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## Commission initiates dissolution of PSJRA board

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A two-week timeout changed nothing. After tabling a vote two weeks ago, predictably divided Port St. Joe commissioners voted on Tuesday night to begin the process of

dissolving the board of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency to be replaced by commissioners. The voting breakdown followed what has become standard on a host of issues with Commissioners Bo Patterson, Phil McCroan and William Thursbay moving to initiate the process they pro-

posed nearly a month ago. Mayor Mel Magidson and Commissioner Rex Buzzett voted against the first reading of an ordinance that will lead to commissioners becoming the PSJRA board, charged with operating "separately" and "independently" of their elected duties.

That rub, "elected", was central to Patterson's vote, he said. The PSJRA board is the only board in the county or city, he said, that operated out of reach of voters but could nonetheless collect and spend tax money while hiring or firing the executive director.

"This has nothing to do with the people on the board," Patterson said in front of a meeting room packed to capacity for the second consecutive meeting. "The downtown looks great. They have done a good job. "But no other board in the city or the county operates this way. That is the

issue." The second reading and adoption of the ordinance replacing the PSJRA board will be considered at the first regular meeting in May, said city attorney Tom Gibson. If, Magidson said, the issue was changing the way

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## 'MISSION IN LIFE'



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Every year the wounded warriors are escorted by the Warrior Watch Riders.

## Wounded veteran Jesse Acosta looks to provide soldiers with the assistance they need after war

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There was a choice. Cower in a corner, like a "dog", accepting the "scraps" from the government in addressing his scars of battle, or to use his anger at those scraps to fuel a new chapter. Army Sgt. Major Jesse Acosta chose the latter. Rendered blind from serious injuries suffered in the theater of war in Iraq, Acosta, a native of Southern California, decided to let his anger, his frustration at his treatment upon arriving stateside, be his compass and guide him in what has become his calling, his passion. "Coming home the way I did and not getting the care I

should get, and others should get, it really ticked me off," Acosta said. "I decided to screw this crap. I was asked to attend an event for wounded warriors and from that point on it was non-stop, just non-stop." Acosta currently sits on the board of the Independence Fund, a non-profit based primarily in South Carolina and Florida, which aims to provide the tools — devices, education, counseling — to assist wounded veterans in their quest to be independent and to enjoy the activities that made life sweet before war and wounds tossed obstacles in the way. "There are many wounded veterans who were hunters or fishermen or rode bikes, played

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### WANT TO HELP?

The fourth Forgotten Coast Wounded Warriors Weekend will be held May 14-18. At this year's event, 20 warriors, 20 caregivers and three mentor warriors will be honored over a five-day period. The organizing committee is seeking volunteers to make monetary donations or provide transportation, merchandise for raffle, servers for meals and boat captains for the tournament. Please email [psj.fcwww@gmail.com](mailto:psj.fcwww@gmail.com) with any questions and donations.



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Two passengers from the 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe are listed in critical condition.

## 1 dead, 2 injured in WindMark Beach traffic accident

Star Staff Report

An Eastpoint woman was killed and two Port St. Joe residents were in critical condition after a head-on crash on U.S. Highway 98 east of Good Morning Road last Friday afternoon, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Jeanetta Hawkins, 42, was driving west when a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe carrying Richard McDonald and Mary McDonald crossed the center line and collided with the 2011 Ford Transit carrying Hawkins.

Hawkins was killed, and Richard McDonald, 72, and Mary McDonald, 67, were listed

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## Mexico Beach council will return to Parker House negotiations

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The Mexico Beach City Council held a special meeting on Monday to publicly discuss the Parker House situation and unveil to the public cost estimates on the planned city hall.

Since the historic Parker House was purchased by the city in 2011 and caught fire shortly thereafter, the city has been in a battle with the insurance company.

After receiving \$660,000 for damages the city went back to claim more monies to cover the foundation of the building, which structural analysts said couldn't be rebuilt on.

After several months of back and forth, an additional \$174,000 was offered to the city to close the claim.

Councilman Gary Woodham, though, suggested consulting with an attorney to see if additional monies were available and met with Dion Moniz of Panama City.

Though a chunk of the \$660,000 was used for upkeep and rent on the bank building, currently being utilized as city hall, more than \$400,000 remained to pay for a new 3,200 square foot building to be constructed elsewhere on the Parker House property.

Citizens were unsure why this wasn't enough,

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## St. Joseph Shores flooding predicted in 2009

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In 2009, Eric Davidson, an engineer formerly employed with the St. Joe Company, went before the Board of County Commissioners with a warning:

due to recent construction at WindMark Beach, the 32-acre community of St. Joseph Shoes would soon be fighting floodwaters. Originally planned as a branch of the high-end Miraval Resort Spas, the WindMark area was cleared with the original plans of

constructing a hotel. Davidson, who worked with St. Joe from 2004-2008, said that as massive redesign went into effect, more and more land was cleared leaving the area in disarray. "It was chaos on a large scale," said Davidson. "They were trying to jam

something in there that didn't fit. "It didn't make any sense on paper." According to Davidson's presentation to commissioners, due to the filling and re-grading of the area

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the PSJRA board operates commissioners should do that rather than become the board.

He added that he believed there was insufficient understanding in the community about how the PSJRA operates.

The all-volunteer board is constrained on where it can collect taxes – only within the PSJRA boundaries and solely after a year in which property values were higher than a base year – and where it can spend those funds – only within the PSJRA boundaries.

Magidson also reminded commissioners they have ultimate control over the PSJRA board anyway, voting on any expending of funds and the projects the PSJRA will undertake.

He urged commissioners to again delay a vote in order to conduct a town hall meeting in the next week or, failing that, until after a 5 p.m. ET Thursday workshop to be held at City Hall.

That workshop will be an

informational session about the PSJRA and the laws that dictate its operations.

“I’m not sure people for it or against it understand the facts,” Magidson said.

His suggestion met with silence.

Buzzett said the dissolution of the PSJRA board was contrary to the language of the economic development element of the city’s comprehensive plan, the first reading of which was also conducted Tuesday night.

The PSJRA issue has produced two of the largest crowds at a city meeting in months and has prompted testy exchanges over the past three meetings between commissioners and commissioners and members of the public.

The debate has at times been struck across demographic and socioeconomic spectrums amid allegations about control of city operations.

And Buzzett said the city has far more pressing concerns than the PSJRA; some \$20 million in debt, chronic issues with the water and economic development, for starters.

“We have some serious issues and I am disappointed this issue was brought up in the first place,” Buzzett said.

### ADDRESSING WATER PROBLEMS

During a workshop and ensuing meeting commissioners heard a presentation regarding a recent pilot study of the city’s potable water and took initial steps in addressing issues of discoloration.

David Kozaan with CDM Smith, the contracted designer of the city’s water plant, said the pilot study revealed problems related not only to iron in the water, as expected, but also manganese.

Manganese and iron can cause discoloration when oxidized, though the issues are entirely aesthetic and not health related.

However, the aesthetic issues can be serious.

The city’s replacement of aging pipe – some 90 percent of cast iron pipe will be out of the ground by the end of the year – will address and is addressing iron problems, Kozaan said.

The manganese in the water will be initially addressed by changing the blend of the corrosion control chemical used during the treatment process.

Commissioners approved staff moving in the direction of changing the blend.

Depending on the results, staff, at commissioners’ discretion, could make changes to the way certain chemicals are introduced during the treatment process and potentially look at other tweaks in chemicals used in treatment.

### CAPE SAN BLAS LIGHTHOUSE

Commissioners were provided a summary of available funding for the relocation of the Cape San

Blas Lighthouse into the city to compare with bids for the relocation of the lighthouse and ancillary buildings.

A state appropriation of \$325,000 is the largest piece of funding, which also includes grants from the PSJRA (\$50,000), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (\$30,000) and Florida Lighthouse Association (\$25,000).

The Duke Energy Foundation provided a grant of \$25,000, the St. Joseph Historical Society has provided \$10,000 and donations and the sale of ornaments total \$11,348.

The Florida Lighthouse Association has provided another \$5,000 in funding and will consider another grant of \$25,000. A matching grant from an unidentified source amounts to \$25,000.

The total of \$531,348 would be sufficient to cover bid estimates for relocation, however; the X factor is the cost of lowering power lines by Duke Energy. That is currently unknown.

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but the cost of the estimates had yet to be revealed publicly.

At Monday’s meeting, those numbers came out.

Cathey Construction of Mexico Beach estimated a new building constructed would total more than \$1.1 million.

Monday’s meeting brought together the council with Brian Cathey, owner of Cathey Construction and Moniz to look over the insurance policy and identify additional money that might be brought into the pot.

“We need to decide what to do about the offer,” said Councilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Jack Mullen. “Do we take the offer to go to appraisal because we think there’s more money that the insurance company isn’t compensating us?”

Meanwhile, the city has received a letter from the insurance company to inquire why it had not responded to the settlement offer and asked city officials to accept or explain why they wouldn’t be accepting.

If the city decided to negotiate they could go to an appraisal stage where two court-appointed

appraisers would determine a value on the property to be compared with the appraisal of the insurance company. The two appraisals that were the closest would be the final settlement offer.

Moniz said that after looking over the policy, the settlement should have totaled at least \$1.5 million which would have been covered under replacement costs.

The attorney said that the insurance company valued the Parker House at \$750,000 but he couldn’t figure out how they had come to the conclusion. He said that he feared that they viewed the property as a residential structure rather than a commercial one.

“They’re not comparing apples to apples,” said Moniz.

He viewed the settlement offers as a means to rebuild the Parker House as a residential structure, but not a commercial structure that would require upgrades to be brought up to code.

Because of the unanswered questions he had, Moniz said not to go to litigation just yet and rather approach the insurance company and attempt to have additional negotiations and clarify the policy.

Moniz offered to be a behind the scenes consultant throughout the rest of the process.

Moniz said there was a possibility that the money paid in rent on the current city hall could be covered by the claim along with design costs incurred when the insurance company changed its mind on rebuilding the Parker House in the existing location.

“I don’t have a crystal ball to tell me what’s going to happen,” said Moniz. “It’s a roll of the dice.”

“The city is leaving too much money on the table to accept the current offer.”

To figure out if the insurance company’s assessment was based on rebuilding a two-story Parker House, the council asked if Brian Cathey had completed an estimate for that scenario, which he said he had not.

“A two-story commercial building of the Parker House would be more expensive than the one-story city hall we have planned,” said Cathey. “There’s never been a commercial estimate provided by the insurance company.”

“What we lost was not a house, it was a city hall.”

Cathey said that his contract with the city does not currently have a final number attached to it and there’s nothing to prevent the city from building a smaller structure. The city could also rebid the project if Cathey Construction wouldn’t do the work for the amount paid by the insurance company.

“We have not been instructed to build anything,” said Cathey. “We cannot get a definitive decision on anything.”

“We prepared a cost estimate of the building that was designed.”

Cathey said that he has yet to receive the entire scope of work on the project and city administrator Chris Hubbard said that when hired under an RFQ, a final dollar amount is not required to be given.

Once Cathey Construction is told what to build, Brian Cathey will provide a final hard number to the city. Cathey said that his estimate is simply a negotiation tool to reach a settlement with the insurance company.

With the statute of limitations for litigation coming up in July, Moniz recommended requesting

an extension as a way of reopening communication with the insurance company.

One citizen voiced concern at spending \$1.1 million on a city hall for a town the size of Mexico Beach. Mullen told the crowd that when they showed off the designs of city hall, the citizens seemed happy with it.

Another citizen asked if the city could use the insurance money to build something smaller and have money left over; but Moniz said that at this point, that could be considered insurance fraud.

Woodham passed a motion to keep Moniz as a consultant, but not hire him as an attorney. The council will attempt to negotiate for 90 days with the insurance company before going into the appraisal stage. Woodham suggested taking Moniz along to any future meetings with the insurers.

“Once you’ve lawyered up, they’ll lawyer up,” said Moniz.

The attorney cited this as a good thing and said that two attorneys speaking may make negotiations go faster.

“Let’s move forward in a positive manner,” Woodham said.



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during construction in 2007, water flow and drainage changed directions and stormwater accumulation no longer had anywhere to go.

Eventually the deal with Miraval was canceled and WindMark was annexed into the city, but the damage to the area was already done.

Traditional patterns of stormwater drainage to the St. Joseph Shores, located directly to the south of WindMark, were blocked off by the hotel building pad and several retention ponds were put into the area.

Davidson, a resident of St. Joseph Shores at the time, saw that when these basins filled with rain and overflowed, the rain would go the only direction it could: downhill.

Davidson, who self-described his career as "fixing broken construction projects" said that it was only a matter of time before heavy rains put the St. Joseph Shores community underwater.

"The writing was on the wall," he said, just as he told commissioners in 2009.

Despite the presentation, the warning fell on deaf ears.

Residents of St. Joseph Shores banded together to create Watermark Way LLC in hopes to streamline communication with the large companies.

Davidson's hope was to create a comprehensive stormwater management plan for the area, created and implemented cooperatively between Gulf County, the St. Joe Company, and the residents of St. Joseph Shores.

The group is still waiting.

In 2008 it seemed Davidson's predictions came true. The backyard of St. Joseph Shores resident Betty Price began to flood with each heavy rain. A 32-year resident of the area, Price said that this was the first time flooding had ever occurred.

In September 2009, Price's son, Stan, went before the BOCC seeking drainage to be added to the area.

Then-Commissioner Bill Williams passed a motion for a feasibility study and cost estimate and recommended that Stan be part of a stormwater committee. According to Stan, neither idea came to fruition.

For the next six years as the yard continued to flood, Price got into a system of calling Public Works and a water pump and limited fuel supply would be delivered. The catch is that Price must wade out into the water to refuel and restart the pump every three hours.

In January of this year Davidson, Price and several other St. Joseph Shores residents filed a complaint with the Florida Board of Professional

Engineers in Tallahassee against Preble-Rish Engineering for performing building code inspector duties.

The complaint questioned how platted roadways could be turned into canals, how grades could be raised all around a platted subdivision leading to property being consistently underwater and how the St. Joseph Shores subdivision had been converted into an enclave in clear violation of Florida statute.

Because the complaint was aimed at a company rather than an individual, Davidson said it was ignored.

"I'm not trying to destroy anyone's career," said Davidson. "I'm not doing this to be an antagonist."

"I just want to see it fixed."

Price and her son Stan attended the BOCC's bi-monthly meeting last month during which county administrator Don Butler presented a brief overview of the area and its problems to the commissioners.

"It went nowhere," said Price. "They did nothing to solve the problem, they just talked about it."

After the meeting Price received several truckloads of dirt from the county at her property. Price's family had to use a borrowed tractor to create a levy around her garage to keep water from filling the carport and utility room, allowing it to dry out for the first time in months.

Stan was able to clean out the black mold from the utility room and carport, but with plans to help his mother sell the house, he said he worried that the constant flooding would prevent any interest on the market and believed that value of the property had already decreased significantly.

County Commissioner Joanna Bryan previously suggested to Stan, and did so again following Butler's presentation, that she doesn't believe that the county owns the land behind St. Joseph Shores.

The Prices are less concerned with learning who owns the land and desperate for assistance of any kind so that they don't end up underwater.

Much like the ongoing issues with the Americus Ditch in St. Joe Beach, it seemed that the BOCC has another mess on its hands from a previous administration, the Prices said, and the BOCC does not seem keen on assuming any responsibility.

Davidson has suggested that the community band together to enter litigation with engineers Preble-Rish and the St. Joe Company. Stan said he had already spoken with an attorney, but has not yet retained them, in hopes the problem can be settled without having to go to court.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

A head-on crash claimed the life of an Eastpoint woman Friday near WindMark Beach.

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as critically injured.

No charges have been filed and the FHP is investigating the crash.

Only Mary McDonald was wearing a safety belt.

U.S. 98 at WindMark Beach was closed for several hours following the accident.

According to one Port St. Joe resident who arrived on scene just moments after

the accident indicated that, "The police and emergency crews did an amazing job working as a team to pull the two survivors out and send them on their way to

the hospital."

The witness added, however, that the arrival of Hawkins' family was an emotionally draining moment.

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## Percy would be proud...

We have all heard about the things that were invented as a result of mistakes. I think I've even written about a few before. Life is full of mistakes, thus there should be some good things that come from the mistakes we make.

The slinky - you know the one that's fun for a girl and a boy? A naval engineer was trying to make a meter that would monitor power on battleships. The engineer dropped it on the ground, maybe even on some stairs and "Voila" the slinky was born.

John Hopps, an electrical engineer, was doing research on hypothermia and using radio frequency heating to restore body temperature when he discovered that a heart stopped due to being too cold could be restarted using artificial stimulation. Hopps realization and research is now inside a lot of folks - his research led to the pacemaker.

Silly Putty, Post-it notes, potato chips and corn flakes were also invented as a result of a mistake or by someone who was trying to make something else.

This fellow named Percy Spencer was an engineer with the Raytheon Corporation many years ago. You have to love a fellow named "Percy."

Interested in Percy's education, I did a little research and found out that he led a pretty incredible life. You see Percy's father died before he was two, then his mother left him with an uncle soon thereafter.

When he was seven, Percy's uncle died, leaving him to fend for his aunt and himself. At 12, he was working from sun up to sun down at a mill, where he continued to work until he was 16. At 16, he heard about another mill located in Maine that was using electricity. Being from the country, he didn't know that much about it - so it kind of got him excited. He applied for a job at the futuristic mill installing electricity.

He learned a lot... At 18, he joined the U.S. Navy and quickly became an expert on radio technology. In Percy's words, "I just got ahold of a lot of textbooks and taught myself while I was standing watch at night." Percy "taught himself" all kinds of subjects related to radios, electricity, physics, chemistry and mathematics.

In other words Percy did not go to MIT or any other university - Percy didn't even graduate grammar school. After getting out of the navy, Percy came home and started working for Raytheon, becoming one of the world's leading experts in radar tube design.

One day while Percy was building magnetrons (electron tubes for generating microwaves); he discovered something that would change life in the kitchen for years to come. You see the candy bar in Percy's pocket melted...

Then Percy started experimenting with other foods like popcorn, eggs and probably cheese toast. By 1947, the

first commercially produced microwave open went on the market. It was about 6 feet tall and weighed around 750 pounds. The price tag was somewhere between two and three thousand dollars.

It would be 1967 before the first affordable microwaves would be produced. They were a little less than \$500 and could sit on your kitchen counter.

Percy did finally get an honorary degree. He was awarded a Doctor of Science from the University of Massachusetts for his inventions and contributions to science. This is inspiring, taking into consideration that Percy never had any formal education - he taught himself.

Having children, it is important to remember the value of educating one's self through experimentation, trial and yes - error.

I say this because I got home the other afternoon and was met by my 16 year-old son who was mumbling to himself. He was saying, "I can't believe I'm that stupid. How can I be that stupid?"

Thinking maybe he fouled up a test at school or hit something with his car, I asked him what was wrong.

It took a while to get it out of him. But... I did.

He seemed to be attempting to make a video using his cellphone.

The cellphone was on the inside of the microwave oven. He wanted me to believe that he pushed the start button "by mistake."

He wanted me to believe that it only stayed on for "maybe a second."

I saw the phone... I said, "Boy that was stupid..."

However, I wanted to see the phone. We studied the microwaved apple (phone) at work... We study such things...

As stupid as it was, I still wasn't really that mad... His mother was. She was worried about the microwave oven. The microwave oven was just fine. You see... I know about Percy and about other folks who did stupid things and ended up alright. I don't want my kids or your kids getting hurt, but I do want them to figure things out and educate themselves when possible.

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"Have you ever seen anything like this, K.K.?" Luke's eyes were big as saucers. I can't remember if we were floating over to Tom Sawyer's Island, rolling down Space Mountain or dodging incoming cannon balls launched by The Pirates of the Caribbean. I had sworn off Disney World years ago. I'd had all I could take of the enormous crowds, traffic jams and that never ending "It's a Small World" song blasting across the park.

Grandsons have a power that is leaps and bounds ahead of anything the Magic Kingdom can drum up.

"Yes," I answered while we were in line waiting to ride the Jungle Cruise. "Luke, we used to float across Everett's Lake on a log. We didn't have a guide, fancy engine or side rails with signs saying to keep your arms and feet inside. We wrestled alligators, masked men, snakes, swamp rats and strange beings from another planet. We fought Pirates hand to hand with hickory swords. If the wind wasn't 'right', we'd be adrift for hours on that water." His eyes fairly shown with wonder.

"But you didn't have Space Mountain."

I laughed. "Son, we had rides that would make Space Mountain look like a Tinker Toy." His mouth flew open as I explained in detail how me and Ricky Hale and Bob Edwards would ball up inside an old tire while the "starters" lined us up on the top of the hill in front of Mr. Archie Moore's house. They'd give us a shove and off we'd race, bouncing and spinning, toward the big ditch at the bottom of the steep incline. All you could see was ground and sky, ground and sky, as the tire rolled you

over and over toward the inevitable crash landing. "There were no tracks, Luke, no steering, no brakes and no safety rules." Because Nonnie was standing pretty close by, I waited until we were alone to tell him about throwing up at the end of the ride.

"Splash Mountain would be a trickle to the guys back home." I had plenty of time here, as the Jungle Cruise line had seemingly run into an escarpment. "In the spring, when the water was up in the gorge we'd swing across it on a cut-off grapevine. If our hands slipped or we hit the bank on the opposite side and fell back... we got a lot more than just splashed!" He laughed out loud at the prospects of his grandfather soaked from the adventure.

"You just think that Buzz Lightyear guy can shoot. We didn't use lasers no one could see. We shot real BB's at real targets!" He immediately asked what kind of targets. You get a story started with an eight year old in the Jungle Cruise line, you'd better be prepared to finish. "We shot at Army men; and knots on logs stuck in the mud, leaves floating by in the stream and robins and sparrows sitting high in the trees." His Nonnie had turned to pick up one of the twins so I leaned down and finished, "When no one was looking we shot at street lights, mailboxes and those green glass things nailed to the telephone poles which the wires laid over."

"But K.K.," the other twin had been listening to more of this than I realized, "You didn't have any 'princesses'?"

"Hayden, honey," I picked her up and held her close. "Cynthia Wheat was a princess. Brenda Ellis was a princess. Jan King was a princess.

I could name you a hundred princesses from that far away time and place. We were surrounded by them. You may not know this but your Nonnie, once upon a time, was a princess." It was her turn for the saucer eyes!

"That's enough talk about girls!" Luke didn't have many rules, but we had broken his main one. "Did you have any 'characters' back then?"

I've been waiting half my life for someone to ask me that question! "Son, listen up! We lived practically next door to a guy who thought he was a butterfly. He ate moths and honeysuckle pedals. A classmate of mine tied a kite to each arm and jumped off the top of a railroad car parked up by the old milling company. I was at the prom when Leon rode in on the big horse. I went to grade school with a guy who would make Goofy look like Albert Einstein. Jane Hill opened coke bottles with her teeth. Rollin Trull once jumped six—" Nonnie cut me off with the "don't give our grandson any ideas" look.

The talk in the Jungle Cruise line tuned to the anticipated fireworks show. "Luke, shooting firecrackers up in the air ain't no big deal. Bobby Brewer showed me how to put a cherry bomb in a mailbox. You talk about an explosion! I've seen 'um lifted right off the post. We'd sometimes put two bombs in a big box..."

Molly, the safari dressed guide from Enid, Oklahoma, interrupted the lesson by leaning down and asking Luke if he was ready for the danger and excitement of a real Jungle Cruise.

"Ma'am," he looked up with that beautiful innocence his age abounds in, "I think I've already been on it."

Respectfully,  
K.K.



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

## Keep an eye on your credit file!

By **LYNDA SPENCE**

Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Extension

There's no better time than now to educate yourself about your credit file. Have a look! The great news is, it won't cost you a dime.

### CHECK YOUR REPORT

Each of the nationwide consumer reporting agencies is required to provide you with one free copy of your credit report once every 12 months upon your request. The three Consumer Reporting Agencies share a central website, AnnualCreditReport.com, where you can order your report electronically. Alternatively, you can print out the Annual Credit Report Request Form found on the website and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. You can also order reports by phone at 1-877-322-8228. If, for whatever reason, your credit file is not active, you may be unable to retrieve your report electronically. Don't let this discourage you. Follow through and order it by mail. Every consumer should regularly examine his or her credit report. Check each line for accuracy. One misspelled word or transposed number can result in headaches down the road.

Verify your personal information:

- Name

- Social Security Number
  - Addresses
  - Employment information
- Verify the lender's information:
- Do the balances make sense?
  - Does the listed past high balance makes sense?
  - Is the payment history accurate?
  - Is the account yours, or are you listed on it?

If any of these items are inaccurate, contact the creditor. You can do this from their website.

### MONITOR EVERY FOUR MONTHS

Because there are three different reporting agencies, rotate your requests to receive a new report every four months. For example, start by ordering a free credit report from Trans Union. Four months and one day later, order a report from Experian. Four months and one day after that, order your report from Equifax. By this time, a calendar year will have passed, making you eligible to receive a new free credit report from Trans Union, and so on. Make necessary corrections on each one as you go. Note that there will be a fee if you order more than one report per year from a single agency, and that there is a charge to obtain your FICO score.

By federal law, you're also entitled to one free report a year if you're unemployed and plan to

look for a job within 60 days; if you are on welfare; or if your report is inaccurate because of fraud, including identity theft. You're also entitled to a free report if a company takes "adverse action" against you due to your credit score, such as denying your application for credit, insurance, or employment. If this happens to you, ask for your report within 60 days of receiving notice of the action. The notice will give you the name, address, and phone number of the consumer reporting agency that issued the credit report.

### CREDIT SCORE

If you are curious about your actual three-digit FICO score, you will have to pay. To learn more about credit scores, refer to You and Your Credit: Credit Scores, from UF-EDIS located at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>. The University of Florida IFAS Extension offices can help provide tips and resources. Find our more by visiting: <http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/>.

Lynda Spence serves as Extension Faculty in Family and Consumer Sciences for the University of Florida/IFAS Extension. Her areas of responsibility are aging well and financial management education. Lynda has been selected to present at conferences at district, state, and national levels.

## April is Fair Housing Month

By **MARIO VALLE**

Chairman, Florida Commission on Human Relations

Forty-six years ago this month, President Lyndon Johnson signed the federal Fair Housing Act, which prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, sex, handicap and family status. This important law also made it unlawful for a housing provider to make, print or publish, any statement or advertisement that states a preference based on these classes.

Every April, people across the

United States are encouraged to learn more about their rights and responsibilities under the Act as a part of National Fair Housing Month. This year's theme, "It's Your Right Use It," urges all citizens seeking to rent, own, buy or insure a home to become educated about their fair housing rights and how to take action if they suspect discrimination.

The Florida Commission on Human Relations is your state agency charged with investigating cases of housing discrimination. Last year alone, the FCHR investigated more than 200 cases where housing discrimination was alleged. Even with the passage of

the federal Act and the Florida Fair Housing Act in 1983, discrimination in housing still persists.

As Chair of the FCHR with a 17 year career in real estate, I often have the opportunity to inform people that they have the power to fight housing discrimination and that contacting the FCHR, a local fair housing center or the U.S. Housing and Urban Development is the first step in that process. Remember, "It's Your Right Use It."

If you feel you are a victim of housing discrimination, I urge you to contact the FCHR at (850) 488-7082 or visit our website at <http://fchr.state.fl.us/> and allow us the opportunity to assist you.

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## On the subject of... arrest logs

By LOREN SIPRELL

Like every emotionally healthy 30-something my age, I check Facebook about 40 times a day. Among various websites I subscribe to, I also follow the Gulf County Sheriff's Office. On one of my sessions of browsing, I saw a link the GCSO posted of a recent arrest, a 26-year-old girl from Wewa had been arrested on prostitution charges. Like a cat, I was stricken with immediate curiosity — who was this girl?

Full discourse: Anytime I see an arrest for a charge involving drugs, or even prostitution, I am curious to see if it is someone from my days in the underground. To see if one of my running mates finally ran afoul of law enforcement; officially wrapped in the increasingly disastrous cycle that is the war on drugs.

After reading the press release on this young girl, I went back to the comments section on Facebook and was slightly taken aback by some people's comments. The thread was loaded with 'lol' 'haha-wow' and various comments about her "getting what she deserved." I had to stop and ask myself, what is the purpose of this? What was to be gained by trotting this young girl out on to Facebook, which is the equivalent of a modern day town square to be mocked and laughed at, to have virtual tomatoes walloped in her direction?

I found myself becoming very uncomfortable at the whole situation. So, being the loud-mouth that I am, I spoke up. Granted, I took some liberty with my first comment and in bad form made assumptions about the individuals posting snarky comments. I said something along the lines of, "I guarantee that those laughing and poking fun of her will be the first to post some silly image of Jesus later and be sitting in church on Sunday; Oh, The hypocrisy of small town Christians." I will admit, that comment wasn't fair, the GCSO moderator agreed and it was quickly deleted. While the 'lol's stayed comfortably in place.

It was soon after a dialogue was created, the laughter stopped and people began to ask the same question I was, "Why is everyone laughing?" Better yet, why was this even posted? Now I understand the purpose of the GCSO Facebook page, from the GCSO moderator themselves "The purpose of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office Facebook Page is to share information on specific GCSO topics of interest." I understand why it would be necessary to post press releases of dangerous criminals, sexual offenders; in other words individuals that the community should be aware of. What harm did this girl's crime do to our community? What was the purpose other than to shame this young girl into changing her ways?

Now I will not use this piece to argue the legality of prostitution but I think it would come as no surprise to anyone who has

read my past articles that I am proponent for the legalization of prostitution. I believe Europe has shown that when regulated, sex for money cannot only be lucrative but safe. The point I would like to make here, that I also tried to make in the comments thread, is: Prostitution is arguably a victimless crime and we needn't be concerned with the "poor decisions" this girl has made. What she was engaged in, albeit illegal, was taking place between two consenting adults. She wasn't physically harming another person, she wasn't stealing or robbing, she wasn't hurting children. An ad was placed on an adult website by another adult, to be answered by other adults. No matter how immoral someone make think her actions are, it shouldn't be up to us to decide what is right for someone else's life.

When I brought up the point that prostitution is essentially a victimless crime that the only "victim" would be the young girl it created a bit of an uproar amongst the commenters. "What about her children!" they passionately screamed. "Someone has to raise them now!" they argued. To which I would respond, well if it wasn't illegal in the first place her children would be just fine. It is us, as a society, who has deemed this act immoral and stuck this girl in a concrete cell for selling what is HER body while her children sit on the side lines motherless as we stand in judgment over the choices this girl has made. So I ask, What about her children? I think it's only fair we take a little responsibility for this as well.

Before anyone gets all up-in-arms like Glenn Beck watching 'Noah' let me be clear, I'm not blasting the Sheriff's office by any means, nor am I absolving this girl of any wrongdoing. At the end of the day prostitution is illegal and the fine men in uniform were only doing their job when they arrested this girl. She broke the law, and whether or not I think the law is unjust is a moot point. My qualm was, and is, with the Scarlett Letter-esque posting of such arrests on the Facebook page.

It's such a perverse thing we do as a community. To gawk at the souls who have, for one reason or another, have chosen to make a poor decision that will undoubtedly affect them for a good portion of their lives; We feed into this disgusting trap, we buy those trashy Bay County Mugshot magazines and visit the mug shot page on the GCSO page with a twisted desire to feel better about ourselves. If this truly is a nation founded on Christian principles then I ask, where is the compassion? Where is the forgiveness? Or would it be more appropriate to line the criminals up and just metaphorically stone them with shame?

Loren Siprell is a resident of Port St. Joe

## Letters to the EDITOR

### Critical time for St. Vincent

Dear Editor,

I am writing to everyone who loves St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge as much as I do. The island's protection is at a critical juncture, so I am asking you to join me in speaking up for St. Vincent and all that lives there.

The problem: Because of the national budget sequester, our refuge is in danger of losing even its current, minimal staffing (only four positions for an 18,000-acre island).

Since 2010, 90 permanent positions in the National Wildlife Refuge System in the Southeast were eliminated, and the regional budgets were reduced by almost \$10 million. It is very likely that these budgets will continue to decline.

Our refuge does not have a high profile with the public, so one strategy the USFWS is considering is to relegate St. Vincent into what it euphemistically terms "custodial" status. This means it might not be open to the public and will most likely have only one or no staff assigned to it. There will be very minimal or no active management and no proactive work in general.

I feel sure that without the presence of staff and volunteers on the island, its land and waters will be encroached upon in a variety of ways, not simply left to its own benign intentions. We know this because even during the brief federal furlough last fall, alligators were killed and poached and duck blinds erected on refuge property. Without a staff presence, sea turtles and breeding and wintering shorebirds and seabirds will also go unprotected. The endangered red wolf program may be no more in Florida. Tours and legal hunting will likely cease. Fire management will be curtailed or eliminated.

What you can do: We need to let USFWS administrators know that many of us care deeply about this island wilderness and the wildlife it protects. Your personal voice can make a difference in whether St. Vincent is stripped of its staff and management.

I ask you to write an urgent, brief letter/email to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service telling them what the island means to you as a member of the public who visits or has visited the island. Be sure to state that you oppose any further cuts to staff or programs and that you are very concerned about future management and protection of the island.

Can you do this (along with your taxes) before April 15?

Here are emails of people I believe might be part of this

decision-making process. If you would rather call them, or write, I can help you find that contact info.

**Cindy.Dohner@fws.gov**

She is the regional director of the Southeast Region of the FWS

**David.Viker@fws.gov**

He is the regional chief of the National Wildlife Refuge system

**James.Burnett@fws.gov**

He is at St. Marks and oversees a complex of refuges, including St. Vincent.

Thank you so much, on behalf of the wild things that depend on our voices,

**Susan Cerulean**  
Friends of St. Vincent  
National Wildlife Refuge

### Hubbard departure overdue

Dear Editor,

I attend most meetings of the city of Mexico Beach and for two years have observed the city administrator showing disrespect to Councilwoman Castro. I have also observed the city administrator come to meetings unprepared to provide details and important figures for items on the agenda.

Councilwoman Castro has consistently worked long hours to research relevant items in order to solve important issues for the citizens! She is always prepared and asks the questions that need to be answered before a decision and a vote is taken.

The city administrator often blocked the citizen's right to have those answers. He should have left long ago!

**Candice Burgess**  
Mexico Beach, Fla.

### Parker House decision tough

Dear Editor,

Watching the Parker Family House sit and deteriorate after the fire has been torture to me and my family. So if it's not going to be refurbished then I guess tearing it down is all the city can do. In hindsight, I wish it would have been sold at auction to someone whose main focus was to keep it as the only true historical site for Mexico Beach.

Today is a sad day for me and my family. With that being said, I do know as a commissioner myself, you sometimes have to make tough decisions and I feel confident that each and every board member put a lot of thought and prayer into their decision.

**William Thursbay**  
PSJ City Commissioner and grandson of Charlie and Inky Parker

### County should not assume economic development

Dear Editor,

There is absolutely no one employed or elected in Gulf County government that has the qualifications to oversee the Economic Development function. This is just the latest failed chapter in the county government's tortuous interference and attempt to hijack prospects to be steered to their Special Interest supporters as they have been doing for years. How has the county government created any real economic development? The good news is, if you bow down to the Special Interest they might throw you a bone after they have picked the prospect clean assuming they did not scare them off as I have personally witnessed in the past.

Here is how it works:

1. The county receives a general inquiry from a business prospect who might want to establish their business here in Gulf County.

2. This inquiry is diverted to the Special Interest with an endorsement by the County explaining that using them will insure quick approval of plats, permits and development to including construction.

Hard to ignore that endorsement unless they really know what is going on.

Companies and individuals that do this are referred to as "Bottom Feeders" or "Parasites" and they typically are popular among unsuspecting citizens because they donate to local fund raisers and even offer help with various community projects from time to time in order to bolster their public perception. These individuals and companies can afford to give some crumbs out from time to time to make them look good because they have tons of bread they absconded from the public government — in other words, from you the taxpayers of Gulf County.

Who are these people? If you live here in Gulf County, you know who they are, not any Blow Ins for sure but they walk among us and have been here a long time.

We need a serious change in the way our county government functions and in order to do that, we need honest and competent commissioners not what we have now as they are mere puppets for Special Interest.

And that's the Facts Jack!

**Jim Garth**  
Chairman, Citizens Improving Gulf County

## SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

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Florida Department of  
Division of Recreation and Parks    Environmental Protection

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m. (EDT)

PLACE: Gulf County Emergency Operations Center, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Building 500, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Presentation of the proposed unit management plan update for Constitution Convention Museum State Park.

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

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

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

## Ling Ding tournament begins this weekend

**Star Staff Report**  
The annual John Thompson Memorial Ling Ding fishing tournament comes to Mexico Beach beginning this weekend.

The Cobia-based tournament will be held across nine days during which anglers will work to catch as much Ling as possible.

Tournament entry fee is \$175 per boat which comes with a one-year membership to the Recreational Fishing Alliance.

All boats must launch no further west than the

Mexico Beach city ramp and no further east than the Indian Pass boat ramp. Weigh-ins will be held each day of the tournament from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. CT at the Mexico Beach Marina.

A weekly winner for heaviest Cobia will be awarded and receive a 105 quart Yeti cooler. Overall cash prizes for first will be \$2,000, \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place. Winners will be subject to a polygraph examination.

Anglers must register prior to the tournament by calling the Mexico Beach Marina at 850-648-8900. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association and the Recreational Fishing Alliance.

Official fishing dates will be April 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20.

A Captain's Meeting will be held at the Mexico Beach Marina on Thursday, April 3.



**SPECIAL TO THE STAR**

The annual John Thompson Memorial Ling Ding fishing tournament kicks off on Friday.

## Pen Shells are tasty, but hard to catch

By TOM BAIRD  
Special to The Star

The weather is getting warmer and with that warm water temperatures. Life in the bay is getting active again. Soon, we'll all be anticipating scallop season and the hunt for those delicious little bivalves - bay scallops (Argopecten irradians). But did you know that there is another bivalve in St. Joseph Bay and surrounding Gulf waters whose muscle meat tastes exactly like a scallop? I can vouch for it. So why aren't we out there collecting that mollusk too? The short answer is that they are not as easy to get.

That tasty but hard to collect mollusk is the pen shell. Pen shells are those dark or olive brown triangular, wedge-shaped shells with the slight iridescence inside the shell. They are often found washed up on the beach. They grow fairly large, up to 12 inches. There are several species of pen shells or pen clams in the gulf. One often found in St. Joseph Bay is the Sawtooth Pen Shell (Atrina serrata). Pen shells dig down into the sand pointed end first until only the upper fringe of the shell is above the substrate. There they spin a byssus or byssal threads from a gland on the foot, and attach themselves to hard objects beneath the surface such as a piece of limerock or a deeply buried old shell. Once in place, they can be easy to miss, especially if they are buried on turtle grass flats. A good place to find living specimens is Eagle Harbor or the flats east of Black's Island. Look carefully while snorkeling and you'll see the upper shells just above the sand or move your hand gently along the bottom until you feel the hard shell.

Once anchored in place, the pen shell settles down to the life of a filter feeder, pumping in water and extracting plankton and other organic matter from the seawater.



Because of their relatively stable life strategy, over time, other organisms have taken advantage of the shelter provided by the interior of the pen shell. Little commensal crabs of the genus Pinnotheres and pairs of commensal shrimp of the genus Neopontonides can usually be found living inside the space created by the two valves of the pen shell.

Pen shells have several unusual features. They have two adductor muscles to close their shells, but they are asymmetrical, one is very small and the other quite large. Instead of having a hinge attaching the two shells, like a clam or oyster, pen shells actually bend the shell to close the two halves. While rare, pen shells will also secrete a black pearl. Like oysters and a few other bivalves, pen shells will secrete some of the material that forms the mantle to cover an irritant. Sand, a bit of debris, or food can become irritating and the mollusk seals it off. Because the interior of the pen shell is dark, it produces a black pearl.

Various species of pen shell are found throughout the world, and they are harvested for food in Japan and various Polynesian Islands. Perhaps one of the most unusual uses of pen shell was the harvesting to obtain the byssal threads they secrete to attach themselves to the substrate. These fine threads, called sea silk, were woven into fabrics in ancient times. Mainly obtained from the Mediterranean pen shell, Pinna nobilis, fabrics of this material

were highly prized in ancient Egypt, Greece, Persia and Rome because of the golden color of the processed thread. The practice of using sea silk continued up into the early 20th century, when destruction of grass beds and pollution caused a decline in Mediterranean pen shell populations. The craft of using byssal threads for cloth is still carried on by a few artisan women in Sardinia. There is also evidence that the ancient Chinese also used pen shell byssal threads to weave cloth.

So while pen shells are edible, their value lies in their role as filter feeders, helping to keep bay waters clear and by providing a habitat for other species. Once the pen shell is pulled up its chances of reestablishing itself are small because the digging foot has become reduced by their sessile existence. The dark fragile shells are better collected by walking the beach than disrupting a living organism on the off chance you'll find a black pearl. I'll stick with collecting scallops.

*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.*

## WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Apr. 3	70°	64°	20 %
Fri, Apr. 4	68°	55°	30 %
Sat, Apr. 5	68°	56°	0 %
Sun, Apr. 6	69°	60°	20 %
Mon, Apr. 7	75°	54°	- %
Tues, Apr. 8	75°	55°	- %
Wed, Apr. 9	75°	55°	- %

## TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

## ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
3	Th	1225pm 1.4		1056pm -0.1	
4	Fr	105pm 1.4			
5	Sa	147pm 1.4		1202am -0.1	
6	Su	232pm 1.3		1257am -0.1	
7	Mo	325pm 1.2		142am 0.0	
8	Tu	436pm 1.1		220am 0.0	
9	We	613pm 1.0		249am 0.1	
10	Th	757pm 0.9		310am 0.2	
11	Fr	1047am 0.8	931pm 0.8	320am 0.4	257pm 0.7
12	Sa	1005am 0.8	1107pm 0.8	314am 0.6	408pm 0.4

## APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
3	Th	736am 1.1	536pm 1.3	1246am -0.1	1217pm 0.9
4	Fr	833am 1.0	613pm 1.3	132am 0.0	1252pm 1.0
5	Sa	936am 1.0	656pm 1.3	225am 0.0	142pm 1.0
6	Su	1042am 1.0	750pm 1.2	326am 0.1	255pm 1.0
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During spring and summer on Florida beaches, shorebirds build nests out of sand and shells and hatch chicks that can barely be seen. So well-camouflaged are the nests, eggs and chicks of shorebirds like the snowy plover that they can easily be stepped on or missed unless people know to watch out for them.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reminding beachgoers to be on the lookout and avoid disturbing bird nurseries on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of Florida. Among the state's beach-nesting shorebirds facing conservation challenges are the snowy plover, least tern, black skimmer, American oystercatcher and Wilson's plover.

"By taking a few simple steps, people can enjoy the beach without disturbing beach-nesting shorebirds and their chicks, which increases the birds' chances of survival," said Nancy Douglass, who works on shorebird conservation at the FWC.

"While the populations of beach-nesting birds are declining, people's willingness to protect shorebirds and their chicks contributes to keeping them present on Florida beaches for generations to come," Douglass said.



People at the beach, including those paddling canoes, kayaks and boards along the shore, can help beach-nesting shorebirds by following basic guidelines:

- Keep your distance. If birds become agitated or leave their nests, you are too close. A general rule is to stay at least 300 feet from a nest. Birds calling out loudly and dive-bombing are giving signals you need to back off.
- Never intentionally force birds to fly or run. They use up energy they need for nesting, and eggs and chicks may be left vulnerable to the sun's heat and to predators.
- Respect posted areas. Avoid posted nesting sites and use designated walkways when possible.

• It's best not to take pets to the beach, but if you do, keep them on a leash.

• Keep the beach clean and do not feed wildlife. Food scraps attract predators such as raccoons and crows. Litter on beaches can entangle birds and other wildlife.

• Spread the word. If you see people disturbing nesting birds, gently let them know how their actions may hurt the birds' survival. If they continue to disturb nesting birds, report their activities to the FWC's Wildlife Alert hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922), #FWC or \*FWC on your cell phone or by texting Tip@MyFWC.com. You also can report nests that are not posted to Wildlife Alert.

Wildlife photographers also should follow the rules

that protect beach-nesting shorebirds:

- Remain behind the posted area, with no part of you or your camera equipment extending beyond the string or signs.
- Don't exceed 10 minutes. Too much time photographing near the nest may stress the birds.
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For more information, go to MyFWC.com/Shorebirds and download the "Share the Beach with Beach-Nesting Birds" brochure. Or go to the Florida Shorebird Alliance at [www.fshorebirdalliance.org](http://www.fshorebirdalliance.org).

## FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



### Inshore/Bay

Spring time conditions are finally showing around town and down the coast. We have had several weeks of hit-or-miss weather in our area, and hopefully we are drying out. Good red fish catches are the norm in St. Joe and in Apalachicola waters. Spanish Mackerel are plentiful close to shore and off of the local piers as well. Flounder are starting to show up for the warmer weather as well, just not in large numbers just yet.

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# Tiger Sharks split doubleheader, take 2 district tilts

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School baseball team split a doubleheader against visiting out-of-state teams last week.

The Tiger Sharks followed that up with a pair of district wins to begin the week with a visit to South Walton — listed as a home game on the schedule — on Friday night.

The Tiger Sharks beat East Memorial Christian Academy (Ala.) 13-8 but lost a tough 3-1 decision to Covington (Tenn.) High School last week.

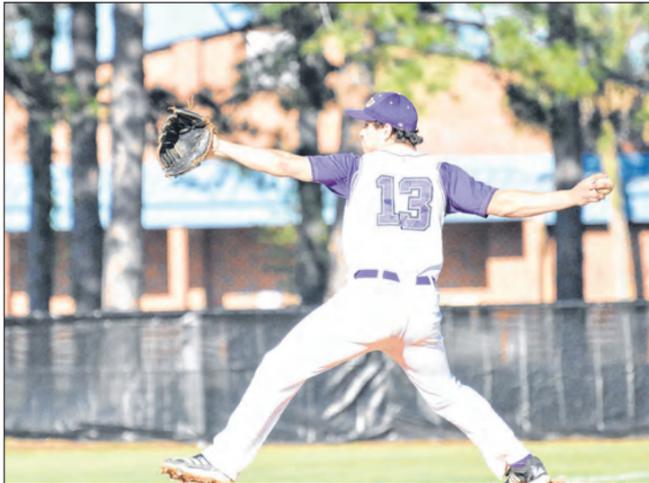
Bryce Register, Cole Cryderman and Hunter Baumgardner paced the win over EMAC.

Ethan Sander started on the mound and earned the win after Cryderman came on to snuff out a EMAC rally in the top of the seventh inning.

Bryce Godwin, who Coach Chuck Gannon said provided a “gritty effort,” took the loss against Covington.

“We just left too many runners on base and could not come up with the big hit,” Gannon said, adding that Register again “had a good effort at the plate.”

Cryderman tossed a com-



COURTESY OF STEVE WHEALTON | Special to The Star

Cole Cryderman pitched a complete game and had two hits in a home win over Liberty County.

plete game and had two hits with an RBI in a 6-4 win over Liberty County on Monday night.

Bryce Godwin also had two hits and drove in a run.

On Tuesday, the Tiger Sharks beat Franklin County 6-3.

Coy Burke picked up the win with Will Ramsey earning the save.

Godwin was 3 for 4 with an

RBI. Jarkeice Davis and Coy Burke had two hits apiece and drove in runs. Tony Yowell had an RBI single.

After Friday’s game at South Walton, Port St. Joe travels to West Gadsden on Tuesday before returning home for games against Bay High next Thursday and Bozeman on Friday in the final district matchup of the season.

# Hindley to coach Pensacola soccer club

## He will return to Port St. Joe in the fall

By TIM CROFT  
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The offseason will be a busy season for Gary Hindley.

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School boys and girls soccer coach will spend several months this summer coaching a Pensacola club team in the National Premier Soccer League.

Pensacola City FC, which was formerly named the Gulf Coast Texans, competes in what Hindley called a fourth-tier league in the player development pyramid of the United States Soccer Federation.

“It is a professional development league and the players are amateurs,” Hindley said. “This would be the most logical step out of college and we have several college all-Americans coming in. We also have a player from France.”

“This was interesting to me because they are young players and I still think of myself as a teacher-coach rather than a coach-teacher.”

Practice for the team, which was purchased by Pensacola businessman Bill Fetke during the past year, begins May 1. The playoffs run through the end of July.

The regular-season slate includes games against teams from Knoxville, Tenn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Atlanta and Mobile, Ala.

One carrot for Hindley was not being forced to leave what he calls his second-home, Port St. Joe, his home away from home, second only to his hometown in the Northeast.

“When I talked to them I didn’t have to move to Pensacola full-time,” Hindley said.

Another attraction was the ability to bring with him his own assistant, in Hindley’s case long-time friend and colleague Don Maples, who is based out of Knoxville and assisted Hindley during his first year at Port St. Joe.

Maples also is an outstanding goalkeeper coach, Hindley said.

Hindley, with a lengthy and broad resume in the college and professional coaching ranks, said he became intrigued with the

### GAME UPDATES

While in Pensacola, Port St. Joe soccer Coach Gary Hindley will be providing a daily five-minute update on the World Cup in Brazil, covering the day’s games, previous results and group standings. The show will be during the morning commute on ESPN Pensacola 1450 AM and 101.1 FM.

possibility of coaching in Pensacola while conducting a camp in the city with Maples.

“I saw this was a lot higher level of play than I thought it would be,” Hindley said. “They were young, hungry, passionate soccer players. They want to be taught everything. That appeals to me.”

There was also appeal at returning to the higher levels of coaching soccer.

In the National Premier Soccer League, players understand the technical side of the game, Hindley’s job is to “professionalize” them about the other aspects of playing professional soccer, from the schedule to nutrition, he said.

Hindley will return in the fall to coach the Port St. Joe programs, where he has enjoyed considerable success the past five years.

The job, Hindley noted, has come with pitfalls, in particular the turnover endemic in a high school program.

“This was the hardest coaching challenge I’ve ever had,” Hindley said. “You start over every year. But I’ve four opportunities for other jobs, but none of them were good enough to leave Port St. Joe.”

Hindley’s teams have combined to go 84-56-10 over the past five years. His boys teams have won two district championships and finished second in the district two other times.

The Lady Tiger Sharks have finished as district runners-up three times.

# Long ball leads PSJ past Blountstown

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School softball team routed visiting Blountstown 11-1 in five innings.

The Lady Tiger Sharks blasted three home runs, one each from Brittany King, Ashley Babcock and Hayley Wood.

Stephanie Brinkmeier (11-2) was on the mound, facing 19 batters and allowing one run on three hits while striking out nine and walking two.

Babcock and King had two hits each and Wood, Callie Fleshren and Christian Laine added a hit apiece.

The Lady Sharks celebrate Senior Night at 7 p.m. EDT Tuesday when Port St. Joe faces Wewahitchka.



COURTESY OF WAYNE TAYLOR | Special to The Star

Christian Laine had a hit as Port St. Joe blasted Blountstown.

# SGVFD donates defibrillator to youth league

Special to The Star

These are true stories. It’s the fourth inning at a little league ball game and suddenly a player collapsed backward, not breathing. His heart had stopped and showed no vital signs. Fortunately, a heart defibrillator was available onsite. His rescuers initiated CPR, reviving him with the defibrillator and rushed him

to the hospital, where he fully recovered and was released in a few days.

A young girl rounds third base heading to home plate when she collapses into her coach’s arms. Her heart had stopped and showed no vital signs. Rescuers rushed to initiate CPR, but no defibrillator was available. The ambulance arrived in 15 minutes and three attempts were made before her heart responded.

She was rushed to the hospital, spending days in a coma and weeks recovering. It was miracle she recovered.

Few people survive the sudden heart stoppage, because nobody has the defibrillators available to bring the children back.

South Gulf Volunteer Fire is proud to donate a defibrillator to the Wewahitchka Dixie Youth softball league.

# Big names, moments abound in 10-year Halifax Classic history

By BRAD MILNER  
Halifax Media Services

Trey Gainer was the first in a long list of area basketball players to cement their names in the history of the Halifax All-Star Classic.

More than 40 will do the same this weekend.

The Panhandle senior basketball showcase celebrates 10 years on Saturday at Gulf Coast State College. The annual event brings together some of the best players in an 11-county area stretching from Eastpoint to Crestview. The 18 previous boys and girls games have created lasting memories and were highlighted by grand performances in what is one

of the last prep games in their careers.

Gainer was the first choice to the East boys team in 2005 out of Bay High School. He joined the Mosley trio of Amanda Stephens, Shari Steele and Janinne Thomas as initial East representatives.

Gainer, a guard, scored 11 points in the East’s 102-82 win with a roster that also included Graceville 7-footer and University of Georgia signee Rashaad Singleton. The future Bulldog wowed with thunderous dunks and blocks and finished with 14 points in what was the first of six East wins in the series.

Singleton was only the first of many Division I signees to don an East uniform. Some of

the others to play on the highest collegiate level and for the East were Mosley’s Derrio Green and Rutherford’s Dre Ross, both of whom played in 2007, Arnold’s Nate Hicks and Chipley’s Alex Hamilton along with 2014 participant Chai Baker of Malone. Port St. Joe’s Calvin Pryor also played for the East in 2011 and went on to sign a scholarship offer to play football at Louisville.

Numerous others furthered their careers at lower-division schools and junior colleges. They included Arnold’s Tyler Schwab, Holmes County’s Jordan McAllister, Cottondale’s Jerodd Blount and Rutherford’s Jon Wade, who scored an East boys record 30 points in a 2012 win.

# Lady Gators split with Franklin County, rout Cottondale

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School softball team split a doubleheader at Franklin County last weekend.

The Lady Seahawks took the opener 4-1, with Brianna Bailey taking the loss for Wewahitchka. Bailey allowed six hits and three earned runs. She was also 2 for 2 at the plate with a pair of doubles. Naomi Parker and Katie Setterich each had hits.

The Lady Gators (13-3) took the nightcap 9-5.

Parker allowed eight hits and two earned runs in earning the win on the mound.

Shamario Cole was 2 for 4 with two runs scored for Wewa-

hitchka. Tara Walding was 2 for 2 with a triple and a grand slam one run. Jade McLemore added a single.

Tuesday night, the Lady Gator powered past Cottondale 9-1.

Ashleigh Price started on the mound and faced 29 batters, allowing four hits and one unearned run while striking out seven.

Cole was 2 for 4 and scored a run and Price also scored while going 2 for 3.

Walding was 1 for 3 drove in one and scored twice, Bailey had two hits, scored twice and drove in two, Parker was 2 for 4 with two RBIs and Mariah Brown and McLemore had a hit and scored a run, McLemore also driving in one.

# PSJ BBQ chicken fundraiser April 11

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School athletic programs, with assistance from the Shark 100 Club, again is sponsoring their annual barbecue chicken dinner fundraiser.

The event will take place Friday, April 11.

The meals can be picked up in the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School Commons area between 5 and 7 p.m. EDT.

The price for each dinner is \$6 and includes chicken, beans, slaw, bread and sweet tea.

All proceeds and donations go to the respective athletic programs that are selling tickets.

John Wright and other community members will be cooking the chickens.

Thanks to the Shark 100 Club for all it does for Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School athletic programs.

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sports before they went to war but due to their injuries they are not able to do that anymore," Acosta said. "Does the government provide you with the tools to make your way? No. That's what our Independence Fund is there for."

"My mission in life now is to acquire the necessary devices for our injured warriors coming home."

Those devices, Acosta said, run the spectrum and address a host of injuries with the commonality of injecting a semblance of normalcy into a life that the battlefield has rendered anything but normal.

Acosta noted that many of those devices have arrived in veterans' hands by sheer luck or circumstance, through an application not foreseen when a product or device was created for a non-disabled person.

For example the iPhone: Certainly not created with the wounded warrior in mind, Acosta said the iPhone is invaluable given

*"Are we all the same? No. Are all our injuries strictly from combat? No. But we share that the way we came home with our disabilities is life-changing."*

**Jesse Acosta**  
wounded veteran

his wounds and loss of sight.

"That phone talks," Acosta said with a laugh. "It tells me who is what. A computer for most is a working tool. For many wounded veterans it is not just a tool, it is a connection to the outside world."

"The availability of these devices has absolutely improved over time. None of this stuff was available to veterans of Vietnam or Korea. A lot of these things came through happenstance that created applications for the disabled. Now we are pretty advanced for

getting these devices for the disabled."

Acosta has been tapped by the organizing committee of the Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend, which returns to Gulf County next month, to serve as keynote speaker for the celebratory banquet that kicks off the five days of relaxation, fishing and much-needed sunshine.

"I'm honored," Acosta said. "I can talk to the warriors because I can relate. I live it every day."

"Are we all the same? No. Are all our injuries strictly from combat? No. But we

share that the way we came home with our disabilities is life-changing."

And what the wounded warrior events provide, Acosta said, is a respite from those changes in life, if even for a day on the water, an afternoon on the beach or a quiet meal with men and women, and their caregivers, who understand and empathize with what life's changes have wrought.

"When it pertains to somebody like me, I am in pain every day and just deal with it," Acosta said. "I tossed all the pills aside several years ago and just manage my pain. It is what it is."

"But when I went on a fishing trip for wounded warriors, for one week I did not feel pain whatsoever. I was relaxed. There was no stress."

"These events reduce stress for the warriors. It is huge for us partaking in events like this. You also get to meet a lot of people and build a network of contacts."

**SERVICE DOG ETIQUETTE**

One lesson Army Sgt. Major Jesse Acosta attempts to convey to people he meets is the essential role filled by service dogs.

Acosta is blind due to his war wounds and has a service dog, Charlie, who by all accounts is a huge hit with the two-legged animals he meets.

But, Acosta says to please approach with caution.

In fact, if Charlie, or any other service dog, is in their harness and collar, don't approach at all.

"It never fails that somebody steps in front of us wanting to pet your dog," Acosta said.

However, that is the last thing the dog or owner needs.

Service dogs are trained, Acosta said, to guide master from Point A to Point B.

But a human in the way of Point B means one of two things is going to happen, Acosta said.

"I run them over," is the first option.

The second is that the dog loses focus, wants to have some fun and is suddenly, and embarrassingly, sniffing everything and everybody in its orbit.

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## County adds 'Purple Heart' designation

By **TIM CROFT**  
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The citizens of Gulf County pride themselves on being a military-friendly community in action.

The Board of County Commissioners last week formally ratified the concept in words.

Commissioners approved a resolution proclaiming Gulf County a "Purple Heart County."

The resolution was brought to the board by Joe Paul, the county's Veterans Services officer. The proclamation is part of a state-wide effort to recognize veterans in all 67 Florida counties.

"I am deeply honored to be

the author of this resolution and am equally honored by the sacrifice each member of our military gives to this country each and every day," Paul said. "They are a special breed of men and women who give freely of themselves to insure our country's freedom.

"The personal and family sacrifice they give should not go unnoticed."

The county has a strong veteran presence.

Almost one in nine registered voters in the county is a veteran, according to Veterans Services, contributing almost \$6 million to the economy.

And, Paul noted, 58 percent of the veteran population in the county is under retirement age. They have come home, he said,

to a depressed economy and shrinking job market.

"They need our support and sacrifice," Paul said. "We need to be ready to lend a helping hand to these younger veterans and their families."

Paul arrived at last week's regular bi-monthly meeting of the BOCC with one such veteran in tow.

Kenneth Bloom, Jr. is a Purple Heart recipient and an Iraqi War veteran, Paul said, a war that remains without end for America's troops.

Bloom was wounded in an IED attack. He was greeted by a standing ovation from the audience, commissioners and staff.

See **'PURPLE HEART' B6**



COURTESY OF JOE PAUL | Special to The Star

Jim Doescher, president of Chapter 794, The Military Order of the Purple Heart, second from left, and other members of Chapter 794 present Kenneth Bloom Jr., left, with life membership in the organization and a commemorative "KaBar" knife. Also pictured is Bloom's son Aden.



## Bridges students enjoy field day in PSJ

The fifth annual Bridges field day event was Friday at the Port St. Joe Elementary School. At the end of the event, each student received a medal to commemorate their participation. **At right and below,** students competed across multiple events designed to provide exercise and fun, including relays, soccer, basketball and bean bag tosses.

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It was all about the smiles.

The fifth annual Bridges field day was last Friday in the gymnasium at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

The event, emceed by Coach Chuck Gannon welcomed special needs students from Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe elementary and high schools as well as the Growing Minds Center, a private school located in

Port St. Joe.

These 62 Gulf County students came together for several hours of exercise and fun.

"All of these kids went to elementary school together at some point before branching off to Port St. Joe or Wewahitchka high schools," event coordinator Tracy Browning said. "This is a great way to bring them back together."

"We hope to keep the event going."

See **BRIDGES B6**



## Community Easter Egg hunt April 19

Star Staff Report

The Junior Service League is sponsoring the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. ET April 19 at the Eighth Street Park in Port St. Joe.

Children ages 10 and under are invited to "hunt," and there will be an opportunity for photos with the Easter Bunny, so bring your camera.

For more information, call Nicki Skiles at 227-5005 or email jslpsj@gmail.com.

## Gulf Coast Electric annual members' meeting Saturday

Special to The Star

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative will have its 66th annual Members' Meeting on Saturday, April 5, at its headquarter office, 722 W. Highway 22 in Wewahitchka. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate information about the cooperative, including the financial reports and overall business status, as well as serve as a social event for the entire membership.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. CT with each registered member receiving a \$10 credit on his or her electric bill. Members will be given the opportunity to win prizes throughout the day, including 10 grand prizes of \$100 credits to an electric bill. There will also be plenty of refreshments provided by GCEC and information booths.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., entertainment

See **ELECTRIC B6**



### Trivia Fun

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**1) Hilary Duff gained fame as the title character in which TV series?**  
Jericho, Lizzie McGuire, Degrassi High, Judging Amy

**2) What does the British English word "tripper" mean in American English?**

Tourist, Jogger, Daydreamer, Oven

**3) Which "Bonanza" actor served in the military during the Korean War?**

Greene, Roberts, Landon, Blocker

**4) Who's been the only president that previously was a CIA director?**

LBJ, Harry Truman, JFK, George H.W. Bush

**5) In backgammon, how many pieces or checkers does each player receive at the start?**

7, 12, 15, 16

**6) Of these, which is not a landlocked country?**

Austria, Ethiopia, Finland, Switzerland

**7) A winged woman holding an atom best describes which award's trophy?**

Oscar, Pulitzer, Emmy, Tony

**8) What is the #1 gassiest dog breed?**

German Shepherd, Beagle, Boxer, Dalmatian

**9) Mats Sundin is best known for what sport?**

Tennis, Golf, Hockey, Skiing

**10) What variety of food is a morel?**

Lobster, Mushroom, Pear, Onion

**11) Who made his film debut in 1955's "Revenge of the Creature"?**

Gene Hackman, Jack Nicholson, Burt Reynolds,

Clint Eastwood

**12) Which of these is a famous Welsh national park and mountain range?**

Lake District, Brecon Beacons, Peak District, Exmore

**13) Of these, who is the youngest?**

Spike Lee, Billy Crystal, Chuck Norris, Tom Arnold

**14) In horse racing how many miles long is a furlong?**

1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4

### ANSWERS

1) Lizzie McGuire. 2) Tourist. 3) Blocker. 4) George H.W. Bush. 5) 15. 6) Finland. 7) Emmy. 8) German Shepherd. 9) Hockey. 10) Mushroom. 11) Clint Eastwood. 12) Brecon Beacons. 13) Tom Arnold. 14) 1/8.

## ENJOY THE SALT AIR MARKET ON SATURDAY



WES LOCHER | The Star

The next Salt Air Farmer's Market will be Saturday, April 5, at City Commons Park in Port St. Joe. Farmers from around North Florida and Georgia will have fresh produce for purchase, and vendors will sell homemade crafts and jewelry. The Salt Air Farmer's Market promotes a sustainable food system on Florida's Forgotten Coast. The Market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET.

# Duke Energy supports Plein Air 2014

Star Staff Report

This year's Forgotten Coast Plein Air: America's Great Paint-Out will run May 1-11. Duke Energy is once again a proud sponsor of the family program called Art in the Afternoon on May 11.

"Plein Air has become a premier event for the Florida Panhandle and Duke Energy is delighted to support this community-wide event," said Bobby Pickels with Duke Energy.

The Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition, a non-profit organized to produce regional multi-community cultural events that improve the quality of life for the coastal area, organizes the Forgotten Coast Plein Air: America's Great Paint-Out.

"We at FCCC are so appreciative of the support of sponsors, such as Duke Energy Foundation, whose generosity

assists us in presenting multi-varied programming as part of our annual event," said Leslie Fedota, FCCC president.

Now in its ninth year, the Forgotten Coast Plein Air annually invites nationally recognized artists from across the country - this year even from Australia - to come to the area. They are charged with capturing the culture, landscapes and people of the area in their painting. All painting is done outdoors and artists can often be seen beside the road or on a sidewalk painting.

Their paintings can be seen at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Arts (86 Water St. in Apalachicola). In addition, exhibits of work previously done are available in Carrabelle, Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe and St. George Island. See [www.pleinairfl.com](http://www.pleinairfl.com) for a complete schedule and details of all events.



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Bobby Pickels with Duke Energy presents a sponsorship check to Leslie Fedota, president of the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition, and Gary Ross, Forgotten Coast Plein Air sponsor chairman.

## Society BRIEFS

### VFW Relay team hosting yard sale

The Relay for Life Team of VFW Post 10069 will have a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT on Friday, April 4, and from 8 a.m. to noon CT on Saturday, April 5. The sale will take place at 500 15th St. (the old church on the corner) in Mexico Beach. Many members and friends have been donating treasures - it's going to be big. The best part of it - all proceeds from the sale will go directly to American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Come on out, browse around - you just might find that treasure you have been looking for!

### 'Walk With Ease' class offered at Wewa Senior Center

Gulf County Senior Citizens and the Arthritis Foundation are offering a "Walk With Ease" class at the Wewahitchka Senior Center beginning April 7.

This program was developed to help people with or without arthritis form walking groups whose goals are safety and success. If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, you can probably participate successfully and the program can be modified to your needs.

Groups meet for six weeks, three times a week. Each session last about one hour. Enrollment is limited to 12 people.

For more information call Faye Jones at the Wewahitchka Senior Center at 639-9910 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. CT.

### American Legion Post 116 special meeting

There will be a special meeting of American Legion Post 116 at 4 p.m. ET Thursday, April 10. The meeting will be held at VFW Post 10069 on Trout Ave. in Highland View for the purpose of installing new officers for the ensuing year and to firm up details for the Legion annual Good Friday fish fry/chicken barbecue fundraiser at Veterans Memorial Park.

New officers to be installed: Commander, Wanda Wawruck; Vice

Commander, Brian Cahill; Adjutant, John Miick; Finance Officer, Kenny Wood; Chaplain, Ron Groleau; Sgt.-at-Arms, Phil Dodson; Service Officer, Bo Williams.

Members are urged to attend to support their new officers and to be a part of the annual fundraiser.

Eligibility for membership and benefits can be found on the American Legion website: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). We invite all eligible veterans to join our organization. For God and Country.

### Port St. Joe Garden Club news

The Port St. Joe Garden Club will hold its April meeting at noon ET on Thursday, April 10, at the Garden Center on Eighth Street. Our program will be "Fairy Gardens" presented by Dena Frost of Frost's Pottery Garden.

Anyone wishing to attend should leave a message on the Port St. Joe Garden Club Facebook page. The Garden Center is available for private functions and is on both national and state historic site lists.

### GFWC Fundraiser

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club will be holding a fundraiser on Friday, April 4, at Lake Alice Park in Wewahitchka. We will be selling lunch plates with grilled pork steak, corn, green beans and bread for \$6. Plates can be picked up beginning at 11 a.m. CST; there will be limited delivery. This project is being held in partnership with Gulf Correctional Institute. You may call Patty Fisher at 832-9436, or Dianne Semmes at 227-6425/639-5345. Thank you for your support.

### Boy Scout Lock-in

Troop 57 of the Boy Scouts will hold a lock-in on Friday, April 4. Boys in fifth grade and up are invited to attend.

Bring a sleeping bag or blanket. \$5 will get attendees a pizza dinner.

Activities will include playing games and watching movies. Bring your X-Box or video game to hook up to a TV.

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# Growing snap beans in the home garden

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County extension director

Green snap beans are categorized into two different groups, bush or pole beans, based on growth characteristics. If the bean plant needs support to grow, they are classified as pole beans; if the beans can grow on their own without added support; they are classified as bush beans. Spring and fall crops can be planted

but the spring crop generally yields larger quantities.

The bush or pole varieties can easily be grown in our area. The bush type is popular because of its early maturity. Most bush snap bean varieties are ready to harvest about 50-60 days after planting.

Pole-type snap bean requires some support on which to grow. They also require a few more days to mature but continue to bear longer than the bush varieties. They usually require about 60 to 75 days from seed to harvest. Green beans reach their best stage of edible maturity when the seed within the pod is about one-third mature.

Beans will not withstand frost. Therefore, make the first planting after the danger of the last killing frost in early spring. Beans planted in cold soils are more susceptible to seedling diseases. You can make successive planting of bush snap beans at 2 to 3 week intervals. Cease plantings when the beans are forced to mature under high temperatures, which cause poor quality. Sow seeds about a one inch deep and two-three inches apart in the row. Bush varieties can be grown in rows 24 to 30 inches apart. Pole varieties need three feet between rows, or plant a double row six inches apart on either side of trellis.

Both bush and pole beans can be grown in a variety of soils, but good drainage is



essential. Beans prefer a slightly acid soil pH 5.8 to 6.5.

Fertilizer application rates are best determined using the results of a soil test. Contact your local County Extension Office for information on soil testing. Fertilizer may either be broadcast and worked into the soil before planting time or banded two inches to the side and two inches below the seed at the time of planting. A later side dressing, at pod set if the plant appears yellowish or is not growing well.

Weed control is essential especially in the first six weeks after planting. Shallow cultivation and hand-pulling are the preferred methods. The soil should be kept evenly moist. Overhead watering should be done early in the day to reduce the incidence of leaf diseases that occur when the leaves remain wet overnight. An organic mulch about two inches deep will conserve soil moisture and reduce weed problems.

Diseases that may attack beans include anthracnose, bacterial blight, mosaic, root rot and rust. If possible, rotate the location of beans in the garden to reduce the incidence of soil-borne diseases that can build up over time.

Insect's pests of beans include aphids, thrips, leafhoppers, loopers, caterpillars and stinkbugs.

For more information on growing snap beans contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit our website: [gulf.ifas.ufl.edu](http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu) or [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu) and see IFAS Publication CIR 1231, PPP38, HS 188.

## PET OF THE WEEK

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Barbara is a 44lb 3yr Lab/Mix. She walks very well on her leash and will sit with a treat. Barbara is a little shy around new people but warms up quickly and craves attention. She likes to choose her doggie friends and would do well with a medium energy dog. Barbara gets along with cats and would do well in a home with them. She is spayed, up-to-date on vaccinations and best of all, she is house broken. Barbara also qualifies for our partnered Pets for Patriots program.

Kitten and Puppy season is upon us and we have an abundance. Please consider one of our fully vetted pets for your next addition to your furry family. Even if you cannot adopt, you can help in other ways:

- Foster homes give our great pets the attention and socialization they crave. We provide all supplies needed. We need volunteers to help with maintenance around the shelter. Towels and bedding are always welcome. Pet carriers and crates.
- Donations of kitty litter is in great demand as well as puppy toys. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Any donation no matter how small will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email [towmsend.hs@director@gmail.com](mailto:towmsend.hs@director@gmail.com) or [adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com](mailto:adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com) or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Online applications and pet photos are available at [www.sjbhumane.org](http://www.sjbhumane.org)

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

*If you are missing a pet or want to adopt a new pet, please check with your local Humane Society or Shelter. Follow us on Facebook: St. Joseph Bay Humane Society*

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### April PSJ STUDENT ARTIST OF THE MONTH



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The Student Artist of the Month at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School is Anastasya Paul. Anastasya enjoys drawing and painting fantasy and surreal scenarios. Her favorite topics to draw are small animals such as rabbits or odd animals such as aardvarks, and she enjoys painting dreamscapes. Anastasya plans to attend college to pursue a major in graphic design and, after establishing a career, might pursue fine arts or animation degrees.



### WOODMEN PRESENT FLAG TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



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Carol Dixon, president of the Panama City chapter of Woodmen of the World, presents an American flag to North Florida Child Development Center CEO Sharon Gaskin for the Field of Dreams location. The Woodmen, who boast almost 1 million members across 3,000 chapters, present flags and American history awards to nonprofit organizations and students.

### Education BRIEFS

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#### 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program enrolling

Enrollment is open for children grades kindergarten through six for the 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program.

This year's theme will be computer programming with Minecraft games. The program will provide enrichment and project-based learning through the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math. There will also be computer-based math games, and best of all, each student will have one hour a day of art and music.

Teachers will include Julie Hodges for art and Becky Hare for music, along with Donna Thompson, Karen Minger, Tonya Plair, Andrea Dixon, Shelly Oliver and Elizabeth Davis.

The program will run 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday from June 2-26. Only 70 spots are available in the program. Transportation will not be provided, and parents will need to pick up students at Kiss N Go at noon each day of the program.

To register, call Jo Clements at

#### VPK registration April 10

Voluntary pre-kindergarten registration will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET Thursday, April 10, at the Early Learning Coalition office in Port St. Joe.

A child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 to be eligible.

Parents must have the following documents for proof of eligibility of their child:

To determine age eligibility: birth certificate; immunization signed by a public health officer (Health Department); valid military dependent ID card; certification of baptism with affidavit stating certificate is true and correct, sworn to or affirmed by parent(s); insurance policy on child's life; passport of certificate of the child's arrival in United States.

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## Obituaries

### Joan Marie Kelly

Joan went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 30, 2014. Joan was a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister and loyal friend.

Joan was born January 13, 1936, in the Bronx New York to Mary and Jack Covais. She is predeceased by both parents and brother Mark Covais.

Joanie was born and raised in the Pelham Bay Section of the Bronx, New York. Attended PS 71 and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in 1954. Shortly after graduation Joan met the man she'd spend the rest of her life with, Ronald G. Kelly. They married in 1957 and began their life together. Joanie was a loving mother raising five children. When her children began to attend school she wanted to keep a close eye on them, so she went to work as a teacher's aide. There she followed her children's progress through grade and middle school.

Joanie befriended all her children's teachers in order to know exactly how they were doing in school. Joanie was also a very successful Avon Lady joining forces with her best friend Johnna for more than twenty-five years. They worked together, traveled to many sales meetings, conventions and

product demonstrations throughout the New York Metro area.

Joanie leaves behind husband Ron of 57 years. Sons Ron and Wife Mary of Port St Joe, Tom and Wife Johnna of Beacon, New York, Christopher, of Fishkill, New York, Steve and wife Suzy, of Port St Joe and daughter Mariann and husband Will also of Port St Joe and grandchildren Melissa Hytinen of Versailles Kentucky, Danica and Dana Kelly and Aidan and Emma Brown of Port St Joe; great-grandchild, Christian Hytinen of Versailles, Kentucky; Beloved sisters Gloria Helms and husband Richard of Uniondale, NY, Carol Thomas and husband Bruce of Ballston Lake NY, sister-in-law Josephine Covais of Westchester, NY and many special nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St Joseph Catholic Church, Port St Joe, Saturday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m.. Please no flowers. Donations in Joanie's name can be made to Covenant House Hospice, Panama City Florida. A visitation will be held Friday, April 4 from 6-8 p.m. ET at Comforter Funeral Home.

Services are under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home.

### Anna Shoaf Vaughn

Anna Shoaf Vaughn, 89, of Our Home in Beacon Hill, Port St. Joe, passed away Saturday, March 29, 2014. She was born Feb. 24, 1925 in Gates, Tenn., to William A. Witt, Sr. and Mary Wiseman Witt. Anna moved to Port St. Joe from Covington, TN after the death of her late husband, Henry Vaughn in 2008.

Anna is survived by three sons, R. Ashley (Barbara) Shoaf of Atlanta, Stephen (Natalie) Shoaf and Stuart (Renee) Shoaf of Port St. Joe; daughter Anna Shoaf of Tampa; grandchildren, Lauren Elisabeth Shoaf (Ray) Pace of Tallahassee, Jason (Ashley) Shoaf, Andy (Kimberly) Shoaf, Witt Shoaf of Port St. Joe, Katie Shoaf of Sanlucar, Spain; and four great-grandchildren, William, Madelyn, Eleanor and

Maggie Shoaf of Port St. Joe. Anna was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles C. Shoaf, Jr.

A Memorial Service will be held at First United Methodist Church, Port St. Joe at 11 a.m. EDT on Friday, April 4 with the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz officiating. Graveside service will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Ripley, TN at 11 .m. April 12.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make donations to First United Methodist Church, POB 266, Port St. Joe, FL 32457; to the Activities Fund at Our Home at Beacon Hill, 141 Kaelyn Lane, Port St. Joe, FL 32456; or to your own charity.

Arrangements are being made by Comforter Funeral Home, Port St Joe, and Garner Funeral Home, Ripley, Tenn.

### Clara Lorine Kennedy Richter

Clara Lorine Kennedy Richter went to her heavenly rest on March 26, 2014. She was born February 20, 1927, in Calhoun County, Florida, where she spent her childhood. She moved to Port St. Joe as an adult and made it her home until the time of her death.

She is survived by two children, Jennifer Holley and husband Norman of Tallahassee and Tim Kennedy and wife Barbara of Port St. Joe. She is also survived by three grandchildren,

Mandy Berman and husband Jason of Tampa and Alison and Amy Kennedy of Port St. Joe; two great grandchildren, Holley Berman of Tampa and Kallie Joseph of Port St. Joe; two brothers, R.O. Traylor of Frink and Horace Traylor of Sneads.

Whether called Clara, Lorine, Mom, Granny, G.G. or Sis, family and friends love and miss her.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 29, at Highland View Baptist Church with interment at Holly Hill Cemetery in Port St. Joe.

## Family secrets uncovered at Lifetree Café

### Special to The Star

How to navigate family secrets will be discussed at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, April 7 at Lifetree Café

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when they met for the first time."

The Lifetree event offers practical tips on handling a wide variety of family secrets.

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.

## Faith BRIEFS

### Jehovah's Witnesses Special Assembly

The Port St. Joe congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will be attending a Special Assembly Day on Saturday, April 5 at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City. The theme of the Assembly is "God's Word Exerts Power" and is drawn from Hebrews 4:12.

Speakers at the assembly will bring out how the Bible has the power to transform us, bringing our thoughts and ways to harmony with God's will. They will show just how powerful God's word is, and how we individually can fully utilize its power in our lives.

Those in attendance can listen to the answer for questions like: Why can we have confidence in God's work? (Ps. 29:4); How can we avoid falling

pretty to the deceptive power of Satan's world? (1 John 5:19); What is the key to changing our lives even if we have strongly entrenched bad habits and attitudes? (Eph. 4:23).

All can benefit from this fine program. All in the community are invited to attend. The program will be at 9:40 a.m. CT. There is no admission charge and no collections will be taken.

### Fun Day at Church of God in Christ

Fun Day will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET at the Port St. Joe Church of God in Christ, 163 Avenue D.

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Choir.....6:00 pm	Surrender Student Ministry.....6:15 - 7:30 pm
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# Lister celebrates anniversary with new book release

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2014 will be a big year for author Michael Lister. It's his 20th Anniversary as a writer and will see the publication of three new novels — one each from his three main series characters: John Jordan, Jimmy "Soldier" Riley, and Merrick McKnight.

"Twenty years ago, in the summer of 1994, in an upstairs office, in a borrowed room with a beautiful balcony and a window air conditioner pumping coolness across my desk," Lister said, "I became a writer."

He goes on to say, "Of course, I had been writing for a while, starting and stopping, trying and failing, sad and bad attempts, beginning some five years prior. But it was the summer of 1994 that everything finally aligned, as I was completing my graduate degree in theology, and I traded time spent in academic for creative endeavors, that a writer was born."

This anniversary year follows a year in which Lister won his second Florida Book Award.

The Florida Book Review says, "Lister's ability to masterfully combine dark, vivid settings with tough yet fallible characters rivals that of Michael Koryta and

Dennis Lehane," while Florida Weekly writes, "Michael Lister is a giant talent with a unique vision. His landmark John Jordan Mystery series is a treasure of contemporary literature — suspenseful, provocative and unsettling."

To celebrate Lister's first two decades as a writer, several special events, activities, and publications are planned.

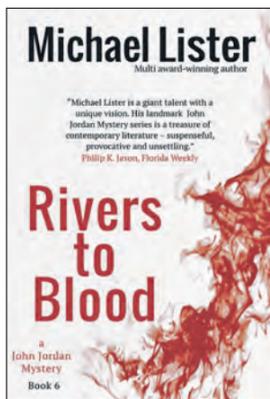
First up is the publication of "Rivers to Blood," the sixth John Jordan mystery, following 2012's Florida Book Award-winning "Blood Sacrifice."

This marks the return of Lister's primary protagonist, John Jordan, and the one that launched his career as a novelist with the publication of "Power in the Blood" in 1997.

PJ Parish said, "Chaplain John Jordan is one of crime fiction's most original heroes, and his creator, Michael Lister is one of the genre's freshest new voices."

Then June will see the publication of "The Big Hello," the third Jimmy "Soldier" Riley 1940s noir novel, following 2013's "The Big Beyond."

"The Big Hello" is the conclusion of the thrilling noir trilogy that began with 2011's "The Big Goodbye," and will let readers find



out the fate of Soldier and Lauren.

John Dufresne said, "Michael Lister has the world of Florida Panhandle noir all to himself. Tough, violent and hard-boiled, this novel of obsession and suspense will remind you of Raymond Chandler, Graham Greene, and why you started reading crime novels in the first place."

And then in October the second Merrick McKnight novel, "A Certain Retribution," following 2010's "Thunder Beach" will be published.

Lister wrote these three novels over many years, but is happy to see them all released at part of this anniversary year celebration.

"It's going to make for a busy year," Lister said, "but I'm thrilled to see each one of my series characters make an appearance during this year that is so meaningful to me."

In the meantime producers and director Jason Hreno continue to work on the feature film adaptation of Lister's 2009 literary thriller, "Double Exposure."

# A & A HomeCare recognized for quality care

Star Staff Report

A & A HomeCare, based in Wewahitchka, has received special recognition from Pinnacle Quality Insight in the following areas:

- Care of Patients
- Communication
- Specific Care Issues
- Caring Staff
- Patients recommending Agency to Others

Pinnacle Quality Insight is a Consumer Assessment of Health Providers & Systems provider. Medicare began to require all home health agencies to enroll with a CAHPS provider beginning in 2010.

The purpose of CAHPS is to ensure that home health agencies are providing quality care to each and every patient.

Pinnacle Quality Insight phones random clients of A & A HomeCare each month (different patients each month) and performs a satisfaction survey over the phone asking questions, such as "Did someone from this agency talk with you about all your prescription

and over-the-counter medications you were taking?" and "Did the home health providers from this agency explain things in a way that was easy to understand?" and "Did the home health providers from this agency treat you and your home with courtesy and respect?"

These results are reported to Medicare and reported to the public via the website Medicare.gov under patient survey results.

A & A HomeCare is proud of their health care team as they scored in the 90th percentile in all five categories while other home health agencies show the Florida and national average is in the 80th percentile.

A & A HomeCare has been serving as Gulf County's local home health agency since 2003 and hope to continue to be the local's choice for all home health needs.

"All staff live locally and consider it a privilege to care for our neighbors," said Amy Miller, RN/administrator with A & A HomeCare. "If you feel that you or a loved one could benefit from home health care services, give our office a call. We would be glad to speak with you and answer any questions you may have."

# FairPoint honors top sales performers

Special to The Star

FairPoint Communications Inc., a leading telecommunications provider, has announced its top sales performers for 2013.

Carol Horton and Sandy Reeves of Port St. Joe were singled out for their top

performance in meeting customer needs and outstanding service.

"I am very proud of our top performers," said Tony Tomae, executive vice president and chief revenue officer. "They are among the best in serving our business, government, education and

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# Tips for great health: Get moving

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Learn more by calling the program at 229-5608.

## BOOK SIGNING

Michael Lister will be signing his new John Jordan mystery, "Rivers to Blood," as well as his other books from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT Saturday, April 5, at the No Name Cafe and Bookstore.

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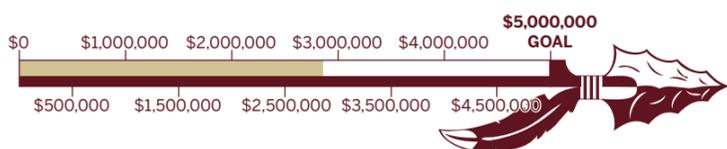
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# Gulf County Sheriff's Office LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

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## March 24-30

On Monday, March 24, Deputy P. Williams arrested Valerie L. Loranger (24) in the 100 block of McGlon Drive in Wewahitchka. Deputy Williams came into contact with Loranger while following up on a case. During that time, Loranger provided a false name and date of birth to Deputy Williams. Once the true identity was established, Deputy Williams learned Loranger was wanted out of Calhoun County. She was arrested on the outstanding warrant and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. After the arrest Loranger's person was searched and as a result Deputy Williams discovered she was in possession of brass knuckles, a small plastic baggie of pills, a small plastic baggie of methamphetamine, and items used to ingest methamphetamine. Loranger also possessed a bag that contained items used to package narcotics for sell or distribution, four individual baggies of meth packaged in a manner consistent with the sale of narcotics, a set of scales, and drug paraphernalia. Loranger was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where she was arrested and charged with Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Meth with the Intent to Distribute, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday, March 25, Andrea D. Wimberly (26) was arrested by Deputy S. Ferrell and Deputy P. Beuligmann. An anonymous complaint was received by Sgt. M. Herring which started an investigation of online prostitution activities. Investigators learned Wimberly posted an advertisement on the internet to exchange sexual acts for money. She was contacted at

the number posted online and agreed to meet an undercover officer for the purpose of having sex in exchange for \$200. Deputies S. Ferrell and P. Beuligmann assisted in the case by arresting Wimberly when she arrived at a location she drove to and agreed to meet the undercover officer at. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and charged with Prostitution. She was first appeared by the judge and conditionally released.

On March 25, the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of utilities in the 100 block of North 2nd Street in Wewahitchka. Sgt. C. Dixon responded and investigated the call. The complainant had left their residence for a few days and returned to discover the resident next door used an extension cord to gain electricity from their home. The act was done without permission. Sgt. Dixon filed criminal charges for Petit Theft and requested a warrant.

On March 25, Alexander K. Morgan (25) was arrested in Peach County, Georgia, on a Gulf County warrant for Failure to Appear on Bail. Morgan failed to appear in court on a charge of No Valid Driver's License in 2013. He posted a \$2,000 bond and was released.

On Wednesday, March 26, Sgt. J. Williams arrested David W. Gilmore (24) in the 200 block of Desoto Street in St. Joe Beach. Sgt. Williams was at the residence assisting an officer with the state's probation office. Gilmore was wanted out of Bay County for Violation of Probation. His original charge was Trafficking in Stolen Property. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was later picked up by the Bay County Sheriff's Office.

On March 26, Sgt. J. Williams was contacted regarding the theft of a vehicle. The offense occurred in the 4100 block of County Road 386 in the Overstreet area. The vehicle

stolen was a 2011 camouflage Tomberlin ATV. It, along with a black 2011 Pace American utility trailer, was stolen. The stolen property was parked and secured near the roadway and advertised for sale. Investigator L. Dickey continues to investigate the case. If you have any information please contact Investigator L. Dickey at the GCSO (227-1115) or you may remain anonymous by calling CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS (8477).

On Friday, March 28, the GCSO traveled to the Bay County Jail to pick up Anita J. Bernardez. Bernardez was held in the Bay County Jail for two warrants in Gulf County for Violation of Probation. Her original charge was two counts of Petit Theft. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On March 28, the GCSO received a complaint of a prowler in the 7400 block of State Road 71 in White City. Sgt. C. Dixon responded to the call. The complainant stated around midnight on March 27 someone attempted to steal his ATV. The complainant informed Sgt. Dixon the subject was ran off and later a vehicle pulled up a short time later near the residence and picked someone up. The GCSO strongly encourages residents to call immediately when any incidents of such nature occur.

On March 28, Deputy P. Williams stopped a vehicle in the Stone Mill Creek area for a traffic violation. The driver, Joe Anthony Purswell (47), was determined to be driving on a suspended license. K-9 Deputy J. Oquendo and K-9 Marco arrived to assist. K-9 Marco was deployed to sniff the free air around the vehicle. He alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics. A search of the vehicle yielded two plastic baggies that contained residual amounts of a substance which tested positive for cocaine. Purswell was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of

Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility where he was released the following day after first appearance on a \$1,500 bond.

On Saturday, March 29, the GCSO received an anonymous call regarding subjects in the 200 block of Marvin Pitts Road actively smoking meth. Another tip was received by the GCSO Narcotics Unit regarding activity. Sgt. M. Herring and Investigator G. Skipper, along with members of the patrol division arrived at the location. When investigators exited their vehicles they could smell the odor of a meth lab. The odor came from the location described by the tips. As a result of the investigation Christopher A. Nelson (30) was charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Possession of Listed Chemicals, Attempted Manufacture of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; John M. Guffey (37) was charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Possession of Listed Chemicals, Attempted Manufacture of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; and Brandi E. Brogdon (35) was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Listed Chemicals, Attempted Manufacture of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. All subjects were arrested and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) and later first appeared. Nelson and Brogdon remains in the custody of the GCDF. Guffey was released on a \$35,500 bond.

On March 29, Deputy S. Ferrell arrested Bobbi Jo K. Duke (23) on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Duke's original charge was Possession of Cocaine. She was arrested in the 300 block of Byrd Parker Drive and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility

where she remains in custody.

On Sunday, March 30, the GCSO received a call regarding the theft of a boat. Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the call. The 2002 Scout, model 177SF, along with its 2002 Yamaha 115hp outboard were stolen from the 2100 block of State Road 30-A in Simmons Bayou. The vessel was transported on a Wesco aluminum single axle trailer. The theft occurred during the night of March 29 and early morning hours of March 30. The property is valued at \$27,300. If you have any information regarding this incident please contact the Criminal Investigations Division at the GCSO (227-1115) or you may remain anonymous by calling CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS (8477).

From March 24-30 the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 43 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 35 calls for EMS, 25 calls for other departments/agencies and 11 calls for Animal Control.

From March 24-30 the GCSO logged the following department activity: Traffic Stop, 37; Civil Paper Service, 34; Field Contact, 17; Information, 10; Request for Security Check, 7; Welfare Check, 7; Disturbance, 6; Verbal Disturbance, 5; Reckless Driver, 5; Suspicious Activity, 5; Alarm, 4; Animal Call, 4; Agency Assist, 4; Noise Disturbance, 4; Sexual Offender Address Verifications, 4; Special Detail, 3; Abandoned Vehicle, 2; Citizens Assist, 2; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 2; Funeral Escort, 2; Escorts, 2; Fire, 2; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 2; Stolen Vehicle, 2; Suicide Attempt, 2; Suspicious Vehicle, 2; Traffic Accident, 2; Warrant Arrest, 2; Contact Message, 1; Domestic Disturbance, 1; Physical Disturbance, 1; Drunk Driver, 1; Structure Fire, 1; Identity Theft, 1; Obscene/Harassing Phone Calls, 1; Possession of Controlled Substance, 1; Prisoner Transport, 1; Shooting Incident, 1; Suspicious Person, 1; and Theft, 1.

## ELECTRIC from page B1

will be provided by The Gann Family. There will also be a bounce house and a petting zoo for the children. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

"I invite all of our members to come and take part in our annual meeting, not only to be present for the business portion of the meeting, but also to enjoy food, prizes and entertainment," Gulf Coast Electric CEO/General Manager Michael White said.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is part of the Touchstone Energy national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. GCEC serves approximately 20,500 meters in Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties and in the municipalities of Wewahitchka, Ebro, White City, Lynn Haven, Fountain and Southport.

## 'PURPLE HEART' from page B1

Commissioner Warren Yeager said the county has always tried to honor veterans.

The county park at Beacon Hill was renamed Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill, he said. A portion of State 22 was renamed the Bay-to-Gulf Veterans Highway.

Further, at the request of VFW Post 10069 in Highland View and other veterans groups, state Rep. Halsey Beshears, R-Monticello, is sponsoring a bill that would name a portion of State 71 "Veterans Memorial Parkway."

"Gulf County has always tried to recognize our veterans,"

Yeager said. "We appreciate our veterans."

After being recognized by the BOCC, Bloom received a commemorative "KaBar" knife from members of Chapter 794, The Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The knife, a symbol of the organization and Bloom's lifetime membership, is inscribed with a Purple Heart.

The Gulf County Veterans Services Office has new days and hours of operation.

The office is open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Paul said.

## BRIDGES from page B1

Field day events included running relays, soccer, basketball and bean bag tosses that exercised students' cardiovascular systems and worked their hand-eye coordination.

Each student was recognized with a round of applause, and at the end of the field day, each received a medal to commemorate their participation in the event.

Director of Special Needs Services for Gulf District Schools Deborah Crosby celebrated her final field day. After 40 years serving the county, she's retiring from her role. She said working with the students has been an amazing experience, and though she was sad to leave the position, she felt confident the values of the program would remain upheld.

"Always remember the importance of including everyone," Crosby said. "We live in an inclusive society. It takes a village to raise the children."

The various volunteers and teaching staff who make up the Bridges program throughout the county also received a round of applause for their hard work and



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Students from the Bridges programs in PSJ and Wewahitchka and the Growing Minds Center in Port St. Joe came together for the festivities.

Games were designed to strengthen hand-eye coordination in the participants.



dedication to the students and program.

"It doesn't matter where or who they are," Crosby said. "Each of these students has

something in common.

"These are the sweetest kids ever, and it's all about the excitement on the children's faces."

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**98379**  
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. 1025  
Application No. 2014-22  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 03450-175R

Description of Property: Lot 35, Wetappo Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 36-42, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Palm Breeze Development, 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 7th day of May, 2014. Dated this 31st day of March, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,  
Deputy Clerk  
April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014

**98381**  
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OF APPLICATION  
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Tax Sale Certificate No. 467  
Application No. 2014-21  
Date of Issuance: May 25, 2011  
R.E. No: 02186-000R

Description of Property: Begin 21 feet South of the Northwest Corner of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 10 West,

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thence run East 184 feet to State Road No. 71, thence South along State Road No. 71 for 150 feet, thence run West 177 feet, thence run North 150 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING, in Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 10 West. AND ALSO: Begin 20 feet South of the Northeast Corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, thence run West 209 feet, thence run South for 140 feet, thence run East for 140 feet, thence run North 140 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING

Name in which assessed: TIFCO Enterprises, Inc.

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 7th day of May, 2014. Dated this 31st day of March, 2014.

REBECCA L NORRIS  
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COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Donna L. Ray,  
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April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014

**94294S**  
FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW  
ENFORCEMENT,  
Petitioner,

vs.  
CLYDE J. MELVIN,  
Case #36048  
Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: CLYDE J. MELVIN,  
Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.

You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S., upon Jennifer C. Pritt, Program Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before May 20, 2014. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.

Dated: March 20, 2014

Susan Benton - Chair  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
STANDARDS AND  
TRAINING COMMISSION

By: -s- Ashley Hegler,  
Division Representative  
March 27, 2014  
April 3, 10, 17, 2014

**94438S**  
NOTICE OF GENERAL  
ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do

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hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in GULF County, State of Florida, on the FOURTH day of NOVEMBER, 2014, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices:

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**94440S**  
AVISO  
DE ELECCIONES  
GENERALES

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de GULF, Estado de la Florida, el día CUATRO de NOVIEMBRE de 2014 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos:

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**94488S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 23-2009-CA-000114

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

vs.  
MICHAEL B. RUSSO; AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER; BARRIER DUNES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MICHELLE RUSSO; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 18th

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day of March, 2014, and entered in Case No. 23-2009-CA-000114, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL B. RUSSO, AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER, BARRIER DUNES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., MICHELLE RUSSO and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, 11:00 AM ET on the 17th day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**UNIT 41, BARRIER DUNES, AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AT ORB 107, PAGE 227, AND AS AMENDED IN ORB 110, PAGE 805 AND ORB 128, PAGE 118, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850)747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2014.

REBECCA NORRIS  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter  
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Choice Legal Group, PA. 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida Phone: (954)453-0365 Fax: (954)771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438

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**94502S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2009CA 000254CA

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., SERIES 2002-C ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,

vs.  
SUELLEN FLEMING, et al.  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 18, 2014 and entered in 2009CA000254CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., SERIES 2002-C ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, is the Plaintiff and SUELLEN FLEMING; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY are the Defendant(s). Rebecca L. Norris as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the Front Lobby 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, at 11:00 AM ET on April 17, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST FOR 1341.09 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE 100 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 30-E (FORMERLY STATE ROAD NO. 30-E); THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 23 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST FOR 1642.44 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT WHICH HAS A RADIUS OF 11426.79 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 33 SECONDS FOR 427.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE SOUTH 25 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST FOR 1711.69 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO**

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**THE RIGHT WHICH HAS A RADIUS OF 11415.15 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 05 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 49 SECONDS FOR 1058.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST FOR 2813.88 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE RUN SOUTH 69 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST 574.11 FEET TO A RE-ROD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 69 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST 319.00 FEET TO THE APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF THE GULF OF MEXICO, THENCE RUN NORTH 15 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID APPROXIMATE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE 59.78 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 69 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST ALONG A PARTY WALL AND A PROJECTION THEREOF 314.00 FEET TO A RE-ROD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 20 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 59.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**SUBJECT TO AN INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE SOUTHEASTERLY 18.00 FEET AND THE SOUTHWESTERLY 12.00 FEET OF THE NORTHEASTERLY 74.00 FEET THEREOF.**

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

Dated this 21st day of March, 2014.  
Rebecca L. Norris  
As Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter  
As Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT**  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850)747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711. ADA Coordinator P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, Florida 32402, Phone: 850-747-5338 Fax: (850) 747-5717, Hearing Impaired: Dial 711, Email: ADARquest@jud14.flcourts.org

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Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Ave, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Phone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-910-0902 File No. 13-14008 March 27, April 3, 2014

**94574S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 13-124-CA

CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.  
SHEBRETIA DANIELS MYERS A/K/A SHEBRETIA S. DANIELS A/K/A SHEBRETIA MYERS, EMIT DANIELS, VONCILE DANIELS A/K/A VONCILE J. DANIELS, and EARNEST MYERS, JR., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE is given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 27, 2014, in Case No. 13-124-CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, in which CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and SHEBRETIA DANIELS MYERS A/K/A SHEBRETIA S. DANIELS, VONCILE DANIELS A/K/A VONCILE J. DANIELS, and EARNEST MYERS, JR. are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on May 1, 2014, the property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure and more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land in the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a point of intersection of the North boundary line of the Southwest quarter of Section 18 with the Westerly right of way boundary line of State Road No. 71 (having a 66 foot wide right of way); thence go South 18 degrees 16 minutes 14 seconds East along said Westerly right of way boundary line (as monumented) for a distance of 271.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said point of beginning, continue South 18 degrees 16 minutes 14 seconds East along said right of way boundary line for a distance of 107.00 feet; thence departing said right of way boundary line, go South 86 degrees 26 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance of 210.00 feet; thence go North 18 degrees 16 minutes 14 seconds West for a distance of 107.00 feet; thence go North 86 degrees 26 minutes 09 seconds East for a distance of 210.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Any person claiming an

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interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED: March 28, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS  
Deputy Clerk

By: BA Baxter  
Deputy Clerk

Garvin B. Bowden, Esq. Gardner, Bist, Wiener, Wadsworth, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, PA. 1300 Thomaswood Dr Tallahassee, FL 32308 April 3, 10, 2014

**98311S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-000236

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. F/K/A FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT RAY WOODHAM A/K/A ROBERT R. WOODHAM A/K/A ROBERT WOODHAM, ET AL Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated March 18, 2014, and entered in Case No. 11-000236 CA of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. F/K/A FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK is Plaintiff and ROBERT RAY WOODHAM A/K/A ROBERT R. WOODHAM A/K/A ROBERT WOODHAM; MELODY WOODHAM; EDITH LILLY HOMAN; TAMMY SUE CANNINGTON; ROLAND SHERMAN FOSTER; ELAINE CAROLINE COX; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELAINE CAROLINE COX, IF ANY N/A LAWRENCE COX; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY SUE CANNINGTON, IF ANY NAVA HOWARD CANNINGTON; AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROLAND SHERMAN FOSTER, IF ANY; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES and CAPITAL CITY BANK; all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the named defendants, whether living or not, and whether said unknown parties claims as heirs, devisees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or in any other capacity, claiming by, through under or against the named Defendants are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT LOBBY, OF THE COURTHOUSE of the GULF County Courthouse, in GULF County, Florida, at 11:00 AM ET on the 17th day of April, 2014,

the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

Lots 3 and 4, Rochelle Estates, an Addition to Oak Grove Subdivision, being a portion of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, according to the official map on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, in Plat Book 3, Page 12.

1995 HOMETTE CORPORATION MOBILE HOME VIN#FLHML2P104613274 A/TITLE#69358448 VIN#FLHML2P104613274 B/TITLE#69358446 VIN#FLHML2P104613274 C/TITLE#69358447 Street Address: 541 WELTON DRIVE, PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA 32456

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 21st day of March, 2014.

Rebecca L. Norris  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter  
As Deputy Clerk  
Mar 27, Apr 3, 2014

**98341S**  
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS BID NO. 1314-17 FPID NO. 435194-1-58-01

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids from any qualified person, company or corporation interested in constructing:

WARD STREET SCRAP PROJECT (PRI PROJECT #003.257)

This project includes approximately 1,800 LF of roadway resurfacing and reclaimed asphalt along Ward Street located at St. Joe Beach in Gulf County, FL.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at Preble-Rish, Inc., 324 Marina Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, (850) 227-7200. The bid must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes, on public entity crimes. Cost for Plans and Specifications will be \$50.00 per set and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to PREBLE-RISH, INC.

All bidders shall be FDOT Qualified per Section 2-1 of the FDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition in the following work classes: Grading, Drainage, Flexible Paving, and Hot Plant Mix-Bituminous Course.

Completion date for this project will be 60 days from the date of the Notice to Proceed presented to the successful bidder. Liquidated damages for failure to complete the project on the specified

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date will be set at \$250.00 per day.

Qualified bidders must submit the original and three (3) copies of the bid to the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Room 147, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 by the Response Deadline (April 25, 2014 at 4:30 P.M., E.T.).

Please indicate on the envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME, BID NUMBER and that this is a sealed bid for the "Ward Street SCRAP Project".

Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, on April 25, 2014 at the Gulf County Clerk's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, and will be opened and read aloud at this same location on April 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time.

All bids shall remain firm for a period of sixty days after the opening. All bidders shall comply with all applicable State and local laws concerning licensing registration and regulation of contractors doing business to the State of Florida.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid, to accept and/or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid that in their judgment will be in the best interest of Gulf County.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GULF COUNTY,  
FLORIDA

/s/ Ward McDaniel,  
Chairman  
April 3, 10, 2014

**983775  
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. 139  
Application No. 2014-24  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 00648-000R

Description of Property: COMMENCING at the SW Corner of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida; thence North along the West line of said SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 to the North Right of Way line of Transfer Road for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence East along said North right of way line for 210 feet, thence North parallel with the West line of said SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 to the Southern right of way line of Henry Circle; thence Westerly along said Southerly right of way line for 210 feet, more or less, to a point on said West line of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence South along said West line to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being located in the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida, and being the East 1/2 of tract described in Official Records Book 76, Page 1091, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Earl Forehand & Kelly Forehand

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 7th day of May, 2014. Dated this 31st day of March, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS  
BOARD OF COUNTY

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk  
April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014

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Tax Sale Certificate No. 469  
Application No. 2014-23  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 01847-000R

Description of Property: COMMENCE at the Northeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, and extend a line westerly along the North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter for 571.0 feet; then turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes left for 730.0 feet for a POINT OF BEGINNING. From this POINT OF BEGINNING, turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes left from the line last described above for 151.0 feet, then turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes right for 75.0 feet, then turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes right for 151.0 feet, to a point on the eastern right of way line of Refour Road; then turn 90 Degrees 00 Minutes right along said right of way line for 75.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This parcel of land has an area of 0.26 acre. It is in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, in the City of Wewahitchka, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Ceaphous & Margretta Fisher

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**983855  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
TO RECEIVE SEALED  
BIDS  
BID NO. 1314-18**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will receive bids from any person, company or corporation interested in providing the following:

LEASE, LEASE WITH THE OPTION TO PURCHASE OR PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING:  
BUILDING #1 - MINIMUM 3,000 SF IN BUILDING #2 - MINIMUM 7,000 SF IN PORT ST. JOE

List the building specifications, state the amount of parking available and price in your bid. Interested parties should contact Lynn Lanier for additional information at (850) 229-6106.

Please indicate on the envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME, that this is a SEALED BID and include the BID NUMBER.

Proposals must be submitted to the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456, by 4:30 p.m., E.T., on Friday, April 11, 2014. Bids will be opened at this location on Monday, 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

REBECCA L. NORRIS

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COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY: WARD MCDANIEL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: REBECCA NORRIS, CLERK  
April 3, 10, 2014

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**GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
**3230**

**NEW TODAY**

St. Joe Beach- 311  
Columbus St. Saturday  
April 5th. 8am - 2pm

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Yard Sale!**

Also Hands Across the Panhandle. Free Hot Dogs & Refreshments  
Text FL85032 to 56654

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PANAMA CITY FAIRGROUNDS  
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SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4  
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**3100 - Antiques**  
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**3140 - Baby Items**  
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**3160 - Business Equipment**  
**3170 - Collectibles**  
**3180 - Computers**  
**3190 - Electronics**  
**3200 - Firewood**  
**3210 - Free Pass It On**  
**3220 - Furniture**  
**3230 - Garage/Yard Sales**  
**3240 - Guns**  
**3250 - Good Things to Eat**  
**3260 - Health & Fitness**  
**3270 - Jewelry/Clothing**  
**3280 - Machinery/Equipment**  
**3290 - Medical Equipment**  
**3300 - Miscellaneous**  
**3310 - Musical Instruments**  
**3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies**  
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Lane Leather Sofa and over-stuffed chair. Excellent cond. Our home had no smoking or pets. Dark, copper color. Sofa \$675; Chair \$375. Cash only & pickup - Apalachicola. 813-298-9602  
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk  
April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
TO RECEIVE SEALED  
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BID NO. 1314-18**

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**PETS**  
**2100**

**GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
**3230**

**NEW TODAY**

St. Joe Beach- 311  
Columbus St. Saturday  
April 5th. 8am - 2pm

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Yard Sale!**

Also Hands Across the Panhandle. Free Hot Dogs & Refreshments  
Text FL85032 to 56654

**GUNS**  
**3240**

**NEW TODAY**

**GUN SHOW**  
PANAMA CITY FAIRGROUNDS  
April 12th and 13th  
SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4  
FREE PARKING  
Info: (407) 275-7233  
floridagunshows.com  
Text FL84435 to 56654

**3100 - Antiques**  
**3110 - Appliances**  
**3120 - Arts & Crafts**  
**3130 - Auctions**  
**3140 - Baby Items**  
**3150 - Building Supplies**  
**3160 - Business Equipment**  
**3170 - Collectibles**  
**3180 - Computers**  
**3190 - Electronics**  
**3200 - Firewood**  
**3210 - Free Pass It On**  
**3220 - Furniture**  
**3230 - Garage/Yard Sales**  
**3240 - Guns**  
**3250 - Good Things to Eat**  
**3260 - Health & Fitness**  
**3270 - Jewelry/Clothing**  
**3280 - Machinery/Equipment**  
**3290 - Medical Equipment**  
**3300 - Miscellaneous**  
**3310 - Musical Instruments**  
**3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies**  
**3330 - Restaurant/Hotel**  
**3340 - Sporting Goods**  
**3350 - Tickets (Buy & Sell)**

**APPLIANCES**  
**3110**

Whirlpool Washer & Dryer for Sale \$400  
850-227-8024.  
Text FL83897 to 56654

**FURNITURE**  
**3220**

Lane Leather Sofa and over-stuffed chair. Excellent cond. Our home had no smoking or pets. Dark, copper color. Sofa \$675; Chair \$375. Cash only & pickup - Apalachicola. 813-298-9602  
Text FL83787 to 56654

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Port St. Joe 2104  
Monument Ave.  
**Multi-Family Yard Sale - Too Good to Miss!**

Sat. April. 5th  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Lots of Misc Items.  
Must See!  
Text FL84939 - 56654

**NEW TODAY**

Port St. Joe 288 Redfish St (Highland Veiv).  
Fri-Sat April 4-5 From 7:30-Until

**Moved Out Yard Sale**

To Much To List.  
Text FL85019 to 56654

**HELP WANTED**  
**4100**

Hospitality

**RESORT VACATION PROPERTIES**

is looking for dependable employees with good customer service & teamwork skills. Weekends required.

**PT Inspectors**

Attentive to detail, hardworking, able to climb multiple stairs. Must have reliable vehicle.

Apply 9-5 weekdays at 123 W Gulf Beach Dr. St George Island Web ID#: 34281710

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**2006 light weight travel trailer. 1 slide-out, 4800 lb dry. 1 owner. \$25,000 new, now \$8000.**

Call Larry Wilson  
850-227-2167

**MOVING/STORAGE**  
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**MINI STORAGE In Port St. Joe**  
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