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TDC rolls out winter fun schedule

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The Gulf County Tourist Development Council held its first Winter Guest Reception last week to celebrate those who make Gulf County their home over the frigid months of the year.

Conversation wasn't difficult to strike up since everyone had at least one thing in common: they all loved Gulf County.

More than 100 guests arrived at the Welcome Center and enjoyed seafood, snacks, drinks and live music as they mingled with other visitors to the area.

The event included the launch of the official Winter Fun Schedule, located at www.gcfwinterfun.com, which keeps snowbirds and visitors in the know when it comes to local events that will take place from Jan. through March.

TDC Advisory Council chair-

man David Warriner and executive director Jennifer Jenkins welcomed, or in many cases, welcomed back, the visitors to the area and thanked them for choosing Gulf County as their winter escape.

"I thought the event was wonderful," said Jenkins. "It really was the first time we connected with our winter guests and I enjoyed meeting them."

Since 2010, Carol Hunsberger has spent two months out of her

year living in a house on Cape San Blas.

Hunsberger originally found Gulf County when searching out pet-friendly vacation destinations and has made the trek back every year since her initial visit.

"There's always something interesting and exciting to do," said Hunsberger, a graphic designer and photographer.

Though the remaining months of her year are spent in Columbus, OH, Hunsberger spends her

time on the Cape enjoying the beaches, kayaking and taking photographs.

Her work has appeared on many area flyers and promotional materials, including the brochures for Cape Escape Vacation Rentals.

Hunsberger said that she's looking into lengthening the amount of time she stays each year.

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Snowball fight!

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The students in Darlene Ake's Pre-K class in Wewahitchka enjoyed their annual snowball fight last week, an event that's been a tradition at the school for more than 25 years.

While there may be a noticeable lack of snow in Gulf County, Ake makes up for the uncooperative weather by using marshmallows as the snowballs.

"The kids enjoy and look forward to the snowball fight," said assistant Teresa Redd, who has spent 25 years teaching in Wewahitchka.

The event was BYOM (bring your own marshmallows) and once students were armed and ready, they headed out to the lawn of the Pre-K building and the chaos began, the ground quickly becoming white with

the puffs.

The event was the culmination of the winter events that included nutrition awareness and a visit to the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

"The snowball fight lets the students get outside and have some fun -- plus, they get to hit the teachers with marshmallows," laughed Redd.

After the snowball fight was over and the ground had been cleared, students warmed themselves up indoors with a cup of hot cocoa topped with marshmallows.



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Students at Wewahitchka Pre-K enjoyed the annual snowball fight. The event, which has been held for more than 25 years, had kids tossing marshmallows at teachers, parents and one another. The rules were simple: no hitting in the face. After the brawl, students were treated to warm cocoa.



Smiley confronts commissioners on redundancies

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County Commissioner Tan Smiley said Tuesday he had run in 2010 on a pledge to pursue consolidation between the city of Port St. Joe and the county of what he believed were redundant departments.

He told Port St. Joe commissioners during their regular bi-monthly meeting that he was re-

suming that call.

Echoing comments he made last week during a Board of County Commissioners meeting, Smiley said it was time for city and county officials to seriously analyze consolidating functions such as law enforcement and the building department.

He said the police and building departments were two of seven departments that could be consolidated to save taxpayers money.

"If we can stop money going

out, that is less we have to take in," Smiley said. "I wish you guys would sit down and look seriously at consolidation. This is something we need to look into."

Those comments came after a lengthy monologue in which Smiley, alternately speaking as a citizen and a commissioner, expressed frustration with the inability to perform work in his district, primarily comprising the city limits, compared to work being done in another district.

Smiley specifically came with photos and a presentation about housing being constructed and rehabbed in other districts, from White City to Wewahitchka and Oak Grove.

He said the BOCC also had been able to address storm water issues he could not in his district as well as playground equipment that had been upgraded in a park.

"We are helping people, which

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BOCC tables EDA payment

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In a meeting during which county commissioner sought to establish a new tone, they also took a familiar step.

Commissioners removed from the consent agenda and tabled action on the second quarter invoice submitted by the Gulf County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

The request was straightforward, seeking the \$20,000 payment pledged to the EDA for the second quarter of the fiscal year.

But commissioners sought clarity on the status of the EDA and how the money would be spent.

"We need to see plan of action," said Commissioner Carmen McLemore, who motioned to set the request aside for future action. "How are they spending the money? They have not kept up with contract."

The EDA, including an all-volunteer board, took shape just over a year ago after the BOCC had taken back under its wing the prior manifestation of the agency, the Economic Development Council.

After the EDA was formed, the BOCC entered a contract which will expire this year, fulfilling a five-year funding pledge commissioners had made to the EDC in its most current form, which was operationally under a consolidated model linking the EDC and Chamber of Commerce.

The consolidated model represented the fifth time the BOCC had altered the county's economic development agency during the past 15 years.

The agency has seen a turnover in the executive director position five times over that span.

The funding pledge from the BOCC was \$80,000 a year; \$20,000 a quarter.

However, the past year has been rocky for the EDA, with executive director Barry Sellers out during significant portions of the year due to health issues and resigning from

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the position at the end of 2013 to return to his native Arkansas.

The EDA has linked its efforts to the Bay County EDA through an informal agreement, but currently has little staff and no executive director.

"We need county staff and our attorney to sit down with the EDA to understand responsibilities," Commissioner Warren Yeager said.

WEWAHITCHKA COURTHOUSE

County attorney Jeremy Novak informed commissioners last week that a lease with North Florida Child Development for the historic Wewahitchka courthouse has been finalized.

NFCD has begun making lease payments — \$1 per month on a lease that will roll over with BOCC approval each year — and assuming responsibility for utilities.

Air quality tests in eight locations around the facility have been completed and any required remediation undertaken, Novak added.

NFCD staff asked for leeway in formally moving all its operations to the first floor of the courthouse — the Head Start and Early Head Start provider has long used the upper floor for its headquarters — due to required federal audits the agency is going through and a desire to paint and carpet areas of the first floor.

NFCD president/CEO Sharon Gaskin requested the county enter into the lease in order that NFCD not be forced to move its headquarters and to allow NFCD to maintain the building, of which it is the lone tenant.

The county moved all its offices out of the building a cost-savings measure.

The courthouse is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Commissioners gave county administrator Don Butler the go-ahead to work with officials from the city of Port St. Joe and waste haulers in the county to craft a new step as the BOCC looks to move to mandatory garbage pickup, possibly by the end of the year.

County and city commissioners have expressed in a recent months working together to bring waste management costs down.

The county's contract with Waste Management expires at the end of the May; the city's in September. Butler indicated Wewahitchka's contract also expires in the second half of 2014.

Butler said he was looking at several options: the potential for extending the county's contract to align with Port St. Joe's; examine the potential for the city to opt-out of its contract in May; or some combination of the two.

"We want to be able to bid together to get a better price," Butler said.

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

In last week's story pertaining to an investigation into the alleged illegal taking of alligators on Lake Wimico, the names of those who faced charges was transcribed incorrectly. Sam and Lindsey Page face misdemeanor charges. Brad Causey was initially charged, but the charges were dropped. Wes Halley, who provided authorities with a sworn statement, was never charged. The Star regrets the error.



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The first Winter Guest Reception was held at the TDC Welcome Center and provided visitors with plenty to eat and drink. Live music for the event was provided by Randy Stark, above.

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Dan Underwood of Indiana was enjoying his second four-month stay in Gulf County.

He said that he was looking to venture out to some of the surrounding towns he hadn't seen and was looking forward to finding out why Wewahitchka's Tupelo honey was so good.

"I was looking for somewhere laid back, relaxed and quiet," said Underwood. "I found it."

Russ Galatz was enjoying his first visit to Gulf County along with his wife, Faith, and their dog, Missy.

He'd heard about the area from a friend and decided to stay on the Cape near the Barrier Dunes. The Galatz's rolled into town on New Year's Eve and would be staying through February.

"It's a great community," said Galatz. "It's quaint and not overly developed. It seems to attract good people."

Even though temperatures



Guests mingled with other Gulf County visitors and shared the details on the best places to eat as well as the best day trips.

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during the reception were in the 60s, Galatz said that it was better than the temperatures he had been experiencing in northern Minnesota, his home for the remainder of the year.

Galatz said he was "enamored" with the seafood and had just enjoyed a fun trip to Apalachicola. He said that he and his wife had many day trips planned and anything that they didn't knock out this

year, they'd be sure to hit on a return trip.

"I felt the reception was important because these folks actually live with us for months and we should welcome them," said Jenkins. "They were all very excited about the new schedule of events we have put together with partners throughout the county."

"It also promotes our businesses and shopping locally.

The more people we have the more jobs we can retain."

Complimentary GCFL ice scrapers were given to attendees upon sign-in and though the likelihood of having to use them was slim, they'd be sure to be thinking of Gulf County when chipping away back North.

The next winter guest reception will take place at the Welcome Center on Feb. 19.

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is what government is supposed to do," Smiley said. Yet "you can stop me from doing (the same) work in my own district."

Smiley said he could not come to the Port St. Joe board and make a motion and was constrained in pursuing grants and other funding mechanisms to make needed changes in his district.

City commissioners noted several times that the housing work going on in unincorporated areas was funded by a Community Development Block Grant, while the city has dedicated the current and next CDBG grant cycle on water line replacement in the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe.

A governing body may only have one CDBG per cycle.

Playground improvements Smiley suggested were being funded by a grant secured by the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency.

City Commissioner Rex Buzzett said though Smiley can not make a motion in a City Commission meeting, he could come to any commissioner to work to address problems.

Other than one time — pertaining to issues on Avenue A, which Buzzett noted had been

addressed — Buzzett said Smiley had never come to him.

Mayor Mel Magidson wondered if any city commissioner appearing before the BOCC would be permitted to spend 20 minutes at the podium and also asked if Smiley was willing to support county-wide voting, as 70 percent of county residents have supported at the ballot box.

Smiley's reply was that as long as he was chairman of the BOCC, the podium was available to the public for whatever time was needed.

He replied that he would not support county-wide voting because it was not the solution to the county's ills.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Tension that stemmed from the previous meeting's discussion about the makeup of city volunteer boards arose again as Commissioner Bo Patterson said he would consider a policy to bar anyone from serving on more than one board.

"I love volunteers, but I feel strongly if you are on a board, you should focus all your energy on that board," Patterson said.

He said that was the reason he did not support the re-appointment of Patti Blaylock to the Planning and Development

Review Board and that the lack of a policy created a discussion that should not have occurred during a meeting, leading to bruised feelings.

Buzzett said commissioners have the ability to minimize any problems through the appointment process, and he and city attorney Tom Gibson said a policy could constrain commissioners in the future.

"We have a small pool of volunteers," Buzzett said. "We're the ones choosing."

Resident Tim Nelson said commissioners should aggressively work to bring "new blood" to boards, saying the same familiar names seem to pop up on boards.

"We want turnover," Nelson said. "We should do what we can to get a larger percentage of people on the boards."

Harkening back to the previous meeting, Patterson also questioned policy on commissioners participating in meetings by phone.

"If you are not here, you cannot look people in the face when you vote," Patterson said.

Buzzett, who participated by phone during the last meeting, said he didn't believe Patterson raised the issue about him, but felt a need to respond.

He said he was addressing

medical issues in Texas and had an opportunity to participate. If a commissioner cares enough, is responsible enough and has a legitimate reason to miss a meeting, there should be no reason he should not.

"You are bringing up something that doesn't need to be brought up," Buzzett said. "I don't see a problem."

Magidson said commissioners should be encouraged to participate if they can, and the law allows for absence due to cause.

"Their voice should be heard," Magidson said.

Commissioner Phil McCroan turned to Buzzett and said he had several citizens question him about Buzzett's absence from the meeting, and that is why the item had been placed on the agenda.

CAPE SAN BLAS LIGHTHOUSE

A lampist is in town to take the lens out of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, the first step in the overall relocation process.

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- Fla Rep Beshears
- Gulf County Elected Officials & TDC, Port Authority, SGCFD

- Call to Order
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report

Official Updates & Reports

- Rep Southerland
- Senator Montford
- Rep Beshears
- Insurance Issues
- Taxes & Appraisals
- Tourist Development Council
- Economic Development in Gulf Co.
- Port Authority
- Gulf County Schools
- Gulf County Courts
- Turtles-UF Marine Turtle Research
- Beach Restoration - FEMA
- CBRA progress
- Fire Department
- Sheriff Mike Harrison
- Intersection 98/SR 30A-DOT
- Lighthouse Dilemma
- Other business

- Election of the 2012-2013 Board

Winning essay nets PSJ's Pittman college scholarship



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Chance Pittman was awarded a 2+2 scholarship in a recent essay contest that will get him guaranteed admission to a Florida state college.

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Though only in his first year at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, seventh-grader Chance Pittman has already made his mark.

Pittman, a resident for just a year, was named the winner of a statewide essay competition earning him a 2+2 Florida Scholarship to any of Florida's 12 state universities.

Last October, two students from Ruby Knox's language arts class were given five days to write a 500-word essay on a former Florida governor the student believed made the greatest impact on the state.

"I was really excited to hear that I won," said Pittman. "When I was researching governors, I wanted to look for someone that a lot of people probably wouldn't write about."

Pittman's winning entry focused on the 37th Governor of Florida, Reubin Askew, who served from 1971 until 1979.

Askew is best known for being the youngest governor to ever serve two consecutive terms and was a leading proponent of racial desegregation.

The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University rated Askew as one of the top 10 governors of the 20th century.

"It's an amazing feeling to have one of our students win the big prize," said school

Principal Jeremy Knapp.

Pittman, who enjoys cooking, playing football and jumping on his trampoline, has moved eight times in seven years, but is enjoying his first school year in Port St. Joe.

"I like it," Pittman said. "It's a quiet town."

The 2+2 Florida Plan allows a student to receive an associate's degree from a Florida Junior College and then transfer to an in-state university with guaranteed admission.

With college admission becoming more competitive than ever, Pittman will be able to hand-pick which Florida state college he will attend.

"Now, we have a flood of kids who want to participate in future essay contests," said Knapp. "Chance has really made his mark in only a few months."

Askew has a connection to Gulf County stemming from the full pardon he gave to Freddie Lee Pitts and Wilbert Lee, two black men who were convicted and sentenced to death for the 1963 murder of two white gas station attendants in Port St. Joe.

Pitts and Lee were convicted despite a complete lack of physical evidence. The defendants were ultimately released in 1975 and Askew said he was sufficiently convinced that they were innocent.

The Pitts and Lee case inspired the book, *Invitation to a Lynching*, written by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Miami Herald reporter Gene Miller.

Fitness Challenge 2014 underway

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The challenge is on! A typical New Year's resolution of most Americans is to become healthier or to lose weight. To help facilitate in the effort, Tourist Development Council marketing manager Michelle Perrin and G3 Realty accountant and office manager Kaci Rhodes put together the Fitness Challenge 2014, designed to help members of the community tackle those resolutions head-on.

"It's the New Year and I wanted to get back to being healthy," said Perrin. "I also wanted to open it to the community."

The 12-week challenge began on Jan. 29 and will run through April 3. The cost to enter is \$15 with the pot being awarded to the person who loses the largest percentage of weight.

Perrin began spreading the word online and by

the time the first weigh-in rolled around, they had 63 people sign up, bringing the possible winnings to \$945. Perrin and Rhodes hope to recruit at least five more people to sweeten the deal to an even \$1,000.

Every three weeks, Rhodes weighs in participants at G3 Realty on Reid Ave., though all information is kept confidential. The first weigh-in brought 40 competitors through the door and showed the organizers just how serious people were about the challenge.

"The response has been overwhelming," said Rhodes. "The people who come in are shocked and surprised to see how many people want to get healthier."

Last year, Rhodes taught Zumba classes and hosted a similar event for her students, but wanted this year's challenge to be open to everyone regardless of workout preference.

"We want the

Michelle Perrin and Kaci Rhodes are the organizers of the Fitness Challenge 2014, a community weight-loss effort.

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competition to be a healthy thing," said Perrin. "It's not about who's the skinniest, it's about being healthy and getting the community involved."

"It's just for fun, but we've met so many great people."

A Facebook group, exclusive to participants, was recently launched where challengers can help to encourage and motivate one another, share fitness tips and even healthy recipes.

It's not too late to get involved in the challenge. Those interested in shedding some pounds, or businesses who'd like to sponsor the challenge may contact Perrin at 899-0094 or Rhodes at 348-7798.



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'Who you gonna call?'

One of the things I enjoy most about my drive in to work every day is listening to the radio. Generally, I will switch stations when a commercial comes on the airwaves. I know that's bad, but I feel like I've heard them all.

I don't need to know how to speak Chinese yet and I don't want a month's supply of some sort of medication for something I don't have yet. However, there are those rare occasions when a commercial gets my attention.

This fellow who came on the radio on this particular morning was selling what he said was a service that no one else could give me or even tell me about. First of all, he asked the question, "Did somebody die in your house?"

This is a morbid sounding question and I'm not one to make fun of dying. However, eventually we all will.

This fellow went on to ask, "Did you realize that it is not required in 47 of 50 states to tell potential buyers if someone died in the house being sold?"

I said to myself, "I never really thought about that."

This fellow's point was that it brings down the value of the house or potentially could bring down the value of the house.

It still puzzled me. Most of the time, we can't necessarily pick where we expire or exit or whatever the best way to put it is.

Then I thought about it...

This fellow was worried about ghosts and bad spirits and stuff like that being left around the house when someone "leaves" from there.

That kind of ghost stuff really doesn't bother me. I thought about it as I drove to work.

This fellow was on the radio selling a service that will tell you if someone died in the house you are thinking about buying. There must be a market for such things or this fellow wouldn't be on the radio hawking the service.

Later that evening, this was still bearing on my mind, so I started doing a little research.

It didn't take long to find another fellow who claimed that if someone had died in your house or if your house had bad spirits or such things, he could solve your problem and help you sell your house.

Now I had heard the fellow on the radio helping folks looking to buy a house find out if someone had expired in the house they were thinking about buying and the fellow saying if you

were selling with the same situation - he could help.

This fellow billed himself as a "house healer."

His information noted the following.

"Since 1993, he has specialized in clearing homes and businesses of energetic debris, resulting from violent or lingering deaths, divorces, family trauma, management struggles, and other negative influences."



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How did this fellow do this? Did he go in and throw salt over his shoulder? Did it involve cats of different colors?

Perhaps he burned some incense or just walked around "knocking on wood."

Maybe he even uses a vacuum cleaner.

When we hear of such things, we think of the movie "Ghostbusters" made in 1984 and all that green stuff that looked like Jell-O that never really set. It would be interesting to find out.

This fellow even has a contract where you could choose one of two options. You could pay him a flat fee or you could pay him a "scaled fee based on outcome."

That last one has a fish hook in it.

The bottom line is if you sell your house within a given number of days, you pay him a certain amount. The quicker you sell it, I suppose the more he gets.

On this deal, the folks have to understand that the fellow who fixes the bad energy provides "no guarantee" other than he will perform his services to the best of his ability. I probably don't need to tell you this either, but he is in California if you need him.

Where else would he be?

I'm a math guy... This fellow has figured out a great thing. If someone sells their house, they are happy and he gets paid for getting rid of bad energy or something none of us can see.

Please note that I'm not saying it does not exist. I do not know. I just know that he's getting a cut of the deal for throwing salt over his shoulder or burning candles or something.

Sounds like this fellow is pretty smart to me. I'm starting to feel bad about the gopher rats I killed under my first house. The folks who live there now might be getting some energetic debris from that event.

Oh well, life goes on and I lost my rabbit's foot years ago.

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Dad nixed pony and long hair

Birthdays are kinda like the ancient merry-go-round that once proudly twirled at the Carroll County Fair. The more that whirligig got wound up, the faster it went. The first few turns, you weren't sure you were moving, but let me tell you, once it got a little centrifugal force going, look out!

It took a million jars of strained Gerber bananas to get me to my first birthday. And I don't remember one thing about it. I hope and pray Mom didn't stick one of those silly cone shaped hats with the little rubber tie that went under the neck on me. Ye, gads!

Miss Carolyn made my seventh birthday memorable. She had me stand in front of the whole first grade as she announced it was "Kesley's Day". A class full of young people.....who turn out to be life long friends.....clapped appropriately. I had never felt so honored! And I got to lead the pledge, eat first and dust the erasers. Every little boy/girl needs to feel "celebrated" at least once at that stage in their life.

It took forever and a half for my tenth birthday to roll around. But I'd had plenty of time to think. "Mom, can I get a pony?" She launched into the cost and care required for such an investment..... Daddy, wasting no time on explanations, answered with a crisp "no". He wasn't going to feed something that was too small to plow, didn't give milk and wouldn't bring a tinker's hoot at the Tri-County Stockyard auction. They gave me a Bible with my name on it. Leon quickly pointed out that it contained lots of stories about donkeys, oxen, stables and all sorts of animals.

It took an eon and two eternities for my thirteenth birthday to arrive. Mother made such a

big deal about me becoming a "teenager". I failed to catch any significance here. Oh sure, I was



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

venturing out a little. I was growing taller. I'd hang around Frank's Dairy Bar for more than the burger and shakes. Pam, Squeaky, Ann Carol, Ricky, Bonnie.....we talked about life and what high school would be like. I was surveying my existence with a bit more inquisitive, howbeit, awkward eye. But still, no pony.

By sixteen I had it all figured out. If only I could have retained the intelligence, foresight, knowledge and assuredness that accompanied that birthday! And listen to this, as some type of validation of my brilliance and cosmopolitan persona, they gave me a driver's license! I no longer had to "hoof it" or "pedal" to town. I could roll the window down, comb my crew cut straight up and cruise into Frank's with the attention and fanfare that I deserved. Life doesn't get much better than being sixteen!

If only my parents could have been as insightful, as sharp, as hip as me, life would truly have been like the songs Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee and Elvis were belting out of every radio, jukebox and record player in sight! Dad worked the fool out of us, restricted my driving to almost zero, wouldn't let me grow a ducktail, made us "be home for supper" and didn't even notice my new penny loafers.

By my eighteen birthday I wasn't so sure anymore. Janice, Rollin, Don, Ruth Ann.....the same ole group, would sit in the back booth at Frank's and discuss the reality that our high school days were nearing an end. You talk about anxieties and uncertainty! I'm not sure what happened between my sixteenth

and eighteenth birthday but I felt about six years old all over again! We were talking choices and possibilities that I'm not sure any of us were ready for.

My nineteenth birthday was the absolute worst! I was 212 miles from the house. It was cold. And snowing. I had no pony. No party. I had met several new college friends but studying, ball practice, term papers and pacifying demanding professors took way more precedent over a trifling birthday. I had never been so alone!

Nothing makes you appreciate a birthday more.....than when you spend one by yourself.

Twenty-one was supposedly the "coming of age" party. Except, it didn't work that way for me! There was no celebration of manhood. No conscious passage of some type of rites from boy to adult. Shucks, I was still fighting those college wars. Maybe I had grown.....a little. It could be that it just takes a lot of birthdays for the lights to come on. And you talk about interesting twists, I was knee deep into "higher education", but it was my Father who was getting smarter every day.

It was about along here that the birthday carousel ramped up to warp speed. Work, wife, sons, car payments, birthdays went twirling by like high line poles on some super highway. At forty, I didn't feel "over the hill". At fifty, I didn't think "middle aged". At sixty, I realized there is no way to slow the sled. This January, as I celebrate another birthday, my overriding thought is "How did I get here so fast?" Blur comes to mind.....

But I have not lost hope. Life is what you make of it at any age. This is a story of triumph and joy. And hope. There might just be a pony in the back yard this very morning.

Respectfully,
Kes

House District 7 would benefit from Enterprise Zones

Special to The Star

State Rep. Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) recently filed HB 611, an act relating to Rural Areas of Opportunity. The bill renames the former Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC) to reflect a more current representation of the collaborative efforts to focus on the economic opportunities and potential in our rural counties.

In addition, the bill includes revisions for rural infrastructure awards and qualifications to be more competitive with other states and allows for the development of designated targeted industries for rural counties beginning in 2014 that would be specific to the region.

As Florida's economy continues to improve and the state invests millions of dollars into economic development activity, rural Florida needs to be a part of the discussion and have the ability to capitalize on business growth and recruitment.

A key component in HB 611 is that any county in a RACEC region will automatically be designated an Enterprise Zone. Florida's Enterprise Zone program was created to encourage capital investment and job creation in distressed areas through tax credits and refunds. They are specific geographic area targeted for economic revitalization.

Of the \$16,299,681 state dollars awarded to businesses located in Enterprise Zones, only \$2.3 million of those dollars were awarded in Florida's 32 rural counties. In 2012, the state conducted a study to assess what economic development activities could be formulated to enhance business development in rural Florida.

Among the many proposals included in the report was a clear recommendation to expand the Enterprise Zone program in rural Florida.

"As part of the rural economic development legislation I have filed

for the 2014 Session, a number of revisions to the rural Enterprise Zone program are included to boost rural counties' ability to recruit businesses into these zones," Beshears said.

Rather than limiting the scope of these zones, we need to expand and designate the entire rural county as an Enterprise Zone. By eliminating limits on where a business can locate, we will create true incentives to grow businesses in our rural regions.

As our rural counties continue to face difficult challenges in their efforts to improve their economies, it is imperative that we remain proactive in our efforts to compete with urban areas and gain parity for our rural counties in opportunities for growth and progression.

The modifications in this legislation will help level the playing field to ensure rural Florida has a fighting chance to attract jobs.

Letter to the EDITOR

Citizens push for respect, decency and civility

Dear Editor,
The following was delivered to the Mexico Beach city council during its Jan. 14 meeting.

Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers,
You are all a reflection on our small community. Our neighbors in Gulf County, our neighbors in Bay County and all

our tourists who shop in Mexico Beach, eat in our restaurants and spend money in Mexico Beach, watch our meetings on television, read about your behavior in the papers and watch your behavior on the news. And I'm sure they are not impressed, so I stand here today with all the women and men who agree that this council, the city manager, and especially the mayor need to be reminded to treat your

fellow councilmembers and your citizens with respect!
When a councilperson has a question, or a concern, a suggestion, or an idea, an opposing view or related information, they should be allowed to state that without ridicule, heavy sighs, rolling of the eyes, constant interruptions or disrespectful responses.
Children in the schoolyard follow the bully, not because they

like the bully, but out of fear of being his next victim if they don't. We need to stop acting like children.
The tone is set at the top and the council sets the tone for the rest of the town.
We're here today in solidarity to say we're watching you and we're standing up for a push for decency, civility and respect in government.
Candice Burgess
Mexico Beach

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A guide to managing someone else's finances

Anyone who's ever been asked to step in and manage their parents' or someone else's personal finances can tell you that it's an awesome responsibility – and by "awesome," I don't mean "totally cool." It's more like "inspiring an overwhelming feeling of fear." (Thank you, Dictionary.com.)

In recognition that millions of Americans act as fiduciaries (i.e., manage money or property) for loved ones, often with no formal training or expertise, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has created four, easy-to-understand caregiver guides called "Managing Someone Else's Money" (at www.consumerfinance.gov).

CFPB Director Richard Cordray notes that there are 50 million older Americans – and millions of aging baby boomers are rapidly approaching retirement. Some 22 million people over 60 have already given someone power of attorney to make their financial decisions, and millions of others – including younger disabled adults – have court-appointed guardians or other fiduciaries. "In order to protect our seniors, we must educate the caregiver generation," he explains.

Sometimes that means learning more about the financial products and services available to seniors to help them make informed choices. But often, it's the caregivers themselves who must make critical decisions – whether they've got power of attorney for a parent with Alzheimer's or have been tapped to manage Social Security benefits for a disabled friend.

The CFPB guides are geared toward people in four different fiduciary capacities:

- Someone has granted you "power of attorney" to make money and property decisions on his or her behalf.
- "Court-appointed guardian," where a court appoints you guardian over a person's money and property when they can't manage it themselves.
- You're named as "trustee" under someone's revocable living trust and have decision-making powers over the trust's assets.
- "Government fiduciary," where you've been appointed by the government to manage someone's Social Security

or Veterans Administration income benefits.

The CFPB cites four main responsibilities for fiduciaries:

- Act in the person's best interest. For example, a fiduciary shouldn't loan or give the person's money to themselves or others and should avoid other conflicts of interest. The guides provide examples of actions that may pose conflicts.
- Manage money and property carefully. This includes paying bills on time, protecting unspent funds, investing carefully, and maintaining a list of all monies, properties and debts.
- Keep your money and property separate. This means paying the person's expenses from his or her own funds, and avoiding joint accounts.
- Maintain good records: Keep detailed lists of money received or spent on the person's behalf, avoid paying in cash in order to have a record of purchases, and keep all receipts.

The guides walk caregivers through their fiduciary responsibilities and provide practical money-management ideas, such as what sorts of records you should keep, how to interact with banks and other professionals on their behalf, and suggestions for avoiding conflicts with family members and friends who disagree with your actions.

They also provide tips for spotting financial exploitation and avoiding scams. As Cordray notes, seniors "make attractive targets because they often have tangible household wealth – whether it is in retirement savings or home equity – but they may be isolated or lonely or otherwise susceptible to being influenced by a predator in disguise."

Bottom line: Fiduciaries must be trustworthy, honest and act in good faith. If you don't meet these standards you could be removed from the position, sued, forced to repay ill-spent money or possibly even jailed. That's why it's important to make sure you're qualified before accepting the responsibility of watching over someone's finances.

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



JASON ALDERMAN

On the subject of...

By LOREN SIPRELL
Special to The Star

The Right's equivalent of Alec Baldwin, Ted Nugent, wrote a rather thought-provoking column last week asking "What Martin Luther King Jr. would think of the current state of affairs of the black culture in America."

When I say thought-provoking what I really mean to say is: ignorant and misguided. I believe an article like his comes out every year around this time; a scathing review of black progress written by a white man who has little to no understanding of the plight of the black American, or more aptly, no desire to understand.

Most of my liberal comrades will be quick to lambaste the Nuge as racist but I'm not 100 percent convinced that is the case. Don't get me wrong, viewing the black community in these white-privileged colored glasses has a tinge of unconscious racism but I don't think that is what primarily motivates this type of thought. I believe Ted suffers from the same illness most conservatives do, which is the view that everyone is on a level playing field now. I can hear him say it now, "Women and Blacks, we all play by the same rules now so get your crap together and grow up!"

It's my opinion that this is far from the case.

In his article he points out that black Americans make up only 13 percent of the population but account

for 50 percent of the prison population. While this statistic is correct what he fails to leave out, I assume accidentally or for lack of space, is that 59 percent of those incarcerated are serving sentences on drug offenses. That might cause some in the white community to say, "Well good! Drugs are bad!" but these same statistics will show that white Americans are five times more likely to be illicit drug users than black Americans. Let's not forget the disparity between sentencing for crack cocaine and powder cocaine; prior to the Fair Sentencing act there was a 100:1 ratio, so one gram of crack would carry the same penalty as 100 grams of powder cocaine. Though studies have proven that one is no more addictive than the other; although one is more closely associated with "urban areas" ... can you guess which one?

Of course Ted doesn't attribute racially biased drug laws, or racist cops to the virtual black concentration camp that is the American penal system but instead lays the blame at, of course, the federal government's "War on poverty". He states, "... the destruction of black America is a result of Fedzilla's \$16 trillion and 50-year-old so-called war on poverty, which created a cycle of dependency, destruction and culture rot for black America."

Say what you will about President Johnson's "War

on poverty" but it did serve to give a leg-up to the suffering communities of our nation. It helped create Medicare and Medicaid, which gives insurance to senior citizens and low income families. It was responsible for Head Start programs and a number of grass-roots, community ran (but government funded) programs that would help educate citizens, find work, etc. The purpose was never to create a system of dependency but the exact opposite, to help the disenfranchised of this country move up the ladder.

What irritates me the most is that Nugent and other conservative windbags like Rush Limbaugh spout this and seem to forget that the black community, if I may so humbly say, is a product of our own society. It is our culture, our society, and our citizens. It wasn't until 1965 that we even allowed the black community to participate in the voting process and conservatives just expect them to all of a sudden wake up and take pride in themselves?! We disenfranchised an entire race of people for over a century, told them they were less than, that they didn't deserve the rights that white Americans receive and then when white America finally gave them what is rightfully theirs we have the audacity to blame them for all the woes they inflict. We forced them into slums by not allowing them an

opportunity to participate in "the American Dream", we allow guns to flow through every orifice of this country like water through a tap then blame them for killing each other because life just doesn't seem worth as much in their community because that is, in part, what history has taught them.

The black community in America is a community that has had to fight tooth and nail just for something as simple as eating pie at the counter of a dinner in Mississippi and Ted Nugent, the man that wrote 'Cat Scratch Fever' thinks it's his place to tell them they need to shape up!

White America, excuse me, white Republican America needs to wake up and realize that the supposed tragedy that is the black community in America is a by-product of our actions.

In the words of Jay-Z, "Eventually the pendulum swings; don't forget America, this is how you made me."

Thought it's probably more apropos to close with a Martin Luther King Jr. quote, this seems the most appropriate. "It's all right to tell a man to lift himself by his own bootstraps, but it is cruel jest to say to a bootless man that he ought to lift himself by his own bootstraps."

Comments can be directed to: on.subject.of@gmail.com Loren Siprell is a resident of Port St. Joe.

Asthma: Not a usual childhood disease

By the staff at MyGulfCare
Special to The Star

When we hear about chicken pox and measles, we think of them as the "usual childhood diseases." Not so much anymore, though, with the very effective vaccinations now available. Asthma may not be high on the list of "usual" occurrences, although many children deal with asthma every day and it is increasingly more common among adults.

Asthma is a long-term disease that affects more than 20 million Americans of

all ages. It is a disease of the lungs in which the airway passage becomes narrowed, causing breathing to be difficult. There are two main categories — allergic and non-allergic. Either can be well-controlled with medication and attention. It is important to partner with a primary care provider to develop a treatment plan that will help you achieve the goal of long-term management. Some basic goals of treatment are to prevent chronic and troublesome symptoms, such as coughing and shortness of breath, to

reduce the need for rescue or quick-relief medicine, to maintain good lung function, to prevent attacks that could result in the need for emergency hospital intervention, and to let you maintain your normal activity level and sleep well through the night.

Controlling asthma requires an active partnership between the patient or caregiver and health care provider. If the patient is over 10 years old, they should participate in the plan. An asthma-management plan is unique for each person

and can change frequently depending on what triggers the symptoms. Asthma can be triggered by allergies and the body's natural response. Strenuous physical activity can also trigger an attack. Knowing what triggers symptoms, how to stay away from those things, what medications to take and the proper use of each, as well as what to do to stop an attack from becoming an emergency, is essential to creating a plan.

For more information contact MyGULFCare at 229-5606 or 227-1276, ext. 132.

VARIANCE NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold a Meeting to discuss a Request for a Variance on **February 11, 2014, 4:00pm EST**, at City Hall at 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd. Port St. Joe, FL for **Quin and Patricia Lowery** located at **1612 Palm Blvd. Parcel # 05219-020R**. The reason for the request is Per Section **3.03(9)** of the Land Development Regulations. The proposed plans can be reached at the Building Department located at: 1002 10th St. and can be reached for questions at (850) 229-1093.

All persons are invited to attend this meeting. Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Development Review Board with respect to any matter considered at said meeting will need a record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The Planning and Review Board of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida wil not provide a verbatim record of this meeting.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, persons needing special acomodations to participate in these proceedings should contact Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk, City of Port St. Joe, at City Hall, (850) 229-8261.

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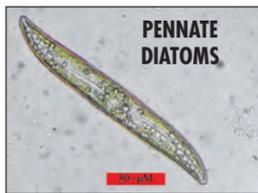
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Edaphic algae in salt marshes

By Tom Baird
Special to The Star

On first inspection of our salt marshes, the visitor's attention is captured by the tall grasses. Cordgrass flourishes along the banks of tidal creeks and dark Needle Rush dominates the higher marsh. The visual beauty of vast expanses of marsh grasses has inspired poets like Sidney Lanier and become a favorite of nature photographers. Yet in winter we may think the marsh is dormant and that there is little productivity. The marsh grasses are not flourishing and producing organic matter to sustain the marine life in the bay or Gulf.

However, much goes on in a salt marsh that escapes the glance of the casual visitor. Biologists document a teeming community of organisms thriving at the surface of the marsh. Many of these organisms are microscopic plants which



take nutrients brought in by the tides and with sunlight transform them into carbon compounds that support grazers in the marsh and other life forms in the nearby sea. These tiny plants create a dynamic mosaic of forms that nourish the marsh.

One of the most interesting groups living on the surface of the muds in a marsh is the diatoms. Diatoms are a type of brownish or yellowish algae. Diatoms living on the surface of muds are termed edaphic, and large numbers of them can color the marsh substrate a golden brown. Scrape the surface of the mud and examine the material under

a microscope. The slimy material is active with life forms. The diatoms are easy to distinguish from the other microscopic plants. The diatoms have a stiff glass-like outer capsule called a frustule. That capsule is made of silica and is a characteristic shape and size for each species of diatom. In addition, the frustule of each species of diatom has its own characteristic set of markings such as bumps, pores and ridges. While other algae have varying shapes, the diatoms appear uniform, gem-like.

All of the soil diatoms and many of the freshwater species and marine benthic species belong to a group called the pennate diatoms. The pennate diatoms have a frustule that is generally oblong, elongated or boat-shaped. Worldwide there are 2900 species of pennate diatoms, and all of the edaphic diatoms of salt marshes are pennate. In addition, many

of the pennate diatoms are motile, that is they can move. This enables them to migrate to optimum light conditions in the marsh.

In addition to diatoms, the marsh surface is home to a variety of filamentous algae that often form mats at the water's edge and between the stalks of marsh grasses. Important in this group are the blue-green algae, so called because they contain chlorophyll and photosynthesize, yet structurally they are bacteria, lacking the internal membrane structure of algae. Because blue-green bacteria often possess tolerances for extremes of temperature and drying, they are often found in the salt pans or salt barrens – those large, flat areas of high soil salinity caused by the receding tide. In these areas algal mats sometimes form. The blue-green bacteria thrive in the bright sunlight and as the water evaporates, form

black sections that look like broken pieces of pavement. The blue-green bacteria are important not only as producers, but many of the species found in salt marshes are nitrogen fixers – taking the gaseous nitrogen from the atmosphere and incorporating it into a stable and usable form for the higher plants. Much as you may fertilize your garden, the blue-green bacteria fertilize the marsh.

The two components of marsh production, edaphic algae and marsh grasses, interact with one another to create alternating peaks of production. In spring, grass growth is slow while light intensity increases. The more rapidly metabolizing single-celled algae utilize the increasing light and algal production steadily increases. By summer, the grasses shade the substrate and algal production decreases while the standing crop of grasses increases until fall.

When the grass cover diminishes in the fall, the algae use the still high light intensities for another peak of production. On sunny winter days, algal production can still be high. The algae even out productivity in the marsh by functioning in winter when the marsh grasses die back and sunlight reaches the substrate. The interaction of these two components ensures maximum production of the marsh over the year and over the entire marsh surface. You can see this without a microscope, at least in mass, when the surfaces of the marsh muds are colored pinks and greens.

Tom Baird has been a fisheries biologist, high school and community college teacher (oceanography and microbiology), director of a science and environmental center, teacher of science and principal in Pinellas County as well as an educational consultant.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Jan. 23	53°	41°	0 %
Fri, Jan. 24	51°	46°	0 %
Sat, Jan. 25	58°	47°	10 %
Sun, Jan. 26	56°	38°	20 %
Mon, Jan. 27	64°	42°	- %
Tues, Jan. 28	64°	42°	- %
Wed, Jan. 29	64°	42°	- %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
23	Th	3:53pm 0.8		5:05am 0.0	
24	Fr	4:22pm 0.9		2:19am -0.2	
25	Sa	5:02pm 1.1		2:49am -0.4	
26	Su	5:50pm 1.3		3:31am -0.7	
27	Mo	6:44pm 1.4		4:17am -0.8	
28	Tu	7:41pm 1.4		5:04am -0.9	
29	We	8:40pm 1.4		5:51am -0.9	
30	Th	9:39pm 1.2		6:36am -0.8	
31	Fr	10:38pm 1.1		7:15am -0.6	
1	Sa	11:38pm 0.8		7:44am -0.3	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
23	Th	8:24am 0.6	7:47pm 1.1	2:25am 0.1	1:05pm 0.4
24	Fr	10:15am 0.6	8:27pm 1.1	3:47am 0.0	1:40pm 0.6
25	Sa	9:14pm 1.1		5:11am -0.2	
26	Su	10:11pm 1.2		6:21am -0.4	
27	Mo	3:14pm 0.9	11:16pm 1.2	7:19am -0.5	6:08pm 0.9
28	Tu	3:44pm 1.0		8:11am -0.6	7:24pm 0.9
29	We	12:23am 1.2	4:12pm 1.0	8:57am -0.7	8:22pm 0.8
30	Th	12:7am 1.2	4:36pm 1.0	9:40am -0.7	9:12pm 0.7
31	Fr	2:29am 1.2	4:58pm 1.0	10:20am -0.6	10:00pm 0.5
1	We	12:3am 1.3	5:17pm 1.0	9:53am -0.8	9:17pm 0.9

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Seventh annual Sportsman's Banquet set for March 13

Special to The Star

What better way to wish fall away and usher in spring than to spend the evening at the 7th annual Panhandle Sportsman's Banquet sharing with friends your outdoor adventures of the fall and planning new ones for the spring. One of the area's most anticipated sportsmen's events is soon to occur.

The date of the annual Panhandle Sportsman's Banquet has been set for Thursday evening.

March 13. Port St. Joe Lions Club members are busy working to make this year's event not only one of the biggest and best ever, but another special moment to remember.

Attendees will enjoy the historic surroundings of the Port St. Joe Centennial Building while socializing with numerous area sportsmen and friends, and enjoying appetizers of Apalachicola oysters, boiled shrimp and all the trimmings beginning at 5 p.m. ET. The beverage bar will also open at that time.

At 6:30 p.m. the serious eating begins. Chef Charlie Norton's "famous, no-man-left-hungry" ribeye steaks will take up a goodly portion of the dinner plate, leaving just enough room for the salad, potato, rolls and dessert.

The Centennial Building will remove the threat of inclement weather impacting the evening and provide the backdrop of the historic building, erected in recognition of the signing site of Florida's First Constitution.

At 7:30 p.m., it's time to let a few notches out of your belt and get ready for the real excitement. Over \$20,000 worth of contributions and prizes will be distributed to the guests through live auctions and raffles. A few of the items offered will include over 25 shotguns, hunting rifles and pistols, along with numerous other outdoor products. There will also be items available for women and children. This will mark the fourth year of the \$8,000 cash drawing held during the event. The lucky winner could win up to \$8,000 if his ticket is drawn last from the box, but each ticket holder will have a one in 25 chance of at least doubling their money.

Tickets for the event are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. They can be purchased at Hannon Insurance and Ramsey's Printing and Office Products in Port St. Joe and from any



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Lions Club member. Additional information or ticket purchases can be made by calling 227-1133, 227-7767 or 527-1338.

The real winners at this year's banquet will be the beneficiaries

of the community service projects supported by the Lions Club. Over \$15,000 was raised at 2013's banquet, 100 percent of which is distributed for community service programs in this area of the panhandle.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Inshore/Bay

Inshore fishing is improving this week as the weather is heating back up to normal temperatures. We are getting good reports from the snowbirds on Cape San Blas and in the state park on whiting catches and a few pompano this week. Most locals are finding good trout and red fish in the ICW canal using live shrimp near the power lines area.

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Palmer returning to PSJ; Tillman hired at Wewa

By TIM CROFT
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The rumors pertaining to the next high school football coaches in Gulf County became fact on Friday.

The application window closed for Friday and school officials have already forwarded recommendations to Superintendent Jim Norton.

The recommendation of Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School was to hire former Bozeman High School coach Loren Tillman as the next athletic director/football coach.

Out of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School came a recommendation for a reunion, with John Palmer

getting the nod to return to coach the Tiger Sharks, who he led to the 2005 state championship.

Norton said he agreed with the recommendations and will put them before the Gulf County School Board next month for formal approval.

Palmer, who amassed a 57-27 record in seven years at Port St. Joe, left in 2008 for Hernando High School and a chance to coach his alma mater.

"He left for a rare opening to coach his alma mater but now he gets a chance to come back to where he now considers home, Port St. Joe," Norton said.

Palmer stepped down as football coach at Hernando two years ago to address health issues, but

has a clean bill of health and has been a presence on a volunteer basis for the Tiger Sharks the past two years.

He has done some scouting for Coach Chuck Gannon, who retires at the end of the school year, and had worked the press box as a volunteer assistant for some games, particularly in the past year.

"The job Chuck has done the past two years to get the program back on track is a large part of all this," Palmer said. "Our goal is to keep that upswing going. That is the job of next year's team - to keep that going."

"We are very excited and can't wait to get to work."

Due to Gannon's retire-

ment, Palmer's official hire date is March 24, allowing him to assume the reins of the football team in advance of the May 1 opening of spring football.

Tillman, who stepped aside as Bozeman football coach after 14 years, the last nine on the varsity level, will be, to some degree, going home.

His mother and father are from multi-generational Wewahitchka families and he said that when he graduated from Florida State University nearly two decades ago, Wewahitchka High School was the first place he looked for a job, though no openings existed.

"I feel like this has been a 19-year journey," Tillman said. "I'm extremely excit-

ed. It's a great opportunity for me, to get some place I want to be and a place where so much of my family is."

"I'm excited for me and excited for my parents. The people there have been 100 percent great to me."

Tillman will remain on Bay County's payroll through the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

He will start at Wewahitchka the following day.

But Tillman said he would take a leave of absence in the spring to be involved in spring football, including arriving early in the afternoon to be involved in weight training.

"I want to get in there and start building a relationship with the kids and getting out in the commu-

nity so they can know what I am all about before we get into spring football," Tillman said.

Tillman said he was also excited that Coach Dennis Kizziah, who has officially stepped down as football coach and athletic director but has one more year at the school, will be on hand to assist in the transition and showing him the ropes of his new job.

Norton said the new hires fit for a seamless transition as Palmer returns to a school he is familiar with; Tillman to a community in which he has deep roots.

"We are so excited because we really get to keep continuity of where the programs are going," Norton said.

PSJ girls fall in district soccer finals

Star Staff Report

After four trips to Tallahassee and three games over a five-day period, the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School girls lost in the District 1-1A championship game to host Maclay.

"They are a fast and talented team," said Port St. Joe coach Gary Hindley.

Maclay won 4-1 and sent Port St. Joe (9-4-3) out on the road again for tonight's regional playoff match at Orange Park.

Maclay scored three unanswered goals in the first half to take command of the game. The Lady Tiger Sharks got on the scoreboard when senior midfielder Christian Laine scored off a Brittany Shoemaker corner kick early in the second half.

Cat Robles put in another tally but was whistled for a foul just before scoring, wiping out the goal.

Maclay scored with 15 minutes remaining to complete the scoring.

Maclay outshot Port St. Joe 20-4. Celeste Chiles, in goal for the Lady Tiger Sharks, had nine saves.

SEMIFINAL

Port St. Joe scored early and received an insurance goal late in beating Rocky Bayou 2-0 in the district semifinals.

The Lady Tiger Sharks scored in the 19th minute when a corner kick from Shoemaker was deflected into the net by a Rocky Bayou defender for an "own" goal.

Kathleen Rish scored her 15th goal of the season unassisted in the 76th minute to complete the scoring.

Chiles, just an eighth-grader, was in goal for the shutout, her seventh of the year, lowering her goals against average to 1.255.

QUARTERFINAL

Port St. Joe opened the district tournament with an 8-0 rout of West Gadsden in a game ended on the mercy rule.

Robles had a hat trick leaving her with six goals for the season, and she added one assist for a seven-point night.

Kathleen Rish scored twice and registered two assists and Laine had a goal and an assist.

Lexie McGhee is now a perfect seven-for-seven on penalty kicks after converting one and Cailyn LaPlante added a goal, Hayley Wood an assist (a team-leading fourth).

Chiles earned the win, making just one save on two shots. She shared the shutout with Laine, who had no saves and faced no shots.

The Lady Tiger Sharks had 28 to two for West Gadsden.

PSJ boys win district tourney opener

Star Staff Report

Coming off a two-game winning streak to end the regular season, the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School boys' soccer team opened District 1-1A tournament play Monday with a 3-1 win over West Gadsden.

The Tiger Sharks faced the Tallahassee Maclay-Rocky Bayou Tuesday night in the semifinals.

The district title game is 7 p.m. ET Friday at Maclay.

The Tiger Sharks took a very early lead as Marcel Duarte scored the quickest goal in school history when he scored unassisted just 22 seconds into the match.

West Gadsden answered with its lone goal in the 42nd minute, before Port St. Joe senior

Drew Lacour scored on a penalty kick at the 46th minute.

Cole Cryderman finished the Tiger Shark scoring in the 59th minute on an assist from Duarte.

Tyler Alford once again got the start in goal and was called on to make seven saves on 13 shots. The Tiger Sharks had 11 shots.

District heats up for Tiger Sharks

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The preliminaries are largely over as the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School boys' basketball team enters the District 4-1A main event.

With three district games last week and three more this week, the Tiger Sharks are trying to snatch a bit of elusive momentum with the playoffs looming.

The Tiger Sharks enter the week 9-10 overall, 3-4 in district play, with three crucial district road games directly in their path.

Port St. Joe comes off a week during which it trounced Liberty County and Franklin County around a loss at South Walton.

"We picked up two big district wins and South Walton is as good as that program has ever been," said Port St. Joe coach Derek Kurnitsky. "We are coming around a little bit. We are playing our kind of basketball, pressing, running. I think the team is really focused right now which is good for a young team."

"We are a bit more consistent right now and we have more depth than we have had this season. I am pleased where we are."

The Tiger Sharks were at district-leading West Gadsden on Tuesday, play at Bozeman tonight and travel to Liberty County Saturday.

A visit by Liberty County got last week off to a rousing start as the Tiger Sharks had one of their more consistent offensive performances in a 66-39 victory.

Port St. Joe carved out a 26-11 halftime lead and pushed it to 49-21 after three periods.

T.J. Williams had 17 points and Kyran Batson 16 to lead Port St. Joe.

Sergio Clemons added eight points, Jarkeice Davis and Marquez Johnson put in seven points apiece, Marcel Johnson had five, Chad Quinn four, Natron Lee two and Luke Gallo-way two.

The Port St. Joe junior varsity lost to Liberty County 53-47.

Jasmine Thomas had 15 points, Tyrek Sims added nine and Tyson Davis seven.

Two nights later, the Tiger Sharks traveled to South Walton.

The Seahawks turned the tables, jumping to a 40-25 lead at halftime and not allowing Port St. Joe to chip much away the rest of the game.

"The score was really

not indicative," Kurnitsky said. "We fought really hard and the shots just did not fall. You are going to have games like that."

Clemons led Port St. Joe with 16 points and Marquez Johnson added 10.

Williams had nine, Batson six, Marcel Johnson four, Lee two and Gallo-way one.

In junior varsity action, Port St. Joe beat South Walton 51-38 as Thomas led the way with 13 points.

Ethan Sander had 12 and Travis Roberson six.

The following night Port St. Joe welcomed rival Franklin County and came up big in a 73-56 victory.

"It was close early and we had a push late in the first half and then scored the first 14 points of the second half," Kurnitsky said. "We could have won by 30 points, but we kind of pulled back on the press."

"That was probably the most complete game we have played all season. I thought the kids were really focused."

Williams again led the way with 18 points, Marquez Johnson (14) and Lee (12) the other players in double figures.

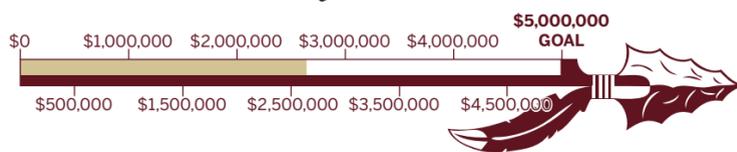
Clemons had nine, Batson seven, Caleb Odom five and Thomas and Quinn each added four points.



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Kevin and Cindy Steiger, of Apalachicola, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine "Katie" Steiger, to Adam Hodge, son of Keith and Carla Hodge, of Boonville, Ind.

The couple was engaged over the Christmas holidays. They plan to have an outdoor wedding during

the fall of 2014.

Katie and Adam are true high school sweethearts, Katie graduating with the class of 2010, and Adam the class of 2011, both from Port St. Joe High School. They are very happy to share their engagement announcement with all their friends in Apalachicola and Port St. Joe.

SEA Art Walk call to artists

Star Staff Report

The Society of Expressive Artists (SEA) will hold its third annual Art Walk on Feb. 15 in Mexico Beach alongside the annual Mexico Beach Gumbo Cook-off.

Each February the cook-off brings thousands of people to Mexico Beach

and SEA will sponsor an Art Walk at various locations along U.S. Highway 98.

SEA is seeking local artists interested in showcasing their work. Artists can also use the opportunity to join the organization.

The cost is \$5 for SEA members, \$25 for non-

members and \$35 for those who want to showcase and join the organization.

The application deadline has been extended to Feb. 3.

Interested artists may download the application from the SEA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sea.artists.

SEA is a group of local

artists that reside in coastal communities along the Florida panhandle.

The goal of the group is to provide a forum for local artists to promote their work, share ideas and opportunities, to network with other artist organizations and to identify and create art exhibit venues.

Senior Citizens to have Miss Gulf County Valentine's Pageant

Special to The Star

For more than 30 years, the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association has sponsored the Miss Gulf County Valentine's Pageant. This event is an evening of absolute fun for the entire family and is centered around our beautiful young ladies in age categories from infants through high school seniors. There is a category for every age group.

There are some very nice prizes to be given away. About 25 door prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Each contestant

will receive a memento for participation and a college scholarship will be given away to Miss Gulf County. One of the more popular prizes in the past has been a complete beauty makeover and cosmetic consultation by award winning professional beauty consultant and artist, Dee Dee Morris of Dothan, Ala. (Facebook: Dee Dee Morris, Dothan Ala.).

According to Barbara Mannon, President of the Gulf County Senior Citizens Board of Directors, this event is used to raise funds for

"We have had excellent community support in the past, but we are looking for increased sponsorship this year. The change in Florida Medicaid has dramatically impacted our funding and we need the community's assistance more than ever." The funds will be used to provide meals, companionship, social activities, personal care, housekeeping, and other vital services needed so our elderly can stay active and in their homes.

Call the Senior Center at 229-8466 for sponsorship information or send donation checks to 120 Library Drive, Port

St. Joe, Florida 32456.

Your donation is tax deductible.

The event will be at the Wewahitchka Elementary School Auditorium at 6 p.m. CST on Saturday, Feb. 8. Applications to participate as a contestant are available from the Center or through your school office. Applications must be turned in no later than Feb. 3 in order to participate. This event is not held in conjunction with any other nationally sponsored contest, but is strictly for the young ladies and families of Gulf County.

Please come join us!

Bunco Tournament and fundraiser to benefit library

Special to The Star

A fundraiser for the Port St. Joe Public Library will be at 5:30 p.m. CT on Monday, Feb. 10 at the Fish House Restaurant in Mexico Beach.

Tickets are \$30 and in-

clude a meal, donation to the library and entry into the Bunco tournament.

Tickets are available in Port St. Joe at No Name Café, the library and Coast 2 Coast Printing or at the Fish House restaurant in Mexico Beach.

Hot meal program for senior citizens

Special to The Star

Gulf County Senior Citizens, located at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe and 314 E. Third Street in Wewahitchka, provide a hot and nutritious noon meal Monday through Friday

to seniors 60 and over. Transportation may be available to our meal sites.

Anyone interested in coming to our sites in Port St. Joe or Wewahitchka for meals and activities is asked to call Debbie at 229-8466.

FALL GARDEN IN BLOOM



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Highland View resident Bill Lynch showed off the fall garden he planted in October. He grows turnips, mustard and cabbage and gives all the vegetables away to his friends. Lynch said he just loves helping people. Last year he grew a four-foot wide, 37-pound cabbage and gave it to the heart surgeon who saved his life.

PET OF THE WEEK

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or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Online applications and pet photos are available at www.sjbhumane.org

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

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FDOH celebrates literacy in the classroom

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Do readers live healthier lives? The state Departments of Health; Agriculture and Consumer Services; and Education believe so and joined forces last week for help spread the word.

The "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!" event is a continued effort to promote the connection between reading and health. Part of the festivities included the "Health Literacy in the Classroom" volunteer reading project, in partnership with Florida Blue.

Local volunteers visited third-through fifth-grade classrooms in Gulf County to read the "Iron Man and Habit Heroes" comic book to students.

The comic tells a story in which villains unite to take control of New York City but are stopped by a group of superheroes who must take care of themselves before they can take care of the bad guys.

"The Habit Heroes comic book taught our school children important lessons on how to develop



Volunteer Karen King visited Kendall Hicks' fourth grade class to read the "Iron Man and Habit Heroes" comic book to students in order to open a dialogue about healthy lifestyles.

healthy habits – by eating nutritious snacks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts, drinking pure water, and engaging in activities that make you sweat," said Marsha Lindeman, FDOH Administrator for Gulf and Franklin counties.

On Thursday, Family Support Worker Karen King visited Ken-

dall Hicks' fourth grade class to read the book, which aimed to convey a positive message about healthy lifestyles in a fun and empowering way.

"Overcoming the rising trend of overweight and obese young people and adults does not have an easy, one-solution answer,"



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By using superheroes, the goal of the book was to convey a positive message about healthy lifestyles in an empowering way.

said Lindeman. "The students learned, along with the Habit Heroes and Iron Man, that we can always discover new ways to improve our lives by making healthy decisions."

As King and her daughter, Hicks, read along with the students, they discussed with the stu-

dents ways to live healthier lives.

According to members of the Florida Department of Health and Florida Blue, the basic components in maintaining good health and eliminating health disparities begins with the ability to read, write and comprehend letters and numbers.

Literacy week celebrated at Wewahitchka Elementary

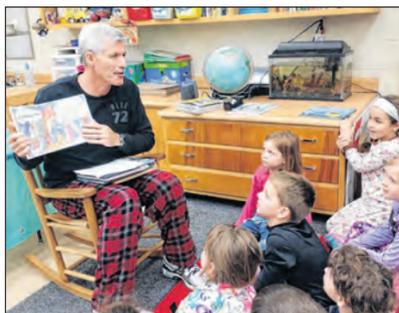
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Wewahitchka Elementary School students strengthened their literacy skills last week by participating in the sixth annual "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!"

Our students contributed 27,090 minutes toward Florida's Million Minute Marathon on Monday.

On Wednesday students enjoyed Principal Jay Bidwell as he read aloud to each class for "Curl Up and Read."

Thursday volunteer readers from our local Health Department visited grades 3-5 focusing on the importance of nutrition, hydration and physical activity. Friday



culminated the week's events with "Read a T-Shirt Day."

The week was part of Florida's



statewide efforts to encourage reading and promote this year's theme "Reading Accelerates Success."



Thank you to all our volunteers for making this a tremendous week of reading and fun!

CELEBRATING AN 'A'



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Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School is the only high school in Gulf and surrounding counties to earn an "A" grade each of the past three years. Raffield Fisheries, Wood's Fisheries, the Piggly Wiggly, Bluewater Outriggers and Walter Green all pitched in to help the faculty purchase shirts to celebrate this great occasion.

DAZZLING DOLPHINS



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This week's Dazzling Dolphins at Port St. Joe Elementary School are, front row, Hallie Mize, Lexie Webb, Thomas Hutchinson and Adrianna White. Back row: Lincoln Tomberline, Abby Tillery, Madison Jasinski, Chloe Jones and Rylan Greenland.

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Complete copies of the No Further Action Proposal, the draft restrictive covenant, and the FDEP's preliminary evaluation are available for public inspection during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at FDEP, 160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida, 32502.

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Annual Catholic Men's Club Chili Cook-off

Special to The Star
The sixth annual St. Joseph Catholic Church Men's Club Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Church Hall.

Do you think you make a mean chili? Or, do you just love to sample various chilies? Well then this event is a must-do for you. The sixth annual event will take place from 5-7 p.m. ET on Feb. 25. The nominal ticket fee is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children age 4 to 12, and free for children 4 and under.

Start off with sampling as many chilies as you wish, vote for your favorite, and then go back for a full bowl of your choice. Soft drinks, coffee, tea or water is included, along with dessert and ice crème. A donation bar offering beer and wine will also be available.

Tickets are available from any Men's Club member, at The No Name Café on Reid Avenue, at Hannon Insurance, or from Dan Van Treese (227-9837).

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Billy Johnson

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Seasoned Women anniversary at Victory Temple

Victory Temple First Born Holiness Church would like to invite you to its Seasoned Women Anniversary on Jan. 23-25. Service begins at 7 p.m. Jan. 23-24 (Speaker: Pastor Shatoya Byrd of Valdosta, GA) and will climax on Saturday the 25th with a Prayer Breakfast at 10 a.m., Speaker: Missionary Linda Green. COME, BE BLESSED!!!!

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Victory Temple senior choir anniversary

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Obituaries

George Thomas 'Tommy' Williams, Sr.

George Thomas "Tommy" Williams, Sr., 69, of Port St. Joe, passed away Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, at a local hospital. Mr. Williams was born Aug. 20, 1944, to the late Edgar and Nellie Williams in Panama City.

He was a lifelong resident of the area, an avid sportsman, a member of Long Avenue Baptist Church and the Fred Witten Sunday School class. Mr. Williams retired from Apalachicola Northern Railroad and the Gulf County Correctional Institute.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Barbara Ann Lundy and Judy Griner.

Mr. Williams is survived by his beloved bride of 50 years, Carolyn Williams; three sons, Tommy Williams, Jr. and

wife, Malinda, Marty Williams and wife, Crystal, and Travis Williams and wife, Robyn; four grandchildren, Zac, Leah, Grayson and Dee Dee; two great-grandchildren, Jonah and Jacob; a brother, Dennis Williams and wife, Pat; a sister, Charlotte Cushing and husband, Quinene; special little girls, Ashlin, Kaylin, Laura Beth and Emma; and numerous extended family members.

Funeral services were Jan. 12 at Long Avenue Baptist Church in Port St. Joe, where the Rev. Royce Williams, the Rev. Eli Prine and Brother Fred Witten officiated.

An interment followed at the Holly Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be submitted or viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com.

Jennifer Paige Johnson Sherrill Rich

Jennifer Paige Johnson Sherrill Rich of Port St. Joe passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014. She was born March 20, 1969, in Port St. Joe to James W. and Cheryl C. Johnson.

Memorial services were held 11 a.m. ET Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at Oak Grove Church in Port St. Joe.

All services were under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.

Bonnie Dykes Alfred

Bonnie Dykes Alfred passed away Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014. She spent many years in Port St. Joe and she belonged to the Church of God.

Mrs. Alfred leaves behind three daughters;

six grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She will be missed.

All services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.

Eunice Sasser Dodson

March 24, 1923 - January 14, 2014

Eunice Sasser Dodson, 90, of Bainbridge, Ga., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014, at her residence.

The funeral service was at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, at Black Jack Baptist Church with Pastor Bill McCamon and Dr. Joe Beauchamp officiating. Interment followed at Black Jack Baptist Church Cemetery with Jody Dodson, Garrett Dodson, Dustin Dodson, Michael Dodson, Michael Dodson, Jr., Jamie Wynn, Peyton Dodson, Brian Kilgore, Matt Calderon and Dominic Bamford serving as active pallbearers.

The family received friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, at Ivey Funeral Home. Online visitors may sign the guest register at www.iveyfuneral.com. Memorial donations may be made to Black Jack Baptist Church, 2747 Old Whigham Road, Bainbridge, GA 39817.

Mrs. Dodson was born March 24, 1923, in Bainbridge, the daughter of Joseph Melvin Sasser and Edith Watson Sasser. She worked with the U.S. Civil Service in Washington, D.C., during World War II. She worked at Bainbridge State Hospital, then retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier. She was a member of the American Legion



EUNICE DODSON

Auxiliary, United Daughters of the Confederacy, VFW Auxiliary, YMCA and Black Jack Baptist Church. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren, traveling, genealogy, reading, crossword puzzles and the beach. Her favorite color was purple, and she will be remembered as being very generous.

Survivors include her sons, Joe Dodson of Bainbridge, Phillip Dodson of Port St. Joe, Fla., Earl Dodson, and Gary Dodson and his wife, Cindy, of Bainbridge; her brother, Watson Sasser and his wife, Sara, of Bainbridge; her sister, Agnes Harrell of Bainbridge; her brother-in-law, Hubert Dodson and his wife, Juanita, of Bainbridge; her grandchildren, Michael Dodson, Jan Dodson, Jody Dodson, Suzanne D. Kilgore, Melissa D. Wynn, Garrett Dodson, Dustin Dodson, Erin Kay D. Bamford; Candi D. Calderon, and Heather D. Prather; her 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Howard Dodson; her daughter, Faye Dodson; her daughter-in-law, Margaret Dodson; her brother, Emory "Pete" Sasser; and her sisters, Elah Moran and Maxie Helen Lillethun.

In Memory of Betty Jean Pitts-Mount

By Beverly Mount-Douds
Special to The Star

On the afternoon of Jan. 18, 2014, at about 3 p.m., when all the world it seemed to us to be weeping, the death angel came and the sweet spirit of Momma accompanied it home to Heaven, after we children and other loving hands had done all they could, the good doctors and nurses had exhausted their medical skills in trying to evade the "pale horse" and his rider; they passed on to the other shore.

There was a higher voice calling and they gently yielded to the call. Passing out of the shadows into the clearer day—why do we call it dying, this sweet going away?

She was the daughter of Lee and Frances Pitts and mother of Kelly, Beverly, Janet and Mike Mount, and grandmother of nine, great-grandmother of 12 and great-great-grandmother of one. She leaves one very loving sister Gail and husband Donnie O'Bryan and a number of relatives and friends to mourn her. Her parting will be very sad, we loved her so much. She was always kind and good and never forgot to have a sweet smile and a tender word for everyone.

All that loving hands could not keep her; God needed her in his beautiful garden above. He let her stay with us until he could not spare her longer. And although our hearts are heavy with grief we should console ourselves and look up to Heaven and listen to the glorious host of angels singing. Don't you think their voices are sweeter because she is there?

Indeed Heaven is sweeter since she has joined her daughter and husband whom had gone before her. I know they are all together and are smiling down on us. We trust that her going maybe an inspiration to her loved ones here on earth to look forward to that day when we all will be united around the throne of God.

Betty Jean Pitts-Mount, 78 of Southport, FL, was the mother of local author Beverly Mount-Douds of Highland View, Kelly and wife Gail Mount of Chipley, and Mike and wife Deborah Mount of Lynn Haven. She passed away Saturday afternoon in the Covenant Hospice Unit at Bay Medical Center in Panama City, where she had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She was born in Frink, FL, and married and raised her family in Lynn Haven. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Janet Lynn; her late husband J. W. Mount; two brothers, Robert Lee and W.A. Pitts; and four sisters, Ruth Zalvanak and Mildred Chafin, Winnie Young and Elise Dawson.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 at Peavey Funeral Home in Blountstown with Rev. Bud Guilford officiating. Active pallbearers were her grandsons, Kelly Mount, Jr., Jason Mount, Frank Perry, Robert Douds and nephew, Danny Hassig.

Interment was held in Pine Memorial Cemetery, south of Blountstown.

Sleep on sweet Momma for we all know you are at rest.

Written by one who loved her—her daughter.

Lifetree Café to address doubts about God

Special to The Star

What happens to religious faith when hard times come will be explored at 7 p.m. CT Monday, Jan. 27, at Lifetree Café.

The program, "Where Is God When Life Turns Tough?" features the filmed story of John Stumbo, a healthy ultra-marathoner who was suddenly

attacked by an undiagnosable, life-threatening illness.

"I discovered the faith I claimed as a child was being tested in a new way," Stumbo said. "It was being tested in an ICU ward, facing life or death."

Participants will discuss what happens to faith in the face of disappointment and disaster.

Admission to the 60-minute event

is free. Snacks and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is at 1602 U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach, across from El Governor Motel.

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

Dentist with a heart

Special to The Star

Dr. Frank D. May, of Port St. Joe, has a unique Valentine's Day present for the needy of this area.

For the last 13 years, Dr. May has provided free dental treatment for Valentine's Day at his office. This year, his office will provide this valuable service on Feb. 19.

This year the office will schedule appointments with those in need of treatment. To schedule an appointment, send or bring by a letter to Dr. May's office giving a brief description of your dental needs and describe your situation that makes you a good candidate for this benefit.

Send the letter to Dr. May's office at 319 Williams Ave., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. No phone calls, please.

Be sure to include your telephone number so we

can contact you to schedule an appointment.

Dr. May will see 20 patients in need of dental treatment, and hygienists Anealia Bush and Linda Wright will see eight to 10 patients each who wish to have their teeth cleaned.

The office hopes to serve as many as 40 patients.

Patients must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian if younger than 18. Treatments provided will include cleaning, x-rays, fillings, extractions, diagnostics and pain control.

Dr. May and his staff participate in "Dentist With a Heart" because they wish to impact people who otherwise could not afford to see a dentist and help those people save their teeth, as well as relieve them of any discomfort they may be having.

FDOH offers new, county-level healthiest weight snapshots

Special to The Star

The Florida Department of Health announced the rollout of a new resource providing the first comprehensive profile regarding healthiest weight for each Florida county. The County-Level Healthiest Weight Snapshots tool is a part of the Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set (CHARTS) and features information designed to assist families, health care professionals, policy makers and whole communities to help Floridians achieve a healthy weight.

"This new tool provides an important view of the progress in each of our counties as we work to become the healthiest state in the nation," said Marsha Lindeman,

administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Gulf and Franklin counties.

The tool includes demographic, behavioral and built environment measures relating to the community's healthy weight status and can be used to support community health assessments, provide data for health and weight related research and encourage communities to continue their efforts to improve nutrition and increase physical activity.

Healthiest Weight Florida is a public-private collaboration bringing together state agencies, not for profit organizations, businesses and communities to help Florida's children and adults make consistent, informed choices about healthy eating and active living.



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Williams family

To the community of Port St. Joe and surrounding area, we would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, visits and love shown to us during our time of grief at the death of our loved one.

A very special thanks to the pallbearers that served us at this time.

Thank you.
The Tommy Williams Family



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UPCOMING EVENTS

GCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

JAN. 13-19

On Monday, Jan. 13, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) opened an investigation after receiving information about the sexual molestation of a 15 year old female. Lt. Paul Beasley conducted the investigation and arrested **John Edwin Linton** (19) of Wewahitchka. Linton was charged with one count of Lewd or Lascivious Battery on a child under sixteen.

On Jan. 13, the GCSO received a report of a residential burglary at 317 East Reid Ave, in Wewahitchka. Deputy Paul Williams responded to the call. Several different prescription medications were stolen, along with approximately \$200 in cash. The GCSO continues to investigate this case.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, a report of the theft of gasoline from a vehicle's tank was received. The offense occurred at 529

Chipola Avenue in Wewahitchka between Dec. 25-Jan. 1. An estimated 15 gallons of fuel was taken during the theft.

On Jan. 14, Deputy Meredith Ward served two arrest orders on **Melissa Danielle Sims** (28). Sims was in contempt of court for Permitting an Unauthorized Operator to Drive and for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Jan. 14, Deputy Michael Layfield responded to a domestic disturbance complaint in the 2000 block of Trout Avenue in Highland View. Upon completing an investigation **David Allen Clark** (29) and **Jamie Lee Register** (21) were placed under arrest for Domestic Battery.

On Jan. 14, Deputy Paul Williams arrested **Kyle Edward Jones** (22) at 221 Angel Fish Street in Highland View. Warrants were issued for Jones for Violation of Probation - Criminal Mischief with Property

Damage and Fraudulent Use of Credit Card. Jones was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Jan. 14, Deputy Paul Williams responded to a report of a hit and run. Windmark Beach security personnel contacted the GCSO after discovering a gate on their property had been struck with a vehicle. The offense occurred between 9:30 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. It is believed the vehicle involved could be a newer model Ford F150.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, **Eugene Phillip Allen** (27) turned himself in. Allen was wanted for Violation of Probation - Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and No Valid Driver's License. This same day, **Jack Ernest Davila** (46) was arrested on a warrant for Violation of Probation out of Bay County.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, Deputy Jordan Brock responded to the

report of a residential burglary at 802 Jones Homestead Road. The owner reported that on Tuesday, Jan. 14, the residence was entered and prescription medication, along with a gold necklace with a pendant was stolen from a bedroom. There were no signs of forced entry into the residence. The GCSO continues to investigate this case.

On Jan. 16, GCSO deputies arrested **Rodney Dewayne Adkison** (33) in the 200 block of McGlon Drive in Wewahitchka. Warrants for Possession of Listed Chemicals, Manufacturing of Methamphetamine, and Felony Driving While License Suspended or Revoked were served on Adkison. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

From Jan. 13-19, the GCSO logged the following department activity: Traffic Stops, 27; Civil Process Services, 20; Field

Contacts, 16; Abandoned Vehicles, 11; Warrant Arrests, 5; Requests for Security Checks, 5; Trespass/Prowler Complaints, 4; Alarms, 4; Traffic Accidents, 4; Suspicious Person, 4; Suspicious Vehicle, 4; Welfare Check, 4; Animal Call, 3; Domestic Disturbance, 3; Residential Burglary, 2; Death Investigations, 2; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 2; Verbal Disturbance, 2; Fraud/Forgery/Uttering, 1; Reckless Driver, 2; Criminal Mischief, 1; Music/Noise, 1; Physical Disturbance, 1; Drunk Pedestrian, 1; Hit and Run, 1; Sexual Battery, 1; and Theft, 1.

If you have any information regarding the burglaries, theft, or hit and run mentioned in this week's summary please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office at 227-1115, or 639-5717, or you may always remain anonymous by calling CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE No. 23-2012-CA-000213

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

ARMANDO V. PENTON A/K/A ARMANDO PENTON, ET AL. DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Gulf, Florida, on March 6, 2014, at 11:00 AM, ET at Courthouse steps/lobby-1000 Cecil G Costin Sr Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 for the following described property:

Condominium Unit No. 24 of Palmetto Plantation, a condominium, according to the declaration thereof as recorded in Official Records Book 2891, Page 1984, of the Public Records of Bay County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the us pendens must file a claim within sixty

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(60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

DATED: January 8, 2014

Rebecca Norris
Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk of the Court

Prepared by:
Gladstone Law Group, RA,
1499 W. Palmetto Park Road, Suite 300 Boca Raton, FL 33486

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93732S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 13-140-CA

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.
JENNIFER M. BURKE and BETTY G. OWENS, Defendants

TO: Jennifer M. Burke 14809 Heronglen

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NOTICE OF ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to reform a mortgage has been filed against you on the following described property:

Commence at a 1/2 inch iron rod and cap (LB 732) marking the Southeast corner of lands described in Official Records Book 355 at Pages 102 and 103 of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, said point being the intersection of the Northerly right of way boundary of Chipola Avenue with the Westerly right of way boundary of Second Street and run thence North 01 degree 47 minutes 33 seconds East along said Westerly right of way boundary, a distance of 404.84 feet to a 1/2 inch iron pipe marking the Southeast corner of lands described in Official Records Book 266 at pages 427-429 (Parcel 5) of said Public Records; thence Continue North 01 degree 47 minutes 33 seconds East along said Westerly right of way boundary, a distance of 111.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning thence continue North 01 degree 47 minutes 33 seconds East along said Westerly right of way boundary, a distance of 113.34 feet to the Southerly right of way boundary of East Church Avenue; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 19 seconds West along said Southerly right of way boundary, a distance of 172.78 feet to the Easterly boundary of lands described in Deed Book 34 at page 610 of said Public Records; thence South 03 degrees 12 minutes 26 seconds West along said Easterly boundary, a distance of 226.73 feet;

Commonly known at 511 S. Second Street, Wewahitchka, Florida 32465

and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Charles S. Isler, III, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 430, Panama City, Florida 32402, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 7th day of the January, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk of the Court
By: Wyvonne Pickett
Deputy Clerk
January 23, 30, 2014
February 6, 13, 2014

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thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 53 seconds East, a distance of 23.46 feet to the Southwest corner of the aforesaid lands described in Official Records Book 266 at pages 427-429;

thence along the Westerly and Northerly boundary of said lands as follows: thence North 01 degree 47 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 111.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 49 seconds East, a distance of 155.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, Containing 0.51 acre, more or less.

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and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Charles S. Isler, III, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 430, Panama City, Florida 32402, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 7th day of the January, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk of the Court

By: Wyvonne Pickett
Deputy Clerk
January 23, 30, 2014
February 6, 13, 2014

93746S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE No. 23-2009-CA-000301

RBC CENTURA BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.

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EICHER, BRUCE, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 23-209-CA000301 of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida, wherein, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO RBC CENTURA BANK, Plaintiff, and, EICHER, BRUCE, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURT HOUSE, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. ET on the 13th day of February, 2014, the following described property:

LOT 57 OF WINDMARK BEACH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE(S) 1 THROUGH 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 9th day of January, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

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IMPORTANT
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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 Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at P.O. BOX 1089, PANAMA CITY, FL 32402, 850-747-5338 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. January 23, 30, 2014

93782S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 13-CP-65

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROY M. LILLY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ROY M. LILLY, deceased, whose date of death was June 29, 2012, File Number 13-CP-65 is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent, or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 732.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 23, 2014.

Personal Representative: Mary Frances B. Lilly 118 S. Pastime Dr. Thomasville, GA 31792

Attorney for Personal Representative: Robert S. Hightower FL Bar No. 199801 P.O. Box 4165 Tallahassee, FL 32315 Phone: (850)222-3363 January 23, 30, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000350
Division No. Section.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff(s),

vs.

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AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent, or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 732.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS OR MORE AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000350
Division No. Section.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff(s),

vs.

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vs.

GILDA G. BRANCH, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 16th, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-000350of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and LARRY W. BRANCH AND GILDA G. BRANCH are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Main Lobby of Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil Costin Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. ET on the 20th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

Commence at a re-bar marking the Northwest corner of Tract 18 of Gulfside and Bayside Subdivision, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in plat book 3, page 24-B; of the official records office of Gulf County, Florida also being a point lying on the Westerly right of way of County Road Number 30-E; thence run along said right of way South 20 degrees 14 minutes 55 seconds East 101.49 feet to a rod and cap for the POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING run along said right of way South 20 Degrees 14 minutes 55 Seconds East 91.49 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 69 degrees 42 minutes 54 seconds East 238.06 feet to a rod and cap; thence North 20 degrees 14 minutes 55 seconds West 91.51 feet to a rod and cap; thence

DATED at GULF County, Florida, this 17th day of January, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk, Gulf County, FL

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

Michelle Garcia Gilbert, Esq./FL Bar# 549452 Laura L. Walker, Esq./FL Bar# 509434 Daniel F. Martinez, II, Esq./FL Bar# 438405 Kalei McElroy Blair, Esq./FL Bar# 44613 Jennifer Lima Smith/FL Bar # 984183 GILBERT GARCIA GROUP PA. Attorney for Plaintiff(s) 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 110 Tampa, FL 33607 (813)443-5087 972233.10184/tavias January 23, 30, 2014

97147S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 23-2010-CA-000050

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs.

<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>SEAN E. WILLIAMS; TAMMIE J. WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 19, 2013, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on January 6, 2014, in the cause, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida, described as:</p> <p>LOT 25, IN BLOCK 1016, OF UNIT 2 OF MILLVIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, PAGE BOOK 1, PAGE 46. a/k/a 302 PETERS STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456-1439</p> <p>at public sale, the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on February 13, 2014.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>file a claim within 60 days after the sale.</p> <p>Dated at Port St. Joe, Florida, this 8th day of January, 2014.</p> <p>Rebecca L. Norris Clerk of Circuit Court</p> <p>By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Douglas C. Zahm, PA. 12425 28th St. North, Suite 200 St. Petersburg, FL 33716 Phone: (727)536-4911 Fax: (727) 539-1094 Attorney for the Plaintiff File# 888100032</p> <p>IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT ANY PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNCTION SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE COURT NO LATER THAN ONE DAY PRIOR TO THAT DAY AT (850) 229-6113.</p> <p>971855 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No.: 11-000403-CA</p> <p>BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>T DWIGHT HICKS; LISA Q. HICKS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.</p> <p>RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule the Foreclosure Sale dated January 6, 2014, entered in Case No. 11-000403-CA, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida, where-</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>in BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and T DWIGHT HICKS, LISA Q. HICKS, et al are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 CECIL G. COSTIN SR. BLVD., PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, 11:00 AM ET on the 13th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:</p> <p>LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK C, SUNSET POINTE SUBDIVISION, AS PER OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 41-43, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>Property Address: XXX HEMINGWAY CIRCLE PORT ST. JOE, FL 32457</p> <p>ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Dated this 8th day of January, 2014.</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>REBECCA NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court</p> <p>By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Submitted by: FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP. Attorney for the Plaintiff 1 East Broward Blvd. Suite 1111 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (954) 522-3233 Fax: (954) 200-7770 flservice@fwlaw.com File# 04-064950-F00 January 16, 23, 2013</p> <p>971875 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-190-CA</p> <p>FARM CREDIT OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, ACA, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>GULF COUNTY PARTNERS, LLC, a dissolved Florida limited liability company, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) I, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) II, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) III, Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45</p> <p>NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 6, 2014 in Case No. 12-190-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, ACA is the Plaintiff and Gulf County Partners, LLC, Unknown Tenant (s) I, Unknown Tenant (s) II and Unknown Tenant (s) III, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe,</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>Florida, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on February 13, 2014, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>Lots 5, 6 and 7 of FICO I, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 9, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida</p> <p>Less and Except the following described parcels:</p> <p>LOT 5B:</p> <p>A portion of Lot 5, FICO I, a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 9 through 12, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 5, FICO I, and thence proceed North 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds West, on the Southwesterly line of said Lot 5, for a distance of 1,863.14 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds West, on said Southwesterly line for a distance of 2,512 feet, more or less, to the approximate centerline of "Little Creek", said point being on the Northerly line of Lot 5; thence leaving said Southwesterly line, proceed Easterly along said centerline of "Little Creek", for a distance of 630 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northeasterly line of Lot 5; thence leaving said centerline, proceed South 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds East, on said Northeasterly line, for a distance of 2,380 feet, more or less; thence leaving said Northeasterly line, proceed North 83 degrees 48 minutes 25 seconds West, for a distance of 512.32 feet to the Point of Beginning.</p> <p>LOT 6B:</p> <p>A portion of Lot 6, FICO</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>I, a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 9 through 12, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 6, FICO I, and thence proceed North 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds West, on the Southwesterly line of said Lot 6, for a distance of 2,591.02 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds West, on said Southwesterly line, for a distance of 1,363 feet, more or less, to the approximate centerline of "Little Creek", said point being on the Northerly Line of Lot 6; thence leaving said Southwesterly line, proceed Easterly along said centerline of "Little Creek", for a distance of 527 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northeasterly line of Lot 6; thence leaving said centerline, proceed South 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds East, on said Northeasterly line, for a distance of 1,197 feet, more or less, thence leaving said Northeasterly line, proceed South 61 degrees 48 minutes 39 seconds West, for a distance of 460.23 feet to the Point of Beginning.</p> <p>LOT 7B:</p> <p>A portion of Lot 7, FICO I, a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 9 through 12, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 7, FICO I, and thence proceed North 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds West, on the Southwesterly line of said Lot 7, for a distance of 3,203.72 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds West, on said Southwesterly line, for a distance of 584 feet, more</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>or less, to the approximate centerline of "Little Creek", said point being on the Northerly line of lot 7; thence leaving said Southwesterly line, proceed Easterly along said centerline of "Little Creek", for a distance of 559 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northeasterly line of Lot 7; thence leaving said centerline, proceed South 28 degrees 11 minutes 21 seconds East, on said Northeasterly line, for a distance of 607 feet, more or less, thence leaving said Northeasterly line, proceed South 61 degrees 48 minutes 39 seconds West, for a distance of 461.71 feet to the Point of Beginning.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>DATED: January 9, 2014.</p> <p>REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court</p> <p>By: Wyvonne Pickett Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Michael P. Bist Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, PA. 1300 Thomaswood Dr Tallahassee, FL 32308 January 16, 23, 2014</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>2014-02PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this Notice is January 23, 2014.</p> <p>Sandra J. Tuttle 76 Peach Tree Road Byhalia, MS 38611 Personal Representative of the Estate of James William Tuttle, Deceased</p> <p>J. Patrick Floyd Law Offices J. Patrick Floyd, Chtd. 408 Long Avenue Port St. Joe, FL 32456 (850) 227-7413 FL Bar No. 257001 Attorney for Petitioner January 23, 30, 2014</p>	<p>LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100</p> <p>972755 PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>AT&T Mobility Services, LLC is proposing to install a monopoly telecommunications tower off of Doc Whitfield Road in Watersound, Gulf County, Florida 32456 at latitude 29° 54' 32.4" north and longitude 85° 11' 29.7" west. The height of the tower will be 64.0 meters above ground level (69.3 meters above mean sea level). The tower is anticipated to have steady red lights, FAA Style E (L-864/L-865/-L-810). Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Henry Fisher during normal business hours at (205) 629-3868. Any interested party may submit comments by February 28, 2014 with Environmental Engineers, Inc. at 1345 Blair Farms Road, Odenville, AL 35120 for comments on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file no. A0874636. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR § 1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website and may only raise environ-</p>
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97275 PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility Services, LLC is proposing to install a monopole telecommunications tower off of State Highway 22 in Panama City, Gulf County, Florida 32465 at latitude 30° 08' 34.2" north and longitude 85° 20' 23.8" west. The height of the tower will be 71.6 meters above ground level (89.6 meters above mean sea level). The tower is anticipated to have steady red lights, FAA Style E (L-864/L-865/L-810). Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Henry Fisher during normal business hours at (205) 629-3868. Any interested party may submit comments by February 28, 2014 with Environmental Engineers, Inc. at 1345 Blair Farms Road, Odenville, AL 35120 for comments on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file no. A0874579. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR § 1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website and may only raise environmental concerns. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/as/environmentalrequest, but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of the Request should be provided to Environmental Engineers, Inc. at 1345 Blair Farms Road, Odenville, Alabama 35120, January 23, 2014.

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Case No.: 2012-CA-234
WINDMARK INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company Plaintiff,
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RIVERFRONT PROPERTIES, INC. a Georgia corporation, GARY R. RHINEHEART, HARRY A. SCHULTZ, and GEORGIA COMMERCE BANK, a Georgia banking corporation, Defendants.

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