said the intention would be to "piggy-back" on the Bay County contract since Bay had been through the qualification and bid process.

The School Board has not finalized a contract with GCA, only specified that the district will privatize custodial services.

The privatization will affect 11-12 employees who will be laid off by the district.

Through an agreement between GCA and the district, those employees will be provided first opportunity to apply for the same positions under GCA, Norton said.

He said the biggest effect would be that the employees no longer would pay into the Florida public employees retirement system though those vested would maintain their current balances.

"This really should be as seamless a transition as could be," Norton said.

The savings the district will realize should be on the high side of the ballpark provided Monday as the most basic level of services

provided by GCA will be an improvement for county schools, maintenance/transportation director Greg Layfield said.

"We don't have adequate coverage, especially at the high schools" in light of workforce cuts the past several years, Layfield said. "They would provide an upgrade from where we are now."

But the decision to privatize custodial, Norton made clear Monday, was just a toe in the water for the coming budget cycle, which will begin in earnest at the regular board meeting next week.

The board will at that time take up the formal con-

tract for custodial services as well as begin the examination of areas identified by Norton and district staff for possible cuts.

"The staff and I, we have our work cut out for us," Norton said.

The district must still trim, at least, \$760,000 from the budget, a process that is likely to mean impacts not only to the workforce but potentially to programs.

The pain was already showing Monday.

"It takes everybody, from the school bus driver to the lunch room server to teachers to custodial," board member Linda Wood said. "Everybody is of equal importance."

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construction and other components of the move.

With the appropriation from the state, the city, Magidson said, was in position to move ahead swiftly with the relocation. The state money does not become available until the fiscal year begins in July.

"Now we really have for that project over \$400,000," Magidson said. "We are grateful to all those who helped us in the Legislature and all those who had a hand in convincing the governor of the value of saving this historic treasure."

Magidson, echoing words used by Rep. Jimmy Patronis (R-Panama City Beach), said the lighthouse relocation could also become an "economic boom" for the area.

Time is pressing. The city has roughly two months remaining in the six-month window provided by the federal government to move the structures from the site, which is owned by the U.S. Air Force.

Magidson said the next step would be working with the project manager, Preble Rish Engineers, to establish a timeline for site preparation at George Core Park and soliciting bids for the actual move of the structures.

PSJRA relocation

The subject of the moving of the PSJRA arose again when Commissioner

Bo Patterson asked where the standoff with the Board of County Commissioners stood.

At this point, Magidson made clear, there is not a solution, "but I hope we can get it resolved soon."

The PSJRA was asked to move by the BOCC to accommodate the growth in staff and workload by the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, which shares the Welcome Center with the PSJRA.

The city, which leases the building to the county through the TDC paid for the move of the building to city land, has said it was open to the move, but wanted the county to consider a revision to an interlocal agreement concerning WindMark Beach.

The revision would divide a fire tax that now goes to the BOCC general fund among the three fire departments that cover the WindMark Beach area.

The BOCC has balked at the proposal, saying the move of the PSJRA should not be tied to the interlocal agreement and asserting that agreement is more complex than just the fire tax.

During last week's BOCC meeting, Commissioner Warren Yeager told his fellow commissioners that of the 15 items in the interlocal agreement, 11 had been completed, one was a non-issue and the other

items pertained to the fire tax and city services to the county residents.

The city has agreed to ensure that county residents pay the same rate for water and sewer as city residents.

Magidson disputed that there was anything "complex" about the interlocal agreement and said the city had raised the issue of the fire tax to the BOCC at least two years ago and the issue had not been resolved.

"Anybody who says the interlocal agreement and the (PSJRA) move are connected is blowing smoke," Magidson said.

He said when the request for the PSJRA move came up, the city broached the fire tax issue once again.

"They are not connected; this is not complex," Magidson said.

He also argued that dividing the fire tax money, something in the neighborhood of \$28,000, among the local fire departments might also help lower the fire insurance rating for residents, something that does not happen when the money goes into the BOCC general fund.

The PSJRA is currently paying double for rent, at the Welcome Center and to hold an office at the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce Local Color building which has been offered to the agency at the same

operational costs currently incurred at the Welcome Center.

Boat parking

The city will move ahead to spend just over \$2,000 to remove five trees near the restrooms at Frank Pate Park and add 10-12 new boat parking space for the boat ramp that is a weekend traffic jam.

The city will create the spots and place posts or parking stops

Chamber upgrades

Commissioners also approved spending under \$2,000 for improvements to the Commission meeting room, including installation of equipment for PowerPoint presentations and the installation of a movable wall at the back end to keep the public out of staff space.

While adding the wall, staff would install 20 additional chairs in the meeting room.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Port St. Joe Community Resource Center staff with volunteers in the food pantry.

USPS food drive benefits PSJ food pantry

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe Community Resource Center accepted non-perishable food that had been collected by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) as part of the nationwide Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Officials reported they received 2,003 items, which will be distributed to needy clients through its Food Pantry program.

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Addition to boat ramp saving lives for free

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Visitors near the Port St. Joe boat ramp might have noticed a curious new addition.

In the last week, a white wooden box full of life jackets of various sizes was erected and placed on-site.

The Life Jacket Loaner Stand has no locks and no price tags.

This is because the life jackets are free to use for boaters whose personal flotation devices are missing or damaged. Boaters may borrow the life jackets at no cost and are asked to return them at the end of their trip for others to use.

The 15 brand-new life jackets, available in children, youth and adult sizes, were provided by Sea Tow Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a franchise in Port St. Joe.

The Foundation's goal is to reduce accidents, fatalities and property damage related to recreational



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The Sea Tow foundation has supplied 15 life jackets that boaters in need can use free-of-charge.

boating.

The life jackets were purchased through a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, as administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Sea Tow went before the Port St. Joe city commission and received approval for the loaner stand.

Jackets are distributed to local Sea Tow fran-

chises which make them available to boaters free of charge. Many of the life jackets are offered to boaters through the popular Life Jacket Loaner Stands.

These stands are placed in locations where boaters will have easy access to the life jackets, such as marinas and boat ramps.

Established in 1983 by Founder & CEO Capt. Joe Frohnhoefer, Sea Tow is a leader in on-water assistance.

The foundation serves members in more than 100 locations throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

If a boat breaks down or runs out of gas, members can call Sea Tow

for a quick assist on the water.

"Safety is a big deal for us," said Brandon Davis, an employee with the Port St. Joe branch of Sea Tow. "There's lots of dangerous stuff going on out there."

Davis spends most of his days on the water and occasionally interfaces with the Coast Guard.

Although many associate boating with harmless fun in the sun, Davis said that accidents do happen at sea and reports that most boating deaths are a result of not wearing a life jacket. For children, ill-fitting life vests can be just as fatal.

By offering free life jackets that boaters can borrow if they find themselves short, Sea Tow is building public awareness

to an ongoing problem.

Florida law requires that each person on board a boat have a properly-fitting life vest readily accessible and children under six must wear a life jackets at all times.

In federal waters, children up to 13 are required to wear a life vest.

"Our Sea Tow captains never leave the dock without wearing a personal flotation device, but we see just how few other people wear them out on the water," said Captain Dennis Douglas of Sea Tow.

"By making it free and easy to borrow a PFD for the day, we think people will make sure they have enough properly fitting life jackets before they go out."

Since 2008, the Sea Tow Foundation has distributed nearly 15,000 life jackets to boaters across the country.

In addition to use by recreational boaters, the Sea Tow Foundation life jackets have been utilized for towing and marine assistance operations, at boat shows, boat parades, fishing tournaments and water cleanup events.

If successful, the Port St. Joe Sea Tow branch hopes to set up a similar box in Mexico Beach.

The loaner box will be locked at night but boaters in need can call Sea Tow's 24-hour number at 227-4049.

Catfish tournament this weekend

From staff reports

BLOUNTSTOWN — The Blountstown Rotary Club will host the 17th annual Big River Roundup Florida Flathead Catfish Tournament Friday and Saturday.

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

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.

Boat fishing 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. As word of the tournament has spread, fisherman from Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, South Carolina and even as far as Ohio have traveled regularly 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. Those 14-years-old and younger may enter in the youth category for \$20 per person.

People are encouraged to pre-register to be included in a special pre-registration prize drawing. Participants also can register onsite from 9 a.m. until noon CT Friday and 6-10 a.m. CT Saturday at the Blountstown Landing (Neal Landing).

There will be multiple boat launch sites available and approved by the Blountstown Rotary Club. See rules for more information.

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

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

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, May 16	86°	70°	30 %
Fri, May 17	88°	66°	0 %
Sat, May 18	81°	66°	10 %
Sun, May 19	80°	68°	10 %
Mon, May 20	80°	69°	10 %
Tues, May 21	82°	70°	10 %
Wed, May 22	82°	71°	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

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

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23	Th	8:35am	1.7	6:19pm	-0.3
24	Fr	9:14am	1.9	7:21pm	-0.4
25	Sa	10:01am	2.0	8:25pm	-0.6
26	Su	10:51am	2.1	9:27pm	-0.6
27	Mo	11:42am	2.0	10:22pm	-0.4
28	Tu	12:31pm	1.9	11:07pm	-0.3
29	We	1:18pm	1.7	11:38pm	-0.1
30	Th	1:57pm	1.3	11:49pm	0.1
31	Fr	1:58pm	1.0	11:29pm	0.3

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
23	Th	4:12am	1.2	1:34pm	1.5
24	Fr	5:13am	1.3	2:12pm	1.6
25	Sa	6:09am	1.3	2:54pm	1.6
26	Su	6:59am	1.3	3:41pm	1.6
27	Mo	7:46am	1.3	4:32pm	1.6
28	Tu	8:28am	1.3	5:28pm	1.5
29	We	9:06am	1.2	6:30pm	1.4
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Offshore

Our 2013 red snapper fishery will kick back off again on June 1st, so get ready. This year we have a 21 day season in federal waters and a 44 day in state waters so make sure that you know the new changes to the laws. King fish have showed up on the car bodies sights out of Mexico beach in about 50-60ft of water. Slow trolled cigar minnows on dusters will find the fish fast!

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Parker qualifies for NCAA East Prelims

Star staff report

Port St. Joe's Kayla Parker finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles for the University of Kentucky last week at the South-eastern Conference Track and Field meet, qualifying for the NCAA East Prelims this weekend in North Carolina.

Parker was fourth in a time of 13.19, a personal record which is just .03 off

the school record. Parker entered the SEC meet already ranked second in the Kentucky women's history.

She is one of 13 Kentucky women to qualify for the NCAA East Prelims.

Parker's 13.19 is the 11th best collegiate time this year in the 100-meter hurdles. Parker had the collegiate indoor season's best time in the 60-meter hurdles.

Port St. Joe, Wewahitchka dominate Jamboree

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PORT ST. JOE — Port St. Joe will bring some speed in 2013; Wewahitchka some size.

That was the general verdict last Friday as the two county schools ended 16 days of spring football practice by dominating a Spring Jamboree with Franklin County.

The Gators opened the night with by pouncing the ball at Franklin County for 16 minutes to outscore the Seahawks 25-7.

Port St. Joe followed by running through Franklin County during a 28-0 whitewash and the Tiger Sharks finished the night with a touchdown with just over a minute to play to edge Wewahitchka 7-0.

"I thought overall we played pretty well," Port St. Joe coach Chuck Gannon said. "The effort was there. We got to play a lot of kids. That is what we wanted to see."

Wewahitchka 25, Franklin County 7

Wewahitchka coach Dennis Kizziah said he doesn't worry about numbers during the spring game, but he is sure Rashard Ranie and the Gators' running attack did all the damage against the Seahawks.

"I don't keep stats because this is like training camp, the stats don't really matter," Kizziah said. "We played pretty good against Franklin County. We ran the ball and felt like we could do what we wanted on the ground. We might have thrown a pass or two, but we ran it at them."

What Kizziah saw, however, was what he was hoping for, energy and excitement combined with a bit of success.

"We got a chance to play a lot of kids which is what we wanted to do, give a lot of the younger kids an opportunity," Kizziah said.

"We have a team that really likes playing together. They are not

individuals, it is about the team. They have grown up together, know what each other thinks. They just are a good bunch."

The domination of Franklin County provided motivation for summer workouts, Kizziah said.

"They are excited," Kizziah said. "I wanted them to be excited when it was over. They are ready to get going this summer, get in the weight room and get stronger."

Port St. Joe 28, Franklin County 0

The Tiger Sharks did what Port St. Joe teams do to be successful: run and run some more.

Port St. Joe threw just one pass — it fell incomplete — during two quarters against the Seahawks, but the Tiger Sharks averaged more than 13 yards per rush with 14 attempts for 184 yards.

The most damage was provided by Jak Riley who had 71 yards on a touchdown dash. Cole Cryderman scored on a 16-yard run and Aaron Paul closed the scoring on a 26 yard sprint.

Those runs sandwiched around a 26-yard pass interception for touchdown by Jarkeice Davis, who spent much of spring nursing a leg injury.

"He was cleared to play and he was champing at the bit so we tried to get him in for some plays here and there," Gannon said.

The Tiger Sharks were without Natrone Lee, who suffered a high ankle sprain in the final days of practice.

"If this was the regular season, he probably could have gone, but there was no reason to risk it," Gannon said. "But that was my big concern, running the ball without Natrone."

"I thought the offensive line did a good job of blocking and I was real pleased by the blocking of our wideouts."

Justin Hites and Drew Lacour split place-kicking duties, each

hitting two extra points.

Port St. Joe 7, Wewahitchka 0

The county rivals battled on relatively even terms for 15 minutes before Marcel Duarte, a junior this fall out for football for the first time, scored on a 10-yard run with 1:04 left.

"They are very big up front, bigger than most of the teams we will probably play," Gannon said. "I thought we played pretty good."

The Tiger Sharks upped their pass attempts by one, but both passes were incomplete.

Port St. Joe again rushed for exactly 184 yards, this time on 29 carries, more than six yards per rush.

Davis had 70 yards on five carries while Duarte rushed seven times for 44 yards and Carter Thacker added 41 yards on seven carries.

"We spread the ball around and we did a good job of blocking," Gannon said.

Kizziah said the game was much different than in recent years in that the Gators played on relatively even terms with the Tiger Sharks, save a few miscues.

"We just made a couple of mistakes," Kizziah said. "We were also getting a little tired, I think."

"It was much different than it has been the past few years. I thought we played them real well. They have a lot of speed and broke off some runs and punched it in late, but I thought we were there. Our kids played really hard and that is what I wanted to see."

Gannon said he realized the goal he set for the spring game.

"I think we found some kids who we can move around and play multiple spots," Gannon said. "We were able to move them around and see how they would do and we have a better idea of our depth chart."

"And we had good effort. That was the main thing we wanted to see."

Sports BRIEF

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Church offers book for every student



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Students combed through the books looking for a good summer read.

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First United Methodist Church was on a mission to get kids reading even if it took giving away books to every student.

That's exactly what church members did.

Last Thursday, the United Methodist Women hosted their ninth annual Book Give-A-Way where every child at Port St. Joe Elementary School received a new book purchased by the

women's group.

What started as a small church activity with about 100 children benefiting has grown exponentially and books were given to 615 students including those leaving kindergarten and entering the first grade.

"The most rewarding mission project our church does is right here in Gulf County," said Donna Thompson, who is also the reading specialist at the school.

The books available covered a gamut of genres, from serious, to funny, to books about sea life and insects.

Children scrambled to see what was available and carefully selected their summer reading.

Thompson held the give-away to coincide with the last day of the Book Buddies program where once a week, residents Phyllis Altstaetter and Martha Sanborn visit the classroom and read one-on-one with students in order to help students improve their reading skills.

The two have done so every week for 12 years.

See **BOOK B6**



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A Port St. Joe versus Wewahitchka tug-of-war settled any existing rivalries. **At left**, the challenge of the sack race was simply staying on one's feet.

DASH TO THE END

Star staff report

Gulf County schools rounded out the year with the annual Track and Field Day at the Wewahitchka football field.

Students from Port St. Joe Elementary made the trek to compete in the Friday events that included the softball throw, 100-meter dash, sack race and a tug-of-war that pit Port St. Joe against Wewahitchka.

Events were open to grades three through six. Concessions were provided on-site, and the stands were full of supportive parents and family members to cheer on their student athletes.

Iowa resident bikes 7,000 miles, camps in PSJ

By WES LOCHER
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Some people celebrate their birthdays with cake and presents.

Des Moines, Iowa resident Jack Day celebrated his 70th birthday by setting out on a 7,000-mile bicycle tour.

Day began the two-wheeled solo journey from his doorstep on March 15. Over the next six months, his plan was to venture south to Key West, north to the tip of Maine and loop back to his original starting point.

He utilized biking and travel websites to create an itinerary for

himself, locating couches to sleep on or safe patches of grass on which to pitch his tent at each stop.

After two months of pedaling, Jack hit a major milestone in his journey: on May 13, he reached Port St. Joe.

"He's a real people person," said Debbie Van Vleet, owner of Happy Ours Kayak and Bike Outpost on Cape San Blas.

Van Vleet played last-minute host to Day during his visit to Gulf County. En route from Panama City, Day was unable to find a couch in town utilizing his normal network. He sent an email to Van Vleet and she was able to save the day, offering a patch of grass for his tent.

The next morning Van Vleet had breakfast with Day and he entertained with stories of his trip so far as well as his future plans for the journey.

Day likes to make new friends and often highlights his hosts on his website as a way of thanking them for their hospitality and spreading good will.

"I really wanted to support his efforts," Van Vleet said. "I hope I can do that at 70."

Her father is 91 years old and rides his bike 10 miles a day. She shared the story with Day who promised to

See **BIKE B6**



DEBBIE VAN VLEET | Special to The Star

Iowa resident Jack Day celebrated his 70th birthday by biking 7,000 miles and passed through Port St. Joe.



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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 now a weekly feature in The Washington County News and The Holmes-County Times-Advertiser.

1) What was the first independent kingdom created by the U.N.?
Saudi Arabia, Syria, Ethiopia, Libya

2) Who markets a brand of soft drink called "Bimbo"?
Royal Crown, Coca-Cola,

Pepsi, Maxwell House

3) What actor has a species of spider named after him?

Burt Reynolds, Harrison Ford, Tobey Mcguire, Tom Hanks

4) About 3/4s of Hawaii's people live on which island?

Maui, Hawaii, Oahu, Lanai

5) How old was martial artist Bruce Lee at time of death?

28, 32, 37, 41

6) With which Boston team did Babe Ruth hit his first major league homerun?

Braves, Celtics, Red Sox, Bruins

7) How many coffee

beans did Beethoven count for each cup on preparing his brew?
25, 35, 50, 60

8) What number determines anti-knock gas quality?
Octane, Viscosity, Shock, Fluidity

9) Which city is called the "Port of Five Seas"?
Moscow, Shanghai, London, Rome

10) Of these which is not in Europe?
Austria, Cyprus, Armenia, Iceland

11) At sea level there are about how many pounds of air pressure on each square foot of your body?
100, 500, 1,000, 2,000

12) In 1670 Boston who became the first American coffee trader?
Samuel Adams, Mary Polk, John Smith, Dorothy Jones

13) Jefferson and which other president's first name at birth was Thomas?
Washington, Wilson, Taft, Clinton

14) Which is called the "City of Magnificent Distances"?
Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, NYC, Paris

ANSWERS

1) Libya. 2) Coca-Cola. 3) Harrison Ford. 4) Oahu. 5) 32. 6) Red Sox. 7) 60. 8) Octane. 9) Moscow. 10) Armenia. 11) 2000. 12) Dorothy Jones. 13) Wilson. 14) Washington, D.C.

Centennial TRIVIA



Pelican Pete has a Centennial Stumper for You!



In this 1950s photograph the merchant ship Askeladden is anchored offshore and receiving cargo from truck trailers that were loaded onto a barge in Port St. Joe and tug assisted out to the Norwegian vessel. Why was it necessary for this ship to load it's cargo offshore?

ANSWER ON PAGE B6

Snails, slugs dine on area landscaping

For some people, snails or escargot are a gourmet delight. But, a snail's idea of a good dinner might be one of your prized ornamentals. Snails, and their slimy cousins, slugs, are a common problem in the Florida landscape, but they can be controlled without too much trouble.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

body is protected by a spiral shell. The kind of garden snails you might find around your home varies considerably in shape size and color. Some are round, some elongated. Some are tiny, while others reach lengths of up to one or two inches. Colors range from off-white to brown or black. Some shells are striped or mottled with contrasting colors.

Slugs, unlike snails, do not have shells. They are usually mottled in shades of gray, but may be whitish-yellow, brown or black. Slugs vary from one-half inch to four inches in length.

Snails and slugs can cause various problems around the home. They like to feed on

seedling, flowers, vegetables and shrubs. In greenhouses, they attack young seedlings and the more succulent parts of mature plants. They also annoy homeowners by their presence around foundations, or walks, and in window wells.

These pests are often found on molds, decaying organic matter, and on the foliage of plants. They require large amounts of moisture to survive, and they prefer darkness. In fact, slugs and snails are nocturnal, coming out of their hiding places in the evening to feed. They chew ragged holes in the leaves of plants and return to their hiding places in the early morning.

Favorite hiding place for these pests are under old, decaying boards and logs, in rock piles,

and beneath damp refuse. Slugs leave a silver-colored, slimy trail whenever they travel. Trails can be spotted on foundations, walls and walks.

Elimination of slugs and snails begins with the destruction of their hiding places. Remove rotted boards and debris from the premises. Keep the area around flower beds clear of trash. In greenhouses, check under rotted boards, flower pots and debris beneath benches.

Measuroil is the recommended chemical for controlling slugs and snails. Most garden centers sell a snail and slug bait which contains the substance. This bait should be placed on the soil surface in the vicinity of the plants, and the treated area can be covered with several sheets of newspaper soaked with water.

Apply the bait in the afternoon, or at night. If possible, do not use the bait just before a rain, because its effectiveness will be reduced. Because snails and slugs may feed intermittently rather than every day, the bait should be distributed at seven- to 10-day intervals until control is achieved.

A home remedy to control these pests involves filling shallow saucers with beer and placing it on the soil in an area where they're known to feed. The beer will attract the pests into the saucers, and they will drown in the liquid.

For more information on controlling snails and slugs contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or [www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu).

Jessie Ball duPont Fund supports two local youth programs

Star staff report

Two well-established after-school programs for youth in Port St. Joe have received continuing support from the trustees of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund.

The Port St. Joe Citywide Choir, a summer and after-school music and academic program, received support through a \$135,200 grant to the Church of God in Christ.

The Port St. Joe Citywide Choir, directed by the Rev. David Woods of the Church of God in Christ, provides music training and tutoring and academic activities for youth ages 5-18. In addition to programming for the participants, the choir provides Sibling Watch Care, enabling youth who must care for younger siblings to participate. The program has capacity for 40 youth.

The North Port St. Joe Youth Initiative received support through a \$27,090 grant to Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church.

The North Port St. Joe Youth Initiative, led by Minnie Likely, serves approximately 18 youth ages 6-13. The program provides an after-school academic and enrichment program that offers reading and math tutoring, homework assistance and life skills development.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund makes grants to more than 330 eligible organizations identified by Mrs. duPont in her will. The Fund has assets of more than \$270 million and has awarded \$329 million in grants since 1977.



Wow! Alison Faith Gay is growing up so fast! From kindergarten to middle school, now you are on to high school! We are so proud of you and the beautiful young lady you have become. Love ya big, Shawn, Mama and Bobby

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

Porter is a 68# 1yr Pointer/Lab mix. He is a little shy around new people but loves their attention. Porter loves to go for a jog and would make a great companion. He likes the outdoors and gets along well with other dogs and even likes cats. If you have room in your family for this big dog, please let us know.

If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered.

Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com or adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Applications are available at www.sjbhumane.org. We require all potential adopters to complete an application form. Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations.

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

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Port St. Joe Elementary School recently honored the many volunteers who give hours of their time helping students, teachers and staff each week. They were treated with an after-school social in the Media Center where they enjoyed delicious food and received a thank-you gift in appreciation for their contributions. "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless".

CFES holds family luncheon

Special to The Star

Port St. Joe Elementary has participated in the College For Every Student Program at the national level for over 10 years.

On May 15, College For Every Student (CFES) scholars and their parents were honored with the yearly Family Luncheon. The students were enlightened with a video presentation produced by CFES scholars. They had interviewed teachers as to where they went to college, why they chose the teaching profession and words of wisdom teachers would like to share with the scholars as they transitioned to Port

St. Joe High School.

The highlight of the luncheon was special guest speaker Cadet Javarri Beachum, a former Port St. Joe Elementary CFES Scholar and current CFES Scholar at Port St. Joe High School, excelling in academics and NJROTC. Javarri credited his involvement in the CFES scholar program as a major factor in his getting his eyes on college.

The programs goal is to help challenge students to set goals, and Javarri encouraged the scholars to work hard, expand their worlds and follow their dreams.

Additionally, Javarri



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challenged them to let no one tell them they couldn't reach their dream. If you want it, you can have it, Beachum said. You can have anything you want,

just go for it and expand your vision. Javarri recently received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School.

DAZZLING DOLPHINS

Pre-K: Brody Lemieux; kindergarten: Kate Fidler; first grade: Zoey Burkett; second: Alex Harper; third grade: Porter Hodges; fourth: Cassidy Raffield; fifth: Brandon Barnes and Madison Jasinski; and sixth grade: Aaron Godwin.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Students make science discoveries at WES

Special to The Star

This year, Mrs. Lisa Stripling, Mrs. Joy Asbrook and Mrs. Renee' Combs classes were fortunate to receive a Science grant from the Gulf County Education Foundation. This grant allowed science kits and other common core-related materials to be purchased for their classes. The first grade and Bridges students were able to work together in teams to complete experiments that included Butterfly Pavilion, Discovering the contents of Geodes, Force and Motion and other activities.

It was a great opportunity for the classes to get some hands on experience with science. The students loved working together to achieve their goals. The experiments were very helpful in concreting the science concepts and will be remembered by all as a fantastic learning opportunity.

Pictured above are some of the students as they rotate through many Force and Motion centers. We were able to service 43 students with more hands on activities.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Nickson graduates from FAMU

Star Staff Report

Shayla Nickson, a graduate of Port St. Joe High School, graduated May 4 from Florida A&M University with a bachelor's degree in health care management. Shayla is the daughter of Donald and Jacqueline Nickson of Port St. Joe.



CONCURRENT NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 23, 2013
City of Port St. Joe, Florida
305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard
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(850) 229-8261

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Port St. Joe.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 11, 2013 the City of Port St. Joe, Florida will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to replace water lines in the Avenues B, C, D and E and connecting streets in the North Port St. Joe neighborhood in Port St. Joe, FL. The purpose is to replace aging iron pipe which is the major factor in poor water quality in the neighborhood. All work is to be confined to existing rights of way and is estimated to cost \$650,000 including project administration costs.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Port St. Joe has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City Hall at located at 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe FL. and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the office of the City Manager. All comments must be received by June 10, 2013. Comments will be considered prior to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Port St. Joe certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Mel C. Magidson, Jr. in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows City of Port St. Joe to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Port St. Joe certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Port St. Joe; (b) the City of Port St. Joe has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Port St. Joe to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Majesty and mystery of nature celebrated at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The majesty and mystery of nature will be explored at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, May 27.

The program celebrates nature and considers how human interaction is impacting the environment.

The program includes a screening of the award-winning short film "Saving Valentina," depicting the actual attempted rescue of a whale that was

ensnared in a fishing net.

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

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

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Worship Service..... 10:30 am	AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm
Choir..... 6:00 pm	Surrender Student Ministry.....6:15 - 7:30 pm
	Prayer/Bible Study.....6:30 - 7:30 pm
	Nursery.....6:00 - 7:30 pm

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Obituaries

Orbie Benjamin Franklin Jr.

Orbie Benjamin Franklin Jr. "OB" was born December, to the late Orbie Sr and Eliza Franklin in Homerville, Ga.. OB was preceded in death by his father and mother OB Sr. and Eliza Franklin, one daughter Octavia Franklin and three brothers. He later moved to Port St. Joe, Florida and was employed at St. Joe Paper Company for many years. He continued his education at Haney Vocational - Technical School where he received a certification in Auto Mechanic. Mr. Franklin life was concluded on May 6, at his residence. OB memories will live forever. He leaves precious memories to three daughters: Cynthia Bell (Homerville, Ga.) Audrey Williams (Tallahassee, Fla.) and Shatavia Franklin (Port St. Joe, Fla.); two sons, Lamar Franklin (Ga.) and Dan

Scott (Ala.); eight sisters and brothers: (Agnes V. Williams/Homerville, Ga.), Suzie F Ford (Tallahassee, Fla.), Terry Franklin (Connie), Homerville, Ga., Leatha Williams (Elisa), Douglas, Ga., Jean Edmond (Keight), Homerville, Ga., Tony Franklin, (Valarie), Milwaukee, Wis., Larry Franklin and Michael Franklin both of Columbus, Ga.; 12 grandkids and a very special loving friend (Verline Franklin) and a host of sorrowing and caring nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*A precious one from us has gone
A voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant in our family
Which never can be filled.
A place is vacant in our family
All services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.*

Miriam Blackburn Grace

Miriam Blackburn Grace passed away peacefully on May 16, 2013, at her home.

She was born July 26, 1924, to the late James O. Blackburn and Mary Sites Blackburn of Chipley, Fla..

She is survived by her husband of 43 years Dr. Wesley L. Grace of Port St. Joe, Fla.; one son, Charles R. Grant (Jean) of Richmond Hill, Ga.; four daughters, Margaret G. Gilmore (Dow) of Chipley, Fla., Carol G. Dixon (Tommy) of Port St. Joe, Fla., Joni Gilbert (Reggie) of Panama City, Fla., and Linda Grace of Port St. Joe, Fla.

She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Covenant Hospice, Diana Williams, and Tina Surprenant for their endless hours of constant care.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. ET Monday, May 20, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church in Port St. Joe. Burial services were held at Glenwood Cemetery in Chipley, Fla., at 3 p.m. EST.

In lieu of flowers, you may make contributions to the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir in Port St. Joe, Fla.

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Spencer to perform at Hope Family Worship Center in Port St. Joe

Special to The Star

Kevin Spencer will perform at 6 p.m. ET on Saturday, June 1 at Hope Family Worship Center, located 2001 Garrison Avenue in Port St. Joe.

Spencer is a southern gospel singer who started singing with his family, "The Spencers," when he

was three years old. After starting his own group in 1992, Kevin Spencer and Friends, he now is enjoyed by his fans as a soloist.

Kevin has witnessed many lives changed through gospel music. He owns and operates the Some Dawning Music Company International, Inc., which includes

recording, songwriting, promoting and producing southern gospel music.

Kevin Spencer has recorded several hit songs including, The Blood is Still There, If the Rapture was Yesterday, So Much to Thank Him For, Flow Through Me Holy Spirit, and God Bless America Again.

Long Avenue Baptist invites children to Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God

Special to The Star

A summer kids' event called Kingdom Rock will be hosted at Long Avenue Baptist Church from Sunday, June 9 through Thursday, June 13. At Kingdom Rock, kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, dig into yummy treats, experience epic Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to stand strong, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with Fanfare Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8 p.m.

Kids at Kingdom Rock will join an international

mission's effort to share God's love with children in India.

Kingdom Rock is for kids 4 years old through 6th grade (completed) and will run from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. ET each day.

For online pre-registration visit the website: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/lab>

For more information, call the church office at 229-8691.



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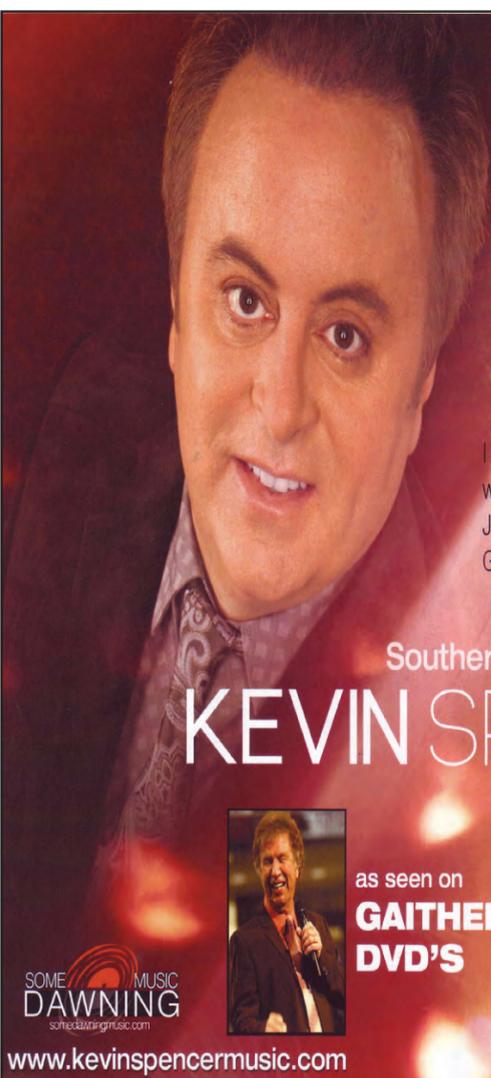
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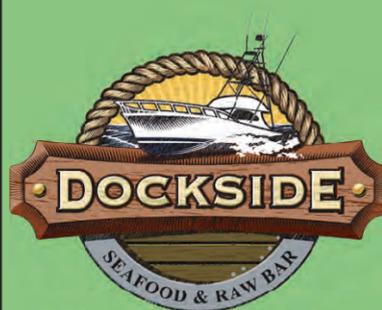
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NFCD Inc. to participate in UCLA Healthcare Institute

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The staff of North Florida Child Development has been picked to participate in this year's National Center on Health UCLA Healthcare Training Institute. With nine regional centers and serving more than 360 area families, North Florida Child Development is one of only 50 Early Head Start and Head Start programs nationwide, and the only one in Florida, selected to receive the training.

The mission of UCLA Healthcare Training Institute is to educate parents in America to make better healthcare decisions for their children. North Florida Child Development applied for the training, which is 100 percent grant funded, and plans to conduct the parent training sessions in September of this year. More than 100 area families will participate in the initial two-day workshop receiving textbook and other valuable health care tools such as digital thermometers,

free of charge.

"This training is designed to provide healthcare knowledge and enable parents to make better healthcare decisions for their children," said Sharon Gaskin, executive director of NFCD.

The program is based on the "What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick" guidebook assembled by the UCLA group. In addition to the easy-to-read book, training sessions for parents will also include hands-on education on how to correctly measure medication

and the correct hand-washing technique, among other things.

Flipping through the book, Gaskin said each chapter has the same four sections: What is it, what do I see, what can I do at home and when to call the doctor.

"It's natural for parents to be worried when their child gets sick but it (the book) really takes the panic out," Gaskin said.

A UCLA study showed that from 2002 to 2006 the program reduced participants' emergency

room visits by 58 percent, doctor's visits by 42 percent and missed school days by 29 percent.

During the past decade, UCLA health experts have helped Head Start coordinators train more than 45,000 families in 39 states to use basic tools including reference books, digital thermometers and liquid medical dispensers to treat their children and avoid unnecessary visits to doctor's offices and emergency rooms.

For more information, call Sebrina McGill, NFCD, at 639-5080.



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Donna Thompson, Linda Huie, Phyllis Altstaetter, Nancy Howze, Martha Sanborn, Katie Dykes, Dr. Geoffrey Lentz, Mary Lou Cumbie were on hand to help children find the best book for their interests.

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"It gives us more than it gives them," said Sanborn, who taught home economics and English at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School for 35 years.

She said she has enjoyed the results of her efforts as students become better

and avid readers and has watched many succeed in life.

"The kids think we've read every book ever written," Sanborn said.

The FUMC congregation memorialized Rena Huie, the former secretary

of the elementary school from 1961-1971 with a piece of scripture printed on the back of each book.

When Huie passed away, her family requested that the church donate to local missions and this project was selected to

receive funds donated in her memory.

Rena's daughter-in-law, Linda Huie was on-hand to oversee the festivities and represent the family.

"It was wonderful," Huie said. "Rena would be so pleased."

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take a bike ride alongside her father once he reached the town of Jupiter.

After the coffee was gone and the conversation had ended, Day loaded up his bike and hit the road.

His next stop was Fort Myers and then he'd be headed for Key West to mark the halfway point of his journey before he would turn around and work his way up the east coast as he headed for Maine.

At his age, Day is regularly reminded that people have low expectations for him but he's always happy to share his story as an inspiration to others.

"I'd rather keel over having fun, as opposed to slowly disintegrating in a rocker on the porch," Day said.

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SALE DATE: June 7, 2013

Latonya Bailey 317 Avenue B Port St Joe, FL 32456 Unit C-23 10x15 Containing household and misc items.

Calvin Pryor 300 Avenue C Port St Joe, FL 32456 Unit C-23 10x20 Containing household and commercial items.

Bid on Unit - HIGHEST BID TAKES ALL. Sale Time Starts @ 9:30 am to register. May 23, 30, 2013

911585 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000292

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBORAH H. WILLIAMS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court on May 14th, 2013 in Case No.:

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23-2011-CA-000292 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which Bank of America, N.A. is the Plaintiff and Deborah H. Williams, et al. are the defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 at 11:00 a.m., on the 13th of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

LOT 16, BLOCK 3, PINEY WOODS BEACH, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 46.

Property Address: Lot 16 Block 3 Pineywoods, Cape San Blas, Florida 32456.

The foreclosure sale can only be canceled by court order.

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

Witness my hand and seal of this Court on May 16th, 2013.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk May 23, 30, 2013

911625 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No.: 2009-CA-000543

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

JULIE MILLER F/K/A JULIE BARLOW; STEVEN MILLER; ANDY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DE-

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VISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed April 24, 2013 in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000543 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Front Lobby, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of June, 2013 at 11:00 AM ET on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 7 of Block 6, Corrective Replat of Riverside Park Unit No. 1 as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 38, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2013.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 225 E. ROBINSON ST. SUITE 660 ORLANDO, FL 32801 (407)674-1850 May 23, 30, 2013

935555 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 13-29 CA Division:

PRI PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,

vs.

GULF SUPPLY COMPANY OF PORT ST. JOE, INC., a Florida corporation, Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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TO: All persons claiming by, through, under, or against Defendant, Gulf Supply Company of Port St. Joe, Inc.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage lien on real property and a security interest lien on personal property located in Gulf County, Florida described as follows:

Real Property

Lot 3, of Port St. Joe, Commerce Park Phase II, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, at Page(s) 54 and 55 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Personal Property

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Thomas S. Gibson, of Rish, Gibson & Scholz, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 39, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32457, on or before June 10, 2013, 2013 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ BA Baxter Deputy Clerk May 16, 23, 2013

935955 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on June 6, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described

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real property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO

"EXHIBIT A"

Real Property

TRACT 4: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN GOVERNMENT LOT 1 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE NORTH 00°04'21" EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6 FOR 1842.81 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 30-E; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00°04'21" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE FOR 335.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00°04'21" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE FOR 149.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 38°09'06" EAST, FOR 513.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF ST. JOSEPH BAY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WATER'S EDGE FOR 100.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT WHICH BEARS NORTH 38°09'06" EAST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 38°09'06" WEST, FOR 595.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND

TRACT 5: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN GOVERNMENT LOT 1 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE NORTH 00°04'21" EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6 FOR 1842.81 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 30-E; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00°04'21" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE FOR 185.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00°04'21" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE FOR 149.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 38°09'06" EAST, FOR 513.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF ST. JOSEPH BAY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WATER'S EDGE FOR 100.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT WHICH BEARS NORTH 38°09'06" EAST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 38°09'06" WEST, FOR 595.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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TRACT 6: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN GOVERNMENT LOT 1 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE NORTH 00°04'21" EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 6 FOR 1842.81 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 30-E; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00°04'21" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE FOR 152.47 FEET; THENCE NORTH 38°09'06" EAST, FOR 676.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF ST. JOSEPH BAY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WATER'S EDGE FOR 100.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT WHICH BEARS NORTH 38°01'11" EAST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 38°01'11" WEST, FOR 760.3 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCELS (A, B AND C):

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EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE FOR 149.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 38°09'06" EAST, FOR 595.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF ST. JOSEPH BAY; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID WATER'S EDGE FOR 100.02 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT WHICH BEARS NORTH 38°09'06" EAST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 38°09'06" WEST, FOR 676.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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6 and run North 00 degrees 04 minutes 21 seconds East, along the West boundary line of said Section 6, for a distance of 1842.81 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of State Road No. 30-E; thence leaving said Easterly right of way line, continue North 00 degrees 04 minutes 21 seconds East, along said West boundary line, for a distance of 31.65 feet; thence leaving said West line run North 38 degrees 01 minutes 28 seconds East, for a distance of 339.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said Point of Beginning also being on a curve concave to the Northeast; thence Northwesterly along said curve with a radius of 197.14 feet, through a central angle of 27 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds, for an arc distance of 93.62 feet (chord of said arc being North 09 degrees 30 minutes 27 seconds West, 92.74 feet); thence North 38 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East, for a distance of 395.39 feet to a point on the mean high water line of St. Joseph Bay, located at elevation 0.89 feet NAVD 1988; thence Southeasterly along said mean high water line as follows: South 45 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds East, for a distance of 19.47 feet; thence South 27 degrees 58 minutes 37 seconds East, for a distance of 53.78 feet; thence leaving said mean high water line run South 38 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds West, for a distance of 254.19 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Together with a Private Road Easement as recorded in Official Records Book 134, Pages 625 through 627, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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said West boundary line, for a distance of 142.83 feet; thence leaving said West line run North 38 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East, for a distance of 314.48 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said Point of Beginning also being on a curve concave to the Southwest; thence Northwesterly along said curve with a radius of 120.00 feet, through a central angle of 32 degrees 52 minutes 15 seconds, for an arc distance of 68.84 feet (chord of said arc being North 12 degrees 20 minutes 17 seconds West, 67.90 feet); thence North 28 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds West, for a distance of 17.61 feet; thence North 38 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East, for a distance of 369.17 feet to a point on the mean high water line of St. Joseph Bay, located at elevation 0.89 feet NAVD 1988; thence Southeasterly along said mean high water line as follows: South 45 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds East, for a distance of 19.47 feet; thence South 27 degrees 58 minutes 37 seconds East, for a distance of 53.78 feet; thence leaving said mean high water line run South 38 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds West, for a distance of 254.19 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Together with a Private Road Easement as recorded in Official Records Book 134, Pages 625 through 627, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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ING; thence continue North 38 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds East, for a distance of 369.17 feet to a point on the mean high water line of St. Joseph Bay, located at elevation 0.89 feet NAVD 1988; thence Northwesterly along said mean high water line as follows: thence North 45 degrees 33 minutes 54 seconds West, for a distance of 16.68 feet; thence North 31 degrees 50 minutes 28 seconds West, for a distance of 48.72 feet; thence North 13 degrees 58 minutes 21 seconds West, for a distance of 34.51 feet; thence leaving said mean high water line, proceed South 38 degrees 09 minutes 06 seconds West, for a distance of 237.47 feet; thence South 21 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East, for a distance of 30.68 feet; thence South 38 degrees 09 minutes 06 seconds West, for a distance of 128.52 feet; thence South 28 degrees 46 minutes 25 seconds East, for a distance of 60.69 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to a Private Road Easement as recorded in Official Records Book 134, Pages 625 through 627, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim with the clerk of the court within 60 days after the sale.

In accordance with the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Megan F. Fry, Clerk, Partington, Hart, Larry Bond & Stackhouse, P.O. Box 13010, Pensacola, FL 32591-3010 (850) 434-9200, not later than seven days prior to the proceeding to ensure that reasonable accommodations are available.

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

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF COURT GULF COUNTY, FL

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk May 16, 23, 2013

93689S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 13-26-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF GRACE ADAMS Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of GRACE ADAMS, deceased, whose date of death was April 2, 2013 is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is May 23, 2013.

Personal Representative: Bob Pelc 125 Bridgeport Ln, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles A. Costin FL Bar No. 699070 P O Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850)-227-1159 email: ccostin@costinlaw.com May 23, 30, 2013

93693S PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 13-07, THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF GULF COUNTY will be disposing of the following real property located in Highland View, Gulf County Florida by sealed bids:

Commencing at the NE Corner of Lot 22, Government Original Section 26, Twp. 7 S, Rng. 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, also said point located by a St. Joe Paper Company monument; thence run due North 98.87 Feet to a stake; thence due West 44.79 feet to a stake for the point of beginning. From the point of beginning, run due West 445.192 feet to a concrete marker; thence run South 8 degrees 37 minutes East 510.28 feet to a stake; thence South 18 degrees 10 minutes West 154.3 feet to a stake, and to the Northeast corner of a lot sold to L. Wood by deed dated August 7, 1951, recorded in Deed Book 21, Page 569 of the Public Records of Gulf County,

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 Florida; thence run South 45 degrees 40 minutes West 120.00 feet to the East boundary line of State Road No. 30, also known as U.S. Highway 98, thence South 44 Degrees 20 minutes East 99.88 feet to the North boundary line of Seventh Street, Bayview Heights Subdivision of Gulf County, Florida; thence along the Northern boundary line of said Seventh Street, North 89 degrees 55 minutes East 552.8 feet; thence due North 206.7 feet; thence North 11 degrees 19 minutes West 610.73 feet to the point of beginning, containing 8.17 acres, more or less. LESS AND EXCEPT the following three parcels: (1) a 150' by 150' foot tract recorded in Deed Book 22, page 461; (2) A tract of land deeded to J.A. McCaskell in Deed Book 20, Page 222; and (3) a tract of land deeded to Gulf County, by outfall ditch easement in Deed Book 21, Page 7. Said parcel to be conveyed by the same parcel described in Deed Book 23, Page 63-64 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Beginning at a point fifty (50) feet North of the Northwest corner of Lot Nine (9) in Block "G", Bayview Heights addition to Highland View, Florida and run thence North 135 feet, thence West 150 feet, thence South 135 feet, thence East 150 to the point of beginning. The above land being located in the SW corner of the North Half of Government Lot 11 and Southeast corner of the North Half of Government Lot 12, Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida. Said parcel being the same as conveyed in Deed Book 23, Page 123 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

From the NE corner of original lot 12, Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, run North 11 degrees nineteen minutes West for a distance of 99.95 feet to a point; thence turn West along the North property line of the Highland View Grammar School for a distance of 475.29 feet to a concrete P.R.M.; thence turn South 8 degrees 37 minutes East for a distance of 510.28 feet to an iron pipe; thence turn right and extend a line South 18 degrees 10 minutes West for a distance of 154.3 feet to an iron pipe; thence turn right and extend a line South 45 degrees 20 minutes West for a distance of 120 feet to an iron pipe that is 33 feet East of the centerline of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway 98, for a point of beginning. Said parcel being the same as conveyed in Deed Book 26, Page 421 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

From the above point of beginning run a line North 45 degrees 20 minutes East for a distance of 120 feet to a point; then turn left and extend a line North 18 degrees 10 minutes East for a distance of 154.3 feet to a point; then turn left and extend a line North 8 degrees 37 minutes West a distance of 100.62 feet to a point; thence turn left and run a line South 45 degrees 20 minutes West for a distance of 337.56 feet, said line being parallel to the Southeast boundary line of this tract, to a point that is 33 feet East of the centerline of the Right of Way of U.S. Highway 98, then turn left and extend a line Southeast along the East Right of Way line of U.S. Highway 98 for a distance of 150 feet more or less to the point of beginning. Said parcel being the same as that conveyed in Deed Book 26, Page 421 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

The deadline for submission of sealed bids shall be 5:00 pm EST, June 5th, 2013. Only bids meeting or exceeding the fair market value shall be considered by the board. The board reserves the right to accept the highest and best bid and to reject bids that do not meet the appraised value.

Interested parties can contact Duane McFarland at dmcfarland@gulf.k12.fl.us 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 (850)-229-8256 to receive additional information. May 23, 30, 2013

93697S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA-000118 DIVISION: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 Plaintiff, vs.

STEPHEN HELMS A/K/A STEPHEN BENNETT HELMS et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 24, 2013 and entered in Case No. 23-2012-CA-000118 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida where IN WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and STEPHEN HELMS A/K/A STEPHEN BENNETT HELMS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN HELMS A/K/A STEPHEN BENNETT HELMS; BRANDI N. JONES A/K/A BRANDI HELMS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 13th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 2, BLOCK B: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 36, THENCE GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.22 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY LINE OF BRIAN SETTERICH ROAD (HAVING A 70 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE GO SOUTH 88 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 177.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 246.10 FEET; THENCE GO NORTH 01 DEGREE 21 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 246.10 FEET; THENCE GO NORTH 88 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 177.00 FEET; THENCE GO SOUTH 01 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 246.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A LOT 2, BLOCK B, CRESTWOOD ACRES, UNRECORDED

A/K/A 221 BRYAN SETTERICH, WEWA-HITCHKA, FL 32465-3103

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interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on May 16, 2013.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

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ADOPTIONS 1130

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APPLIANCES 3110

Dryer: Amana Clothes Dryer, A-1 condition. Bargain at \$145. Call (850) 763-6935

GARAGE/YARD SALES 3230

Mexico Beach 113 N 38th St, Saturday, May 25th, 7 am to 2 pm Yard Sale

Mexico Beach, 212 CR 386, 1 block off 98, Friday-Monday, May 24 - 27, 8:00 a.m. CST-7; Huge Garage Sale Treadmill, fishing poles, twin bed, xmas tree & decorations, jewelry, tools galore, screen house, yard stuff, chairs & umbrella, sago's & plants, Pella storm door and much, much more!

Mexico Beach: 207 Carolina Dr. Sat, May 25th 8:00am-2:00 pm Multi-Family Yard Sale Dishes and other household items, electronics, misc. Rain or Shine!! Text FL52946 to 56654

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GUNS 3240 Hunting Lease Renewal Need two members. near Port St. Joe. 2000 Acres. Deer and Turkey, etc. Member fee \$410-\$510/ yr. Call John 850-227-5052

4100-4130 EMPLOYMENT

4100 - Help Wanted 4130 - Employment Information

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