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Dredging costs, schedule coming into focus

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Port St. Joe Port Authority chair Leonard Costin talked last week about the work the board is doing to try to make the "impossible possible."

A letter approved and forwarded to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers brings the possible significantly

closer.

The letter was sent to the regional Corps Office and begins the process of entering an agreement that would put the Corps as lead on the dredging of the federally-authorized shipping channel while the Port Authority and its engineer concentrate on permitting for spoil disposal.

An agreement, or Letter of Intent, with the Corps also brings a fixed cost and a

schedule.

Under the agreement, called a "contributed funds agreement," the Port Authority would provide the funding, and the Corps would continue the work on securing a dredge permit and subsequently contract out the project.

The letter is non-binding. The Port Authority is held to nothing if it cannot secure state funding for the

dredging.

The cost of the dredging would not exceed \$40 million, Costin said.

"It is more than we expected, but it is a not to exceed number," Costin said. "The letter commits us to nothing. We are simply moving forward with the letter."

While the initial estimate was \$25 million, the increase in the total cost was because, Costin said, of inaccurate

numbers on the amount of spoil that would be produced during dredging.

Engineers working on the dredge permit found the actual amount of spoil to be nearly four times that estimated based on initial numbers provided by the Corps, said Billy Perry with Hatch Mott MacDonald, the Port Authority's engineering contracted firm.

The time provided by the

Corps would have the shipping channel dredged to the full authorized depth of 37 feet - requested by companies with Letters of Intent to ship wood chips through the port - by the fourth quarter of 2015.

Permits would be in hand by September, Costin said, with contracting for the work by March 2015.

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MUSEUM MAKEOVER

Plan would bring upgrades to Constitution Convention Museum

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The museum's interior celebrates Florida history.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection aims to apply a bit of modern sheen with a new management plan for the Constitution Convention Museum/Park in Port St. Joe.

A public meeting to unveil the plan was held last Tuesday followed the next morning by a meeting of the museum's advisory council, a mix of local volunteers, county tourism

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A management plan would bring renovations to the exterior of the Constitution Convention Museum, as well as enhancements to parking and additional picnic areas. A priority for planners - don't mess with the canopy of trees providing a rooftop for strolls from the Constitution Monument to U.S. 98.

Flooding threat continues

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The Apalachicola River is rising but in manageable fashion - the Chipola River was another story Tuesday.

Levels of the Chipola River at Altha spiked early this week to 20.5 feet on Tuesday, said county emergency manager Marshall Nelson.

Nelson said forecasts are for the river to crest at 26.8 feet at Altha by Wednesday, and he said water will move fairly quickly into Gulf County.

Low-lying areas are already under a flood warning, Nelson said.

"That might create a problem," Nelson said.

Because of relatively smaller Chipola basin in comparison to the Apalachicola, Nelson said, that water will be problematic.

"We kind of thought the problem would be the Chipola," Nelson said. "We are probably going to have some issues on down to Howard Creek in the next day or so."

Lake Seminole, the source of the Apalachicola River, has some room for water, Nelson said and there remains room in the basin at the river had risen to 19.4 feet on Tuesday.

Added to issues of water sweeping into the Chipola basin, Nelson said, is that there is flooding or the threat of flooding from the Dead Lakes north.

Heavy rains Tuesday morning only compounded flooding potential, Nelson said.

The Board of County Commissioners passed a declaration of a local state of emergency last week with provisions it could be extended.

That allowed Nelson and Public Works to begin preparing for flood waters by deploying county assets to address problems in low-lying areas.



Yeager testifies to congressional committee on CBRA

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County Commissioner Warren Yeager testified last week before a congressional committee concerning a resolution to remove the Coastal Barrier and Resource Act designation from portions of Cape San Blas and Indian Pass.

Yeager appeared in Washington, D.C., before

the House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, a subcommittee of the Committee on Natural Resources.

"These developed or planned to be developed lands... should have been included in (CBRA) in the first place."

Warren Yeager

Gulf County commissioner

Yeager was part of a panel that also included the county attorney from Bay County.

The subcommittee is considering nine House

Resolutions to alter CBRA boundaries and designations in coastal areas from Rhode Island to North Carolina to Florida.

Though former Congressman Allen Boyd (D-Monticello) pushed a similar bill to address issues in Gulf County for several years, this is the furthest a bill - now sponsored by Congressman Steve Southerland (R-Panama City) and called H.R. 4222 - has advanced.

The thrust of Yeager's presentation was the argument that 942.6 acres, totaling less than 2.5 percent of the total county CBRA foot-

print, Yeager said, should be removed from the CRBA boundaries.

Providing maps and exhibits, Yeager argued the land should not have carried the CBRA designation to begin with as public infrastructure, roads, power, water, telephone and Florida of Department of Health-permitted septic systems, was already in place.

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Bid awarded for Cape San Blas lighthouse relocation

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Progress on moving the Cape San Blas lighthouse continues to creep along.

At Tuesday's meeting Port St. Joe Commissioners awarded the bid to GAC Contracting to relocate both the lighthouse and keeper's quarters, which will come with a price tag of \$510,450.

GAC provided the lowest combined bid and Mayor Mel Magidson explained the importance of moving both structures simultaneously and the difficulties that may arise from trying to coordinate separate contractors for the project.

Magidson said that transporting the buildings by land would require a convoy to take down power lines ahead of the lighthouse and then raise them back up immediately so area residents aren't without power for an extended period of time. At previous meetings the cost of raising and lowering the power lines estimated at \$170,000.

"There are lots of moving parts, but that's a critical aspect," said Magidson. "Of course, this is contingent upon having every dollar that we need."

Magidson said that there was an appropriation under a historical preservation grant that was currently being discussed by the legislature, which is currently in session. He



FILE PHOTO

City Commissioners awarded a bid to move the Cape San Blas Lighthouse and Keepers' Quarters to GAC Contractors.

made it clear that he did not intend to use money from the city's budget for the project.

"I have committed from day one that no money from the budget would be spent on the project," said Magidson.

Commissioner Rex Buzzett supported awarding the bid to GAC and recommended using BP money and recently received Duke Energy funds for the move.

"It's almost like money from Heaven," said Buzzett. "It's found money...it's not money that we expected at all."

"Nobody will miss that

money."

Magidson also suggested that another source of funding could come from PSJRA funds since the organization's fiscal year aligns with the city.

Commissioner William Thursbay said he promised citizens not to spend money for the project out of the general or BP funds and intended to keep his word.

Commissioners Bo Patterson and Phil McCroan also wanted to take the BP funds off the table.

A motion by Buzzett to award the bid without contingencies was passed unanimously.

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representatives and rangers with the local state parks.

The plan is in draft form, said Daniel Alsentzer, a park planner with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and therefore is not on the 10-year work plan for the state's parks.

Contingent on funding, the plan would hopefully reach the agency's 10-year work plan in the coming year, Alsentzer said, at which time it would be subject to the same funding process undertaken by all state government agencies, he said.

"Ours is a little more competitive than other agencies," Alsentzer added. "The funding is likely not available for a period of time."

That the DEP is drafting a management plan for the 12-acre complex is encouraging for the museum's supporters.

For several years, as funding for state parks dropped, there were whispers that the museum/park could be on the chopping block.

"My main concern is that the park and museum remain open," said Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson, who lives across the street from the park. "It is history."

"Anything to enhance the visit is a good thing because that is a positive for Gulf County and the city of Port St. Joe. Not only to enhance it, but to market it."

Alsentzer said closing the park/museum, "Is not on the table ... This is a resource of statewide significance. We think the plan would enhance visitor numbers and exhibits."

Enhancing those numbers, in exhibits and visitors, would be critical in securing funding for the management plan, Alsentzer said.

The advisory council and public meetings were aimed at soliciting public

comment about the tentative plan. The comments will be incorporated into the final document, Alsentzer said.

In broad strokes, the plan calls for renovation of the building's exterior and interior with several goals: to better accommodate school groups and public functions; add enhancements to the exhibits; and improve windows, shutters and air conditioning.

That will include an evaluation of the museum structure and roof, assessing the integrity of the building, Alsentzer said. The exterior would also be rehabilitated for a more coastal Florida look.

"That is a priority," said Alsentzer of improving the exterior aesthetics of the museum.

The flat roof, which had led to chronic problem with leaks, will almost certainly be replaced.

Using brickwork similar to that used on the Port City Trail, concrete walkways will be replaced with wider paths, and landscaping improvements will be made to the exterior of the museum as well as the park grounds.

Landscaping improvements will include placards identifying the varying forms of native vegetation in the park.

Any improvements outside, additionally, will be geared to complimenting the spectacular canopy of pines, live oaks and palms that drape the park and provide a green rooftop for a stroll from the Constitution Monument and U.S. Highway 98.

"It is a beautiful spot," said Charlotte Pierce, a member of the advisory council and president of the St. Joseph Historical Society.

In addition, a new shared-use trail around the perimeter of the memorial mall will link the Port City

Trail system to the park grounds, which would provide an accessible route to tour the park without having to walk down roadways.

"We want to do as much as possible to connect the park and the city as the Constitution City," said park manager Mark Knapke.

Once the plan is improved, Knapke said, staff could begin with a mulch or crushed limestone trail while awaiting funding for the bricked version.

"A walking path, especially connected to the Port City Trail, is a good idea," said Magidson, who also served on the advisory committee for the plan.

Picnic pavilions will be erected adjacent to the museum and the parking areas and parking areas will be lengthened and moved closer to the museum.

The Constitution Convention Museum Park commemorates the work of 56 territorial delegates who drafted Florida's first constitution in 1838.

Following four more constitution conventions, Florida was finally admitted to the Union in 1845 as the 27th state. Visitors can take a self-guided tour through displays and exhibits of the era. A replicated convention hall takes visitors into the debate of delegates Robert Raymond Reid, William P. Duvall, David Y. Levy and Thomas L. Baltzell. These life-size, audio-animated mannequins bring a realistic demonstration of the debate and process of drafting a state constitution.

The original settlement in St. Joseph lasted only nine years, but was a boomtown when it was founded in 1835 and competed with Apalachicola as a Gulf Coast trading port. During its short life, the city was selected over Tallahassee to host Florida's first State Constitution Convention.

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Meeting substance violated county ordinance, policy

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In addition to a highly controversial decision on a land use variance, the Board of County Commissioners violated a recently-passed ordinance on public speaking in meetings and its own policy on "civil" debate among commissioners.

When commissioners allowed Billy Traylor to directly address Commissioner Joanna Bryan, approach the podium again without being acknowledged and permitted "insulting" comments to be directed to Bryan by Traylor and other commissioners, they were in violation of an ordinance approved last October.

And when commissioners directed "insulting" and derogatory comments toward Bryan they were in violation of their own "Pledge of Civility" policy approved more than a year ago.

Commission chair Ward McDaniel attempted in January to set a new tone for a board that was embroiled in heated meetings for the last three months of 2013.

He sought to move beyond the final months of 2013 when the board was roiled by heated arguments among staff.

Saying that what he proposed was only a reflection of state law, McDaniel said, "This year will be different. I will conduct the meetings differently than they have in the past."

He said he wanted discussion among commissioners, staff and the public to be "professional, kind and courteous" and said the meeting room was no place to air "dirty laundry."

He said it was time to stop the contentiousness that has marked recent months to "get some things accomplished."

The tone of that initial meeting of the year was con-

tinued by Port St. Joe resident Elaine Lerch, saying she spoke for many in the public as she urged commissioners to stop bickering and repeated attacks against Bryan, which Lerch said many perceived as based on gender.

"We do not find this behavior acceptable nor do we, as citizens of the county, want this behavior to represent us to the wide audience ...," Lerch said. "We want this behavior to stop."

Lerch said respect for the BOCC must be restored just as respect among individual commissioners and respect for all citizens must be restored and only the BOCC "can do this."

"As county commissioners you have it in your power to perfect a code of conduct that we all can be proud of," Lerch said. "We have just entered the new year - please view this as an opportunity for a fresh start and an opportunity to change the

negative perceptions held regarding the Gulf County Commission."

Further, commissioners have recently twice stated a wish to return to the dictates of a "Pledge of Civility" passed over two years ago and aimed at tamping temperatures and raising the level of discourse in BOCC meetings.

Since that Jan. 7 meeting, the BOCC had taken on a gentler tone, but that changed last week when heated debate was stirred by a variance request centered on a parcel of land that has generated controversy for years.

And it continued later when former commissioner Billy Traylor spoke stridently about remarks allegedly made by Bryan during a March meeting of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council.

Traylor quickly directed his comments to Bryan, in direct violation of the speak-

ing ordinance.

That ordinance prohibits speakers from directing comments toward an individual commissioner or staff member.

Public comments must be directed to the chair - Traylor repeatedly spoke at Bryan in increasingly heated words and volume and was later joined by commissioners in the grilling.

In addition, after sitting down, Traylor returned to the podium though he was not acknowledged or recognized by the chair as required under the public speaking ordinance.

The exchange ended with Traylor hurling an insult toward Bryan - again prohibited under the public speaking ordinance.

Under the ordinance the chair is charged with telling any speaker to sit down or be removed for such conduct.

Further, commissioners and staff launched attacks at Bryan, with pointed words

exchanged about the ARPC meeting - none of it pertaining to county operations, contrary to McDaniel's statements about "airing dirty laundry."

Commissioner Carmen McLemore on several occasions questioned the veracity of statements made by Bryan, four times interrupted her comments to inject disparaging comments and at one point made a comment about Bryan and a dog.

Meanwhile, Bryan was interrupted at least seven times by commissioners while attempting to speak and was twice gavelled out of order by McDaniel while trying to provide her position of several issues, both contrary to the board's "civility" policy.

One resident took to the podium and said, "Commissioner Bryan is my commissioner and I am offended by the way she is being treated."

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"These developed or planned to be developed lands... should have been included in (CBRA) in the first place," Yeager told the subcommittee.

Further, Yeager argued the application of CBRA exclusions on Federal Emergency Management Agency funding had been inconsistent, creating a hardship for the county and its residents.

He noted a \$21 million beach restoration project, using millions in local dollars, was roughly 70 percent complete when Hurricane Gustav barreled through in 2008, with four miles of county shoreline severely impacted.

Though FEMA had worked with the county for restoration of the beach, re-

pairing storm-induced erosion, sand fencing and beach vegetation and returning the damaged beach to pre-Gustav condition, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service vetoed the appropriation of \$15 million in FEMA funding because of concerns about impacts to habitat, a concern FEMA did not share.

The reasons cited by the USFWS, Yeager said, were inconsistent with a 2007 opinion issued to Gulf County regarding another erosion control project.

The change in stance from the USFWS, Yeager told the subcommittee, could mean the county would be unable to keep habitat with the CBRA zone protected impacting eco-tourism.

"The county's interests

are not to negatively impact the barrier peninsula; on the contrary, the county is interested in ensuring that future storms do not negatively impact the beach habitat the USFWS is interested in protecting or negatively impact residents who have already spent significant local funds to protect these beaches," Yeager testified.

Further, Yeager cited the impact of the CBRA designation in preventing residents and property owners from seeking federally backed flood insurance.

After a 2002 declaration by FEMA of Gulf County as "a higher risk flood zone," private sector insurance became difficult to find or cost-prohibitive, Yeager said.

He noted St. George Is-

land in Franklin County was correctly excluded from CBRA, and therefore, residents there have access to federal flood insurance.

"Franklin County residents can still get flood insurance and our residents can not, which puts our residents at an unfair disadvantage by allowing no access to any flood insurance at all," Yeager told the subcommittee.

"Also, Franklin County has benefited from FEMA emergency funding in the past as well for post-storm beach restoration projects while Gulf County has been denied access to the same emergency programs."

Yeager noted the CBRA areas in question in Cape San Blas and Indian Pass

have grown substantially. The county has density limits which will keep future growth minimal.

But the inconsistent approach of USFWS and the disadvantages wreaked on an area that should not have been included in CBRA mean Gulf County residents are unfairly impacted by the designation, Yeager said.

Removing the lands in question, impacting just 2.5 percent of the county's total CBRA lands, lands which are almost 100 percent developed, Yeager said would be correcting a mistake that should not have happened in the first place.

"(The resolution) only removes a small part of (two land units from CBRA)," Yeager said. "As we under-

stand it, the intent of the undeveloped coastal barrier designation is to deter development on those landscapes. (The resolution) removes 942.6 acres that never should have been included in the (CBRA) since they were already developed or planned to be developed at the time of the designation.

"The correction will restore eligibility for FEMA disaster assistance and allow for County residents of the St. Joseph Peninsula Unit to protect the beach habitat important to endangered and threatened species as well as fair and equal access to federal flood insurance within this mall developed area while leaving 97.5 percent of the existing (CBRA) acreage untouched."

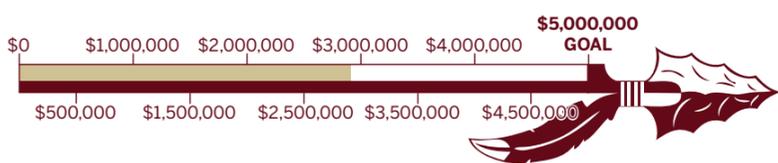
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I love roller coasters and baseball as much as anyone, but paying five or six dollars for a soda or three dollars for some water will jump on you like a tick on a fat dog really quick.

My family and I are on vacation in sunny Florida and having a wonderful time, but the costs add up quickly when you are trying to feed five. It seems like I could be feeding 50 for what some of these places charge. I understand. As a matter of fact, I probably am feeding 50 – so I guess that is good.

In an effort to feel better about my situation, I decided to feed my family from the local “dollar store” one morning while we were on vacation for my youngest children’s spring break. Opportunities like this are viewed as a game (to me). The rest of my family usually just rolls their eyes.

Hopefully most folks have heard about Jesus feeding 5,000 folks and still having leftovers with a couple of fish and five loaves of bread. I’m not saying that I am as good as Jesus, I don’t even come close.

However, I did do pretty well one morning for breakfast.

The eggs and frozen potatoes were real, the bacon was turkey bacon and the loaf of bread was wheat, rather than the pita bread Jesus probably passed out.

The way I figured it, the eggs were around 12 cents, the bacon was about 11 cents a slice, the potatoes were close to 12 cents per serving and the bread was a little less than a nickel a slice.

Based on what my family ate, I was feeding them for about 50 cents apiece. My son probably cost me a dollar.

The important thing was that I was feeding my entire family breakfast for less than the cost of a cold soda water at the

Universal Studios theme park in Orlando.

It was miraculous, not as much as Jesus and the fish, but it was still a significant accomplishment for a nerdy math guy who embarrasses his family by wearing a fanny pack to theme parks.

Just to worry my children, I started figuring out how many meals I could get out of the price of admission to one of these theme parks or a Major League baseball game. They just scratch their heads and roll their eyes, but in the end I hope they remember the lessons.

So many folks these days seem to have a hard time understanding who should pay for everything. I’m a firm believer in helping folks, but I’m also a firm believer in paying for what I “have to have.” As any parent will tell you, children and even a lot of adults have a hard time understanding the difference between things we need and things we want.

The dollar store is a great place to teach children about these types of situations and also teach them a little math. You never get too old for a little math.

I’m not saying that everyone should shop at the dollar store, or carry their coupon notebooks or take advantage of the senior citizen discounts – but if you do, that is just fine by me.

I’m not old enough to take advantage of the senior citizen discounts yet, but when I am – I will.

I will leave you with a little dollar store math based on the Orlando dollar store where I shopped. A six dollar soda water (Coke, etc.) from the theme park is equal to 48 eggs, 54 slices of turkey bacon, 120 plus slices of wheat bread or 6 bags of frozen tater tot things.

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Suffer The Little Ones.....

I went to a Roberts’ family reunion several years ago up in Kentucky. Now, I wasn’t actually kin to nobody in the family. But this affair is so huge up in the northeastern part of the state that folks there didn’t even take note of “one more mouth”. I tried to look like a brother-in-law from Flatwoods.

I was directing traffic over by the kitchen door in this large hall that Aunt Nell Ruth had thoughtfully rented, “Put the chicken and dumplings on the long table, the turnips and the rutabagas go down at the end, fit the Deviled eggs in between the baked beans and the coleslaw.....here, let me hold that apple pie for you.” A cousin from over in Johnson County came rushing in about the time the blessing was fixing to start with an asparagus casserole in one hand and a peach cobbler in the other and declared loudly, “The later we come, the better looking we get!”

That adage ran through my mind as I looked down on my sixth, and unless God “wroughts forth” a blessed miracle, my last grandchild. Maxwell Kennedy Colbert is an extra handsome baby. Just ask either of his grandmothers! My goodness, I had forgotten how small they are. And innocent. And vulnerable. I didn’t think he had his mother’s eyes or his father’s chin or a head shaped like his older sisters’ at a similar age. I thought he looked like Max!

They let me hold him. There are things in life worth a heap more than rubies and gold. He was so warm. You could feel his little heart beating. And when he shifted ever so slightly in my arms, squinted up

through those inquisitive eyes and grinned.....he hooked me forever and ever!

My mind raced forwards and backwards. I certainly worried about his future. I hope world leaders, local politicians and folks in general will start conducting themselves with Max’s best interest at heart. Let’s tone down the hostility and start accentuating the blessings that abound on every side.

If we’re not living today with an eye toward the growth and development of our little ones..... what good are we?

I wondered if phones would be built into our ears by the time Max reaches his teen years. School might possibly be on the internet. You wouldn’t have to walk over to Susie’s or Uncle Ted’s, you could just “face to face” them on your big screen. He may not need a driver’s license, the car will propel itself down to see granddaddy. I wondered if there wasn’t another beautiful baby smiling up from her basinet this morning in Toccoa, Macon, New York or somewhere across this great land that might some day catch Max’s eye.

I found myself back in my childhood and wondered if Max would ever know the thrill of running barefooted down a shaded dirt road. Would he have the chance to put a nickel in a Coke machine, pull the handle and hear the wonderful workings from deep behind the red door that pushed, tumbled and dropped a six and a half ounce bottle to the opening at the bottom. Would he ever spit at a crack in the sidewalk, throw rocks at a Pet Milk can on a fence post or settle down on the top step of

Woodrow Kennon’s Store and pour Tom’s Peanuts down the throat of a Royal Crown Cola.

I want the two of us to build a Tinker Toy skyscraper and a Lincoln Log house. I want Max to feel the wind in his face as he rounds second base in the backyard pick up game. I want him to swing on a grape vine and get smacked up side the head in a crab apple war. I want him to fall off a horse at least once in his lifetime. I want him to place a penny on a railroad track and hide behind the bushes and watch as the train flattens it out. I want him to sit beside me at the City Café and asked me how it was when I was a boy.

My dreams have dreams when it comes to this little one.

I pray God allows me the years to watch him grow. I want us to pull the covers off the bed and make a fort. I want us to hide in the big closet from his older sisters. I want to make a little wooden boat and set it afloat in Everett’s Lake. I want to drive up in his front yard and have him burst out the door, jump the front steps and leap into my arms. I want to tell him about the American Revolution, Will Rogers and the times America went off to war. I want him to understand the wisdom, forthrightness and work ethic of his great grandfather.

When he is older and life gets a tad more complicated, I want him to seek me out. If a storm arises, I want him to clearly know where at least one port will always be. I’m not going to waste precious seconds telling him how important love is in this old world.....I’m going to give him a walking demonstration of it every second we have together!

Can’t Wait To Get Started,

KK



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

On the subject of ... Free speech

By **LOREN SIPRELL**
Special to The Star

This week, I’ve found myself at a crossroads of sorts. Questioning what ‘Free Speech’ means to me. Asking, when and where does it stop; if—at all? I have watched liberals run Mozilla CEO Brendan Eich to the unemployment line; seen Martin Bashir taken to the woodshed by conservatives, and even I played a part (albeit an insignificant fraction) in rallying the troops against the likes of Ken Ham. Then, I picked up the paper last week and it was officially my turn to be lambasted by a citizen of our community. Like the liberals who blasted Phil Robertson, me included, one individual thought it necessary to no longer buy The Star if my work continued to run. That type of threat is a symptom of, what writer Jon Lovett termed, our ‘Culture of Shut-up.’ Though it may seem that progressives are the whiniest of the bunch; always labeled as “politically correct” by conservatives—this obsession with silencing the opposition is not wholly a culture perpetuated by liberals, nor conservatives for that matter. It is a culture we all reside in regardless of political affiliation. Here is the thing, though, free speech isn’t a free ride to say whatever you please without consequence and, at times, being told to “shut the hell up” is a consequence of one’s free expression.

If one uses the Bible as an excuse to be a bigot then shares that reasoning with the world a consequence of that free speech would be having me saying, “You’re an idiot, just shut up.” When Phil Robertson made his comments about homosexuality, as unenlightened and idiotic as they were, I never spoke of firing the man; on that same note, I supported A&E’s decision to suspend him. They have a brand to protect, such as The Star and if the editor chose to no longer run my work, I wouldn’t cry foul because just as I am exercising my right, The Star too would be exercising theirs. In that sense, free speech never ends, it is forever moving. The free exchange of ideas and the open discussion

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of such ideas are the crux that hold our American democracy together, but do not misinterpret that as saying all ideas are worthy of discussion. Robertson invoking free speech to tell a class of citizens they are unworthy of equal rights is a discussion not worth having and Eich donating money to the mouthpieces of such civil discourse will deservedly get you a “shut the hell up already”. These are not matters of being “politically correct,” on the contrary, it would be political correctness gone mad to allow homophobic or agenda-driven Christians a bully pulpit for unabashed vitriol. These are, instead, examples of social justice gone right; when the people tell those with megaphones that they aren’t interested in hearing such nonsense.

Like the paranoid, fear-mongering, revisionists of talk radio, I have been given a bully pulpit to scream my own agenda. Unlike them, however, I have no responsibility to the reader. I have no advertisers to answer to, no bosses to beg for approval. I do not get paid for this; I get nothing but the satisfaction that I am doing my part to further the American experiment. With no puppet masters to manipulate my strings you can rest assured that there will be no political correctness on my part; just honest opinions from another citizen who is, ultimately, just like you. The only responsibility I have is to the Constitution, in that I don’t soil its Bill of Rights when my 15 minutes are up by shaking it in someone’s face while screaming travesty. I realize that free speech is a two-way street, and if I have to pull over to kick the tires so be it.

The point I’m so chaotically

trying to make is this: all of this is fair—to speak your peace AND to be told to “shut up” when you have nothing of merit to bring to the table. However, I am not of the mind that all opinions are made equal. The idea that all opinions, regardless of their impact, should be respected is the cancer of political correctness. Some speech is dangerous, some spread myths and lies that only cause turmoil; I for one will not sit idly by and watch people invoke the First Amendment like a smoke & mirror trick to spew hate or attempt to create fictitious “debates” that only serve to halt progress. Those of us who have the courage of our convictions should not only speak up but quiet down those that wish to weaken the foundation upon which liberty rests. Not to be silenced by the government, of course, but by us—The People. By openly being able to express, “No, you are wrong so will you please just shut up already” we, as protected American’s, are able to uphold our rights and our beliefs.

Of the laundry list of reasons I could muster up to be grateful that I had the fortune to be born in America is the ability to freely opine, whether in a blog or in print, always tops the list. It is a testament to liberty that a man with access to Microsoft Word, limited writing skills, an undiagnosed attention deficit disorder and a penchant for provocation can be given the keys to the opinions page in his local newspaper. That is what free speech means to me: an obligation that means not only progress, but an opportunity for purpose.

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Letters to the EDITOR

What is Odyssey of the Mind?

Dear Editor,
There is one question that I have been asked for years and that question is, "What is Odyssey of the Mind?"

Well, if you're looking for a definition, Odyssey of the Mind, or O.M., is a program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. However, to myself and fellow O.M.ers, it's way more than that.

Every year, a set of long-term problems are created by numerous O.M. officials for the O.M. teams all around the world to pick from. These long-term problems only include a brief description and rules that later become an eight minute skit. In competition, teams perform their interpretations of their chosen long-term problem, and participate in spontaneous.

Spontaneous is all about quick thinking, teamwork, and of course, creativity. How a team scores in long-term and spontaneous determines how far they go. Oh, and did I mention that all of this is done by a team of 5-7 students without an adult or outside assistance?

O.M. has become a part of me. This year marks my fifth year of being in O.M. and my second proceeding to world finals. Throughout my years of school, I've played sports and participated in academic, art and social groups, but nothing has topped O.M. With O.M., I can express myself for who I am and not be afraid of what others think. The most creative, hardworking and artistic students are with try-outs at the beginning of the year, and once the team gets together, we stay together.

This year, Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School was lucky to have two teams represented at our Emerald Coast regional tournament, where our hard work paid off. Both teams advanced to state finals in Orlando. At state, we performed once again and gave that

competition all we had. After a long day at the University of Central Florida, thousands of people gathered at the CFE arena for the awards ceremony. The stress of competing was lifted away by this point, because we would be satisfied with whatever happened. Everyone in the arena was laughing, screaming and having a great time, but when they announced that Port St. Joe Team A placed first our problem, my heart stopped. The slow motion effect set in as we sprinted to the stage for our gold medals and trophy. I couldn't believe it. We are headed to world finals.

In May, Jimmy, Cailyn, Rebecca, Sydnee, Grant and I are headed to Ames, Iowa with coaches Courtney Cummings and Sharon Hoffman to compete with teams from all over the world.

Janel Kerigan
Port St. Joe

When you think it can't get worse

Dear Editor,
When I think it can't get any worse ... It does. I am appalled at the behavior of Chairman McDaniel, Commissioner McLemore and Commissioner Smiley at the most recent BOCC meeting. Why are these men so determined to silence Commissioner Bryan?

This Board has gone to extreme measures to stop her from gathering information. On April 8, 2014 while the county attorney, county administrator and District 5 County Commissioner were absent, an ordinance was passed that, in my opinion, should have been tabled until everyone was available to thoroughly discuss it.

The ordinance is all about outlining the duties, responsibilities and authority of the county administrator. For the most part, the ordinance follows state statutes but in certain areas words and phrases are omitted. For example, the statute says one of the county administrator's duties is to provide the

board, or individual members thereof, with information concerning county government. The ordinance passed by the BOCC does not include "or individual members thereof." Reading further, the ordinance gives the county administrator the authority to select and employ all personnel under the jurisdiction of the board. An entire sentence from the statute is omitted - which reads as follows: However, the employment of all department heads shall require confirmation by the board of county commissioners.

I do not believe these omissions were inadvertent. I believe these omissions were a direct effort to place obstacles in Commissioner Bryan's path. Why was it necessary to pass this ordinance on April 8?

Regarding the variance for Ellis Smith...he requested his variance for a lot he created by dividing one lot into two and then having his son divide it again. In reading the Gulf County Land Development Regulations it is clear to me that a parcel cannot be divided twice through the minor replat process by an owner or his/her relative. Further, by dividing the parent parcel twice he created, by his actions, the need for a variance. Variances are granted for hardship and one of the stated restrictions is if the variance is needed due to action by the property owner. I would say Mr. Smith created his own hardship and it is my opinion this variance (nor the minor replat) should have been allowed. With the county attorney out-of-town, why was it necessary to grant Mr. Smith's variance April 8? I know this variance request was tabled from the last BOCC meeting and I think it should have once again been tabled until the county attorney is present to clarify these issues. Again, why the rush?

Lastly, I will address the removal of Ms. Bryan from the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Board of Directors. Exactly what was her crime? Sitting

on a board (any board) is a responsibility, not a resume enhancer. ARPC Directors have a fiduciary responsibility when overseeing public money. Their job is not to insure any single applicant receives a loan. Loans provided by the ARPC are for companies that are high risk to start with. I quote Michael Hammond, April 8, 2014. "We're not lending to AAA companies. This is folks that cannot get traditional financing. Either they've got bad credit or they've got no collateral or the bank won't lend them money; it's a risky business or whatnot. And we (the ARPC) lose money from time-to-time."

That does not mean an applicant shouldn't get a loan but this is a high-risk pool and the directors should closely scrutinize all applications and not just rubber stamp loans strictly on staff recommendations. Again, this is public money.

The 'good old boys' have had it their way for so long without anyone questioning their actions. Now, an intelligent, articulate and well educated board member is looking into things they don't want to address. Their response is to act like thugs and bullies. I am quite certain none of the male members of the BOCC would stand for their wife (or any other female relative) to be treated the way they treat Commissioner Bryan. Once again, Chairman McDaniel has proven his inability to lead by allowing a fellow commissioner to insult her and to disregard the facts she is trying to bring out on so many different issues. They speak of wanting the truth and the facts ... They want their truth and their facts. What are these men so afraid?

I continue to implore the citizens of Gulf County to stand up and be counted. These men are abusing their power and thumbing their noses at the hardworking people of our county. The reason they continue to get away with their shenanigans is because they can. Edward R. Murrow said it perfectly: A nation of sheep will beget a

government of wolves. We are surrounded by wolves at all levels of government. If, we the people, don't take a stand now - then when?

Barbara Radcliff
Port St. Joe

The Truth

Dear Editor,
At the County Commission Meeting held on April 8, I was one of the residents that spoke against the approval of the variance for property adjacent to the Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill. With the exception of Commissioner Bryan of District 3, my remarks fell on deaf ears. Later thinking of what was said I feel I was remiss in not pointing out a couple of points.

You may be aware of the movie "A Few Good Men" and in a scene from that movie the prosecutor asked the witness "for the truth" and the response was, "YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH"! It appeared at the meeting that we were reliving that scene when Commissioner Bryan so correctly pointed out that the procedures for the variance were not followed and that it was clear that the county's land development regulation was not being followed either. Her insight provided the "TRUTH", but the other three commissioners clearly demonstrated again that they "COULD NOT HANDLE THE TRUTH".

As the vote was about to be taken it could not help but be noticed that a prominent member of the business community was in the audience and it appeared his presence was intended to ensure the commissioners would vote as he desired? In fact when the vote was taken he immediately rose to depart the meeting room and it was clear that the expression on his face was one of satisfaction. Satisfaction that the three commissioners had towed the line as directed, even though they were ignoring the TRUTH concerning the issue. Further, his friend from LaGrange, Georgia had

witnessed his control and influence and had gotten "no matter how wrong" what he wanted! Rack up one for Commissioner McLemore's favorite "Blow-IN" (\$250 campaign contributor). One would suspect that if the other commissioner had been present the vote would have been 4 to 1 for he too tows the line.

Even with this open display of arrogance by the other commissioners it must be noted that the courage, stamina, intestinal fortitude, strength and willingness for the TRUTH that was demonstrated by Commissioner Bryan should be APPLAUDED! She has on more than one occasion attempted to ask "THE UNASKED QUESTIONS" on hot button issues only to be met with disregard and disrespect by other commissioners and some members of the staff. Her efforts to uncover inadequate procedures used in awarding bids, questioning procedures used by some staff members and even to the point of requesting information from the staff have all been met with attacks by other commissioners and staff and resulting in delays by the staff in responding or in some cases not responding at all.

Finally, as one enters the BCC meeting room the gallery on the wall of former and current members of the commission is most evident. As one may view these pictures they might notice and be surprised that in one there is currently a woman seated. We hope this continues for many more years, but we also hope that one would have the courage to say, "Yes there is a woman on the board and she makes a difference".

Thank you, Commissioner Bryan for being true to the value of truth and seeking what is right. We hope you continue to be blessed with good health and strength to seek the good for our county and its citizens.

Respectfully,

Bo Williams
Beacon Hill

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Now you see-um, now you don't

By TOM BAIRD
Special to The Star

Salt marshes are the predominant coastal shoreline community from St. Joseph Bay to Tampa Bay, and St. Joseph Bay has about 762 acres of salt marsh fringe. Our salt marshes are some of the most productive areas on earth and are home to a myriad of fascinating plants and animals. There is one animal associated with salt marshes, however; that the Chamber of Commerce would just as soon not be mentioned. Tourist Development



Councils don't extol this animal's beauty or friendly nature. But residents and visitors to Florida know it well. That is the little, I mean tiny, biting fly we know variously as sand flies, no see-ums, punkies, or biting midges. On a cloudy, breezeless day or



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at dawn or dusk they can drive you nuts, and unlike mosquitoes, they don't warn you with a whine or even make themselves easy to see. You just start getting pin-pricks and then start itching.

But what exactly is a no see-um and what good are they? The biting midges we have here belong to the Genus Culicoides and they are Dipterans, like a house fly. However, there are many different species of Culicoides, with 47 species known to Florida alone. There are a 1,000 species in this genus worldwide. Some coastal counties of Southeast Florida also have an additional genus of biting midges, Leptoconops, which occurs in the tropics and subtropics.

The mouthparts of midges have cutting teeth on long mandibles, and

both males and females feed on nectar. However, the female's mouthparts are also modified for sucking blood, which she needs to produce eggs. It is the female no see-um that bites or cuts your flesh and then sucks the plasma or blood at the wound site.

The female will seek out moist areas to lay her eggs. The eggs cannot stand drying out. Depending on the species, they may lay eggs in moist areas near ponds, ditches, rivers, rotting vegetation or manure piles on farms. With the tides constantly keeping salt marshes damp, the salt marsh habitat is a major producer of biting midges. Fortunately, the female no see-ums can range no more than a little over a mile from their breeding site and the males half that. Unfortunately, narrow coastal barrier islands and spits are usually well within that range.

No see-ums do not inhabit homes or live inside humans or other animals. Some species of biting midges are vectors for certain diseases in Central and

South America, and are transmitters of bluetongue virus in the U.S. which affects sheep and cattle. Some horses have allergic reactions to the bites and can develop an allergic dermatitis. While the itching from a bite subsides fairly quickly in most people, others experience more severe reactions and sores at the site of the bite.

Large scale efforts to eradicate biting midges have proved impractical. Historical efforts to ditch and drain marshes were not only ineffective, but destroyed productive wetlands. Applications of insecticides are impractical for the vast areas needed to be treated, the cost of such efforts, as well as the ecological damage to other species. For most people, no see-ums are just a nuisance. Most insect repellants, especially those containing DEET, will work to keep no see-ums from ruining your backyard cook-out or camping trip.

These tiny flies serve an important role in the overall ecosystem in that they are in turn an abundant and important

food source for birds, bats, spiders, other insects, and especially tree frogs. The more we protect the habitats of bats and birds, the fewer no see-ums we have. The loss of Culicoides midges would devastate other species that rely on them as food, and limit the species diversity that keeps our marshes healthy. A few bites are a small price to pay for the lush and productive marshes that help make our area such a worthwhile destination for fishing, scalloping and diving. I just wish the bats and birds would eat more of the little monsters.

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.

2014 ST. JOSEPH PENINSULA TURTLE PATROL VOLUNTEER MEETING SATURDAY

Special to The Star

The St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol will hold a pre-season volunteer meeting that will begin at 10 a.m. ET on Saturday, April 26 at the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Center Lodge. The meeting will allow for introductions and provide information on organizational structure, sea turtle biology and tagging and more. A potluck lunch will be served on-site. The Preserve Center Lodge is at 3915 State Road 30-A.

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Apr. 17	71°	64°	10 %
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Tues, Apr. 22	73°	62°	20 %
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	HIGH	LOW
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	HIGH	LOW
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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
17	Th	1125am	1.6	923pm	-0.2				
18	Fr	1205pm	1.7	1032pm	-0.2				
19	Sa	1251pm	1.8	1137pm	-0.3				
20	Su	142pm	1.7						
21	Mo	243pm	1.6	1236am	-0.2				
22	Tu	358pm	1.3	128am	-0.1				
23	We	542pm	1.2	210am	0.0				
24	Th	748pm	1.0	238am	0.2				
25	Fr	942am	0.8	1006pm	0.8	243am	0.4	310pm	0.6
26	Sa	911am	1.0	207am	0.7	433pm	0.3		

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
17	Th	644am	1.2	434pm	1.5	1116am	1.0		
18	Fr	742am	1.2	510pm	1.5	1218am	-0.2	1150am	1.1
19	Sa	845am	1.1	552pm	1.5	106am	-0.2	1232pm	1.2
20	Su	952am	1.1	643pm	1.4	203am	-0.1	131pm	1.2
21	Mo	1057am	1.1	749pm	1.3	311am	0.0	302pm	1.2
22	Tu	1152am	1.1	916pm	1.1	426am	0.1	451pm	1.1
23	We	1234pm	1.1	1104pm	1.1	539am	0.2	618pm	0.9
24	Th	108pm	1.2			644am	0.3	723pm	0.6
25	Fr	1252am	1.1	137pm	1.2	740am	0.5	818pm	0.4
26	Sa	221am	1.1	203pm	1.2	829am	0.6	906pm	0.2

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Springtime sparks activity for Florida black bears, cubs

Special to The Star

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reminds the public to be aware that bears are now or soon will be on the move as they are leaving their winter dens. There are important things people can do over the next few months to reduce negative interactions with Florida's largest land mammal.

"Now is the time to expect bears to show up looking for food," said Dave Telesco, who directs the FWC's bear management program. "If they can't find food in your neighborhood, they'll move on."

Female bears that gave birth to cubs that were only 12 ounces in January are beginning to move around with their babies, which are now about 5 pounds. As the cubs continue to grow, the family unit will roam farther and could be more visible to people.

While black bears generally are not aggressive, a mother bear may try to defend her cubs. Never intentionally approach a bear. Do not assume when you see a lone adult bear there are no cubs, because the cubs may be hidden nearby. When walking dogs, keep them close and be aware of your surroundings. Dogs can trigger defensive behaviors from bears.

Keep human sources of food, like garbage, birdseed and pet food, secure from bears so they won't wander into your neighborhood this spring looking for an easy meal. Use a bear-resistant trash can, build a bear-resistant trash can shed or modify your existing trash can with hardware to make it more resistant. Instructions for these methods, plus a video on how to



use an electric fence to deter bears can be found at www.pinterest.com/myfwc/bear-necessities/.

If you do not have a bear-resistant garbage can, consider building a bear-resistant trash can shed. In Collier County today, the FWC is partnering with local Boy Scout volunteers to build sheds that will deter bears from accessing garbage. The FWC received a grant from the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, using proceeds from the Conserve Wildlife license plate, to build and install 70 bear-resistant wooden trash can sheds for residents of two East Naples mobile home parks, who have no other way to keep their garbage away from bears.

As females and cubs increase their movements this time of year, they also increase the number of roads they cross. For the safety of

yourself and bears, remember to slow down when driving, particularly on rural highways at dawn or dusk. Watch for road signs identifying bear crossing areas. Over 200 Florida bears were killed after being hit by vehicles in 2013.

Having conflicts with bears? Call one of the FWC's five regional offices. Go to MyFWC.com/Contact, and click on Regional Offices to find the phone number for your region. Need to report someone harming bears or intentionally feeding them? Call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

More information is available at MyFWC.com/Bear, where you can click on Brochures to access "A guide to living in bear country."

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April showers have set in for our local area waters, reaching near flood levels in some spots. This will have an effect on fishing as the waters will be muddy for several days, depending on the tides. Good surf fishing from the beaches has produced pompano, whiting and some big bull reds. Many anglers are looking for cobia this week, but with the rain and muddy water, these fish will be hard to spot. Trout have moved back on the flats in St. Joe Bay and are heading to the usual summer spots this month, getting used to the warmer water.



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Tiger Sharks try to rebound from 'tough' week

Star Staff Report

Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School baseball coach Chuck Gannon described the past week with one word — “tough.”

The Tiger Sharks lost 7-0 to Bay High School and 9-0 to District 2-1A foe Bozeman last week

before rebounding Monday with a 19-0 win over West Gadsden.

The Tiger Sharks hosted Altha on Tuesday and finish the season tonight at Arnold with the opening pitch at 7:30 p.m. ET.

Port St. Joe begins district play as the fourth seed on Tuesday.

The Tiger Sharks open the tournament against fifth-seeded Franklin County at 4 p.m. ET at South Walton High School.

Gannon said attempts are being made to change that game to Port St. Joe to “hopefully attract more fans and save both schools on travel mileage.”

Lady Gators open district tourney with rout

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School softball team opened the District 4-1A tournament with a 12-0 win over Altha at home on Monday.

The Lady Gators, the top seed, played Vernon in Wewahitchka on Tuesday with Sneads facing Blountstown in the other semifinal.

The title game will be played Friday at Wewahitchka.

Brianna Bailey paced the Lady Gators against Altha, tossing five innings of no-hit ball while striking out 10 of the 19 batters she faced in the game shortened under the

mercy rule.

Bailey also helped her cause with an RBI.

Tara Walding was 3 for 3, hit two home runs and drove in four to lead the Lady Gator attack.

Ashleigh Price was 2 for 3 with a triple and scored a run, Cecily Hale added a hit and scored a run.

Shamario Cole had a hit and scored twice, Naomi Parker scored once and Jade McLemore scored twice. Mariah Brown had one hit, scored once and drove in two and Brinkmeier was 2 for 3, drove in one and scored twice.

Soccer camp to be held this summer

Star Staff Report

All-Pro Soccer, will once again be holding a Summer Soccer Camp in the area, Monday-Thursday, June 16-19. On those dates, the Callaway Youth Soccer Club will be hosting the camp from 5-7 p.m. at the Callaway Sports Complex. The

camp will be supervised by former professional player and coach Gary Hindley. Coach Hindley, a five-time Coach of the Year selectee, has recently been named Head Coach of the Pensacola City FC team of the National Premier Soccer League and has been the head coach of both the girls and boys

teams at Port St. Joe High School for the past five years. At the camp, there will be individual instruction for both field players and goalkeepers, from ages 7-17. Spaces will be limited. For questions or to obtain a registration form, contact Coach Hindley at 276-6353 or gjhallpro@aol.com

LOCAL

Bay cleanup, kayak festival to be April 27

By TIM CROFT
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The annual St. Joseph Bay Cleanup and Kayak Festival will be 1-5 p.m. ET April 27.

This is the 10th year for the event, which has been moved from the fall to April to celebrate Earth Day and the National C.I.T.O. while the event is still registered with the National River Cleanup organization and its national River Cleanup Week, said Debbie VanFleet with Happy Ours Kayak & Bike Outpost, one of the sponsors of the bay cleanup.

“Folks can enjoy a beautiful after-

noon on St. Joseph Bay while helping to pick up trash that has accumulated in the shallow waters,” said VanFleet.

Kayaks rentals are being offered to responsible adults and families who wish to participate.

Participants must have a valid credit card as security against loss of or damage to “free” rental equipment and adults (18 and over) must sign a waiver of liability for themselves and their minor children.

Minors must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Launch your own kayak or make reservations at: Happy Ours Kayak & Bike Outpost at 229-1991; Scallop Cove Bait and Tackle at 227-1573; or Scallop

Cove Park Concession at 229-1188.

A limited supply of collection bags will be available or bring your own bags.

Water shoes and gloves are recommended.

In addition, a third location, at Eagle Harbor, has been added to expand the cleanup.

The Coastal Community Association is once again sponsoring two prizes worth \$100 for a geo-cache hunt.

The photo above is of last year’s geo-cache winners.

The GPS coordinates for the hunt will be announced the day of the cleanup on April 27.



PUBLIC NOTICE

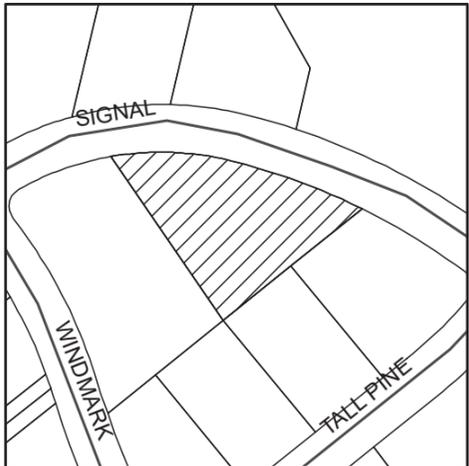
A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) on April 21, 2014 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

1. Variance - James & Katherine Korona Parcel ID #04276-360R- Located in WindMark Beach Lot 72 on Signal Lane - Road setback from Single Lane.
2. Minor Subdivision - Pentel Family Partnership LDT - Parcel ID #04243-000R - Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 11 West next to Watermark Way in St. Joseph Shores - a six (6) unit subdivision.
3. County Development Regulations and Policies
4. Staff, Public and Open Discussion

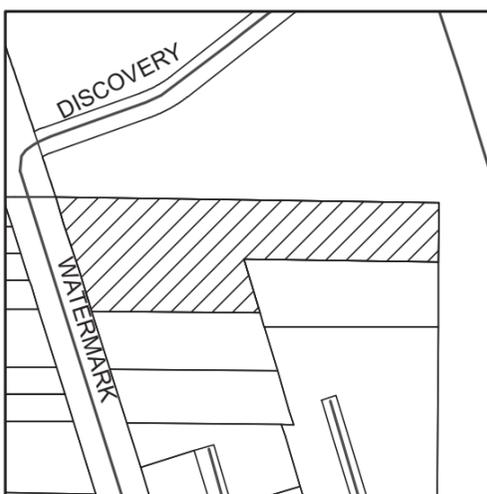
The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Planning

Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 311.

Variance - James & Katherine Korona



Minor Subdivision - Pentel



FDOT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Gulf Coast Parkway, U.S. 98 to U.S. 231 and U.S. 98 (Tyndall Parkway)
Gulf and Bay Counties, Florida
Financial Project Identification Number: 410981-2-28-01

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct two public hearings for the proposed Gulf Coast Parkway project in western Gulf and southeastern Bay counties. One hearing will be held in Port St. Joe and another in Panama City. Identical information will be provided at both hearings. The hearings will begin as an open house at 5:30 p.m. with a formal presentation at 5:45 p.m. and conclude at 6:30 p.m. local time.

The proposed new roadway will begin at the intersection of County Road (C.R.) 386 and U.S. 98 in Gulf County and end at two locations: a new intersection with U.S. 98 (Tyndall Parkway) and a new intersection at U.S. 231, both in Bay County, a distance of approximately 30 miles.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Port St. Joe Meeting
(Gulf County)
Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Centennial Building
2201 Centennial Drive
Port St. Joe, Florida
5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. EDT

Springfield Meeting
(Bay County)
Thursday, May 8, 2014
Springfield Community Center
3728 E. 3rd Street
Springfield, Florida
5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. CDT



These public hearings are being conducted to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements in accordance with Federal Executive Orders 11990 and 11988. This public hearing will also address proposed access management changes that would occur as a result of the project.

The draft project documents including the Environmental Impact Statement, Preliminary Engineering Report and all other technical documents will be available for public review from April 11 to May 23, 2014, at the Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11th Street, Panama City and the Gulf County Public Library, 110 Library Drive, Port St. Joe and with the FDOT project manager. Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so by sending them to Alan Vann, FDOT project manager via email at alan.vann@dot.state.fl.us, fax at (850) 330-1486, in writing to Florida Department of Transportation, District Three Office, 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, Florida 32428, through the project website www.gulfcoastparkway.com and by phone toll free at (888) 638-0250 ext. 1523. All exhibits or statements postmarked on or before May 23, 2014 will become part of the public hearing record.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Alan Vann, FDOT Project Manager at (888) 638-0250 ext. 1523, via email alan.vann@dot.state.fl.us or in writing at the Florida Department of Transportation, 1074 Highway 90, Chipley, FL 32428, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Should you have questions about the project contact Alan Vann, FDOT Project Manager. You may also contact FDOT Public Information Director Ian Satter toll free at (888) 638-0250, ext. 1205 or via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us. Updated project information, will be available at the project website, www.gulfcoastparkway.com. For more Florida Department of Transportation District Three Information, follow us on Twitter: @MyFDOT_NWFL.



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Not as soon, the first quarter of 2015, as initially hoped, Costin noted, but within the calendar year 2015 and in time to meet the projections of Enova and Green Circle, the two energy companies with LOIs, Costin said.

"The longer lead time may actually help with costs," said Tommy Pitts with Hatch Mott MacDonald. The longer lead time, he said, would likely bring more flexibility and less cost in lining up necessary equipment.

The agreement with the Corps brings several positives for the Port Authority.

First, it defines the cost and timeline for dredging as the Port Authority seeks legislative funding for the project, deemed integral to any development of the Port of Port St. Joe.

Secondly, the Corps would take over work on the dredge permit. The permit is the largest and most central component on permitting the entire project, Pitts said.

The Corps would essentially take over ownership for the voluminous material created and gathered by Hatch Mott MacDonald for the dredge permit and continue the work, using over \$400,000 in federal funds which were earmarked several years ago to aid in development of the Port of St. Joe.

Pitts said Hatch Mott

"This is the most expeditious manner to get to the end result of a permit. It makes plenty of sense. This looks like the route to go. Nothing has changed as far as tasks. (For the dredge permit) the Corps would use what has already been done which is the lion's share of the work. There is a lot of positives to it."

Billy Perry
Port Authority's engineering contracted firm

MacDonald was already receiving inquiries and requests for additional information on the dredge permit application from state and federal agencies.

In turn the Corps would be responsible for bringing the project to fruition at the agreed price and within the agreed timeline under the final agreement when it comes back to the Port Authority from the Corps.

Thirdly, with the Corps performing those significant functions the possibility the project would be subjected to a Section 408 review – the Corps must study any project which might impact another Corps project – which would push the time for a permit and dredging out at

least another year, Perry said.

Further, with the Corps doing the work the issue of how to slightly detour around the point of St. Joseph Peninsula – where erosion has encroached on the shipping channel – will be solved by the Corps.

"This is the most expeditious manner to get to the end result of a permit," Perry said. "It makes plenty of sense. This looks like the route to go."

"Nothing has changed as far as tasks. (For the dredge permit) the Corps would use what has already been done which is the lion's share of the work. There is a lot of positives to it."

And turning the nuts and bolts of the dredge

work over to the Corps frees Hatch Mott MacDonald to concentrate solely on permitting and subsequent construction of the disposal sites to be used for the spoil.

On that side, the Corps is also lending a helping hand.

Perry said indications are the Corps is receptive to use of a section of the Gulf County Canal and contiguous wooded wetlands in Highland View and surrounding areas for disposal.

If those areas can be used it would reduce the costs of disposal and would speed permitting as they are already identified by the U.S. Army Corps as spoil disposal areas.

The dollars for the disposal work are not figured in the \$40 million cost of dredging. That number will not be known for a couple of months, Perry said, but he tossed out \$5 million as in the neighborhood.

Port land auctioned

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Capital City Bank reclaimed land mortgaged by the Port St. Joe Port Authority last Thursday during a foreclosure auction at the Gulf County Courthouse.

Three parties signed up to bid on the parcel, roughly 60 acres along the Gulf County Canal on which a barge terminal bulkhead was constructed.

However, after a representative of Capital City Bank started the bidding at \$5 million there were no other bids.

The parcel was owned by the Port Authority, which lost foreclosure litigation to Capital City Bank earlier this year.

A final judgment against the Port Authority in the case was for \$5.3 million and it is unclear if Capital City Bank might pursue the Port Authority for a "deficiency judgment" given the price the land brought at auction was under the judgment amount.

The Port Authority had hoped to secure an agreement with Capital City about the land with the carrot of a rail easement.

However, it turned out the board provided that rail easement on the old Arizona Chemical property, now owned by the Port Authority, as part of concessions made in 2011 as the Port Authority first experienced issues with loan payments.

"We still have the Arizona Chemical site and we still have our missions to create jobs," said Port Authority chair Leonard Costin.

The property was appraised late in the prior decade by the St. Joe Company. That appraisal pegged the land's value at under \$4 million.

Capital City Bank subsequently funded another appraisal but the land's value stemming from that appraisal was never shared with the Port Authority.

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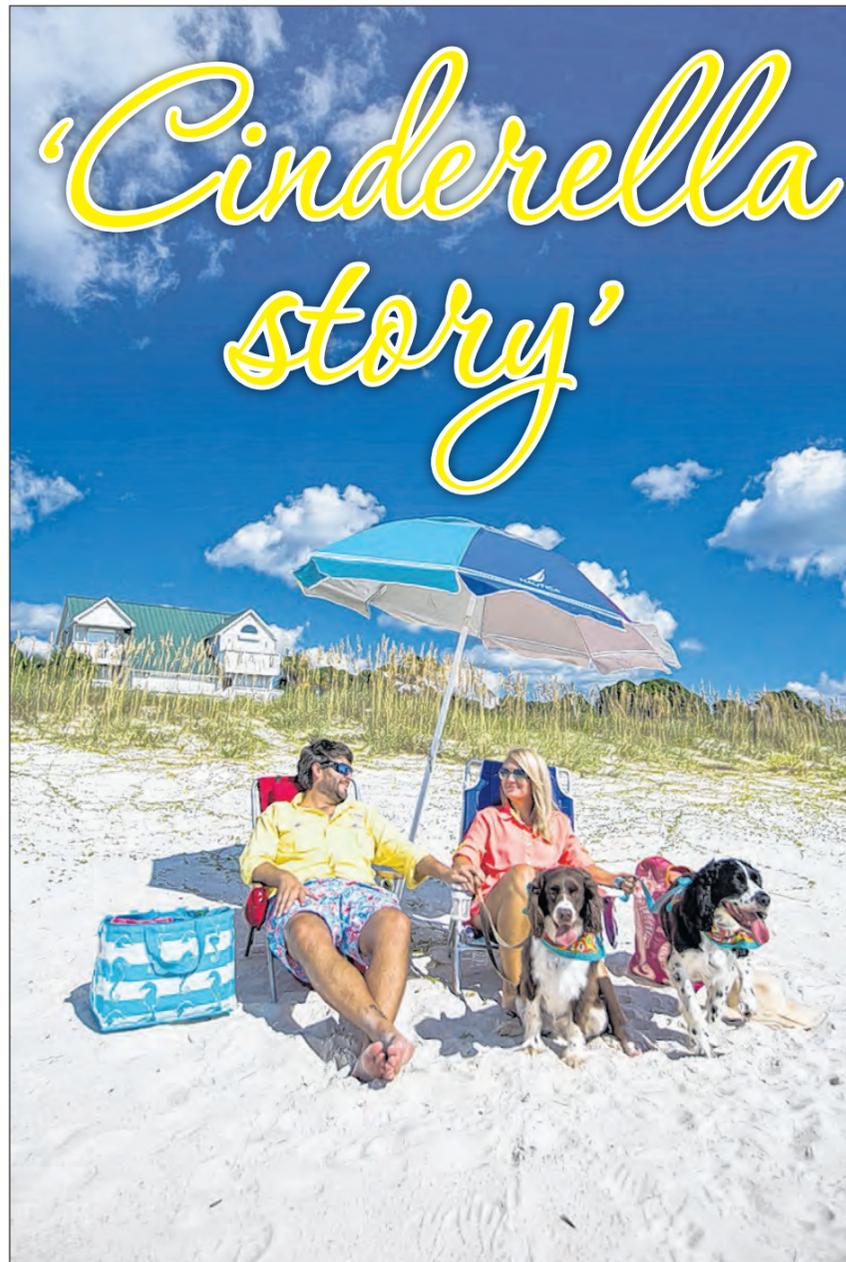
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Cape San Blas won second place in Best City for Pet Travelers for the year 2014 contest on the website www.gopetfriendly.com. More than 2,000 votes were cast in the final round where Portland, O.R. beat out the Cape.

Cape San Blas wins second place in Best City for Pet Travelers 2014 contest

By WES LOCHER

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So close. Cape San Blas made quite the impression during an online competition held by the website www.gopetfriendly.com to find the Best City for Pet Travelers for the year 2014.

Nominations came from all over the country, and throughout March, the website had head-to-head voting to crown a champion.

"As a pet travel expert and blogger, my readers get my opinions of pet friendly places 11 months of the year, but I'm only one person and I can't be everywhere," website author Amy Burkert said. "So, one month of the year, I turn the blog over to all the pet travel enthusiasts."

Over several weeks of public voting, the Cape's faithful followers won hard-fought battles against supporters of Asheville, N.C.; Ocean City, M.D.; Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and Woodstock, V.T.

Not bad for a place that Burkert said she was unfamiliar with before the nomination.



"Cape San Blas certainly has a dedicated and passionate contingent," Burkert said. "It's been our Cinderella story of this tournament."

The Cape made it all the way to the final two and squared off against the dog-friendly parks of Portland, Ore.

Each city nabbed

50 percent of the 2,468 votes, but by the time the polls closed at midnight Wednesday, Portland had claimed the title.

Wendy Jackson, owner of Cape Escape Vacation rentals, was responsible for the Cape's nomination.

Jackson said she fell in

See PETS B6



COURTESY OF MELISSA LARSEN | Special to The Star

This year, the Easter Bunny will travel Gulf County by fire truck with a sheriff's escort.

Drive nets 200 Easter baskets

Special to The Star

The Coastal Community Association of South Gulf County, the South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department and St. Joseph Bay Golf Club had a Food and Easter Basket Drive to provide for the most needy children in Gulf County. The Sheriff's Office has taken requests and verified them. Sheriff Mike Harrison and the Gulf County deputies will deliver more than 200 donated baskets to help out the Easter Bunny this week with almost an equal request for girls and boys. They were scrambling to the last minute to meet all the requests for the boys and girls, but no one in Gulf County will go without a visit from the Easter Bunny or go hungry on Easter this year.

The Coastal Community Association sponsored an Easter Bunny Golf Tournament along with Penelope's Pet Stop, Gulf 2 Bay Construction and St. Joseph's Bay Golf Club to kick off the drive. The funds raised by the tournament in combination with generous donations from South Gulf County residents to the Coastal Community Association and SGCVFD provided more than 200 baskets and 1,000 pounds of food for the sheriff's drive. Every one of the volunteers gets many kudos for all their work and generosity.



Dollar General Market Manager John Dellenbeck, in Port St. Joe, helped multiply the donated funds by providing a 25 percent discount over and above the prices at Dollar General and even came in from his vacation last Saturday to help bag all the items. Great going, John. Ten volunteers shopped for more than two hours filling up cart after cart with food and Easter items. In addition to the premade baskets, the SGCVFD put together almost 80 baskets from scratch — really good stuff!

We thank everyone who played a role with their volunteered time or donations to make the Easter Basket and Food Drive so successful. Gulf County residents are some of the most caring and generous in the world. We appreciate all of you.

Community Easter Egg hunt Saturday

Star Staff Report

The Junior Service League is sponsoring the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. ET Saturday, 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 jspsj@gmail.com.

SALT-AIR FARMER'S MARKET



WES LOCHER | The Star

The next Salt Air Farmer's Market will be Saturday, April 19, 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.



Trivia Fun

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

1) Who was the first men's basketball team (2008) to get a spot in

the NCAA tournament despite losing 20 games?

Stanford, Liberty, Coppin State, Furman

2) What car maker calls its stretched-limousine models "Pullman"?

Mercedes-Benz, Ford, BMW, Chevrolet

3) How many U.S. presidents' last name has begun with the letter "H"?

3, 4, 5, 6

4) What was

an ancient Greek professional that recited epic poetry?

Metacarpi, Tombola, Rhapsodist, Cougar

5) Which of these was considered a spin-off of "Beverly Hills, 90210"?

Melrose Place, Ally McBeal, Gilmore Girls, The O. C.

6) What shellfish are used to make "Coquilles St. Jacques"?

Scallops, Lobsters, Crawfish, Shrimp

7) Which brothers are credited for building the first practical hot-air balloon?

Wright, Caine, Zurlini, Montgolfier

8) Fillet of beef cooked in a pastry case is known as?

Stroganoff, Tips, Soufflé, Wellington

9) Which "Little" statue is in Copenhagen harbor?

Princess, Mermaid, Corporal, Giant

10) What men's

basketball teams won the most NCAA tournament games in the 20th century?

UCLA, Duke, UNC, Kentucky

11) Which of these drinks ordinarily does not use vodka as an ingredient?

Screwdriver, Cape Cod, Daiquiri, Harvey Wallbanger

12) What fruit is used to describe a very small and round tomato?

Plum, Grape, Cherry, Pepper

13) From TV's "Seinfeld" what was Jerry's favorite T-shirt?

Green Giant, Golden Boy, Red Rover, Blue Sleeve

14) A thrip is a type of?

Tree, Zipper, Bird, Insect

ANSWERS

1) Coppin State. 2) Mercedes-Benz. 3) 5. 4) Rhapsodist. 5) Melrose Place. 6) Scallops. 7) Montgolfier. 8) Wellington. 9) Mermaid. 10) Kentucky. 11) Daiquiri. 12) Cherry. 13) Golden Boy. 14) Insect.

Society BRIEFS

DAR meeting

The St. Joseph Bay Chapter of the DAR will meet noon, Wednesday, April 23 at the Sunset Coastal Grill. Virginia Harrison will present the DAR Good Citizens' Awards. If you would like to attend, contact Sherrill Russ at 229-8574.

American Legion benefit fish fry/chicken dinner

American Legion Post 116 of Port St. Joe will hold its annual benefit fish fry/chicken barbecue on Good Friday, April 18. If there is inclement weather, the rain day will be Saturday, April 19.

The event will begin at noon ET and last until the food is gone.

The event will take place at Veterans Memorial Park in Beacon Hill. Fish or barbecue chicken with sides of baked beans, coleslaw and hush puppies will be served. Soft drinks and water will be available. A \$7 donation will be used by the Legion to support PSJHS NJROTC scholarship and other

American Legion projects.

Legion Post 116 will also have a representative there to assist any qualified veterans with information regarding joining our Post. Interested veterans can also go to www.legion.org. Thank you all for your support. For God and Country.

Local Republicans Say 'Thank You!'

The Gulf County Republican Party says thanks to all the folks who gave so generously to the "Stock the Food Pantry" event.

Bags of non-perishable groceries and over \$600 in gift cards to purchase produce, meat, and dairy products were distributed to The Gulf Coast Hope Center, the Gulf County Senior Citizens Center and the Food Pantry at the Washington Improvement Group Building.

A special Thanks to the always civic minded Duren's Piggly Wiggly who gave us the platform and helped us to help others.

Staking and pruning garden tomatoes

The one vegetable that almost all backyard gardeners include in their gardens is the tomato. We usually spend quite a bit of time on this crop.

Staking and pruning are "fine tuning" gardening techniques. They are not absolutely necessary. They certainly won't make up for deficiencies in fertilizer, water, and mulches, or an inadequate spray program. But, they can enhance the quality of the tomatoes your plants produce. I'll cover these procedures in some detail, explaining how and why they're done.

Staking tomato plants, as they grow, will keep the fruit off the ground and conserve space in the garden. Staking also makes it easier to cultivate and harvest tomatoes, and it helps prevent some fruit rots.

In recent years a high percentage of backyard gardeners have started using plant cages which can be used to keep the fruit off the soil, in other crops as well. Eggplants and peppers to name a few. You can purchase these cages at your local garden center.

One precaution when staking tomato is to be very careful and avoid root damage when driving the stakes into the ground to avoid root damage.

Some popular tomato varieties which benefit from staking are: Amelia, BHN 602, BHN 871, Florida 91, Solar Fire, Talladega and Tasti-Lee.

One method of staking, which seems to work

well, is to use one-by-two wooden stakes, about six feet long. Drive these about two feet into the soil keeping them three to four inches from each plant. As the plants grow, tie them to the stakes with soft twine or strips of rags. You will probably need to make between four and six ties during the growing season. Always be sure you make the ties below the fruit clusters.

Pruning is the process of removing the small shoots that develop between the leaf stems and the main plant stems. Removing these shoots, or suckers, reduces the total number of fruit that your tomato plants will produce. But this procedure causes the fruit that are produced to be larger.

Tomatoes should be pruned about once a week. When you prune, leave two or three main stems for plant development. Be careful not to disturb the fruit buds, which appear just above, or just below the point where the leaves are attached to the leaf stems.

Staking and pruning are beneficial steps in tomato culture. As I said staking certain varieties keeps fruit off the ground, reducing some disease problems. For more information on staking and pruning tomatoes contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit our website: gulf.ifas.ufl.edu or edis.ifas.ufl.edu and see publication SP 103: Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

KIWANIS CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBER



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Kiwanis Club is pleased to have inducted Meagan Conners as our new Kiwanis Club member. Meagan is employed with Friedman Financial Advisors as a Financial Advisor. After working at Cadance Bank in Port St Joe for six years and completing her bachelor's degree in finance, Meagan decided that helping people achieve a secure financial future is what she wanted as her career. To achieve her goal, Meagan worked hard over the past several months in passing the Series 7 and 66 Securities Exams, as well as the Life, Health and Variable Annuity Licensing. Meagan is a lifelong resident of Franklin and Gulf counties, she looks forward in working with the citizens in her community to achieve in meeting their financial goals. Meagan is married with two daughters, Makayan, 6 years old and Kelsi who is 2. The Kiwanis Club is blessed to have Meagan join the Kiwanis Club. Pictured are Meagan Conners, Stacy Price and Johanna White.

HEALTH PARTNERS DONATE TO 'MEALS ON WHEELS'



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Gulf County Health Partners generously donated \$1,000 to the Gulf County Senior Citizen's Association for its "Meals on Wheels" program. The Bridge at Bay St Joe hosted the monthly luncheon meeting and members presented Executive Director, Russ Scholz the check. Gulf County Health Partners is a partnership of representatives from local health organizations. The Health Partners participate in annual fundraising events in order to give back to the community.

LEGION CHANGE OF COMMAND



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

On Thursday, April 10, Wanda Wawruck was installed as Commander of Willis V. Rowan American Legion Post 116 taking over the leadership position from Doug Calendine who served as Commander of the Post for five years.

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



Dudley is 30lb 15mo medium energy Hound/Shepherd Mix. He has learned to walk on his leash fairly well. Dudley get along well with other dogs, is friendly to people and even cats. He likes kids and adults alike and would do well with an active family.

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 townsend.hs@director@gmail.com or 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.sjbhmanesociety.org

Adoption fees include our cost of spay/neuter and current vaccinations. 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.

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PSJHS students advance to Odyssey of the Mind world finals

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First the state...next, the world. Over the weekend two teams of students from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School competed at the Odyssey of the Mind state finals competition at the University of Central Florida campus in Orlando. A total of 16 teams from around the state presented creative problem-solving abilities to answer questions in a method that utilized technical knowledge and theatrics. Each team had to prepare the answer to one question in advance, but also had to tackle a "spontaneous" question asked on the spot by the judges. Students accepted for



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Odyssey of the Mind challenges students to come up with solutions to problems while using technical knowledge and performance techniques.

Team A, consisting of coach Courtney Cummings and members Sydnee O'Donnell, Rebecca Kerigan, Janel Kerigan, Jimmy Cummings, Cailyn LaPlante and Grant Whiten, was awarded first place and will advance to the world finals on May 28-31 to be held at Iowa State University in Ames, I.A.

Those students will compete against other state winners along with students from China, Poland, South Korea and Mexico.

Team B, consisting of members Katie Nobles, Dell Pickett, Celeste Creamer, Sara Hoffman, Steven Kerigan and Emma Doran and coach Sharon Hoffman, took home third place in the competition.

"We were thrilled for a Port St. Joe team to win," said Odyssey coach and math and physical science teacher Sharon Hoffman. "I think that's pretty impressive."

Hoffman praised the program for offering an alternative activity to athletics and thanked the district for its support in helping the team travel to the events.

Important upcoming events

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Yearbook Deadline: April 30 is the deadline for reserving your copy of the 2013-14 yearbook. You can order online from the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School web page or pick up an order form at school

Senior Recognition: April 30 is also the deadline for placing a recognition ad in the yearbook for your senior. You may pick up an ad order form at the school.

Volleyball: Open Gym will begin on Monday, April 21, for all girls currently in grades 6-11 for volleyball. We will hold open gym on Monday through Thursday from 3:15 until 5 p.m. Tryouts for varsity volleyball will be conducted in late May. Any player trying out for the varsity team must have a current FHSAA physical and Release form on file. Physicals are valid for one year from the date they were done and release forms are valid only for the current school year. Both forms can be downloaded from FHSAA by going to the Volleyball page in our sports section of the high school web site.

Senior Slide Show: The deadline has been extended until Monday to get those baby pictures in for the annual senior slide show. Pictures can be turned in to Coach Taylor to be scanned and will be returned as soon as they are scanned. We will NOT keep the photos.

Science News: The Science Department at PSJHS hatched chicken eggs again this year. The students learned about the

developing process of the chick before it hatched, and then were able to see the hatching process. Then for the next two weeks they were able to interact

with the chicks and watch them grow and develop. As part of the curriculum the students learned many concepts about the poultry science industry. Martin Mertz, a junior, who has chickens at his home, provided the fertile eggs and also took the young chicks home after a few weeks with the students.

State Champion OM-A: The Port St Joe Jr./Sr. High Odyssey of the Mind teams traveled to Orlando last weekend for the state competition. Team B finished in 3rd place in Long Term and Team A brought home the State Championship. Team A will travel to Iowa in late May to represent Port St Joe and the State of Florida in the World Competition.

Prom: The 2014 Port St Joe Jr./Sr. Prom is only a week away. Prom is April 26, from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Centennial Building.

FCATs & EOCs: It's that time again and testing is in the air. It is always important for the students to get plenty rest, eat a healthy diet, and arrive at school rested and ready for the day. It's even more important over the next few weeks as we conduct statewide tests. Please check our web page for the testing schedule and encourage your student to get plenty of rest the night before their exam and arrive at school on time, refreshed and ready.



The Lion's Tale

The following are the honor students for the first third of the 2013-14 school year at Faith Christian School.

ALL A'S

- Kindergarten - Cade Costin and Celie White
- First grade - Austin Ramsey, Torren Smith and Lilli Williams
- Second grade - Taylor Burkett, Carter Costin, Mazie Hodges, Riley McGuffin and Alex Taylor
- Third grade - Karys Linton and Magnolia Sarmiento



STUDENTS EARNING ALL A'S

Fourth grade - Kristen Bouington

A'S AND B'S

Kindergarten - Elli Newman, Jakob Prine, Mary Austin Sapp and Ruby Williams



STUDENTS EARNING ALL A'S AND B'S

First grade - Hali Thomas
Second grade - John Cullen
Third grade - Eliza Bailey, Jackson Buckner and Jae Lenox
Sixth grade - Catherine Bouington

DAZZLING DOLPHINS



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Front row: Christina Clayton, Chason Wray, Caralynn Ward, Arlena Gleichner, Sunny Shear; Back row: Drew Pittman, Megan Saleh, Jireh Gant, Austin Robinson, Sam Brown

Congratulations!

2014 HIGH SCHOOL HONORS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast State College Foundation would like to congratulate the following 2014 High School Honors Scholarship Recipients:

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Laura Evans, Jennifer Bayba, Counselors

Gracyn Kirvin
Franklin County School
Roderick Robinson, Counselor

Mikayla Monn
Deane Bozeman High School
Rhonda Conrad, Counselor

Jakob Bidwell
Wewahitchka High School
Karen Turner, Counselor

Savannah Finch
Deane Bozeman High School
Rhonda Conrad, Counselor

Michael Lee
Rutherford High School
Rick Tutunick, Counselor

Kaley Parsley
J.R. Arnold High School
Lisa Green Jensen, Counselor

Emberly Causseaux
J.R. Arnold High School
Lisa Green Jensen, Counselor

Alexander Gentili
A. Crawford Mosley High School
Laura Evans, Counselor

Kayla Lindsey
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Pam Lister, Counselor

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Laura Evans, Counselor

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Faith BRIEF

Easter concert 'Jesus, Only Jesus'

The choirs and singers from Long Avenue Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Highland View Baptist Church and First Church of the Nazarene

will present a praise and worship Easter concert, 7 p.m. ET Friday, April 18 at Long Avenue Baptist Church and 7 p.m. ET Saturday, April 19 at First Baptist Church.

The concerts are free and open to the public.

Woman shares story of assault at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

How to pick up the pieces and go on with life after a crisis will be explored at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, April 21, at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "After the Attack: Picking

Up the Pieces and Moving On," features the filmed story of a woman who was assaulted in her home — and the man who attacked her. Participants in the Lifetree program will discover how both the victim and attacker were able to

move on with their lives and eventually reconcile.

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

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

Obituaries

Mary Sue Richards

Mary Sue Richards went to be with Jesus on April 6, 2014. Sue was a loving and caring Mother, Grandmother, Sister and friend to many who crossed her path. Sue was born on May 7, 1950 in Bainbridge, GA.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mary Lee and Jimmy Yon; a brother, Murphy Broxton, and two children Stacy and Sandy Shiver.

Sue leaves behind one son, Brandon Stevens, three grandsons, Kamron Barwick, Brier Shiver, and Drake Barwick, three granddaughters, Savannah and Chandra Shiver and



MARY SUE RICHARDS

Shayna Richards, four sisters, Glenda Alford, Debbie Abercrombie (Ricky), Melissa Finley, and Patti Lemuix, nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends. Sue will be missed by all who knew her, because to know her was to love her.

The service celebrating her life will be held at Highland Park community church in Apalachicola, FL on Thursday, April 10, 2014 with visitation at 10 a.m. ET and services at 11 a.m. ET with interment at Magnolia Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Comforter Funeral home.

Robert James Faliski

Robert James Faliski, Sr., 83, passed away Friday, April 11. Mr. Faliski was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on April 15, 1930. Robert, also known as Bob or Coach, has been a resident of Port Saint Joe for over 58 years. Bob was in the Air Force when he fell in love with Jean and the area. In 1948, he graduated from SS Seward Institute in Florida, New York. He worked for St. Joe Paper Company for over 42 years.

Bob was active in the community supporting and coaching young men in little league baseball, friends of the library, where Jean worked for over 35 years, and started an old car club. Bob was a member of the Lion's Club of Port St. Joe, charter member of the Gulf Rifle Club, life time member of Gulf County Public Library, past member of the Port St. Joe Parents Band Member and coach to the Dixie Baseball team, Tappers' Dozier's. He worked with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. He was a member of Saint James Episcopal Church in Port St. Joe for over 58 years serving as past Senior and Junior Wardens, Lay Reader, member of the Vestry, Acolyte Director and

choir member. Bob's love for animals was ongoing throughout his life. He was active in churches, clubs, organizations, volunteer groups, hobbies and other things that were important to his loved ones. Bob served four years in the United State Air Force and three years in the United Air Force Reserves.

Bob is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean Elizabeth Faliski; two children, Robert Faliski, Jr. and wife, Judy, of Washington and Rosemary Lhotan and husband, Richard, of California; four grandchildren, Joy Faliski of Washington, Richard Lhotan, Jr. of Texas, MaryJean Lhotan of Missouri and Hunter Lhotan of California; older brother Charles Faliski and his wife Eleanor; and nieces and nephews in Florida, New York, California and Utah.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 15, at Saint James Episcopal church in Port St. Joe with Rev. Tommy Dwyer officiating. Interment followed at Magnolia Cemetery in Apalachicola. Expressions of sympathy may be submitted or viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com.

Maggie Lewis Waters

Maggie Lewis Waters of Port St. Joe passed away Monday March 31, 2014.

She was born in Altha, Fla., and had been a resident of Gulf County for the past 62 years. She was a Christian woman that loved her family and cherished all her friends. She was a member of Oak Grove Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J. B. Waters; her son, Roy Waters; her daughters, Myra Byrd and Doris Tullis; her granddaughter, Joann Covington; grandson, Roy Alan Waters; her son-in-law, Junior Harris; and her daughter-in-law, Ada Waters.

She is survived by her children, Myrtle Harris, John Henry Waters, Mildred Levins and

husband Joe, Joyce Scully and husband Dennis, James Edward Waters and wife Martha; her sons-in-law, Edward Tullis and Larry Byrd; 28 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held 2 p.m. ET Friday, April 4, 2014 at Holly Hill Cemetery, with the Rev. David Fernandez officiating.

Interment followed. The visitation was at Comforter Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. ET on Thursday April 3, 2014.

A special thank you to all the wonderful care givers for their loving care they gave to Ms. Maggie during her time of illness.

Comforter Funeral Home

John M. Delorme

John M. Delorme, former owner of Fantasy Properties in Mexico Beach, passed away on March 24, 2014, in West Palm Beach. John struggled for many years with complications from diabetes. He was retired from the Navy, then retired as a Department of Defense contractor, and then with his wife Charlie (Ina Delorme), owned Fantasy Properties.

He is survived by his

wife, one son, one daughter, two sisters, three step-sons and a host of grandchildren and other relatives.

John was from the state of Maine, but it was his wish to be brought back to Panama City after his death, which is where he and Charlie met.

Any services will be announced after arrangements are made.

The family can be reached at jnc1989@comcast.net.

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Obituaries

Bishop Rosa Lee Garland

Bishop Rosa Lee Garland passed away with her family by her side at Covenant Hospice in Panama City, Florida on April 5, 2015 at 2: 15 a.m.

Bishop Garland was born in Greenwood Florida (Jackson County) on June 23, 1939 to the late Boswell and Refair Bryant.

Bishop Garland moved to Port St. Joe, FL (Kenny's Mill) at the age of one and was a lifelong resident of North Port St. Joe, where she attended and graduated from George Washington Elementary and High School. In 1960, she married her high school sweetheart, Howard Garland, Jr. and from this union was born five sons.

Bishop Garland accepted Christ into her life at the age of 16 under the strong guidance of

Elder Robert B. Thompson of the First Born Church of the Living God. She continued on personally serving faithfully in the anointing capacities of District Missionary, a Bishop and Pastor in her own ministry until her health started to decline which forced her to limit and eventually relinquish all active duties.

Bishop Garland was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She loved spending time with, and doing as much as possible, for her family and church, glorifying and praising God often with a gifted talented singing voice that is still the talk of the community.

Bishop Garland leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Howard

Garland Jr.; five sons: Mitchal (Marjorie) Garland of Killeen TX, Bonnie Anthony (Carolyn) Garland of Tallahassee, FL, Donnell (Tammi) Garland of Tallahassee, FL, Gregory Van (Cardrella) Garland of Panama City, FL, Drexel Thane (Shabral) Garland of San Angelo, TX; two brothers: Waymon Bryant of Port St. Joe, FL, John Bryant (Noy) of Panama City, FL; three sisters-in-laws: Patricia (Charles) Leslie of Miami, FL, Annette (Carlos) Torres of Harrisburg, P A, Debra Garland of Phoenix, AZ; three brothers-in-laws: Clyde (May) Garland of Orlando, FL, Kenny (Penny) Garland of Detroit, MI, Darin Garland of Port St. Joe, FL; one niece, Gloria Jean Bryant; two nephews: Waymon

M. Bryant (Angela) of New Orleans, LA, John M. Bryant of Ft. Brags, NC; a special granddaughter: Lacheryl Michelle (Bobby) Fields; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins; two very special friends Annette Ford of Tallahassee, FL, Roslyn Wilkerson of Panama City, FL; three god-children, Carolyn Bailey of Port St. Joe, FL, Tamela Walker of Tallahassee, FL and Michael Beard of Gainesville, FL.

Her funeral service was held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Body of Christ Church with interment following in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home.

Judith Ann Thompson



JUDITH ANN THOMPSON

Judith Ann Thompson, 66, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2014 at her family's home. She was born April 6, 1948 and a native of Apalachicola.

Judy was a very vibrant woman who enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. She was known for her love of animals, fishing, and yard sales. Her family will carry fond memories of walks on the beach picking up driftwood and seashells. Friends remember her as never having met a stranger in her 66 years.

Judy was born to Lucille and Anthy Smith.

Judy is survived by her daughters, Donna Crum and Samantha Jones; son-in-law Rusty Crum; three grandsons, Kevin Schoelles, Chase Crum and Christian Jones; two great-grandchildren,

Landon and Amelia Schoelles; sister, Faye Thompson and brother-in-law Charles Thompson. Judy was preceded in death by her brother, Billy Revis.

A graveside service to celebrate her life was held at Magnolia Cemetery on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. E.D.T. with services provided by Comforter Funeral Home.

Mamie Dupree Harper

Mamie Dupree Harper, 80, of Port St. Joe passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 in Panama City, FL.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe, FL on Saturday, April 5, 2014 with Bro. Dave Fernandez and Bro. Buddy Caswell officiating. Interment followed in Friendship Cemetery Donalsonville, GA.

Asked to serve as pallbearers were: Corey Dupree, Sean Dupree, Ashley Stephens, Ryan Stephens, Zach Williams, Kevin Griffin, Adam Griffin, Chase Harper and serving as honorary pallbearers were Cecil Pippin, James Young, and Frank Williams.

Mamie was born in Bascam, FL to T.L. "Bud" and Creamer Atwell on

September 10, 1933. She married Ralph Dupree on August 9, 1952 in Donalsonville, GA and together they had four children before his passing in March 1965. In 1971 she married C. D. Harper and together they had a son.

Mamie is preceded in death by her spouse, her parents, her siblings, Doris Watford, Evelyn Perkins, Tom Atwell, James Atwell, Mary Lou Shelton, and Ellen Bass, brother-in-law, Darrell Cross and sister-in-law, Gayla Atwell.

Mamie is survived by her sons, Ron Dupree (Linda) of Tallahassee, Don Dupree of Port St. Joe, and Tommy Harper. Her daughters, Susan (Arden) Stephens of Tallahassee and Kim (Frankie) Williams

of Port St. Joe. She will be missed by her grandchildren, Corey, Erin and Sean Dupree, Jessica Dupree, Ashley and Ryan Stephens, Zach and Lacey Williams, Brooke and Chase Harper, The pride and joy of Mamie were her great grandchildren, Claire Stephens, Easton and Grady Williams and Kylie and Mariah. She also survived by her sisters, Helen Hall, Linda (Gus) Griffin and Betty Cross and sister-in-law, Gloria Atwell. Mamie also is survived by many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly including Kevin and Adam Griffin who held a special place in her heart.

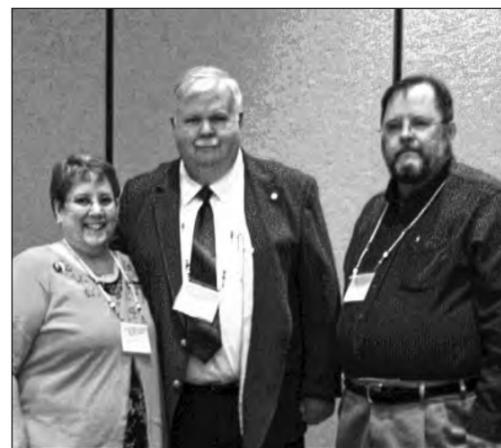
Mrs. Mamie as she was affectionately known by so many of the children she helped

raise during the '80s and '90s loved working in her yard and sharing her plants and flowers with anyone who asked. Every Thanksgiving she hosted her family and extended family for a wonderful meal and special family time. She spent the last several years being a "chauffeur" for many of her friends whenever called upon to drive them to the doctors' visits in Panama City. She will be missed by many close friends and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Covenant Hospice at 107 West 19th Street Panama City, FL 32405.

Expressions of sympathy may be submitted or viewed at www.southerlandfamily.com.

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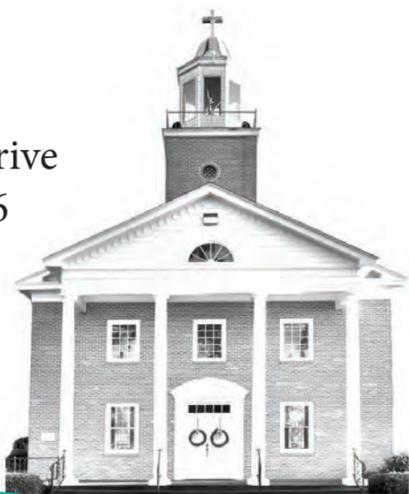


SUBMITTED BY SISTER BRENDA HENDRICKS | Special to The Star

A Kentucky Derby was held Jan. 31, in honor of William Joe Paul, Grand Representative of Kentucky in Florida, and a member of Wewahitchka Chapter No. 229. Sister Debbi Johnson, Joe Paul and her husband Alan attend Grand Chapter at the 109th annual Session.

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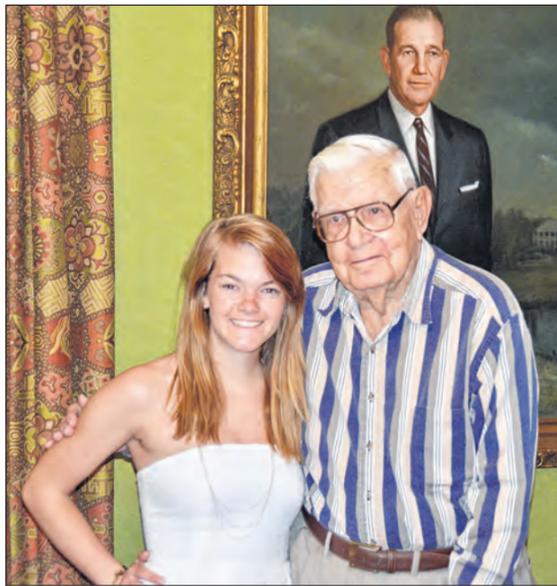
Tapper Foundation announces 2013-14 grants

Star Staff Report

The Board of Directors of the George G. & Amelia G. Tapper Foundation met recently to conduct the business of their annual meeting. At the gathering, seven area organizations were granted funding totaling \$70,800. Also, the Board approved \$5,800 worth of grants already expended since January toward the support of the Junior Service League's annual Children Service Center winter clothes shopping trip and the Port St. Joe Lions Club Sportsman's Banquet.

The Sacred Heart Hospital Foundation was awarded \$30,000 toward the \$250,000 the Tapper Foundation has committed to the support of the Sacred Heart of the Gulf Hospital. Gulf Coast State College Foundation received \$15,000 toward their ambitious goal of \$500,000 for the Culinary Arts Program at the new state-of-the-art Advanced Technology Center. In support of the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, a challenge grant of \$10,000 was offered to their effort to improve the dog-run facilities at the local Center.

Smaller, but no less important, grants were provided for the second



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year in a row to the Christian Community Development Fund headed by Mrs. Diana Burkett in the amount of \$2,500 to assist in the purchase of desperately-needed supplies for its much-lauded home improvement program.

"The Christian Community Development Fund is very thankful for the support the Tapper Foundation has always shown us. Tapper Foundation grants, over the last two years, have helped us provide much needed home repairs for

the elderly and disabled in our community. Again we are very thankful for the local support," said Burkett.

Also for the second year in a row, the Gulf County 4-H received funding of \$3,000 to help local youth attend their summer leadership camp.

The Salt Air Farmer's Market was a first-time recipient of \$3,000 to help them purchase much-needed equipment and allow for regional marketing exposure.

Rounding out the list of recipients is the Junior

Achievement of NW Florida, which received \$1,500 to fund classes for Gulf County students in business and professional life skills.

Since its creation by the late Senator George Tapper in 1986, the Tapper Foundation has provided grant funding for area organizations in excess of \$1.75 million dollars.

The contributions to the local community will continue with support of newly-elected board member Amelia Marie Warriner. She was appointed to replace longtime board member Mr. J.V. (Bubba) Gander of Apalachicola. Mr. Gander has served on the board since 1988 after the death of Mr. B. Roy Gibson.

"While we are going to miss the wise and steady counsel of our longtime dear friend Mr. Bubba, I am excited for the future and what perspective Amelia can bring to our work," said Trish Warriner, mother of Amelia and Chair of the Board.

The Tapper Foundation is a non-profit family foundation supporting area organizations that enhance education, public welfare, social and religious justice.

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Michelle Perrin

marketing director, the Gulf County Tourist Development Council

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love with the Cape on her first visit, not knowing it was a pet-friendly destination at the time. As a dog owner, she said it was a bonus to the relaxed atmosphere she enjoyed.

"We love to introduce folks and their pups to the Cape," Jackson said. "As part of my marketing, I knew about this site and got an email letting me know about the contest — the Cape was such a perfect fit."

Jackson said throughout the contest, she received many emails and messages from past guests who dropped a line to say that they had supported the voting.

"I thought we had a good running shot at winning," Jackson said. "The Cape should be very proud of its beaches, and I'd like to see more of the area become pet-friendly."

Michelle Perrin, marketing director for the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, said she was pleased with the Cape's showing over the month-long competition.

"We competed in the final round against a city with over half a million population and lost by 12 votes," Perrin said. "That is not a loss to us."

"All the pets in Portland now know they can come to our white sand beaches and take their owners for a walk — on a leash, of course."

Though Cape San Blas didn't pull in the big win, it clearly turned some heads and made its mark on the contest.

"The passion and devotion we saw from the fans of Cape San Blas was remarkable," Burkert said. "I imagine they'll be back as a formidable contender in next year's tournament."

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98547
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that US Bank as C/F TRC-SPE, 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. 1367
Application No. 2014-20
Date of Issuance: May 25, 2010
R.E. No. 06045-000R

Description of Property: COMMENCING at the NE. Corner of Section 1, and running thence South 01 Degree 27 Minutes East, a distance of 70.00 feet; thence South 88 Degrees 33 Minutes West, a distance of 449.04 feet; thence South 01 Degree 27 Minutes East, a distance of 252.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continuing South 01 Degree 27 Minutes East along the West right of way of Liberty Street, a distance of 80.00 feet; thence South 88 Degrees 33 Minutes West, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence North 01 Degree 27 Minutes West, a distance of 80.00 feet; thence North 88 Degrees 33 Minutes East, a distance of 150.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said property lying in the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Timothy Grandberry ET AL

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 21st day of May, 2014. Dated this 14th day of April, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
April 17, 2014
May 1, 8, 2014

942945
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

or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 10, 2014.

Personal Representative: JAMES D. PARHAM, JR.

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April 10, 17, 2014

983755
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 of 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 Southerly 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
CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT GULF
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
April 3, 10, 17, 24, 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. 469
Application No.

Description of Property: Lot 35, Wetappo Sub-division, 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.

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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 Sub-division, 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: 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.

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Tax Sale Certificate No. 800
Application No. 2014-28
Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009
R.E. No. 03391-016R

Description of Property: LOT 3: COMMENCE at the Northwest Corner of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, and run West for 350 feet, thence run South for 240 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continue to run South for 120 feet, thence run East for 350 feet to forty line; thence run North for 120 feet, thence run West for 350 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said lands lying and being in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 11 West.

Name in which assessed: Valerie Dadds c/o Christopher Dadds

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 14th day of May, 2014. Dated this 7th day of April, 2014.

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

984055
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 14-12-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALMA CLOTEAL BURKE
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of ALMA CLOTEAL BURKE, de-

ceased, whose date of death was January 16, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims

or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 10, 2014.

Personal Representative: JAMES D. PARHAM, JR.

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Tax Sale Certificate No. 801
Application No. 2014-27
Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009
R.E. No. 03391-017R

Description of Property: LOT 4: COMMENCE at the Northwest Corner of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, and run South along 40 line for 360 feet; for the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence turn right and run West for 350 feet to County Road, thence turn left and run South for 120 feet, along right of way of County Road, thence run East for 350 feet to the West line of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, thence run North for 120 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING, all lying and being in Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 11 West.

Name in which assessed: Valerie Dadds c/o Christopher Dadds

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 14th day of May, 2014. Dated this 7th day of April, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
April 10, 17, 24,
May 1, 2014

984693
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Tax Sale Certificate No. 1146
Application No. 2014-25
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010
R.E. No. 03801-245R

Description of Property: Lot 3, Block B, Integras Rehabilitation Phase II, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 2, of the Plat Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Integras Therapy & Wellness Centers, 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 14th day of May, 2014. Dated this 7th day of April, 2014.

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Name in which assessed: Valerie Dadds c/o Christopher Dadds

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 14th day of May, 2014. Dated this 7th day of April, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,
Deputy Clerk
April 10, 17, 24,
May 1, 2014

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 801
Application No. 2014-27
Date of Issuance: May 27, 2009
R.E. No. 03391-017R

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