

PSJ readying for birthday bash

Commissioners OK PSJRA move

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The planning began last October when 13 Port St. Joe residents gathered to craft a blow-out to celebrate the first century of modern St. Joseph.

The committee spawned multiple subcommittees, painstakingly mapping every moment of a week-long birthday celebration.

"In all, 48 members of the community have participated on these committees," said Dana

Boyer of the Centennial Celebration committee. "So if you think this is coming from a couple of people, it is not."

The celebration kicks off next Friday, June 28 and continues through July 5 and will include a special July Fourth fireworks display, which Boyer, who has raised private funds to put on the fireworks, will be at least a \$15,000 display.

The birthday festivities will have something special each day, from a parade on Friday recognizing prominent families and individuals to an alumni basketball game on July 5 at the former Washington High School gym.

There will be interactive light shows, music, a "family" day, outdoor movies in the park, a car

show, birthday cake and a display of a timeline tracing in photos the history of Port St. Joe.

"The thing we want people to understand is we want everybody who was born here, raised here or lived here to participate," said Mayor Mel Magidson. "There is something for everyone."

Boyer said the committee had raised more than \$26,000 in cash and in-kind donations for the event.

"We would not be where we are without these in-kind contributions," Boyer said.

She said there was a possibility of another major sponsor and her numbers did not include profit from the sale of commemorative coins.

"The coins sales have gone

well," Magidson said. "We have covered the cost of the coins and whatever more we make will go to the event."

After the event, the committee will publish an 80-page soft-cover book of historic and celebration photos.

"Whatever we spent money on (such as the timeline) it wasn't for a one-shot deal," Boyer said. "We wanted to be able to use it year after year."

Boyer also urged those joining the celebration to visit one of two Facebook pages. The Centennial Celebration has a page and there is another page titled, "If you grew up in Port St. Joe, you remember..." which includes recollections from current and former residents.

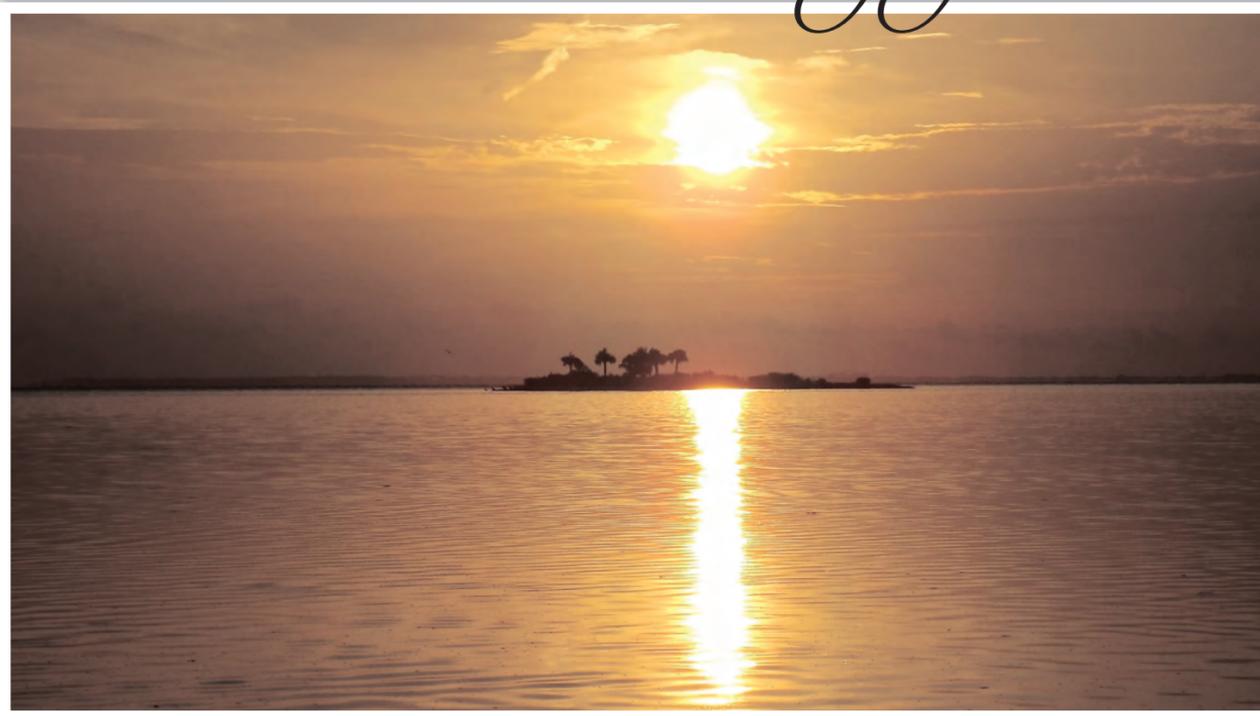
The Port St. Joe Centennial Celebration also has a web site with full schedule of events. A schedule will also be published in next week's edition of The Star.

PSJRA MOVE

Calling a morning workshop on a city/county interlocal agreement (see story A2) "productive" during which a "lot was resolved" commissioners moved to approve the move of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency to the Local Color Chamber of Commerce building.

Commissioner Rex Buzzett made the motion in "good faith" in hopes that the city and county will work through differences on the interlocal agreement.

Father's Day glow



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The sunset over St. Joseph Bay had a particular glow this past Sunday as Father's Day drew to a close. This shot was shared by Dan Christie, who snapped it from his backyard in Simmons Bayou.

Travel request brings questions

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Months ago County Commissioner Joanna Bryan asked the Clerk of Courts for travel records pertaining to commissioners, staff and several annual conferences.

When the records were provided for public viewing during the last regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, at least two commissioners wondered about their accuracy.

Bryan made her request earlier this year after presented with a board motion to approve travel by Commissioner Warren Yeager in advance, providing a blanket approval for travel to specific meetings.

At the time, before voting, Bryan asked the Clerk's office to provide travel numbers for county attendance for the Florida Association of Counties annual meeting, the annual convention of the National Association of Counties and the Florida Small Counties Coalition.

She wanted those records for the previous two fiscal years.

What the Clerk's office provided, budget and finance officer Sherry Herring said, was the travel of all county staff, commissioners' in-county travel and travel to those three conferences as well as a breakdown by district.

However, Herring said the system she was trying to pull information from was only as good as the information that was put in the system and that left her efforts to answer Bryan's questions constrained.

The breakdown by district, she said, could be off due to the way the system is set up and how and who uses county credit cards to pay for the travel.

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See TRAVEL A3

Hearing looms large for Port Authority

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A hearing next month will have significant impact, for better or worse, on development at the Port of Port St. Joe.

The hearing, scheduled for July 17 before Circuit Court Judge Shonna Gay Young, is on a motion to foreclose on 67 acres of port land brought by Capital City Bank.

Both sides seek summary judgment, meaning there is no dispute of material legal facts.

The bank seeks foreclosure due to a \$4.3 million loan in arrears — the Port Authority has not made a payment on principle in at least two years.

The Port Authority's defense is that the body lacked authority, under state law, to mortgage public property without a public referen-

During recent meetings, several commissioners have pressed the port about a \$199,000 economic development loan — a fraction of 1 percent of funds received by the port in the past decade — the port received last year.

dum in the first place.

A decision, port attorney Tom Gibson said, would not be expected immediately.

"The most likely outcome is the judge makes no decision" that day, Gibson said.

The 67 acres represents the port's barge terminal, the bulkhead and uplands. The improvements to the property, in the millions, came from state and federal grant funds.

Port Authority members have publicly and consistently stated the intent to pay the debt, but currently there is no revenue. The hearing complicates a request from the Board of County Commissioners.

During recent meetings, several commissioners have pressed the port about a \$199,000 economic development loan — a fraction of 1 percent of funds received by the port in the past decade — the port

received last year.

Port Authority Chairman Leonard Costin appeared before the BOCC a few weeks ago to inquire if the debt payment schedule could be amended due to the port's current lack of revenue.

The Port Authority has 10 months to make the initial payment.

County Commissioner Ward McDaniel asked if the Port Authority would be willing to consider as collateral a mortgage on the old Arizona Chemical property; 100 acres and infrastructure donated to the Port Authority by the parent company of Arizona Chemical.

"I understand where they are coming from but I don't see any reason to restructure the agreement," said board member Patrick Jones, who has long expressed opposition to any encumbrances of Arizona

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PSJ, county workshop interlocal

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If they accomplished anything Tuesday, the Board of County Commissioners and Port St. Joe Commissioners sat down at the same table.

After sniping over an interlocal agreement for months, commissioners spent 90 minutes poring over the document in order to agree on any revisions.

No decisions were made at what was a workshop.

And no agreement was reached on the two central issues: amending the interlocal to change how a fire tax for WindMark Beach is collected and the moving of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency from the Gulf County Tourist Development Council Welcome Center, which is leased to the TDC by the city.

Near the conclusion of the workshop, County Commissioner Joanna Bryan urged city commissioners to allow the PSJRA,

which is currently paying rent for two office spaces and is largely operating out of boxes, to move by the end of June.

Bo Spring, a director on the PSJRA board, said he would make a motion at the PSJRA's meeting on Thursday to allow the move and hoped the city would be supportive (See related story A1).

When asked by the county earlier this year to allow the move, the city of Port St. Joe balked for several reasons and asked the county to revisit the fire tax issue, which the city urged should be divided among the three volunteer fire departments that respond to WindMark Beach.

The development of WindMark Beach and annexation by the city resulted in the interlocal agreement the two sides signed in 2005.

The city sought an amendment to the fire tax issue almost two years ago, said Mayor Mel Magidson.

He said the county request to move the PSJRA provided

an opening to again broach the subject.

He said Bryan's assertion that the fire tax and PSJRA move were linked was "far-fetched."

And he noted that the county's response to the city's request was to allow the city to collect the fire tax in return for conveying to the county the land on which the Welcome Center sits and the city taking over fire protection in Oak Grove, an unincorporated area.

"Now, those two are not linked to the interlocal agreement," Magidson said. "I'd like to be treated the way the county wants to be treated."

Bryan countered that she was not talking about linkage as much as "logic." She said elected officials must be stewards of every tax dollar and it made no "logical sense" to continue to hold up the PSJRA move.

City Commissioner Rex Buzzett said he was the commissioner who broached the PSJRA move, in large part because he did not want PSJRA operational costs

to increase due to the move.

He said the lease agreement for the Welcome Center a provision the county provide space to the Chamber and PSJRA, to which it was not adhering. He also noted the city has gone deeply in debt meeting the provisions of the interlocal.

"We have agreements and we are both going to have to live by these agreements," Buzzett said. "Let's keep working on these agreements."

Yeager added, "We do have agreements but we haven't always bound to them."

The fire tax issue was among 15 items commissioners reviewed with attorneys, staff and the public present.

In general, there was much common ground on the majority of the 15 items, some remain to be further fleshed out, better defined or amended in their entirety.

That included a guarantee that all users of the city's water and sewer, in the city limits or out, are charged identically.

Bryan, as she did at the previous BOCC meeting, was hesitant about amending the agreement at all.

"The city wanted to annex WindMark Beach and agreed to these provisions," Bryan said. "I think this is a big issue to go in and change this agreement."

City attorney Tom Gibson noted that the agreement was likely most important to Bryan because her predecessor representing District 3 drew up much of the agreement on the county side.

"Much of what is in here is because (former commissioner) Mr. (Bill) Williams wanted it in there," Gibson said.

Commissioners will be provided a revised document, based on comments made Tuesday, in the coming weeks to consider for a formal vote.

"I appreciate everyone coming," Yeager said. "It's been a productive workshop. Most of our constituents are the same. It behooves us all for us to work together."

Changes at Wewahitchka Health Department begin July 1

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The announced overhaul of medical services at the Wewahitchka Gulf Department Health Clinic begins July 1.

The last day the Florida Department of Health will provide primary care medical services at the clinic, located on State 22, will be June 30, a Sunday.

As of the following day, the medical clinic will be closed for approximately two weeks.

Roger Hall, president of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, told the Board of County Commissioners last week that he expects Sacred

Heart will restart primary care services sometime in mid-July.

"We are actually going to expand the services from what they are now," Hall told commissioners. "We should be back up and running by mid-July; as soon as we can get our people in there."

Primary care services include acute and chronic illness visits, well-child and sick visits for children, Behavioral Health and lab collections for Health Department patients.

The Florida Department of Health for Gulf County will continue to provide public health services through the transition.

Dental services for adults and children, environmen-

tal health, Healthy Start, School Health and Tobacco Cessation and Prevention programs will continue during the transition.

WIC will continue to have a presence the first and third Friday of each month and immunizations will also be done those two days. Family planning services will continue to be offered the first Tuesday of each month.

Birth certificates will continue to be provided.

"I have advocated that there be no interruption of services to the north end of the county," said Marsha Lindeman, executive director of the Gulf County Health Department. "Services are being increased

for primary care by the provider most able to provide those services."

Lindeman's bottom line for primary care services has bled \$500,000 over recent years due to budget cuts to primary care services by the Florida Department of Health.

Compounding the problem is that the Wewahitchka clinic has been without a physician for two years, with the resultant drop in fees and, she said last week, she inherited budget which funded services with dollars she wasn't going to be able to ledger anymore.

With the Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) operating under the umbrella of the Gulf County Health

Department, Lindeman can leverage federal funds to provide dental care on both ends of the county and primary care in Port St. Joe.

Over 50 percent of those seen under the FQHC are uninsured, she noted.

Lindeman said the county pays a smaller percentage to the Health Department budget than any other county in the state with an operating FQHC.

The only area she could cut, she told the BOCC last week, was primary care in Wewahitchka.

But, the positive was the long-standing partnership between Health Department and Sacred Heart which stretches back to before Sacred Heart Hospital

on the Gulf opened more than three years ago.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will operate a health clinic from the same health department facility currently in use for primary care services.

"I felt this was the optimal plan for providing primary care services," Lindeman said.

Medical Records Release forms are available now at the Gulf County Health Department for patients transitioning from the health department to Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf for Primary Care Services.

For more information please contact the Gulf County Health Department at 227-1276, ext. 205.



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For example, travel for one commissioner might be paid by another commissioner or by staff and unless individual paper vouchers and receipts were pulled — meaning many more man-hours — some numbers were estimates.

She noted that during the time period involved, two newly-elected commissioners, Commissioners Ward McDaniel and Tan Smiley, might not have been issued their county credit cards and others may have paid for trips.

She also said she would receive vouchers with only the name of a hotel on it, but no indication about the circumstances of the stay. She had more than one travel voucher that “does not state what it is for.”

Herring agreed with commissioners who suggested the BOCC and Clerk’s office look at the way travel forms are coded and how information is entered into the Clerk’s system.

McDaniel disputed the accuracy of the numbers and noted that taxpayer dollars were involved.

“This is people’s money,” McDaniel said.

In an email to Bryan, Herring noted the restrictions she was operating under.

“Given our resources I have attached the best summary I am able to provide in this time frame,” Herring wrote on April 9, roughly two months after Bryan’s request.

Herring also noted that the out-of-county travel numbers were solely for the conferences requested.

“As we discussed, I have broken down the commissioner’s travel by the conferences you specifically requested,” Herring continued. “Doing so for other departments and/or additional conferences would take additional time.”

Herring said during the board meeting that while district numbers might skew depending on cir-

cumstances, “The overall totals are correct.”

Overall, commissioners spent \$31,846.77 in 2011 and over \$32,000 in 2012 to travel to the FAC, NACO and SCC meetings, as well as what is noted as “other” travel which involves only Yeager (\$2,133 in 2011; \$5,133 the next year) and former Commissioner Bill Williams (\$4,116 in 2011; \$8,471 in 2012).

Commissioner Carmen McLemore did not attend any conferences, but the four other commissioners attended the FAC and NACO conferences and the Clerk’s records indicate the county administrator and attorney also attended.

In addition, the five commissioners combined to spend \$24,740 in 2011 and \$23,413 in 2012 for in-county travel, with Williams and McLemore each claiming at least \$6,000 in 2011 in-county travel alone.

In addition, staff travel, in-county or not, totaled \$66,579 in 2011 — \$26,670 is labeled “Other General Fund Travel” which is paid from the same fund from which commissioners are paid — and \$75,937 in 2012.

In 2012, \$33,556 of that travel again was labeled “Other General Fund Travel” and was paid from the same fund as commissioners.

That put the narrow travel totals provided by the Clerk, restricted to the three major conferences, in-county and staff travel, at \$123,166 in 2011 and \$131,458 in 2012.

“I think we need to look at how we can improve on keeping track of expenses,” Bryan said. “I think we need to make some improvements.”

Agenda changes

The BOCC also got its first look at a proposed process for crafting the agenda, which would require commissioners to place items on the agenda by a deadline or seek

approval of a super-majority (four votes) at the beginning of the meeting to amend the agenda to include any additional items requiring a vote.

In seeking that amendment, the commissioner must explain the purpose for inclusion in the agenda. The process would be similar for staff to bring an item to the BOCC after deadline, but the request for an amendment must come from a commissioner.

Any request from the public that arrived after the deadline would follow the same procedure.

The document was drafted by county attorney Jeremy Novak.

The goal is to increase public awareness and transparency regarding the issues and topics to be discussed, the policy stated.

Bryan asked that commissioners review the policy and come back with suggested revisions at the next BOCC meeting.

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Chemical parcel.

The county is second in line behind Capital City Bank on the mortgage for the barge terminal parcel.

The Circuit Court hearing will impact the county’s position. Should the bank prevail, the county’s position is moot.

Should the port prevail, it would be unlikely, Gibson noted, that any port property could be mortgaged without a public referendum.

“I can’t tell you you will have the power to give anybody a mortgage,” Gibson said.

Board member Eugene Raffield suggested and the board agreed to ask the BOCC if the Port Authority could delay any decision until after the foreclosure hearing.

“We are very concerned and want to pay everything that we owe,” Raffield said. “But we can’t make a decision until after Capital City Bank is addressed.”

“We want (the BOCC) in the loop. They have to be responsible for that money. We

need to be good stewards.”

The county dollars are federal economic development dollars meant to be a revolving loan program by which the BOCC awards the money to various businesses for expansion or development.

When the money is repaid it is awarded to another eligible entity.

Raffield Fisheries used the same funds to expand its freezer capacity at its fish house.

Dredging/Master Plan

Gibson and port director Tommy Pitts told the board the update to the master plan was completed and the Port Authority board formally adopted the plan and forwarded it to the city of Port St. Joe.

The city must hold public hearings before its planning board and commission as part of the process of updating the city’s comprehensive plan to include the new port master plan.

Pitts said he asked the two engineering firms on continuing contract with

the Port Authority to submit statements of qualifications specific to maintenance dredging. Pitts said the aim was to dredge to a minimum of 33 feet with the hope of ultimately going to the federally-authorized 35 feet.

“That opens up all kind of opportunities,” Pitts said, adding that however the foreclosure hearing was decided, an operational deepwater port is key to development.

Raffield wondered, as he did at the prior board meeting, if the Tourist Development Council should be brought into the loop. There is potential some dredge material could be suitable for beach nourishment, he said.

“I have always considered beach renourishment as a secondary benefit of dredging,” Pitts said.

Meeting with Montford

Costin said he had a meeting Gov. Rick Scott’s office with Scott’s chief of staff and state Sen. Bill Montford (R-Tallahassee), who represents Gulf County.

Montford had attempted to work with Capital City Bank to secure a \$2 million state appropriation to partially address the port mortgage and allow time for port development to take hold.

Costin said the meeting was positive, that it was informational as he related how dynamics changed since collaboration with the St. Joe Company to develop the port was etched in writing.

The concern from the governor, Costin indicated, was the lack of tangible progress over recent years despite the investment of millions of state and federal dollars.

Costin said he provided information and emerged from the meeting, scheduled for 15 minutes but spanning nearly an hour, with optimism the port message, a different one from as little as two years ago, was conveyed.

Board communications

Pitts addressed board members concerning a letter to the editor from board member Johanna White

published in The Star two weeks ago.

Pitts, who outside of administrative dollars in a grant to update the master plan works for \$1 per month, said he had not formally responded publicly and had hoped White — who was absent — attended the meeting in order to be able to talk directly.

Pitts said he believed the letter incorrectly implied that he “led the board” instead of taking direction from the Port Authority board.

Jones asked, motioned and the board approved including Pitts’ complete response to White’s letter into the regular meeting minutes.

Costin said the board should handle such matters internally.

More than a year ago, shortly after the collaboration agreement with St. Joe was signed, Costin and Gibson emphasized the importance of port officials speaking with unified voice and message.

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

In last week’s story concerning the hiring of a new city clerk in Mexico Beach, it was stated that the council was deciding between two candidates, Sharon McGhee and Christina Marquardt Adams, who was identified without her married name. Adams was not a formal candidate for the position. She had applied during the interview process and during a special meeting the week prior Mayor Al Cathey, with the support of Councilmember Bobby Pollock expressed a desire to interview Adams. The 2-2 vote cited in last week’s story was on a motion to hire McGhee. The Star regrets any confusion.

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The frog on a red metal box

Most folks enjoy coffee in the morning. "Most" is accurate. According to statistics, about 100 million in America are daily coffee drinkers; percentage-wise, that is over 50%. Therefore, "most" is accurate.

It seems like a lot of people have turned to those single serving coffee machines with the little plastic cups that not only allow you make coffee on a whim, but also tea and hot chocolate. I have one of those, but the cost still bothers me.

I'm one of those people who will check the coffee pot for leftovers late at night and if there is any, I'll put it in the microwave. I've also heard of folks keeping leftover coffee in the refrigerator. That makes sense, but I will usually drink it all by the end of the day anyway.

At work, it's a different story. The fellow who made our coffee finally retired. You know how it is; there is usually one person who is in charge of the coffee making. Sometimes, it's a matter of pride or possibly even job security. The retired fellow's coffee was actually not good. I'm not being honest - it was terrible, but I drank it.

After he was gone, I found that "things can get worse." The next person in charge of coffee made much worse coffee. It was so bad that it forced me to another floor of my building.

The folks one floor below don't mind me coming down there; new paying customers are always welcome in an office coffee pool. There will always be those who don't pay.

There was the added bonus that the downstairs coffee was only 20 cents. Their coffee is really not that good either; but I do not think that it will cause as much damage as the stuff on my floor. Also, the clientele one floor below is a little more interesting. They are more reclusive. In other words, they let you get your coffee and get out rather than engaging you in a conversation about politics or planar fasciitis.

Everyone has their own way of collecting money for the office coffee. Downstairs, they simply have a red metal box with a little lock on it and one slot on the top to drop your money. For the first few

months, there was one older gentleman, who is affectionately known as "Santa Claus" who would wander in when I was getting coffee.



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Santa Claus never said much; sometimes he would grunt or just mumble. It wasn't an unhappy grunt; I think he was just trying to make conversation. I'm sure that he has a Ph.D. in something very impressive

and is doing some very important research.

Seeing him walking down the hall one day behind me, I decided to have a little fun. As he came into the kitchen, I poured a cup of coffee and put my quarter in the red metal box. Then I stood staring at the red metal box. The red metal box has a little black and white plastic frog glued on top.

The Santa Claus fellow seemed to be getting anxious. I continued to stand there in front of the coffee pot, staring at the red metal box. I waited a while longer. Finally, Santa Claus let go of a good grunt. I'm pretty sure the translation of the grunt would be, "Please move, I want my coffee now."

I got down for a close examination of the red metal box as if to talk to the black and white plastic frog. Then I calmly said, "I put a quarter in there and it still has not given me a nickel back."

Then Santa Claus spoke and I could understand him. He said, "I don't think it will." I did my best to look confused and I took my coffee and left.

It was a good day; I got Santa Claus to talk. I'm sure he thinks I'm a nut, but that's ok.

In the weeks that followed, the black and white plastic frog on the top of the little red metal box disappeared, coffee downstairs went up to 25 cents and then the frog reappeared. Santa Claus could be trying to tell me something or perhaps he was trying to lessen my anxiety about the red metal box not giving change.

I'm not so sure about what happened to the plastic frog, the coffee seems a little better downstairs, perhaps he had been swimming in the pot and finally got out.

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I missed my calling...

I wanted to be an auctioneer. It was amazing how the words and sounds just rolled off their tongues. You could get a good dose of the mesmerizing calls every Saturday and Wednesday afternoons out at the old Tri County Stockyards.

It seemed to my little ten year old mind to be some type of controlled pandemonium. They would be running cows, steers, bulls, sheep, hogs and/or Billy goats into that sawdust covered area just as fast as humanly possible. A short pause lasted only long enough to let the auctioneer wield his magic, a few hands to rise and the nod of a head or two to bobble in the wrap around audience. That animal was sold and you better get your eyes focused quickly on the gate to the far left—the next lot was being herded in.

I tried to "take it all in" at once! It was fun to guess how high the bid would go on certain breeds. Bulls, without question, brought the most money. And a lot more cows were sold than anything else. Hog prices, according to Dad, hinged on whether we were buying... or selling!

I've seen bulls near 'bout leap into the crowd. I've seen hogs chase handlers around the arena. I've seen mules sit down right in the middle of the auction and refuse to get up. I saw a cow once start into labor right on the sales floor.

The folks in the audience were often more fun to watch than the four legged guys in the arena. Half of them showed up every time the sales doors opened and never bid on a thing. I reckon grown-ups liked to hear the auctioneer too. Or maybe, they had an old heifer or a young yearling they were trying to handicap as to value. Things moved a mite slow back in the mid fifties. Perhaps this was simply the best action in town.

The seating arrangements were

kinda like church. People apparently were assigned to the same place sale after sale. The aggressive bidders usually were down on the first row. They would bid early and often but didn't buy as much as you might think. A late nod from the back row would take a steer home quicker than you could say, "What are you going to give for it..."



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

Some guys waved frantically like they were proud to be bidding. Or they didn't want the auctioneer, or you, to miss the fact that they had cash money and were ready to deal. Some did it with a slight raise of one finger. Another might drop his head slightly. And still another might move his head up just enough to make direct eye contact with the auctioneer.

The guy behind the mike didn't miss a one. Without question, he was in charge. And he seldom slowed the tempo. I just could not believe that anyone could talk so rapidly without seemingly ever taking a breath. And he did it all in some type of rhythm that kept perfect time with the braying of the livestock, the ruckus of the handlers prodding and turning the sales objects, the calls for popcorn and cold drinks ringside and the general din that accompanied any place that had a large audience actively participating in the ongoing proceedings.

The auctioneer would only slow the pace if the price wasn't to his liking. "Come on now, you're not looking at this one. Take a good long gander at her flanks, the straight back, the general size of her, she'll throw calves half grown! We're at sixty two, fifty, who'll give me seventy-five, I need seventy-five..."

It wasn't quite as good as the circus but it didn't miss it by much. And it didn't cost nothing, unless you ran your fingers through your hair at exactly the wrong moment!

I asked Dad once why they only held these wonderful sales on Saturdays and Wednesdays. I was expecting him to explain it took a while to round up the appropriate animals to sell. "Son," he didn't hesitate, "two days a week is about all they can stand."

On "what do you want to be" day in elementary school I never picked doctor, lawyer or fireman. I proudly proclaimed that I was going into the auctioneering business. I'd fall asleep on Saturday nights rehearsing, "Well, I'm at twenty-five here, who'll give me thirty, I got thirty, who'll make forty, who'll give forty, I've got thirty now, who'll bid..."

I took a job with Colonel James T. "Birddog" Reed as a recorder when I was in high school. He auctioned off house and farm estates. I'd write down "Zenith table model" as he began to tell how this particular radio could "bring in the Grand Ole Opry a week ahead of time" and then he'd go into that familiar chant. I'd put down "Mr. Chadwick" and the amount he paid when the gavel fell.

Wouldn't it be great to come back from auctioneer school and take Mr. Martin's place at the Tri County Stockyards! Or I could go into business with Birddog hawking those old lamps, wringer washers and China cabinets.

My parents insisted on college. They preferred English and biology over hogs and Dutch ovens. It was probably just as well. Tri County Stockyards went out of business years ago... and people don't do much auctioning at yard sales now-a-days.

But late at night, when everyone is asleep, or when I'm alone in the car, I'll "sell" a Brahma bull, a lot of Black Angus or an old 175 International tractor. Old dreams die hard...

Respectfully,
Kes

Advice for recent graduates

By Ed McAteer
Special to The Star

Well, it is summertime and graduation has come and gone. For those who do not rush off to college, I am guessing mom and dad are probably encouraging you to get out and find a job. And with that being said, I have some advice for you related to the job interview process. No, I am not going to bore you with the mechanics of how to build a resume, merely tell you what employers are looking for in today's work environment and prospective candidate.

When starting a job search in today's tough times, many people still stick to refinement of their resume and honing their people skills. That's good, but someone right out of high school probably doesn't have lots of experience. Strong interpersonal skills are great. Integrity matters. However, the thing that makes all the difference today is simply presenting you as someone who is a problem solver.

How do I do this? The best way to train yourself as a problem solver is to research the industry [type of job you desire] and your prospective employer [company you want to work for] and take all the time you need to study about both. Study the employees and customers, suppliers, and business partners. Then, use all that background information that you found to inform yourself so that during the interview, you can be humble in knowing how the company functions and what made them successful.

Talk your own passions and talents to the employer's challenges; tell them how you can fit right in from day one and help them make money, improve customer service, and help solve problems. Do this and you have an opening for a real opportunity to be successful in empowering you for the position.

This is important so listen. There is a downside to this strategy. The research required involves so much time and so much effort that only one out of every ten people will even

take the time to do it. Are you the one or the other nine? I have never known anyone who has ever taken this advice, prepared themselves by doing the hard work up front and not been hired into the position they were seeking.

I often tell those I helped write resumes the number-one thing you need to do is to set up a routine whereby every day make the resume writing and job search your job.

Spend two to four hours a day writing and researching to make the difference. Grow yourself powerful and smarter than the person you will be competing against.

Something else that is very hard for a young graduate is to take feedback or criticism from someone. You think you know it all when you are young. You don't. When someone is giving you feedback, make him or her feel that it is okay to do so. Let them know that you accept feedback readily and can listen to them with your full intent.

If you act defensively, get angry, or pushed back, your advisor will make a note to self: "I won't be doing this again." When you make it hard for others to give you feedback, your colleagues, and friends will avoid you. It will help if you think of feedback as simply "data" and keep it in perspective. You want to combine it with hundreds of other pieces of information but do not supercharge any one piece of it.

Adults, want to give feedback to others? The number-one rule of constructive criticism is to make the other person feel safe. You have to let that person know that you care about his or her success while you address their concerns.

Also, let me tell the young graduate, there is nothing more important than the incredible impact of compound interest when it comes to saving for retirement. Would you like to have \$1 million by the time you reach retirement, usually age 65? You can but it takes discipline. If only someone would have told me about these things when I was 18.

About age 18-22, you only need

to save three to five dollars each day. It isn't a lot of money. Skip the soda, cigarettes, or Starbucks coffee and stash the cash. You have to be thoughtful and save every day. So graduate, when you get that job that you have prepared for, remember to take three to five dollars for your future, and when you are older and wiser, you will awaken one morning and say, "Hey, where did all this money come from?" It really works. Again, only one of you in nine people will even think about this ever again, less more, do the action that is required.

You have to figure out the difference between your wants and your needs. I want many things, but I need very little. My pastor, David Fernandez a few years back told his congregation, we did not need 90 percent of what we have. He started giving away, downsized, and became happier than ever. I did a quick look at my material possessions, and he was right. Most things are luxury and not needed.

I learned a lesson, and I do not buy things to impress other people; it is about the things that I need. So when you go into a store, always take that extra second to picture in your mind how disappointed you will be if you do not make that purchase. On the other hand, sleep on it. Most of the time when using that train of thought, you will simply not buy the item.

I would be remiss if I did not tell you to try to do good things for others. Giving of your free time or finances... well, you cannot out give God, and he richly blesses those who give without restraint and with a cheerful heart. Pray about it and then test him and see for yourself.

Graduates today are going to need to save at a greater rate than the generations that have gone before you. Make certain when you are hired in that great job, sign up for the 401(k) plan, especially if it matches all or part of what you contribute and stay in it for as long as you can. It's called getting "free money" from

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Why the rush?

Dear Editor,
At the June 11 regular meeting of the Gulf County BOCC a recommendation was made by Assistant County Administrator, Michael Hammond, for the Gulf County Detention Facility to assume control and responsibility for Gulf County probation services and the pretrial release program.

This memorandum was neatly placed in the Consent Agenda packet. Had Commissioner Ward McDaniel not pulled the recommendation for discussion by the full Board, this recommendation (like so many others) would have quietly been approved by the Board without any open discussion for the benefit of the public. Commissioners McDaniel and Bryan voiced their concerns regarding this operational change. Overriding all logic, a 3-2 vote approved Mr. Hammond's recommendation. No opportunity was given by Chairman Smiley for public input before the vote was taken. So, without any public input and no plan, probation services will soon be provided in-house by county staff.

Mr. Hammond states in his memorandum that, "Following my review and analysis of the current program, I submit the foregoing recommendations based on the understanding and assumption that our current correctional facility staff will administer the programs without need for additional personnel from the County Commission." How so? Will one employee handle the program? Or will several share the duties? How much spare time do jail employees have available to take on additional duties?

Where is Mr. Hammond's review and

analysis? He submitted a recommendation to the BOCC without any details of how this operational change will work. He stated during the meeting that the program can be run more efficiently in-house but did not give any details. What liability issues will result for the County with this change? Do we have certified staff to provide all the probation and pretrial services required? How much money is Mr. Hammond projecting as a revenue stream for the County? During Mr. Hammond's comments I did not hear any estimate of income for the County. Mr. Stewart from Florida Probation Service gave lots of numbers during his comments - I cannot attest to their accuracy - but he had numbers.

So many questions remain unanswered. Most disturbing to me was Commissioner Yeager's rush to get this voted on that day. What was the urgency? Commissioner Yeager stated he had been in discussion with staff for 2-3 months and they have "convinced me" this will work. How did Mr. Butler and Mr. Hammond convince him? Where is the plan? Commissioner Bryan suggested the item be tabled until Mr. Hammond could present the Board with written information on how this program will work - Commissioner Yeager would have none of it. What's the back story here? All the fees generated go to the Clerk's office to help support the court system. This operational change will not reduce taxpayer burden by one red cent. In fact, I believe this will be an abysmal failure - it will cost taxpayers money, collection rates will go down and open the door for potential lawsuits against the County.

Florida Probation Service is a group of

trained professionals. Mr. Hammond alluded to some problems with the running of the program. From his specific complaints I would conclude the problems are of a clerical nature and can easily be resolved between the Clerk's office and Mr. Stewart's office. It was obvious, as the discussion between Mr. Hammond and Mr. Stewart progressed, that Mr. Hammond has other issues with Mr. Stewart. I found Mr. Hammond's verbal attack on Mr. Stewart extremely unprofessional and certainly in violation of the County's pledge of civility. It was quite a contrast from just a few months ago when the BOCC warmly applauded the great work that had been done by Florida Probation Service.

Mr. Hammond said, "If we make \$1 it's better than what you're making today because you're not making anything." I question the accuracy of that statement. Florida Probation Service currently pays \$750 per month (\$9,000 per year) to rent an office in the Wewahitchka Sheriff's sub-station plus provides free internet service for the sub-station. The monthly internet fee is \$200 per month - \$2,400 per year. The rental income and free internet will be gone. Sheriff Harrison stated in the June 11 meeting that it will be difficult to keep the sub-station open without the money from Florida Probation Service. The sub-station is important to the citizens of Wewahitchka - they deserve a law enforcement presence in the northern part of Gulf County.

Another wrong-headed decision was made by the BOCC June 11. This takes me back to the vote on moving Public Works to Howard Creek; the vote had to be taken that day. That was a bad decision then and

this is a bad decision now. Commissioners Smiley, McLemore and Yeager, your bad judgment will cost the people of Gulf County. Commissioner Yeager, waiting two weeks to at least see a written proposal surely can't be too much to ask - at the end of the day.

Barbara Raddiff
Indian Pass

P. S. Since the June 11 meeting, the County Attorney has sent a letter to Florida Probation Service requesting they remain on the job until October 1, 2013. All the more curious why the vote had to be taken June 11 if the County wants Florida Probation Service to remain on the job 3½ months longer. The contract allows for a 60-day out clause.

Again, why the rush to push through this decision?

Value perceived or deceived?

Dear Editor,
Commissioner Joanna Bryan asked months ago for the travel and expense accounting for all the commissioners in an honest transparent effort to determine not only what the real costs are but who they are going to and inevitably a justification for all the out of county expenses. In other words, what did we get out of this cost?

When we send a commissioner or county representative to a function like the Florida Association of Counties, are we getting what we paid for and what did the investment bring back to the county besides a fake smile, hot air and a fun trip for a public servant? The request was finally answered at the last commission meeting with alarming costs that we have paid and learned that the accounting system needs a little tweaking to accurately

tell the public specifically where our money went. Mrs. Sherry Herring seemed to have her hands tied by existing procedures that made her task difficult if not impossible at best as she tried to explain in the meeting. If we have improper procedures, wonder was has been happening or missed in the past?

Historically, Gulf County took few if any trips and was never involved with the Florida Association of Counties or any other Associations. We have all been told that it is important to spend these dollars to send our Representatives to make sure our community is recognized and not left out of the mysterious "Pots of Money" being passed around. It has been several years, thousands of our dollars and we can see no monetary return of one dollar let alone the hypothetical "Pots of Money". We would be the first to support making sure we get recognition with the State especially if you could convince us that if we spend \$1,000 we will get that back plus some more. In respect to the RESTORE money, we will get money from that in spite of the trips and it may be that these trips hampered the process of receiving funds and the amount. However, when the funds do appear

from whatever effort you can be assured that certain county commissioners will claim the credit when it is not theirs to claim. Typical politics by those who know how to work the system to their favor and not ours.

What it appears we are doing with the luxurious trips is providing our public servants with an open check book for vacations and an opportunity for them to advance their personal political agenda, not ours. This is more than evident by a past commissioner who wormed his way to the Chair of the Florida Association of Counties, left here in financial ruin and is now working in Tallahassee as a lobbyist. How did that help us?

Chasing "Pots of Money" is for the adventuresome and financially stable. It is not advisable if you are in the red as indicated at the last talk of the county budget and cutting back on people and services for the community. We say, "Show me the Money" these trips earned us and provide proof that the suffering our community services and reduction in people was worth it. We do not think you can. Gulf County needs to cut back its travel and expense over 80 percent. It is not necessary to travel this much and it is a proven waste of money.

Citizens Improving Gulf County

Credit access for stay-at-home spouses and partners expanded

By JASON ALDERMAN

One of the pitfalls of Congress passing complicated, sweeping legislation is that sometimes provisions designed to protect one group unexpectedly create hardships for others. That's what happened with 2009's Credit Card Accountability Responsibility Disclosure (CARD) Act, which was hailed as legislation that would protect consumers from misleading credit practices.

Among other things, the CARD Act requires that people under 21 must have an adult co-signer in order to open a credit account unless they can prove their ability to repay their account balance. This

provision was designed to prevent young adults from assuming more debt than they can afford and then being unable to pay it off, thereby ruining their credit standing.

So far, so good. Then, in 2011 the Federal Reserve finalized rules around the CARD Act's "ability to pay" provision. It stated that credit card issuers generally could only consider an applicant's independent income or assets before issuing a new card or increasing a credit limit, not his or her access to the household's overall income.

An unintended consequence soon emerged: As a result of the ability-to-pay rule, many spouses or partners over age 21 who

don't work outside the home suddenly found they were unable to open separate credit accounts in their own name, regardless of whether or not they had access to their working spouse/partner's income.

Establishing one's own credit history is crucial to gaining favorable interest rates and access to credit, especially when non-working spouses get divorced or their spouse dies unexpectedly. Thus many consumers (and their Congressional representatives) were upset. Their displeasure reached the ears of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

Fast forward to October 2012, when the CFPB released a proposal that was expected to ease credit rules for stay-at-home spouses or partners. After six months of public review, the CFPB issued a formal amendment to the ability-to-pay rule that essentially says credit card applicants who are at least 21 can factor in a third party's income or assets when applying for credit card accounts if there's a reasonable

expectation they'll be able to access those funds to make payments. (This includes income of a spouse or partner, although the rule applies to all applicants, regardless of marital status.)

Speaking of unintended consequences, however, remember that even though having at least one credit card or loan in your own name can help you build a strong credit history, it's important to carefully manage all credit accounts on which you're named - whether as an individual, cosigner or authorized user - to prevent damage to your credit score.

Having a poor credit score can cost a small fortune over a lifetime. You'll pay higher rates and have a harder time qualifying for mortgages, car loans and credit cards. To maintain - or improve - your credit score:

- Always pay all bills on time.
- Never exceed credit limits.
- Try to keep your credit utilization ratio (the percentage of available credit you're using) below 30 percent.

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your company. In addition, the tax advantages make this your best investment. Remember three to five dollars a day is all you need to become a millionaire by the time you are 65.

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer that we wish we

did not. Pray to God, listen to his answer, and ask for advice from those you trust and listen to what they say.

One day, you will be giving this advice to your next-generation young graduates.

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Structural fiberglass repairs: Part 2

Last week we discussed re-coring, that is repairs to soft deck, hatch lids, transoms. Repairs resulting from water intrusion and eventual rotting of the coring materials sandwiched between fiberglass.

The damaged area should be opened up, damaged coring removed, new coring material, cut to fit and ready to install.

Remove the new piece of coring, grind bottom layer of original fiberglass, clean thoroughly with vacuum cleaner or blow out with compressed air. Wipe down area with acetone, apply un-thickened coat of epoxy or polyester resin to bottom surface and bottom surface of coring. Allow five to 10 minutes to be absorbed.

Apply second coat of thickened epoxy or resin, thicken with micrabaloons, collidal silica or West Systems adhesive filler (my preference) and re-install coring piece. Pour thickened mixture around perimeter of coring to fill void. Next, wet out top of

coring with un-thickened epoxy or resin, allow to be absorbed, apply three to four layers of woven roven fiberglass mat allowing to overlap beveled edges of original panel, three to five inches.



SHIPSHAPE

By Richard Hance

Apply mat, pour epoxy or resin and spread or brush until fiberglass mat is saturated and carefully push out any air bubbles/voids. Apply second and third

layers of mat as we did with the first.

Allow several minutes for last layer to become slightly tacky.

Make up a final thickened mixture of epoxy or resin, pour onto top and brush or spread to conceal pattern of fiberglass mat.

Allow 12-24 hours for materials to harden, wipe off top finish with soap and water and allow to dry.

Now begin sanding with 60-80 grit paper, sand off high spots and any/all the gloss that has formed on top coat.

Next week we will cover filling and sanding to conceal repair.

25TH ANNUAL BIG BEND SALTWATER CLASSIC



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Captain Joel Singletary of Seatow, left presents George Klisiewicz winner of the "Catch a Fish-Win a Grand" drawing with \$1,000. All Seatow members who fished in the Saltwater Classic were eligible for the drawing.

Bass makes a big haul despite rough seas

By LOIS SWOBODA

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The 425 anglers who fished in the 25th annual Big Bend Saltwater Classic battled rough seas last weekend.

Matt Lambert, chairman of the tournament, said several captains ended the day early on Saturday and fewer fish were weighed than last year.

"We still weighed a lot of fish though," Lambert said.

Paul Osterbye, who fishes out of Carrabelle every weekend, said his team experienced 6-8-foot waves for most of the day Saturday. Rough water didn't dampen everyone's enthusiasm. Osterbye's 7-year-old granddaughter Jaylyn Middleton still managed to haul in more than 50 fish, though none made it onto the leaderboard.

Aboard the Miss Carla, Dusty May of Port St. Joe took third place for points in the Master's Division with 255 points.

Dusty also made a splash with a monster dolphin he snagged. At 24.9 pounds, the fish was almost twice as heavy as the next runner up.

It was a real Father's Day tournament this year.

Aboard the Miss Carla, father Dusty May of Port St. Joe and sons Dusty Junior and Danny took third place for points in the Master's Division with 255 points.

Dusty Junior also made a splash with a monster dolphin he snagged. At 24.9 pounds, the fish was almost twice as heavy as the next runner up.

Also fishing as a team were Mike, Gage and Riley Runyon of Crawfordville.

Daddy Mike was glowing with pride during the Junior Division awards as he watched both boys receive medals. Nine-year-old Gage took first place for a 17.3 pound snapper that set a record for the juniors. It was the only record set in this year's competition.

Little brother Riley hauled in a snapper that weighed almost eleven pounds to win third place. It was the



Right: Robert Bass of team R.E. Bass Construction took home \$1,000 for his "Big Ass Fish," a 66 pound Wahoo. Left: Proud dad, Mike Runyan displays the prize winning snapper caught by sons Gage on the left and Riley on the right. Gage's fish set a tournament record for the Junior Division at 17.3 pounds. Riley's tipped the scales at a respectable 10.65 pounds.



boys' first tournament.

Mateo La Sorsa of Orlando, fishing in the Junior Division for the second time maintained his first place status for grouper for the second year and took additional medals for snapper, king mackerel and Spanish mackerel.

This year, the tournament changed its venue for the first time since 2006. The competition was staged from the Moorings, the site of the original competition.

"The Moorings is where we started and, for our silver anniversary, we thought we would like to get back to our roots. It's a great space and a great staff," Lambert said.

He said he plans to stage the competition at the Moorings again next year with very few changes.

Lambert said despite having fewer fish to offer the charity auction, the awards on Sunday netted more than last year with more than \$1,000 paid for unwanted fish donated for sale.

Another change in this year's competition was the introduction of voice stress analysis to spot check anglers and prevents the

propagation of fish tales.

According to Lambert, the tournament has used polygraph equipment for at least the four years he has served on the board. The voice stress analysis was used to screen potential polygraph subjects.

"It saves the tournament some money," Lambert said. "Polygraph tests are more expensive."

"We just want to make sure the integrity of the tournament is intact. People will cheat if you let them. We try not to let them," he said.

He said an angler who refuses a spot test will not receive his or her check but added the tournament has never had to withhold payment.

As always, the Saltwater Classic benefited the Organization for Artificial Reefs (OAR).

Founded in 1985, OAR serves the recreational saltwater fishing industry of Florida's Big Bend Gulf Coast by promoting the professional development of public artificial reefs.

Since 1987, OAR has created or enhanced more than 30 named reefs in the Big Bend Gulf.

OAR collaborates with cities and counties as well as state and federal governments to create and maintain artificial reefs.

OAR also collaborates with marine research agencies, other artificial reef groups and the academic community.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, June 20	87°	75°	30 %
Fri, June 21	86°	75°	40 %
Sat, June 22	87°	75°	30 %
Sun, June 23	87°	76°	40 %
Mon, June 24	88°	76°	20 %
Tues, June 25	88°	77°	20 %
Wed, June 26	87°	77°	60 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
20	Th	7:36am 1.8		5:44pm -0.3	
21	Fr	8:20am 1.9		6:41pm -0.4	
22	Sa	9:09am 2.1		7:38pm -0.6	
23	Su	10:01am 2.1		8:31pm -0.6	
24	Mo	10:52am 2.1		9:18pm -0.4	
25	Tu	11:41am 1.9		9:56pm -0.3	
26	We	12:26pm 1.7		10:19pm -0.1	
27	Th	1:06pm 1.3		10:21pm 0.2	
28	Fr	1:26pm 1.0		9:49pm 0.4	
29	Sa	6:35am 0.9		8:22pm 0.6	
30	Su	5:55am 1.1		4:20pm 0.3	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
20	Th	3:31am 1.1	12:09pm 1.6	6:28am 1.2	8:53pm -0.2
21	Fr	4:39am 1.2	12:55pm 1.6	7:39am 1.3	9:43pm -0.4
22	Sa	5:29am 1.3	1:47pm 1.6	8:42am 1.4	10:31pm -0.5
23	Su	6:11am 1.3	2:41pm 1.6	9:38am 1.4	11:17pm -0.5
24	Mo	6:47am 1.3	3:36pm 1.6	10:32am 1.3	
25	Tu	7:18am 1.3	4:33pm 1.6	12:02am -0.4	1:126am 1.2
26	We	7:46am 1.3	5:32pm 1.5	12:43am -0.2	1:225pm 1.1
27	Th	8:12am 1.3	6:35pm 1.3	1:23am 0.0	1:30pm 0.9
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Inshore/Bay

As the summertime weather patterns start to set in, bay fishing will be a game of early and late. Early morning top water action will produce nice trout and redfish catches. Late afternoon fishing will be mainly live bait and grubs and jigs, and as the water cools down, try switching back to a top water hard bait for a trophy redfish or trout. Flounder are showing up in the normal places this week from Mexico Beach to Indian Pass.

Offshore/Bottom

Red snapper continues to be the best bet in offshore fishing right now and will be until the season closes on June 28 in federal waters. Big snapper are holding on near shore and offshore wrecks from 60-150 feet of water. Live bait will prove to be the best for bigger fish, however, snapper will eat cut bait as well. Try fishing 20 feet off the bottom with a live grunt or pinfish for a trophy red snapper.

HEADING DOWN UNDER

Brinkmeier to compete in Australian softball tournament

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A 2009 graduate of Port St. Joe High School, Heather Brinkmeier is headed to Sydney, Australia, to compete in the Down Under Cup Challenge as part of the Australia International Softball Challenge in July.

"I had to read it twice," said Brinkmeier of the invitation she received in September of last year.

Brinkmeier will fly to Los Angeles on July 20 and take a connecting flight to Sydney the following day.

She'll have two days in Australia to sight-see before jumping into a daily practice regimen with a team made up of complete strangers.

"It's exciting and nerve-wracking," she said of playing such a high-profile tournament alongside girls she's never met. "I'm going to work my butt off."

She'll have plenty of time to amp herself to meet her new teammates on the 15-hour flight.

USA Athletes International works to bring the world's athletes together through sports and education and chose 14 females from across the United States to gather as a team halfway across the globe to compete against players from Australia, Italy and Prague.

The daughter of Steve and Christine, Brinkmeier was recommended to the team by her former coaches as well as those from opposing teams. Candidates also had to be in good academic standing.

In high school, Brinkmeier was a four-year letter winner for Coach Jim Belin and helped the Lady Tiger Sharks to a runner-up finish in the state Class 2A Tournament her senior year when PSJ finished 27-3.

She was third-team All-State as a senior outfielder and had a home run and three RBIs in the regional title game; two hits and an RBI in the state semifinals.

She hit .284 with five doubles and two triples as a junior when she helped lead the Lady Tiger Sharks to a regional championship.

While in high school she also played volleyball and basketball and was a member of the cheer-leading squad.

Further, Brinkmeier played travel ball for Team North Florida with Coach Coy Adkins, an assistant coach at University of Florida and now a coach at the University of Arkansas from 2006-08. The team placed 30th out of 165 teams at the 2006 nationals in Seattle. In 2007 the team placed third in the World Series and second in 2008.

She was a member of the Panama City Lady Lightning with Coach Bubba Hill from 2006-10. The team won a USFA World Series in 2006.

In junior college Brinkmeier played two seasons for head Coach



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Heather Brinkmeier, right, has played softball for Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, University of Alabama and Florida Southern College.

Tommy McDaniel at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Andalusia, Ala., where she hit over .300 both years with a combined 14 home runs and 55 RBIs.

She transferred to Florida Southern College in Lakeland but had a medical redshirt for the 2011-12 softball seasons because of a labrum tear in her right shoulder. She said she feels back to 100 percent.

In her junior year she played all 49 games at first base and had a fielding percentage of .978 while rehabilitating.

Though Brinkmeier is "beyond excited" for the Australian experience, she's unsure what competition she may face down under.

"When softball was an Olympic sport, Australia had one of the top teams," added Brinkmeier.

Brinkmeier hopes that the experience will lead to additional travel opportunities or as a springboard into the coaching world.

"It's enough for me just to go there and compete," Brinkmeier said. "Even if we lose, it's about the experience ... but I'm going to win."

In addition to representing the United States and Port St. Joe at the tournament, she's also excited to get some relaxation in during the international trip.

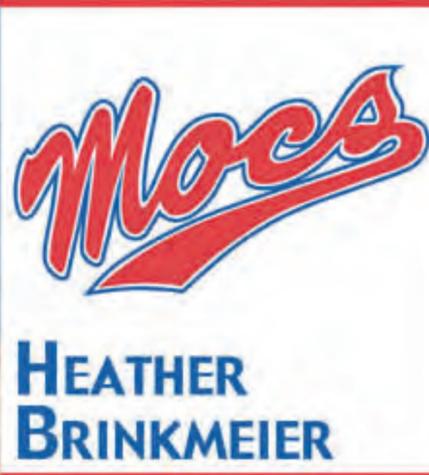
"According to the itinerary, they'll teach us how to surf during the day, and we'll get to tour the zoo," Brinkmeier said.

On June 22, a fundraiser will be held for Brinkmeier at the Rustic Sands campground from 4-10 p.m. CT featuring food, drinks, raffles and live music. Funds raised will go toward her flight to Los Angeles.

Fund Raiser

Send Heather Brinkmeier to Australia

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Where: Rustic Sands Campground - 800 N 15th Street- Mexico Beach

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2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report City of Wewahitchka

We are pleased to announce that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from two wells. The wells draw from the Floridan Aquifer. Because of the excellent quality of our water, the only treatments required are chlorine for disinfection purposes and aeration for removal of hydrogen sulfide.

In 2011 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Don Minchew at (850)-639-2605. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

City of Wewahitchka routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012. Data obtained before January 1, 2012, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l) – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L) - measure of the radioactivity in water

Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE): An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

“ND” means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

2012 CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of Sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS							
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	June-09	N	1	0.6-1	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Fluoride (ppm)	May-12	N	0.93	NA	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Sodium (ppm)	May-12	N	34	NA	NA	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Barium (ppm)	May-12	N	0.017	NA	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	May-12	N	3.1	NA	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
STAGE 1 DISINFECTANT / DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCT (D/DBP)							
Chlorine (ppm)	Jan - Dec 12	NA	0.46	0.39 - 0.53	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	Jul-12	NA	7.3	NA	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	Jul-12	NA	18.6	NA	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
LEAD AND COPPER (TAP WATER)							
Copper (Tap Water) (ppm)	Jun - Sep 12	N	0.14	0 of 10	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Wewahitchka is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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

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

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

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

A copy of the CCR will be mailed upon request.

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

A summer spent horsin' around

Centennial events encourage kids to go fly a kite

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The annual 4-H Horse Camp with the Big River Riders took place last week at T.L. James Park in Wewahitchka.

The program is part of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences extension program that brings farming, horticulture and environmental science skills to kids ages 8-18 in Gulf County.

"This program allows kids to manage their horses better and perform at events a whole lot better," said Gulf County Extension director Roy Lee Carter.

The four-day camp focused on horsemanship, speed classes, showmanship, pleasure and trail riding and the care of the horse and riding tack.

In addition to spending their mornings on horseback, afternoon classes on nutrition for their horses and their riders allowed the 14-person class to escape the summer heat.

Jean McMillian is in her 41st year as a leader with 4-H and her fourth overseeing the horse program.

"I do it for the children," said McMillian. "We have a very good group of parents and a congenial group of



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Jean McMillian looks on as a young rider practices their horsemanship.

young men and women." She praised 4-H and its various programs for its role in developing good citizens while encouraging members to "make the best better."

McMillian's goal is to

teach responsibility and shed light on the important role it plays in creating good attitudes and good sportsmanship.

Even though the club members compete against one another at horse shows,

they encourage and root for their fellow riders.

McMillian is thankful for the extension programs and the good qualities they develop in children.

"Roy is the backbone of the program," said McMil-

lian. "He works hard for the children in the county."

In April, nine of the class members placed in the Area A District competition held Marianna. Of those

See **HORSIN' B5**

For those keeping track of the upcoming Centennial Celebration activities, a kite flying contest had been added to the expansive list of events happening to celebrate the upcoming 100th birthday of Port St. Joe.

The kite event will take place on Sunday, June 30 at George Core Park.

The Centennial Celebration Committee, appointed by Mayor Mel Magidson in October, wanted to ensure that the events were full of family fun.

Food plates with hamburgers or hotdogs will be served for \$5 and trophies will be awarded for age categories eight and under, nine to 14 and 15-and-up.

Prizes will be given away for highest flying kite, best homemade kite, best store bought kite and overall champion kite flyer.

Also on hand will be carnival games including a football toss, basketball booth, corn hole, a hula hoop area and a water misting station to stay cool.

The event is a joint fundraiser between the Gulf County Soccer Boosters, Port St. Joe Youth Soccer and Port St. Joe Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

"We wanted to do something affordable and fun," said Mike Lacour, Financial Analyst at City Hall and coordinator of the event.

As president of the Gulf County Soccer Boosters, Lacour and his wife, Becky have supported the youth athletic community for years and saw the kite flying event as a great way to raise funds for a local soccer coach, a position not budgeted by Gulf County Schools.

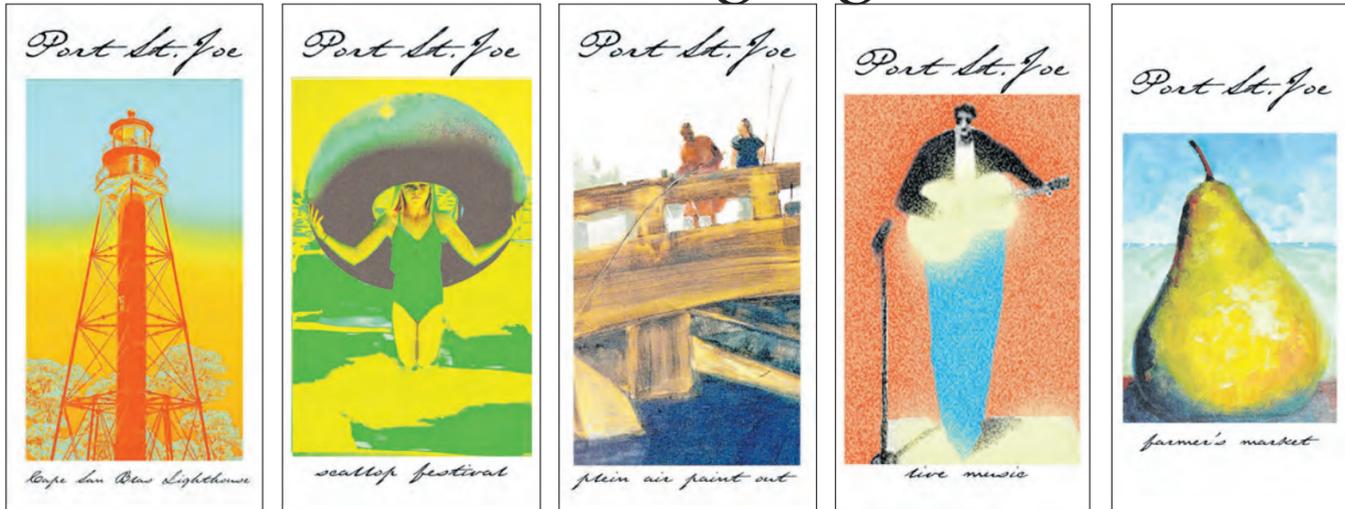
The Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Guild will also run a preliminary Duck Derby prior to a larger-scale event planned for the Scallop Festival in August.

Kids will be able to "adopt" a rubber duck and the first one across the park's lagoon will win prizes.

Food will be provided

See **KITE B5**

Downtown banners highlight local culture



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The upcoming PSJRA Banner Series will feature the SaltAir Farmers Market, Cape San Blas Lighthouse, Plein Air Paint-out, live music, and the Scallop Festival.

Port St. Joe to be promoted as year-round destination

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The Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency's Banner Series will soon high-

light the SaltAir Farmers Market, Cape San Blas Lighthouse, America's Great Plein Air Paint-out, live music, and the annual Scallop Festival.

The PSJRA received

a grant through the BP Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund and viewed the banner series as a way to promote Port St. Joe as a year-round destination.

The banners will be displayed along Marina Drive, Miss Zola's Drive, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, U.S. 98 and in the Historic Downtown

District.

The banners were designed by Richard "Dick" Henderson who spent 28 years as Principal and Executive Creative Director of Cole Henderson Drake based out of Atlanta.

This round of the banner series is being funded by a grant from BP.

Throughout his career, Henderson received na-

tional and international recognition for his work that included numerous Clio and ADDY awards and the coveted Silver Pencil award.

Past clients include Ritz Carlton Hotel Company, Henredon Furniture, Masland Carpets, Georgia - Pacific Papers,

See **BANNERS B5**



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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) The last thing to happen is the ultimate, but what is the next-to-last called?

Postultimate, Antepenultimate, Dultimate, Penultimate

2) Founded in 1850, what was "Thomas Cook" the world's first?

Steam locomotive, Soda fountain, Travel agency,

Roller coaster

3) Lincoln and JFK were assassinated on what day of the week?

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

4) What breakfast food arrived at its name from the German word for stirrup?

Waffle, Hash browns, Croissant, Bagel

5) What U.S. state was almost called Kanawha?

Florida, West Virginia, Idaho, Maine

6) What term describes when about 50 percent of us live within 50 miles of our birthplace?

Milarepa, Propinquity, Cryptomesia, Darden

7) In his earlier days

who was known as the "Preaching Windmill?"

Billy Graham, Joel Osteen, Robert Tilton, Ernest Angley

8) History's most prolific writer, Mary Faulkner, wrote how many books?

171, 360, 809, 904

9) When in the shower around what percent of people wash from top to bottom?

45, 60, 75, 84

10) What does an eirmonger ordinarily sell?

Eggs, Apples, Matches, Newspapers

11) A politician with no interest in issues or principles is called a what?

Snollygoster, Selfcoater, Smudgecoaster, Sirixie

12) The world's first TV news helicopter was introduced in what city in 1958?

Seattle, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Atlanta

13) The average American looks at how many houses before buying one?

4, 6, 8, 10

14) What are "counties" called in Alaska?

Frontiers, Parishes, Zones, Divisions

ANSWERS

1) Penultimate. 2) Travel agency. 3) Friday. 4) Bagel. 5) West Virginia. 6) Propinquity. 7) Billy Graham. 8) 904. 9) 75. 10) Eggs. 11) Snollygoster. 12) Los Angeles. 13) 8. 14) Divisions.

Centennial TRIVIA

Pelican Pete has a Centennial Stumper for You!



When this July 4, 1922 photograph was taken the automobile had become a popular way to travel to Port St. Joe.

What would that photographer see if he was transported to the present?



ANSWER ON PAGE B6

Prepare your landscape for the hurricane season

June 1 marked the official beginning of hurricane season. Although we haven't had a hurricane this season, it doesn't hurt to be prepared.

The arrival of hurricane season signals the need to develop a contingency plan to guard our lives and property from powerful winds and flooding rains. Ornamental plants and other landscape objects are especially vulnerable.

One of the most important protective measures is to stake down any new trees and shrubs on your home grounds. By "new" we mean any small trees or large shrubs you've planted within

the past year. The stakes should be two or three feet long. You'll need three or four per tree. Drive them into the soil to a depth of 18 to 24 inches, slanting them away from the tree at a 45-degree angle. This will make them more secure and less likely to be pulled out.

How far you place the stake from a tree will depend on its size. A general rule is to locate the stakes the same distance from the base of the tree as the height above the ground at which you plan to attach the guide wires. To secure the wire and keep them from slipping off, make notches

in the stakes a few inches from the top of each. Then attach wires in these notches and run them to a point about two-thirds up the trunk. Before attaching the wires to the tree, run them through lengths of garden hose to protect the bark. Now, tighten the wires enough to prevent excessive tree movement, but not so high that they might break — or, worse yet, cause the tree to break in high winds.

In addition to staking and guiding small trees and shrubs, you should inspect larger trees for

broken, dead or damaged limbs and remove these as soon as possible.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

Hurricane winds can tear such limbs from a tree, and turn them into dangerous projectiles. However, remember that it is not a good idea to prune healthy branches before a hurricane, because this encourages new growth, which is very vulnerable to wind damage. During the storm season, it is especially important to keep gutters clear of leaves, twigs and other debris. Drainage

should be at its best to cope with heavy hurricane rains.

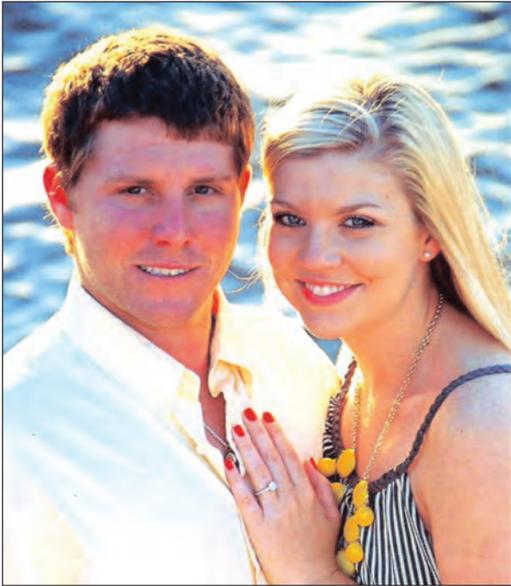
If you have hanging baskets, tub plants, or large potted plants on exposed porches or patios, they should be moved indoors ahead of the storm. Hurricane winds can damage or completely destroy both exposed plants and containers. Other loose items, which can be hurled about, such as lawn furniture, garden tools, toys, and garbage cans, also should be brought inside before strong winds strike. In addition to being severely damaged or destroyed, such objects can become

lethal flying objects during a hurricane.

While we all hope our state avoids serious hurricane damage this season, it's still very important to be prepared. So, check your home grounds thoroughly, keeping our precautionary pointers in mind. And, if you detect potential dangers, take corrective action promptly.

For more information on landscape preparedness call the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit our website: gulf.ifas.ufl.edu or www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu and see Publication HS 1021, FOR 115 and HS 1066.

Morgan Wood, Wade Guilford to wed June 29



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wood and Ms. Lisa Guilford and Captain Bobby Guilford request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their children, Morgan Leslie Wood and Wade Thomas Guilford at 6:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, June 29 on the beach across from Beacon Hill Park in St. Joe Beach.

All friends and family are invited to attend. No local invitations have been sent. A reception will follow the ceremony at WindMark Beach Chill Tower.

Anti-aging seminar set at Port Inn

Special to The Star

Dr. Mike Colvin is a member of the Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a non-profit organization. To be a member of this organization Colvin is required to present seminars throughout the communities of Northwest Florida. Some of the topics he lectures on are women's hormones, fibromyalgia, diabetes, digestive diseases, family health, weight loss, trigger point therapy and many others.

On Saturday, Colvin will be present a seminar on anti-aging in the meeting room on the top floor of the Port Inn. At 5 p.m. ET live music will be performed by Mark Swindell and Colvin, written by Nashville songwriters. The anti-aging seminar will follow. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. This event is free to the public.



MyGULFCare presents K.N.E.W. You! program

Special to The Star

MyGULFCare offers a new monthly coaching program called Knowledge, Nutrition, Exercise and Wellness (K.N.E.W.) You!

Each month a different wellness topic will be discussed that will help you better manage your health.

Tuesday, June 25, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Get active: If you think exercise has to take a lot of time and effort, think again! We'll provide you with an overview of exercise and how to

create a fitness plan that you can do anywhere, including your own home.

Tuesday, July 30, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Healthy eating: Ever get confused about what foods are healthy? We will make eating healthy simple by describing food in a new way that helps you focus on the best foods that will promote good health.

Tuesday, August 27, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Healthy eating and shopping on a budget: Too often we think

that healthy eating costs too much money. We'll show you how to eat healthy and shop healthy on a budget.

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Don't stress: Did you know that high stress levels over time can make you sick? We will discuss identifying the things in life that stress you out, as well as ways to help you manage your stress better.

All KNEW You! meetings take place in conference room A at Sacred Heart Hospital.

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

We are in need of foster homes for cats, kittens, dogs and puppies. Because of an active kitten and puppy season we have several litters of babies that could use some socializing in a home environment. It would make them more adoptable and help relieve our staff. If you are interested in fostering, we provide the food and other necessities to make the pets stay with you comfortable. Come by and talk with us about our foster program. Kitties like Cookie and her babies will really appreciate it. Our adult dogs would also like to enjoy being in a home environment or just a day at the beach.



If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com or adoptbaysjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Applications are available at www.sjbhmanesociety.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.sjbhmanesociety.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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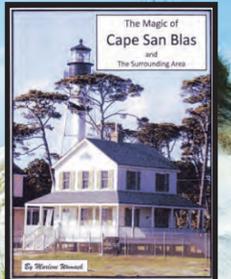
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WES THIRD-GRADE AR EXCELLENCE



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WES third-grade AR excellence

These third-graders from Ms. Alisa Burnette's class at Wewahitchka Elementary School were among students who met their AR goals; from left are Landon Hysmith, Breanna Taylor and Lee Holton.



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WES Galactic Library readers

These students in Alisa Burnette's class at Wewahitchka Elementary School finished third grade Galactic Library after the last newspaper picture was published. From left: Jillian Driggers, Breanna Taylor, Ginger Bellew, Makenzie Davis and Bryanna Jones

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Christian band Thirty-Three releases single

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The Christian band Thirty-Three will release its initial single "Jesus Loves You and I Love You Too" on Tuesday, June 25. Thirty-Three is a young band of four artists (ages 11-12) that formed in August 2012. The band has played at many churches and events over the past year.

"It has been a blessing to watch this talented group grow and mature. Their talent and energy is amazing" stated RSR Recording Studios. "We look forward to working



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Thirty Three members are Cole Haddock, Joel Bogaert, Brianna Butler and Zack McFarland.

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Thirty-Three is now in the studio recording its second original single which it plans to release in August along with its first CD this fall.

The single will be

available on the band's website at www.33band.com, iTunes and all other major digital music retailers. Booking for Thirty-Three may be done through the band's management or at www.33band.com.

Imperfect parents explored at Lifetree

Special to The Star

The challenges and rewards of parenting will be explored at Lifetree Café 7 p.m. CT on Monday, June 24.

The program, titled "Imperfect Parents: Making Peace and Moving On," features a screening of "And What Remains," an award-winning short film.

"The film follows a father as he considers the lessons he learned from his father and the lessons he's teaching his son," Lifetree representative Craig Cable said.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available.

Lifetree Café is at 1602 U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach across from El Governor Motel.

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

Obituararies

Clarence Eaves

Mr. Clarence (Jim) Eaves, age 89, of Wewahitchka passed away early Sunday morning, June 16 in Blountstown. Jim was born on May 5, 1924 in Chattanooga, Tenn. and had lived in Wewahitchka since 1972, coming from Detroit, Michigan.

He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the United States Army during the invasion of Normandy. Jim was a cabinet maker by trade and also worked as a welder at Southeastern Shipyard in Panama City. He was of Protestant faith.

Survivors include

his wife, Kathy, of Wewahitchka, step-daughters, Misty Holcomb and her husband Kyle, of Bristol and Brandy Bunkley of Bristol, Hadley Adkins and her husband, Jim of Bristol along with several brothers and sisters and a nephew, Billy Eaves. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. CT Friday, June 21, 2013, at the Peavy Funeral Home Chapel. Memorialization will be by cremation. All arrangements are under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown.

Terry Mercer

Mr. Terry S. Mercer, age 50, of Hosford passed away early Sunday morning, June 16 in Blountstown. Terry was born on Jan. 21, 1963 in Quincy, Fla., and had lived in Liberty County for most of his life.

He was an electrician by trade. Terry was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Thomas Mercer and a grandson, Ethan John-Colt O'Bryan. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include wife, Linda of Hosford, mother, Berry Jean Mercer of Hosford, two sons, Sterling Mercer and his wife, Savannah, of Blountstown; and Thomas Mercer and his wife, Lindsey, of Gainesville.

He also leaves behind

a daughter, Della and her husband, Johnathan Dunlap, of Hosford; a brother, James Douglas Mercer of England, two sisters, Nancy Jean Mercer of Hosford; and Linda Doreen Mercer of Kentucky, and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. CT Thursday, June 20, 2013, at the Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Stevie O'Neal officiating. Interment will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery in Liberty County. The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. CT at Peavy Funeral Home. All arrangements are under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown.

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Sacred Heart Women's Center expanding services

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Women seeking timely, convenient and compassionate health care have more options this year, thanks to the expansion of gynecologic services to Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf's Women's Center.

Certified Nurse Practitioner Nancy Anderson began seeing patients at Women's Health Center in the hospital's Medical Office Building on May 15. Her services allow women to receive a full complement of screenings, including PAP smears, at their annual mammograms.

Previously, the women's center provided mammog-

raphy, ultrasound and bone density testing. "This additional service will allow women in our community to meet all of their preventive, reproductive health screenings at one location, close to home," said Anderson.

Current guidelines from the American Cancer Society recommend that women between the ages of 21 and 29 have a pelvic exam and Pap smear every three years. Women between the ages of 30 and 65 should have a pelvic exam, a Pap smear and an HPV test every five years.

However, Anderson, who received her training at the Northwestern State

University in Shreveport, LA and a subsequent doctorate of nursing practice from UAB explains, "It is vital that we do not confuse the recommendation of less frequent Pap tests with the unchanged recommendation of annual pelvic health exams."

To schedule an appointment with Anderson or the Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Women's Center call 229-5680.

About Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf opened in 2010 to serve residents of Gulf, Franklin and Bay counties. The 19-bed facility in Port St. Joe features 24-hour

emergency services, inpatient services, surgical services, a full complement of diagnostic and laboratory services, and a helipad to be used by Sacred Heart's regional air ambulance service to provide rapid transport for trauma or critically ill patients. The hospital is operated by Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and a part of Ascension Health, the nation's largest system of Catholic, not-for-profit healthcare facilities. For more information about Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, visit online at www.sacredheartonthe-gulf.org, find us on Facebook or call (850) 229-5600.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Certified Nurse Practitioner Nancy Anderson.

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Dunlop, Bush's Baked Beans, Omni Hotels and HomeLine Cruises.

Henderson and his wife, Delaine relocated to Indian Pass in 1998 and in 2000 Henderson launched IDesign, a freelance design and consulting company. One of his first local projects was the Guide to Discovering Gulf County &

Old Florida, better known as the area's first visitors' guide. He was also hired for numerous projects for Arvida, the community development arm of The St. Joe Company.

Henderson is best known locally for designing the logos for the Port St. Joe Marina and Windmark Beach.

KITE from page B1

by the high school, deserts by the PTO and a raffle will be hosted by the youth soccer boosters featuring gift-card prizes from Sunset Coastal Grill, Provisions, Sister's Cafe, Peppers and Bluewater Outriggers.

Lacour saw the contest as the perfect addition to the centennial celebration and was proud to see events planned that recognized the people who founded and supported

the community.

"We hope this event will help to promote small-town attitude where everyone is welcome," Lacour said.

The kids kite flying contest will run from 1-4 p.m. ET. Children can register for \$1 in advance or the day of the event. Volunteers can donate time and money to the event by calling 774-6446.

The Centennial Celebration will run from June 28 to July 4.

HORSIN' from page B1

students, seven further qualified for the state competition which will take place in Tampa next month.

The camp focused on speed events that members will compete in at the state level including pole-bending and key-hole, stake and barrel racing.

McMillian's son Russell and his wife, Julie, are now the main instructors for the program. Both have been heavily involved in 4-H since the age of eight.

Julie has been a leader in the horse programs since she was 18 and Russell has been involved for the past five years. They have two daughters who are in the program.

"I grew up in 4-H," said Russell. "We're horse people 24/7."

Because 4-H played a large role in their own growth and development, they were eager to find



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Equine maintenance and nutrition were a large focus of the camp.

a way to give back to the community.

"4-H is about making good choices and building relationships based on trust. Especially when it comes to horses," said Julie.

Russell added, "It's a wonderful program that gives kids something to do and allows them to set high goals for themselves."

Local sponsorship for the program provided each

member with a bag of horse feed, a bottle of fly spray and wormer medicine.

Kids looking to get involved in 4-H can contact the Gulf County Extension Office at 639-3200.



Brothers Nelson and Carey Scott pictured with a photograph of their great-grandfather Frank Nelson and a portrait of their late grandfather, M.G. "Bubber" Nelson.

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New book explores life on the WWII chow line

By WES LOCHER

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Kent Whitaker has an appetite for great food and the great stories that birthed the recipes.

His latest book, "Bullets and Bread, Feeding the Great to the Grunts in World War II," is a culinary history of the best and worst that WWII had to offer as told through the soldiers who had to eat it.

"Bullets and Bread" collects memories and anecdotes about the best and worst chow served up from basic training to Europe, Africa and the Pacific, discusses Allied ration development and the modernization of America's food production and the quality of chow on ships, subs, the trenches, PT Boats and bombers.

Nashville-native Whitaker is the author of a dozen food-related books including, "Smoke in the Mountains: The Art of Appalachian Barbecue" and "Checkered Flag Cooking: Tailgating Stock Car Racing."

For the past 25 years, he's lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee with his wife Ally, son Macee and three dogs.

By day, Whitaker works in graphics and advertising, but he has a separate life dedicated to the love of writing, cooking, and writing about cooking, a love that netted him an appearance on the Food Network television channel where he won the Emeril Live Barbecue Contest.

In Whitaker's separate life, there's a place that he desires to retire to and write for the remainder of his days: a little place known as Gulf County.

It was 20 years ago that the Whitakers went searching for a southern vacation spot that would have crystal waters, beautiful beaches and, most importantly,

be dog-friendly.

After some searching, the Whitakers landed in Gulf County and now return several times a year.

"It's full of friendly people," said Whitaker. "Even as a visitor, you feel like you live there."

The husband and wife enjoyed the community surrounding area so much that they got a condo on Cape San Blas and became involved with local events and charities.

It was while visiting his son at North Georgia College and State University that the idea for "Bullets and Bread" came together.

While browsing a local gift shop at the base, Whitaker spied a copy of one of his other cookbooks and offered to sign the copy for the clerk. Another store patron approached Whitaker and asked to purchase the inscribed book.

This started up some friendly conversation between the men and soon the veteran shared an anecdote about the challenges of barbecuing in Kuwait during the Gulf War.

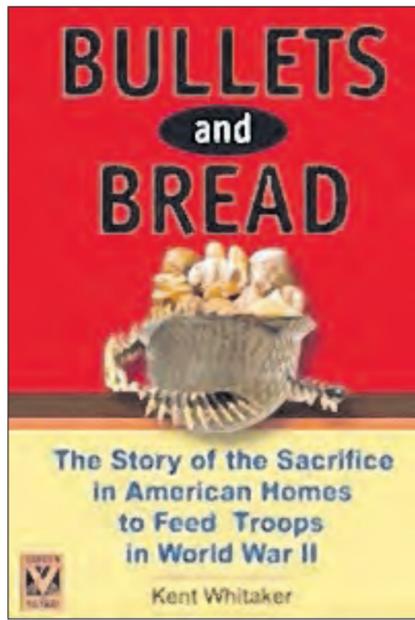
Another veteran in the shop, having heard the conversation, stepped in and talked about the large celebrations of food his naval unit would have each time they crossed the equator.

Whitaker, entranced by the stories, immediately knew what his next book would be about.

Having already written numerous cookbooks, the author wanted to take a different approach with his exciting new idea.

As a contributor to the Chattanooga Free Press, Chattanooga Business Journal and Racing Milestones Magazine, he sought a way to combine his journalism background with the food-centric stories.

"I didn't want it to simply be a list of recipes," said Whitaker. "I wanted it to be about the stories and the people."



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Author Kent Whitaker found the perfect way to combine his love of cooking and writing with his book *Bullets and Bread: Feeding the Great to the Grunts in World War II*.

From concept to finished product, "Bullets and Bread" took four years to reach completion. Whitaker spent countless hours locating veterans with fitting stories, traveling, meeting and running them through his extensive interview process. Going in, he doubted that he'd find enough contributors, but to his surprise, each conversation led to additional recommendations of veterans to speak with.

When he pitched the idea to his publisher, History Publishing Company, Whitaker's plan was to share the stories of veterans from all of the wars. The publisher saw potential in the idea, but recommended that Whitaker focus on WWII veterans, noting that they were disappearing at a much quicker rate and there was history to be preserved.

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ker spent countless hours locating veterans with fitting stories, traveling, meeting and running them through his extensive interview process.

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For those veterans that

the author couldn't meet with face-to-face, additional time was spent on correspondence via the telephone, email and old-fashioned, handwritten letters.

Understanding that war time is never a popular conversation topic, Whitaker was happy that "bad food" often brought a smile to the faces of the 50 plus veterans he spoke with bringing up stories that contained more laughter than heartbreak.

"They didn't get too emotional telling their sto-

ries, but I sure got tore up listening to them!" said Whitaker.

Topics ranged from soldiers who were fed up of eating mutton stew and searched out alternatives, to tales of fishing with dynamite, to stories of hungry soldiers who would try almost anything to avoid eating spam one more time.

Organization was the key to creating the content for the book and very little technology was used when it came to the interview process.

"I did everything the good old fashioned way," said Whitaker, "I listened and took notes."

In addition to the book, Whitaker has plans for a TV show called "Chow Line" (the book's original title) that he envisions as a combination of the Food Network programming and military history. His ultimate goal for the show would be to feature a cook-off between the Coast Guard and the Navy, two military branches known for the quality of their chow.

Whitaker's bibliography also includes two children's books and an ongoing project to produce a book of "hometown recipes" for each of the 50 states.

He's also a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and serves on the National Staff as an AUXCHEF and National Branch Chief. He currently serves the USCG 8th Eastern.

"The book makes a perfect gift for a foodie or a history buff," said the author. "It's World War II history in a completely different light--History that should not get lost."

For more information on "Bullets and Bread" or to purchase the book online, visit Whitaker's website at www.thedeckchef.com.

Coastal Community Association

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AGENDA for Annual Meeting

Date: June 29, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. EST

Place of Meeting: St. Joseph's Bay Golf Club

Guests

Gulf County Elected Officials & EDC, TDC, Port Authority, SGCFD

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at public sale on July 11, 2013, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. ET, in front lobby of the Gulf County Court, 1000 Cecil Costin Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

Dated at Port St. Joe, Florida, this 3rd day of June, 2013.

Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT ANY PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNCTION SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE COURT NO LATER THAN ONE DAY PRIOR TO THAT DAY AT (850) 229-6113. June 13, 20, 2013

93889S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2009 CA 000128 DIVISION

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

ELIPHETE YACINTHE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated May 23rd, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2009 CA 000128 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which GMAC Mortgage, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Eliphete Yacinthe, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. ET on the 11th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

UNIT 9, EAGLE LANDING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 477 PONDEROSA PINES DR. PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456-7367

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

Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 4th day of June, 2013.

Bill Kinsaul Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gulf County, FL

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623

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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, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) 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. June 13, 20, 2013

93899S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT US Bank c/o Bridge Tax 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. 686 Application No. 2013-26 Date of Issuance: May 25, 2011 R.E. No: 03057-003R

Description of Property:

Lot 2, Block 3, Ward Ridge, Unit One, as found recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Katherine Ford

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 17th day of July, 2013. Dated this 11th day of June, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2013

93901S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT US Bank c/o Bridge Tax 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. 170 Application No. 2013-25 Date of Issuance: May 25, 2011 R.E. No: 00747-000R

Description of Property:

BEGINNING at the SW Corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, and thence run North 00 Degrees 18 Minutes 39 Seconds East, for a distance of 600.00 feet; thence run South 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 49 Seconds East for a distance of 389.19 feet, to the Westerly right of way line of County Road No. 381, (formerly State Road No. 381); thence run South 24 Degrees 08 Minutes 00 Seconds East, along said Westerly right of way line for a distance of 657.59 feet to the South boundary line of Section 20; thence leaving

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said right of way line, run North 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 49 Seconds West, along said South boundary line, for a distance of 661.29 feet, to POINT OF BEGINNING. Said lands lying and being in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida.

LESS AND EXCEPT that Deeded to Connie M. Greenwood, a married woman, in Deed recorded in O. R. Book 349, Page 945, of the Public Records of Calhoun County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Heidi E. Rich aka Hiedi E. Rich

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 17th day of July, 2013. Dated this 11th day of June, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2013

94063S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 12-48-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF CECIL DOYLE RAMSEY, JR. Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of CECIL DOYLE RAMSEY, JR., deceased, whose date of death was September 19, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES.

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IDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 20, 2013.

Personal Representative: David A. Gaskin 224 Annie Avenue Wewahitchka, 32465 FL

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charles A. Costin FL Bar No. 699070 P O Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 (850)-227-1159 email: ccostin@costinlaw.com June 20, 27, 2013

94075S PUBLIC NOTICE

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question.

Tomas A. Parker 48 Ave D Apalachicola FL 32320

Reginald D. Giddens 159 Hickory Dip Eastpoint FL 32328

Steve A. Johns 2521 Hwy 67 Carrabelle FL 32322

You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Apalachicola, Florida no later than (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. June 20, 2013

94087S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2012-256-CA

PREMIER BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

OLIVER DUCIMETIERE-MONOD and TOWN CENTRE NORTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., an inactive Florida corporation, TOWN CENTRE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., an inactive Florida corporation, and UNKNOWN TENANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 30th, 2013, in Case No. 2012-256-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit for Gulf County, Florida, in which Centennial Bank, as successor in interest by merger with PREMIER BANK is the Plaintiff, and OLIVIER DUCIMETIERE-MONOD and TOWN CENTRE NORTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., an inactive Flor-

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ida corporation, TOWN CENTRE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., an inactive Florida corporation, and UNKNOWN TENANTS, are the Defendants, that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Clerk of Circuit Court, Clerk of Circuit Court, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

UNIT 206 AND 208, TOWN CENTRE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, AS PER DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FOR TOWN CENTRE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 426, PAGE 92, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

AND ALSO:

UNITS A AND C, TOWN CENTRE NORTH CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, AS PER DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FOR TOWN CENTRE NORTH CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 426, PAGE 39, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The sale will be held on July 11, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash, at the Gulf County Courthouse, located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

DATED: June 13, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Gulf County Clerk of Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk June 20, 27, 2013

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