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TDC launches spring promotion on Instagram

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The Tourist Development Council is seeking some Gulf County "selfies."

The TDC this week kicked off its spring promotion with a contest aimed at showcasing the county's beauty through Instagram, the Twitter of photos and the fastest growing social media site.

With the word "selfie" now part of the lexicon, the TDC is riding that social media wave to a campaign to broaden the brand.

"It is a really good and simple promotion," said TDC executive director Jennifer Jenkins. "It is about celebrating the natural beauty of Gulf County. It is

a nice way for little Gulf County to say we are naturally beautiful and we don't need, so to speak, to get our hair and nails done to look pretty."

The contest taps into Instagram, the app for which can be downloaded onto any mobile device.

Simply snap a portrait of Gulf County — a wind-swept beach, a glowing sunset, a fish dancing on the end of a line, what Gulf County means to you — and post it to Instagram at #GCFLnofilter. And provide information about the photo to @gulfcountyfl.

"Submit a photo, and you are automatically entered to win one of four vacation getaways," Jenkins said. "Anyone can enter on Instagram, visitor or local. Every picture is an entry."

The four vacation getaways will offer a free three-night stay with a local lodging partner.

TDC partners No Worries Vacation Rentals, Pristine Properties, Crewes Nest and the Haughty Heron/Heron's Nest as well as Happy Ours and Sunset Coastal Grill have helped the TDC bring the promotion together, Jenkins noted.

The contest started Tuesday and will continue through the end of April, with a group of eight travel industry writers arriving in the county toward the end of the promotion on a trip designed to showcase Gulf County in major media markets.

The TDC is also partnering with the

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The TDC has launched a spring promotion aimed at capturing the wild natural beauty of Gulf County, such as this gorgeous sunset.

4 MORE YEARS

Sacred Heart celebrates first 4 years in Gulf County

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Given the success of the first four years, most visitors and residents would likely say bring on 40 more.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf celebrated four years last Friday, March 15, with Roger Hall, president of Sacred Heart Health Systems, grilling up burgers and hot dogs for the staff and medical team.

Reminded of the span of time, Hall recalled a trip taken by local elected officials and business owners to the Sacred Heart facility in Destin. He remembered, coincidentally, that the visiting group had bumped from a meeting room a seminar led by Kathy Chastain, who now serves as COO at Sacred Heart on the Gulf.

That trip, centered significantly on the community buy-in required to bring a hospital off the ground, buy-in represented by the memorial plaques upon the hallway walls, was an initial step to bringing Sacred Heart to Gulf County.

The buy-in from the community was hefty — donations of cash and land by the St. Joe Community; a community fundraising campaign that brought in more than \$2 million and is reflected in the plaques that line the walls in the atrium and hallways at Sacred Heart on the Gulf.

The Board of County Commissioners levied a one cent sales tax to offset the cost of care for the underinsured.

The community has also provided volunteers in num-



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Sacred Heart Health Systems President Roger Hall grilled lunch for the staff last Friday in what has become a birthday tradition at the hospital.

bers that now exceed 300.

Committees comprised of community volunteers oversee spending of sales tax receipts and provide input and guidance on hospital operations, liaisons between the hospital and community.

And the hospital, which exceeded all odds by standing tall even after a recession and real estate collapse altered the business plan, continues to grow.

The women's center expanded its services in the past year and the hospital established the first MRI diagnostic services in the county.

In September, Sacred

Heart opened a facility on the north end of the county and in December welcomed a plastic surgeon to the growing ranks of medical professionals seeing patients in the Medical Office Building on campus.

Those ranks expanded again in January with the addition of an ear, nose and throat specialist, and the hospital opened an intermediate care center earlier this month.

In the past year, the hospital also established a fund that helps provide free mammograms to women in need in Gulf and Franklin counties.

The growth and outreach

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Decision time soon for water solutions

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Answers to the vexing issues of discolored water are coming into focus for staff with the city of Port St. Joe.

City commissioners will soon be asked to weigh-in on a path forward.

A meeting this week with David Kozan from CDM Smith, the contractor which designed the city's \$21 million surface water treatment plant, continued to hone the dialogue on potential solutions for discolored water which have plagued the city since its new water plant came online more than three years ago.

A foundation of consensus is built upon the belief that the ongoing replacement of aging pipes in the distribution system, particularly the cast iron pipes, will eliminate an estimated 90 percent of the iron present in the system by the end of this year or early 2015.

Iron, or ferric (iron-containing compounds), has been identified as the likely source of "red water" complaints in the city.

However, iron is not the sole issue, as was discovered during a pilot water study conducted by CDM, in partnership with Virginia Tech University.

As Kozan noted, nearly half of complaints about the city's water has described "dirty", "ice tea" or "black" water conditions. The likely source of that, the pilot study found, was manganese.

The CDM study, which is being finalized with city staff comments incorporated in the final draft, identifies several potential solutions and recommends changing the corrosion control chemical used in the treatment while also increasing the strength of the solution.

The corrosion control chemical's impact on aging cast iron pipes has long been identified as the primary culprit for red water.

"This is a small problem that we think will solve itself over time as the pipes are replaced," said city manager Jim Anderson. "But we know the problem is there."

Lowering the levels of manganese

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Port dredge application submitted

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One hurdle crossed and several high ones ahead for the Port of Port St. Joe.

An application to secure a permit to dredge the shipping channel to federally authorized depths was submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection the first

of the month as promised.

The materials submitted — the target date for submittal was March 1, a Saturday, so the date of record is March 3 — constituted a partial application dealing exclusively with reports and data essential to assessing the task of actual dredging.

Still to be submitted by Hatch Mott MacDonald, the Port Authority's engineer of re-

cord, is data pertaining to disposal of dredged material: how, where, potential impacts, etc.

The Port Authority was encouraged to submit at least a partial application by the target of March 1. That allows state and federal agencies to begin to weigh-in — analyzing, requesting additional information — on the major component of the dredging process; dredging material to bring the channel to

the 35-37 feet authorized depth.

"With the agencies we are finding favor that they can get notice out to all the agencies to begin work on it," said Tommy Pitts, project manager for Hatch Mott MacDonald. "We are already responding to requests for additional information."

The "partial" application

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Izea blogging network, fieldandstream.com, Crisp mobile and, a critical component, Outdoor Nation.

Outdoor Nation is a nonprofit whose goal is to introduce the so-called millennial generations to the outdoors, to connect youngsters to the outdoors while they disconnect from their mobile devices.

And for Jenkins, that means an opportunity to connect with the county's next generation of visitors and connect with them long-term.

Outdoor Nation is promoting the area throughout the contest on its website, and the TDC has pledged a \$1 contribution match for every photo submitted during the spring promotion.

The goal, Jenkins said, is 5,000 photos and \$5,000 to a worthy cause.

"We wanted to have a socially good component and a give-back to the promotion," Jenkins said. "They want to get youngsters outdoors, and we are an outdoor playground. They are really excited about this promotion."

Jenkins said the TDC does not have the promotional budgets of larger counties — Bay County's TDC recently determined how it would spend more than \$1 million in marketing money — which dictates the need for strategic spending.

The concept for the promotion came from no luggage, the TDC social media strategy agency. Where Jenkins figured she would see three ideas, no luggage offered five.

"Narrowing it down was difficult," she said.

The spring push began in January with "Our Idea of a Wild Spring Break," an ad campaign that poked a bit of fun at the counties to the west.

The Instagram contest promotes the concept of "prompting visitors to come to Gulf County and get their hands dirty. Be real. Be natural. Be you," Jenkins said, echoing the verbiage of the campaign.

The TDC advisory council approved a \$55,000 budget for the spring promotion, and the Instagram contest offers bang for relatively little buck, Jenkins said, as it will feed the social media elements — Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter — the TDC is already employing to marketing success.

"These photos are going to be seen around the world," Jenkins said. "We know targeted promotions work. This is a conversation starter. This is promoting the things we are naturally. It is a strategic alliance, a brand alliance. We are trying to align ourselves through a grassroots effort."

Jenkins said folks are encouraged to think creatively — maybe a suitable photo for a Birmingham, Ala., resident is to snap a photo sitting in their living room in the pouring rain dreaming about Gulf County.

And, most of all; get a kick from their pics.

"We want self-inspired photos," Jenkins said. "My goal is to get to that 5,000 people. We're going to have some fun with it."



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County hosts active shooter training

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Consider last Friday job training no one wants, but now, everyone needs.

A series of active shooter trainings was held for Gulf County Schools, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office, Gulf Coast State College, Florida Department of Health, Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf and Gulf County Emergency Management.

Educational sessions earlier in the week culminated with a lockdown exercise at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School run by an evaluation team from Disasters, Strategies, and Ideas Group (DSI), the organization responsible for designing and managing the exercise.

Teachers from Gulf County schools met Wednesday for an educational session presented by Terry Schenk, exercise director for DSI. Schenk and his team shared videos and statistics with the teachers, mentally prepping them for how to handle a situation in which an active shooter enters the school, facility lockdown procedures and the role of local law enforcement.

"Hopefully this will never happen in your community," Schenk said. "But let's acknowledge that we have an active shooter problem in this country."

Focused on stats generated from school shootings over the past decade, Schenk said most shootings last fewer than 80 seconds. The rate of school-related shootings rose from an average of five per year before 2008 to 15 per year in subsequent years.

As the number rose, the Federal Bureau of Investigation put together an active shooter team and offers free training to more than 500 police departments across the country. That training has begun to incorporate military-style tactics including first aid.

Schenk also raised awareness on the average age of a shooter. In the tragedies across the U.S. in the past decade, the average shooter has been male aged 15-19, followed by those 10-14 years old.

"These events happen so quickly, and 49 percent of the time, they end before law enforcement arrives," said Cooper Maddox, a researcher with DSI. "It's important to have a plan."

Schenk shared warning signs that might help teachers to stop a problem before it ends in tragedy and the importance of being alert, aware of the surroundings and being able to think critically. The DSI team encouraged teachers to talk to students and listen to what's happening within the student body.

The motto of the train-



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Staff of Gulf County schools and Gulf Coast State College last week attended seminars and practiced lockdown procedures in the case of an active shooter. **Below**, Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison makes his way through the halls of the high school during one of DSI's exercises.



ing was "run, hide, fight," which encompassed one of the three actions teachers should take during an active shooter situation.

Certified emergency manager and law enforcer Hayward Walker gave tips on how to escape a building quickly and quietly, how to successfully barricade classroom doors and how to fight if no other option is available.

"You are the first line of defense against active shooters," Walker told teachers. "You are the heroes of this whole thing."

On Friday, students were released for spring break before a lockdown exercise for teachers began.

School personnel demonstrated their lockdown procedures, acting as though the circumstances were completely real.

They were graded by members of the DSI team.

Once the school had been completely locked down, members of the GCSO fired blanks from handguns, rifles and shotguns from various locations in the school so each teacher would be able to identify the sound were it ever to occur again.

After the lockdown exercise, teachers met to discuss areas of opportunity for their classrooms and made suggestions to help the process easier in the event of an actual emergency.

"This was something we needed," Assistant Superintendent for Business, Duane McFarland told teachers after the exercise. "We've gained a lot of knowledge, and while we hope it never happens, we're a step closer to being

ready for it."

Once the teaching staff completed training, the GCSO staff ran through response scenarios around the school aimed to prepare them to respond to an actual shooter with a top priority of stopping the threat.

Student Resource Officer for Wewahitchka schools Donna Huggins said active shooter training was important, especially for those officers without a military background who might not have the same experience when it comes to live combat.

"I'd rather know how to react rather than be put on the spot," Huggins said. "It's good preparation."

Marshall Nelson, emergency management director for Gulf County, said he hopes to see another exercise over the summer utilizing student volunteers for added realism.

"When actual students are involved, that's when you get the butterflies," Nelson said. "This exercise isn't meant to scare anyone; it's us trying to prepare them."

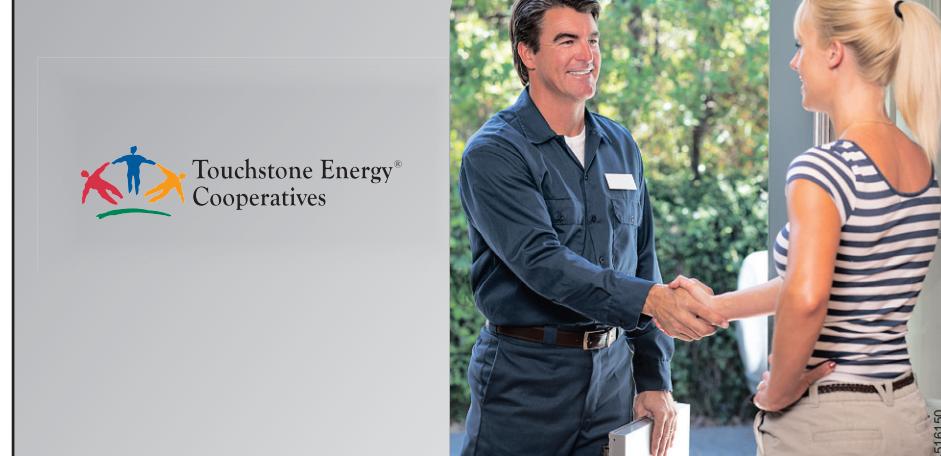
Within 30 days of completing the training, DSI will send a full assessment to all departments involved with suggested improvements to enhance the existing response protocols.

"We take very seriously the safety and welfare of our students, faculty and staff," said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton. "It's no simple task to put on an activity of this nature, but we're glad that this is only an exercise and pray we never experience the real thing."

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Mexico Beach might lose current city hall

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The hits just keep on coming.

During last week's regular meeting for the month of March, Mexico Beach city administrator Chris Hubbard told the city council that the current city hall, an old bank building off of U.S. Highway 98 is in danger of being sold.

People's South, a bank franchise based out of Georgia, will be opening three branches in Bay County, two of which will be located in the Panama City area and the third is targeted for Mexico Beach.

A building inspector visited current city hall to ensure it was in good working order and Hubbard said that there was nothing wrong with the building that might cause delays if someone wanted to purchase the building and move in.

The bank has 90 days to notify the council if they intend to purchase it.

"We may be looking for a new home soon," Hubbard told the council.

It's already been a game of musical chairs for various departments around the city.

Public Works was recently moved into a new maintenance building which gave the department more space and the police department is in process of relocating to a modular unit, allowing it to escape the black mold that was identified three years earlier.

"We could attempt to operate city hall out of the new modular, side-by-side with the police department, but it would be very cramped," said Hubbard. "The police department deals in issues of a criminal nature that non-police officers are prohibited from seeing."

Hubbard said that there are two vacant buildings in Mexico Beach that could be potential options, but one on 40th Street would raise rent costs significantly while the other on U.S. Highway 98 is smaller than the current city hall.

"The city has limited options," said Hubbard. "Moving into the Civic Center is one, but then we would have to figure out where we would hold our council meetings."

The size of the current city hall has been a regular point of conversation and the city has had plans to build a new city hall for several years, first utilizing the historic Parker House.

The house burned and was considered a loss, and while plans exist for a 3,200 square foot structure to be built elsewhere on the property, the battle with the insurance company over funds for the loss have only started to make headway after nearly three years of back and forth.

The city has received \$660,000 for the damages and been offered an additional \$174,000 as settlement, but rent and upkeep on the current city hall has already begun to chip away at the total.



Betty Price, a 32-year resident of St. Joseph Shores has fought floodwaters for the last five years due to lack of drainage in the area. After the weekend's storms, Price's utility closet was flooded with more than nine inches of water. Price has sought help from the Board of County Commissioners to no avail.

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St. Joe Shores resident seeks bail-out from county

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Betty Price is just trying to keep her head above water. Literally.

The 32-year resident of St. Joseph Shores has found herself once again in a flood zone on Watermark Way, just outside WindMark Beach.

Last summer's torrential rains put Price's yard, garage and utility room underwater and she couldn't help but see the rain over the weekend as a bad omen of things to come.

When Price woke up on Monday she was greeted by more than nine inches of water in her utility closet and garage.

According to Price, it all started four years ago when a holding pond was installed for the WindMark Beach community.

With no form of drainage on the county-owned land behind her property, each time water levels rose, the pond spilled over into the only place it had to go: Price's property.

"I know I'm not the only one with problems, but nothing's been done," said Price. "We've been complaining for six years.

"I want to see some progress in fixing the problem."

Price's son, Stan, went before the Board of County Commissioners in September 2009 seeking drainage to be added to the area. Then-Commissioner Bill Williams passed a motion for a feasibility study and cost estimate and commissioners recommended that in

the meantime, the Price family invest in a water pump.

In February 2010, the board showed interest in putting together a storm water committee and Williams requested Stan to be on it, though Stan said he has yet to hear another word about it.

Not wanting to pay for the electricity to constantly run a pump, Price reached out to Commissioner Joanna Bryan but reported that the voicemail box was always full.

Frustrated, she called Commissioner Carmen McLemore who put her in touch with Public Works.

When water levels got too high Price would call Public Works and a pump would be brought to clear the area, but this was only a temporary solution to an ongoing problem.

Price said that occasionally the county will leave a five-gallon gas tank for her, but two gallons of gas runs the pump for just over two hours and after the gas is gone, the expense comes out of her pocket.

Even then, Price must wade out to the pump, located on the far side of the property with the gas tank and then crank it by hand. She said that it's not easy to walk out there, especially when carrying the gasoline.

The Star reported on the problem in August last year - the third time this newspaper has spotlighted Price's dilemma - and though the issue was brought up once by the BOCC in September, it hasn't been brought up again and Price insists that none of the commissioners have taken the time to

witness the problem first-hand.

Unhappy by the water's return on Monday, Price called Commissioner Ward McDaniel who asked Stan to come to the BOCC's next meeting, though Price was hesitant to do so since the last visit produced no positive results.

"It's a losing battle," said Price. "We're making fools of ourselves in front of them."

Bryan said she didn't believe the problem was a county issue, but she would touch base with her fellow commissioners to see what had been done and what she could do to help.

In addition to the standing water, Price contends with the mosquitos and snakes that the water attracts and said she has waded into the water during a lightning storm to refill the gas tank.

"There were times where I just couldn't do it and it got to be too much," said Price. "I was fed up and I was mad."

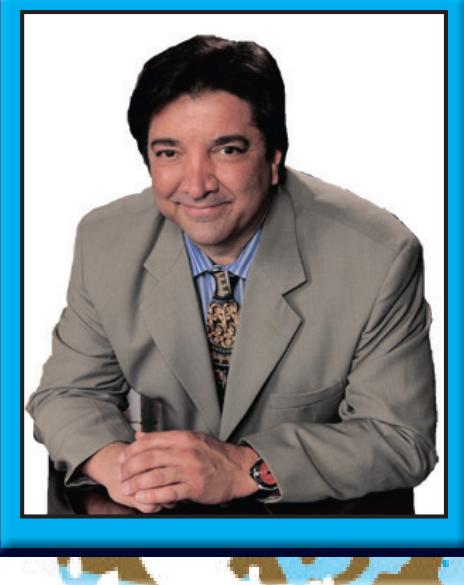
Stan said that he's already had to replace the freezer, washing machine and dryer in the utility closet after the water got into the motors and with the water already over the 8-inch cinder blocks he'd set them up on, he feared for a repeat performance.

Last year, Price paid for her dryer vent to be moved higher when the water constantly flooded it.

"I've lost all confidence in our county commissioners," said Price. "If nothing's been attempted in the last six years to fix the problem, what's going to change in the next six years?"

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Having seen the original movie from 1960 and the latest one from 2004, I found it interesting. My Mama was an Alabama history teacher for over 40 years and she always made sure that we appreciated the folks who fought for our country.

I think that it is important that we continue to teach our children to appreciate those who fight and sometimes die for our country.

Having read books and watched the movies, I knew about Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and William Travis who all died at the Alamo. Having a mother as a history teacher, I also knew the bad side of some of these famous Alamo fighters.

Jim Bowie was apparently a bit of a "con man" according to many folks and William Travis was branded a coward after leaving Alabama as a failure who neglected many of his obligations, mainly his wife and children.

Davy Crockett? Well, as we all know, Davy killed a lot of animals and was a "good ole boy" politician.

The list noted correctly that William Travis was from South Carolina. This is important to note right after saying he didn't leave Alabama on good terms. You say, "You know William Travis left a pregnant wife in Alabama - do you remember he was from South Carolina."

What should we remember? They were American heroes.

I found another fellow from Alabama; his name was "Galba Fuqua." Galba Fuqua was 16 years old when he died on March 6, 1836. In three more days, Galba would have been 17.

What would you picture Galba to be like? Most folks would probably say a good ole boy from Alabama who was not quick to pick a fight, but not going to back down from one either. I'm sure that Galba could probably be described in that way.

However, Galba was not your typical good ole boy. Galba was born in Alabama to Silas and Sally Fuqua. It seems that Galba was of French



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Huguenot descent, along with probably being a little Mexican and a little Jewish. So our 16-year-old hero was a "Mexican Jewish French Huguenot from Alabama."

That probably explains why Galba was such a gallant fighter. He probably had the best of all those different types of folks in him.

At 16, Galba enrolled in a group of volunteer rangers from Gonzales, Texas. The day he enrolled was

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1836. Seven days later, Galba arrived at the Alamo with the rest of the Gonzales Ranging Company of Mounted Volunteers. It was March 1st when he arrived; he would die on March 6.

Galba was a hero.

Galba Fuqua, at 16, in less than two weeks, joined a group of rangers, went to the Alamo and died defending it.

There has to be more to this story, and there is.

Being there for just a few days, Galba befriended a young woman by the name of Sue Dickinson. Mrs. Dickinson lost her husband and many friends at the Alamo. She was there and she survived to tell folks about it.

It seems that during the worst part of the fighting, a young Mexican Jewish French Huguenot 16 year-old from Alabama came to her and tried to tell her something. He couldn't speak because his jaw was so badly broken or wounded from the fighting.

Mrs. Dickinson couldn't figure out what he was trying to say. Frustrated, Galba Fuqua went back to the wall and continued fighting and eventually died.

Folks have spent years trying to piece together this story, even questioning the validity.

What was Galba Fuqua trying to say? Something about his mother, his girlfriend, his last wishes?

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A thing of beauty is a joy forever

I squinted up at the big horse. Prince near 'bout blotted out the sun. He was a giant among stallions ... even if I hadn't a'been six years old. This horse was bigger than Trigger, Champion, Man o' War and Hi Yo Silver combined! I admired the way Nicky Joe and Leon pulled him up to Nick's granddaddy's big front porch to mount him.

It was an early dream of mine to grab the mane and throw myself up on Prince. 'Course, I was whistling Dixie here. If my older brother and his best friend had to use the porch, I didn't have a chance. Later that summer I casually mentioned to Nicky Joe that I'd like to ride his horse one da — The sentence was cut off in mid air as Nick grabbed me and flung me over his head up on Prince's broad back! Did I mention they never used a bridle or saddle? Good gracious, I almost bumped my head on the sky! And I'm telling you, I hung on like Willie Shoemaker thundering down the home stretch. It was a trip for the ages ... I was riding the big horse.

I don't remember a day in my life without Nicky Joe Stafford.

He and Leon were five years older than me. It doesn't sound like much now. But when they were twelve and I'm tagging along at half their size, with one tenth of their knowledge and zero of their "coolness and command," it was light years! Neither ever realized how much I looked up to them.

I was, at times, a source of embarrassment to Leon. I would follow him to the baseball games. I was way too small to play, mostly just in the way. They'd choose up sides and as the captains called out their picks the players would gravitate to their team. I would be left standing alone. Nicky

Joe, even if he wasn't a captain, would speak up, "We'll take Kesley, he can bat last and play right field."

Nicky Joe Stafford got me in the game!

He talked more than anyone on the field. Shoot, he talked more than anyone I ever saw! He was always in motion. He laughed easy and freely. Everyone would be playing hard and enjoying the game. But Nick seemed to be having more fun than the rest

of us. It was impossible not to like him. He was a whirlwind whether we were playing baseball, racing up Stonewall Street, shooting baskets in Paul David Campbell's back yard or hanging out at the swimming pool.

My goodness, Nicky Joe had a heart, a love, a zest for life that was even bigger than ole Prince!

His grandparents lived a hundred yards or so up a fairly steep incline off of the Como Road. One day Nick was shooting a 22 rifle at some crows or something down toward the road. I was too young to say anything, but it didn't seem safe to me, "Nick, aren't you afraid you'll hit a car?"

"Naw, I'm aiming between the cars!" It was like he had everything under control. In a few minutes he had me shooting at the birds. It didn't matter to him that I'd never held a gun in my hand. He was making sure I "got in on the fun". He never, ever said a discouraging word to me.

I can see him right now, riding that horse up the road toward the house. His hair blowing in the wind, the biggest smile you ever saw plastered across his face. He would steer Prince up our driveway and across the side yard, slowing just enough to let Leon jump off the porch and unto the back of the flying steed. Of course, they trampled right through

HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

the hedge Mom had carefully planted along the length of the porch. She would run out and fuss a mate at both of them. Nicky would immediately go to telling her how she made the best chocolate pie in the world. Mom would melt before such becoming compliments. She loved Nicky Joe as much as any of us!

I was fourteen when he pulled into that same driveway in a brand new 1961 Corvette. It was redder than red! "Nick, this is the best looking car I've ever seen."

"The key is in it," he didn't hesitate, "take her for a spin." Folks, I'm fourteen! When he moved toward the house, I asked if he was going with me. "Naw, I'm heading for the refrigerator." I drove over to Pat Houston's Store and out the Gleason highway like I was the king of the road.

It took me years out in the real world to realize God didn't make many people like Nicky Joe Stafford.

Leon was crying when I talked to him on the phone. Neither of us was shocked. Nicky had had some medical issues. It didn't lessen the pain. I tried to think of some consoling words for my bother ... but I couldn't get anything out. I thought of Nick's wife. Diane is pretty special to all of us.

Leon said Nicky Joe left us peacefully, in his sleep. We agreed it was, "a wonderful way to go." Then I thought of the laughter I could feel holding on to him on the back of that old Cushman Eagle, the all night Rook games, his head stuck in Mother's oven; I thought of the smile, the up beat tempo, the joy he brought to every room he ever walked into. Maybe it's not so much a wonderful way to go ... as it was "a wonderful way to live!"

Respectfully,
Kes

New mortgage rules will protect against risky loans

Good news for people shopping for a mortgage – and for current homeowners facing foreclosure because they can no longer afford their home loan: New mortgage regulations drafted by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recently took effect and they provide a slew of new rights and protections for consumers.

One of the cornerstones of the new mortgage rules is that lenders now are required to evaluate whether borrowers can afford to repay a mortgage over the long term – that is, after the initial teaser rate has expired. Otherwise, the loan won't be considered what's now referred to as a "qualified mortgage." Qualified mortgages are designed to help protect consumers from the kinds of risky loans that brought the housing market to its knees back in 2008. But obtaining that designation is also important to lenders because it will help protect them from lawsuits by borrowers who later prove unable to pay off their loans.

Under the new ability-to-pay rules, lenders now must assess – and document – multiple components of the borrower's financial state before offering a mortgage, including the borrower's income, savings and other assets, debt, employment status



JASON ALDERMAN

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mortgage servicers – the companies responsible for collecting payments and managing customer service for the loan owners. For example, they now must:

- Send borrowers clear monthly statements that show how payments are being credited, including a breakdown of payments by principal, interest, fees and escrow.

- Fix mistakes and respond to borrower inquiries promptly.

- Credit payments on the date received.

- Provide early notice to borrowers with adjustable-rate mortgages when their rate is about to change.

- Contact most borrowers by the time they are 36 days late with their payment.

- Inform borrowers who fall behind on mortgage payments of all available alternatives to foreclosure (e.g., payment deferment or loan modification).

With limited exceptions, mortgage servicers now cannot: initiate foreclosures

until borrowers are more than 120 days delinquent (allowing time to apply for a loan modification or other alternative); start foreclosure proceedings while also working with a homeowner who has already submitted a complete application for help; or hold a foreclosure sale until all other alternatives have been considered.

For more details on the new mortgage rules, visit www.consumerfinance.gov/mortgage.

Bottom line: You should never enter into a mortgage (or other loan) you can't understand or afford. But it's nice to know that stronger regulations are now in place to help prevent another housing meltdown.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 2, 2014, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2014.

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Letters to the EDITOR

Christianity is tolerance

Dear Editor:
I am responding to the letter from Loren Siprell on "The threat of fundamentalism Creationism" in the March 6, 2014, edition of "The Star." I need to ask Ms. Siprell: What is the threat of fundamentalism Creationism? Is that the same, or similar to the threat of fundamental, or radical Islam? Surely the risk is similar. With a "threat" statement there must be concern for bodily harm or at least financial or environmental catastrophe.

I really don't have any issue with Ms. Siprell's beliefs — because they are her beliefs, not facts, not rules, not requirements. Why does Ms. Siprell and others sharing her opinion find it necessary to define others' "beliefs" as a threat to anything?

Christianity is a faith of tolerance, "turn the other cheek," forgiveness, and salvation. Christianity formed the foundation for the creation of this nation where people have, historically had more opportunity to succeed than any other nation in the world. It has formed the basis of the thinking of people who are the most generous, and quickest to help any nation who has endured a natural or man created tragedy. The only threat that I see is with the overriding onslaught of government laws, rules, or orders which always abridge our God given rights, that opportunity may

be severely reduced. Christianity is a faith that offers freely selected salvation, but does not demand it. Other, "fundamental" religions require adherence or submission, penalties or death.

Science readily acknowledges that there are many undeniable holes, in Darwin's theory of evolution. For example, Darwin readily admitted that he couldn't explain how the eye could be developed through a series of changes (i.e. all 40 muscles must form at the same time for the eye to focus). Random choice? I think not. I don't buy it, but if you do, it's OK with me. Why am I a "threat"? Why would Ken Ham's statement that "no one is going to convince me that the word of God is untrue" worry you? Further you state that in the face of "insurmountable evidence" he clings to his faith. Sounds kinda' like the "settled science" of global warming (while we freeze our a— off) to me. Ms. Siprell, what are you saving us from? Alternative choices? Other ideas? Independent thinking? Faith?

You don't need to alert me. I have evaluated the alternatives and I am capable of forming my own opinion. You may form yours, as you wish. As the writer who defined Voltaire said "although I considerably disagree with what you say I will defend to the death your absolute right to say it!"

Although I don't agree down the line with Ken Ham's interpretation of Genesis, I believe that

the Bible is God's Word as transcribed by man. Whether you are a person of faith or not matters not to me. Either way I don't view you as a threat. Why do you think it necessary to "protect the youth of our country" from various opinions? Are you afraid that with the totality of information that they might not come to the same opinion you have?

Finally, you don't have to worry about "blowback" from me. I'll do worse — I'll pray for you.

James McKenzie
St. Joe Beach

Thanks for health fair

Dear Editor;
Many thanks to Sacred Heart Hospital for the recent health fair at their location in Port St. Joe on Wednesday, March 12. The personnel were most courteous and helpful. The tests for blood pressure, heart rate, cholesterol, blood glucose level, balance-and-fall prevention were all done in a highly professional way. We were particularly impressed with the cholesterol measuring device that provided results immediately. We look forward to attending the next health fair and hope we see more public participation at that time.

Frank and Brenda Healy
St. Joe Beach

Where's the money?

Dear Editor;
At the city commission meeting Tuesday night, I posed the question again of "where is the money

coming from" to move the lighthouse to the city to Mayor Mel. I could never get an answer no matter how many times I tried or how many "red herrings" Mel threw out to not answer the question. His answer over and over was "it will be there." I questioned "what was the big secret if he had the money" but never got anywhere. At the last meeting, and I quote "we need concrete numbers," when the Board was discussing the Gulf Pines building. Where are the "concrete numbers" for the lighthouse move?

The city has \$325,000 from a state grant and \$25,000 from Duke Energy. The bid to "move" the lighthouse complex is around \$500,000 without including moving the power lines. The cost to move the power lines one time is \$170,000. It could be double that if FDOT will not allow the entire complex to move down the road at one time. The mayor requested that the governor intervene on behalf of the city of Port St. Joe to have Duke lower the cost of moving the lines. That is against the law. Duke Energy is the good guys having made a grant, one of the highest they have given to move the lighthouse. The moving of the lighthouse will essentially block SR 30-A for a full day from the Cape to St. Joe. There are other costs that are not in the bid to "move the lighthouse" by the city that haven't been revealed.

I asked other commissioners if they knew the true cost. None could answer in the affirmative.

The state grant will go away in June. The grant could be moved to the county for them to move the lighthouse to Salinas Park, but not if the city delays much longer. The county will need that grant to save the lighthouse. This continuous posturing by the mayor could result in the Cape San Blas lighthouse not being preserved at all!

At the last meeting, the city commissioners spent a considerable amount of time discussing the \$21,000 needed to repair the roof of the Centennial Building. After much discussion it was decided, and I quote "I guess we'll just have to dip into the BP funds again." Is this what they are planning to do when it is revealed that the city does not have the funds to move the lighthouse? Dip into the BP funds? Is this where the mayor "it will be there" has the money? Is this where the citizens of Port St. Joe want that money spent?

The county has personal pledges from Cape citizens to make up the difference in the cost to move it to Salinas Park. The County can move and have the lighthouse complex set up and operational for around \$450,000. It can be placed at Salinas in an X zone, 12-14 feet above sea level. The city is placing the complex in a flood zone, below sea level. The county would be moving it less than two miles. The city around 25 miles. The historic Cape San Blas lighthouse has been on the Cape for over 160 years. The mayor wants the lighthouse because he thinks they will make money off of it. And they

won't. It will actually cost money both initially and ongoing. This is not about saving the lighthouse. The County will step up and do that.

Because keeping the lighthouse on the Cape has the moral high ground, Mel decided to attack me personally stating that I had an alternate motive for keeping it on the Cape. That shocked me for a minute, but then I realized he was making it look like I would have personal gain. I pointed out that my company builds custom homes and does not move lighthouses. My motive is clear and has been for over two years. Keep the historic Cape San Blas Lighthouse on the cape. I am a volunteer, and like other volunteers in this county beat up by the politicians who want power and control. I will assure anyone that I will not make any personal gain from my efforts to keep the lighthouse on the Cape. Mel's folly of making money from the lighthouse without considering the city's cost is a different issue.

Will the city commissioners ask the same question that I did? What is the total cost to the city to move the lighthouse complex and have it totally functional and what will be the future cost to city residents? Will city residents ask their commissioners to ask the question?

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Pat Hardman
Cape San Blas

Opinions are like belly buttons

By MARCUS STURDIVANT
Special to The Star

Opinions are like belly buttons, everyone has one. Having lived in Gulf County for a number of years and only just recently moving away we still keep in touch by subscribing to the Star. It's good to keep abreast of what is going on in good old Port St. Joe. One of the things I miss the most about Gulf County is the down-to-earth goodness of most of the folks who live in Port St. Joe. In my years of living there I found most understood the difference between right and wrong, truth and falsehood, and most

importantly Christian and non-Christian principles.

As I was perusing through last week's paper I noticed the article written by Loren Siprell. As I read through the piece I was impressed by the way the article was presented as it was well-written. I got the impression the writer is well-read and educated. However, having said that I also think the writer of the article is impressed with his or her own superior understanding. Much smarter people than me have articulated the creation point of view much clearer than I could ever hope to.

Evolution does exist on a vertical plane. However, nowhere

has it ever been proven to have leaped vertically from one species to another. Creation theory is just as valid if not more so than evolution could ever hope to be. In fact at one point in my young life I was agnostic but when I was confronted with the hypothesis of an infinite digress with respect to evolution I began to see the absurdity of such foolish thinking.

The Bible, in my humble opinion, is God's word! I cannot explain everything that is in the Bible nor can I answer all the questions raised by our author of this article. However, we all have to believe in something of someone, and I choose to believe

in Jesus Christ. If I am wrong, what have I lost? The short answer is; nothing! However, if our friend denies Christ and I happen to be right what then? It's a win, win for Bible believing Christians! Admittedly, some of us might be a little overzealous and obviously in our friend's view overreaching, but then so are many on the other side. It would be nice if everyone could all get along together but it will never happen. People have been killing each other in the name of religion throughout recorded history and it will continue until God brings the final curtain down as predicted in the Bible; oops here

I go again quoting an illegitimate source.

Some advice to my friend; keep up your crusade to free society from the likes of folk like me! By the way Port St. Joe is full of them so just maybe you should consider a more liberal place to live. Prediction: one day you will discover that you are dead wrong but it will be too late and I feel sorry for you. However, right now, at this moment you can relish the thought that your superior intellect is worth the risk, so enjoy your moment and pat yourself on the back because you did write a very good article, even though you were all wet!

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Dust off your financial plan

By MICHAEL W. GROCHOWSKI
Social Security Regional Commissioner in Atlanta

Spring is officially here. Before you get started with your spring cleaning, perhaps another matter deserves some dusting off — that long-term financial plan.

April is National Financial Literacy Month — the perfect time to spring into action when it comes to planning your financial future. If you already have a plan, this is a great opportunity to take another look at it and make sure you're still "on track" to reach your financial goals.

According to a 2013 survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, the past few years have seen a sharp decline in Americans' confidence about their retirement savings. Only 13 percent of workers feel very confident about having enough for a comfortable retirement and 28 percent are not at all confident. More than half of workers have less than \$25,000 in total savings and investments. Twenty-eight percent of workers have saved

less than \$1,000.

If you haven't begun saving for retirement, now is a good time to start — no matter what your age. If retirement is near, you'll want to jump into the fast lane right away. If you're younger and retirement seems a lifetime away, it's still in your best interest to begin saving now. Here's how much the magic of compound interest will work to your advantage. For example, a 25-year old who begins saving \$100 a month and earns a modest 5 percent interest will have more than \$150,000 at age 65. Save \$200 a month and you're looking at more than \$300,000. Experts agree that saving when you're young will make a world of difference when the time comes to draw on your retirement savings.

Don't just take our word for it. You can check out the numbers yourself. A great way to start figuring out how much you will need for retirement is to use Social Security's online Retirement Estimator, which offers an instant and personalized estimate of your future Social Security

retirement benefits based on your earnings record. Try it today at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

We encourage saving for retirement, but there are reasons to save for every stage of life. A great place to go for help is www.mymoney.gov (the official U.S. government's website dedicated to teaching Americans the basics of finances.) Whether you are looking for information about buying a home, balancing your checkbook, or investing in your 401(k) plan, the resources on www.mymoney.gov can help you.

The Ballpark Estimator at www.choosetosave.org/ballpark is another excellent online tool. It makes complicated issues, like projected Social Security benefits and earnings assumptions on savings, easy to understand.

If you have to choose between scrubbing down the house or scrubbing your budget to get your financial house in order, we recommend putting off the cleaning one more day. Get started on planning your future right now at www.socialsecurity.gov.



LIONFISH SNAGGED

COURTESY OF DOLORES QUIRK | Special to the Star

This lionfish was caught by Charlie Quirk (son Charles Quirk is holding the fish) off a reef out of Apalachicola. It was 15 inches long and weighed 1 1/2 pounds. The catch was reported to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. According to Dolores Cassel Quirk, she was informed it the first lionfish, an invasive predator, had been reported so far north in the Gulf of Mexico. The Quirks have a home in Eastpoint. The fish was returned to the water.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Mar. 13	59°	43°	10 %
Fri, Mar. 14	59°	49°	10 %
Sat, Mar. 15	64°	54°	0 %
Sun, Mar. 16	66°	56°	0 %
Mon, Mar. 17	71°	50°	10 %
Tues, Mar. 18	71°	50°	- %
Wed, Mar. 19	71°	51°	- %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

HIGH	LOW
Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17

East Pass	Minus 0:27
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To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from those given for CARRABELLE:

HIGH	LOW
Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
13	Th	918pm	0.9	515am	0.0
14	Fr	1017pm	0.9	530am	0.1
15	Sa	1207pm	0.4	1116pm	0.8
16	Su	1137am	0.6	528am	0.3
17	Mo	1221am	0.7	1135am	0.8
18	Tu	151am	0.6	1149am	0.9
19	We	1215pm	1.1	903pm	0.0
20	Th	1249pm	1.2	1038pm	-0.1
21	Fr	132pm	1.3		
22	Sa	222pm	1.4	1206am	-0.2

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
13	Th	129am	1.0	325pm	1.0
14	Fr	228am	1.1	344pm	1.0
15	Sa	318am	1.1	401pm	1.1
16	Su	404am	1.1	417pm	1.1
17	Mo	448am	1.1	435pm	1.1
18	Tu	534am	1.1	457pm	1.2
19	We	623am	1.1	522pm	1.3
20	Th	720am	1.0	552pm	1.3
21	Fr	826am	1.0	627pm	1.3
22	Sa	948am	1.0	709pm	1.3

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Fishing conditions are starting to improve since we have started to dry out after months of constant rain. The ICW canal in St. Joe is full of small sheepshead and some redfish this week. Live shrimp drifted by the old pilings and the new sea wall will produce fish. Some Spanish Mackerel are still close to shore and are eager to bite this week.

Seahorse holds world recordBy TOM BAIRD
Special to the Star

There is an animal in St. Joseph Bay that holds a Guinness World Record. It's a fish.

When most people think of a fish, what pops into their heads is something like a bass or a tuna or a goldfish or maybe a mullet. Usually one imagines a sort of tubular, streamlined animal with fins that moves seemingly without effort through the water. But fish come in many forms and with a myriad of adaptations. Sea Robins "walk" along the bottom on their pectoral fins and flounders are flattened with the eyes on one side of the body as adults. Both are adaptations to life on the bottom. There are fish with poisonous spines and fish with lures on their heads. Yet, one of the most extremely adapted fish types are the seahorses for they hardly fit our image of a fish at all.

Seahorses are bony fish belonging to the Super Class Osteichthyes, as do most fishes. Seahorses are also ray-finned fish having webbing between the spines of their fins, however they are not strong swimmers and are found in relatively calm and sheltered waters like grass flats, estuaries, and bays. As a group, they are also restricted in their distribution to tropical and temperate seas. If seahorses prefer seagrass beds in semi-tropical shallow bays, then it is no surprise that we have them in St. Joseph Bay.

According to researchers, there are two species of seahorses found in St. Joseph Bay. They are the Lined Seahorse, Hippocampus erectus, and the Dwarf Seahorse, Hippocampus zosterae. Like their relatives the pipefish, both are well camouflaged in seagrasses. Like all seahorses, both species swim by undulations of their dorsal fins



Lined seahorses are one of the two species most commonly found in St. Joseph Bay.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

A dwarf seahorse; the species is the slowest swimming fish in the world.

(the fin on the top of most fish) and use their pectoral fins to steer. Seahorses lack a caudal or tail fin. Instead the body tapers to a prehensile tail like a monkey. They use these tails to cling to the blades of turtle grass or to algae or soft corals. There they lie in wait and take in any small morsels of plankton or organic material that drift by on the current.

Overall, seahorses do not attain a large size. One species grows to a little over a foot (the big-belly seahorse or pot-bellied seahorse, Hippocampus abdominalis), but most are smaller at about a half inch to a few inches in length. There are even pygmy seahorse species that grow to no more than a half an inch and have only started to be described in the past fifteen years. Our Dwarf Seahorse only grows to a length of an inch maximum. Our other common seahorse species, the Lined

Seahorse, can grow up to nearly six inches, but is rarely found that large in the bay.

Besides their shape and being well camouflaged, the most unusual aspect of seahorses

is that the males get pregnant. Well, sort of. After an elaborate courtship display, that includes swimming with their tails intertwined, like holding hands, a male and female seahorse will release from the sea grass and drift upward and face each other. Belly to belly, the female will transfer her eggs to a brood pouch on the male's abdomen. The eggs become embedded in the tissues inside the brood pouch and the male even supplies them with hormones. The fertilized eggs then grow and develop into baby seahorses inside the brood pouch of the male. The female even comes to visit the male daily during this period. After two to four weeks, the eggs have developed into tiny seahorses.

The male will then arch his back and forcibly expel them into the water column. Depending on the species and environmental conditions, on average a 100 to a 1000 little seahorses are produced with each pregnancy. Protecting the developing young inside a parent's body obviously has survival advantages.

The tiny seahorses immediately begin to feed and grow, yet their chances for long

term survival are slim. Being weak swimmers, they can easily be carried away by currents to unfavorable habitats. Seahorses in general are far from immune to predation. Everything from sea turtles to larger fish, sea birds, crabs and humans consume seahorses. Prepared seahorses can be purchased on wooden skewers at Chinese street stalls. A great many seahorses are harvested for components in traditional Chinese remedies.

Besides being taken for food by other sea creatures and humans, sea horses are also collected for the aquarium trade. Under the right conditions and with appropriate food, our little Dwarf Seahorse and Lined Seahorse do well in marine aquaria.

Despite these threats, the biggest threat to seahorse populations comes from habitat destruction and pollution. Seahorse populations have declined in U.S. waters over the last ten years, and worldwide there is little data on the size of seahorse populations. The protection of the sea grass beds in St. Joseph Bay is critical to sustaining the seahorse populations there.

You can easily find seahorses in the bay by gently lifting out a large clump of drift algae and placing it in a bucket or plastic tub. Myriad creatures will come out including the occasional seahorse. They are also collected in seine nets and can be seen by careful observation of the grass blades while snorkeling. After observing, please gently and carefully return the little seahorses back into the bay. These are highly adapted and specialized fish and it would be a shame for them to disappear in our waters.

So which fish found in St. Joseph Bay is a Guinness Record holder? The Dwarf Seahorse holds the record as the slowest swimming fish in the world. Makes you kind of proud doesn't it?

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



BLUEWATER OUTRIGGERS

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Lady Gators continue to roll

Star Staff Report

With a pair of wins last week, the We-wahitchka Jr./Sr. High School softball team entered Spring Break on a roll and 12-6.

The Lady Gators romped past North Bay Haven 14-0 and downed Vernon 9-6.

Brianna Bailey started and earned the win against North Bay Haven, facing 15 batters over four no-hit innings, striking out eight.

Tara Walding came on in relief and closed out the five-inning mercy-rule game, facing three batters and fanning two.

Savanna Lowery was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Shelby Pitts was 2 for 4 with two runs scored and one RBI. Brianna Demunk was 3 for 3 and drove in two with a pair of doubles, and Alexis Bass was 1 for 2 and scored a run. Shamario Cole was 1 for 3 and scored three times.

Naomi Parker started against Vernon, tossing five innings and striking out four while allowing nine hits and four runs.

Ashleigh Price came on in relief and struck out four of the 10 batters she faced. Price gave up two hits and two unearned runs.

Cole was 3 for 3 and scored three runs. Price was 2 for 3 and scored twice and Walding was 2 for 4 with a double, driving



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Ashleigh Price pitched three-plus innings of relief and was 2 for 3 and scored three runs as We-wahitchka beat Vernon.

in two. Parker was 2 for 3, drove in two and stole two bases, and Cecily Hale was 2 for 4.

PSJ soccer lands Rish, Lacour on all-district first teams

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Sophomore Kathleen Rish and senior Drew Lacour from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School were named to the District 1-1A all-district soccer first teams as named by the districts coaches.

Rish, a forward, has led the Lady Tiger Sharks in goals each of the past two seasons.

She was the lone Port

St. Joe selection on a first team that included three players each from Rocky Bayou, Franklin County and Tallahassee Maclay.

A pair of seniors, midfielder Christian Laine and forward Lexie McGhee, were second-team selections from Port St. Joe.

Senior defender Brittney Shoemaker and eighth-grade goalkeeper Celeste Chiles were honorable mention selections.

Lacour was the lone Port St. Joe selection on either the boys' first or second teams.

Maclay and Mayo Lafayette dominated the first two teams, placing five and six players, respectively.

Port St. Joe sophomore Marcel Duarte, who was plagued by injuries much of the season while pursuing the school scoring marks, was an honorable mention selection.

Easter Bunny Tournament raises funds for Easter baskets

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The Easter Bunny Tournament at St Joseph Bay Golf Club was a huge success, raising more than 20 baskets and \$780, which also will be used to purchase Easter baskets and stuffed Easter toys. The weather turned out nice after a cold snap, and players thoroughly enjoyed the day. The tournament was sponsored by Coastal Community Association, Gulf 2 Bay Construction and Penelope's Pet Stop and was the kickoff for the Easter Basket and Food Drive for the Gulf County Sheriff's Department. Deranged March Hares were brought in to run the tournament, with prizes on every hole and cash prizes for first, second and third place.

Because the tournament was individual play with handicap, anyone could win. In fact, the winner had one of the highest handicaps, while second place was taken by one of the lowest handicap. Players came from Bay, Franklin and Gulf counties.

First-place winner was Debbie Ashbrook, second place was taken by Hershel Neal, and coming in third was David Strampe.

Following are the prizes for the individual



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From left are Hershel Neal, Debbie Ashbrook and David Strampe.

holes, which is what the March Hares were brought in to arrange.

Closest to the Easter egg in the sand trap: Faye Chadbourne

Longest drive for men: Andrew Rowell

Closest to Easter egg near Penelope's Sand Trap: Mike Harrison

Closest to the hole: Hershel Neal

Closest to Easter egg on the right — can be in the water: Sandra Frame

Closest to Easter egg on hill to left of green: Sandra Frame

Closest to the hole: Al Harrison

Closest to Easter egg — can be in water: Denise Allen

Closest to Easter egg in middle of fairway: Larry Mathes

Closest to Easter egg on peninsula to right of green: Wendy Strampe

Closest to Easter egg at corner left water — can be in

water: Denise Allen
Closest to the hole: Sandra Frame

Closest to Easter egg at water on right — can be in water: Jake Jacobs

Closest to Easter egg in sand trap — must be in sand: Jim Simmons

Closest to the hole: Jake Jacobs

Longest drive for women: Denise Allen

Closest to Easter egg behind green — must be off green: John Bernal

Closest to Easter egg — must be in the rough or woods: Al Harrison

Prize donors for the individual holes were St Joe Shrimp Company, Sunset Coastal Grill, The Blue Parrot, St Joseph's Bay Golf Club and Smiley's Car Detailing. We appreciate all the community support to help less fortunate Gulf County residents have a great Easter.



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We have been blessed with two wonderful sons. The oldest son is ten and the youngest is five. Both boys love baseball. One of our favorite family activities is to attend their baseball games.

I have practiced law for the past fifteen years. My experience is extensive and includes criminal law, family law, real estate law, labor law cases and numerous other types of civil litigation. For the past thirteen years I have been the County Attorney for the Liberty County Board of County Commissioners. My law office, Shalene Grover, P.A., is located across the street from the Jackson County Courthouse in Marianna.

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LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION HAS ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The Ladies Golf Association of St Joseph Bay Golf Club had its annual two-day Championship on March 13-14 in some unseasonably cold, wet and windy weather. The LGA members bundled up, came out and gave it their best. This year's LGA St Joseph Bay Club Champion for 2014 is Penelope Evanoff of Eastpoint. The Net Champion is Barbara Leese, and Putting Champion is Sandra Frame. Trophies were awarded at the luncheon Friday at the club.



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Enhancing the Classic experience

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PANAMA CITY — The quest to enhance the experience for spectators and participants continues this year in the 10th annual Halifax All-Star Classic.

The effort increased over the past few months in a drive for more sponsorship and donations to provide giveaways during the event, which takes place April 5 at Gulf Coast State College. The aim is to provide more atmosphere at the Panhandle senior basketball showcase in an ongoing move to set the games apart in the region and build on ever-growing attendance.

The measure was aided by recent sponsorship pledges from Dairy Queen of Panama City Beach and Lynn Haven and Tyndall Federal Credit Union. Beef 'O' Brady's of Bay County also has agreed to sponsor the event's hospitality room for game officials, support staff, participants and select guests.

Domino's Pizza of Bay County will be the Media Day sponsor. Amavida Coffee and Tea also is on board again to additionally stock the hospitality room.

Halifax Media Group and its two Florida daily newspapers, The News Herald and the Northwest Florida Daily News, again are lead sponsors along with GCSC. Additional sponsorship is provided by

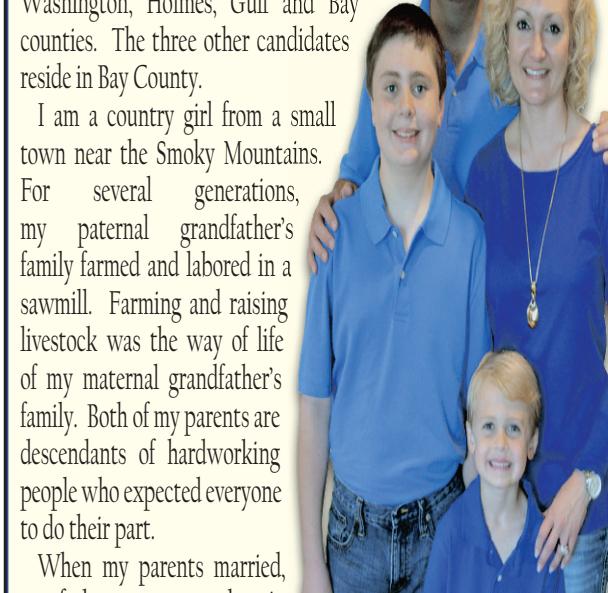
the Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau.

This year's event offers free admission to youth and prep basketball teams accompanied by coaches and active duty and retired military. However, only spectators who have purchased a ticket will be eligible for giveaways. Anyone admitted free will be entered in the drawing by purchasing a \$5 ticket.

Current giveaways include a new skateboard from Surfside Pawn in Panama City Beach. Tickets to Miracle Strip at Pier Park also will be given away. Tentative plans are in the works for additional gift cards from area businesses and some vendors are expected to be on site.

Apparel decorating specialist Shelley Harvey is this year's shirt supplier and has provided the more popular dri-fit moisture wicking material. T-shirts will be given to players and coaches and also will be on sale in the Billy Harrison Field House lobby during the games starting prior to the girls contest at 11 a.m. Harvey will be on hand to do screen printing for event shirts with a range of options and fees.

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could be addressed through options both early and late in the treatment of the water, to both segregate it within the system and by increasing the purity of a specific treatment chemical.

A tricky part to manganese treatment, Kozan noted, is the chemical tends to accumulate in stagnant areas of the line, increasing the likelihood of water discoloration.

The city's flushing program, which commissioners implemented year round last year, is a significant factor in alleviating the problem.

"A regular high-velocity flush will also regulate the levels and the accumulation," Kozan said.

Recommendations are not just coming from CDM, Anderson said.

"We have to keep everything on the table," Anderson said. "We have gone out for a lot of input."

Staff from the water plant in Bay County – which also uses a surface water source – has been in the Port St. Joe plant performing some jar testing and staff from Port St. Joe has been to Bay County to examine the system and treatment protocol.

The identified culprit, Anderson said, was ferric and in Bay County the process includes pre-treatment with lime in amounts Anderson and Port St. Joe plant manager Larry McClamma said were less than expected.

"We have looked at their process and that is our feeling, that the ferric is the 500-pound gorilla in the room," Anderson said.

At two previous City Commission meetings McClamma has raised pre-treatment with lime as a viable option, both in terms of costs and finished water results.

The trick is that the treatment protocol used in the Port St. Joe plant is designed specific to the Siemens-manufactured microfiltration system.

The concern is that lime can cause buildup – less of the lime than the impurities in slaked lime – on those filters.

McClamma enlisted the Florida Rural Water Association – which has been working for several years with the city on addressing water issues – to perform

COMMISSIONERS TABLE PSJRA VOTE

Port St. Joe commissioners on Tuesday tabled a vote on dissolving the board of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency.

Urged by residents to take a step back and to educate themselves and the public on how the PSJRA operates, the source of its funding and how it can and can not spend those funds, commissioners decided to delay for two weeks a vote on an ordinance to begin the dissolution of the board.

The ordinance would replace the PSJRA board with the city commissioners, sitting as an independent body.

Commissioners said they would attend the upcoming PSJRA board meeting, meet where appropriate with executive director Gail Alsobrook in order to address any concerns.

a study relative to issues and costs associated with lime pretreatment.

Pretreatment with lime would also mean the city would not have to examine any treatment option that would include the use chloramines as a disinfecting agent as chloramines have been linked to health issues and thus far ruled out for use at the plant by city commissioners.

The city would have to secure an okay, in writing, from U.S. Filter, which manufactures the filters, and/or Siemens to pretreat with lime, Anderson said.

Anderson said he would like to bring to the Commission in the next few weeks recommendations for moving forward on the pretreatment option; addressing manganese with a more pure treatment solution; and a change in the makeup of a front-end treatment chemical to address iron.

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consisted of two large three-ring bound notebooks, each of which would dwarf a major city's white pages.

The work on the disposal effort continues, Pitts said.

As the volume of dredged material now far exceeds what was estimated, additional uplands will have to be identified, he said. Hatch Mott and the Port Authority are being assisted in the effort by collaborative partner St. Joe Company, but Pitts noted there is not an abundance of "contiguous" acreage in the region.

The disposal portion of the application also required additional technical and specialized studies, Pitts said. Beginning and completing those studies hinges on identifying sufficient land.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pitts said, is "exploring cooperating" with the dredge project in key aspects, Pitts said.

One would be working with project leaders to consider using at least a portion of the Gulf County Canal, which is currently deeper than authorized, for some of the dredged material, which would alleviate the need and cost associated with identifying additional uplands.

The Corps' assistance would be critical since it is possible moving spoil into the canal would affect a Corps project, which would necessitate a time-consuming and costly impact study by the Corps.

"Hurdles identifying viable disposal sites) is not insurmountable and is something we will accomplish," Pitts said. "Our goal is the permit."

Representatives from the Corps, Pitts added, are also looking at the possibility of undertaking the dredging itself under a "contributed funds agreement."

That would mean the Corps would use the funds allocated by the FDEP to complete the dredge project.

From the Port Authority's side, what is needed is a schedule from the Corps that the project could be completed no later than the second quarter of 2015, though the target remains the first quarter to set in motion two Letters of Intent to ship 1.25 million tons of wood pellets annually through the port.

The Corps would use the data for the application submitted to the DEP by Hatch Mott to substantiate the cause for dredging, freeing up Hatch Mott to concentrate on the studies related to the disposal component.

The Corps would complete the dredging without the Port Authority or Hatch Mott carrying the responsibility of contracting and performing that work.

The Corps could tap into \$400,000 in federal funds earmarked two years ago for the port to begin its work pending appropriation from the Florida Legislature and FDEP this spring, Pitts said.

One piece of critical information missing from that discussion is a cost estimate of the dredge project, taking into account the larger volume of material and need for additional spoil sites. The initial estimate of \$25 million is now considered low.

"We have come up with some options for the problems we have encountered," said Port Authority chairman Leonard Costin. "We're so close to things happening, we really are."

SIGNAGE

The Port Authority is working with businesses along Industrial Road to potentially provide long-desired signage for the businesses on the old Arizona Chemical property and badly needed income for the Port Authority.

The proposal from Toye Roberts of American Mini-Storage would be to construct a sign on the Port

Authority-owned Arizona Chemical site with space on the sign for up to 30 businesses to advertise.

Roberts said he would have the sign built and would loan the Port Authority the \$6,000 cost of constructing it for three years with minor interest.

Roberts already has signed up nine business owners with interest from several more. Those nine already committed would generate \$5,400 annually to the Port Authority through monthly lease payments.

Businesses along Industrial Road long have complained the city of Port St. Joe's sign ordinance, which bans off-premises sign, constraining their exposure.

The proposed sign on Arizona Chemical property would likewise be illegal, but Port Authority attorney Tom Gibson, also the city's attorney, said he would bring it to the City Commission.

FORECLOSURE LITIGATION

The Port Authority within the next week to 10 days will schedule a closed door executive session to discuss strategy in the Capital City Bank foreclosure proceeding.

Though the barge bulkhead – itself worth \$5 million, Pitts, the former port director, said – and uplands property is listed to be auctioned April 11, Gibson said a final court order has not been filed so the property can not yet be auctioned.

The Port Authority, he added, should hear from the Tallahassee attorneys representing them in the case and consider the options the attorneys provide.

The Port Authority is in arrears to the tune of more than \$5 million on notes from Capital City Bank. A circuit court judge recently ruled in the bank's favor in litigation to foreclose on the collateral, the 60-plus acre parcel along the Gulf County Canal.

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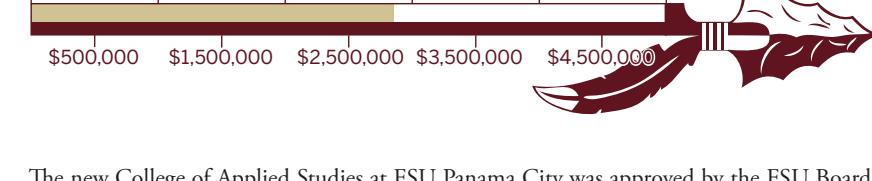
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A DAY IN THE LIFE

High School High Tech students job shadow in Port St. Joe

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Out of the classroom and into the workforce.

Last week, 13 students from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School's High School High Tech program spent an afternoon job shadowing at various businesses.

The HSHT program is focused on empowering special needs students ages 14-22 and preparing them for life after high school, whether that includes post-secondary education, employment or community involvement.

Through the program, students experience real-world training to help them make the connection between academic learning and

the workforce.

Students were able to choose businesses to shadow that included Dockside Seafood and Raw Bar; the Port St. Joe Police Department, Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, Port St. Joe Marina, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office, the St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve, Fairpoint and Cooper's Cut and Style.

At the police department, student Howard Townsend was spending the day with Officer Vince Everett.

Townsend said he chose to shadow at the police department to get a better understanding of what local law enforcement does in order to see if it's a career he might be interested in pursuing.

"I'm going to give him an idea of

what we do," Everett said. "We're going to head out on patrol to see what's going on and be seen in the community."

"It's a random patrol, but we'll be ready if something jumps out."

It was a busy day for juniors John Keigans and Jak Riley, who spent the day shadowing dockhand Haleigh McDaniel at the Port St. Joe Marina.

McDaniel said a dockhand needs to do whatever's necessary to ensure the marina looks good, and the students had already emptied all trash containers on the property, swept restrooms and checked the breakers.

Throughout the day, they performed general maintenance,

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High School High Tech student Howard Townsend spends the day with Port St. Joe police officer Vince Everett.

Tours of the island will take place during St. Vincent Island's open house on March 28.



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St. Vincent Island Open House to be March 28

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The most popular happening on St. Vincent Island will be this month. The annual Open House on St. Vincent Island will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Friday, March 28. This is your chance to experience the beauty of St. Vincent Island and learn more about what goes on at this wildlife refuge and other nearby natural areas. Free transportation to and from the island will be provided by the refuge barge. The barge will pick up visitors at the USFWS barge dock, which is a short distance northeast of the Indian Pass boat ramp. This year, there will be a limit of 250 visitors on the island for this event.

There will be guided walks and tours, educational presentations and guided wagon tours. Visitors can sign up for the wagon tour and other guided events when they reach the island (visitors may only sign up for themselves), or they can explore the island on their own. Some of the guided activities include

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FROM ST. VINCENT ISLAND

birding walks, beach walks, photography safaris and hiking tours. In the outdoor amphitheater, created by placing folding chairs under one of the island's huge live oaks, there will be educational presentations about the history of St.

Vincent Island and "The Plants Around Us."

The Supporters of St. Vincent Island will be providing hot dogs and drinks at a booth beside live musical

entertainment provided by Neil Jones. There will be informational booths set up by the St. Marks Refuge, Panama City Fish and Wildlife, Riverkeepers, Florida Park Service, Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol and the St. Vincent Supporters.

Susan Richardson will be our visiting on-site artist. Come prepared to enjoy the day on St. Vincent Island – wear your walking shoes and a smile. Volunteers will be at the Indian Pass boat ramp to guide you to the barge that will take you to the island. Here is the schedule of

events for the Open House:

9 a.m.: Music with Neil Jones

9:30 a.m.: Wagon Tour with John Inzetta & Denise Williams, Coastal Photo Walk with Paul Phelps

9:45 a.m.: Hiking Tour with Jeff Strickland, Beach Walk with Brad Smith

10:15 a.m.: Birds of St. Vincent Walk with Barry Kinzie

11 a.m.: Wagon Tour with Pete Burgher & Shelley Stiaes, History Talk with Carol Brown (amphitheater), Photographic Safari with Paul Phelps, Beach Walk with Trish Petrie

11:45 a.m.: Hiking Tour with Jeff Strickland

Noon: Birds of St. Vincent Walk with ANEER's Matthew Anderson, Beach Walk with Brad Smith

12:15 p.m.: Wagon Tour with John Inzetta & Carol Brown

1 p.m.: The Plants Around Us with Denise Williams (amphitheater), Beach Walk with Gloria Austin

1:15 p.m.: Hiking Tour with Jeff Strickland, Birds of St. Vincent Walk with Barry Kinzie

1:30 p.m.: Wagon Tour

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JSL to present Breeze by the Bay in April

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It's time to dust off the running shoes.

On April 5, the Junior Service League will host the Breeze by the Bay 5K and 10K running event at WindMark Beach in Port St. Joe.

The event will take place along WindMark Beach's waterside trails and will act as a fundraiser for the JSL to help with the projects and services they provide to Gulf County including winter clothing drives for students in need.

Noticing the rise in popularity of 5K runs, event coordinator Michelle Perrin hoped bringing one to Port St. Joe would attract a larger crowd.

"In order for the JSL to provide services in the community, we must fundraise," Perrin said. "Why not do a fundraiser that will benefit the health of all participants and be a great spring event?"

On April 4, runners and friends are invited to attend a free, family-friendly movie at WindMark Town Center.

Runners can pick up their race packets as well beginning at 6:30 p.m. ET.

Advanced tickets are being sold for \$30 (10K) and \$25 (5K) and will increase on the day of the race. Registration is now open and fees include an active-style T-shirt. For more information, visit the Facebook page for the event at www.facebook.com/breezebythebay.

"People are itching to get outside after this cold winter, so we encourage everyone to get out and train for the 5K or 10K and then join us on to run, or walk, and of course have fun," Perrin said. "Each registered participant will help impact another life in our community by enabling the JSL to help more people in need."



Trivia Fun

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

1) What was the Secret Service code name for Ronald

Reagan?

Gunsmoke, Rawhide, Rifleman, McCloud

2) Which province was formerly named Lower Canada?

Manitoba, Ontario, Alberta, Quebec

3) What did Henry J. Raymond and George Jones found?

Sports Illustrated, NY Times, Reader's Digest, Life magazine

4) Which "Operation": was the Japanese code name

for the Pearl Harbor attack during WWII?

D, G, T, Z

5) What was the original name of Scrabble (game)?

Letitia, Blockers, Lexico, Potter

6) Who is Garfield's owner in the comic strip?

Dan Marshall, Ric Gibson, Jon Arbuckle, Sam Picco

7) What was the last name of Italian Renaissance poet

"Dante"?

Carpatia, Alighieri, Furcula, Levitch

8) In Superman comics what's the nickname of Metropolis?

Big Apricot, Toontown, Night City, Lite Side

9) What player restriction is in effect in both polo and jai alai, no "what"?

Left-handers, One over 6', Women, One over 175 lbs

10) Simethicone is the active ingredient in

many ... ?

Vitamins, Diet drinks, Ointment creams, Antacids

11) Who wrote the lyrics to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"?

Al Evans, Bert Shepard, Bobo Newsom, Jack Norworth

12) Upton Machine Company was the original name of what appliance manufacturer?

Maytag, GE, Whirlpool, Kenmore

13) What did

Frederick Walton invent in 1863?

Linoleum, Repeating rifle, Igniter, Roller skates

14) Whose chemical name is sildenafil citrate?

Viagra, Aspirin, Rubbing Alcohol, Bubblegum

ANSWERS

1) Rawhide. 2) Quebec. 3) NY Times. 4) Z. 5) Lexico. 6) Jon Arbuckle. 7) Alighieri. 8) Big Apricot. 9) Left-handers. 10) Antacids.

11) Jack Norworth. 12) Whirlpool. 13) Linoleum. 14) Viagra.

Society BRIEFS

Gulf County Republican party holds food drive

The Gulf County Republican Party is once again teaming up with the folks at the Piggly Wiggly to make sure no one in our community goes hungry this spring.

The food drive is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET Saturday, March 29, at the Piggly Wiggly in Port St. Joe.

The grocery donations will help fill the shelves at the Gulf County Senior Center, the Gulf Coast Hope Center and the Food Pantry in the WIG building.

Pre-bagged groceries in the amounts of \$5 and \$10 will be available for your convenience. Or you make your own selections of non-perishable grocery items. Or you could make a cash donation to convert to gift cards for perishable items.

Salon Lux to hold Cut-A-Thon

Salon Lux will host and sponsor a Cut-A-Thon to raise money for the upcoming Relay for Life of The Forgotten Coast.

Salon Lux will donate its time and proceeds from all services purchased. Services will include haircuts for \$20 and facial waxing for \$10.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET on Wednesday, March 26. Salon Lux is at 220 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe.

Haircuts will be by walk-in appointment only. Your next haircut could change your style and a life!

For more information, call 227-4582 or stop by.

Vines for the home landscape

When we think of ornamental vines, perhaps the first picture that comes to mind is one of ivy clad walls of homes and institutions, especially universities.

But, there are many other types of vines with a wide variety of practical and attractive uses. Actually, carefully selected vines can give character and contrast to other ornamental plantings and physical objects in the landscape.

Vines are ideal choices for those narrow or confined areas of the landscape where it's difficult to grow shrubs. Many types of vines are available to Florida gardeners, including woody and herbaceous vines, evergreen and deciduous vines, vines which produce flowers or fruit. In fact, there are so many kinds, one must be careful to choose the proper vine for a particular use.

Before you select vines for your landscape, there are several factors you need to consider. Let's give some thought to a few of the basics. My information was provided by Dr. Robert J. Black, retired Professor Emeritus, of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Actually, the word "vine" describes any plant that needs some kind of support to grow properly. But, as we said, before you select one type over another, you need to give the matter careful thought. For example, you should think about the ultimate size the vine will reach. A vine is an accent plant and shouldn't be allowed to "take over." So keep in mind that size and scale relationship between your home and landscape when choosing vines. Select those that will give



a proportional appearance not ones that would overwhelm your property.

The first thing you should do when selecting a vine is to make sure it's not on the invasive plant list for Florida. Next consider the texture of vining plant, the color of the plant foliage and flowers it produces and the time of year it flowers. Find out where it's evergreen or deciduous. See what kind of care the plant is going to need. Also, check into any known insect or disease problem it is likely to have. A final point on selection all vines has some faults. Try to choose those with the great display of foliage or flowers, and the least number of problems.

Temperature is an important consideration in growing vines. Some vines such as wisteria

and five-leaf akebia, require cooler cold weather and can't be grown in the warmer parts of Florida. Other vines, such as Bougainvillea and Allamanda, are much less cold hardy, and are only recommended for warmer Central and South Florida. There are a few very tender vines that will only grow in the most Southern sections of our state. On the other hand, there are some vigorous, well adopted vines, such as Confederate Jasmine and Cope Honeysuckle that will do well throughout Florida.

If you want to accent the architectural design of a building, choose vines that will cling close to walls and passageways. But, if you want to soften or obscure the lines of a structure, choose strong growing species.

Vines also can be used to

transform poles, posts, and even some shade trees into more interesting landscape features. The eye appeal of walls and fences also can be enhanced by a covering of vines.

Vines are very useful for creating tropical effects in the landscape. They also provide interesting contrast for hall and passageways, where it's often hard to grow shrubs or large plants. Vines do very well in confined spaces, providing interesting plant life where otherwise there might be none.

For more information on vines for the home landscape contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit our website gulf.ifas.ufl.edu or edis.ifas.ufl.edu and see Publication HS 1068, Circular 866, Circular 860.

FUMC Men's Club donates to CCDF

Star Staff Report

Diana Burkett, executive director of the Christian Community Development Fund recently accepted a check for \$1,000 from David Yarbrough, representing the Men's Club at First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe. The check represents the latest donation from the Men's Club, long one of the CCDF's staunchest supporters.

"The Men's Club wishes to help the CCDF with its mission in Gulf County to make a positive influence in the lives of our local low-income elderly and disabled homeowners," Yarbrough said. "They do all this work through volunteer labor, discounted skilled labor and

local materials. The CCDF supports area citizens in need, assuring residences are safe, secure and habitable.

"They repair and replace deteriorated roofing, flooring, ceiling, walls, plumbing, electrical wiring, doors and windows, kitchen cabinets, bathrooms as well as interior and exterior painting."

Since its inception a decade ago the CCDF has worked on over 600 projects in Gulf County.

"Gulf County is extremely fortunate to have this group doing what they do and allow all of us to rest a little easier," Yarbrough said, adding the Men's Club was sure the CCDF could put the funds to good use.



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Diana Burkett from the CCDF and David Yarbrough representing the Men's Club at First United Methodist Church.

DAR REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The St. Joseph Bay Chapter Board Members of NSDAR recently attended the Regional Council Meeting in Panama City. Those attending were Fran Walters, Shirley Kinsey, Virginia Harrison, Paula Boone, Colleen Burlingame and Sherrill Russ. The next St. Joseph Bay Chapter meeting is noon ET on Wednesday, March 26, at the Sunset Coastal Grill with Ann Roberts presenting the program on Heritage Education. Call Sherrill Russ at 229-8574 to attend.

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PSJ students NYC bound

PSJHS art teacher exposes students to a city of culture

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Students at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School are about to experience life in the big city.

On March 15, art teacher Julie Hodges took 36 students to New York City to experience art and culture during a three-day trip.

Plans for the Big Apple began last year when Hodges took a group of gifted art students to her old stomping grounds of Atlanta, Ga. They spent several days exploring museums and visiting the local branch of the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Hodges said that the reason for the Atlanta trip was two-fold. She wanted to expose students to artistic installations but also get them outside of their comfort zone.

"There are students who haven't left a five-hour radius of Port St. Joe," Hodges said. "During the Atlanta trip some students, who had never seen a city before, teared up."

"I think they gained a lot from it."

Though the first trip had just 20 students in attendance, those students came back and shared the experience with their friends and demand for a second trip reached a



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Art teacher Julie Hodges took 20 students to Atlanta last year to immerse them in art in culture. This month she'll take more than 30 to New York City.

boiling point.

After deciding on the next destination, each student had to apply for the trip and needed to acquire teacher recommendations. It took more than a year of planning and fundraising to make the impending adventure a reality.

Throughout the year

students participated in fundraisers that included donut sales, fish fries and selling school-themed merchandise. Since each student had to raise \$1,700 for the trip, some even got their first jobs in order to help pay a price tag that would cover all accommodations, entertainment and

travel.

Hodges said the experience gave students the opportunity to set a goal and then work hard to attain it. While some students are passionate about art and others simply wanted to travel. Hodges noted that most of them are completely terrified and excited about what's coming.

"It's the chance of a lifetime," said Hodges. "There's so much diversity in New York and it has the largest concentration of museums in the United States.

"It's something that most of them have only seen in the movies."

Students will be treated to a walking tour of Manhattan, a trip to the Empire State Building observatory, the 9/11 memorial, Times Square, Statue of Liberty, Central Park and a showing of "The Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway.

For a strong dose of culture, students will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Guggenheim Museum.

Fifteen adults and school board member Linda Wood will also make the trek to NYC. For added safety, the group will have its own security detail.

For Hodges, who has made numerous trips to the Big Apple, her excitement stems from sharing the experience with her students.

"I'm more excited about seeing their reactions," Hodges said. "That's the perk of having been there a few times."

Hodges hopes that there will be another trip next year, but she's unsure of the destination. She said that in a perfect world, she'd love to take students overseas.

"I'm a hands-on teacher," Hodges said. "If I can drop a bunch of kids from a small town into a big city and expose them to art, culture and theatre, I will."

"I want them to see what's out there."

Sinor nabs first place in art competition

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Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School senior Laura Sinor scored her first win in an art competition last month.

Sinor entered two pieces in a contest held during the Feis Na Tara Celtic Dance event in Atlanta, Ga. The festival featured Gaelic-inspired dancing, baking and art.

Sinor's watercolor paintings won her first place in the 16-and-up category.

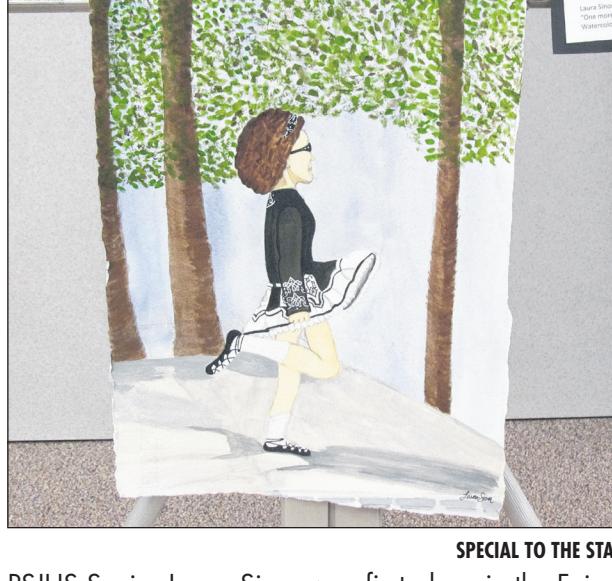
Sinor's sister, Erin, a seventh-grader in Port St. Joe, danced at the festival and Sinor found her own way to participate in the festivities.

"It felt good to win," Sinor said. "I felt pretty good about my chances."

Originally painted for her sister as a birthday present, Sinor's paintings will be on display at the high school until May. The artist said that her sister was happy that they won and doesn't mind waiting for them.

Sinor said that she may enter the paintings in other competitions, but doesn't see herself pursuing art as a career, citing interest in working as an adolescent psychologist.

"You're never going to know what other people think of your art if you don't put it out there," Sinor said. "To hear that people like it is awesome."



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PSJHS Senior Laura Sinor won first place in the Feis Na Tara art competition held in Atlanta.



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Mrs. Karen Odom's third-grade reading class at Faith Christian School did book projects.

The projects were to include a presentation of their choice of any animal book, like Misty, Black Beauty, Lassie, or Old Yella. Each student had a

choice of presenting his or her book by a diorama, map, collage, poster, etc. The presentations included who, what, when, where, and why. The problem had to be identified in the story line, and how the problem was solved had to be provided in the presentation as well.

Third-grade students "knocked it out of the park" showing off their beautiful projects and presentations. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

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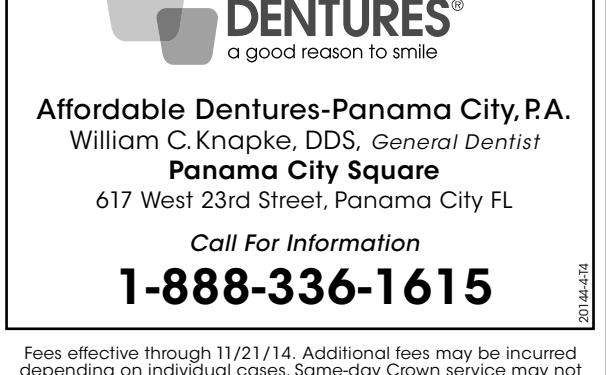
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Finding hope during difficult times explored at Lifetree Café

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Remaining hopeful while facing difficulties will be discussed at 7 p.m. CT Monday, March 24 at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "Why Do Bad Things Keep Happening? Finding Hope... Against All Odds," features a screening of the short film *My Last Days*. The film chronicles the experiences

of Ryan and Amy Green and their young son Joel as he faces repeated health challenges.

"It's hard each time, but there's still hope each time," says Amy Green of her son's

life-threatening issues.

Participants in the Lifetree program will experience an hour of encouragement and hope.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks

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

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about

life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree can be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

OBITUARIES

Edwena Lawrence

Edwena Howell Lawrence, age 81, of Rome, Ga., passed away Saturday, March 15, after a five-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. The funeral service was held 11 a.m.

ET Tuesday, March 18, at the First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe, Fla., followed by interment at the Holly Hill Cemetery.

Edwena grew up in Port St. Joe, the daughter of William and Calla Howell. She graduated from Port St. Joe High School in the class of 1950. She was married to Raymond Lawrence, also of Port St. Joe for 40 years. Both Edwena and Raymond retired from the Florida Department of Corrections in 1994. They moved to Rome, Ga., to be closer to family in 2006.

The first thing people noticed about Edwena was she loved life and she loved



EDWENA
LAWRENCE

her Lord. She was a talented musician and played both the piano and organ. She was a church pianist from age 14 to age 73! She was also a talented artist and enjoyed painting and photography.

She was a devoted wife and mother and, together with Raymond, raised five healthy boys. She spent most of her career as an administrator for various businesses and finally with the Department of Corrections.

Edwena is survived by her husband, Raymond Lawrence, five sons, 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Her family included Steve and Pam Lawrence, Ron and Joanne Cox, Ray and Judy Lawrence, David and Alisa Lawrence, and Rusty and Amanda Cox.

Funeral services were provided by Comforter Funeral Home.

Manley Siler (Reuben Manley Siler, Jr.) went to be with God on Friday, March 14, 2014.

Manley was born in Mercer, Tenn., to Opal Irene and Reuben M. Siler, Sr. and was a talented athlete

throughout his school years playing varsity basketball and baseball. He earned an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and went on to work on the Saturn booster that made it possible for our manned moon landing, which earned his designation as a "rocket scientist" with NASA in Huntsville AL.

He later joined the Hewlett Packard Co. and worked in sales, marketing and management in Huntsville, Atlanta Ga., and Ft. Collins, Colo.

Upon retirement in 1997, Manley moved to St. George Island and became a full-time resident. Retirement became as busy as his full-time job had been. His love of golf led to his help in creating the St. George Island Men's Golf Association and playing at least three times a week; he chaired the Civic Club's Seafood Festival booth for many years; he was a board member of the St. Geo.

Plantation and served on and chaired many committees there; he was a docent for the Lighthouse Mu-

seum and served on the finance committee at Trinity Church. He and his wife shared a love of travel, and he had visited every continent on our planet as well as most of its countries.

He was a loving husband to his wife, Glen, and devoted father to his daughter, Magan (husband William Flynn) and son, Gregory (wife Caitlin Foxley). His grandchildren were the joy of his life and included: Andrew Gregory Flynn (Baylor, Waco, Texas); Christopher Manley Flynn (San Francisco Calif.); Molly Flynn (Ann Arbor, Mich. — also a "rocket scientist"); Nathaniel Manley Siler and Benjamin Siler of Memphis, Tenn.; Mollie Foxley (UT, Martin, Tenn.) and Betsy Foxley (Omaha, Neb.). Manley also leaves his brother William (Bill) Siler (wife Bonnie) of Memphis, Tenn.

To all who knew and loved Manley, he was the embodiment of wit, love and wisdom — a man of integrity.

A celebration of his life (a life well lived) will be announced for May.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Church, 79 6th St., Post Office Box 667, Apalachicola FL 32329.

Services are provided by Comforter Funeral Home.

Manley Siler



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North PSJ community choir workshop

Special to The Star

The North Port St. Joe community choir will host its annual choir workshop at Church of God in Christ.

Practices will be held at 7 p.m. ET from March

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Gulf County rentals ready for spring break

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The weather outside is delightful, and spring break has arrived.

The Tourist Development Council worked hard over the past year to spread the word of the area and bring more visitors to Gulf County to relax on the beaches or enjoy the local flavor. Area vacation rentals are up for spring break both in returning guests and new blood.

"Since 2011 there's been a 20 percent increase in reservations each year," said Adam White, marketing director at Gulf Coast Vacation Rentals. "We're going to

have a really killer spring break and lead in to summer."

White said he's seen a rise in the number of returning guests, currently making up 55 percent of rentals through the agency. The anticipation of traffic over March and April follows a busy winter where White said that GCVR properties were "booked solid."

Alyson Gerlach, owner of Pristine Properties said that bookings for spring break were slow to start due to the bad winter weather conditions in other regions.

Some school districts chose to make up snow days over spring break leading to many families

making their plans at the last minute. Of their current bookings, 35 percent were returning guests.

In the past three years alone, Gerlach said she has seen double-digit growth in the spring break months.

Property bookings through Pristine Properties rose 30 percent from 2011-12 and another 17 percent into 2013. She said that she hoped to see the number continue to rise. She said that most of their properties with pools were quickly booked.

"Last year was a banner year for us," said Gerlach. "Spring break is a chance for families to get away from all the craziness

and relax at the beach, but it's a busy time for us."

White said that most visitors to Gulf County are still coming from Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky, though he noted that Alabama, a new target of the TDC's marketing efforts, is also on the rise.

White has also seen increased web traffic from Iowa and Ohio. He said that top search queries that turn into Gulf County guests include "Forgotten Coast" and "pet friendly."

"What our guests love about the area is the family and pet-friendly atmosphere," said White. "They like that they're not inundated with the larger crowds of

Panama City.

"It's isolated and has that old Florida feel."

Gerlach also reported popularity with residents from Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky but added that she had seen a large rise in interest from guests who call Indiana home.

White attributes the increase in visitors and web traffic to higher use of social media by guests and the work that the TDC has been doing online to build awareness for Gulf County.

As spring break continues and new faces arrive in Gulf County, do your part to show them why it's always great to wake up in paradise.

Kerigan Marketing wins 16 ADDY awards

Special to The Star

Kerigan Marketing Associates was awarded 10 Silver ADDY's and 6 Gold ADDY's in the annual competition of the American Advertising Federation.

The event was held March 7 at the new Gulf Coast State College Advanced Technology Center.

Before the evening ended Kerigan had taken home more honors than all other competitors including the "Best of Show" awarded for cinematography by Eric Schrottenboer for KMA's Florida State University Panama City "The FSU That Fits YOU" 30-second TV spot.

Kerigan Marketing serves as agency of record for the University and also won Gold for its "Be a Seminole Closer to Home" billboard and Pandora internet radio ad.

Additional Gold ADDY's included the Gulf County



Tourism Visitors Guide, an airport brochure for URETEK USA of Houston, TX and the company's own website, KeriganMarketing.com.

Silver ADDY's were received for the "Save Your Assets" print ad for URETEK USA, the "PRIDE" and "Xtreme Checking" billboard designs for Tyn-

dall Federal Credit Union as well as their "Holiday Unspending Spree" direct mail piece.

Kerigan also won Silver for three websites includ-

were awarded for Florida State University's online banner ad and the "Ghosts on the Coast" event poster for the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce.

"Our gold ADDY's ranged from website development to logo design, TV, radio, brochure and billboard," said Jack Kerigan. "I believe that's the unique value we bring to clients—that even while the shift in our work is toward digital, our graphic design expertise and integrated marketing experience results in websites that build business through a more professional image."

Kerigan Marketing Associates, Inc., founded in 2000, is a five-person team of professionals dedicated to client results. Their work has received hundreds of ADDY and industry awards. This year's winning entries can be viewed at www.keriganmarketing.com.

Two additional Silvers

Duke Energy grant benefits JA

Star Staff Report

The Duke Energy Foundation recently awarded Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida \$1,000 to sponsor curriculum for classes in Gulf and Franklin counties.

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Students at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School take a personal finance class taught by Carol Cathey as part of JA's curriculum in Gulf County Schools.

ANIMAL HOSPITAL of Port St. Joe

24-Hour Emergency Service For Our Current Clients

Great Service - Fair Price

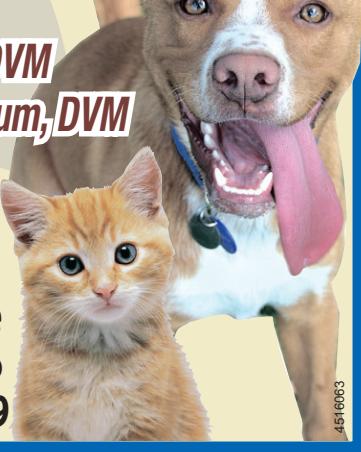
- Quality Internal Medicine
- Soft Tissue/Orthopedic Surgery
- Dentistry
- Clean and Spacious Facility

Albert Byas, DVM
Joel Rosenbaum, DVM

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

300 Long Ave
PSJ, FL 32456
850-229-6009



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ORDINANCE NO. 499

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

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

BY: S/ MEL MAGIDSON, JR.

Mayor-Commissioner

Attest: /s/ Charlotte M. Pierce

Clerk

Publish One Time: March 20, 2014

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

Children and Adults

No Fee or Cost If No Recovery

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Drug charges follow traffic stop

Star Staff Report

A Port St. Joe woman was arrested last week on drug charges after she was stopped for a traffic violation.

Melissa M. Waters, 33, was stopped in the 500 block of W. U.S. 98 in Port St. Joe.

Sgt. Matt Herring and Investigator Greg Skipper identified the vehicle. The dog alerted to the driver as Waters during the stop odor of illegal narcotics. A search



MELISSA
WATERS

and Herring developed reason to believe Waters could be in possession of illegal narcotics after discovering she was in possession of a pipe used to ingest drugs.

Port St. Joe Police Department K-9 Sergeant Jake Richards assisted and deployed K-9 Don to sniff the air around the exterior of

of the vehicle yielded less than 20 grams of marijuana, six crack cocaine "rocks", and a pipe used to ingest crack cocaine.

Waters was placed under arrest and charged with possession of crack cocaine, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and was released on \$3,000 bond after first appearance.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR
Melissa Waters was found with a small amount of marijuana, crack cocaine and a pipe following a traffic stop.

Gulf County Sheriff's Office LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

March 10-16

On Monday, March 10, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) received a call regarding a theft in the 9100 block of County Road 386 in the Overstreet area. Deputy B. Smith responded to the call and took the report. The victim in the case reported the theft of approximately \$200.

On March 10, Deputy P. Williams was dispatched to the 200 block of Seagrass Circle on Cape San Blas regarding a theft. The victim reported the theft of a pool pump valued at \$450. Deputy Williams continues to investigate.

On Wednesday, March 12, K-9 Deputy J. Oquendo and his partner Marco were on patrol and stopped a vehicle at 14th Street and Monument Avenue in Port St. Joe. The vehicle displayed a tag which was not assigned to it. Contact was made with the driver, John W. Hurst (44) of White City. After developing a reasonable suspicion, Deputy Oquendo deployed K-9 Marco to sniff the air around the exterior of the vehicle. K-9 Marco alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics inside the vehicle. A search of the

vehicle yielded less than twenty grams of marijuana, a small amount of hashish and drug paraphernalia. Hurst was arrested and charged with Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Attaching a Tag not Assigned to Vehicle. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was first appeared and released on his own recognition.

On Thursday, March 13, Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the Family Dollar Store in Wewahitchka

regarding a complaint of criminal mischief. The store manager reported that when she arrived to open the store she discovered the glass in the front door was busted. Sgt. Murnan located two objects believed to be used to attempt to gain entry into the building. Access to the store was not gained. The GCSO continues to investigate.

On March 12, the GCSO received the report of a theft from the 300 block of Vann Drive in the area of Douglas Landing. The victims reported the theft of air conditioner handlers, a cabinet, and a pump motor which were taken out of the yard. The total lost was estimated at \$848. The GCSO continues to investigate.

On March 12, Sgt. J. Williams arrested Charles F. Sheffield, Jr. in

the 200 block of Sailfish Street in Highland View. Sheffield was charged with Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting with Violence, and Obstructing Justice. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was first appeared and released on his own recognition.

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On March 13, the GCSO traveled to the Bay County Jail to pick up Rex A. Buitte (23). Buitte was arrested in Bay County on a warrant in Gulf County for Violation of Probation with the original charge being Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Buitte was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Friday, March 14, Deputy B. Smith responded to the 300 block of Oak Avenue in Wewahitchka regarding a domestic disturbance. At the conclusion of the investigation, Deputy Smith arrested James C. Milton (22) and charged him with Domestic Battery. Milton was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was later first appeared and conditionally released.

On March 14, Deputy S. Ferrell arrested Brandy L. Pyne (30) in the 300 block of Woodward Avenue in Port St. Joe. Pyne was arrested for Violation of Probation with her original charges of Uttering a Forged Instrument, Grand Theft, and Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On March 14, Deputy S. Ferrell arrested Harley B. Roberts (26) in the 200 block of Pompano Street in Highland View. Roberts was wanted for Violation of Probation with his original charges of Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and Reckless Driving. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

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On Saturday, March 15, Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the park at Land's Landing in reference to criminal mischief. The bathroom at the park was vandalized. The toilet lid was busted and removed from the floor. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the GCSO, or call CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS.

On Sunday, March 16, the GCSO received a call regarding a domestic disturbance in the 900 block of Highway 71 North in Wewahitchka. Deputy P. Williams responded to the call. After his investigation he arrested Daniel E. Fisher (19) and charged him with two counts of Domestic Battery. Fisher was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On March 16, Deputy M. Layfield responded to assist a probation officer in the 1700 block of Cobia Avenue in Highland View. Contact was made with Janet N. Barefoot (26) who was wanted out of Bay County for Violation of Probation. Barefoot was arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

From March 10-16 the

Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 48 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 43 calls for EMS, 36 calls for other departments/agencies and 13 calls for Animal Control.

From March 10 through March 16 the GCSO logged the following department activity:

Traffic Stop, 40; Civil

Paper Service, 37; Field

Contact, 20; Information,

10; Traffic Accident,

7; Arrest Warrant, 6;

Theft/Shoplifting, 5;

Domestic Disturbance, 4;

Unknown Disturbance,

4; Reckless Driver, 4;

Request for Security

Checks, 4; Special Detail,

4; Suspicious Activity, 4;

Abandoned Vehicle, 3;

Noise Disturbance, 3;

Welfare Check, 3; Alarm,

2; Criminal Mischief,

2; Deceased Person,

2; Disabled Vehicle, 2;

Recovered Property, 2;

Street Obstruction, 2;

Attempted Suicide, 2;

Agency Assist, 1; Citizens

Assistance, 1; Contact

Message, 1; Verbal

Disturbance, 1; Fraud, 1;

Mentally Ill, 1; Missing

Person, 1; Sexual Offender

Reregistration, 1; Stolen

Tag, 1; and Suspicious

Vehicle, 1.

2014 ELECTION NOTICE

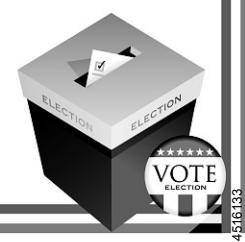
Notice is hereby given that the City of Port St. Joe's Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in the Fire Station. Polls open at 7:00 A.M., ET, and close 7:00 P.M., ET.

Registration books are now open at the office of John Hanlon, Gulf County Supervisor of Elections and will remain open thru Monday April 14, 2014, at 5:00 P.M., ET.

Candidate qualifying begins Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at 12:00 Noon Eastern Time and ends on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Noon Eastern Time. The following offices will be up for election: Commissioner Group III and Commissioner Group IV.

Beginning May 3, 2014 – May 10, 2014, (includes Saturdays of May 3rd and May 10th). Early Voting will be held at the Supervisor of Elections office located at 401 Long Avenue from 9:00 A.M., ET to 5:00 P.M., ET. There will be no Sunday voting on May 4, 2014. Also, Absentee Ballots may be requested now but will be mailed after received from printer.

The City of Port St. Joe
Charlotte M. Pierce
City Clerk



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Coast Guard rescues 4 30 miles south of Cape San Blas

Special to The Star

MOBILE, Ala. — A Coast Guard boatcrew rescued four people approximately 30 miles south of Cape San Blas Friday.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Station Panama City received a report of a 55-foot fishing vessel, the CBS, taking on water 30 miles South of Cape San Blas with four people aboard. The vessel operator originally made a distress phone call to his wife using his satellite phone, who then subsequently relayed the information to the Coast Guard.

Coast Guard Sector Mobile issued an urgent marine information broadcast

and launched a 45-foot response boat out of Station Panama City and an HC-144 Ocean Sentry fixed-wing aircraft from Coast Guard Aviation Training Center Mobile.

Two Good Samaritan vessels heard the UMIB and began transiting to offer assistance. An E-9 fixed-wing aircraft out of Tyndall Air Force Base was first on-scene and shortly after, the HC-144 aircrew arrived and air-dropped a handheld radio to the vessel to establish reliable communications.

All four donned their lifejackets, got inside their life raft and took their emergency position indicator radio beacons with

them. Fifteen minutes after abandoning ship into the life raft, the Jean Marie arrived on scene and removed all four from the life raft. All were transferred to the Coast Guard vessel and taken back to Station Panama City.

"The Coast Guard's persistent presence on waterways enables fast, flexible response to crises like these," said Capt. Joe Snowden. "Since the fishermen had all the necessary safety gear on board like life jackets, a life raft, an EPIRB and a satellite phone, we were able to conduct this case quickly and efficiently, and ultimately, returned four people to their families today."

The Gulf County Tourist Development Council (GCTDC) will accept applications for their

2014 – 2015 SPONSORSHIP & SPECIAL FUNDING PROGRAM:

Applications are available beginning March 13, 2014 at the Gulf County Welcome Center, 150 Captain Fred's Place, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 or online at www.visitgulf.com/partners.

Applications will be accepted at the GCTDC offices in the Gulf County Welcome Center between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., ET until March 28, 2014.

DEADLINE IS MARCH 28, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. ET. NO EXCEPTIONS



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seconds West for 699.33 feet, thence South 63 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds West for 924.47 feet to the Easterly right of way line of State Road No. 30, thence North 26 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds west along said Easterly right of way line for 253.10 feet, thence North 63 degrees 43 minutes 18 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line for 15.04 feet, thence North 26 degrees 17 minutes 49 seconds West along said Easterly right of way line for 356.25 feet; thence North 63 degrees 42 minutes 45 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line for 24.99 feet; thence North 26 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds West along said Easterly right of way line for 371.80 feet, more or less, to the mean high water line of the Gulf County Canal, thence Northwesterly along the edge of said canal for 1450 feet, more or less, to the center of Chicken House Branch, thence Southeasterly along said center for 2408 feet, more or less, to the Northerly right of way line of state road No. 382, which is a curve concave to the South and having a radius of 1181.29 feet, thence Westerly along said curving right of way line for an arc distance of 530.77 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

AND

Commence at the Northwest corner of Government Lot 6, Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 02 seconds East along the North line of Government Lot 6 for 330.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 57 minutes 02 seconds East, along said North line of Government Lot 6 for 230.62 feet to the Northerly right of way line of State Road No. 382, which is a curve concave to the Southeast and having a radius of 1181.29 feet; thence Southerly along said curving right of way line for an arc distance of 30.69 feet, said arc having a chord of 30.69 feet bearing South 64 degrees 19 minutes 38 seconds West; thence South 63 degrees 34 minutes 58 seconds West along said Northerly right of way line for 19.25 feet to the beginning of a curve in said right of way line concave to the North and having a radius of 2829.92 feet; thence Southwesterly along said curving right of way line for an arc distance of 622.33 feet, said arc having a chord of 621.08 feet baring South 69 degrees 52 minutes 58 seconds West; thence South 76 degrees 10 minutes 58 seconds West along said Northerly right of Way line for 141.75 feet to the Easterly right of Way line of State Road No. 30; thence North 26 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds West along said Easterly right of way line for 1000.00 feet; thence North 63 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds East for 924.47 feet; thence South 26 degrees 18 seconds West along said Easterly right of way line for 699.33 feet to the intersection of the centerline of Jefferson Street with the centerline of Alma Avenue, according to McLellan and Dickens Subdivision; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 36 seconds East along the centerline of said Jefferson Street for 330.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 12, 2014.

RECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

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March 20, 2014

**94412S
NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AMERICA'S MINI STORAGE AND OFFICE, INC. INTENDS TO DISPOSE OF OR OFFER FOR SALE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT STATUTES SECTION 83.801-83.89. AMERICA'S MINI STORAGE AND OFFICE, INC., WILL DISPOSE OF SAID PROPERTY NO LATER THAN THE DATE OF FRIDAY, APRIL 04, 2014. PROP-

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ERTY IS LOCATED AT 141 COMMERCE DRIVE, PORT ST. JOE, FL. GULF COUNTY.

SALE DATE: April 4, 2014

Stacey Ryan Garrison
1903 Juniper Avenue
Port St Joe, FL 32456
#B-6, 5x15 unit

Bid on Unit - HIGHEST BID TAKES ALL.

Sale Time Starts @ 9:30 am to register.

March 20, 2014

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ORDINANCE 504

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

BY:
MEL MAGIDSON, JR.
Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:
Charlotte M. Pierce
Clerk
March 20, 2014

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Attest:
Charlotte M. Pierce
Clerk
March 20, 2014

**94442S
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Coastal Towing and Roadside Service, Inc. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on March 31, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. ET at 4258 County Road 366, Port Saint Joe, FL 32456, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes, Coastal Towing and Roadside Service, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

1994 Mitsubishi
JA3AM54JXRY016728
1996 Chevrolet
1GBC19MXT175425
March 20, 2014

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
February 27,
March 6, 13, 20, 2014

**97983S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No.
1441

Application No.
2014-16

Date of Issuance:
May 25, 2011

R.E. No: 0629-055R

Description of Property:
Lot 6 Turtle Dunes according to the plat thereof recorded in the public records of Gulf County at Plat Book 5 page 7.

Name in which assessed:
Jerry D. Semprevo

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 2nd day of April, 2014. Dated this 24th day of February, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
February 27,
March 6, 13, 20, 2014

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No.
1511

Application No.
2014-16

Date of Issuance:
May 25, 2011

R.E. No: 06317-075R

Description of Property:
Lot 2 Marnie's Reserve Plat Book 3 page 65, public records of Gulf County, Florida

Name in which assessed:
Coastal Land Company LLC

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 2nd day of April, 2014. Dated this 24th day of February, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
February 27,
March 6, 13, 20, 2014

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Tax Sale Certificate No.
1480

Application No.
2014-15

Date of Issuance:
May 25, 2011

R.E. No: 06291-115R