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## PSJ commissioners inch toward détente with county

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Port St. Joe commissioners agreed Tuesday to seek a setting on which they and the Board of County Commissioners can find common ground.

Commissioners approved the county's request to schedule a joint workshop sometime before the two governing bodies hold

their last bi-monthly meetings of June.

The hope: to find resolution for several pressing issues that are the latest rubs in a long-tense relationship.

One is the relocation of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency from the Gulf County Welcome Center to accommodate the growth of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

Another is an interlocal agree-

ment the two governing bodies have different ideas about amending.

And given his high-decibel more than 15-minute monologue at the end of last week's BOCC meeting, County Commissioner Tan Smiley seems likely to raise issues he has consistently and loudly raised for two years: rising water rates and law enforcement consolidation he argues would help bring water rates down.

The county has sought to uncouple the interlocal agreement and PSJRA move – which is time sensitive as the city agency is paying for two office spaces while the county and city are at an impasse.

As part of the county's response to the city's letter regarding the agreement, the BOCC asked the city to work on scheduling a workshop on the interlocal agreement and permit the

PSJRA move. City Commissioner Rex Buzzett said Tuesday he had seen indications the county was moving in a "positive" direction.

"I would like to show some good faith on our part and let the PSJRA move," provided there were assurances that a joint workshop would be an "amicable" effort to find collegial

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## Graduates claim diplomas

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During the week leading up to the Memorial Day holiday, Gulf District Schools graduated 125 seniors into the next passage in their lives.

In addition to the sheepskins, in addition to the opportunity to turn tassels and enjoy a final festive evening with classmates, the Class of 2013 also walked away with hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships earned through work of excellence the past four years.

### PORT ST. JOE JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Port St. Joe graduated 75 seniors among the Class of 2013.

The motto for the Class of 2013 was "If opportunity doesn't knock; build a door."

The class flower was the yellow hibiscus and the class song was "Tattoos On This Town" by Jason Aldean.

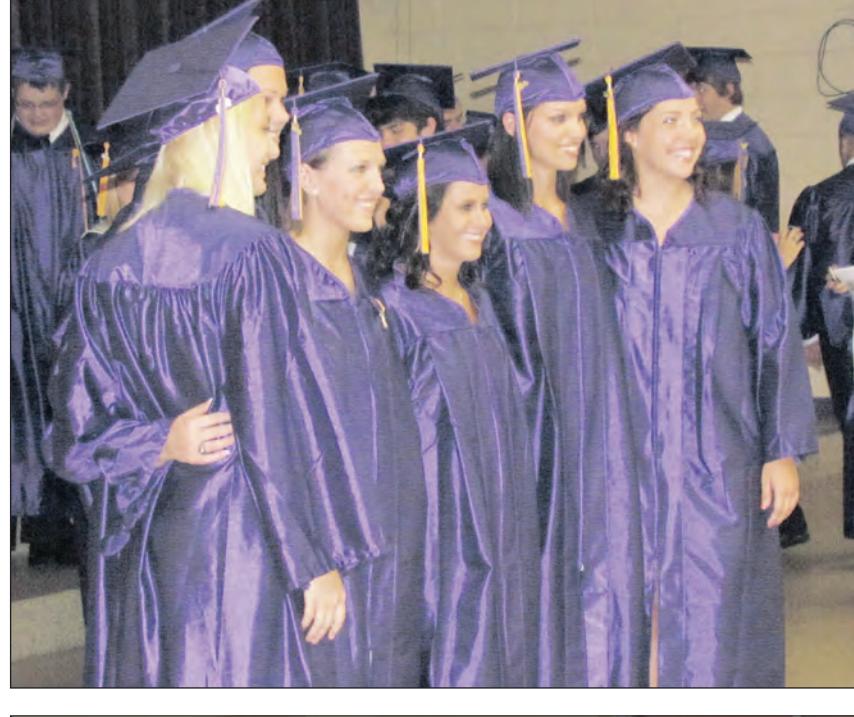
MaKayla Ramsey was the valedictorian and Mary Caitlin Bouington the salutatorian.

### HIGH HONOR GRADUATES (GPA OF 3.85 OR ABOVE)

Mary Caitlin Bouington, Dallas Cole Burke, Alyssa Lee Catha, Jacklyn Brook Collinsworth, Abigail Maria Davis, Alyssa Danielle Graziano, Jenifer Lyn McLemore, MaKayla Elissa Ramsey, Britney Elise Rich and Jeremy Michael Thompson.

### HONOR GRADUATES (GPA OF 3.5 TO 3.849)

Crysta Loraine Anderson, Javarri De Montez Beachum, Thomas Clifton Gainous, Jaclyn Tyler Kerigan, Decorian Devanté North, Dixie Mallory Oliphant, Brittnee Nicole Peak, Jada Christine Quaranta, John Witt Shoaf, Tucker Bernard Smith and Bryanna Rose Stuart.



### GRADUATES

Kyle Anthony Biggins, Mary Frances Branch, Samuel Robert Buccieri III, Michael Lee Burke, Joshua Dylan Cabaniss, Bre'Anna Gail Causey, Austin William Clayton, Carley Ann Clements, Jackson Ty Combs, Justin David Cothran, N'hamdi

Qu'a'darius Davis, Taylor James Deeson, Taylor Michelle Duhon, Kassandra Marie Favre, Charles Colby Gentry; Tiffany LeAnn Greene, Miranda Dayne Gref, Nicolette Kayelynn

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## Lighthouse doc a work of heart

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Her home base might be Los Angeles, but Lisa Curry still has a phone number that begins with the area code 850.

"There are a lot of people out here who still have phone numbers with their home area codes," Curry said. "You get a sense of where people are from, where their roots are."

Curry's are planted firmly in Port St. Joe, a 2002 graduate of Port St. Joe High School, the daughter of prominent local physicians Tom and Betty Curry.

When a request for qualifications and bids for a documentary about the saving and relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse came along, Curry and her fiancé Clayton Long saw an opportunity.

"(Port St. Joe) is a place I

love and a place I have always loved," Curry said by phone from the Los Angeles apartment she and Long, who will wed in Port St. Joe next year, share.

"We feel lucky and very fortunate to be able to do this documentary."

The documentary is being funded by a \$125,000 BP grant won by the city of Port St. Joe.

And beyond her roots in Gulf County, Curry, along with

Long, brought plenty of expertise to the project.

After graduating from Princeton, Curry did her graduate work at the University of Southern California's School of Fine Arts, one of the most prestigious schools for the arts, particularly filmmaking, in the country.

She spent three years in what she called a "trade

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## Accused killer cites 'Stand Your Ground' law in motion to dismiss

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The public defender for Walton Butler filed a motion for the dismissal of criminal charges in the 2012 shooting death of Everett Gant, for the first time citing the Florida 'Stand Your Ground' laws.

The motion cites the Florida statutes which entail the Stand Your Ground law which justifies the use of deadly force if someone believes that force is necessary to prevent death or harm to themselves or another.

Butler is charged with one count of second degree murder with a firearm, evidencing prejudice based on race.

The defense motion states that Butler feared retaliation for use of racial slurs and combined with the "aggressive behavior" of Gant and the difference in size between the two men, Butler contends that deadly force was his last resort and he is entitled to immunity from arrest and prosecution.

A hearing for the motion is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. ET July 11. No official trial date is known.

According to the original arresting affidavit from former Gulf County Sheriff Joe Nugent, an incident occurred during the afternoon of July 30, 2012 when a woman came to Butler's apartment in the Pine Ridge Apartment complex on Garrison Avenue with a child along.

Butler, a white male, used a racial slur to refer to the child.

Investigators discovered Butler had been making similar racial slurs to other children in the complex in the days leading up to the incident.

The woman became upset and left Butler's apartment. Gant, an African-American, went to Butler's apartment to discuss the racial animus.

Butler claims that Gant came to the residence and attempted to enter through the sliding door in a "threatening and aggressive manner" while making threats of bodily harm.

Butler shot Gant between the eyes with a .22 rifle and shut his door, leaving Gant to bleed outside.

Butler called 911, finished cooking supper, sat down and began eating, the arresting affidavit details.

Nugent arrived on the scene and contacted Butler by phone, at which time Butler told Nugent to come in, that Butler was eating dinner and had put up the gun.

Nugent said Butler, who had been drinking, acted as if "inconvenienced" when put under arrest, saying he could not understand the problem as "he had only shot a (racial slur)."

Butler acknowledged shooting Gant, who died six weeks to the day after the shooting, at no time, according to the arresting affidavit indicating he was acting in self-defense.

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this report.

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# Bed tax revenue continues upward trend

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On the first anniversary of her arrival as executive director of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, Jennifer Jenkins provided her advisory board on Tuesday with some celebratory numbers.

April bed tax collections were up 11.79 percent compared to the prior year. That means an increase in six of the first seven months of the fiscal year — a 15 percent increase from the same period last year — and an increase in revenue of more than \$35,000 through the first seven months.

In addition, the TDC has non-allocated funds for the current fiscal year of more than \$15,000 — based on growth projections of 4 percent per month the remainder of the fiscal year — and visitors to the TDC website have exploded.

There were 81 percent more visitors to the website in May

than the same month in 2012, 69 percent growth just from April. The number of visitors to the Welcome Center also is up 44 percent.

"Today is my one-year anniversary and it has been a great year," Jenkins told the advisory board. "Thank you for the support you have shown me and my team."

Also noted during the meeting was that the first recycling can for the pilot project to be established during the summer at Salinas Park will be in place sometime in the next week.

The pilot project is intended for Waste Management to gauge the viability of establishing a recycling program in the county.

"It is only going to work if there is mandatory garbage pickup countywide," board member Ronald Pickett said. "Forty percent of the county does not have mandatory pickup. We have to push our commissioners to enact mandatory pickup. We have to push this forward."

Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson, also a TDC board member, agreed.

"The city is discussing this as well," Magidson said, noting the city embarked on a recycling program last year that has been less than a rousing success. "I agree that it will not work until there is mandatory garbage pickup."

"This is something the city and the county will jointly have to work on."

The council also engaged in a spirited discussion about law enforcement presence on the beaches, the county's leash laws for dogs and beach driving.

The fuel was a suggestion from Jenkins to consider adding a half-cent or full cent to the 4 cents bed tax paid by visitors. The additional funds would help boost the Gulf County Sheriff Office's ability to patrol on the beach, where stakeholders emphasized there are real problems with driving and unleashed dogs.

Problems that have been compounded for Sheriff Mike Harrison by a rash of burglaries in St. Joe Beach and St. Joseph Peninsula and a tight budget and small staff.

Harrison noted he typically has a single deputy to patrol the south end of the county and that with budget projections to the county indicating a further drop in revenue he is hamstrung on having more consistent patrols.

"This would be a huge help to us to get that person on the cape," Harrison said. "The presence of law enforcement in a community can be a real deterrent."

Pickett opposed adding to the bed tax. He said homeowners and business owners along the tourist corridor already pay more than their fair share of taxes to the county without receiving the requisite services.

He also echoed comments that have been made frequently

by County Commissioner Tan Smiley about consolidating law enforcement between the county and city of Port St. Joe; that, he suggested, would help provide extra coverage on the beach.

Board member Geri Anderson said the fines for violating leash and beach driving laws should be stiffer and suggested that the majority of those living on the cape and Indian Pass are not in favor of allowing driving on the beach.

She also said the Board of County Commissioners needs to step to the plate to ensure the Sheriff's Office has the resources to fully patrol the beaches.

Board member Tony Whitfield said his priority was "protecting the brand" and the condition of the beaches was something the TDC must address.

"Regardless of how it is funded, it is an issue," Jenkins said.

The board decided to table the issue until the next board meeting to allow staff to gather more information.

## Port St. Joe to celebrate marina day on Saturday

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Port St. Joe will celebrate National Marina Day this Saturday at the Port St. Joe Marina. The national event celebrates the marina industry and its role in boating.

Vendors including the Chamber of Commerce, Tourist Development Council and the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society will be on hand, and the marina will play host to the Nautical Flea Market. Daly's Dock and Dive, Sea Tow and marina customers will be present to sell boating items at a discount.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on-hand to conduct free vessel checks. These professional inspections will ensure that boats have adequate and up-to-date safety gear and that the vessel is safe for the water.

Last year's Marina Day was

canceled because of the weather, but marina Bookkeeper Krissy Beatty said she hopes this year's event will be the first of many.

"We want to build awareness," she said. "We want people to be comfortable with the marina and be informed."

The goal of Marina Day is to educate boaters on how to operate safely and legally on the water.

While at the marina, take a tour of the historic Governor Stone, an all-wood 1877 schooner which will celebrate its first visit to Port St. Joe.

A regular visitor to ports in Apalachicola, Fort Walton,

Panama City and its home in St. Andrews, the Governor Stone will finally make its way to Gulf County. This family-friendly boat will show the curious how boats looked and worked more than 100 years ago.

"It's a historic landmark that floats," said Harry Dennard, President of the Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. "It's the only one of its kind."

After departing St. Andrews, The Governor Stone arrived in Port St. Joe about 4:30 p.m. ET Wednesday. On Friday, a sunset cruise will be held for the Friends of the Governor Stone.

During the Marina Day festivities visitors will be able to

board the schooner from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET for a guided tour and history lesson. The event is sponsored by the Tourist Development Council and donations will be accepted toward further restoration of the Governor Stone.

The celebration will begin at 9 a.m. ET. Food and drink will be served on-site for donations. 50 percent of all donations will go to the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society and 50 percent will be given to the Governor Stone restoration fund. Those interested in selling nautical supplies can put up a table. Register in advance by calling the Port St. Joe Marina at 227-9393.

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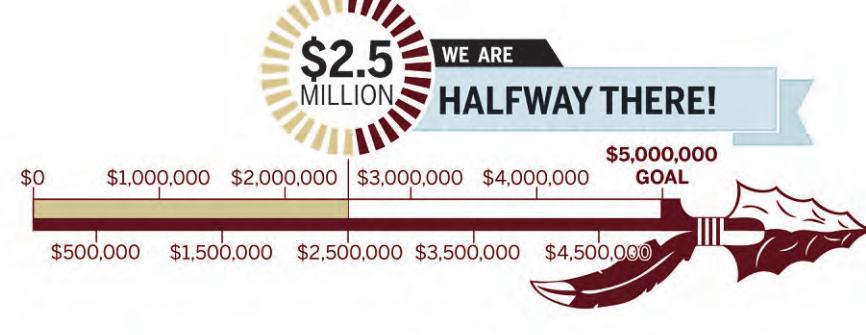
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solutions, Buzzett said.

He wondered if the workshop was desired before the move and if so, he urged commissioners to schedule a workshop as soon as the coming Tuesday.

A date and time have yet to be firmed up.

The county response to a city letter from March also indicates the county would like the city to turn the land on which the Welcome Center sits over to the county, a position for which Buzzett wanted clarification.

Mayor Mel Magidson said he has long wanted the workshop to amend the interlocal agreement that cleared the way for the city to annex WindMark Beach.

Specifically, the city wants a fire tax earmarked for a station

in WindMark to be divided among the Highland View, Beaches and Port St. Joe Volunteer Fire Departments for equipment upgrades instead of going into the county's general fund.

When the county inquired about moving the PSJRA a few months ago, the city again raised the fire tax issue, Magidson said.

"I want to make sure the record reflects that I asked for a joint meeting about the fire tax more than a year ago," Magidson said. "This body has tried to bring these issues to a head."

He was particularly frustrated with county commissioners questioning of uniform water and sewer rates for county residents on the city's system, part of the interlocal agreement.

"We have a city ordinance that says what the rates are and they are the same for everybody," Magidson said.

He said equipment upgrades at the three fire departments that respond to WindMark Beach could have a positive impact on the city's ISO rating which determines fire insurance rates paid by residents.

"I think it is a valid issue to raise," Magidson said.

While the BOCC identified three outstanding issues during its previous meeting, Magidson said his view was the fire tax was the lone outstanding issue to be resolved on the interlocal.

As for the water rates and law enforcement consolidation that Smiley has raised repeatedly, Magidson said the city had already

"run the numbers" on consolidating law enforcement and "they did not work."

And earlier in the meeting, the city's auditor noted that the raising of water rates over the past several years was a necessary operational step to improve the city's financial picture given millions in required infrastructure upgrades which have contributed to the city's \$15 million in short-term debt.

**Lighthouse relocation**

The Florida Division of Historic Preservation has signed off on the site for the relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse to Port St. Joe's George Core Park. Preble Rish Engineers will begin

soil sampling in the coming days.

The site is slightly tweaked that what was determined during a prior city workshop.

At the behest of the Division of Historic Preservation, the lighthouse location was moved roughly 50-60 feet closer to the bay and further from Miss Zola's Drive, nearer the stormwater pond.

The two keepers' quarters are to the north and slightly east, allowing for the lighthouse to be more clearly viewed from Third Street.

The site remains nearly in line with the extension of Third Street into the park area.

Magidson said he hoped the city would be ready to go out for bid on the move of the lighthouse by its June 18 meeting.

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school" kind of setting that was effectively three years of work in a variety of specialties, from film editing to post production.

Long spent two years doing much the same tasks across town at UCLA.

"We have specialized training," Curry said. "You learn your craft by doing your craft."

Curry has spent most of her time since in television. For the past three years she has been a writers' assistant on the hit show "The Office" which recently ended a highly-honored nine-year run on NBC.

Long was drawn to documentary films.

"I have always loved documentaries," Long said. "The stories that can be pulled from a documentary can sometimes, well, be better than any fiction."

The two spent a recent week in the area to begin work on the film, starting with interviewing a host of people about the lighthouse project and the history of the lighthouse.

The documentary form, Long and Curry said, differs

from the making of a typical movie.

In a typical movie, script is king. The script is "story-boarded" to demonstrate in advance what shots will comprise the movie. There is no script for a documentary.

"The way a documentary works, you have a framework for what you think the film will be about," Curry said.

Long added, "You find the stories through the interviews."

Curry jumped back in, "You look for the common threads. Where is the heart of the movie?"

The two were aware they were jumping feet first into a bit of a controversy as various stakeholders within the city and county continue to make their cases for the relocation of the lighthouse to the city or to another location on Cape San Blas.

They had read about the controversies and part of their pitch in seeking the award to do the documentary was the relative detachment they had from California.

"It is our job to illustrate

what people care about," Curry said. "We were clear from the beginning that we saw ourselves as the objective party."

"The important takeaway for us is that people really care. It is more important to the story when the people really care about the subject."

Long added, "It really makes our job easier."

Curry said, "It is not our job to tell a story; it's our job to find the story."

That story, they agreed, would begin to take shape in the hours of interviews they conducted over the course of the week; a week that Curry and Long agreed underscored the kind of people that call Port St. Joe home.

"It was just such a pleasure," Curry said. "People were so gracious and accommodating. We feel lucky."

Now, with 20 hours of film already in the can, the task becomes what to keep, what to edit out and to identify the key threads to that story.

"We are feeling good



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Port St. Joe native Lisa Curry and her fiancé Clayton Long have begun work on a documentary chronicling the saving and relocation of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

about where we are," Long said.

Curry said they will watch all the raw footage, marking the parts they like.

"Editing is where the movie comes together," Curry said.

Long noted there is less of a time pressure, as the lighthouse move — which they will return to town to film — remains weeks away

and the deadline for the film is still in the distance.

The will also receive input from several friends with extensive experience in making documentary films who live near them.

The sense of pride, of community, crackled through the phone line as Curry spoke.

Long, whose family used to vacation at Gulf Shores, AL, has now been to Port

St. Joe three times and was nearly as glowing.

"My impressions have been very positive," Long said. "The people, the town, the beaches, the clear waters, it is like a more charming version of Gulf Shores."

Curry and Long will be back in town as filming dictates, including taking in the upcoming Centennial Celebration.

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# A man goes shopping

There are stories I tell that are for everybody and there are those I tell out of earshot of certain people. Therefore, I'm only telling this one to folks in the Deep South where I'm sure my wife won't find out back in Virginia. You might ask why I would do that.

Because I think it's a pretty good one (but I also fear retaliation from my wife).

Recently, my wife celebrated a special birthday (her 50th) and like most men, I was pondering on what to get her. Women say they "don't want anything" or "don't spend too much," and it puts you in a bind. It puts you in a worse bind when your wife is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the household. She's very good at it.

Well, I had to start somewhere. My oldest daughter is in college and good at picking things out, so I told her to think about it. Never send a 20 year-old girl out to shop for your wife's birthday present. They have not yet realized how long it actually takes to make enough money to pay for "nice things."

To make matters worse, I'm pretty sure my mother-in-law was with her. That makes for a "double whammy."

I get the call at work that my daughter has found "the perfect gift" and she starts in on asking me exactly how much I want to spend. I asked her, "Well, how much is it?" She said what every man (at least me) cringes when he hears. She said, "It depends on how many carats."

Carats...

She was talking about diamond earrings that of course "would be perfect." I could hear a voice in the background saying, "It is a special birthday." I'm pretty sure it was my mother-in-law. My daughter listed the number of carats, along with the price tag on each. She wasn't at the WalMart.

After discussing it with her for a little while, I told her I would check my budget. That of course



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meant I had to check with my CFO (the birthday girl) on what I could spend.

My wife is practical, she really is. When she heard the amount, of course she made the executive decision that granite counter tops, a new dishwasher, refrigerator and a gas range would be a better use for a large sum of money. The earrings didn't cost as much as all that, but they were expensive (or "expensive" as they say).

I was in a bind.

The next day, I explained my predicament to my daughter. She said she would think about it (which meant she would talk to her grandmother - my mother-in-law).

She called me back.

My daughter suggested that I get earrings that were less expensive (loops with crushed diamonds or something instead of big ones that hadn't been crushed up). She also said I needed to make a move on a gas range. Knowing that I couldn't get a gas range installed in a few days (because there are no gas lines to my house), she suggested I at least note the gas people were coming to run gas to the house.

This seemed reasonable.

After talking to the gas company and pricing getting gas into the house, along with a gas range, the biggest pair of diamond earrings was starting to look like a bargain.

I made two stops on the way home. One at the jewelry store to pick up and pay for the less expensive earrings, the other stop was at the WalMart.

It is nice to go in and pick up a bag at the jewelry store and just pay. (The lack of thought here would of course get me in trouble.) I knew I could depend on my oldest daughter not spilling the beans on picking out the earrings for me. I made up for it at the WalMart.

This WalMart was one with groceries and I was going up and down the

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# Lest we forget...

It was sometime past midnight. Pitch dark. The only sound was the droning of the C-47 cargo planes..... and the pounding of the collective hearts. The "cargo" on this cold, damp night was paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st U.S. Airborne Divisions. If you add the parachute weight in, each jumper was leaving that plane with over 100 pounds of gear strapped to him. The most important of which, not counting the chute, was the M-1 Garand Rifle.

I'm guessing here, but from all accounts I have read, the average age of these men was nineteen and a half. Ken Russell thought of his high school classmates on the flight across the English Channel. They were graduating that very June 6, 1944, night back in Tennessee!

The plan was to have the planes level off at 600 feet and slow to 90 miles per hour. The low altitude would expose the men to less German fire on their decent. The speed would lessen the shock as they stepped out into the night air. The flak from the enemies' 88 mm guns began to tear into the slow moving, unarmed planes. The pilots took evasive action, sped back up and altered their altitudes. Many of the C-47s were taking direct hits. So much for the plan....

Planes were thrown off course. Drop zones in the confusion became almost impossible to discern. Still, there was a mission to be accomplished. It was time to take the offensive in the European campaign. I can't imagine the feeling when the door peeled open, the green light flashed. Most, if not all, had never heard of the Cherbourg Peninsula or Normandy until just a few weeks earlier....but duty called and they stepped unflinchingly into the abyss.

They were the first liberators to set foot on French soil. This seemed reasonable.

These young American paratroopers were the vanguard of a much bigger picture. As they fell into the hedgerows, cow pastures

and flooded fields of Northern France a hundred thousand of their compatriots were steaming across the channel towards an early dawn destiny at Utah, Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc.

The Germans knew we were coming. They didn't know when or where. But they had been preparing for an Allied invasion since overrunning France in 1940. The sheer expanse of coastline along the channel made it impossible to defend every inch to the fullest. Hitler's plan was to place reserves strategically away from the coast, a few miles inland, that would be rushed to the front immediately as reinforcements the moment the exact landing spots became obvious.

The 82nd Airborne paratroopers were "dropping in" behind Utah Beach in the dead of night, into a foreign land, into hostile enemy territory, into a battle zone to disrupt the German communications and to stop these support troops from getting to the coast. Not much to ask of some teenagers, is it?

The 101st Division was doing the same thing behind Omaha Beach. No one had to tell them their actions would greatly impact the landing forces poised and ready for the invasion. Lives depended on them. The mission depended on them. Those German reserves had to be stopped!

As in most battle situations, there was a snag or two. The men were scattered from here to yonder. Some had been caught up in trees. Some were drug through the flooded fields by uncooperative chutes. One paratrooper, John Steele, got hung on a church steeple. The thick hedgerows hampered maneuverability. There was no home base or assembly hall. The "chain of command" in the cold, damp, enemy ridden darkness was not overwhelmingly present. The men gathered in small groups of two or three, four or five.....took their

bearing as best they could and set out to liberate France.

By 4:30 that morning these young soldiers had captured the town of Sainte-Mere-Eglise. They had located and wiped out the main German communication center for the region. And they had isolated and were digging in to defend the few precious bridges over which the Germans planned to rush their tanks and reinforcements to push the invading Americans back into the English Channel.

The fighting was horrific on June 6 for control of these passageways. It was face to face and hand to hand in some instances. No quarter asked and none given!

I tried to picture it from 69 years after the fact as I rode across one of those historic bridges, still in tact, at La Fiere, France. It was small and narrow with just enough room for a tank or a heavy artillery truck to pass over. This bridge guarded the western entrance into Sainte-Mere-Eglise, a crossroads from which the Germans could have sprung boarded to Utah Beach.

I stood on a slope above the bridge and "pictured" as best I could the three days of intense fighting that occurred across the fields surrounding this very same bridge. I listened for the gunfire, the calls for help, the bombs bursting in air. I raised my nostrils into the wind to catch a lingering whiff of the ever present smell of fear and death that once permeated this battlefield. I lowered my head and gave thanks from a grateful nation.

I stared up reverently at the Iron Mike statue that guards the bridge to this day. I read every single plaque that commemorated the American action here. Down near the bottom of one a line caught my eye.....and my heart; and I think summed up the greatness of the American soldier;

"No armed enemy ever crossed this bridge."

Indeed!

Most Respectfully,

Kes

# Looks like an inside job

## Special To The Star

By Ed McAttee

Our government is run by immoral and dishonest figures that pursue policies and actions designed to ruin America. It's a war waged on America, sadly, from the inside.

Sinister and destructive actions of America's leadership, including the behavior of political parties but especially the radical left, the mainstream media, the White House and President Obama are leading to our demise.

Daily news reports continued widespread persecution, starting with those that do not agree with this President and his policies. This administration targets faith-based organizations or anyone else, who boldly writes articles about what's happening.

Think about that horrible week in April that began with a terrorist bombing in Boston—followed by a massive explosion at a fertilizer factory in Texas two days later, and concluded with two failed bio-attacks on the government, not to mention other events happening since that time.

Obama's foreign policy is designed to shrink America's global presence, ruin relations with allies, and empower our enemies.

Looking at this administration's decisions, I am hard-pressed to see many that don't have the effect of weakening America and strengthening the forces of evil.

There is a tendency among politicians, journalists and intelligence agencies to reject, circumvent and undermine the constitution. It is because the Obama administration is taking actions weekly that raises constitutional questions and threatens to undermine this foundational document.

The level of deceit and deception from this administration, and inflicting U.S. politics in general are unsurpassed. Bold, blatant lies become a greater part of today's

political landscape. Speaker of the House recently said it best, "the lights are on in the White House, but is anybody home?"

Previously, many have opined that my opinions are exaggerated. Yet, many Americans today find themselves reaching the same conclusions as I.

One scandal after another engulfs Washington and the White House. These are not minor scandals nor are they low level. Each involves high-level figures, congressmen, senators, White House employees, cabinet leaders—most of them were appointed by the president—committing despicable acts of outright deception and lying—acts that directly impact the well-being of you and me. Significantly, each scandal incriminates Obama.

U.S. Justice Department—headed by Eric Holder, an Obama appointee—secretly obtained telephone records of Associated Press reporters and editors.

According to AP attorneys, the Justice Department seized records for more than 20 telephone lines used by the news organization. The Justice Department was interested in records of outgoing calls from the work and personal telephones of individual reporters, as well as calls from AP offices in New York, Washington and Hartford.

For four years, Holder has been a key appendage of the White House. Obama recently asked Holder to review the Justice Department policies and get back with him next month. What! Investigate your own backyard.

Then there is the Internal Revenue Service scandal, which grows with each passing day, and which Peggy Noonan, George Will, and others, have stated could be as significant as Watergate.

The IRS recently admitted to targeting conservative groups during the 2012 election season. Lois Lerner, IRS director of Exempt Organizations,

[took the 5th amendment at a recent Congressional hearing] admitted to flagging groups that used the name "tea party" or "patriot" for review and had their tax returns examined. Groups that advocated education about the American Constitution were also flagged. Lerner claimed that this was not "out of any political bias."

Important for you to understand is the timing of these requests, right in the middle of the 2012 campaign, had the effect of stifling political activity. These IRS actions assisted the reelection of Obama.

USA Today wrote: "In February 2010, the Illinois Tea Party received approval of its tax-exempt status in 90 days. That was one month before the IRS started singling out groups for special treatment. There would not be another Tea Party application approved for 27 months."

Press Secretary Carney called the IRS's actions "inappropriate." Using the IRS for political purposes is a criminal offense.

Benghazi. This is not a new story. However, the level of attention finally given for the White House actions is. Details have emerged that leaders at the very top of government refused to dispatch the military to help rescue consulate employees during the terrorist attack, and knowingly, orchestrated a cover-up.

Obama's administration has tried to cover up their failure and lied to the press. UN Ambassador Rice described what happened using a set of talking points put together by the intelligence community as being barely edited.

According to Carney, "The White House and the State Department have made clear that the single adjustment made to those talking points by either of those two institutions was changing the word 'consulate' to 'diplomatic facility' because 'consulate' was inaccurate."

Mr. Carney told a bald-faced lie.

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## Close beaches to vehicles

Dear editor,  
Beach driving is prohibited on all but five Florida beaches. Gulf County was one of five counties exempted from 1985 Florida legislation that severely limited beach driving. This exemption was granted because of the lack of available off-beach parking, limiting public access to the beach. Since then Gulf County has expanded public parking at Salinas Park, Cape Palms Park, by the Stump Hole and at the Stump Hole walkover, at Dunes Drive and in front of Ovation. There is now sufficient off-beach parking for visitors.

Some 739.3 miles of loggerhead sea turtle nesting beaches are being proposed for designation as critical habitat in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. Gulf County is included in this designation. Sea turtles must have deep, clean, relatively loose sand above the high-tide level for successful nest construction. Beach driving causes serious ecological impacts by damaging and destroying dune vegetation. It interferes with sea turtle and bird nesting. Tire ruts have caused disorientation and impeded turtle hatchlings from reaching the surf.

Special management considerations and protections are essential to the conservation of endangered species. It is time to mitigate the negative effects of beach driving by closing the beach to all motorized vehicles except for emergency vehicles and state permitted activities such as turtle tagging and bird monitoring.

We are all guests of nature. Let us respect and protect our beautiful resource.

Nancy Thomson  
Cape San Blas



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are made and voted on. We as port authority commissioners saw an opportunity for the community, based on information we were all given from the Port director and in good faith began conversations one on one with each county Commissioner. All in full accordance with the Sunshine Law strongly noted by the attorney Mr. Tom Gibson.

Commissioner Bryan, as you may recall you attended quite a few of the Port meeting during this time when the item for Project Tube and the request for the \$199,000 discussed at those Port Meetings, as well, as you stated you were in attendance at the county commission during that time. The County Commissioners are and have been great supporters of the Port. We all want and need to generate career opportunities for our citizens based on potential from our valuable port asset. It isn't moving as fast as we need it to and it is an aggravation to us all. So, I truly understand Commissioner McLemore's thoughts and feelings, I share those as well especially since my job and mission is to find jobs for the good folks in our wonderful community. The depletion of funds from the taxpayers is one of my greatest concerns and weighs on me because I care and grew up here. That is exactly why I didn't support the \$2 million bill for reduction of Port debt for what I considered a "bail out" that our Governor recently vetoed.

As a County Commissioner, you look to the County Administrator, the County Attorney and others for guidance in order to make decisions and honor requests. You rely on the information they give you in order to do what's best for the county and the citizens. It's the same with the Port Authority; we rely on our Port Director who is responsible in the day-to-day operations and business of the Port, from receiving inquiry, following up with phone calls, documentation request, advising the board, etc. As you may be aware, we on the commission for the port authority are not paid, we offer to do this out of care and love of our community, plain and

simple. At least that's why I do it. You asked, what did we do with the funds? Our financial information is public information; you are welcome to review at any given time. I would say that most went toward operational expenses to keep the Port doors opened and salaries paid.

Again, it is important to share with you that through the years the Port Authority focus has and is the creation of jobs and careers. As it was mentioned, in prior years, St. Joe Company hindered us from moving forward with Port Development. You of all people know that since you were employed with them at the time. The Port Authority now has a working partner with the St. Joe Company, it's a perfect relationship. They have the talents and means available to market and sell the Port and the Port has the established entity to seek necessary grants and other support as a Public entity.

Commissioner Bryan, there have been many people who have dedicated their personal time to serve as a Port Authority Member. All of this done with good intentions to create jobs.

It's a new day and time; my hopes are that with the partnership with St. Joe Company, Eastern Ship Building intends and Green Circle Bio Energy, Inc. LOI in place, jobs will shortly be here. We have so much to look forward to in the development of the Port. As with any business, the focus needs to be providing the services, strengths and resources we have available making sure we have the right people in place to meet the expectation set forth in Port Development and job creation for the people of Gulf County.

Sincerely,  
Johanna White  
Port St. Joe

## Recycling suggestions

Dear editor,

I was very excited to read the county was considering a recycling program again. I don't know why the last one

was cancelled. I called Waste Management and my county commissioner, but never received a return call. I heard various reasons from the general public, but, none had been given an answer directly from the county.

I would like to address a couple of the reasons that were given to me. 1) "They were losing money." I don't know how that is possible when people were bringing more plastic than the bins could accommodate. Also I would be more concerned with the number of full/closed landfills in the community versus the number of residents. Then factor in the damage to the environment. (Wasn't that the concern with bringing the bio-plant to the county?) If you are "breaking even" then the benefits still outweigh the cost. It took Carroll County, GA five years to begin making a profit with its recycling program. This is typical of any business.

2) Garbage was getting put in the recycle bins. This is going to happen regardless of how much effort you put into preventing it. (I have no idea why this happens when you have mandatory garbage service, but, it does.) Marking the bins "No Household Garbage" will help. Providing a bin for household garbage would be another solution. We have plenty of inmates that can pull the garbage out before it is hauled away. I only saw bagged garbage so this shouldn't be that difficult. Also, the recycling company sorts through it before they put it in the melting vats.

Perhaps you could put an article in the paper requesting ideas, and resources, from the people of the county. I'm sure there are citizens or visitors who have seen successful programs in other places.

Some people may not want to put the recycling in their vehicles. I would suggest that Waste Management provide a recycle bin. The problem with that is WM charges the customer for the bin, then, they throw it all in the same garbage truck. They charge stores to provide recycling service. That's a lot plastic hangars and cardboard boxes. I have seen trucks with split compartments. That's in other states, like Rhode Island, where they fine you if you do not recycle. Would WM consider a truck with split compartments for our county?

Carroll County had recycle sites set up around the county. There was a bin for everything from steel cans (i.e. veggie cans) to phone books. In Jasper County, GA the dump sites were manned. If you brought in recycling you could throw your garbage for \$1/bag. If you didn't have recyclables then it was \$2/bag. They also took everything from old computers to newspapers.

Also, I was wondering if anyone considered leaving the lighthouse where it is and building a suitable retainer wall that was back-filled with sand? Perhaps I simply missed the discussion on this possibility.

It would seem much more cost-effective and simple. The retainer wall could have been placed at the original land line that is now in the water; then filled in to provide parking. I think our little town is crowded enough. If you insist on moving it then I think Salinas Park is the best alternative. You might want to re-do the bathrooms next to the fire station, though.

Sincerely,  
Sheila Stone  
Gulf County

P.S. At my house, I had a system set up similar to the three compartment laundry bins. I would rinse the item and put it in the proper bin. When it was full I would pull the bag and take it to recycle.

## Celebrate emergency medical providers

Dear editor,

The response to events such as the bombings at the Boston Marathon, the Oklahoma tornadoes, a train collision in Bridgeport, Conn., or a medical emergency at your neighbor's house are all part of a day's work for members of local emergency medical squads. Lives are saved because of the dedication and training of these skilled and caring men and women in our community. We are thankful for their courage in the face of danger and we recognize that they make a difference each and every day.

The American College of Emergency Physicians designated the week of May 19 as National Emergency Medical Services. This year's theme is "EMS: One Mission. One Team." EMS providers include certified emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians and licensed paramedics.

Whether paid or volunteer, they are all professionals who are ready to provide lifesaving care 24 hours a day. They are an essential part of a community's health care team that includes emergency medicine physicians and nurses and well as firefighters, educators and others.

Emergency medical care by first responders includes critical treatments such as CPR, defibrillation and the administration of oxygen and other life-saving medications. EMS professionals also provide splint fractures, assist in emergency childbirths and manage people in crisis. Sacred Heart Health System is grateful to our EMS providers and proud of the work they do.

Please join us in thanking these individuals who work in the field of Emergency Medical Services. At Sacred Heart, we appreciate their contributions to the care of our patients and recognize that our focus is the same: maintain the safety and well-being of our patients. One Mission. One Team.

Susan Davis  
President and CEO  
Sacred Heart Health System

## Clarifying port loan

Dear editor,  
Dear Commissioner Joanna Bryan, after listening to your comments last week at the BOCC and what you recalled as a private citizen during the time the Port requested a loan from the county for \$199,000.00, I believe it's important to refresh your memory in order that we have a clear and transparent record of the facts. I was indeed Chairperson for the Port at that time; I along with the Port Director Tommy Pitts went before the board to request the funds on behalf of the Port Authority. This was with direction from the Port Director and the entire port authority board. The direction included a 99 percent confirmation for Project Tube with the understanding from the port director that Project Tube deal would be signed with the Port Authority in July 2011. The information given, weighed the need to request for the loan of \$199,000. The hope was the \$199,000 would sustain the Port until revenues could be generated from Project Tube. This wasn't "backroom" deal. We have open meeting in which items are discussed, decisions

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aisles looking for what I needed.

I found what I was looking for on the bottom shelf of an aisle where two older ladies had stopped their shopping carts and decided to talk right in front of what I needed. They were very nice and politely moved out of the way.

I picked up what I needed and one of the ladies asked me, "What are

you going to do with all of those pork and beans?" I had gotten a can of pork and beans large enough to feed the congregation of a small Baptist church in Alabama.

"I'm glad you asked me that," I explained to the lady. Then I told her, "Let me run this by you. You see my wife's 50th birthday is today and she wants a new range. After pricing what

it's going to cost to get gas in the house, I thought this would be a better option."

The two ladies of course started laughing – they were bent over laughing to be honest. As I left carrying the huge can of beans, one of the ladies warned me, "I sure would hate to be you tonight."

My wife appreciated the humor; the beans were in a nice bag. Everything was

ok, she got the earrings and she will get the gas (from the gas company) and the new range and probably the countertops and everything else she wanted.

Me?

I'll be taking beans to the next office party.

Read more stories at [www.CrankMyTractor.com](http://www.CrankMyTractor.com). (You won't find this one there.)

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The State Department heavily edited and even censored the talking points. Statements about links to al-Qaeda and references to the CIA giving advanced warning were removed.

"After pushing the intelligence community to edit and censor to fit

the preferred narrative, Obama's officials then pointed fingers at the intelligence community when parts of that narrative were shown to be misleading.

These scandals are only a few that seem to be changing the perception of Obama

and his administration, even in the mainstream media and among some of his liberal supporters. People are coming to recognize his lies and deceit.

Events are leading to the worst suffering ever in the history of humankind. The Great Tribulation,

followed by the Day of the LORD and the return of Jesus Christ.

I am heartbroken to see our country being destroyed. The return of Jesus Christ cannot come soon enough.

Ed McAteer lives in Port St. Joe.



DAVID RAINER, ADCNR | Special to the News Herald

Anglers all along the northern Gulf of Mexico caught snapper like these on almost every trip last season, and many are wondering why more liberal federal regulations have not been forthcoming. **Below**, headboats or party boats are found at every Panhandle port, and they provide an inexpensive way to get at excellent red snapper fishing.

## RED SNAPPER NEW DAY, NEW WAY

Florida's favorite snapper is again legal as of June 1 — but season will be short

By FRANK SARGEANT  
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It's been a long time coming, but the 2013 red snapper season will open in the Gulf of Mexico June 1 in both state and federal waters. The seasons begin in unison, but end in what some observers call chaos.

Because Florida's Game & Freshwater Fish

Commission refused to go along with federal regulations—which they said were based on grossly underestimating snapper populations—Florida, like several other Gulf states is being penalized by the National Marine Fisheries Service with a shortened season in federal waters, those more than 9 nautical miles from shore.

Unfortunately for anglers, though there's fair snapper fishing inside the 9NM line, the great fishing now available is mostly beyond it in deeper water.

The season will be just 26 days long in federal waters, closing on June 27, at 12:01 a.m., local time. Florida state waters are open June 1-July 14.

Federal regulators say the rules are for the good of the fish—and ultimately of the fishermen.

But in fact, most experienced reef anglers say red snapper fishing is now better than it has been in 40 years thanks to an extended period of tight harvest regulations, and also perhaps due in some measure to the success of fish excluder devices on shrimp nets, allowing millions of juvenile snapper to escape these days when in the past they would have wound up as by-catch, dead

on the deck. So why don't the feds want to pony up longer seasons and more generous bag limits? Because of a bizarre twist in the way they calculate the harvest—they measure it in pounds, and when their best estimate of a conservation-smart harvest is achieved, they call for closure.

But snapper grow fast and live a long time, and consequently anglers are now catching tons of whoppers—which means that they can catch a lot fewer before they reach those limits set by the feds, even though everybody agrees there are more red snapper and bigger red snapper than there have been in decades. It is much like the paradoxical Catch 22, and it's causing a furious reaction among fishermen from Florida to Texas.

The Gulf of Mexico

Fishery Management Council will review the 2013 red snapper population assessment during their June meeting in Pensacola, FL. The council may request an emergency rule to increase the quota again based on the new scientific information and request NOAA Fisheries to reopen the recreational season for red snapper later in the year. But NOAA seems in a combative mood when it comes to releasing "their" fish—most long-time observers are keeping their powder dry.

Captain Bob Zales of Panama City Beach, past president of the National Association of Charterboat Operators and one of the leaders in seeking reasonable regulation in offshore waters, is among many pushing for pure state management of federal waters—and these days, it's really starting to

make sense, while it didn't 30 years back. In the bad old days, only commercial fishermen had lobbyists and power to control the rules, and all fisheries suffered as a result where they had control.

But these days, the checks and balances of recreational anglers and conservationists weigh in for keeping the maximum number of quality-sized fish in the water—and even the saltiest old commercial harvesters have finally come to realize that it just simply makes sense to guard the resource, so that they can not only make money fishing today, but also tomorrow, next month and next year. It should be noted that thanks goes to not only state agencies but also federal biologists for much of the research on offshore species that has made this awakening happen.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, June 06	84°	74°	30 %
Fri, June 07	86°	76°	40 %
Sat, June 08	86°	77°	30 %
Sun, June 09	87°	76°	40 %
Mon, June 10	86°	76°	40 %
Tues, June 11	86°	76°	30 %
Wed, June 12	86°	76°	30 %

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

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

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HIGH	LOW
Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
6	Th	835am	1.8	654pm	-0.2
7	Fr	909am	1.8	735pm	-0.2
8	Sa	944am	1.8	815pm	-0.2
9	Su	1019am	1.8	851pm	-0.2
10	Mo	1052am	1.8	922pm	-0.2
11	Tu	1123am	1.7	947pm	-0.2
12	We	1152am	1.6	1007pm	-0.1
13	Th	1218pm	1.4	1020pm	0.0
14	Fr	1236pm	1.2	1025pm	0.2
15	Sa	1155am	1.0	1016pm	0.3
16	Su	735am	1.0	935pm	0.4

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
6	Th	457am	1.1	122pm	1.4
7	Fr	535am	1.2	157pm	1.5
8	Sa	608am	1.2	234pm	1.5
9	Su	635am	1.2	314pm	1.5
10	Mo	701am	1.2	355pm	1.4
11	Tu	726am	1.2	438pm	1.4
12	We	751am	1.3	524pm	1.3
13	Th	818am	1.3	615pm	1.2
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### AVOIDING MAL DE MER

For those new to fishing offshore, it's a really good idea to load up on Dramamine, scopolamine patches or other seasick remedy starting the night before your trip—it won't do any good to take the pill as the boat pushes off the dock. Even if seas are expected to be calm, "newbies" would do well to take seasick remedies; what seems a gentle swell to seasoned old salts may be enough to make your day very unpleasant if you've never been in blue water before.

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#### Inshore:

Great trout catches are being reported from Town's Beach and Fire Tower areas using top water baits this week. Early morning and late afternoon will prove to be the best times for the action. Flounder are just about everywhere in the bay as well. Try using a live bull minnow on a Carolina rig.

#### Offshore:

Red snapper season kicked off this past weekend with a bang. Huge fish were caught in the car bodies, but as the season gets hotter, the fish will move deeper. Better fish are in 100-150ft of water and live bait will help you land a big one. Pin fish, grunts, and larger bait fish are easy to find right now around docks and in the grass.

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## PSJ's Parker qualifies for NCAA track and field meet

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Kayla Parker is on fast forward.

The former Port St. Joe High School standout qualified last weekend for the NCAA Division I track and field meet held this week in Eugene, Oregon.

Parker, a junior at the University of Kentucky, qualified eighth in the 100 meter hurdles at the NCAA East Prelims to reach the national semifinals which will take place today and will be streamed live by the NCAA.

Twelve runners came out of the East and West regions for the 100 meter hurdles, setting up a three-stage semifinal.

The finals in the event will be Saturday.

"It's amazing," Parker said by phone from Portland, Oregon as her team traveled to the NCAA national meet. "I am just so blessed to have

this opportunity.

"I don't put a time or place on things as a goal or anything. I just want to continue running faster and competing. I know I can go faster. I am pleased so far, but I am not satisfied."

Parker, ranked No. 2 in the 100 meter hurdles in UK history, ran a 13.26, just off her personal best at the East Prelims.

She is one of just four female athletes from UK to qualify to the national meet and one of six Wildcat athletes overall that will be making their debut at the national meet.

"My overall take heading into the NCAA is we are moving forward," said UK first-year head coach Edrick Floreal. "There is still quite a bit of work to do, but I think the most important thing at a meet like this (East Prelims) is leaving an impression. When you make an impression where other people notice how much better and



different the team is, to me, is important.

"Making our own mark and being noticed for building something special is the most important thing. Having the kids buy in and realize the possibility of being great is yet there."

Part of that something special is Parker, who places much of the credit for a breakout season on the shoulders of Floreal.

After two years of struggling, largely because of

competing in the heptathlon, a multi-specialty event, Parker has hurdled her way up the UK history books – she put herself among the nation's elite with a personal best in the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor season – in large measure because of Floreal.

When Floreal came in, one of his first moves was putting Parker in her specialty, the 100 meter hurdles, in which she won four state titles in high school.

"It was more of an atmosphere change than anything," Parker said. "Coach (Floreal) is just so positive and has been so positive with me, working on technique and conditioning."

But Parker said, her indoor season did not finish on quite the up note as it began because, well, it wasn't 100 meters.

"The times were consistent but I could see I am a 100 meter hurdler," Parker said. "I am a strong closer. Indoors, there are five hurdles. I am strongest from hurdle three through eight (out of 10 hurdles outdoors) so I never had a chance to really show that closing speed."

Parker had spent much of the outdoor season ranked No. 10-11 in the East and 13th overall in the nation in her event.

So, as she said, it "wasn't a far-fetched idea" that she had what it took to qualify for her first nationals.

"The training I have done and trying to keep running the same time or faster, the consistency I think speaks for itself," Parker said of her outdoor season.

That she will be running on the same track made famous by the late Steve Prefontaine, considered one of the great middle- and long-distance runners the country has produced, only adds to the excitement.

"That is an amazing opportunity in itself," Parker said. "There have been so many great athletes that have run there. Last weekend they had the Prefontaine Classic and there were so many great runners there. That will be exciting just being on the track."

Parker said she is ready to step onto college track and field's biggest stage and compete against the best in the country.

"I'm feeling good," Parker said. "I'm ready. I'm healthy and I'm feeling strong."

## Free youth golf clinics in June

Star staff report

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club will host a free golf clinic each Friday morning in June, taught by St. Joe Golf Club's professional, Ethel Bardsley.

Golf clubs will be provided by the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, but children

are free to bring their own.

Ages eight to 16 are welcome.

Free pool privileges at the only public pool in Gulf County are granted to students immediately following each lesson.

Dates of the clinic are June 7, 14, 21 and 28. Register prior to June 1 by calling the Golf Club at 227-1751.

## PSJ Dixie Youth host district tournament

Star staff report

The Port St. Joe Dixie Youth Baseball League will host the AA (ages 7-8) and AAA (ages 9-10) district tournaments this weekend at the 10th Street Ballpark.

Opening ceremonies are 6:30 p.m. ET on Friday and the first game will follow at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, games will be played at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and the title game will be Monday at 7 p.m.

Port St. Joe, Apalachicola

and Wewahitchka are all in the district.

Entry fee each day is \$5 with all proceeds benefiting Dixie Youth Baseball.

The concession stand will also be open offering hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and an assortment of other goodies.

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Saturday 8:00-4:00pm

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Haddock, Guy Caleb Wilson; Hall, Arnisha LaJoyce; Harris, Cassie Marie Hayes; Kendall Chance Hayworth; Robert Makale Hobson; Skye Bennie Hunter, Joshua Drew Hurd, Daniel Henry Jones, Jena Joell Julian, Robert James Kopinsky III; Sawyer Barden

LaCasse, Joseph Alexander Love, Nathaniel Alexander Maestri, Anastasia Sergeyeva Maughan, Olivia Sarria Moree, Charles Ryan Nichols, Alyssa Marilyn Parker; Richard Eugene Pennington, Jr.; Paul Lee Potts, Cameron Sterlin Pryor; Marchelle D'maya Pryor; Dusty McKay Richter;

Chase Everett Royal, Cierra Rae Scoggins, Alexandra Lindsey Scott, Eric Anthony Slick, Joshua Stephen Sundie, Briana Nicole Thomas, Caitlyn Nicole Thursbay, Sha'Niqua Shanae Walker, John Welsey Wilson, Kathryn Mackenzie Wood, Greyson Cole Woods, Ernest Tyler Worley, Devon Nicole Young and Ramello Dajuan Zaccaro.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Achievement (\$50): Alyssa Catha, Thomas Gainous, Dixie Oliphant and MaKale Hobson; A Challenge (Quinn, \$250 each); Joe Love and Ramello Zaccaro; A Challenge (Wood, \$500); Javarri Beachum; Ann Aldridge Comforter Performing Arts (\$500); Austin Clayton; B. Walter Wilder Scholarship (two years); Tucker Smith; Band Boosters (\$500); Mary Caitlin Bouington for Troy University; Bateman-Wooten (\$250); MaKayla Ramsey; Billy Tapper Local 1564 (\$390); Alyssa Parker; Billy Tapper Local 1713 (\$390); Brittney Rich; Bryce Nelson Memorial Scholarship (\$500); Britnee Peak; CFES Scholarship (two years tuition and books for Gulf Coast State College, \$3,000 per year); Marchelle Pryor;

DAR Good Citizen Award (\$100): Kassandra Favre; Deanna D. Ramsey (\$250); Bryanna Stuart;



Delta Kappa Gamma (\$500); Crysta Anderson; Fairpoint (\$600); Jackie Collingsworth; Forgotten Coast Builders (\$1,000); Dallas Burke for University of North Florida; George Tapper Scholarship (\$1,000); MaKayla Ramsey for University of Alabama-Birmingham; Duren's Piggly Wiggly NJROTC (\$1,000); Paul Potts; Gibson Rotary (up to four years, \$4,000); Jackie Collinsworth; Growing Minds (\$250); Briana Thomas; GCEA (\$300 each); Colby Gentry and Arnisha Harris; Gulf Coast State College Honors (two years); Jeremy Thompson; Gulf County Sheriff's Office (\$500); Brittnee Peak; Herman Dean Scholarship (\$500); Mary Caitlin Bouington; Hosie and Christine Owens/Coca Cola (\$3,000); Ricky Pennington and Jada Quaranta; Jimmy and Susan Wilder Scholarship (five, one year); Brit Rich, Kyle Biggins, Mike Burke, Nastia Maughn and Bri Thomas; J. Lamar Faison Scholarship (\$500); Tyler Worley; Junior Service League (\$1,000); Dallas Burke; Kiwanis Academic (GCSC, two winners for one year); Justin Cothran and Paul Potts;

Kiwanis Academics English (\$100); MaKayla Ramsey; Kiwanis Academics Math (\$100); Mary Caitlin Bouington; Kiwanis Academics Social Studies (\$100); Alyssa Graziano; Kiwanis Academics Science (\$100); MaKayla Ramsey; Kiwanis Vocations (\$500 each); Ricky Pennington and Jackson Combs; Knights of Pythias (\$225 each); Alyssa Parker, Tyler Worley, Decorian North and Mary Caitlin Bouington;

Linda Lewis Wright Teacher Scholarship (\$500); Crysta Anderson; Margaret Key Biggs (\$500); Tyler Worley; Marilynn Witten Scholarship (two, \$1,000 each); Jeni McLemore and Abby Davis; National Junior Beta Club (two, \$300 each); Jackie Collingsworth and Brittney Rich; NROTC (\$250,000); Javarri

Shelby Wood was the

valedictorian and Rebecca Holyfield the salutatorian.

### HIGH HONOR GRADUATES (GPA OF 3.85 OR HIGHER)

Shelby Wood, Rebecca Holyfield, Joshua Epps, Micah Lister, Devan Holyfield and Sierra Baker.

### HONOR GRADUATES (GPA OF 3.5-3.849)

Katie Parker and Mikaleh Graham.

### GRADUATES

Jalyn Tadarius Addison, Alexa Estelle Allison, Trent Warren Bruce, Tony Diamond Buckley-Paige, Robert Stetson Causey, Jordon Christopher Cue, Whitney Denise Daulton, Taylor Shyanne Gainous, Justin Blake Haddock, Cole Garrett Harper, Taylor Marie Hill, Gabrielle Stevonna Jones, Dustin Michael Kinner;

Earl Brian Knobel, John Edwin Linton, Matthew Tyler Morgan, Wyatt Lee Nunery, Maria Rosario Ortiz, Joshua Luke Parnell, Samuel Xavier Gus Peeples, Taylor Nicole Pitts, Brandon Shayne Price, Ellen Margarette Randig, Sean Michael Rice, Jesse Lee Roberson, Haley Brianna Romines, Weston Todd Sarmiento, Clayton Randall Sasser, Shaquille Larcess Scott, Brihannan Shay Scruggs;

Brandon Allen Shaw, Jarvest Terrell Sherfield, James Herman Shiver, Stefan Levon Sims, Jessica Noel Smith, Emilee Danielle Strange, Kelly Marie Ward, Alyssa Marie Whitehurst, Natavia Celice Williams-Belton, Kayla Maria Wood, Raheem Marquel Wright and Daneysia Rochelle Wymes.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Gulf Coast State College Honor Scholarship (two years); Rebecca Holyfield; FASFEPA-Vivian Scott Scholarship (\$1,000); Shelby Wood; Tupelo Lodge Scholarship (\$500); Shelby Wood; DAR (\$100); Shelby Wood; VFW (\$300); Micah Lister; Dixie Youth Scholarship (\$2,000);

African-American Collegiate Scholarship (\$450 each); Sierra Baker, Micah Lister and Josh Epps;

African-American Collegiate Scholarship (\$550); Shelby Wood; Geraldine Williams Scholarship (\$700);

Daneysia Wymes; Geraldine Williams Scholarship (\$400); Raheem Wright; Alfredia Owens Scholarship (\$500);

Daneysia Wymes; Frank and Violet Graddy Memorial Scholarship (\$500); Whitney Daulton; Corner Café Scholarship (\$200 each);

Mikaleh Graham, Taylor Hill, Kayla Wood, Taylor Pitts, Micah Lister and Jesse Roberson;

University of West Florida Johnson Foundation Scholarship (\$12,000);

Sierra Baker; UWF Florida Student Assistance Scholarship (\$2,500); Sierra Baker; UWF Financial Aid Grant Scholarship (\$2,000); Sierra Baker; Troy University Trojan Opportunity Scholarship (\$4,800); Mikaleh Graham;

Troy University Millennium Scholars Scholarship (\$1,000); Shelby Wood; Gulf Coast State College Foundation Scholarships (amount to be determined); Tony Buckley-Paige, Taylor Gainous, Daneysia Wymes and Kayla Wood; College for Every Student Scholarship (\$3,000); Josh Epps;

Jimmy and Susan Wilder Scholarship (amount to be determined); Taylor Hill, Gabrielle Jones, Taylor Pitts, Sean Rice, Brihannan Scruggs; Walter Wilder Scholarship (amount to be determined); Josh Epps;

College of Central Florida (100 percent athletic scholarship in softball); Jessica Smith; U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award,

Jessica Smith and Josh Epps; National Society of Leadership and Success;

Natavia Williams-Belton; US Army (GI Bill, \$85,000 each); Trent Bruce, Jordan Cue, Stefon Sims; US Navy (GI Bill, \$85,000); Wyatt Nunery; US Marines (GI Bill, \$85,000); Sammy Peeples.



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The class song was Jason Aldean's "Tattoos on this Town."

Shelby Wood was the

Delta Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International (\$250); Shelby Wood; National Honor Society Scholarship (\$50 each); Sierra Baker, Josh Epps, Devon Holyfield, Rebecca Holyfield, Micah Lister, Katie Parker and Shelby Wood; Gulf County Sheriff's Office Employee's Club Scholarship (\$500); Gabrielle Jones; Florida Bright Futures (Awarded); Shelby Wood (Academic), Josh Epps (Medallion) and Micah Lister (Medallion);

Florida Bright Futures (May be eligible); Rebecca Holyfield and Katie Parker (Medallion); African-American Collegiate Scholarship (\$350 each); Daneysia Wymes, Raheem Wright and Tony Buckley-Paige; African-American Collegiate Scholarship (\$400 each); Taylor Hill, Gabrielle Jones, Taylor Pitts, Emilee Strange, Justin Haddock and Mikaleh Graham;

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## Pavilion dedicated to former commissioner

By WES LOCHER  
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A crowd of 50 gathered at Holly Hill Cemetery pavilion last Friday for the unveiling of a new plaque that dedicated the structure to Charles Howard Stephens Sr., who passed away May 10 after he lost his battle with cancer.

Stephens, a staple of the church community, worked at the St. Joe Paper Company for 31 years and served Port St. Joe for two terms as a commissioner from 2007-11.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie;

son, Chuck; and daughters, Gaynell and Lynn.

Stephens approached then-City Commissioner Jerry Barnes with the idea to erect pavilions at the Holly Hill and Forest Hill cemeteries where mourners could seek refuge from the hot summer sun during funeral services.

Both pavilions ultimately were erected by the Gulf County Maintenance Department and in April, Stephens' children went before the Port St. Joe city commission to ask commissioners to consider the dedication.

The motion was approved and

Stephens received the good news just weeks before his passing.

Mayor Mel Magidson and City Manager Jim Anderson led the proceedings and welcomed those in attendance and recognized family members.

Magidson took a few moments to reflect on Stephens' contributions to the community both as a commissioner and a man of faith.

"We're here to honor his memory," Magidson said. "This is long overdue."

Jerry Stokoe also spoke about

See PAVILION B5

### CHARLES H. STEPHENS, SR., PAVILION

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The dedication plaque sits inside the pavilion that Stephens helped to erect.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The 2012-2013 Junior Achievement essay contest winners include, from left, Nicholas Persinger, second place, Oakland Terrace; Brianna Hathaway, first place, Northside; DanTasia Welch, second place, Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School; and Cassie Branham, first place, Surfside. Not pictured are Alyssa Smith, third place, Cherry Street; and Frank Vanna, first place, Mosley High School.

## Junior Achievement recognizes achievers

Star staff report

Junior Achievement held its annual essay winner and volunteer recognition luncheon last week.

All students who have a Junior Achievement course during the school year have the opportunity to write a short essay, "What was the most important thing they learned from JA and why?"

The top three essays from each school are sent to Gulf Coast State College to be reviewed where they select the top essays. The winning students with their families, teacher, principal, and the volunteer that taught them were all invited to a complimentary lunch at Bonefish Grill in Panama City Beach where they received a savings bond from Panhandle Educators Federal Credit Union, and gift cards from Target and Wal-Mart.

Junior Achievement is a 501(c) 3 educational non-profit organization



Carol Cathey from Cathey's Ace Hardware in Mexico Beach teaches "Personal Finance" high school curriculum to Laurel Riley's class at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

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### Trivia Fun

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

1) Besides Louisiana which of these also has land below sea level?

Florida, S. Carolina, Alaska, California

2) In 1967 who voted 12,138 to 44 to remain British?

Northern Ireland, Bangladesh, Gibraltar,

Madagascar

3) What was the main color of Abraham Lincoln's eyes?

Blue, Gray, Green, Brown

4) In 1908 who became the first airplane fatality?

Selfridge, Tobin, Gallagher, Cooper

5) Who was the first U.S. president to resign?

Van Buren, Taft, Mondale, Nixon

6) What's a silver drinking-cup?

Zibeline, Zoarium, Zegidine, Zona

7) In 1913 Pittsburgh who opened the U.S.' first drive-in service

station?

Shell, Esso, Pure, Gulf

8) What are the finger cymbals used in belly dancing called?

Zinke, Ziti, Zebu, Zill

9) Nitrous oxide is also known as what gas?

Laughing, Natural, Tear, Unleaded

10) What former president retired to Gettysburg?

Wilson, Truman, Eisenhower, LBJ

11) A galactic year is how many million Earth-years?

1, 100, 250, 500

12) What's the shaddock closely

related to?

Crawfish, Grapefruit, Sparrow, Banana

13) For what construction project were hard hats first invented and used?

Interstates, Empire State Bldg, Lincoln Memorial, Hoover Dam

14) What Louisiana city is called the "Most Cajun Place on Earth"?

Jennings, Bogalusa, Kaplan, Walker

ANSWERS

1) California.

2) Gibraltar. 3) Gray.

4) Selfridge. 5) Nixon.

6) Zegidine. 7) Gulf.

8) Zill. 9) Laughing.

10) Eisenhower. 11) 250.

12) Grapefruit. 13) Hoover Dam. 14) Kaplan.

### Centennial TRIVIA

Pelican Pete has a Centennial Stumper for You!

Port St. Joe dedicated its new enlarged hospital and Brando was playing "King of the Mexican Gunfighters" at the Port Theatre. What year was it?



ANSWER ON PAGE B6

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO GAVE ALL



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Above is a photo of members of VFW Post 10069, the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School NJROTC and Boy Scout Troop 47 who placed flags on Vets graves during Memorial Day weekend. The groups also aided the VFW Post in placing flags at all local cemeteries.

## Society BRIEFS

Special to The Star

**PSJ Garden Club program to discuss attracting birds to garden**

Wild Birds Unlimited will visit the Port St. Joe Garden Club on June 13 for a program on attracting birds to your garden.

The Garden Club meets for lunch at noon in the historic Garden Center on Eighth Street.

If you are interested in attending our meeting or renting our building, leave a message on the group's Facebook page.

**Association seeks former members of Army 2nd Division for reunion**

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the association and our annual reunion in Columbus, Ga., from Sept. 17-21, email secretary-treasurer Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net or call 224-225-1202.

**Heather Strange makes dean's list at Mercer University**

Heather Strange, of Wewahitchka, a senior, was named to the dean's list of Mercer University's Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics for the spring 2013 semester.

Inclusion on this list requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards for the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics.



Capital City Bank donated \$2,000 to the Gulf County ARC.

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**Capital City donates to ARC**

Special to The Star

Capital City Bank this week provided a donation of \$2,000 to Gulf County ARC.

"We are grateful to be in a position

to help organizations make an impact in our communities," said Community President Amy Geiger. "Community Involvement has always been a hallmark of Capital City Bank, and by donating valuable funds to worthwhile

organizations as the Gulf County ARC, the CCBG Foundation can help build stronger communities."

Representing Gulf County ARC were Kathy Valentine and Dianna Harrison.

**Walker graduates from Clemson University**

Special to The Star

Ellen Marie Walker of Port St. Joe graduated Cum Laude from Clemson University on May 10 with a Bachelor of Science in economics.

Walker was among 3,053 students

who earned degrees at three commencement ceremonies at Littlejohn Coliseum.

Graduates in the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities and the College of Business and Behavioral Science received their degrees at a morning ceremony.

Those from the colleges of Agricultural Forestry and Life Science; and Health, Education and Human Development received theirs in an afternoon ceremony. College of Engineering and Science graduates received theirs in an evening ceremony.

**Senior Citizens seeks food, craft, prize donations**

Star Staff Report

Gulf County Senior Citizens, 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, is asking for donations for low-income seniors of non-perishable foods such as juice, canned tuna and chicken, soup or vegetables.

Inexpensive bingo prizes also are needed for clients who play several times a week. Also needed are donations of items for arts and crafts.

Gulf County Senior Citizens provides a hot nutritious noon meal Monday through Friday to

seniors 60 and older.

Transportation might be available to our meal sites.

Anyone interested in coming to our sites in Port St. Joe or Wewahitchka for meals and activities or who would like to donate can call Debbie at 229-8466.

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If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a donation. All pets adopted from SJHHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsfdirector@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.sjhumanesociety.org](http://www.sjhumanesociety.org). We require all potential adopters to complete an application form. Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations.

Our hours for the shelter are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm!

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

[www.sjhumanesociety.org](http://www.sjhumanesociety.org)

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

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The Lion's Tale

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Congratulations to Faith Christian School Eighth-Grade Graduates: Alison Gay, Morgan Peiffer and Elijah Sarmiento.



# PSJES garden project

Special to The Star

Fifth-graders at Port St. Joe Elementary are taking learning beyond the classroom by participating in a garden project. This project is a cooperative effort between the Gulf County Extension

Service and University of Florida's IFAS. Under the guidance of Mr. Roy Lee Carter, assisted by his dedicated volunteers, students have learned proper care and maintenance, accountability and patience of a garden.

The students love being outdoors

and being able to interact with nature.

Since the beginning of the school year, fifth-graders spend an hour each week planting, fertilizing, tilling, weeding and harvesting the PSJ Elementary School garden. Hard work certainly pays off.

Last week, students enjoyed the fruits and vegetables of their labor as volunteers from the Gulf County Extension Agency office prepared a delicious lunch for the children.

Everyone agrees that the "garden lunch" is one of the best days of the year!

## 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program

Special to The Star

The 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program is accepting 80 students for grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Teachers include Julie Hodges (Art), Becky Hare (Music), Donna Thompson, Cindy Phillips, Shelly Oliver, Elizabeth Davis, Anna McFarland, Tonya Blair (Reading and Science).

Current students will fill the positions first then we will open it to a school-wide enrollment.

Classes will be 8 a.m. to noon ET Monday through Thursday each week.

Transportation will not be provided, however, a bus will make one pick up and drop off stop each day at Avenue B and MLK Boulevard for those who need it.

The program will provide enrichment and project based learning through the subjects of Science and Reading.

There will also be computer-based math games and best of all, each student will have one hour a day of Art and Music.

If you have questions, call Mrs. Clements at 227-1221.

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Florida High School/High Tech is a career mentoring program for students with disabilities at the Port St. Joe High School. For the past seven years, Florida HS/HT has provided students with speakers and training concerning job readiness and careers, career shadowing opportunities, and summer job internships.

This past year Lynn Hauck has been our Activities Director and has done an outstanding job. She is leaving the program to be more involved with her new grandchild and with travel

plans. She will help train and support the new Activities Director.

The position of Activities Director requires 30-35 hours each month with flexible hours working with the high school students and/or identifying and scheduling career shadowing, field trips, the tech fair and summer internships. Applicants must have experience working with teen age students and be enthusiastic and a structured individual. Organizational abilities are a major part of the position.

Typically, the Activities Director meets with students at the high school four to six times a month

either individually or in groups. Other responsibilities involve reports of activities and participants and working within the community to schedule activities and shadowing and career opportunity internships.

We have seen young people's lives change dramatically as they have become aware and involved in community service and in developing the skills for future careers. If you want to be a part of this growth and have the experience and background necessary, please contact Dr. Patricia K. Hardman at 229-7799, Lynn Hauck at 340-1823 or email drills@talstar.com

## SHEALEY WINS POSTER CONTEST



Katie Shealey, a Wewahitchka Elementary School third-grader in Ms. Alisa Burnette's class recently won the Gulf County EMS Poster Contest.

STAR STAFF REPORT

## Learning about the solar system at WES

Special to The Star

The students in Mrs. Wade's fourth-grade class at Wewahitchka Elementary School have had their minds in the clouds ... or rather above them! They have been learning about Earth and our place in the solar system, as well as the entire universe! From learning lots of mind-blowing facts to seeing (and eating!) what a real astronaut experiences, these kids have had a great, out-of-this-world learning experience!

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## Faith BRIEFS

### DRUMMOND FAMILY IN CONCERT

The Drummond Family will be in concert Friday through Sunday at New Harvest Fellowship Assembly of God Church, 1800 N. State Road 71 in Wewahitchka. The Drummond Family will perform at 7 p.m. CT on Friday and Saturday and at 6 p.m. CT on Sunday.

### YARD/BAKE SALE

The First United Methodist Church of Mexico Beach, 111 N. 22nd Street, will be have a Yard and Bake Sale (rain or shine) from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. CT on June 15. Breakfast and lunch will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Church's Building Fund. To donate to this event, call 227-6831 or 648-4905.

### Explore effect of prayer at Lifetree Café

#### Special to The Star

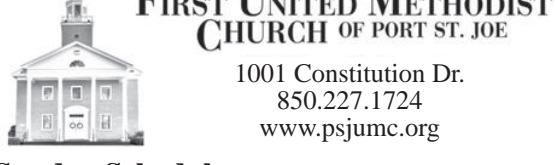
The effectiveness of prayer will be explored at Lifetree Café at 7 p.m. CT on Monday.

The program, "Prayer Could a Conversation With God Change Your Life?" features an exclusive filmed interview with former PGA golf pro Wally Armstrong, who found an unusual way to make his prayers more meaningful and is also the author of "The Mulligan: A Parable of Second

Chances."

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

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



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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
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10:45 AM ..... Worship  
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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Eighth-graders at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School receive their certificates for the JA "Economics for Success" course taught by Michelle Perrin from the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

## ACHIEVERS

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that is dedicated to teaching students K-12 about entrepreneurship, personal finance, and work-readiness skills. Junior Achievement of NW Florida, Eastern Region provides over 100 life skills classes to 2,200 students each year in Bay, Gulf and Washington counties. All of these classes are taught by volunteers from the business community. If you would like to become involved, email Junior Achievement at [jabaynw@gmail.com](mailto:jabaynw@gmail.com).

Junior Achievement executive director Jackie Brooks thanks those local businesses that support the JA program in the Port St. Joe community: Capital City Bank, Centennial Bank, Piggly Wiggly, Bluewater Outriggers and the Tapper Foundation.



DanTasia Welch receives her essay award. From left, are Greg Frith, Panhandle Educators Federal Credit Union; DanTasia Welch, second place high school essay winner; three members of the Welch family; Jera Horton, Centennial Bank classroom volunteer; and Laurel Riley, PSJ HS teacher.



Volunteers who taught the JA in a Day program included Farica Gant, Capital City Bank; Maegen Connors, Cadence Bank; and Carla Mock, Centennial Bank.

## CLASS

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have the desire to quit, only 4 to 7 percent are successful. Nuccio said she hopes to do her part in raising that number.

"The more counseling and the more medications someone uses, the better their chance of quitting," she said.

Free nicotine patches, gum and lozenges will be available to those who register to help them fight cravings on their journey toward success.

Florida has made strides toward becoming a tobacco-free state.

In addition to raising awareness on the dangers of smoking in multi-unit housing and the equal dangers of smokeless tobacco, organizations like Tobacco Free Florida have made note of how smoking affects education and nature.

In Florida, 19 college campuses and universities have enacted smoke-free policies

and many elementary and high schools no longer allow tobacco use on property.

Parks and beaches in the Sunshine State are also putting a ban on butts.

According to the Tobacco Free Florida organization, each year, an estimated 1.69 billion pounds of cigarette butts accumulate on the planet and only 10 percent of the butts are disposed of properly in ash trays. The average class size for

the Tools to Quit class is five people, but Nuccio aims to grow attendance each year. The quit rate for those who attended the class was 36.5 percent.

"You must plan and prepare in order to be successful," Nuccio said.

The free Tools to Quit class will take place at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET. To register or for more information, call Nuccio at 482-6500.

## 4H offers camp on horsemanship

Special to The Star

The Gulf County Annual Horsemanship Camp will convene June 10-16 at the Michael Traylor Arena in the T.L. James Sport Complex in Wewahitchka. Participants will start riding their horses each day at 6:30 a.m. CST. Other topics to be discussed are Equine Health, Equine First Aide, Tack Maintenance and Nutrition. The cost of the camp is \$50 for in-county 4Hers and \$75 for out-of-county participants. Breakfast and lunch will be served daily.

For more information, call the Gulf County Cooperative Extension Service at 639-3200.

## PAVILION

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Stephens' life and reminded everyone of the annual Thanksgiving dinners that Stephens helped to serve to 1,400 needy people throughout Gulf County.

Ruth Pettis reminded everyone of his generosity while son-in-law, Bob Jones, shared a story from the day that Stephens received the cancer diagnosis.

After getting the news and leaving the doctor's office, the family, overcome with emotion, barely could hold themselves together. Meanwhile, Stephens simply suggested that they go get some lunch, a family tradition.

The mayor then revealed the plaque which was greeted with a round of applause. The verbiage for the decoration was written by the city and Ramsey's Printing facilitated the creation of the plaque.

City Clerk Charlotte Pierce assisted the mayor in coordinating the event.

"He was very special," Pierce said. "He's very deserving of it."

Once closing remarks were complete, Stephens' widow Bonnie received hugs and anecdotes about her late husband from nearly all in attendance.

"He loved everyone," Bonnie said. "I'm so proud, so grateful and totally humbled."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Public Hearing for the proposed revisions to the County Land Development Regulations and Policies (LDR) scheduled for adoption at the June 25, 2013 BOCC meeting.
3. Staff, Public and Open Discussion.

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

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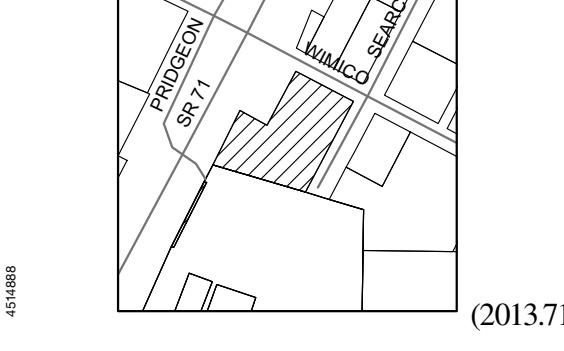
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will hold an adoption public hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance for a Small Scale Map Amendment with the following title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUES SECTION 163.3187 AND CHAPTER 125; SPECIFICALLY CHANGING; PARCEL ID #02949-001R AND ID #02949-00R, 1.297 ACRES OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM RESIDENTIAL TO MIXED COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A public hearing will be held for adoption by ordinance at the Gulf County Board of County Commissioner's Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., E.T. in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex, Port St. Joe, Florida.

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on this matter. The ordinance and contents are on file with the Clerk of Court and at the Planning Department, Room 311 in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd Port St. Joe, FL.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03

AN ORDINANCE PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUE 163.3201 TO ADOPT LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUE 163.3202 FOR THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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# Wax Myrtles plentiful in Florida

One of Florida's native plants is the wax myrtle. It's a small tree or large shrub that can be grown anywhere in the state. Wax myrtle does well in a moist environment, so it's excellent for use in poorly drained soils. However, the plant also grows well in drier soils.

In this article we'll describe some of the uses for wax myrtle, and offer some tips on how you can grow this plant in your landscape. My information was provided by Extension Urban Horticulture Emeritus Dr. Robert Black, of the University of Florida.

Wax Myrtle unisexual, with male and female flowers produced on separate plants.



**ROY LEE CARTER**  
County extension director

Female flowers grow in close bunches and produce fruits that are round, light green and about 1/8 inch in diameter. These fruits are coated with a thick, bluish wax that can be used in making candles.

One of the unique features of wax myrtle is its fragrance. When the foliage is crushed, Wax Myrtle produces a very pleasant aromatic fragrance known as Bayberry.

A northern relative of Wax Myrtle is the Bayberry tree, which produces larger berries and is used extensively for making the popular and fragrant Bayberry candles.

Wax Myrtles can reach a

height of 25 feet. Their leaves are evergreen narrow at the base and broader toward the upper end of the leaves. About midway up, the leaf toward the tip coarse teeth appear on the leaf edges.

Wax Myrtles produce suckers, which are small plants that sprout from the roots. These suckers grow into large clumps or clusters and eventually grow into a very large, dense plant. However, if you remove these suckers from around the main trunk, an attractive, small tree can be produced. The trunk of the Wax Myrtle is grayish white in color and reminds one of Northern Birch. These trees are used extensively in patio plantings and as landscape screens.

Wax Myrtles can be grown from seeds, cuttings and simple layering techniques. If you're growing them from seed, be sure to sow the seed as soon as it matures. Seeds can be started in a mixture of equal parts sand and peat moss.

Another method for propagating Wax Myrtle is to dig established plants during the winter months. Cut the plants back to within a few inches of the ground. Dig out the root clumps and set them in containers.

In a few months, a fairly good-sized plant will grow. A small tree, about 10 to 12 feet in height, will take a few years to grow, using this method.

Being a native plant, wax myrtle is well suited to Florida's soil and climate. In fact, this

plant often is seen growing along highways, close to roadside ditches, and other uncultivated areas. The plant is cold hardy, salt tolerant and relatively free of disease and insects.

In summary, Wax Myrtles are among the most desirable plants for use in the Florida landscape. Their leaves give off a pleasant aromatic fragrance of Bayberry, and their waxy fruits can be used for making candles. The plants thrive in moist, sandy soils, needs very little maintenance and are rarely bothered by insects and diseases.

For more information on Wax Myrtle, call the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit gulf.ifas.ufl.edu or www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu and see Publication ENH 569.

## Author Chambers brings it all home

Special to The Star

In tiny Bay Harbor, the sun and salt air caress both the just and the unjust. Young Anna Lee Owens can't seem to avoid running afoul of both as she navigates the front porches and back alleys of her beloved home town. Curiosity, and a powerful commitment to fair play, leads her to stumble on buried passions, secrets and lies that ultimately turn her world, and the lives of those she loves, upside down.

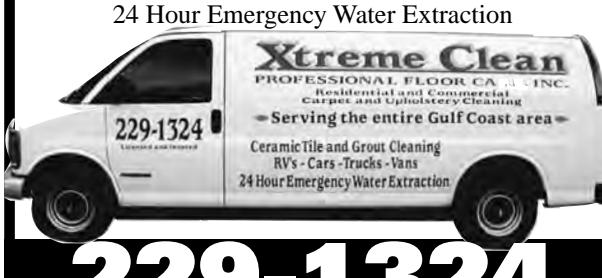
Anna Lee's story plays out over two books by Port St. Joe native Ruth Coe Chambers. The acclaimed *The Chinaberry Album*, now in its second edition, and the newly-released sequel, *Heat Lightning* (Secluded Cove Press, 2013) form the beginning of the author's Bay Harbor Series. The novels span the mid-20th century era during and after World War II to the early 1970s, a time of economic and social upheaval in America.

"Bay Harbor is a typical Florida panhandle community, close-knit and unpretentious but with a strong overlay of proper southern manners," Chambers said. "It's a fictional place, but I think the residents of Port St. Joe would find it very familiar."

Chambers takes pride in her Florida roots — her paternal ancestors helped settle Tallahassee — and she takes joy in planting those roots on paper. The Chinaberry Album began as a love letter to her Port St. Joe childhood, and Heat Lightning ties up plenty of loose ends for Bay Harbor's care-worn denizens.

In addition to her novels, the award-winning author has been published in several anthologies, along with print and online magazines. In addition, she has written two prize-winning plays. Always, her favorite subject is Florida, its people and places.

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## Cunningham joins Coastal Realty Group

Special to The Star

Julia Cunningham recently joined Coastal Realty Group on Cape San Blas as the newest executive sales member. Cunningham has lived on Cape San Blas for 14 years, employed by General Electric, then American Express for the past 20 years. She has been working in real estate since 2004 on a part-time basis and said she is looking forward to returning to the profession full time to assist others in finding their paradise in Gulf County.



**JULIA CUNNINGHAM**

Cunningham moved to Gulf County in 1998 and has been active in contributing to the community since her arrival. She spearheaded all efforts to make the Loggerhead Trails Bike Path on Cape San Blas a reality. She was appointed by the Gulf County Commissioners to serve as a member of the Tourist Development Council on which she served for eight years. She founded the Gulf World Marine Institute, a non-profit organization that rescues sea turtles and dolphins with the goal to return them to their natural habitat. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for this organization. Cunningham chaired the committee that negotiated more frequent trash pickup on Cape San Blas to keep the Cape clean and provide Saturday pick up for vacation rentals creating a more pleasant experience. Cunningham is a strong proponent for many other causes to keep Gulf County a great place to live or visit.

Coastal Realty Group has been the leader in real estate sales in South Gulf County since opening in January 2005.

Preston Russ, broker at Coastal Realty Group, says that he is "excited to have Julia on the team because of her business experience and her passion for Gulf County. Real Estate Sales are improving tremendously and we know that Julia will make significant contributions to the growth of Coastal Realty Group."

Cunningham lives on Cape San Blas sharing her passion to maintain the beauty and uniqueness of Gulf County with others. Visit her website at www.juliacunningham.com for additional information.

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**91306S REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Gulf Coast Workforce Board announces the availability of a Request for Proposal (RFP) titled "Workforce Center Telephone System". The purpose of the RFP is to seek proposals from qualified vendors to install new telephone system located at the Workforce Center, 625 Highway 231, Panama City, Florida. The intent is to enter into a contract with a single prime contractor. Bidder will submit proposals by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

For a copy of the proposal and further information, contact:

Gulf Coast Workforce Board  
Lucy Cantley  
5230 W. Highway 98  
Panama City, FL 32401  
850-913-3285  
[lcantley@gcwb.org](mailto:lcantley@gcwb.org)

Minority businesses are encouraged to apply. The Gulf Coast Workforce Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Program and auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

June 6, 2013

**91326S SECTION 00010 INVITATION FOR BIDS****NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS**

MEXICO BEACH WATER SYSTEM WATER METER RELOCATIONS

This project includes the relocation or replacement of residential water meters along Miramar Drive, Circle Drive, and 41st Street in the City of Mexico Beach, Florida. Work shall also include connecting the new or relocated water meter to the existing service lateral, all water meter appurtenances, and incidental construction required to return residential property to its original condition. The Contractor shall be a licensed Florida Plumbing Contractor or Underground Utility Contractor and shall provide all materials, equipment, and labor to complete the project.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 203 Aberdeen Parkway, Panama City, Florida 32405, (850) 522-0644 and at the City of Mexico Beach City Hall, 1202 Highway 98, Mexico Beach, Florida 32456, (850) 648-5700. Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$50.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. (CST) on June 20, 2013 at the City of Mexico Beach City Hall, 1202 Highway 98, Mexico Beach, Florida 32456 and will be opened and publicly read immediately thereafter. All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Sealed Bid - Mexico Beach Water System - Water Meter Relocations." The City of Mexico Beach reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids shall be firm for a period of 90 days after opening. Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.aspx>.

Point of Contact will be Elizabeth Moore, P.E., Preble-Rish, Inc., at 850.522.0644 or by e-mail at [moore@preble-rish.com](mailto:moore@preble-rish.com).

All bidders must submit a Qualification Package (included as Appendix C of these Contract Documents and Specifications) with their bid.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable state and local laws concerning licensing, registration, and regulations of contractors doing business in Florida.

The bid must conform to Section 287.13(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

This Notice is Provided pursuant to Administrative Procedure Order No. 2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, Florida 32402 or by phone at (850)747-5338 at least (7) seven days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired please call 711.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2013.

REBECCA NORRIS  
As Clerk of said Court

By: BA Baxter  
As Deputy Clerk

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The City shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; provided however, the City reserves the right to award the contract to a bidder who is not the lowest responsive and responsible bidder if the City determines in its reasonable discretion that another bid offers the City a better value based on the reliability, quality of service, or product of such other bidder.

June 6, 2013

**91306S PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Air Resource Section, Northwest District Office Draft Minor Source Air Construction Permit Project No. 0450013-001-A Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Port St. Joe (Howard Road Facility) Gulf County, Florida

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, June 30, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TC 10U LLC the holder of the following Tax Certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 554 Application No. 2013-24 Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010 R.E. No: 02391-005R

Description of Property: Lot 14, Block 2, Map 94A, Harden's Addition to the City of Wewahitchka, Unit 1, as per Map or plat thereof recorded in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, in Plat Book 2, Page 22.

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Please place YOUR COMPANY NAME, SEALED BID, and the BID NUMBER on the outside of your envelope.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the

highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe , Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 3rd day of July, 2013. Dated this 28th day of May, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$50.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

The City of Wewahitchka reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All Bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening.

All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the following project:

PREACHER GLASS PARK AND BOAT RAMP

This project is located in Gulf County, Florida and consists of a concrete boat ramp, two (2) boarding piers and all site work proposed in the construction drawings.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 227-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.13(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Completion date for this project will be 90 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$200.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for the "Preacher Glass Park and Boat Ramp".

Name in which assessed: Gregory Dykes

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Central Time, on June 20, 2013 at the City of Wewahitchka Annex Building, 318 S. 7th Street, Wewahitchka, Florida

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, pursuant to a Final Judgment en-

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less a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period.

If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: 850.245.2241). Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Air Resource Section in the Northwest District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical and mailing address is:

160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5740. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 850.595.8300.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority.

The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above.

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<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.aspx>

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A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding;

and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial rights will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and

(g) A statement sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the

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and public hospitals. This evaluation was required for all publicly owned hospitals by what is commonly known as HB711. June 6, 2013

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**NEW TODAY!**  
**ADOPT!**  
At-Home-Mom & Prof Dad yearn to share everything with baby. Expenses Paid. 800-552-0045.  
Chris & Carolyn  
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**MERCHANDISE**

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

**FURNITURE**  
3220

**NEW TODAY!**  
For Sale: Beige Sofa, \$80; Recliner, \$40; Both in good condition, 850-227-1620

**GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
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**NEW TODAY!**  
Mexico Beach: 1004 15th St, June 8th, 8 am central until?

Large yard sale, Furniture, bedroom set, clothing, books, electronics, collectables, housewares, baby's items, children's items, teen's items, and much more.

**2 Family Yard Sale**

Lots of items!  
Text FL54213 to 56654

Port Saint Joe: 674 Jones Homestead Rd, Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 7th, 8th and 9th, 8am to 5pm.

**Oak Grove Church**

There are lots of items to choose from.

**GUNS**  
3240

**GUN SHOW**  
Santa Rosa County Auditorium: Milton Fl June 15th & 16th 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

(Concealed Weapons Classes-Call: 850-572-6611)

General Admission: \$6 (850) 957-4952 or (850) 261-8407 Text FL53032 to 56654

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**EMPLOYMENT**

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**NEW TODAY!**

Admin/Clerical

**Office Coordinator**

St. George Plantation

Owners' Assoc (SGPOA)

(SGPOA)

This position reports to the Manager of SGPOA. The individual should be a team player and be able to work toward common goals. The position is customer service oriented, interfacing with owners, staff, board members and committee members answering questions and performing requested tasks. This will require an individual that is detailed oriented and has strong multi-tasking skills. Strong computer skills are a must for this position, specifically Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint. The position is the first point of contact for the SGPOA for Architectural Review, attending monthly Architectural Review Committee meetings, taking minutes and processing applications. This is a front office position with duties that include but are not limited to phones, emails, and answering questions from owners and guests. Wages are competitive and based on skills. Must be able to provide references upon request.

Full-time position with excellent benefits.

Please remit resume to Manager Karen Rudder, SGPOA, 1712 Magnolia Road, St. George Island, FL 32328. Fax 850-927-3039; email: gmanager@sgpoa.com

Web ID# 34254471

Text FL54471 to 56654

Hospitality

**Housekeeping**

Part Time weekend help needed for all positions, apply in person,

4693 Cape San Blas Rd or 1200 Hwy 98 Mexico Beach

Medical/Health

**WEEMS MEMORIAL**

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Is now hiring for the following positions:

Licensed Medical Technologist

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EMT

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Registration

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[www.weemsmemorial.com](http://weemsmemorial.com)

& may be submitted to Ginny Griner, WMH HR Director, ggriner@weemsmemorial.com

By mail to: PO Box 580, Apalachicola, FL 32320, or FAXED to (850) 653-1879

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**Gulf County Schools**

Job Fair:

June 10th

12:00-3:00 pm

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

— Janitorial—Includes but not limited to janitorial cleaning, equipment cleaning, empty trash, dusting and mopping, vacuuming, general office cleaning, carpet cleaning and hard surface floor cleaning and refinishing.

**PHYSICAL FUNCTIONS REQUIRED:**

— Ability to walk or stand for prolonged periods.

— Requires bending, stooping, reaching up, and lifting up to 50 pounds.

— Possible exposure to chemicals requiring special clothing or safety equipment.

— Ability to use motorized equipment.

— Ability to perform duties both outside and inside in varying conditions including heat, and cold.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

— Prior janitorial experience

— Prior floor care experiences a plus.

— Candidate must be clean in appearance with good grooming and hygiene.

A criminal background check, results of which are not necessarily a bar to employment, are required

Web ID# 34254471

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\*\*Seasonal Bonus - Top Pay\*\*

**NOW HIRING EXPERIENCED:**

• Managers/Cooks

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APPLY 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

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steamerdocksideseafood@yahoo.com

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**KITCHEN MANAGER FOR HIGH VOLUME RESTAURANT.**

MUST HAVE PEOPLE SKILLS.

EXPERIENCE WITH:

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Send resumes to:

1302 Hwy 98 Unit 3g

Mexico Beach, FL 32456

6100 - Business/Commercial

6110 - Apartments

6130 - Beach Rentals

6140 - Condo/Townhouse

6140 - House Rentals

6150 - Roommate Wanted

6160 - Rooms for Rent

6170 - Mobile Home/Lot

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6200 - Vacation Rentals

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2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath,

Large Kitchen & Family Room,

Elevator, Swimming Pool, Game Room, T.V., Laundry Room.

Fully Furnished, includes Elec Power & Water, garbage pickup.

\$1,100. month. + \$300 dep.

Location: C30 2 mi East pass Raw Bar on left. 770-639-6203 or 850-227-3361.

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**JOB NOTICE**

The City of Port St. Joe (pop. 3,445) is accepting applications for the following position:

**OPERATOR TRAINEE, SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Please submit an application to The City of Port St. Joe, Attn.

Charlotte Pierce, POB 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457.

Applications and a full job description can be found on our website

cityofportstjoe.com.

If you have any questions, please contact

Charlotte Pierce at (850)229-8261.

The Position will close on

June 21, 2013. The Salary will be \$12.08 per hour.

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer

and a Drug Free Workplace.

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**INSTRUCTIONAL BIOLOGY LAB COORDINATOR**

Responsible for daily operations of the Biology

Lab. Ensures all safety regulations are met,

orders and maintains supplies while overseeing

budget. Hires, trains, & supervises student

lab assistants. Manages adjunct faculty, is

responsible for course development and

coordinates STEM activities with area middle

& high schools. Requires Bachelors degree in

Biological Sciences/Masters degree and Lab

experience preferred.

**SALARY STARTS AT \$40,800. APPLY BY 7/8/13.**

Additional info: [www.gulfcoast.edu/hr/](http://www.gulfcoast.edu/hr/)

Women & minorities are strongly

encouraged to apply.

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Quality Assurance

**Collins Vacations**