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City water study grows in scope, issues

Plant designer: Investigation 'more extensive than we originally thought'

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A study aimed at identifying the source for discolored water experienced by a large swath of Port St. Joe water customers will be longer, broader and more complex than originally expected.

David Kozan with CDM Smith, the company that designed the \$21 million surface water treatment plant that went online some three years ago and has been

plagued with issues of water quality since, said initial sampling had shown a wider range of potential problem sources and potential solutions.

What was initially expected to be a study completed in the fall is now 8-12 weeks away from the intensive pilot testing, Kozan said. Two months ago, the hope was that intensive testing would not be needed.

For city commissioners, it was not the news they had hoped for while awaiting a report on

the initial testing undertaken by researchers at Virginia Tech University.

Kozan said he would not have the report completed for another two weeks.

Commissioners, city staff and city engineers Preble Rish variously have expressed frustration with the flow of information from CDM Smith.

"We are moving slower than we thought," Kozan said. "The testing data was more complex. The pilot testing will be more

extensive than we originally thought.

"We cast a broad net, and we caught more than we thought we would. We don't want to do it and not do it right."

The initial testing involved taking existing small sections of pipe from 10-12 locations from water plant to households/businesses.

The hope was that the testing would show the primary culprit to be corroded iron breaking away from aging pipes — some dating to the Great Depression

— because of the caustic nature of the surface water and the new treatment protocol required.

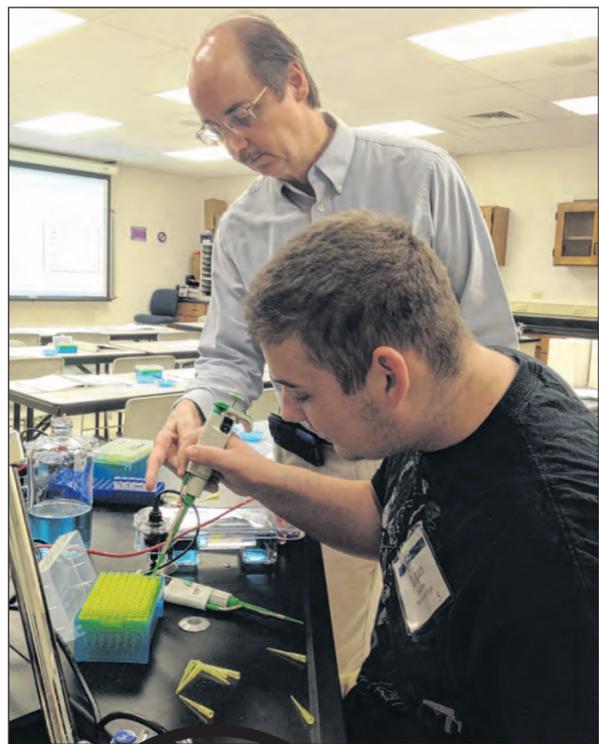
That likely would have required little more than a tweaking of the chemical treatment protocol to address.

However, Kozan said the initial testing showed a more varied array of issues.

"We found there are multiple sources of iron and also sources for manganese," Kozan said,

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LOCAL STUDENTS CRACK THE CASE AT CSI CAMP



TDC mulls bed tax addition

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The Gulf County Tourist Development Council advisory board on Monday engaged in a spirited and educational discussion about the potential for adding to the county's bed tax.

The consensus that emerged was that the TDC and Board of County Commissioners must collaborate on how best to address issues of beach driving, trash on the beach, animals not on a leash and moving to a "leave no trace" policy for county beaches.

A proposal to add a fifth cent to the county's bed tax was discussed at the previous TDC board meeting and a county budget committee meeting as a method to increase the presence of officers on the beaches, specifically Gulf County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison said given his budget constraints, he could not fund additional patrols on the beach to increase enforcement of existing county ordinances.

County attorney Jeremy Novak said Monday that state law governing such agencies provides the TDC an opportunity to assist by creating a "beach safety program." He said once a plan was in place, it would provide opportunities for the TDC to act.

The framework of that plan, said TDC executive director Jennifer Jenkins, would be to purchase equipment and fund training, including water rescue, for officers to create a combination code enforcement/law enforcement/"brand" ambassador officer, while the GCSO would fund the two additional full-time officers to patrol the beaches.

Tourism is up in Gulf County and trending ahead of neighboring counties of Bay and Walton, Jenkins said. Through June, bed tax collections are up 13 percent, and every month in the fiscal year has finished in the black save for November 2012.

But, Jenkins said, the condition of the beaches is a nagging problem, with trash, tents, grills and other

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CSI: High School

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Blood spatter. DNA. Fibers. Murder. Mystery.

It might sound like the description of a primetime television show, but it's actually the curriculum for the Crime Scene Investigation Camp held last week at the Gulf/Franklin campus of Gulf Coast State College.

The 35 students from Gulf, Franklin and Calhoun counties came together for a four-day crash course in forensic science where they had to solve a faux murder by utilizing a scientific approach to decoding the evidence.

They looked at DNA under microscopes and learned how to trace blood spatter to determine where the attack occurred and how to differentiate bite marks.

The class culminated with a mock trial at the Gulf County Courthouse on July 4 where the students attempted to put the correct "suspect" behind bars.

Students played various roles from prosecutors to defense lawyers to witnesses to suspects. The class presented its evidence before a jury, and the case was presided over by

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County resolution supports port dredging efforts

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The Board of County Commissioners joined the lobbying effort for maintenance dredging of the shipping channel at the Port of Port St. Joe.

If County Commissioner Warren Yeager has his way, several more counties in the region also will board the ship.

Yeager brought forth for approval a resolution Tuesday that in broad strokes expresses support for the collabora-

tion agreement between the Port Authority and the St. Joe Company and their combined efforts to bring about maintenance dredging of the shipping channel.

The dredging is the key to two recent Letters of Intent that St. Joe has entered into with energy companies to ship as many as 1.25 million metric tons of wooden pellets through the Port of Port St. Joe annually.

Both agreements are contingent on the dredging of the shipping channel to its authorized depth within the next two

to three years.

The Port Authority and St. Joe are working on securing permitting and funding for the dredging.

Yeager said St. Joe Senior Vice President Jorge Gonzalez suggested a formal resolution of support from the county and other counties would be helpful.

"I intend to take this to other counties in the region who also believe that the port is important for economic development," Yeager said. "This is a regional project."

The resolution passed unanimously.

The BOCC also accepted a letter from Port Authority attorney Tom Gibson regarding a \$199,000 loan from the county to the Port Authority.

The BOCC has been exploring ways to further collateralize that loan in the past two months.

Gibson's letter lays out the Port Authority's position that it wants to pay the money back in full but revenue is lacking at

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Judge denies motion to dismiss PAC lawsuit

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A federal judge has denied motions to dismiss a lawsuit brought against the Board of County Commissioners and several current and former commissioners individually by a local political action committee.

U.S. District Judge Richard Smoak denied the motions — including one from a private citizen — in an order just prior to the Independence Day holidays.

Smoak's one-page order decreed that the motions to dismiss were moot given an amended complaint filed by the attorney for Citizens Improving Gulf County and its president Jim Garth.

The defendants, the BOCC, Commissioners Warren Yeager and Carmen McLemore, former County Commissioner Bill Williams and Port St. Joe resident Lois, a.k.a. Christine or Christy McElroy, have until July 26 to respond to the amended PAC lawsuit.

The attorneys representing the former and current commission-

ers have already done so, repeating an earlier motion to dismiss for "failure to make a claim."

Those were the grounds on which the prior motions to dismiss were based.

PAC attorney Marie Mattox was permitted time to amend the complaint and the grounds for the lawsuit remain unchanged. The amended motion primarily revised technical language.

"We are pleased with the recent federal decision denying the defendants' request to dismiss the lawsuit and view it as a positive step in the struggle to show the public the real truth regarding the actions and behavior of these individuals," read a written statement from Citizens Improving Gulf County.

"Through the efforts of discovery including depositions it is our goal to have this trial very transparent and open to the public. Anything less would be an injustice to the good people of Gulf County. They deserve better than what they have been given in the past and we are determined to correct that."

County attorney Jeremy No-

vak said the actions of the previous two weeks were largely procedural in a federal court.

It is typical, he added, for the plaintiffs' attorney to be provided an opportunity to amend the complaint in response to an order to dismiss but that there is a limited number of bites at the apple.

Novak said he expected the judge to rule on motions to dismiss the amended complaint sometime in mid-August and from there the case would be dismissed or proceed through the pretrial process.

The suit alleges that the BOCC, Yeager, McLemore and Williams abused their power and illegally retaliated against the PAC and Garth for exercising protected First Amendment rights.

The lawsuit alleges McElroy coordinated with the BOCC in the attacks.

The suit further levels a count of defamation toward McElroy.

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

The allegations center on three 2012 BOCC meetings — spanning April to October — during which

Citizens Improving Gulf County, Garth and other members were, according to the complaint, "attacked" and "humiliated" for exercising their rights to free speech and questioning government.

The lawsuit alleges the BOCC "choreographed" McElroy's appearance and comments at each meeting, and "were motivated to retaliate for Garth's exercise, on his own behalf and on behalf of the PAC, of First Amendment rights."

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

The final meeting noted in the lawsuit included comments centered in part on the State Attorney's investigation, which at the time of the meeting had been closed with no charges filed.

It would ultimately be closed again with no charges filed — the most significant difference in the two documents closing the case

being a reference to a 40-year-old alleged felony conviction of Garth, the evidence of which has never been made public, though the SAO suggested Garth's civil rights had not been restored.

When the Gulf County Supervisor of Elections moved ahead to remove Garth from the voters rolls, the SAO failed to provide evidence of a crime and suggested the removal of Garth from the voting rolls should not progress.

The result, the lawsuit alleges, was "retaliatory humiliation" for Garth and the PAC.

"There is some irony in this (federal judge's) decision coming forth as we just celebrated Independence Day which represents our freedoms that we feel were violated," Garth said in a statement. "I am personally anxious to have these people under oath as soon as possible. In these days of government bullying, who wouldn't want to have their elected official under oath?"

"Lying under oath in a federal setting is a serious crime so the incentive to be truthful is stronger and usually leads to the truth discovering everyone involved."



NEWS HERALD FILE PHOTO

Beachgoers enjoy Shell Island. The route between Panama City Beach and Shell Island is a problem as tourists rent boats but aren't aware, or don't care, about the grass as they rush across the bay to visit the popular destination, officials said during a meeting Monday that focused on the St. Andrew, St. Joe and Choctawhatchee bays and the problems facing each watershed.

Bay, Gulf, Walton told to work as a team to pursue BP money

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PANAMA CITY — Panhandle counties must work together to get the maximum BP money for their environmental projects, representatives from Bay, Gulf and Walton counties met in Panama City were told Monday.

The meeting facilitated by the nonprofit group The Nature Conservancy focused on the St. Andrew, St. Joe and Choctawhatchee bays and the problems facing each system.

The meeting was long on discussion but short on solutions, focusing on the necessity of teamwork and noting ecological problems don't end with county boundaries.

"What are the issues and challenges facing these watersheds?" asked Anne Birch, the conservancy's marine conservation director, who led the discussion, adding, "Is there a way we could come together and agree on a suite of projects?"

The counties need to take a "comprehensive approach," Birch said.

The major issues are fairly similar for all the bays. These included damage to sea grass, increases in sedimentation and

water quality.

Sea grass often is damaged by boat propellers, which significantly harm these ecosystems, officials said at the meeting.

The route between Panama City Beach and Shell Island, in particular, is a problem as tourists rent boats but aren't aware, or don't care, about the grass as they rush across the bay to visit the popular destination, officials said.

An increase in silt, and shifting of silt, in the bays was also a concern. More and more dirt accumulating in the bay is also a problem.

In light of the discussion, a Bay County official offered a project idea that likely would cut down on the amount of sediment entering the bay.

Of the county's more than 200 miles of dirt roads, 95 percent of them wash into the bay when it rains, said Ken Schnell, county public works director. He recommended using BP money to pave those dirt roads.

Walton County Commissioner Sara Comander also noted a large portion of residents in her county are still on septic tanks.

She added that treated wastewater can enter the bay systems and harm water quality.

Walton County has discussed using BP money to tie residents into the municipal sewer system, helping move them off septic tanks, Comander said.

Bay County is wrestling with the same issue.

It has about 30,000 residential and commercial septic tanks.

East Pass

Bay County Commissioner Bill Dozier, who attended the meeting, said after the meeting all these issues were on his mind, but one idea, largely unmentioned during the entire meeting, occupied his attention.

Dozier said he wants to spend BP money to reopen the old "East Pass" out of St. Andrew Bay.

"I certainly feel strongly, of course, about opening the East Pass. I think that is one thing that should be a high priority," he said in an interview.

Dozier also mentioned creating artificial reefs off the county's coast and added paving dirt roads was a "high priority." He spoke of unity, too, saying the counties have greater power and a better shot at portions of the BP money if they work as a team.

"It all works together," he said.

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Butler motion hearing continued to September



WALT BUTLER

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A hearing scheduled to consider a motion to dismiss the charges against accused killer Walt Butler has been continued and rescheduled for September.

Butler is charged with shoot-

ing and killing Everett Gant last July in Port St. Joe.

Butler's attorneys filed a motion May 21 for the dismissal of criminal charges in the death of Gant and cited Florida's "Stand Your Ground Law," which justifies the use of deadly force if someone believes force is necessary to prevent death or harm to themselves or another.

The motion stated Butler feared retaliation for the use of racial slurs and that Gant showed "aggressive behavior" when he approached Butler's apartment the fatal night.

Butler was charged with one count of second-degree murder with a firearm, evidencing prejudice based on race, but contended that deadly force

was his last resort and that he is entitled to immunity from arrest and prosecution.

The hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. ET Sept. 9-10 at the Gulf County Courthouse.

Gant approached Butler's Pine Ridge apartment after Butler had been accused of using racial slurs directed at children in the apartment complex.

Butler shot Gant between the eyes with a .22 rifle and left him bleeding on the doorstep before calling 911 and sitting back down to finish his dinner.

He expressed inconvenience at being arrested for shooting a "racial epithet," according to the arresting affidavit.

Six weeks after the shooting, Gant died from the injuries.

FDOT to host meeting on Cape San Blas Road improvements

Star Staff Report

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will host a public information meeting for proposed improvements to State Road 30E (Cape San Blas Road) from 5-9 p.m. ET on Tuesday at the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Center, Building B, 3915 State Road 30A, Port St. Joe.

FDOT is planning to resurface Cape San Blas Road from S.R. 30A to the

St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve.

Additional improvements include paved shoulders and minor drainage modifications.

Construction is currently scheduled to begin fall 2015. The meeting will provide an opportunity to preview the proposed project, ask questions, and/or submit comments concerning the proposed project.

Public participation is solicited with regard to race, color, national origin, age,

sex, religion, disability or family status.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact John S. Glenn, P.E., toll-free at (888) 638-0250, extension 1459 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gulf County Enterprise Zone Development Agency will meet Thursday, July 18, 2013, at 12:00 noon, E.T., 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex in Room 307.

The public is welcome to attend.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold its Annual Meeting on July 18, 2013, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee, Florida. Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. E.D.S.T. The meeting will be open to the public.

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Harper Valley Defense

I'm a mathematician who enjoys writing, but I rarely combine the two outside of the workplace. Some folks want to talk about work at breakfast, lunch, dinner and on the weekend. I do not. The separation is necessary for me to remain functional in both places (at work and away from work).

However, sometimes I will bring math into my thought process for fun and entertainment.

Have you ever heard of a book being written on a subject that no one can really agree on a definition? In mathematics, "chaos" is not chaos as you often think of it. As a matter of fact, in mathematics it is easier to define something being chaotic than to define chaos itself.

To put it simply (which you can't really do), with chaos, we can get random results from things that seem very straightforward which are very sensitive to where they "start." Again, do not write me telling me my definition is wrong; you define it as simple or as difficult as you wish.

From my view on chaos we will jump to the present state of things, or the present place we think we are. This place is different for everyone, but similar in some ways. Folks are worried about what others can see or find out about them - the type of things that are private or that they want to be private.

Honestly, I understand that. If you check my closet, things will fall out on you. Things other than skeletons and probably a lot of things will fall directly on your head. It happens to me all the time (with my own closet).

Have you ever heard the Jeannie C. Riley song, "Harper Valley PTA?" It was written by Tom T. Hall who is one of the best country music "storytellers" ever to put his thoughts on paper. The song was released in 1968 and soared to number one on both the Billboard Pop and Country charts.

In this time of what seems to be mathematical chaos and trying to figure out how all this started about people wanting to know what others are doing, saying and where they are going, I say use the "Harper Valley Defense."

In the song, Jeannie C. Riley plays the part of "Mrs. Johnson's

daughter" who brings home a letter from the Harper Valley PTA noting that Mrs. Johnson is unfit to be a mother. The PTA



CRANKS MY TRACTOR
BN Heard

was particularly concerned with Mrs. Johnson's preference for miniskirts, running around with men, etc.

I will stop here to note that if anyone is putting children in danger, I will be the first to come to the aid of the child.

Back to the miniskirts...

What happened next in the song was really "chaos." Mrs. Johnson marched into the Harper Valley PTA meeting and started pointing fingers and naming names. Oh goodness gracious did she ever start naming names. The bottom line was what she was doing was not as bad as what some of the esteemed members of the Harper Valley PTA were doing on a much larger scale.

As the song notes, "The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley PTA."

So there are at least a couple of lessons here. From the standpoint of mathematical chaos, the starting point was the Harper Valley PTA putting Mrs. Johnson under the magnifying glass and getting results that weren't so straightforward. They opened up a Mason jar of something they weren't prepared to drink.

Another lesson was having the ability and taking the time to be prepared. Mrs. Johnson may have seemed to be "running around and going wild." However, in the process, she saw a lot of other people and things going on that she was willing to keep to herself until folks turned on her. So, be like Mrs. Johnson and take a lot of notes - you never can tell when you'll need to address the Harper Valley PTA.

I know most folks are asking, "What if the Harper Valley PTA is much bigger and more difficult to handle?"

My two cents is probably worth two cents, but my approach is to get out in the open where they can see me really well.

Also, I will make sure that the sun is at my back. That way when they hold the magnifying glass up to look at me, it will blind them with fire (ants on a summer day).

Think about that...

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The pause that refreshes

We called 'em cokes. Or soft drinks. Never would we have said soda. Or pop.

I reckon it was a regional thing. And we used the word "coke" in a generic sense. Coca Colas were so popular in our area of the south we just referred to any soft drink as "a coke."

I remember when getting your hands on one was such a special treat! The "real thing" only came in the small, green tinted 6 and 1/2 ounce glass bottles. And if you weren't careful, you could drain the entire contents in two seconds! We developed the "ice pick procedure" out of necessity. To stretch out our cola treat me and Leon and David Mark would jab a whole in the cap with an ice pick. You couldn't get much drink out like that. But if you nursed it along, that coke would last for an hour!

Mother was big on milk. She believed it developed strong bones and good teeth, promoted growth and warded off evil bacteria trying to invade our bodies. Plus, as I look back on it now, I realize Mom was thankful the cow didn't charge much to "deliver". She considered an ice cold Coca Cola a luxury. We grew up in a day and an age when luxury took a way back seat to necessity.

But every once in a while when the moon was right or the stars lined up or she found an extra fifteen cents, she'd bring home three refreshing bottles of that extraordinary liquid. It seems so silly now, how wildly excited three little boys could get over a drink! Maybe it spoke to the simplicity of the times; to a period before television, long range intercontinental ballistic missiles, mini skirts, drive through restaurants, bottled water, high speed internet and phones that attached to your ear. Lost in the

'50s wasn't the worst place to grow up. As Uncle F. D. would often say, "We were as naive as flies on a frog's back, and we were proud of it."



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

I never let my coke out of my sight. I said we were naive. Nobody said nothing about being stupid! Listen, I knew better than to sit that coke down and go to the bathroom. One of my brothers would take a swallow or two...or three the second I turned my back. I've seen world class melees break out over a missing gulp!

As we got a little older you can't imagine the prestige of sitting up on the front porch of Woodrow Kennon's store and "downing one" with the grownups. We knew better than to say anything. But we'd turn a Royal Crown Cola case up edgewise for a seat, lean back against the wall and listen to Mr. Willard Brush tell about the time Charlie Barton ran his Farmall Tractor into the Big Sandy River. We'd take a sip of a NuGrape and slowly nod along with the story ... just like we had been there!

You talk about shinning times! When cotton was in and we could make a little spending money we'd gather up in front of Pat Houston's Grocery and carefully pour a package of Tom's Peanuts down the neck of a cold Dr. Pepper. There was an art to cupping your hand around the top of that bottle and funneling the peanuts carefully in so as not to spill a single one. We'd munch on the soaked peanuts and talk about the future. Of course, the "future" for us was the ballgame we were "working on" for the afternoon. Or school the next day. And we had lots of meaningful discussions over whether a Sun Drop tastes more like an Upper 10 or a Seven Up.

We were just starting out in high school when we discovered the

soda fountain in John Motheral's Drugstore. He'd drop a couple scoops of ice cream into your coke and make a float. We spent a happy hour or two, or a hundred, on those old red bar stools talking about football practice, girls, Mr. Arlie "Chuck" Berry's science class and maybe letting our hair grow out long like that new singing group in England.

My first date with Mary Hadley we ended up at Frank's Dairy Bar starring at each other over a Coca Cola. It was the first time in my life I didn't notice the taste. It could have been a Grape, Orange Crush, Dr. Pepper or any of the aforementioned "green" colas. I was more interested in her eyes. And her hair. And that incredible smile! I wasn't thinking about football practice, Coach Smith, a baseball game or the price of eggs in China. I was trying to think of something really intelligent to say...

Mary Hadley laughed so easily. And before the moment was gone forever she hinted that she liked me a little too.

It was the best coke I ever had!

I can hear Mom to this day reminding me that milk is better for me "than all those soft drinks". My wife worries that I drink "way too many". My health conscious son is always on me about the caffeine and the carbonation and the phosphoric acids and the artificial flavors.

I know they're right but I can't help myself. A good Coke today seems to slow my pace. It takes me back to some great pre-television melees. It transports me to Woodrow Kennon's delightful front porch; I can feel the red bar stools of Motheral's Drugstore, taste the excitement and wonder lust of our youth ... and appreciate a time that I so flippantly took for granted as I passed through...

I think we all did.

Respectfully,
Kes

Letters to the EDITOR

Fundraiser for Samantha Ambrose

Dear editor, Samantha Ambrose is the typical home town girl. Born and raised in Port St. Joe, she had the opportunity to be an integral part of the 1998 Lady Sharks softball district champions. Samantha played the key position of catcher. She is best known for her beautiful smile and competitive spirit.

On November 15, 1998, Samantha's life and the life of this who love her were forever changed. Samantha was involved in an automobile accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

It was doubtful that Samantha would recover and if she did, she would never be the same vivacious, quick-witted individual we had known. With the prayers and support of her family and her community, Samantha not only survived her accident, but has gone on to far exceed everyone's expectations. She astounded everyone with her will and determination by walking the stage with her graduating class and little help from her friends.

Fast forward 15 years later. As is true for most TBI survivors, the outward manifestation of her accident is almost nonexistent; however, the day-to-day struggle of integrating into life is constant. TBI survivors suffer with multiple symptoms. Memory loss, debilitating headaches, personality changes,

The Centers for Disease Control reports that every year, at least 1.7 million traumatic brain injuries occur in the United States. TBI is a contributing factor to 30.5 percent of all injury-related deaths in the United States, and about 75 percent of the TBIs that occur each year are concussion or other forms of mild TBI that studies are not linking to Alzheimer's and/or dementia in later years.

inability to control inhibitions/anger, lack of social skills, not to mention any physical disability that may go along with the initial injury.

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Funding for the intensive reintegration and life-long care many of these survivors need is almost nonexistent. Few private insurances cover life-long care. Government-funded insurance is rare and private pay options

are only afforded to the affluent. Currently, Michigan is the only state to provide no-fault auto insurance that covers unlimited medical rehabilitation benefits. This added coverage is set aside for Michigan residents for pennies per day for each insured driver in the state.

We, the family and friends of Samantha Ambrose, are asking for your help. Our aim is to raise awareness of the long-long commitment and financial burden that often befalls the families and caregivers of those who have suffered a TBI.

We seek to inform the public that through our efforts, TBI survivors can receive the car and attention they need to return to society as productive individuals. As a start, we encourage you to contact your state representatives to request

the same automobile no-fault coverage be afforded to the citizens of Florida. We humbly ask that as you are able to contribute to the account set up at Tyndall Federal Credit Union to continue Samantha's recovery.

To donate, call TFCU at 850-769-9999 and ask for "Account for Samantha Ambrose."

You may contact Susie Ambrose at 580-819-1513 or email LSA@knology.net for further details on how you can help.

A Fish Fry fundraiser will take place on July 12 at Frank Pate Park in Port St. Joe. Fish, coleslaw, baked beans and bread will be served for \$7 a plate and the event will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET.

The Ambrose Family
Port St. Joe

Humane Society says thanks

Dear editor, The St. Joseph Bay Humane Society would like to say thank you to Brian Bowen for his enjoyable "Porch Pickin'" at Indian Pass Raw Bar! A sincere thank you for donating your time and raising money to help the animals! For all who missed it, it was a blast. Hope to see you next time!

For information on additional Humane Society events, please visit our website SJBHumaneSociety.org or like us on Facebook!

Melody Townsend
Shelter director

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County Judge Tim McFarland. The class was developed by the Panhandle Area Education Consortium's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics group to provide opportunities to gifted or talented students in rural areas that they might not receive in the classroom.

This is the second year of a three-year project among PAEC, Heartland Educational Consortium and the Northwest Florida Education Consortium.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to expose students to things they may not have knowledge of," said Brenda Crouch, project manager for PAEC.

The former Marianna science teacher sees STEM careers as vital to the economy, and she aided in the creation of seven programs around the state to

bring alternative careers to the forefront of rural youths.

The programs rotate each year, and in addition to the crime scene investigation class, they've also developed curriculums for robotics, nano, ecological and emerging technology challenges.

"These classes give the students an understanding of real scientific work," Crouch said. "We're working with districts to up the number of rigorous STEM courses offered so that students can compete at the secondary level."

The program serves 998 students in Florida, and the goal was to build a prototype of a program that could potentially become a staple of education in rural areas like Gulf County.

Students were nominated for the program by their teach-

ers or guidance counselors with special consideration given to those who had excelled in math and the sciences.

"Some kids showed extreme interest in the class," said Kim McFarland, geometry teacher at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School and an assistant in the CSI classrooms. "We would take the students to the next level during school if only we had more time."

McFarland applauded the program for not only the hands-on experience the class offered, but the role it played in recognizing students and their gifts.

"When we heard about the program, we thought of students who would eat that stuff up," she said. "You recognize the kids in class who are interested. They're the ones asking deep questions."

McFarland, along with Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School science teacher Scott Lamberson and Blountstown math and science teacher Amanda McGhee, also helped out in the classrooms as mentor teachers.

Students in the program also have access to STEM-centric counselors and meet with representatives four times a year.

These counselors keep students informed on new and exciting science-related jobs and help them figure out the best route toward achieving their career goals. In the classroom, the students have an opportunity to gain additional knowledge while working and collaborating with other gifted students who share their interests.

Haley Anderson, who will start her junior year at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School in the

fall, enjoyed the class but is still trying to decide on her career plans. She's torn between marine biology and criminal investigative services.

Even if she wasn't able to crack the case on her career aspirations, she was happy to make new friends in her classmates, who also found the camp to be a lot of fun.

"I barely knew anyone on Monday, but now we're all friends," Anderson said. "It's an amazing opportunity, and I'm happy to be a part of it."

Crouch said jobs in STEM-related fields are recession-proof, and it's a good time to explore careers in the worlds of science, math and engineering.

"Florida has an unfilled STEM pipeline," Crouch said. "The available jobs outnumber the qualified applicants."

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noting both iron and manganese could be causing the discoloration and would account for the various hues and intensity of discoloration experienced throughout the distribution system.

"The discoloration could be performed by a variety of factors. We have so much variation in the data."

Kozan said the manganese is not coming from water entering the plant. Whether the source is rainfall or from the distribution system — the city is nearing phase two of a three-phased project to replace some 20 miles of aged pipe — or other factors is unknown.

"We were a little surprised to see as much manganese," Kozan said. "(Identifying the source) is a very complicated problem to solve."

City manager Jim Anderson said manganese also had been a

significant problem with city officials in Dalton, Ga., the site of a water plant and microfiltration system that most closely mirrors the Port St. Joe plant and system.

Kozan said he was unaware of that and asked Anderson for additional information.

Kozan said the study was also somewhat hamstrung by the lack of historical data.

The plans for the pilot study have now changed, Kozan added. The company will now likely harvest just one existing pipe section to send to Virginia Tech. Beyond that, the university will use "metal blanks" or unused pipe as comparison for a variety of chemical tests.

Kozan said he was looking to take a section of 2-inch galvanized iron pipe from the area of Avenue A-Avenue B.

Publics Works director John

Grantland wondered about that selection. He noted the area's pipe would soon be replaced as the final component of the first phase of pipe replacement and wondered why a section of newer PVC pipe would not be used as PVC was replacing the old iron pipe throughout the city.

"We suspect a fair amount of water (problems) in (PVC) areas is manganese from the plant or a disturbance in the system," Kozan said, such as a fire hydrant open.

The pipe from Avenue A or B would be representative of the system, Kozan added.

"We need to look at taking care of the manganese and look at taking care of iron breaking off and potential future sources," Kozan said. "This is a multi-pronged effort."

Commissioner Rex Buzzett said he was not trying to be con-

frontational but wondered about the end game.

A pilot study that appeared headed in one direction and with an estimated window of completion was taking on the look of a much longer process with the potential fixes more complex and potentially more costly.

"There has to be an end point," Buzzett said.

Kozan said CDM Smith would have to change the scope of the work "completely."

tomer that has interest in broadband capabilities.

"Companies looking to relocate here are going to look at broadband capacity," Mayor Mel Magidson said. "If we don't have that, they will look elsewhere."

The Broadband Alliance is not a retailer of broadband service — it provides a "larger pipe," Brook said, for broadband capacity and provides the services free to schools and libraries who wish to connect.

The lease would allow the alliance to erect towers on the Shark Tank and Highland View water towers. The estimated value would be applied to the local match of a federal grant to increase broadband access to rural communities.

The city could begin realizing revenue from the lease in four or five years, Brook said.

There is no cost to the city.

Broadband lease

The city approved a lease agreement with a company that will mean more broadband capabilities in the county.

The move is specifically aimed at the Port of Port St. Joe, said Jim Brook of the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance LLC.

The port has a potential cus-

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present.

In addition, a Circuit Court hearing next week will go a long way toward determining whether the Port Authority has the ability to mortgage public lands, which in effect the county is requesting.

Any further discussion on the county's position will come after that court hearing.

because of statewide budget cuts.

Sacred Heart on the Gulf is to take over those services — the health department will continue to provide basic public health services — sometime this month, expanding the offerings of the health department, SHH President Roger Hall has told commissioners.

did not return phone calls.

McLemore said he had sent "his" work crew on a job in District 3.

McLemore provided one name, and Bryan requested a list of complaining callers.

Bryan added it was her understanding work crews were "county" work crews and therefore could be deployed anywhere in the county.

Yeager said he had received some calls, but any he had forwarded to Bryan. Commissioner Ward McDaniel said he had also received one call.

"I think it is clear what is going on here," Bryan said without elaborating. "I have received calls from (District 1). I will be willing to talk to anyone in the county."

"I'll be waiting for your list and appreciate any commissioners helping out in District 3."

When Williams later raised the issue during public comment, Commission chair Tan Smiley had enough.

He said the issue had been

addressed, he was sure Bryan would deal with any problems and "some phone calls get returned and some don't, that is the way it is" given a commissioner holding down a full-time job or business.

Beacon Hill sign

Former Commissioner Bill Williams III appeared to discuss the situation with the sign that formerly promoted his business at Beacon Hill.

The sign is on the U.S. Highway 98 right-of-way and is in disrepair.

The county has cited it as out of compliance with the sign ordinance, but Williams asked for time to get it in shape and wondered if it could not be useful as a way to advertise Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill and Gulf County.

Bryan, who succeeded Williams in the District 3 seat, said feedback from constituents and the new owner of the assisted living facility indicated people did

not want the sign to remain.

"The sign is a bit of an eyesore," Bryan said. "It is a large sign in that area."

McDaniel also noted it was in need of repairs.

County attorney Jeremy Novak said the agreement that allowed the sign to be placed in the right-of-way is expired, an issue that would have to be cleared up before any work on the sign could take place.

Tourist Development Council director Jennifer Jenkins said she would take another look at the sign to determine if it suited the branding campaign she has implemented this year.

Bryan said before the BOCC should consider extending the right-of-way agreement, which would place the burden on Williams to fix the sign, county staff and Jenkins should assess its potential usefulness.

"Does it fit with the aesthetics and branding Jennifer has worked so hard to bring about?" Bryan said.

Wewahitchka medical services

Given the changes occurring at the Gulf County Health Department facility in Wewahitchka, a public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. CT on Tuesday, July 30, at the Honeyville Community Center south of Wewahitchka.

Representatives from the health department and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will be present to provide information.

The health department ceased providing primary medical services at the end of June

Communications

Several testy exchanges concerning telephone communications with commissioners took place during Tuesday's meeting, with Commissioner Joanna Bryan the receiving the brunt of it.

Commissioner Carmen McLemore and later citizen Bill Williams Jr. pressed Bryan about whether her county phone worked and complaints about not returning phone calls.

McLemore said he had "several" people from Bryan's District 3 contact him saying they could not contact Bryan and she

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Inshore

Most of the inshore attention is now focused on scallop season. We are seeing good numbers of shells coming to the docks, and the shells are strong and large for this time of summer. Keep your dive flags up, and watch for boaters!

Freshwater

After a near record rainfall this past week, most area lakes and streams are near flood stage, and some still rising as waters from north of us reach the Forgotten Coast this week. Good reports from The Brothers and the Big River of sheephead and channel cats are the only thing we hear right now.

Offshore

Offshore anglers will have the chance one more time to catch state-water snapper this week, ending on Sunday at midnight. Many good-sized fish can be caught near shore, and with all the weather from last week, these fish should bite very aggressively. Watch and know your state water boundaries.

Horseshoe crab a familiar sight

By TOM BAIRD
Special to The Star

Slow moving, chocolate brown horseshoe crabs are well known to our residents. Whether snorkeling or wading in the shallows of St. Joe Bay or along our beaches, horseshoe crabs are a common sight for visitors and locals alike. Elsewhere in Florida, tourists with little experience of the marine environment often react to horseshoe crabs nearby with fear. Often assuming the tail has a stinger, there is a lot of general misinformation shared around. In truth, although few creatures are uglier, few are less harmful.

The horseshoe crab has been around a long time, at least 450 million years. Although their clan was once more numerous in past seas, and even in recent times, their distribution is now restricted to the northwestern Atlantic coast from southern Canada around the Gulf of Mexico to Yucatan. All other members of the group are found along Asian coasts from Japan and Korea south through the East Indies and the Philippines.

The horseshoe crab is not actually a true crab. They are more closely related to spiders and share many characteristics with spiders. If you have picked one up, you have noticed that the crab has four eyes: two tiny ones on the forward part of the "shield" and one large compound eye on each side of the shield. Its scientific name is *Limulus polyphemus*. The name "Limulus" means side-glance or look. The hard body armor or exoskeleton is made of chitin, the same tough, resistant material that forms the body of insects, shrimps, blue crabs, etc. Chitin is heavy, so only in the buoyant sea could the horseshoe crab reach such a large size. The spiny tail is attached to the rest of the body in ball and socket fashion. The tail is used for righting the crab when overturned and possibly as a deterrent to being eaten. There is no poison gland in the tail, although it would hurt to step on a horseshoe crab barefooted.

If you see a horseshoe crab near the shore, do not be afraid to pick it up or touch it. The pincer claws are very weak and can do no harm. The mouth is in the center underside and looks fierce but is also very weak. The last pair of legs tipped with spikes act like "ski poles" in locomotion over the bottom. Bristles at the base of the legs grind food (worms and soft shelled clams) as the crab moves.

Spawning occurs at high tides during May and June, so you have likely



seen many horseshoe crabs moving in tandem in shallow water in the last weeks. The female crawls up on a calm beach or sandy marsh edge between high and low tide marks to lay eggs in shallow depressions that she makes by her burrowing movements. The male crab hitches a ride on the female and fertilizes the eggs as they are deposited in each nest. Often one or more of the pair is stranded by the receding tide and the beachcomber finds the large shell the next day. Tiny crabs are hatched within two to four weeks. The waves of the next full moon tide (spring tide) wash the eggs into the bay or Gulf, and the eggs break as they are tumbled against the sand.

By the third year of life the horseshoe crab has shed its hard outer shell 11 times and is about 6 inches long. Horseshoe crabs migrate to deeper water until they reach the adult stage. Between ages 9 and 11, the horseshoe crab matures and travels back to shallow water for the remainder of its life. Once it reaches the adult stage it does not shed. Females can grow to a length of 30 inches. Males are smaller.

Horseshoe crabs have been used by humans in many, and sometimes surprising, ways. The tail was once used by Native Americans for spear tips and awls to punch leather. In the 19th century, horseshoe crabs were dried and ground for use as fertilizer or poultry feed supplement. In 1856, 1,200,000 horseshoe crabs were harvested on just a one mile stretch of Delaware beach. As late as the 1920's and early 1930's, 4-5 million crabs were harvested annually. Harvesting horseshoe crabs became unprofitable with the use of artificial fertilizer and the reduced crab population.

The horseshoe crab has new value however. The creature has pale blue blood that contains an agent valuable to medicine. The active agent is called *Limulus amoebocyte lysate*. It can be used to detect extremely small amounts of endotoxins, which are poisons found in a major class of bacteria that cause serious infections in humans. The value of the *Limulus lysate* test is that it detects smaller amounts of endotoxins quickly and reliably. If you have ever received an injection of a drug or vaccine, the batches were tested with *Limulus lysate* to ensure no bacterial contamination. To obtain the lysate, horseshoe crabs are bled by inserting a needle into the heart chamber. The donor crabs are released afterwards. Additionally, chitin from horseshoe crabs is used to create a suture material. Chitin-coated suture material reduces healing time by 35 to 50 percent. Horseshoe crabs contribute formidable weapons to medicine's arsenal against infectious disease.

Meanwhile, the horseshoe crab continues its silent shuffle across warm shallow seas as it has done for millions of years, and with care for our bays and estuaries, it will continue to do so.

Tom Baird has been a fisheries biologist, high school and community college teacher (oceanography and microbiology), director of a science and environmental center, teacher of science and principal in Pinellas County as well as an educational consultant. He retired from the Florida Department of Education and he and his wife divide their time between Tallahassee and Cape San Blas.



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Fri, July 12	85°	76°	60 %
Sat, July 13	85°	77°	30 %
Sun, July 14	87°	78°	40 %
Mon, July 15	87°	78°	30 %
Tues, July 16	86°	78°	30 %
Wed, July 17	86°	78°	60 %

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

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
11	Th	11:42am	1.4	9:03pm	0.1
12	Fr	12:12pm	1.2	9:02pm	0.3
13	Sa	12:39pm	1.0	8:47pm	0.4
14	Su	5:29am	1.0	8:01pm	0.6
15	Mo	5:01am	1.1	3:18pm	0.4
16	Tu	5:11am	1.3	3:14pm	0.2
17	We	5:42am	1.6	4:03pm	0.0
18	Th	6:27am	1.8	4:57pm	-0.2
19	Fr	7:20am	1.9	5:52pm	-0.3
20	Sa	8:16am	2.0	6:45pm	-0.4
21	Su	9:11am	2.1	7:33pm	-0.4

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
11	Th	7:01am	1.3	5:22pm	1.3
12	Fr	7:21am	1.4	6:13pm	1.2
13	Sa	7:44am	1.4	7:12pm	1.1
14	Su	8:09am	1.4	8:26pm	1.0
15	Mo	8:39am	1.5	10:01pm	1.0
16	Tu	9:13am	1.5	11:33pm	0.8
17	We	12:07am	1.0	9:53am	1.6
18	Th	10:41am	1.6	7:48pm	0.0
19	Fr	11:37am	1.6	8:45pm	-0.2
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Centennial Celebration 5K fun run results

By Josh Dailey
Special to The Star

On behalf of the Port St Joe High School Football team we want thank the more than 60 runners who braved the rain to come and make the 5K Fun Run a great success. We also want to thank the numerous volunteers and sponsors who all contributed to a successful event.

Thanks so much to Mike Lacour and the Centennial Celebration committee for letting us administer the 5K run. They were very helpful with the advertising by posting our race information to the event website. Also special thanks to Don Butler and Mark Cothran for setting up the flashing sign with our event information. The Gulf County Chamber and The Star also helped us with advertise for the race. Tracy Browning also assisted in advertising by passing out banners. Wayne Taylor made the flyers and also posted information about the race on the school website. The Gulf County TDC provided the goodie bags, water proof cases, lip balm and visitor guides.

Police Chief David Barnes and his department were very helpful in assisting with traffic control at the start of the race. The firehouse was also generous enough to let us use their facilities for registration. The Salvation Army also showed their support by showing up to distribute waters.

We want to thank student volunteers: Tyler Worley, Joel Cummings, Bryce Godwin, Austin Nobles, Rainee Nobles, Brayden Dailey and Caleb Odum. I really appreciate their great attitudes and commitment despite having to wake up so early on a stormy



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The top female and male finishers were Kathy Wolski and Christian Carlson.

day to help prepare for the 5K. They helped out with various tasks and worked hard keeping the runners hydrated at the refreshment stations set up along the race path. I'm very proud of these students and their hard work and dedication shows a lot about their strong character.

Our adult volunteers were Kayla Dailey, Sissy Worley, Courtney Cummings, Bobby Nobles, Terri Browning, Chuck Gannon, Jo Heimbuch and Sherry Thacker. They helped out with registration, preparing the food and monitoring at intersections. Their willingness to help out with whatever we asked of them was so very much appreciated. I would also like to give a special thanks to my father-in-law, Brian Heimbuch, who helped coordinate the race and was instrumental in its success. We are already looking forward to planning another race.

I would like to acknowledge all of our sponsors who helped support the event: Raffield Fisheries, Inc., Joe Mama's Wood Fired Pizza, Hannon Insurance Agency, Gaddis Construction,

Wood's Fisheries, Inc., St. Joe Rent all, Inc., Emerald Coast Federal Credit Union, Bell Foundation Company and Dodson Appraisals. The Piggly Wiggly of Apalachicola provided all of the drinks, bananas and oranges for after the race.

Thanks to Bobby Pickels and Duke Energy for providing mini first aid kits. Mainstay Suites provided T-shirts for the race. Greg Layfield and Jim Norton provided tables, orange vest for our volunteers working intersections, and cups for the race. It was a pleasure to work with Joey Browning at Columbus Trophy & Screen Printing who helped us design the technical shirts for our runners. A large portion of the shirt cost was also donated and greatly appreciated.

I truly believe we have a great community and it shows by the willingness of its citizens to volunteer their time and money for a great cause. The runners provided many comments about the great treatment they received and the hospitality shown by the volunteers. This was a proud day for the city of Port St. Joe.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf offers free school athlete screenings

Special to The Star

flexibility and balance.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf will offer free athletic screenings to high school and junior high students in Gulf County on July 23 and Aug. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. ET. Florida regulations require athletic screenings for all students participating in practice and competitive sports.

The free screenings will be administered at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf's Medical Office Building by specialists including Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic staff and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf physical therapists, nurses and physicians. Screenings include blood pressure, heart rate, posture, range of motion,

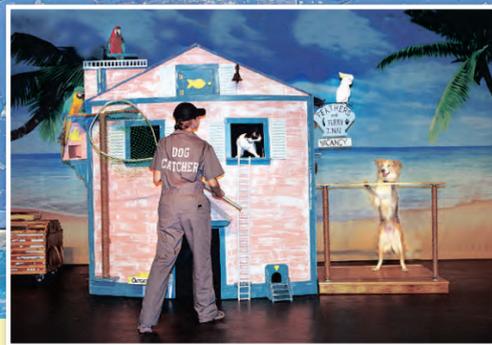
Students should check with their coach to learn which date they should attend. Additionally, students and their parents must complete medical history and permission forms prior to participating in the athletic screening. These forms are available through school coaches or Sacred Heart's Rehabilitation program in the Medical Office Building. Student athletes should wear shorts, t-shirts, and athletic shoes for their visit.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf's Medical Office Building is located on the hospital's campus at 3801 U.S. Highway 98 in Port St. Joe.

REVISED 2013 PORT ST. JOE VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Home/Away	EasternTime
26-Aug	Rutherford	Away	6/7pm
27-Aug	West Gadsden	Home	6/pm
3-Sep	Bay Haven	Away	6/7pm
5-Sep	Bay High	Home	6/7pm
9-Sep	Wewahitchka	Away	6/7pm
10-Sep	South Walton	Home	6/7pm
12-Sep	Bozeman	Home	6/7pm
14-Sep	Chipley Tourney	Away	All Day
17-Sep	Franklin Co.	Away	6/7pm
19-Sep	Bozeman	Away	6/7pm
23-Sep	Liberty County	Home	6/7pm
24-Sep	West Gadsden	Away	6/pm
26-Sep	Bay Haven	Home	6/7pm
3-Oct	South Walton	Away	6/7pm
7-Oct	Liberty County	Away	6/7pm
8-Oct	Franklin Co.	Home	6/7 pm
10-Oct	Bay High	Away	6/7 pm
15-Oct	Rutherford	Home	6/7 pm
17-Oct	Wewahitchka	Home	6/7 pm
21-Oct	Quarter-Finals	Franklin	5/7 pm
22-Oct	Semi-Finals	Franklin	5/7 pm
24-Oct	District Finals	Franklin	7:00 PM
5-Nov	Reg. Semi-Finals	TBA	7:00 PM
9-Nov	Regional Finals	TBA	2:00 PM
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items left behind.

Dogs are off leashes as the county promotes pet-friendly beaches, and the ability for even safety vehicles to reach portions of the beach is compromised.

Sgt. Chris Buchanan of the GCSO also noted the beach area continues to experience car and home break-ins, with more than a dozen over the holiday weekend alone.

"If we don't get ahead of this, it could get out of control very quickly," Jenkins said. "We re-launched a brand in February, and all indications are that it is resonating. We need to manage the brand."

How to do that was where the board lacked a consensus.

Ronald Pickett and Alyson Gerlach each expressed a reluctance or outright opposition to any increase in the bed tax.

For Gerlach, the issue was simply the costs to bed tax collectors and their guests.

"We are a price-sensitive market," Gerlach said. "When we talk about raising bed taxes, we are going to lose customers."

Pickett added, "We've lost revenue the past seven years because the economy sucked. We

"We have to look at alternative sources of revenue to fix the problems we need to fix. I can't justify spending (property taxes) when most of the problems are caused by tourists."

County Commissioner Warren Yeager

are starting to see that change. We are a thrift brand."

County Commissioner Warren Yeager said as an elected official, he must look at the broader picture. Given the county's own budget straightjacket, the BOCC was forced to look at options other than property taxes to fund services.

"We have to look at alternative sources of revenue to fix the problems we need to fix," Yeager said. "I can't justify spending (property taxes) when most of the problems are caused by tourists."

"We all agree there is a problem. We need to fix the problem. At the end of the day, we do need to protect our brand."

Yeager said the county could not continue to provide required

services at its current funding level, and property taxes were almost certain to rise.

But he added the county also was looking at user fees, service fees and other sources of income.

Pickett said citizens and visitors did not want to be "user-fee to death," and he opposed the county asking the TDC to provide services the county should be funding.

The suggestion also was made that though the county had ordinances on the books for issues such as beach driving and maintaining a pet on a leash, the fines should be more substantial.

Pat Hardman, president of the Coastal Community Association, said the county adver-

tises pristine beaches that are not currently so pristine after a busy holiday weekend. She also noted tourists create most of the problems and should foot the bill.

"Our visitors are leaving a mess," Hardman said. "Why should my (property taxes) go for that? I think it is totally justified to put it on the backs not of our property owners but on the backs of tourists."

She said it was not logical that one additional penny in bed taxes would lead to fewer visitors.

Pickett agreed he would like to ultimately see "leave no trace" as county policy, but he was against the TDC subsidizing a portion of the county's budget by adding to the bed tax.

He said he supported a short-term solution — a fee for guests during the summer aimed at bringing about leave no trace, for example, but not funding year round — and wondered if the TDC had the revenue or savings to address the problem in the short-term.

"I am against an increase across the board," Pickett said, adding he does not believe the county's tourist corridor re-

ceives the services commensurate to the amount of its tax base, which represents roughly 38 percent of the entire county's property tax collections.

"I'm against a long-term commitment via a tax."

Board member Patty Fisher said the TDC budget committee should look at the TDC budget and examine if there was money to be moved toward the beach safety program.

TDC board chair David Warriner asked for the TDC budget committee to meet next week with the full advisory board meeting after the first county budget meeting next week.

"We have had a growing budget," Warriner said. "Maybe it is time to reprioritize. Maybe we don't need the extra penny. If it is a short-term deal, maybe we can dip into savings. Adding a new program at this time of austerity may not be a good idea."

"We aren't the only source of funds. It's smart to look at other sources, such as (a state agency) grant. We have to be very focused on what (state law) says we can use the money on. Do we have a bad enough problem that it will impact our image?"

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Public Information Meeting
State Road (S.R.) 30E (Cape San Blas) from S.R. 30A to St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve in
Gulf County, Florida
Financial Project Identification Number: 416943-1-32-01

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a public information meeting regarding Proposed improvements to State Road (S.R.) 30E (Cape San Blas Road) in Gulf County. The public information meeting will be held:
 DATE: July 16, 2013
 TIME: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. (EDT)
 PLACE: St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Center Building B
 3915 State Road 30A
 Port St. Joe, FL 32456

The purpose of the meeting is to afford interested persons an opportunity to preview the proposed design, ask questions, and/or submit comments concerning the upcoming project. Maps, drawings and other information will be on display. The meeting will be conducted in an open house format, no formal presentation is scheduled. FDOT representatives and consultant staff will be available to explain the proposed improvements, answer questions and receive comments.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact John S. Glenn, P.E., FDOT Project Manager at toll-free (888) 638-0250, ext. 1459 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

If you have questions about this project or meeting, please contact John S. Glenn, P.E. at the number above or via email john.glenn@dot.state.fl.us. You may also contact Ian Satter, District Three Public Information Director, (888) 638-0250, ext. 1205 or via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

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Kids clean beach, serve community

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The Department of Juvenile Justice teamed up this week with the Teen Outreach Program and Students Working Against Tobacco to clean up area beaches.

The cleanup crews, made up of students ages 10-18, walk a six-mile strip of beach usually starting from the canal in St. Joe Beach and going as far as the Lookout Lounge or Toucan's in Mexico Beach.

Four of the students took part in Monday's post-Fourth of July cleanup to clear the beach of used fireworks, trash and cigarette butts.

Kids are provided with trash bags, gloves and bottled water and spend four hours combing the beach for the debris to keep the area beautiful.

Shoes are optional.

TOP and SWAT are part of the Gulf County Department of Health and provide volunteer opportunities in Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka. The Department of Juvenile Justice brings youth who have been in legal trouble, are on probation and required to complete community service hours.

See **CLEAN B5**

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Port St. Joe completes centennial celebration

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Port St. Joe's centennial and birthday celebration came to a close July 5 after a week's worth of events. With more than 30 celebratory events scheduled across eight days, there was no shortage of family fun to be had.

The centennial committee, which was appointed by Mayor Mel Magidson in October, included Patti Blaylock, Dana Boyer, Jennifer Jenkins, Clarence Monette, John Parker, Charlotte Pierce, Tim Nelson, Paula Pickett and Steve Kerigan.

The group brainstormed events and did their best to see them through to completion while competing against Mother Nature.

"The event was well-received," Pickett said.

The celebration, which began the last Friday in June, started with a bang as more than 300 members of the community showed up to a fish fry at city commons that raised more than \$2,000 for celebration expenses.

A parade down Reid Avenue followed that highlighted founding members of the community and graduates of Port St. Joe High School over many generations.

June 30 was a 5K run, SaltAir Farmer's Market and the first display of the static light show that ran nightly at George Core Park.

The July 1 family fun day brought out the kids for the first annual kite flying competition and PSJ soccer fundraiser.

"It was cool seeing people use the park like that," Pickett said.

July 2, the official birthday of the city, was celebrated by the burial of a

See **100 B5**



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FROM TOP: A time capsule was buried beneath the whistle downtown and will be opened in 50 years. It was buried by the official centennial committee. The adult winners of the kite flying contest proudly accept awards. Essays written by elementary high school students discussed how Port St. Joe has changed over the last 100 years. Crowds participate in celebrating the city's birthday.



FILE PHOTO

Celebrate the scallop and order up a basket in your favorite style.

Scallop festival just around the corner

By WES LOCHER
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The Centennial Celebration has come and gone, but if there's one thing the fine folks of Gulf County know how to do, it's how to throw a party.

The 17th annual Scallop Festival is just around the corner and will take place on two separate weekends: July 27-28 and Aug. 2-4 at George Core Park and around Gulf County.

Celebrate Gulf County's favorite mollusk by grabbing a plate of scallops on-site or frozen scallops to take home. Vendors will be serving up the tasty morsels almost any way that can be imagined.

See **SCALLOP B5**



Trivia Fun

Wilson Casey
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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) American "what" was the title of a TV series set in the 1960s

with Meg, Helen, Jack, and JJ?

Idol, Gladiators, Dreams, Life

2) About what percent of America's teens get an optimal amount (9+ hrs) of sleep?

9, 20, 31, 42

3) Who was the first U.S. president to appear on a postage stamp?

Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington, Madison

4) What country in

the news media is often called the "Hermit Kingdom"?

Libya, Nigeria, Laos, N. Korea

5) Of these which is not in Europe?

Israel, Albania, Germany, Sweden

6) Where was the first commercial espresso machine manufactured in 1906?

San Francisco, Italy, NYC, France

7) Approximately three out of how many

American teens drink a caffeinated beverage daily?

4, 6, 8, 10

8) Who was the only former U.S. president to die in the 1700s?

Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe

9) What philosopher reportedly drank fifty cups of coffee a day?

Confucius, Descartes, Voltaire, Jung

10) Though cancelled due to WWI, where were the 1916

Olympics scheduled to be held?

Amsterdam, Berlin, London, Warsaw

11) Of these industrialists who was a surgeon during the Civil War?

Ford, Rockefeller, Goodrich, Firestone

12) Where was Elvis Presley scheduled to perform next when he died?

Florida, Oregon, Michigan, Maine

13) What averages

out to about 512 of them per pound?

Paperclips, Potato chips, Popcorn kernels, Plain M & Ms

14) How many coffee beans does it ordinarily take to make an espresso?

20, 42, 100, 180

ANSWERS

1) Dreams. 2) 20. 3) Washington. 4) N. Korea. 5) Israel. 6) Italy. 7) 4. 8) Washington. 9) Voltaire. 10) Berlin. 11) Goodrich. 12) Maine. 13) Plain M & Ms. 14) 42.

MyGULFCare helps those dealing with chronic health conditions

Special to the Star

MyGULFCare is a program, offered at no cost to help low income residents of Gulf County receive the right health care services at the right time. Offered by Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf in partnership with the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County, MyGULFCare strives to improve the health of Gulf County residents by addressing the need for coordination of care between primary care physicians, the emergency department, the department of health, and specialty care providers. A variety of services are available.

How do you qualify for MyGULFCare?

To qualify for MyGULFCare free services, you must meet the following qualifications:

- U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Gulf County resident
- Have Medicaid insurance or are uninsured
- Low income

What is Care Management?

MyGULFCare Care Management Program is for people with a chronic health condition who need personalized, one-on-one assistance to understand their condition and how to control it. Care Management currently is offered to individuals with one or more of the following: diabetes, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol. Care Management does not take the place of following your physician's orders, it improves your ability to follow those directions and understand the expected outcomes. By learning how to better manage your chronic condition, you will be better equipped to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

MyGULFCare Care Manager will meet with you one-on-one to discuss your present health condition then help you set short and long-term health goals. The Care Manager will provide you with the tools you need to better control your chronic condition and

will work with you to make sure you are making progress.

What is Diabetes?

Most of the food you eat is turned into glucose, or sugar, so your body can use it for energy. When you have Diabetes, your body either doesn't make enough insulin, can't use its own insulin as well as it should, or both. This causes sugar to build up in your blood. There are two main forms of Diabetes, Type I and Type II. Type I generally starts early in life and results from the body not producing enough insulin. Commonly called Insulin-dependent, or Juvenile Diabetes, it requires an insulin injection daily. Type II Diabetes develops when the body doesn't make enough insulin and doesn't efficiently use the insulin it makes. There are many lifestyle changes and healthy habits that will help to reduce or even reverse the symptoms of Diabetes.

What is Hypertension?

Hypertension is another name

for high blood pressure. About 1 of every 3 Americans Adults has hypertension. Children can also have it. Having hypertension increases your risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, and heart disease. High blood pressure can affect anyone! It is sometimes called the silent killer because many people never know they have it. 90% of the cases of high blood pressure have no specific cause. There are many factors that can lead to hypertension, and the good news is, with life-style changes and healthy choices, hypertension can be controlled. Many medications are available as well. With early detection and treatment, many of the complications associated with high blood pressure can be avoided.

What is Hyperlipidemia?

More than just high cholesterol, hyperlipidemia means that there are high levels of fat (or Lipids) in the blood. The cholesterol and the triglycerides are essential to our bodies, yet too

much of either can place us at risk of stroke or heart disease. Our bodies make enough cholesterol to maintain healthy circulation, and triglycerides are present at or just below the normal amount when our bodies produce new cells.

Too much cholesterol can cause a sticky substance called plaque to build up in our arteries and block circulation causing heart attacks or strokes. A combination of medication, exercise, and healthy dietary choices is essential to controlling hyperlipidemia.

To learn more about how you can manage your Diabetes, Hypertension or Hyperlipidemia, contact the Care Manager at (850)227-1276 ext. 132. You may qualify for MyGULFCare, a program designed to help Gulf County's low income households, and to provide Care Management to those who are uninsured, underinsured, and dealing with one or more of these chronic conditions.

Music, martinis and mammos

Sacred heart to hold membership drive

Star Staff Report

The Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Guild will hold a membership drive from 5-7 p.m. ET on Tuesday, July 16 at the Haughty Heron.

Become a new member for \$20 and receive a free martini from the Haughty Heron.

The event will include live music, light food and a local breast cancer survivor who will speak on the importance of early detection.

Support the drive for breast cancer screenings and other health initiatives by becoming a member of the Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Guild. The Guild provides helping hands of support and fundraising activities to bring new health care programs and services to the community.

Funds raised will be contributed in part to the development of a fund to assist uninsured and underinsured residents receive breast cancer screenings.



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STEM scholars spend 8 days at Tyndall AFB

By DR. SANDRA M. COOK
Teacher, Port St. Joe High School
Special to The Star

As a teenager, eight days can seem like an eternity, but three Gulf County students — Allen Davis, Cordale Green and Samantha Hoover — had an experience of a lifetime while participating in a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) camp hosted by Tyndall Air Force Base and sponsored by FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Project through the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium in Chipley.

For eight days, these students were introduced to the world of work in a way they never dreamed possible. The focus was on STEM-related jobs and careers through the efforts of the Tyndall research site commander, Lt. Col. Donna Pilson; Capt. Kurt Silsby, who provided numerous adventures for the students; and Sandra Cook, Ph.D., a Port St. Joe High School math teacher who served as the teacher liaison for the experience.

The students were exposed to areas of research centered on fire protection of our military personnel and ways to create alternate means of energy. Some of

the areas the students participated in were to design, build and test a protective shield for precious cargo; to feed algae that is being developed to provide an alternative energy source; and to learn about various ways research is being developed to protect our soldiers from fire through repellants for their uniforms to protection while fighting aircraft fuel fires. Another major source of fun was driving several military vehicles — which was definitely a highlight of their day — remotely driving a mine sweeper, participating in the F-15 simulator and driving a bomb loader.

With each and every aspect of their investigations, the students were exposed to information about various jobs, not only from the military aspect, but with civilian possibilities in mind, as well. The information shared came from officers, enlisted service personnel, contractors and civil service employees. Some of the jobs and careers shared were civil, mechanical and electrical engineers, chemists, physicists, many areas of the F-22 maintenance, numerous medical fields, plus many other possibilities.



Above, Gulf County students Cordale Green, Samantha Hoover and Allen Davis use Solid Works, a 3D drafting software, as they design, build and test a roll cage to protect cargo in a remotely controlled car while on site at Tyndall Air Force Base. At left, Samantha Hoover learns firsthand about gear that must be worn to protect Air Force personnel from biohazardous material. SPECIAL TO THE STAR

For these eight days, the students were immersed into a world that created interest, questions and wonder. There is no doubt this was an experience of a lifetime for these

three students that will not soon be forgotten. There will always be a new level of respect for the men and women who serve our country for Allen, Cordale and Samantha.

GCSC to hold Educator Preparation Institute forum

Special to The Star

If you ever wanted to become a teacher in your second career, your chance is now, and you can learn all about the Educator Preparation Institute program at July 16 at Gulf Coast State College.

The program has an exceptional track record:

Since Gulf Coast began the program in 2005, all of the completers who have sat for the certification exam have passed. Last year, 25 percent of the teachers chosen to compete as Bay County's Teacher of the Year were graduates of Gulf Coast's EPI program. Five of the GCSC EPI graduates were selected as a 2012 Teacher of the Year in the Bay District School System.

Gulf Coast is hosting a free community forum to explain this program for those who already hold a bachelor's degree and want to become teachers in the K-12 system. In six to eight months, the EPI program prepares completers to take the Florida Teacher Certification Exams. Students from varied backgrounds and all kinds of previous careers have found tremendous success in the classroom.

Those interested in this alternative route to teacher certification are encouraged to attend the forum from 5:30-7 p.m. CT July 16 in Room 113 of the social sciences building on the college's Panama City campus. For more information, visit www.gulfcoast.edu or call Teresa Salter, 769-1551, ext. 3393.

4 PSJHS cadets attend leadership camp

Special to The Star

With summer just beginning, three cadets from the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School NJROTC made a commitment to themselves and their company by accepting the challenge of attending the NJROTC Area Seven Leadership Academy at Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg on June 15-22.

Meeting the rigorous physical and academic requirements, Cadets Zachory Jasinski, Marquez Johnson and Claudia Gref successfully completed this weeklong Advanced Leadership Training Course and will assume greater leadership roles in the NJROTC when classes resume in August.

Rising at 5:30 a.m. each day, the cadets, along with more than 200 others, selected from 8,000

statewide, completed a grueling regimen of physical fitness, leadership studies, survival swimming and sailing. More importantly, they were able to work with cadets from around the state, sharing their NJROTC experiences, and bring a wealth of information back with them to share with the cadets of Port St. Joe.

Military drill, uniform preparation and inspection, barracks organization and team building were all parts of this exceptional training experience. Jasinski, Johnson and Gref performed in an outstanding manner and warrant a pat on the back for a job exceptionally well done. These cadets will join Cadets Robert Dykes and Megan Hubbard, who completed Leadership Academy last summer, as the cornerstone

of leadership for the NJROTC Company this school year.

A special thanks to our local American Legion Post 116 for their generous donation of the \$180 tuition for each cadet to attend Leadership Academy. Their understanding of the importance of this training is a key to its success. Thank you for your outstanding support of the NJROTC Program. Both the American Legion and VFW Post 10069 have been instrumental in supporting ongoing activities for NJROTC, and for that we are truly grateful.

Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is a citizenship and leadership training program co-sponsored by the Gulf County School District and the United States Navy. It is open to all interested students in the ninth through 12th grades.



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Cadets Marquez Johnson, Claudia Gref and Zachory Jasinski show off their new "Silver Cords" earned at the NJROTC Area 7 Leadership Academy in St Petersburg.

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Card of THANKS

The Wahl family would like to thank all of the family and friends for their support during the loss of their wife and mother, Carolyn Wahl.

A special thanks to Linda Hamilton, Janie Turner, Robert Hagsburg, Dee Dixon, Covenant Hospice, Long Avenue Baptist Church, Father Louie Little, Matthew White, Ann Six, Marlon Taylor and Richard Davis.

The Wahl family

Faith BRIEFS

Revival at Philadelphia Primitive

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church will be in its annual revival services beginning Monday evening, July 15. The evangelist for the week is the Elder Louis Anderson of Tallahassee. Pastor Jessie Hawkins and his congregation cordially invites the public to come out each night at 7:30 p.m. and be a part of great week of

re-dedication. The church is on Avenue D.

First United Methodist Church Fundraiser

A fundraiser is from 3:30-7 p.m. CT Friday at First United Methodist Church of Mexico Beach. There will be pulled pork sandwich, chips, drink and brownie for \$6. Eat in or take out. Proceeds will benefit the FUMC disaster team.

UFO abductions examined at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The possible existence of extraterrestrial life will be examined at 7 p.m. CT on Monday at Lifetree Café.

This Lifetree event features a filmed interview with Stan Romanek, who has reported more than 100 extraterrestrial encounters. The Lifetree film explores his personal stories of alien abduction.

Romanek authored "Messages: The World's Most Documented Extraterrestrial Contact Stories."

His video of an alien-looking figure peeking in his window has attracted the attention of UFO enthusiasts as well as skeptics.

According to Lifetree Café representative Craig Cable, the Lifetree event will invite accounts from local people who believe they've seen unidentified flying objects. He said, "Thoughts of life on other planets have implications that fascinate some people and scare others."

The Lifetree film also includes an interview with a former Washington

attorney who explains a 2009 Vatican announcement about the possibility of life on other planets.

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

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

Ask and you will receive

No one can measure the degree of God's love. This love comes only from the heaven above. It is so great there is no way to measure. But if you have it, it's such a treasure. Are you exercising your rights to God's awesome power? Are you close enough to feel it, hour after hour? The word says ask and ye shall receive. Is your faith strong enough? Do you believe?

God's power is unlimited to His people, who ask, but to many folks this is too hard a task.



Too many Christians want to straddle the fence, to these His power He'll not dispense. To the obedient children of His who believe, His power is there, just ask and you'll receive.

Billy Johnson

Event to benefit Theresa Lucas

Star Staff Report

A benefit for Theresa Purswell Lucas, including a gospel sing, bake sale and garage sale, is Saturday at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church, 138 East Orange Ave. in Wewahitchka.

The bake sale and garage sale will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT. The gospel music sing, featuring "The Drummonds" will begin at 6 p.m. CT. There will also be lots of crafts, clothes, food (hot dogs, chili dogs, drinks, cakes and pies) available for purchase.

An account has been set up at Emerald Coast Bank in Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka for anyone wishing to make a donation.

The benefit is hosted by Glad Tidings Assembly of God and New Harvest Fellowship churches.

Obituary

Mildred W. Montgomery

Mildred W. Montgomery, 87, formerly of York Springs, Pa., and Port St. Joe, died Wednesday morning, July 3, 2013, at the Brethren Home Community, New Oxford.

Born July 31, 1925, in Ozark, Ala., she was the daughter of the late John P and Sarah Lee (Bullard) Watkins. She was the wife of William A. Montgomery, of York Springs, Pa., and formerly of Port St. Joe, to whom she was married to

for 64 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Lee Sanderson and her husband, Stephen, of York Springs, Pa.; two grandsons, Joshua Sanderson and his wife, Jill, of Bellefonte, Pa.; Travis Sanderson and his wife, Beckie, of Thomasville, Pa.; two great-grandchildren, Kergan Sanderson and



MILDRED W. MONTGOMERY

Quinn Sanderson, both of Bellefonte, Pa.; three siblings, Rena Chafin, of Mobile, Ala., John Watkins and his wife, Betty, of Eatonton, Ga., Thelma Cook and her husband, Carlos, of Alabama; and a half brother, Charles Watkins and his wife Mary Ann, of Jacksonville.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, July

8, 2013, at the Monahan Funeral Home, 125 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, with Rev. John Alford officiating. Burial was in the Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens, Gettysburg.

The family received friends from 1 p.m. until the time of the service Monday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at monahanfuneralhome.com.

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Kelly Faircloth, juvenile probation officer for Gulf County, is on his third year of the program and has seen the benefits to getting kids out and getting them active in the community.

"There are limited opportunities for community service in the area," he said. "The goal is to have the youth around positive role models within the community."

For Faircloth, his reward is getting to spend the time walking the beach and working alongside the kids. He realized sometimes they just need someone to speak with or someone to listen as they speak freely.

During some of the activities, kids need a friendly ear, but other times they're happy to get out on the beach for a footrace between litter pickups.

"It's not a punitive job," Faircloth said. "We have fun while we do it."

Jessie Hayes, senior human services program specialist and TOP facilitator for the Department of Health, has worked with TOP for two years.

She also teaches a health

and physical education class at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School. Her class requires 20 hours of community service, and the students actively look for ways to improve the community.

TOP has a goal of decreasing adolescent pregnancy and increasing school success using a positive youth development curriculum that encourages healthy behavior, life skills and a sense of purpose.

"The best part is seeing kids change and learn through community service," Hayes said.

Hayes and Faircloth enjoy doing their part in encouraging the youth of Gulf County to grow up making positive choices and have seen the effects first-hand.

Faircloth said during the last beach walk cleanup, some community partners out of Wewahitchka joined the activity, and after speaking with one of the young men, they were so impressed with his attitude and the interaction they had with him, they offered him a paid position.

"Good things come from



WES LOCHER | The Star

Jessie Hayes, Kelly Faircloth and four kids take to St. Joe Beach to clean up leftover litter from the Fourth of July.

it," Faircloth said. "For some, it can change lives."

The next project for the group will take place July 18 at Peters Park in Port St. Joe.

Volunteers and kids in the juvenile program will construct a concession stand from the ground up. They'll install a kitchen with

sink and refrigerator and hope it will be the first step toward solidifying a T-ball league for the area.

TOP will purchase paint and supplies for the restoration and county employee Patrick Carpenter will donate his time teaching kids basic carpentry skills. Roads leading into the park

also will be painted, and plans have been made to refurbish on-site dugouts and gazebos.

Though the beach cleanup crew might not have been quite awake at the 9 a.m. call time, as they traversed the sandy terrain onto St. Joe Beach, a nearby resident appeared on their porch and

thanked the group for their service.

Faircloth encourages local agencies to give him a call at 258-7345 to get their youth involved in projects that will keep the community looking great.

"Come out and let's clean the beach together," Faircloth said.



PHOTOS BY WES LOCHER | The Star

FROM LEFT: A kite flying contest was held during Family Fun Day. Residents and visitors line Reid Avenue for the parade that marked the beginning of the Centennial Celebration. Mayor Mel Magidson shows off items put into a time capsule including photographs, prints of the centennial timeline, the new street banners and even a copy of The Star

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time capsule to be opened in 50 years along with a speech by the mayor, essay readings from high school students and a the release of 100 lanterns. It gave those in attendance a chance to become interactive with the celebration and guests smiled as lanterns began filling the sky over downtown.

"We really had a great birthday party that night," Magidson said.

The timeline was also open for display all week in the Event Welcome Center on Reid

Avenue. The timeline displayed 100 years' worth of photos and newspaper clippings that showed the evolution of the city and its major events leading up to the present.

"It started great conversations," Pickett said.

Visitors to the timeline were able to help identify former residents who appeared in the photographs and shared stories from the past. The timeline is meant to be expanded upon each year, and the committee plans for it to be on display each

Independence Day for many years to come.

Though rain prevented a celebration of independence on July 4, residents and visitors alike braved the rain the next day and lined the coast of St. Joseph Bay as fireworks lit up the night sky in a spectacle fitting of a 100th birthday.

Committee member Boyer praised the event for allowing the celebration to showcase the city's small-town charm, which she considers to be part of Port St. Joe's appeal.

"So many small towns lose their sense of identity," Boyer said. "Tourists love the small-town feeling we have here."

The committee members reported that former residents returned to town specifically for the celebration, and Pickett said the events created "an interesting platform for connections that may not have otherwise been made."

On several occasions, organizers witnessed centennial attendees coming together who hadn't seen one another in over

20 years. In a week dedicated to recalling the history of the town, the mission appeared to be accomplished.

"Tourist destinations tend to whitenash their communities," Pickett said. "We're authentic."

Committee member Charlotte Pierce reminded everyone that commemorative centennial coins and T-shirts are going fast, and anyone still in need should get theirs while the supply lasts. They are available for purchase at City Hall.

SCALLOP from page A1

The festival begins July 27 with an afternoon "Race for the Scallops" with a 5K and 10K run through historic Port St. Joe. The event begins at Frank Pate Park. Pre-registration is required.

On July 28, the race continues with a 25K and 100K bike ride through Gulf County.

The following week, on Aug. 2, the festival will spotlight local merchants during an all-day sidewalk sale. Local artists and vendors will showcase their

best work. Live music will take place starting at 5 p.m. ET at the George Core Park stage, featuring The Curry Brothers, Flabbergasted and Jim Morris.

On Saturday, the festival kicks into high gear and will feature arts and crafts vendors, educational exhibits, a Kidz Zone, raffles, more than 50 food vendors and plenty of live music.

Other events throughout the day will include a classic car show from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET.

Plaques will be awarded to the winners in the categories of best antique car, classic car, muscle, modified and modern along with people's choice, best of show and a mystery judge's award.

Plaques will also be presented to the first 50 entries.

The day will also feature a Duck Derby Race, where little ones can "adopt" a plastic duck and watch as the wind blows it across the George Core Lagoon.

The winner will take home

prizes galore.

Music on Saturday begins at 11 a.m. ET and will feature Bowen and Bowman, Reed Weddle, King Cotton, Cadillac Willy, the Kevin Jacobs Band and the Sauce Boss, who cooks gumbo on stage while playing blues tunes.

Sunday will wrap up the festival with the final Race for the Scallops, this time a paddle board and kayak race around St. Joseph Bay. At George Core Park, the music starts at 1 p.m. ET and will

feature local Christian rockers Thirty-Three, followed by Diane Peavy.

Admission for the event is \$5 for Friday events and \$5 on Saturday. Children 6 and younger get in free. Admission is also waived for military personnel with valid ID.

To register for the running or biking events, visit www.scallopfest.com/run%20app%20and%20waiver.pdf. Alice Martin will take applications for the car show by calling 227-4027.

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Workforce Board launches new website

Convenient features added for employers and job seeker

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Gulf Coast jobseekers and employers now have a more enhanced tool at their disposal to assist them in finding suitable jobs, locating training opportunities and identifying skilled candidates. The Gulf Coast Workforce Board, which provides workforce services to Bay, Franklin and Gulf Counties, recently launched

a new website, bringing numerous enhancements to individuals seeking jobs and employers seeking employees. All of the services continue to be provided at no charge to job seekers and employers. The website, developed by Kerigan Marketing Associates, is www.workforcecenter.org.

Users will notice a different look and feel when they visit the site. "The upgrade focused on better organization of vast amounts of workforce information, coupled with a cleaner and more streamlined experience to assist job seekers and employers in finding what they need quickly," Gulf Coast Workforce Board Executive

Director Kim Bodine said. The site features a new layout structure, important information highlighted by a revolving image carousel, a prominent navigation bar, portals for Job Seekers and Employers, easy-to-understand content, easy-to-locate contact information for all of the region's Workforce locations, and interactive features.

Key interactive features for employers include:

- **AN ONLINE JOB ORDER FORM:** This feature will allow employers to quickly submit their open positions for posting on the state's largest job bank, www.employment-florida.com. This feature alone can save businesses

hundreds to thousands of dollars in help wanted ads each year.

- **INTEGRATION WITH SOCIAL MEDIA:** Employers can sign up for the Workforce Center's monthly e-newsletter, join Linked In, Twitter or Facebook and become part of the conversation about the local workforce, employment services, and human resources.

- **AN EMPLOYER SATISFACTION SURVEY:** Employers can give confidential feedback on the performance of our staff and programs in order to help us improve our service.

- **THE WORKFORCE CENTER HELPED MY COMPANY:** This feedback form can help staff

identify success stories for use in future publications or videos, which is a great way to showcase your company and how the partnership with the Workforce Center has helped you.

Key features for job seekers include:

- **HOT JOBS:** The Hot Jobs section of the Workforce Center's new website will now be updated daily! These selections of jobs are ones local employers are in a rush to fill.

- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** With the new calendar feature, job seekers will never miss an opportunity to sharpen their skills and enhance their job search with free employment workshops

and mini-job fairs held at the Workforce Center.

- **INTEGRATION WITH SOCIAL MEDIA:** Job seekers can sign up for the Workforce Center's monthly e-newsletter, join Linked In, Twitter or Facebook to receive daily job listings and other helpful labor market information.

- **JOBSEEKER SATISFACTION SURVEY:** Jobseekers can give confidential feedback on the performance of workforce staff and programs.

- **I FOUND A JOB:** This feedback form can help staff identify success stories for use in future publications or videos and is another way the Workforce Center can celebrate your success with you.

Area dancer dominates Millennium Dancesport Championship

By DONNA HOLMES
Special to The Star

Mexico Beach businesswoman Sally Childs made quite an impression when she took home four overall wins recently at the Millennium Dancesport Championship.

The Marriott Waterside in downtown Tampa hosted the event, with the most talented dancers from around the world attending to participate in the WDC World Professional Latin Showdance Championships.

When she was about 50-years-old, Childs discovered her love of dance and has spent the last 12 years pursuing her new passion with various studios. The last few years she has been training for competition in Panama City at Dance Life Dance Studio on Harrison Avenue.

Her hard work and dedication has paid off as she readily secured first-place awards in dances such as Cha Cha, East Coast Swing, Rumba, Bolero, Mambo, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, Tango and Waltz.

With such impressive results, her dancing earned her the First Place Trophies for Three Dance Rhythm Championship, Five Dance Rhythm Championship, Three Dance Smooth and



BILL FAUTH | Special to The Star

Above: Mexico Beach businesswoman Sally Childs competed at the recent Millennium Dancesport Championship in Tampa. **Right:** Childs won four overall first-place trophies and reached the semifinals of the Nine Dance Championship.

Five Dance Smooth.

She also received call backs and finished as a Top 10 semifinalist in the Nine Dance Championship, which is open to all levels of dancers and all ages, putting her competing against the very best ProAm Dancers in the country.

The Millennium Dancesport Championship is one

of the largest competitions in the country and this year it hosted the WDC World of Professional Latin Showdance Championships, a competition which brings together the best dancers from countries all over the world in what can only be described as a spectacular showcase of talent.

First place was awarded

to the amazing performance of Maxim Kozhevnikov and Anastasia Grigoreva, representing the United States (NY).

The weekend marked the end of the events with a ballroom dance congress instructed by "Dancing with The Stars" celebrities Tony Dovolani and Maksim Chmerkovskiy and "So You



Think You Can Dance" celebrity Mary Murphy.

The congress was attended by Childs, her instructor Jay Holmes, Panama City resident and dance students Vivian Sammons, and Daria Gorghakova and Dance Life instructors Mike Wallace and Nia Naumann.

Childs is a realtor with SunDance Realty in Mexico

Beach.

Dance Life Dance Studio is at 415 Harrison Ave in Panama City where they actively serve the community with dance parties, dance instruction, venue rental, fitness instruction, community charity fund raisers and special events.

For more information, call 215-4453.



FAC 2013 Presidential Advocacy Award winners were Sue Birge, Hardee County; Kathy Bryant, Marion County; Barbara Sharief, Broward County; John Hall, Polk County; Fred Hawkins, Osceola County; Chip LaMarca, Broward County; Les Miller, Hillsborough County; Peter O'Bryan, Indian River County; Nora Patterson, Sarasota County; Grover Robinson, Escambia County; Karson Turner, Hendry County; Warren Yeager, Gulf County.

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FAC awards Yeager with the Presidential Advocacy Award

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The Florida Association of Counties presented Gulf County Commissioner Warren Yeager with the Presidential Advocacy Award during the 2013 FAC Annual Conference and Exposition in Hillsborough County.

"It was an honor for me to receive this award from

the Florida Association of Counties," Yeager said. "Local involvement in the legislative process is essential in protecting our Counties interest and insuring home rule."

Yeager was an invaluable asset to FAC during the Legislative Session and showed exceptional commitment to advancing

public policy. Yeager took time to educate legislators on FAC's priority issues, specifically the state-county cost share of Medicaid.

"It is public servants like Commissioner Yeager that ensure our local communities have the authority to respond to the demands of their citizens," FAC Executive Director

Chris Holley said.

"Commissioner Yeager's support in our efforts to create an equitable and fair solution to Medicaid cost share was essential in getting rid of the cumbersome and erroneous billing system that has been in place for years."

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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.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 2013

94095SA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000390 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. BENJAMIN C. SHERRILL, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 06, 2013 and entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000390 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida where in JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and BENJAMIN C. SHERRILL; JANE ANN SHERRILL; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 18th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 20 AND THE SOUTH 1/3 OF LOT 21, BLOCK 76, CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1018 MCCLELLAND AVENUE, PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

**See Americans with Disabilities Act If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, 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.

ADA Coordinator P.O. Box 1089 Panama City, FL 32402 Phone: 850-747-5338 Fax: (850) 747-5717 Hearing Impaired: Dial 711 Email: ADArequest@jud14.flcourts.org F11002988 June 27, July 11, 2013

94097SA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CASE NO.: 13-17-CA CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. JUDY DARNA, HENRY DARNA, MARVIN DARNA, II, MELODY POWELL, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) I, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) II, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Replevin and Foreclosure dated May 29, 2013, in Case No. 13-17-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and JUDY DARNA, HENRY DARNA, MARVIN DARNA, II, and MELODY POWELL are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on July 18th, 2013, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Replevin and Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of the intersection of Bonita Street and Trout Avenue for a Point of Beginning; thence proceed North along the East boundary line of Trout Avenue a distance of 135 feet; thence make a 90 degree turn and proceed 300 feet East to the East boundary line of Government Lot 14; thence make a 90 degree turn and proceed South along the East boundary line of Government Lot 14 a distance of 135 feet; thence make a 90 degree turn and proceed West along the Northern boundary line of Bonita Street a distance of 300 feet to the Point of Beginning. This property being located in the South half of Government Lot 14 in Section 26, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

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

DATED: June 17, 2013

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Garvin B Bowden, Esq., Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, PA. 1300 Thomaswood Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32308 June 27, July 11, 2013

94127S 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.

Tax Sale Certificate No. 375 Application No. 2013-28 Date of Issuance: May 25, 2011 R.E. No: 01713-000R

Description of Property: BEGINNING at the Southwest Corner of Section 13, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, thence Northeasterly

Name in which assessed: James E. Lester, Sr.

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 31st day of July, 2013. Dated this 24th day of June, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,

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Deputy Clerk June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2013

94021S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on July 25, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, in the lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, offer for sale, and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder, the following described real property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

REAL PROPERTY

Commence at a St. Joe Paper Company Monument marking the Southeast corner of Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida and run thence N89°39'58"W, along the Southerly line of said Section 35, 228.08 feet to the Easterly right of way line 936.48 feet; thence leaving said Easterly right of way line, N89°37'56"E, 7.09 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N89°37'56"E, 229.03 feet to a point on the Southerly extension of said East right of way of Saint Andrew Street; thence N00°02'20"W, 238.31 feet along said East right of way line; thence leaving said East right of way line, N90°00'00"E, 50 feet; thence S00°02'20"E, 172.63 feet; thence S89°37'56"W, 168.84 feet; thence S08°43'22"W, 66.84 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, crops, timber, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers, and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described above (all referred to as "Property"). The term Property also includes, but is not limited to, any and all water wells, water ditches, reservoir, reservoir sites and dams located on the real estate and all riparian and water rights associated with the Property, however established.

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Order on Report and Recommendation on Amended Motion for Summary Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. ST. JOHN'S VILLAGE OF GULF COUNTY, INC., a Florida corporation; JERRY HUFF; JAMES TOWNSEND; and ALAN MCNAIR,

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Together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across the following described property to-wit: Commence at the Southeast Corner of Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; and run thence N89°39'58"W, 228.08 feet along the Southerly line of said Section 35 to a point on the Easterly right of way line of State Road No. 71, said point being on a curve concave to the Northwest; thence along said Easterly right of way line, along said curve having a radius of 4384.04 feet, a central angle of 05°30'18", a chord bearing and distance of N11°28'31"E, 421.06 feet, for an arc length of 421.22 feet to a point of tangency; thence N08°43'22"E, along said Easterly right of way line 969.90 feet; thence N89°37'56"E, 7.09 feet to the Easterly maintained right of way of said State Road No. 71 and the Point of Beginning; thence N08°43'22"E, along said Easterly maintained right of way, 396.05 feet to the point of curvature, thence run Northerly along said Easterly maintained right of way along the arc of said curve concave to the West having a radius of 3097.04 feet, a delta of 07°48'08", a chord bearing and distance of N04°49'18"E, 421.41 feet, an arc length of 421.73 feet; thence N90°00'00"E, 494.61 feet; thence S00°02'20"E, 807.59 feet; thence S89°37'56"W, 590.66 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Less and Except: Lot 4, Block C, St. John's Village as per plat recorded in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida in Plat Book 7, Page 21.

Also Less and Except: Commence at the Southeast corner of Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; and run thence N89°39'58"W, 228.08 feet along the Southerly line of said Section 35 to a point on the Easterly right of way line of State Road No. 71, said point being on a curve concave to the Northwest; thence along said Easterly right of way line, along said curve having a radius of 4384.04 feet, a central angle of 05°30'18", a chord bearing and distance of N11°28'31"E, 421.06 feet, for an arc length of 421.22 feet to a point of tangency; thence N08°43'22"E, along said Easterly right of way line 969.90 feet; thence leaving said Easterly right of way line, N89°37'56"E, 231.03 feet to a point on the Southerly extension of said East right of way of Saint Andrew Street; thence N00°02'20"W, 155.31 feet along said East right of way line to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along said East right of way line, N00°02'20"W, 50.00 feet; thence leaving said East right of way line, N90°00'00"E, 92.00 feet; thence S00°02'20"E, 50.00 feet; thence N90°00'00"W, 92.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lands also known as Lot 3, Block B of St. John's Village, Unit 1 (Proposed)

By: Donna L. Ray,

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94201S and the docket number of which is 2012-CA-00210.

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

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court this 24th day of June, 2013.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FL

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk July 4, 11, 2013

94313S PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE WATER SYSTEM PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #019.193

RFP 2013-03

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

The City of Port St. Joe will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

WATER SYSTEM PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS

The project consists of replacing approximately 16,250 LF of existing 3" thru 8" watermain, 19 fire hydrants, and associated appurtenances as shown in the construction plans to provide water service for 143 existing residences in the Port St. Joe community.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 227-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes.

Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$150.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

The completion date for this project will be 180 days for Substantial Completion and 210 days for Final

ADOPTIONS 1130

ADOPTION: Adoring Financially Secure Couple, at-home parent awaits baby.

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Completion from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder.

Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified date will be set at \$250.00 per day.

Please indicate on the envelope that this is a sealed bid, for the "Water System Phase II Improvements".

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on August 8, 2013 at the City of Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, and will be opened and read aloud at 3:15 p.m., Eastern Time. The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Handicapped Accessible/ Fair Housing Jurisdiction.

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in their best interest. All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the office of Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida (850) 227-7200 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, July 18, 2013.

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

If you have any questions, please call Clay Smallwood at (850) 227-7200. July 11, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS 1120

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