



## Sellers steps aside as EDA director

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Citing health and family concerns Barry Sellers announced his resignation as executive director of the Gulf County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

Sellers' resignation is effective Friday, Nov. 29. He returned to his native Arkansas for continued treatment as he fights a recurrence of cancer.

The resignation, he said in a letter to the EDA board, was in no way a reflection of the organization and its non-profit partners.

"I hate to see his health issues came back up because he had done a great job for the EDA," said EDA board president Guerry Magidson. "He had gotten us back up to the point where things were moving forward."

"He did a super job and he a fine man who really cares about this county."

Sellers emphasized that the EDA board was comprised of five good business volunteers, had a contract with the Board of County

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## Port Authority stakes independence

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With a dredging timeline coming into focus, the Port St. Joe Port Authority sought during its most recent meeting to sustain independence in the face of dwindling resources and staff.

The Port Authority, already working under a "bare-bones" budget according to chair Leonard Costin, is down to one volunteer staff member and no port director.

Tommy Pitts, now with engineer Hatch Mott MacDonald, was recognized by the board for his years of service as both a member of the board and as port director, part of a transition the Port Authority is trying to get its hands around.

Costin has fueled a community outreach campaign that has secure \$1,500 from three businesses, along with \$1,000 commitments from three members of the community, one of whom expressed an interest in remaining anonymous.

The Gulf County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. has provided

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## 'Love knows no limits'

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For one local man, what started as a trip to build homes for the needy turned into a lesson on love.

Port St. Joe resident Matthew White recently returned from El Tejar, Chimaltenango in Guatemala where he and a group of fellow missionaries from Long Avenue Baptist Church spent seven days building homes in poor communities.

Previously, the mission group at Long Avenue Baptist Church partnered with Grace Ministries, based out of Mississippi, on mission trips and the opportunity arose for members of the Port St. Joe church to visit Guatemala.

Though hesitant at first, White ultimately decided to make the journey alongside fellow congregation members Norman Hammock and Michelle Campbell.

White said that he sensed that he needed to go on the mission and believes strongly in taking the gospel to every nation.

"I always thought that someone else would fulfill that need," said White. "But the Lord wanted me on that trip."

Having never been



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Matthew White of Port St. Joe spent a week in Guatemala building homes for 12 families in need. For White, working 5,000 above sea level took some time to adjust to.

out of the country, White was nervous.

He and 16 other missionaries flew out of the Panama City airport and a connecting flight in

Atlanta landed them in Guatemala City.

Upon landing, White said that he didn't know what to expect, but felt comfortable once he realized that Guatemala City's airport was pretty standard.

A car took them to nearby El Tejar where they would spend the upcoming days in construction mode.

"There was a lot of local color and you could tell that you're not in the U.S.," said White. "The residential conditions dramatically decreased as we drove. "By the time we got to El Tejar, you could mistake homes for backyard sheds in the U.S."

As the thriving city gave way to poverty,

White said he realized that he was in a place in dire need of assistance.

The goal of the trip was to build a series of 12x12-foot dwellings for those in need. Over the course of several days they set the posts, secured roofs, installed windows and doors and built a small porch for each home.

The dwellings, though small, were designed to be as dry and secure as possible.

Families in the El Tejar region share properties with 3-4 families living in the same place. Separate dwellings connected a common kitchen and bathroom area.

White said that he was happy to see that

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The Long Avenue Baptist Church partnered with Grace Ministries in Mississippi for the trip.

## Butler murder trial in review

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At the end of a four-day trial last week, a jury found Walt Butler guilty of second-degree murder. Butler faces life in prison and will be sentenced on Dec. 12.



WALT BUTLER

### THE CASE

On July 30, 2012, at Pine Ridge Apartments in Port St. Joe, Butler

used a racial slur to describe a young black child that caused Butler's friend, and Gant's girlfriend, Pam Rogers to become upset.

Later that evening, when Rogers told her boyfriend about the situation, he said that he was going to talk to Butler and only minutes later Gant was shot between the eyes with a .22 rifle. The arresting affidavit described an intoxicated Butler expressing disbelief in being arrested, using vile and racial language.

During pre-trial hearings,

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## Teacher of the Year candidates named

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Beginning a new expanded format for recognizing the top teachers, each public school named its teachers and employee of the year candidates last week.

The teacher of the year selections will vie in January for District Teacher of the Year, who will go on to represent the district in state competition in the spring.

The employee of the year candidates will undergo a similar process, with the District Employee of the Year named in January and moving onto to state competition.

This year, the School Board voted to add a new wrinkle to the process. Come April the district will name a Rookie Teacher of the Year award to a teacher in their first year in the district.

"We wanted to expand the ways we recognize our teachers," said Melissa Ramsey, district Supervisor for Assessment and Testing.

The teacher of the year candidates announced during faculty meetings last Wednesday are: Cindy Phillips from Port St. Joe

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the locals didn't simply expect the visitors to build their homes for them.

Prior to the arrival of the missionaries, those in need of homes had to procure the building materials and transport them to the job site. Once walls were erected, the families were also responsible for pouring their own concrete flooring.

"They put a lot of sweat equity in their homes before we even got there," said White. "They have a lot invested."

Once the 12 structures were built, the local pastor dedicated the houses to the residents and White's team surprised each family with a laundry basket stocked with dried pasta, chicken bouillon, wash clothes and toilet paper.

"We received an overwhelming amount of gratitude," said White. "Those items are a big deal."

After christening the homes with a prayer, each family was presented with a photo of the family alongside the missionary team. White said that it was a very emotional experience since Guatemalan families rarely have photographs, let alone pictures of their loved ones.

White described the locals as kind, gentle and loving. He said that they were appreciative of the missionary work and throughout the visit, many tears were shed.

International travel can be difficult for some and White's team overcame their share of obstacles, the biggest of which was the country's altitude.

Guatemala is nearly 5,000 feet above sea level, making breathing difficult.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Between building homes, White's group held bible school for more than 400 local children.

After the dwellings were built, families were given welcome gifts that included food and home essentials.



White and his team constructed dwellings from parts collected by the locals.

Visitors tend to feel dizzy or nauseated until their lungs adjust. Luckily for White, communication wasn't a problem. He had minored in Spanish in college, which proved useful in building a rapport with the locals.

"It doesn't matter if you speak Spanish or just English," said White. "The language of love transcends all language barriers."

When they weren't constructing homes, White and his companions hosted

three days' worth of bible school for over 400 local children. During the year, children work full time, but during the group's visit they were on their summer break and the kids of El Tejar were eager to hear what the visitors had to say.

"Seeing the conditions gives you so much realization to how fortunate we are in America," said White. "In Guatemala, they're so grateful and appreciative of just having their family.

"I think we got more out of the experience than they did in receiving a new home. I went there to demonstrate God's love, and I saw that love knows no limits."

White won't be returning to Guatemala for the next mission trip in March. Instead, he'll take a cue from those he helped and stay home to welcome his third child into the world. White said he looked forward to the mission trip in 2015.

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Commissioners that runs through the end of 2014 and urged local officials to "stay the course."

"Keep the organization running and stay the course on the port," Sellers wrote.

The resignation closes what could fairly be called a tumultuous year for Sellers. At one point it was unclear who and how he fit in the organizational chart for economic development after the BOCC took back operating authority of the former Economic Development Council.

Over the course of several months, the BOCC negotiated a contract with a new organization, the EDA, with a volunteer board comprised of five local businesspeople.

The final BOCC vote was 3-2 and Commissioner Joanna Bryan faulted the final agreement between the BOCC and EDA for lacking specific goals and parameters for determining the success of the organization, an agreement she said that set the EDA up "to fail."

The EDA was provided 18 months of promised public funding from the BOCC and municipalities and was in the process of growing its private partnerships.

Sellers was out on unpaid leave for much of the summer addressing health issues, and as recently as the first BOCC meeting of this month, Commissioner Ward McDaniel declared his tenure a failure.

If 2013 was a roller coaster, it has been a ride from the outset for Sellers.

He was hired to be director of a consolidated Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council after the BOCC joined the two, but Sellers spent several weeks learning the computer passwords and contacts and was limited on staff.

But he grew the Chamber membership, including making inroads in Wewahitchka noted by its City Council, and reached out to assist existing and relocating small businesses.

"We have had numerous new small businesses that have opened here as we increased recruitment efforts," Sellers wrote in his letter of resignation to the EDA board. "We have worked with many existing companies with their plans of expansions.

"I am proud of the work we have accomplished." The consolidated model was dissolved as the BOCC took back operational control, a new Chamber board ceded any economic development to the new EDA and a new Chamber director was hired.

Sellers said he didn't really get to the business of economic development, which included significant work with the Port St. Joe Port Authority, until the EDA was created, having emphasized Chamber work in his 18 months.

During his tenure, however, Eastern Shipbuilding announced it would ultimately expand to Gulf County - the company continues to make lease and utility payments - and the St. Joe Company announced two separate letters of intent with energy companies for shipping through the port.

"We have had three larger announcements that are waiting on changes and improvements to come to complete fruition," Sellers wrote in his resignation letter. "I will continue to be positive about Gulf County overall... There are too many resources, assets and beauty here for it not to work in the long run."

Magidson said the EDA is exploring its options for moving forward. He said there were several and said he would know more following the holiday.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A SIMPLE REQUEST

Dear Editor,  
This is a letter I sent last week to Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson to start off my name is Loren Siprell. I'm a 31-year-old citizen of Port St. Joe, Class of 2001.

I'm writing this letter to you with a request, a seemingly simple request but one with far-reaching implications, political and social. I won't lie and pretend I know your politics, or even that I voted for you. It wasn't until a couple years ago that I decided to participate in this democratic system we are so blessed to have. Suffice it to say I was a selfish youth with little concern for what happened outside my bubble; my how those times have changed.

To say I don't know your politics is to say I don't know where you stand on the freedom to marry. I can make assumptions about you being a small town mayor where Tea Party-style Republicans dominate the mainstream and decisions of this nature are made more on one's faith in Christ than one's true understanding of freedom; but I am not going to make those assumptions.

I am simply going to ask, that in the week of the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address you join in the fight to make Florida a state where all men and women are created equal regardless of race, creed or sexual orientation by joining other bold mayors who have set aside religious or personal judgments in order to preserve and evolve what this nation was founded on; which is to say the principles that "All men are created equal."

It is my fear that we will all succumb to the Zealots, the eagerly religious to steer the reins of this great nation into a country no longer guided by individual freedoms, whether you find them morally reprehensible or not, but rather guided by the scriptures. This is not what our Founding Fathers had in mind. Two men or two women, two adults should be free to marry if they so choose. This is the very essence of freedom and any who disagree are indeed the tyrants, not the other way around.

So again, I ask you, please make the right decision and choose to take a stand. This will require no serious work on your part. Simply an agreement that all men are created equal and that freedom is determined by the moral code of your

religion.

Thank you for your time and attention.  
Sincerely,

Loren Michael Siprell  
Port St. Joe

### THANKS FROM NORRIS FAMILY

Dear Editor,  
We would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and staff at Gulf Correctional Institution for all the assistance they have given our son, Sgt. James Norris since he was diagnosed with colon cancer.

We would like to thank the people of Gulf County for the donations, prayers, cards, telephone calls and the love that has been given during this time.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your assistance.

God bless everyone.

The family of Sgt. James Norris  
Gulf County

### JUSTICE

Dear Editor,  
The justice that will be served on Walt Butler is small comfort to the wonderful Gant family whom we all have come to know and love and more. I think it sends a message that discrimination will not be tolerated under any circumstances and that we no longer live in the bygone era that used to tolerate such behavior. The Gant family will cling to the love and memory they have with Everett and go on with their lives trying to repair the damage and loss inflicted by Butler. Butler, who shows no remorse for taking the life of an innocent man, will be removed from our community and live the lifestyle deserving of people like him.

Only an ignorant person will think they are better than another person regardless of their color or religion. This disgraceful thinking casts a dark shadow over all humanity and tears at the very fabric of our morals. It is our responsibility to educate our children and families to respect other people regardless of their color and to treat them as you would want them to treat you.

I hope the Gant family realizes that this community has spoken proving it does not condone discrimination and that the very few that do discriminate do not represent us.

God Bless Everett Gant and his Family

Jim Garth  
Port St. Joe

# Thankful For The 'Little Giblets'

Sure, I'm thankful for family, friends, a roof over my head and that giblets gravy stuff you pour over the dressing. I appreciate to my core the very essence of Thanksgiving, which was instilled in me at an early age. I relish the memories of Thanksgivings past. But let's not get carried away here with the big picture.....

I'm also thankful my foot didn't slip when me and Brewer hopped that west bound freight train rolling slowly through town. We couldn't have been more than nine or ten and we had our hearts set on California.....or at the very least, Oklahoma. I didn't realize how much more difficult it was when the train was actually moving! I grabbed a metal bar on the side of a tanker and watched breathlessly as my feet dangled along the rails. I pulled myself up mostly because I was too afraid to let go! We hung on until the train stopped after an eleven mile ride to Trezevant.

It was another bad idea gone awry. But we didn't lose a limb. And nobody even seemed to have missed us. We caught a ride back home on one of Herschel Smith's cement trucks and filed the whole incident under "no harm, no foul". The memory is not exactly on par with

drumsticks, honey baked ham and sweet potato pie but it is a memory!

I'm thankful for the Bible Mom gave me for my birthday one year. It saved my life! David Mark was coming at me with a butcher knife. I can't imagine what I had done that had made him so angry. Only brothers can provoke that much wrath in each other. I'd probably

called him a sissy, or a ninny. Since I was older and stronger, he needed an equalizer. The knife was the first thing he saw. The Bible was the closet shield available. He stabbed, I protected. The blade went in the back, penetrating through the colored maps, the concordance, an outline of the life of Jesus and some suggested daily readings before coming to a halt in the seventeenth chapter of the book of John.

Now, David didn't really mean me any harm. We were just "settling our differences" in an entertaining way. But even to this day, sometimes as I'm reading deep down in the red lettering, my mind ponders off into the "Divine Intervention" realm. And I remember Dave's sharp sword sliced right through that verse that says "to give thanks in all things"!

I'm thankful the first girl I ever dated is not the girl I ended up with.

I'm thankful I lived through my ninth grade football season. Listen, if you haven't lined up opposite the likes of Tommy Herron, Bob Cassidy and Jim Williams, you won't have a clue what I'm talking about here. They were big, bad, fast seniors. I was the little engine that couldn't! Bob would hunt me up on the third team, scout defense and knock me flying. Before I could get a landing flap down, Jim would crash me nose first into the frozen turf. I would be straggling to my feet when Tommy ran right through me. Not over me, mind you, or around me..... I'm talking directly through me! He went in one side and came out the other!

People filled that stadium on Friday nights to cheer for those seniors leading us on to victory. They never even noticed me. I was number 20, way down at the end of the bench, gently holding my swollen wrist in my "good" hand and still bleeding from a cut above my left eye I'd suffered when I didn't duck quick enough on Tuesday!

Here's something else that you won't understand, but I'm also thankful for, this Thanksgiving season. I learned more about life, myself and what it takes to make it in this world as a freshman.....than I did as a senior starting in every game.

I'm thankful it wasn't me that took the red light

off the only police car in town and hooked it up to the jukebox out at the Diary Bar. There were some mad neighborhood watch groups over that deal! I did drop a nickel in the slot and pushed A-11 just to see the light flash. I'm not positive about the statute of limitations here so I can't tell you how much trouble Leon had wiring a police light up to a record machine. But the memory sure lives on.

I'm thankful Mom chose Daddy over that Bert Freeman guy.

I'm thankful I only went off to college one time. I don't think anyone could live through leaving home twice! You talk about out of your safety zone! And lonely. And afraid. And lost. I'm telling you, that freshman year in any setting, is there mostly to toughen up the hide a mite.

Today, I'm thankful my kids moved out.....and stayed gone. They've got to make their own memories.

Well, you get the idea. Let's not get so caught up in the obvious this Thanksgiving that we don't appreciate the little, everyday blessings that make life so real, so interesting and so much fun.

Uh.....hey.....Whew! I'm also thankful I didn't end up with the second girl I ever took out!

Respectfully,  
Kes

# 'Some Day My Chance Will Come'

"I will prepare and some day my chance will come." Abraham Lincoln said that. Lincoln had lost the election for the U.S. Senate twice, but he was still preparing for success. He didn't lose sight of his goals.

In 1864, President Lincoln signed the bill into law giving the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind in Washington, D.C. the authority to award collegiate degrees. The school would be renamed Gallaudet University after Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, the founder of the first school for deaf students in the United States.

President Lincoln's signing of Gallaudet's charter has always given him a special connection to deaf people, in particular those who have attended Gallaudet University. Some people say that Lincoln Memorial shows the seated Lincoln's hands forming the letter "A" on his left hand and the letter "L" on his right hand of the manual alphabet.

It makes sense. Daniel Chester French, the sculptor of the famous Lincoln statue, also created a statue at Gallaudet University, "Gallaudet and Alice" depicting the school's founder and a young deaf girl. French also was the father of a deaf son. This interesting part of the Lincoln Memorial is not documented, but as noted, seems intentional.

This year, Gallaudet University's football team will be in the NCAA Division III football playoffs for the first time in school history. This also marks the first time that any men's athletic program at Gallaudet has made it into a NCAA championship playoff.

At 7-0, on Nov. 2, the Gallaudet University Bison played Becker College (MA). With two seconds remaining in the game, Becker College was set to kick the winning field goal breaking a 34-34 tie.

The Gallaudet Bison were prepared, knowing their chance had come...

Bison player, Chris Papacek blocked the field goal attempt, teammate Ryan Bonheyo scooped up the ball and ran it 79 yards for a touchdown and victory, keeping the perfect season intact.

The Bison finished the season 9-1, losing their final game of the season to Maritime (NY) 7-6. The 9-1 record and first place finish in the NCAA Division III Eastern Collegiate Football Conference gave the Bison a resume that assured the 2013 Gallaudet football team made history.

On Nov. 23, the Bison will travel to New York to take on the seventh ranked Hobart College Statesmen in the first round of the NCAA Division III football playoffs.

As folks bicker and complain about who has the best team between Alabama, Baylor, Florida State or Ohio State, the Gallaudet Bison can truly claim to be number 1 when it comes to records at their historic university.

I scanned through the Gallaudet roster looking for players from my home state of Alabama and my adopted home state of Florida. I found two players from each state.

One of our football rivalries, when I played in high school, more than 30 years ago in Alabama, was the Alabama School for the Deaf (ASD). I distinctly remembered a fall night in 1979 when a giant of player for ASD, I simply

remembered as "Walter" made mincemeat of my teammates and me.

In doing a little research, I found out that the current Athletic Director at ASD's name was "Walter Ripley." I sent him an email asking if he was "Big Bad Walter."

He was not. After finding out that Walter (Ripley) played for the Kansas School for the Deaf, we laughed about it and he fired back another message saying, "You're talking about Walter Draper - they say he was 6'4", 300 pounds."

I thought to myself, "He was at least 6'6"."

I do remember this about Big Walter; every time he would knock you down, he would help you up. He helped you up with the biggest smile that seemed to say, "I'm sorry I had to do that."

Walter Ripley, the ASD Athletic Director, turned out to be a great guy with a lot of connections to Gallaudet University. His nephews, Ryan and Todd Bonheyo, both play for Gallaudet. Yes, the "Ryan Bonheyo" who scooped up the blocked punt and ran it back for a 79 yard game winning touchdown against Becker College.

Ryan's brother, Todd, is the quarterback for the Bison.

What Walter Ripley didn't tell me was that he was quite a famous quarterback at Gallaudet also. He was a quarterback that truly epitomized President Abraham Lincoln's quote, "I will prepare and some day my chance will come."

It was 1979 and Gallaudet University listed five quarterbacks on their depth chart - #1 Mike Paulone, #2 Jerry Belew, #3 Ken Clark, #4 William Lush and #5 Walter Ripley. With four fellows in front of you, you would think that your chance would never

come.

The first two quarterbacks on the depth chart suffered season-ending injuries in the first game of the 1979 season. Two games later, the third quarterback went down for the season, then quickly afterwards, the fourth. All season-ending injuries, leaving Gallaudet with the only quarterback left on the depth chart - Walter Ripley.

Ripley finished up the season and established a proficient passing attack with rookie tight end Andy Bonheyo. I think the passing attack must have been really a great combination - Walter married Andy's sister.

Ripley and Bonheyo had good careers as Gallaudet football players. As noted, Walter Ripley is currently the Athletic Director at the Alabama School for the Deaf. Andy Bonheyo is the Athletic Director at the Maryland School for the Deaf.

I'll be pulling for the Bison this Saturday and you can bet I'll have this story ready to pull out if anyone needs a good story about being prepared and never knowing when their chance may come.

One other tidbit of trivia, you might not know about. The circular football huddle you see the NFL players use, college players use and peewee players use to strategize and call plays was invented by Paul D. Hubbard in 1892. Hubbard was a quarterback for Gallaudet University and was rightfully concerned that the other team was stealing his hand signals.

They circled up to hide the "words" Paul was signing. They still do - so does every other team from Pop Warner to the NFL.

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## BUTLER from page A1

Butler's Public Defender Mark Sims made a motion to use Florida's Stand Your Ground law to have Butler's case thrown out entirely, a motion that was later denied and the trial began on Monday, Nov. 18.

### JURY SELECTION

The 83 potential jurors were questioned by assistant State Attorney Robert Sombathy and Sims about their familiarity with the case, their history with firearms, whether or not they had ever experienced a traumatic event, how they reacted to it and even what self-defense meant to them.

"What we do is not always easy," said Sims as he spoke to potential jurors for the first time. "The questions might seem nosy...they are."

Because of the hate crime enhancement originally charged in the case, Sombathy and Sims asked if hearing racial slurs would offend anyone so highly that Butler couldn't be forgiven and receive fair judgment.

Sombathy further explained to the potential jurors that it was the burden of the state to prove that the defendant was guilty and that Butler wasn't required to take the stand. After three lengthy interview sessions, the jury of six along with two alternates was chosen by midday Tuesday, and opening statements began shortly after lunch.

### WITNESSES

On Wednesday, Sombathy began calling witnesses and Rogers gave emotional testimony that Butler's use of slurs toward the child upset her, and that Butler had clearly been drinking.

Pine Ridge property manager Pamela Silcox visited Butler earlier that day and testified that he and Lynn were drunk when she saw them and the .22 rifle was off its rack

and propped against the couch.

Butler's neighbor, Steve Dubree testified that there was no bad blood between Butler and Gant.

"I just think he made a mistake," said Dubree, while locking eyes with the defendant.

Neighbor Kenneth Dunham testified seeing Gant, who he believed had good intentions, shot down. Dunham said that he feared for his life and ran off to call 911 once he saw Butler reloading the rifle.

"I couldn't understand why this is going on," said Dunham as he recounted the event. "Everett wasn't going over there to hurt anyone."

The testimony of Butler housemate Robert Lynn conflicted with his earlier depositions, and the witness said he had drunk numerous beers prior to talking with the attorneys and before his time on the stand at the trial. Lynn said Dunham wasn't with Gant when he arrived.

"I wasn't scared," said Lynn, recalling the moment when Gant arrived at Butler's sliding glass door. "He dropped like a sack of taters."

Lynn said he didn't know the victim and thought that Gant was the father of the boy that Butler had directed racially-insensitive comments towards that ultimately set off the chain reaction.

Sombathy played the two 911 calls made on the night of the shooting. The first was from a panicked Dunham and the second from Butler which was delivered in a calm and casual demeanor. Butler told the operator that he'd shot a man who had forced his way into the apartment and was making threats.

Lynn got on the phone briefly to corroborate the story and then set down the receiver. In the background, Butler could be heard asking Lynn to get him another beer.

For several officers with Gulf County Sheriff's Office and the Port

St. Joe Police Department, it was the first shooting incident they had responded to, but they held firm on how the situation was handled. They indicated that cruiser lights were on, weapons were drawn and strong eye contact was when speaking with the suspects. After they arrived, Lynn opened the door and stepped outside while Butler remained in the doorway. Police immediately ordered them to the ground.

Lynn quickly complied and was handcuffed while Butler went back inside and closed the door behind him, creating a tense situation.

"Walt looked right at me and went back in and shut the door," said Deputy Richard Burkett.

As Burkett moved to the rear of the apartment, attempting to secure the scene, he discovered a bloody Gant sitting in a chair on the back porch. Burkett, unable to see the man's injuries in the dark, told Gant to go home. Burkett said that Gant told him he couldn't because Butler had shot him.

According to Burkett, Gant was responsive as he and EMS responder John Ford loaded him into the ambulance for Bay Medical Trauma Center. As the ambulance took off for a "safe zone" to administer an assessment, Deputy Larry Dickey observed Butler through the sliding glass door.

"I maintained eye sight in the residence. It appeared that he was eating and watching TV," said Dickey.

By the time the ambulance reached WindMark Beach, Gant had lost consciousness due to blood loss and brain swelling and slipped into a coma from which he never awoke. Meanwhile, former Sheriff Joe Nugent made contact with Butler by phone and arrested him inside the apartment.

Yolanda Soto, a crime lab analyst, examined the rifle. She testified

the extractor was missing from the weapon, meaning that it had to be reloaded manually and confirmed that Butler only had one shot. Sims asked Soto about the stopping power of a .22 caliber bullet, which she said would not be effective against big game. Sims indicated Butler only meant to stop Gant, though Sombathy reminded the jury the rifle was the only weapon in the house.

The following day, Medical Examiner Michael Hunter took the stand and said that Gant had died six weeks after the shooting from complications of the injuries inflicted by the .22 caliber bullet.

Sims called on crime scene investigator Jay Smith, Jr. to ask why he never dusted for fingerprints on the handle of the sliding glass door.

If Gant opened the door, as Butler and Lynn suggested, it would potentially be proof of self-defense, though Dunham said that Lynn opened the door before Butler fired the weapon.

Smith wasn't instructed to dust for prints and Sims said that the oversight could have determined whether or not Gant had opened the door. The question remained unanswered.

While Butler and Lynn went on record saying that Gant had aggressively entered the apartment, Butler's friends told the jury that the defendant always kept his back door locked.

"The victim was unarmed," Sombathy told the jury. "Even without fingerprints, isn't it clear who shot who?"

### CLOSING ARGUMENTS

Sims said that Butler was scared of repercussions for his use of slurs and was simply defending himself in his home.

"There's not a single drop of blood inside this apartment," Som-

bathy argued, showing the jury photos taken at the crime scene. "This wasn't self-defense, this was an ambush.

"You can't ambush people and then sit back and say it was self-defense."

Sombathy said that the case had all of the elements of manslaughter but turned up a notch because Butler had a depraved mind.

"I'm not saying he's an awful person, I'm saying that he performed an awful act," said Sombathy. "Something snapped inside this man's mind that night. They weren't scared at all, they were waiting. Self-defense or not, you just killed a man."

Sombathy said that in self-defense, an attacker typically shows remorse for their actions, but Butler seemed unshaken. Sombathy reminded the jury that innocent people don't run from the police.

Sims insisted Gant must have approached the house aggressively to trigger such a reaction from Butler.

"Why else could a man kill his friend?" asked Sims. "Walt had to make a choice that night. The choice was to take a man's life."

As Sombathy made his final arguments, he put a photo of Gant on the courtroom's video screen for the jury, counsel and those in attendance to see. Sombathy called Gant a silent witness to the trial and said that when the door opened at Butler's apartment he had to know he was in serious trouble.

"This man killed him," said Sombathy, pointing toward Butler while keeping his eyes locked on the jury. "And this man is guilty as charged."

Jurors were tasked with deciding whether Butler would be convicted of second-degree murder or manslaughter. It only took an hour of deliberation for the jury to come to reach a verdict of second-degree murder.

## PORT from page A5

\$4,300 in critical operating funds and the city of Port St. Joe provided \$10,000 in BP settlement funds to be used for liability insurance and dues for the Florida Ports Council.

The executive director of the EDA, Barry Sellers, was appointed earlier as assistant port director to work with Pitts and now could assume much of that work.

He attended the Florida Ports Council meeting last week in Pensacola and told the Board of County Commissioners that the EDA and Port of Port St. Joe were like "Siamese twins" in that an estimated 90 percent of economic development communication from outside the county is linked to the port.

"I think we have a little breathing room," Costin said.

The situation with a director was complicated this week when Sellers announced his resignation effective Friday.

The Florida Ports Council is essential to the Port Authority and port development, one reason the Port Authority sought emergency funds from Port St. Joe city commissioners - who approved contributing \$10,000 of BP settlement funds to pay council dues and liability insurance.

State funding for ports is, by the end of each legislative session, a product of collaborative efforts between the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Ports Council, the Florida Legislature and the governor.

With what Costin called breathing room in the short-term, the Port Authority would like to add a little more as dredging appears increasingly likely spurring development.

But proposals from board member Johanna White to turn over day-to-day operations - forwarding phones, providing the first response to interested potential clients - to The St. Joe Company met with resistance.

Port attorney Tom Gibson cautioned board members that confidentiality requirements - the port has a confidentiality agreement in place with one potential client - would not be an issue with Sellers but could

be with St. Joe and its interests.

"There has to be somebody in this room who is going to have to deal with companies that want confidentiality," Gibson said.

With Sellers leaving, who that day-to-day person will be is unclear.

There is also, Costin noted, the perception of independence the Port Authority, as a public entity, needs to maintain as development of the port is to hinge largely on the investment of public dollars for items such as dredging.

"As long as we have the capabilities to work locally I think we should," Costin said. "(Moving day-to-day to St. Joe) should be a fall-back position."

Outgoing board member Patrick Jones, who was succeeded last week by Jason Shoaf, also emphasized the need for independence, underscoring that the port is undergoing a lobbying campaign to raise major public dollars for dredging the ship channel.

That work, Jones said, should not be perceived as benefiting a private company, adding that the wording of the two letters of intent that St. Joe has entered into with energy companies to ship wood pellets through the port does not include the Port St. Joe Port Authority.

The board members expressed an interest in a workshop with the Port Authority's collaborator, St. Joe, and a written agreement mapping out responsibilities for port operations.

Eugene Raffield encouraged St. Joe, which has supplied the \$250,000 local match on the dredge permitting work, to resume providing a presence at Port Authority meetings and the two collaborators need to improve communications.

"A real partnership, they should have someone here," Raffield said. "There should be an opportunity for our partner to sit down and discuss the flow of traffic. Let's get a workshop with St. Joe, our partners, to discuss these very important issues."

"We've got to look at what's best for the community to create jobs and it has to happen quick. This is a regional issue."

## TEACHER from page A1

Elementary School; Julie Hodges from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School; Karen Turner from Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School; and Tracy Bowers at Wewahitchka Elementary School.

Each teacher of the year candidate was selected in voting by the faculty at their school, so they are selected by their peers.

The employees of the year are similarly identified by co-workers and administrators at each school and district site.

The candidates for District Employee of the Year, also known as non-instructional personnel, at each school site are: Jewell Hopper at Port St. Joe Elementary; Karen Taylor at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School; Mary Ann Peak at Wewahitchka Elementary; and Julie Carr at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School.

Also recognized and in the running for district honors are: Susie White at the district office and Mary Lou "Cookie" White with maintenance/transportation.

"In January these most

deserving recipients will vie for district honors," said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton. "We also thank the volunteer committee from across the district that helped re-vamp these programs as well as all those who provided suggestions regarding the process."

Each school-based Teacher of the Year received \$500; each employee of the year candidate received \$100.

The District Teacher of the Year will receive \$1,000 and the District Employee of the Year \$200.

The Rookie Teacher of the Year will be recognized with a plaque in April.

### SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION

At their annual organizational meeting last week School Board members decided they like things just as they are.

Board chair Linda Wood was unanimously re-nominated to continue as chairwoman for another year and vice-chair George Cox, who would have been in line to move to chairman, was



TIM CROFT | The Star

The Gulf County School Board kept its officers in place during last week's organizational session, Linda Wood continuing as board chair and George Cox remaining vice chair.

unanimously approved for another year as vice-chair.

Cox noted that many districts use a two-year rotation for chairmanship and her fellow board members echoed his comments about the admirable job Wood had performed during the past difficult year.

"It is really all about the support team," Wood said. "I could not do this job without you and the staff. We may not always agree, but we work well together and don't carry any disagreements out of this board room."

### IT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE

Board members unanimously approved the awarding a bid for the first phase of improvements to the district's technology infrastructure.

The first phase will cost more than \$112,000, but Sara Joe Wooten, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, said the upgrade was critical as the district increases the number of dual-enrolled students, more classes move online and more educational opportunities are offered through distance learning.

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# Jumbo redbfish of autumn

## Where to find the big un's this month

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Giant redbfish have been hanging around the jetties, beaches, piers and cuts of North Florida for the last several months, and that may continue on until Thanksgiving — or not — depending on how cold the early fronts get and how rough and muddy the surf becomes.

The reds are running 36 to 40 inches, true giants that are far too big to keep—the slot is 18 to 27 inches—but a whole lot of fun to exercise and release. The chance to catch a fish this big without access to a boat offers a unique opportunity. (Don't be tempted to keep one — FWCC officers are well aware of this run of oversize spawners and have made lots of possession citations across the Panhandle in recent weeks.)

Catching a giant red from shore is not a task for wimpy tackle; best choice is a big, saltwater duty spinning rig with a stout rod 7-6 to 8 feet long, loaded with plenty of 50-pound-test (or heavier) braid. The combo allows

long casts, strong hook sets and plenty of power to hold the giants, and the thin diameter of the braid means you can put a lot of it on the spool — chances are you won't have a fish cleaning you out, which they would assuredly do if you took them on with the standard 2500-size spinning gear and mono. A Shimano 8000-size spinning reel will hold 265 yards of 50-pound-test braid, and that's likely to be adequate for the job.

Best baits for the giants are live threadfins, pinfish, finger mullet or other small baitfish. They also readily take cut bait; a fresh slab of mullet or ladyfish is fine. Shrimp is also good, but lots of small "junk" fish also love shrimp and are likely to nip the bait off before a red finds it.

The hook needs to be adequate to the task; a size 7/0 or thereabouts will do much better than a smaller hook, and it's wise to use circle hooks, which are less likely to be swallowed by the fish and make release difficult.

You'll also need long-nosed hook removers — Rapala makes some



good trigger-grip models ideal for reaching down into the mouth of a jumbo redbfish to extract the hook. The clamping mechanism makes it easy to get a good grip and still see what you're doing — useful for a lot of species of fish, actually, and not expensive. Bill Dance also makes some good ones, available at Bass Pro Shops and other Panhandle outlets.

Big reds often travel in schools, and if the school doesn't happen to be where you are, you may find slow fishing. It's a good idea to carry two rods, one heavy rod for the big reds, which you set out in a sand spike and let soak, and a lighter rig suitable for catching other species — whiting and left-over Spanish, among others.

As this is written, NOAA says sea surface temperatures are 75 to 71 F. along the beaches, but that will change rapidly with each succeeding front. Bull reds typically hang around until water temp gets below 65—or until the last of the bait schools on which they feed head south.

There's usually no doubt when a big red takes — you're pretty much instantly hooked up; all you have to do is reel up slack to set the circle hook in the corner of the jaw and the fun begins. Reds of all sizes are tough, and the giants can put up a tremendous battle, with repeated long runs between slugging it out deep. They're not jumpers, but they make up for it in power.

Once they tire, you can slide them up on the sand, if you're fishing from a beach, or ease them close to the rocks if you're on a jetty. From a pier, you'll have to walk them to the beach to unhook, which requires some manipulation if the span is busy.

Hold the fish up, one hand under the chest, the other gripping the tail, for a photo—avoid putting a Boga Grip or gaff in the

are the obvious ones, anywhere hard structure juts into the Gulf, or where there's a pass, cut or bridge pilings over a major span.

### Eatin' size redbfish

Early November usually produces very good fishing for eating-size reds across the Panhandle as well, and these fish are mostly found inside the bays.

They're not so accessible to the shorebound angler as those along the beaches, but for those willing to wade — or with a boat or kayak, or fishing with a guide — they can provide a great target.

Inshore reds tend to hang around structure, so boat docks, oyster bars, submerged boat wrecks and rockpiles are all good targets. As the water gets colder, there's also a movement of fish into the blackwater creeks that feed the bays, apparently because the dark water captures the heat of the sun better than the clearer, shallower water on the flats.

Reds on the inside are suckers for live shrimp. Use the biggest shrimp you can locate, on the lightest weight you can throw — with a 2500-sized spinning reel and 10- to 15-pound-test braid, you can make a good cast with a quarter-ounce or less rubber-core sinker. Add 18 inches of 25 pound test fluorocarbon leader to stiffen the rig and prevent tangles — a double Uniknot will join the braid and fluoro dependably. Best hooks for slot reds are 1/0 to 3/0 Kahle style, which are light enough not to kill the shrimp immediately and which tend to set themselves because of their general circle-hook structure.

Inside reds in the slot will average 3 to 7 pounds, and those at the top of the slot are pretty formidable on light spinning gear. Set your drag lightly and allow the fish to wear itself out as you pump and wind between runs.

Odds are the shrimp will attract not only reds but keeper trout and sheepshead at this time

of year — all hang around the same sort of structure and all prowl the creeks after the first cold fronts, as well.

If you can get them, either via castnet or bait trap, pinfish two to three inches long are even better baits than shrimp because they're more durable and stay on the hook better. Larger reds love them, as do big trout. Unfortunately, you can't buy them at most baitshops as you can shrimp.

Plastic-tailed jigs are also effective for both reds and trout, particularly if you tip them with a pencil-eraser-sized slip of fresh shrimp. Jig heads in 3/16 to quarter ounce do the job, with tails in light colors 3 to 4 inches long usually best.

These are bounced on bottom in a pull-and-drop motion; hits usually come on the drop. It's a good way to explore for fish when you don't know where they are. Once you catch a few on artificials and the bite slows, you can often turn them on again by switching to live shrimp on bottom.

### Redfish in the shell

Reds are excellent on the table, though as with many species the red line down the side has a strong "fishy" taste — it should be removed, along with the skin, when filleting.

Or try redbfish "in the shell," which is basically cooked whole. Gut the fish and wash it thoroughly inside and out, salt and pepper the body cavity, then stuff it with lemons, limes or oranges, wrap the fish in foil, and place on medium to low grill heat. Let it cook until a fork goes in easily at the thickest part of the shoulder.

The fish can now be unwrapped, a knife run down each side of the backbone just under the skin, and skin and scales lifted away. The red line can also be lifted out, along with the rib cage, and you've got a slab of tasty steamed meat that's bone free. Remove the "up" side, then simply pull the backbone away to access the lower fillet — hard to beat.

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Mon, Dec. 2	69°	48°	0 %
Tues, Dec. 3	68°	47°	0 %
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28	Th	641pm 1.2		259am 0.3	
29	Fr	655pm 1.3		335am 0.1	
30	Sa	722pm 1.6		421am -0.2	
1	Su	758pm 1.8		512am -0.4	
2	Mo	839pm 1.9		605am -0.6	
3	Tu	924pm 1.9		700am -0.7	
4	We	1012pm 1.9		754am -0.7	
5	Th	1102pm 1.7		846am -0.7	
6	Fr	1154pm 1.4		932am -0.4	
7	Sa			1009am -0.2	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
28	Th	1245pm 1.0	1129pm 1.5	638am 0.2	536pm 0.7
29	Fr	210pm 1.1		727am 0.0	634pm 0.9
30	Sa	1203am 1.5	320pm 1.2	813am -0.2	727pm 1.0
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2	Mo	349pm 2.2		728am -0.8	647pm 1.8
3	Tu	1234am 2.7	436pm 2.2	813am -1.0	732pm 1.9
4	We	120am 2.7	519pm 2.1	858am -1.0	821pm 1.8
5	Th	210am 2.7	558pm 2.1	944am -0.8	916pm 1.6
6	Fr	305am 2.6	633pm 2.1	1030am -0.6	1021pm 1.4
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### Offshore/Bottom

Trout and flounder are holding around the creek run-offs in the I.C.W. canal in St. Joe. Neap tides have allowed more bait fish to move up in the canal, in turn bringing the trout and game fish to follow. Flounder are being caught in good numbers in these waters this week as well.



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## Blountstown ousts PSJ

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**BLOUNTSTOWN** — Blountstown makes up for a lack of flash with substance.

A lot of substance. The Tigers continued their winning formula against Port St. Joe, combining a balanced offense with a dominating defense in a 34-0 victory last Friday to secure the Region 2-1A football title. Top-ranked Blountstown (12-0) advanced to next week's state semifinal at Cottondale, which edged Northview 34-28.

Port St. Joe, the District 4-1A champion, was held to 19 total yards and finished 8-4.

Corin Peterson and Shon Peterson each scored twice in leading Blountstown's methodical power running attack. Alex Mayorga paced the Tigers with 88 yards on the ground, while Peterson added 71 and Javakiel Brigham 65. Six ball carriers each gained more than 34 yards.

"It's a team concept, the kids have bought into it, and they're not selfish," Blountstown coach Greg Jordan said. "They don't care who has the carries. That's why we don't have the eye-popping numbers."

Opposing offenses don't either, due to the Tigers' smothering defense. PSJ was unable to gain traction after scoring 45 points against South Walton in its



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Blountstown's Corin Peterson runs in a touchdown against Port St. Joe on Friday. **Top Right:** PSJ's Troy Williams is tackled by Blountstown's Nathan Dunham.

regional semifinal win. The Tiger Sharks didn't convert their initial first down until the opening play of the

fourth quarter. "We build our team around defense," Jordan said. "That's no secret."

Two high-powered, run-heavy offenses were **See BLOUNTSTOWN A8**



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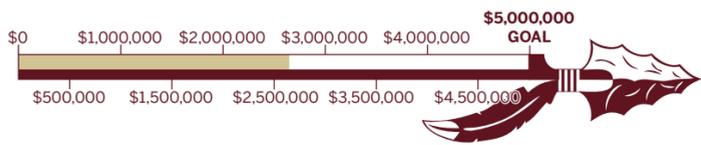


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# PSJ soccer teams sweep Godby to reach .500

Star Staff Report

There were two unwelcome firsts for the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School soccer teams last week.

The boys and girls teams each lost their first games of the season and added the first losses in district play to boot.

But rebounding over the weekend with wins over Tallahassee Godby, the booters got back on stride.

Both teams are now 2-2-0 overall and 0-1-0 in District 1-1A.

## North Bay Haven

Both teams lost by identical 3-1 scores to North Bay Haven at Harder's Park in Bay County last Wednesday.

The Lady Tiger Sharks found themselves in a 3-0 hole against North Bay Haven before senior forward Lexie McGhee converted a penalty kick for a goal midway through the second half.

A Port St. Joe penalty kick in the first half was missed.

"We played very uninspired tonight and we will have to do a much better job on that aspect if we are to

have a successful season," said Port St. Joe coach Gary Hindley.

Starting eighth-grade keeper Celeste Chiles played all 80 minutes in goal, giving up all 3 North Bay Haven goals while facing 15 shots and making five saves.

The Port St. Joe boys were outshot 12-8 by North Bay Haven and fell into a 2-0 hole before Marcel Duarte, a junior forward, tallied his second goal of the year unassisted.

Duarte now has 61 career high school goals, 11 back of school record-holder JMa-

son Ray's 72.

Junior keeper Tyler Alford played all 80 minutes in goal recording seven saves.

Hindley said the Tiger Sharks had opportunities to tie the game, missing two penalty kicks.

## Franklin County

The following night, at home, the boys and girls teams lost to Franklin County in district competition.

The girls fell behind 4-0 in the first half but a second-half comeback, which Hindley labeled "valiant" fell short in a 4-2 loss.

The Lady Tiger Sharks had trouble defending and protecting goalkeeper Celeste Chiles, Hindley said.

The Lady Seahawks outshot Port St. Joe 12-6 and Chiles made eight saves.

McGhee scored her third goal of the year on a sec-

ond-half penalty kick and midfielder Christian Laine added her fourth goal on a long looping shot to the back post.

The boys were overwhelmed 6-0 by a Franklin County squad that Hindley said, "Came out with loads of energy. We had trouble matching their size and speed."

For much of the night Port St. Joe was also without Marcel Duarte, who re-aggravated hip flexor and hamstring injuries.

## Godby

The girls opened with their second shutout of the season in a 3-0 win and the Tiger Sharks followed with a 3-1 victory.

McGhee scored her fourth goal of the season, Kathleen Rish added her third and defender Britteny

Shoemaker her first as the Lady Tiger Sharks netted three unassisted goals.

Chiles was forced to make just two saves on four shots and Port St. Joe had 12 shots.

Chiles now has a 1.75 goals-against average for the season.

Jacob Lacour scored two goals and his older brother Drew Lacour had a penalty kick goal and two assists in leading the Tiger Sharks.

Drew Lacour has 24 career assists, trailing program career leader Daniel May by just three.

Duarte sat out the match.

Alford evened his record while making six saves on eight Godby shots.

Port St. Joe had 15 shots.

Port St. Joe played Baker Tuesday during the school day, the final day before the Thanksgiving break.

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## BLOUNTSTOWN from page A7



Blountstown's Hunter Jordan looks to pass against Port St. Joe on Friday night.

matched with the smaller and quicker Tiger Sharks against the larger and more physical Tigers. Blountstown was able to keep Port St. Joe's offense off the field and wore down the Tiger Sharks' defense like so many other opponents.

Blountstown controlled the clock with more than 26 minutes of possession and outgained PSJ 67-10 in the first quarter. The Tigers led 7-0 on Dylan Lee's 15-yard pass to Corin Peterson on

third down with 5:25 to go. It was a deflating conversion after PSJ's defense pushed Blountstown back 14 yards from the 1.

Blountstown doubled the lead on Lee's 2-yard plunge to cap an eight-play drive late in the second quarter.

The Tigers also churned up the clock with an 11-play drive that ended on a punt a possession before moving ahead 14-0.

The Tiger Sharks had

little answer with 11 total yards and three punts in the first half.

They turned the ball over on their first play, an 11-yard gain by Dewayne Griggs that ended with a fumble.

Blountstown responded with the first score six plays later in what was the only TD it needed.

The Petersons scored on long runs on three consecutive possessions in the third and fourth quarters to cement the triumph.

The Tigers notched their seventh shutout of the season against perhaps their toughest offensive test.

They neutralized the explosive Griggs, holding the senior to minus-5 yards on seven carries. Jarkeice Davis led PSJ with 13 yards rushing.

"They were more physical up front and controlled the line of scrimmage," PSJ coach Chuck Gannon said. "We couldn't get anything going. They're a good team and I wish them the best of luck the rest of the way."

Marquez Johnson led Port St. Joe with 11 tackles and Griggs and Chad Quinn each had nine.

**Port St. Joe** 0 0 0 - 0  
**Blountstown** 7 7 6 14 - 34

**First quarter:**  
BHS - CPeterson 15 pass from Lee (Bennett kick) 5:25, 7-0 BHS  
**Second quarter:**  
BHS - Lee 2 run (Bennett kick) 3:30, 14-0  
**Third quarter:**  
BHS - SPeterson 22 run (kick failed) 1:09, 20-0  
**Fourth quarter:**  
BHS - CPeterson 25 run (Bennett kick) 8:37, 27-0  
BHS - SPeterson 15 run (Bennett kick) 3:21, 34-0

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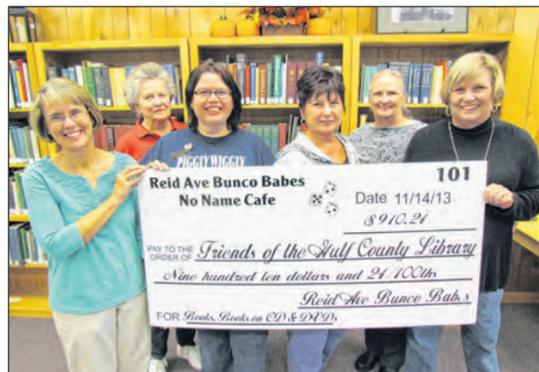
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In less than three years, the Reid Avenue Bunco Babes have donated more than \$10,000 to the Gulf County Public Library.

## Friends of the Library receives \$1,100 in donations

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Let's hear it for free knowledge.

The Friends of the Gulf County Public Library received two donations last Thursday to help purchase new books, videos and audiobooks for local readers.

The volunteer group received a check from the staff and management of Duren's Piggly Wiggly for \$250. The donation was presented to the group by store representative Suzanne Doran.

"The library provides free knowledge to the public," Doran said. "This donation will help with purchasing books and keep the library thriving."

The second donation, amounting to \$910, came from the Reid Avenue Bunco Babes, most of whom are also friends of the library.

During the 13th annual Ghosts on the Coast celebration held on Halloween night, the Bunco Babes had a fish fry fundraiser and served up fresh mullet to attendees.

Over 2½ years, the Bunco Babes have raised more than \$10,000 for the library as funding for the facility has been

consistently cut by the government.

"The value of the library to the community can't be expressed in words," said President of the Friends and former school teacher Cathy Colbert. "When people in town were laid off, the library's computers helped them find new work, file for unemployment, print their resumes or sign up for Medicare."

Because of dwindling funds, the library is only open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, but the Babes hope to see the establishment open seven days a week in the future.

"When the economy dipped, the Bunco Babes came on board," said Friend and Bunco Babe Dana Boyer. "The library provides certain amenities that are important to the community."

The Babes believe the library might be Port St. Joe's most valuable asset, so much so that they often spend more time fundraising than Bunco-playing.

In addition to providing books for children and adults, a variety of audiobooks and family friendly DVD videos, library employees

See **LIBRARY B8**



TIM CROFT | The Star

The Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Christian Community Development Fund. Member Brendan Murphy and his wife, Cindy, matched the donation. The Lions Club has been a supporter of the CCDF for much of the past decade. **Below**, twice a year, a contingent of University of Auburn students arrives in Port St. Joe to perform home and building repairs under the direction of the CCDF.

## A decade of outreach

By TIM CROFT  
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The Christian Community Development Fund was born of a theory.

A proposition that there was an unmet need for a bridge from the community to the elderly and those on fixed incomes.

Whether that bridge was a wheelchair ramp, assistance with a utility bill or a visit to ensure safety and good health.

More than a decade later, the theory has proved prescient.

More than 600 homes rehabilitated or renovated.

An ongoing partnership with the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and Washington Improvement Group established the North Port St. Joe Community Resource Center which offers a wide range of assistance, from utility bill assistance to food to job assistance.

Two times a year, a group of students from the University of

Auburn arrives in the community to perform home rehabs, interact with the community through church and faith.

Not only do they boost the community spiritually, physically, emotionally, they do so economically.

Two years ago, during the four days in March the students were here, they spent, conservatively said Diana Sealey Burkett, executive director of the CCDF,

See **OUTREACH B8**



## Santa Claus parades into Port St. Joe next weekend

Christmas on the Coast festivities will include live music, horse-drawn carriage rides and the annual Christmas parade.



FILE PHOTO

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Time to deck the halls. The Gulf County Chamber of Commerce brings Christmas on the Coast back to downtown Port St. Joe on Friday, Dec. 6.

Now in its 13th year, the event will kick off the holiday season on Reid Avenue at 5 p.m. ET with horse-drawn carriages on hand to take attendees on a relaxing stroll around Port St. Joe. Rides will be \$5.

Children can have their

photo taken with Santa Claus at the City Commons Park gazebo and reassure him they've been well-behaved all year long.

"City workers are transforming downtown," Chamber Director Paula Pickett said of the recently installed decorations. "The gazebo looks fantastic. We're hoping there's a chill in the air to really make it feel like Christmas."

Funds for the white lights along Reid Avenue were raised by the Downtown Merchants Association through a community yard

sale last month and a cake walk during Halloween's Ghosts on the Coast event.

Reid Avenue businesses will be open late that Friday and offering deals to patrons while local musicians will be stationed on street corners to entertain passersby.

The celebration continues Saturday with members of the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School Band of Gold playing holiday tunes in ensembles around downtown.

A special holiday edition of the Salt-Air Farmer's

See **SANTA B8**



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1) Benjamin Franklin unsuccessfully proposed

what bird to be our national symbol?  
Eagle, Turkey, Pigeon, Swan

2) Thanksgiving is currently observed in the U.S. on what number Thursday in November?  
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

3) What year did the Pilgrims first come to North America?  
1492, 1510, 1620, 1776

4) Which "John" was first governor of the

Plymouth Colony?  
Smith, Carver, Standish, Adams

5) What was the 1st colonial agreement forming a government, the Mayflower "what"?  
Charter, Declaration, Compact, Ordinance

6) Which "William" served as religious leader of the Plymouth Colony?  
Penn, Brewster, Hawthorne, Poe

7) What was the

Native Americans' clothing mainly made from during this era?  
Tobacco leaves, Water lilies, Animal skins, Tree bark

8) What Plymouth military advisor was remembered in Longfellow's poem, "The Courtship of"?  
Horatio Alger, Jack Smith, George Strait, Miles Standish

9) Who mainly cared for the Pilgrims' beer kegs on their New World journey?

Samuel Adams, John Alden, Jacob Astor, John Smith

10) What Patuxet Indian saved the first Pilgrims from starving?  
Pinto, Wampano, Squanto, Simba

11) A wild turkey has a field of vision of about how many degrees?  
170, 220, 270, 320

12) About how many tons does the real Plymouth Rock weigh?  
2, 4, 6, 8

13) A pumpkin is properly described as a?  
Fruit, Vegetable, Protein, starch

14) What state produces the most pumpkins?  
Florida, Georgia, Texas, Illinois

ANSWERS

1) Turkey. 2) 4th. 3) 1620. 4) Carver. 5) Compact. 6) Brewster. 7) Animal skins. 8) Miles Standish. 9) John Alden. 10) Squanto. 11) 270. 12) 4. 13) Fruit. 14) Illinois.

# VFW Post 10069 Ladies Auxiliary announce new officers

Special to The Star

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the Ladies Auxiliary of John C. Gainous VFW Post 10069 installed three new officers. Polly Searle, a past auxiliary president, installed Ginny Seefeldt as President; Deaon Titus as Senior Vice President; and Kelly Knopp as Junior Vice President. Miss Ginny has held many offices over the years but this is the first time as our President. We all wish her well in this new endeavor. The

membership would also like to thank our past president, Teresa Lowry, for her hard work during her term in office. The Ladies are looking forward to participating with the Post in the upcoming Christmas Parade, as well as our annual toy purchase for needy children in Gulf County. We will be starting a food donation drive at the Post and would members and visitors to bring in non-perishable items for donation to food pantries in the area.

# Loquat for the home landscape



**ROY LEE CARTER**  
County extension director

Loquat trees make excellent additions to Florida Landscapes. The trees are well-shaped evergreens that are easy to care for. During winter, when many trees are in a semi dormant state, loquat trees begin to bear edible fruit. If your home site would benefit from one or more flowering fruit trees, that retain an attractive appearance year-round plant some loquats. Loquat trees are relatively small, reaching a height of only 25 feet when full grown. Their leaves grow up to a foot long, and have a fuzzy texture when young, becoming smooth and waxy as they mature. Loquat fruit are oval-shaped, about one or two

inches long and dull yellow in color. Most loquats bear fruit regularly, and often quite heavily. Loquats may be grown in three ways, from seeds, rooted cutting, and as budded trees. They are easy to grow from seeds, but seeds grown trees won't produce superior fruit varieties, and may take years to bear at all. The best fruit comes from loquats that are vegetatively propagated. Two ways this is done in Florida are shield budding, and grafting. Loquat does best in subtropical climates. But, mature trees can withstand temperatures are low as 10 degrees Fahrenheit without freeze damage. However, the

blooms are easily killed by frosts, which may reduce the quantity of fruit produced by trees in our area. Loquats can be grown on any type of Florida soil, as long as it's well drained and free of salt. Loquats need a good water supply to produce good quality fruit. But, this must be carefully monitored. Never flood a loquat with water. This will quickly kill a tree. Loquats need some fertilizer for best fruit production. When the soil is shallow, it's a good idea to make three or four applications of fertilizer a year. In deeper soil, one or two annual applications are adequate. Any common 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 analysis with micronutrients added should be adequate. For specific amounts and

application dates, check with your local County Extension Office. Regular pruning of loquat trees is not necessary, because they have naturally well-shaped, symmetrical crown. However, occasional pruning may be needed to remove dead wood. Also, if you notice that your loquat is producing very small fruit, pruning a few branches may help increase fruit size, by reducing the total number of fruit clusters on the tree. For more information on growing loquat contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit our website: [gulf.ifas.ufl.edu](http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu) or [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu) and see Publication H55 & ENH394.

# Celebrate healthy holidays

By THE STAFF AT MYGULFCARE  
Special to The Star

*Develop a strategy that will allow you to enjoy a treat, and not abandon the healthy habits you have formed.*

During the holiday season, much of our attention is turned toward the table. At Halloween, it's the treats, candied apples, popcorn balls and maybe a party or two. At Thanksgiving, we don't just stuff a turkey; we tend to stuff ourselves as well. Then Christmas arrives with those pies and cakes, all the cookies and candy and a big family dinner as well. No wonder we ring in the New Year a few extra pounds that we just don't need.

There are some guidelines, provided by the Student Nutrition Awareness Campaign, or SNAC for short, that will help you make healthier food choices, reduce temptations, and continue

to enjoy the celebrations without guilt or those extra pounds. First, think about people, not food. Concentrate on making your celebration reflect what you know and love about those you are sharing it with. Some holiday crafts might include scrapbook pages, picture ornaments, hand-written note cards or a simple sewing project, which is a much more personal and long-lasting treasure. Focus on what you are celebrating and what the holiday

represents. Next, plan before you eat. When you arrive at a dinner party or celebration, take time to check out all the food options, and make a plan. If desserts are calling you and you plan to indulge, skip the rolls or potatoes. Develop a strategy that will allow you to enjoy a treat, and not abandon the healthy habits you have formed. Spend your calories wisely; make choices that will satisfy you without overdoing it. Following are some quick tips that will help you stay on track when eating

out or at a holiday party:

- Don't arrive on an empty stomach.
- Offer to bring a dish, then you know at least one dish will be healthy.
- Avoid excessive drinking and the snacks that tend to go with that.
- Select small portions. A small portion of a tempting treat will keep you from feeling deprived.
- Eat slowly. Relax, and enjoy the meal. Remember: Focus on the celebration, not the food.
- Leave the table when you are done. The longer you linger, the more you tend to eat.

For more healthy holiday eating and gift-giving ideas, visit [www.snac.ucla.edu](http://www.snac.ucla.edu)  
For more information about Healthy Changes, contact MyGULFCare at (850)227-1276 ext. 132.

## MEXICO BEACH HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

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If you are missing a pet or want to adopt a new pet, please check with your local Humane Society or Shelter. Follow us on Facebook: [St. Joseph Bay Humane Society](https://www.facebook.com/St.Joseph.Bay.Humane.Society)

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# Cold weather blanket distribution

Special to The Star

State Representative Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) will be in Apalachicola on Monday to distribute wool blankets donated by Farm Share, a non-profit organization. This event will take place at the office of Rep. Beshears at 78 11th St., Suite 5, from 10 a.m. to noon ET.

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**LEFT:** Students scoring Level 5 or above in reading included Hannah Anderson, Hannah Graziano, Martha Holland, Ana Lacivita, Travis Morrison, Caleb Othic, Travis Roberson and Hannah Simpson. **RIGHT:** Achieving Level 5 in math were Caleb Butts, Josh Butts, Delaney Ingalls and Robert Kennedy.

## Board salutes FCAT excellence

### Star Staff Report

The Gulf County School Board last week recognized a number of students who attended Port St. Joe Elementary School last year and excelled on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

They were sixth-graders when taking the test in the spring and are now seventh-graders at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

Joining Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton in handing out certificates was PSJES Principal Sue Gannon.



**LEFT:** Earning Level 5 in reading and math were Tyler Cornwell and Chandler Godwin. **RIGHT:** Hannah Fulk earned a perfect score in reading and a Level 5 in math.

## Wewahitchka teacher receives grant funds

### Special to The Star

Anita Askew at Wewahitchka Elementary School received \$2,635 in grant funds from the Education Foundation of Gulf County. Congratulations Ms. Askew on your hard work and dedication. We



ANITA ASKEW

look forward to hearing of the many successes that will result from the programs these funds will support: Opening the Doors of Learning (\$765); Soaring to Study Island (\$870); and Learning Beyond the Walls and Halls (\$1,000).



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

These students earned all A's during the first quarter.

## DAZZLING DOLPHINS

### FRONT ROW:

Corban Butts, Landon White, Stephanie Shear, Angel Mace

### BACK ROW:

Emily Lacour, Willa Gray, Madeline Gingell, Chase Dykes



SPECIAL TO THE STAR



These students earned all A's and B's during the first quarter.

## SWAT urges 'Stop Smoking'

### Star Staff Report

Getting the word out to "Stop Smoking," the Port St. Joe Elementary SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) Club made posters and lined Long Avenue last week for the "Great American Smokeout."

The students also made displays encouraging

students to never smoke.

SWAT is a new club at Port St. Joe Elementary for fifth- and sixth-grade students. It is sponsored by the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County and is a Florida statewide youth organization working to mobilize, educate and equip Florida youth to revolt against and de-glamorize Big Tobacco.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

## THANKSGIVING LUNCH AT WEWA ELEMENTARY



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Wewahitchka Elementary School hosted over 300 parents and guests for our annual Thanksgiving Lunch. Parents, students and staff enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving meal prepared by our marvelous lunchroom staff. Many students were adorned in Indian headdresses and Mrs. Becky Weston's second-grade class set the stage for the feast dressed in traditional pilgrim attire. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members for joining us in this annual WES family tradition.



The Lion's Tale

### Special to The Star

Faith Christian School announces its honor students for the first quarter of the 2013-2014 school year.

**All A's:** First grade: Austin Ramsey and Torren Smith; second grade: Taylor Burkett,

Carter Costin and Mazie Hodges; third grade: Magnolia Sarmiento; fourth grade: Kristen Bouington.

**All A's and B's:** First grade: Lillian Sanchez, Sophia Sanchez, Hali Thomas and Lilli Williams; second grade: John Cullen, Riley McGuffin and Alex Taylor; third grade: Eliza Bailey, Jae Lenox and Karys Linton; fourth grade: Theron Smith; sixth grade: Catherine Bouington.

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## OBITUARY

### Susan Cooksey Dodson

Susan Cooksey Dodson passed away Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013. Susan was born in Tallahassee on March 2, 1950.

Susan is survived by her husband of 43 years, Wally; one son, Walt Dodson (Kristen); two daughters, Ashley Savary (Chris) and Alison Dodson; and one grandson Jacob Dodson. She is also survived by two sisters, Pat Patterson (Jerry) of Crawfordville and Judy Owens (Steve) of Port St. Joe; and one brother, Doug Cooksey (Barbie) of Tallahassee; as well as five nephews; four nieces; and nine double first cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Douglas and Marian Cooksey.

Susan was a class officer of Leon High School, Class of 1968, and enjoyed planning high school reunions with her former classmates. She was a co-owner of Forest Realty with close friend Doris Crosby; past president of the Crawfordville Women's

Club; a former First Lady of the Florida Bankers Association; past Board Member of Big Bend Hospice; and a member of the Christ Church Anglican.

Susan enjoyed riding her bike, walking on the beach, climbing lighthouses and watching birds visit her birdhouses. Susan loved her "YaYa's" and "Soul Sisters."

A memorial service was to be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Christ Church Anglican, 3383 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327. The family received friends Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Christ Church Anglican of Crawfordville.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to United Way of the Big Bend, 307 E. Seventh Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Bevis Funeral Home Harvey-Young Chapel in Crawfordville (926-3333 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

## Lifetree Café to explore art of listening

### Special to The Star

Storytelling and listening will be explored at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, Dec. 2 at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "The Art of Listening: An Act of Love" features a film of NPR's StoryCorps founder, David Isay. StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 40,000 interviews from nearly 80,000

participants.

"It's an important moment in people's lives to have someone who matters ask who they are, what they've learned, and how they want to be remembered," says Isay.

Participants will discover practical tools for connecting deeply with others.

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 Governador Motel.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting.

Questions about Lifetree can be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

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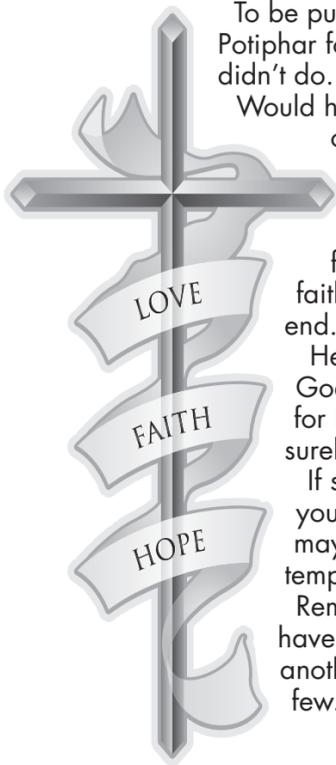
Would have been hard on my faith, but Joseph came right through.

He was faultless in his faith until the very end.

He knew whatever God had planned for him that he would surely win.

If someone does you wrong and maybe you're tempted too.

Remember Joseph, have faith in God, be another of the faithful few.



Billy Johnson

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VINCENT EDWARD RILEY



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

A memorial service for Vincent Edward Riley will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET Saturday, Nov. 30 at Holly Hill Funeral Home at 2775 Garrison Ave. in Port St. Joe. A repast gathering will be at the WIG Center.

## Card of THANKS

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

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Constitution Convention Museum is in Port St. Joe, home to the first Florida Constitution.

## Constitution Convention Museum displays local history

### Special to The Star

Bring your holiday guests and share the history of Old St. Joseph and the Constitution Convention Museum.

The original settlement of Old St. Joseph was founded in 1835. In its short life it was an important trading port along the Gulf of Mexico. Because of its ease of portage and proximity to Tallahassee, the promoters of Old St. Joseph selected it to host Florida's first Constitutional Convention. In 1838, fifty-six territorial delegates drafted Florida's first of five state constitutions. In 1845, Florida was admitted to the union as its 27th state.

Old St. Joseph was a growing boomtown and one of the wealthiest communities in the territory, with the very rich developing the area into a premier playground for their vacation destination. This plan for the community was shattered in 1841 when a yellow fever epidemic devastates the population; dropping it from thousands to less than 500 people in

just a few months. The final blow came to Old St. Joseph in 1844 when a hurricane devastated the area.

Though a few people remained, the new town of Port St. Joe never regained those glorious years of notoriety and growth until the early 1900s. Port St. Joe was founded just north of the site of Old St. Joseph. The few remains of the old town can be seen at the historic cemetery on Garrison Avenue and at the Constitution Convention Museum State Park on Allen Memorial Way in Port St. Joe.

The Constitution Convention Museum State Park consists of 12.5 acres of slash and longleaf pines, Sable palm trees, live oak and southern magnolia trees. Displayed on the grassy mall is a marble monument dedicated to the drafting of Florida's first constitution in 1838. The museum houses a collection of artifacts from Paleo-Indians, Spanish occupation, the boom period of Old St. Joseph, the civil war era, and the first Florida railroads. A full sized

diorama depicting the convention hall and five delegates that signed this first Florida constitution is on display in the Constitution Convention Museum's convention chamber room.

Tours through the Constitution Convention Museum are self-guided. A Park Ranger is on staff to answer questions. Schools and large groups are welcome and guided tours are available. We request that large groups please notify the museum before they arrive. Those who wish to have a beautiful location under the pines for weddings are welcome to use the mall for their event. Electricity is available if needed. Contact the museum for fees information.

Museum hours are Thursday through Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. E.T. Fees are \$2 per adult, children younger than 6 are free.

More information on the Constitutional Convention Museum State Park can be found on our website [www.floridastateparks.org/constitutionconvention/default.cfm](http://www.floridastateparks.org/constitutionconvention/default.cfm) or by calling the museum at 229-8029.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

From left, Shawn Elia, Robin Outlaw, Damian Hunter and Desy Outlaw of the county 4-H Club won first place in Farm judging during the North Florida Fair.

## Gulf County showcased at fair

### Star Staff Report

Gulf County was on full display at the recent North Florida Fair in Tallahassee as the county's 4-H Club placed first in Farm judging and the county's Extension Office exhibit was selected tops of its class.

The Gulf County 4-Hers participated in the Farm judging contest on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The contest consisted of the following classes: Steers, Heifers, Poultry (laying hens), Corn, Oats, Soybeans, Perennial Peanut Hay and Bermudagrass Hay.

The maximum score per class was 50 points.

Gulf County's seniors

placed first among 19 teams that participated.

Team members were: Shawn Elia, Robin Outlaw, Damian Hunter and Desy Outlaw.

Elia earned the individual first-place award and Hunter finished just behind in second.

The Gulf County IFAS Extension Service would like to thank volunteer Jean McMillian for assisting with training sessions and chaperoning teams to this event.

The North Florida Regional Fair convened Nov. 7-17.

Twenty-three exhibitors showcased their counties in the areas of: Agriculture, Industry, Recreation, Natural

Resources and History.

Gulf County's exhibit highlighted the diversity of recreation that it offers to local residents and visitors.

Criteria used to judge the exhibits/booths were how well it promoted county resources; overall appearance; quality of materials used; and originality of booth contents.

The Gulf County exhibit was named No. 1.

County Extension Director Roy Lee Carter would like to thank Melanie Taylor, Kay Freeman, Marie L. Jones, Jeanie Flowers, Jean McMillian, David and Sally Beyl for their suggestions and efforts to make this possible.

## Montford staff to hold office hours in Gulf County

### Star Staff Report

The staff of State Sen. Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee) will hold mobile office hours 1-4 p.m. ET Tuesday at the Gulf County Public Library at 110 Library

### Drive in Port St. Joe.

This is an opportunity to make Montford's staff aware of any issue or concerns Gulf County constituents might have.

For more information, call the Capital District Office at (850) 487-5003.

### Countywide Holiday Events

- Dec. 6 - Island Lights, St. George Island
- Dec. 7 - Holiday Fresh Market, Apalachicola
- Dec. 7 - Ilse Newell Concert Series - PSJ
- Dec. 8 - Ilse Newell Concert Series - Apalachicola
- Dec. 13 - Eastpoint Christmas Celebration
- Dec. 14 - Holiday on the Harbor Boat Parade

Visit [SaltyFlorida.com](http://SaltyFlorida.com) for a complete list of events and activities.

### Apalachicola Christmas Celebration

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# Stockings aid Christmas Wishes for Children

Special to The Star

The little red Christmas Stockings are back in area stores again this year.

Money collected from these stockings will go to the Gulf County Sheriff's Department Christmas Wishes for Children.

The sheriff's department finds out what the children in need in Gulf County want for Christmas, then with the new toy drive and money donated, the department tries to make those wishes come true.

You can find these red stockings in Port St. Joe at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, No Name Café, Coastal Cabin, Pepper's, Port St. Joe Marina, Piggly Wiggly, Centennial Bank, Half Hitch Tackle, Ace Hardware, and Buy Rite Drugs, The Scallop Cove on the Cape has a stocking and they are the IGA, Buy Rite Drugs, and Dixie Dandy in



Wewahitchka.

The sheriff's department is also doing a new toy drive.

Dropoff locations are at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, South Gulf County Fire Department, Gulf 2 Bay Construction, Port St. Joe Marina, Bay Breeze Antiques, Piggly Wiggly and Dollar General Market.

So let's pull together to make this the best Christmas ever for the children in need of Gulf County.



# 'tis the SGCVFD food drive ends strong

Special to The Star

The Great Pumpkin is real, Charlie Brown. Food donations to the Food Drive sponsored by South Gulf County Fire Department, Coastal Community Association and St Joseph Bay Golf Club were lagging way behind what was needed with less than a week to go to Thanksgiving.

Brendan and Cindy Murphy stepped up to the plate after receiving the CCA email asking for immediate support.

Brendan went The Dollar Market in Port St. Joe and talked with the district and local manager, Jon. They agreed to give a discount for any food purchased from donations from the groups on Saturday before Thanksgiving. The call went out, and generous donations came in to meet the need.

Saturday morning, members of SGCVFD, CCA and St. Joseph Bay Golf Club met to shop for the Food Drive. Good grief, Charlie Brown, it was sheer fun!

In all, well over \$1,000 was raised in two days to get the food.



The market gave an additional 25 percent off over the sales that were already in place.

Boy Scout Troop 47 was also collecting for the food drive, and they gave a hand at loading all the food and toys.

The Food Pantry was no longer bare for Thanksgiving. Because of the generosity of donors and the community spirit showed by the Dollar Market, there will be a lot more Gulf County families who

will have something more to be thankful for.

What a great citizen effort and what a great effort by The Market and Jon and his staff. Please say thanks to them when you go in to shop and think shopping locally this Holiday Season.

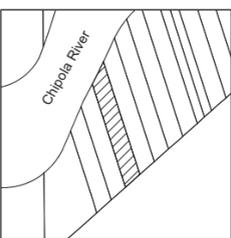
Coastal Community Association and South Gulf County Fire Department will have another food drive before Christmas. Please open your hearts and give.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

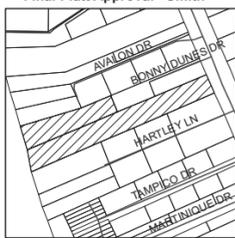
Public Hearings will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Approval of October 21, 2013 Minutes
2. Final Plat Approval for a Minor Subdivision - Tyler W. Smith - for Parcel ID #06268-025R and #06268-022R - (Cape San Blas) Located in Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - 2.22 Acres - A 6 unit development with no road infrastructure.
3. Small Scale Land Use Change - Carmen McLemore - for Parcel ID #01045-100R - (Chipola River) Located in Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County Florida - Changing 1 Acre from Conservation to Residential.
4. Cooksey - variance approval - Douglas & Barbara Cooksey - for Parcel ID# 03898-002R - Located in Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida - Road setback encroachment to add screen porch.
5. County Development Regulations and Policies (LDR)
6. Staff, Public and Open Discussion

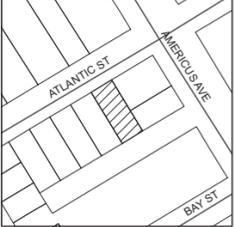
Small Scale Land Use Change - McLemore



Final Platt Approval - Smith



Variance - Cooksey



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

## Space still available at Christmas Bazaar

Special to The Star

There is still room at the Christmas Bazaar for you to sell your handmade items.

Centennial Bank is letting us use their large tent so we will have more room for our vendors. The Christmas Bazaar is at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday,

Dec. 13 and 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

Table fees of \$15 will go to the Children Christmas Wishes program run by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

All of the table space is full in the Golf Club Banquet Room, but we have room for you in the tent. For more information call Barb Van

Treese at 227-9837 or the Golf Club at 227-1751.

Also, on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 12 p.m. noon the Jingle Bell Golf Tournament will take place. The tournament format will be individual play with handicap from your normal tee. If you bring a new toy, \$10 off the entry fee. For more information call the Golf Club at 227-1751.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR SMALL-SCALE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER FLORIDA STATUTE 163.3187 and 125; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING PARCEL ID #01045-100R, 1 ACRE OF LAND LYING AND BEING PART OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA FROM CONSERVATION TO RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The second of two public hearings will be held during the Gulf County Board of County Commissioner's Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., E.T. in the County Commissioner's meeting room in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, Gulf County Courthouse Complex, Port St. Joe, Florida where the Board of County Commissioners will consider the ordinance for adoption. The first public hearing will be held prior to the County Commissioners hearing at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) meeting on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 8:45 a.m. EST also held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida

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UPCOMING EVENTS

## Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Recreation and Parks

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks announces a public workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 7:00 p.m. (EST)

PLACE: St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Center 3915 State Road 30-A, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Presentation of the update to the unit management plan for T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park.

A COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING: Mark Knapke, Park Manager, 8899 Cape San Blas Road, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, PH# (850) 227-1327, FAX# (850) 227-1488 or email Mark.Knapke@dep.state.fl.us. A copy of the draft plan and agenda are available before the date of the public hearing online at <http://sharepoint.dep.state.fl.us/PublicNotices>.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Mark Knapke, Park Manager, 8899 Cape San Blas Road, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, PH# (850) 227-1327, FAX# (850) 227-1488 or email Mark.Knapke@dep.state.fl.us.

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# Season

## Sheriff's office toy drive underway

Special to The Star

The Toy Drive for the Gulf County Sheriff's Office got off to a great start this past Saturday.

Coastal Community Association, South Gulf County Fire Department and St. Joseph Bay Golf Club have begun collecting donations for toys for Gulf County's deserving children.

Brendan and Cindy Murphy made a generous donation to Coastal Community Association and arranged with the Dollar General Market to have an additional 25 percent discount over the sale prices the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

More donors jumped in with only a day to raise some funds. This is just the first effort and kick off for the Children's Wish List for the Sheriff's Toy Drive.



Volunteers from the CCA, SGCFD and St. Joseph Bay Golf Club met at the Dollar General Market to play Santa's Helpers and had a world of fun shopping for toys.

Jon, the manager for Dollar General Market, and his staff jumped right in and helped out. Boy Scout Troop 47 was collecting for the Food Drive and they helped

load the toys for us.

Toys of every description filled the carts and blocked the aisles as the group of "elves" shopped their hearts out. The toys were taken to the dropoffs in South Gulf County at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club, South Gulf County Fire Department and Gulf 2 Bay Construction offices in Simmons Bayou to

hold for all the other donations that will be brought in through the Toy Drive.

The Jingle Bell Golf Tournament will be held on Dec. 12 at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club to add more toys. Golfers are asked to bring a toy to play. Call the Club at 227-1751 for more information. Drop offs can be taken to the drop off spots or donations can be made to Coastal Community Association or South Gulf County Fire Department and we'll do the shopping for you. Our deadline for collection of all toys is Dec. 20 so they can be gotten to Santa through the Gulf County Sheriff's Department.

Get in the Christmas Spirit and make some child's Christmas wish come true by donating to the toy drive. It just makes you feel good!



## Christmas golf cart parade Dec. 1 in Mexico Beach

Special to The Star

It's that time of year again to shine up those golf carts, drag out that garland and plug in those Christmas lights and inflatable snowmen!

The fifth annual Mexico Beach Christmas Golf Cart Parade will be at 6 p.m. CT Sunday, Dec. 1, with lineup at 5 p.m. in front of the police station on 14th Street.

Gulf County Sheriff Michael Harrison will serve as Grand Marshal, and Santa will be riding in the fire truck at the end of the parade to greet all the good little boys and girls.

As a special memorial to Candy Daniel, each golf cart will be sporting a blue

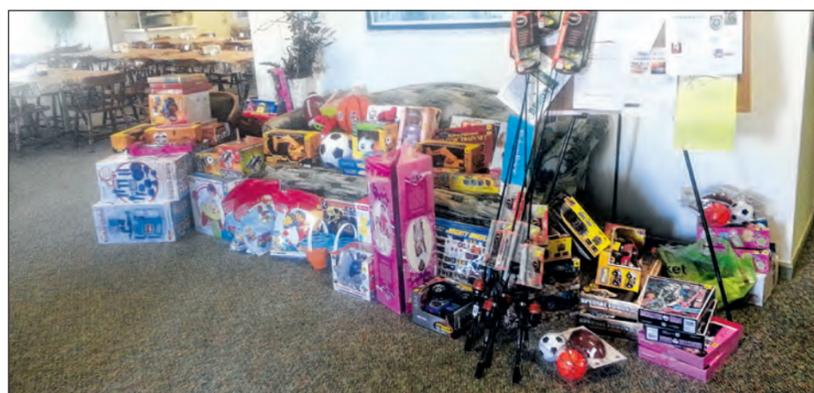
ribbon in recognition of colon cancer awareness. Candy was very active in Mexico Beach and a big supporter of the golf cart parade.

Sadly, she lost her fight against colon cancer this year; her daughter will be riding in the parade in her memory.

Gulf Coast Alarm will be providing a commemorative medal to each golf cart as well as the memorial ribbons.

Applications can be picked up at the Mexico Beach Town Hall, the CDC office and the Mexico Beach Police Department.

For more information contact Traci Gaddis, parade chairperson, at 227-6770 or ggaddis@gtcom.net.



### VARIANCE NOTICE

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### NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PURPOSES OF ADOPTING ORDINANCES AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE AND AUTHORIZING TRANSMITTAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES

The Planning and Development Review Board, sitting as the local planning agency will hold a hearing at 4:00 p.m., EST, on December 10, 2013, to review the ordinances and recommend them to the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, and the Board of City Commissioners will hold a meeting on December 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., EST, at the City of Port St. Joe City Hall located at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, for the purposes of adopting the Ordinances and authorizing transmittal of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments to appropriate state agencies.

The title of proposed Ordinances are as follows:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 500

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, BY AND THROUGH THE PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR LARGE SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY PROVIDED BY FLORIDA STATUTES SPECIFICALLY CHANGING ALL OR PART OF THE PARCELS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

#### ORDINANCE NO. 499

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, BY AND THROUGH PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR LARGE-SCALE MAP AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY UNDER STATE STATUTES SECTION 163.3187, SPECIFICALLY APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN BY THE ADDITION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Copies of the Ordinances are available for public inspection at City of Port St. Joe City Hall, located at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.

Interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearing or provide comments in writing to the City Commissioners, City of Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. Transactions of the public hearing will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the hearing will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk's Office at (850) 229-8261, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing.

BY: /s/ Mel C. Magidson, Jr.

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

ATTEST: /s/ Charlotte M. Pierce

Mel C. Magidson, Jr. Mayor-Commissioner

Charlotte M. Pierce City Clerk

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## LIBRARY from page B1

celebrate National Library Month in April and operate a summer reading program every Tuesday in June.

Used books are sold on-site at a discount, and free Wi-Fi is provided to all visitors. An entire wing of the building houses the Alfred DuPont Florida Historical and Genealogy Room, a free resource to anyone in the community interested in learning more about their family history.

Keeping up with technology trends, the library rents books directly to Kindle e-Book readers. Those with a library card can go online to [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) and with a few clicks have a book sent to their digital device. Books are rented for two weeks and can be ordered from the comfort of home or a different country altogether.

Colbert said snowbirds make frequent use of the facility, often picking up a library card for the

duration of their stay, whether it be a few weeks or months.

The Friends of the Library is more than 60 members strong, and the facility registered 92 new library cards last year. Those interested in joining the organization can become a member for just \$10 a year. Membership forms are available at the library front desk.

Colbert and Boyer agreed that none of the Babe's donations would have been possible without the support of the public.

"There's so much generosity in the community," Boyer said. "It's a great place to be."

Colbert and her husband, Kesley, are lifetime members of the Friends. She said that the most gratifying part of her membership is seeing the library grow and watching the community make use of it.

"Reading stimulates imagination and

creativity," Colbert said. "We're a community of lifetime learners."

The Friends of the Library, which formed more than 20 years ago, is an organization dedicated to assisting the Gulf County Public Library meet needs that are beyond the facility's budget.

At the Halloween fish fry, the Bunco Babes served more than 150 meals. The St. Joe Shrimp Company donated 400 pounds of mullet; Sunset Coastal Grill provided coleslaw, cheese grits were cooked by Carol Dow, Boyer Signs donated signage and the city of Port St. Joe set up tents and donated tables and chairs. Additionally, Linda and Buddy Wood donated \$250 toward expenses.

3G Realty donated a space for the Babes to use, and cooks included Bill Kennedy, Steve Wich, Mark Haddock, Jimmy Rogers and Charles Radcliff.

## OUTREACH from page B1

whose staff must track such items, \$32,000 in the community on rent, food, gas and other living expenses.

And the student count has grown since that March.

The CCDF has accomplished all that on a shoestring.

With a staff of four, the nonprofit has relied almost exclusively on grants, the largest from the Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation.

There are also dollars from the Tapper Foundation, Alfred I. DuPont Foundation and donations from the Lions Club, Centennial Bank, First Baptist Church, Oak Grove Church and others.

"Centennial Bank is committed to the local community and we pride ourselves on building strong community relationships," said Port St. Joe Centennial Bank manager Hiram Nix. "We are honored and proud to support the Christian Community Development Fund and the work they do in our local community."

But to rehab 600 houses, to serve those coming to the Resource Center located on Peters Street in Port St. Joe, the organization heavily relies on volunteer labor to do much of the heavy lifting.

"We saw a need in this community to help the elderly and those on fixed incomes," Burkett said. "Primarily, we wanted to help keep them in their homes. I think we fly under the radar."

"Our organization is not only helping people ... but we contribute to the economy. The money is spent locally. We help local residents."

As the organization has bloomed, its reach has extended, from exclusively Port St. Joe to now serving folks from Wewahitchka to Mexico Beach and places in between.

Between November 2012 and June 2013 the Community Resource Center has assisted 220 families with utility bills, referred 50 people to the First Methodist Church Care Closet for clothes and referred 25 people to the Lions Club for eye care.

The Center has cooperative relationships with the Gulf County Health Department and Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf in identifying medical care for the needy, according to Midge Askew, an emergency assistance coordinator at the Community Resource Center.

"We have been very successful working with the community to find furniture and appliances for those in need," she added.

The end of the Christmas holiday will bring planning for projects to be undertaken in 2014, with the first key window the spring - in March - arrival of



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Centennial Bank contributed \$500 recently as part of its ongoing support of the CCDF.

Auburn students.

Burkett will also begin an outreach campaign to promote the community aspect of her organization as it sees the Jessie Ball DuPont grant dollars wind down in the next several years.

Changes in how the state funds and distributes dollars for the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) have also impacted the CCDF, which has worked through local SHIP program coordinators to fund many rehabilitation projects.

During the first quarter of 2014, Burkett said she will speak to any organization or civic group that will provide an audience in order to bring more local economic stability to an organization that has stabilized so many over more than 10 years.

Burkett said she always envisioned a CCDF that did not have to rely so heavily on filling out extensive and time-consuming grant paperwork each year to survive, an organization that could receive as good as it gives locally.

"I really need the community and businesses to step up," Burkett said. "I need Gulf County and Mexico Beach to pull together to keep this program going. My hope is that the community will pick up some of the slack."

"I think it is a good time to ask the community to step up and help us with what we haven't asked for in 10 years."



FILE PHOTO

Children can have their photo taken with Santa Claus while ringing in the holidays.

## SANTA from page B1

Market will be at 9 a.m. ET in City Commons Park, featuring fresh produce and local vendors with homemade holiday gifts and stocking stuffers.

The market will be extended until 4 p.m. ET.

"I would urge all the residents of Port St. Joe to come out on December 6th and 7th and support their community," said John Parker, volunteer coordinator of the Farmer's Market. "This will be a great event."

At noon ET, the Junior Service League's annual chili cook-off begins at Sailor's Cove near the Haughty Heron.

Teams will compete for prizes and bragging rights for "Best Chili in Port St. Joe," while attendees will be able purchase bowls and enjoy a gamut of different flavors.

All funds raised from the event will go toward community service works of the JSL including purchasing clothing and school supplies for area children.

The event will host live music from Konkrete Soul, a bounce house for kids, beverages for adults and a raffle.

Team registration forms can be picked up at the Tourist Development Council Welcome Center, Haughty Heron, Persnickety and A&A Homecare in Wewahitchka or by contacting any member of the JSL.

The annual Christmas parade is slated to begin at 6 p.m. ET Saturday and will feature more than 50 holiday-themed floats snaking down Reid Avenue while judges select winners in the categories of school

and nonprofit, family and friends and businesses.

"It's truly a hometown parade," Pickett said. "It shows great community spirit."

Bringing up the rear of the parade will be Santa himself to officially welcome the holiday season to Gulf County.

"We're encouraging more businesses to participate in the parade," Pickett said. "It's great marketing - you have a captive audience of 2,000 people on the street."

"It shows a true sense of community and lets local residents know that their dollar matters."

Those who would like to have a float in the Christmas parade can register by calling the Chamber at 227-1223. There is no fee to participate.



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##### 962995 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Tax Sale Certificate No. 634  
Application No. 2013-48  
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R.E. No: 02808-000R

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Name in which assessed: Gredan Development, Inc.

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ing 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 11th day of December, 2013. Dated this 5th day of November, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk  
Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013

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##### 963015 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv, LLC the holder of the following Tax Certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Tax Sale Certificate No. 727  
Application No. 2013-47  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 03036-000R

Description of Property: The North Half of Lot Number 24, according to an unrecorded plat of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 10 West, also described by metes and bounds as follows: Begin at a pt. 50 feet South and 1,345.0 feet East of the NW Corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 10 West, and run East 622.50 feet, thence South 158.75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue South 158.75 feet, thence run West 622.50 feet, thence North 158.75 feet, thence East 622.50 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.27 acres, more or less.

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ber 24, is the same metes and bounds description as above.

Name in which assessed: Harry M. Murphy

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 11th day of December, 2013. Dated this 5th day of November, 2013.

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##### 963035 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Tax Sale Certificate No. 545  
Application No. 2013-46  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 02285-001R

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Subdivision, to the City of Wewahitchka, Florida per Official Plat of same being recorded in the Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Roger & Janice Linton

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 11th day of December, 2013. Dated this 5th day of November, 2013.

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

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk  
Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013

**964995 PUBLIC NOTICE**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID:

The Gulf County School Board will be accepting bids on the retrofit and changing out of the gym floor at Port St. Joe Elementary School. A bid package may be picked up at 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456, faxed or e-mailed by calling 850-229-8369. Bids will be accepted starting November 21, 2013 and ending December 5, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. E.S.T.

The successful bidder must comply with the Jessica Lunsford Act. The Gulf County School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. November 21, 28, 2013

**965295**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 232008CA000276CAAXMX

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

DARRELL HAMANN, et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed October 29, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 232008CA000276CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURT HOUSE at 11:00AM ET, on the 19th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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

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

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COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA-000118

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

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

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 14, 2013 and entered in Case No. 23-2012-CA-000118 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida where- in WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and STEPHEN HELMS A/K/A STEPHEN BENNETT HELMS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEPHEN HELMS A/K/A STEPHEN BENNETT HELMS; BRANDI N. JONES A/K/A BRANDI HELMS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT (S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURT HOUSE at 11:00AM ET, on the 19th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ADA Coordinator  
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Panama City, FL 32402  
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Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 2013

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

A/K/A 221 BRYAN SETTERICH, WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465-3103

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. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 22, 2013.

Rebecca 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.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES ANNOUNCEMENTS 1120**

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**3230 - Garage/Yard Sales**  
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**3250 - Good Things to Eat**  
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