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## BOCC engages to keep access to St. Vincent

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The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday entered the fray to maintain full public access to St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge.

The board unanimously approved for a letter to be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wild-

life Service lending BOCC support to efforts to preserve what remains of the skeletal management of St. Vincent.

Landy Luther with the Supporters of St. Vincent Island brought a plea to the board Tuesday, urging commissioners to participate in the letter-writing campaign currently underway.

Two months ago, Luther said, the Supporters were notified that USFWS was un-

dergoing an analysis of staffing and funding for national wildlife refuges.

"The information we got was really negative toward St. Vincent," Luther said.

What information has been made available indicates the USFWS is considering further staffing and funding cuts at St. Vincent.

And while the refuge will not be closed — that would require congressional action,

Luther said — "public uses and access to the island could possibly be restricted," Luther said.

"That is bad news because over the last five years the island has been severely understaffed and under-budgeted," Luther said. "We as supporters are opposed to any status change that would result in staffing

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### MEXICO BEACH

## Elections highlight political division

Castro, Tendler, Blackburn win

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**MEXICO BEACH** — The election results should erase any lingering questions about how stark the political dividing line is in Mexico Beach.

Voters split almost evenly Tuesday, and the result was a photo finish in each of the races for City Council.

In Group 4, incumbent Tanya Castro narrowly fended off a challenge from Tom Bailey to win re-election by a mere four votes, according to complete but unofficial results from the Supervisor of Elections Office.

"It's a nail biter," Castro said.

Meanwhile, a comparative landslide of 21 votes made the difference between Bill McGlothlin and victor Jeff Tendler for the Group 5 seat on the council. McGlothlin said he respects the will of the voters.

"I'm not going to go out and immediately call for a recount," McGlothlin said. "I thank the voters that voted for me."

And in Group 2, Mary Blackburn won over the incumbent by 29 votes.

### GROUP 4

If only one Castro voter had cast his ballot for Bailey instead, it would have triggered an automatic recount. Florida law requires a recount if an election is decided by one-half of 1 percent or less of the total number of votes cast. Candidates cannot call for a recount, Supervisor of Elections Mark Andersen said.

"Remember, we're just dealing with preliminary numbers," Andersen said. "The election's not over until the audit is complete."

Bailey said prior to the election that he targeted Castro's seat on the council because he found her to be the most disruptive member of the board. After her slim victory, Castro thanked the voters for seeing through what she called a "smear campaign."

"I think what the vote says to me is ... sometimes smear campaigns work," Castro said.

Bailey noted that one additional vote for him would have

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## Documenting the landscape



FILE PHOTOS

The Forgotten Coast Plein Air Paint Out will run from May 1-11.

## Forgotten Coast Plein Air Paint Out coming in May

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The hunt for the perfect angle and light source will soon commence.

The 2014 Forgotten Coast Plein Air Paint Out will be held May 1-11 at various locales from Mexico Beach to Alligator Point.

More than 20 nationally acclaimed artists will gather to participate in the ninth annual Forgotten Coast Plein Air Invitational.

Painters from all over the world will set up their easels and pull out their brushes to document the landscape and culture of "Old Florida."

A true plein air painting is done on location and captures the atmosphere of the moment. The majority of the painting must be completed on site with little to no work to be done in the studio.

Participating artists agree this is the true test of skill as it requires complete confidence in placement of color and brushwork in a short amount of time.

The annual event is coordinated by the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition, a non-profit organization established to produce regional multi-community events aimed to improve the quality of life for the coastal area.

The 10-day event will include five exhibits across the coast, daily art demonstrations, art sales, workshops where attendees can learn directly from the talent and a series of receptions where the public can meet and mingle with the artists.

The Wetroom, the central location where all paintings are hung after completion will be at the Center for History, Culture and Art in downtown Apalachicola.

Special events will include

a student art day with hand-picked students from Gulf and Franklin Counties who will work one-on-one with artists and a family art day, held on the final day of the Paint Out.

"We put together an event that covers 10 days but we hope that an event like student art day will linger with those students," President of FCCC Leslie Fedota. "We hope it sets off a spark of creativity and serves as a catalyst for something bigger."

"It's events like this one that nourish the community and spark vitality."

Plein Air brings together the communities of Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, Cape San Blas, Indian Pass, Apalachicola, Eastpoint, St. George Island, Carrabelle, and Alligator Point to produce one of the largest art-focused events on the coast. The FCCC also receives

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### FORGOTTEN COAST PLEIN AIR PAINT-OUT SCHEDULE

All times ET.

#### DAILY EVENTS:

Watch Art Happen — Mexico Beach to Alligator Point

Water Views — St. George Island Lighthouse — Daily, noon until 5 p.m.

Plein Air Classics — Rio Carrabelle Building, Carrabelle — Daily, noon until 4 p.m.

Artists' Choice Exhibit — Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, Port St. Joe Marina — Daily, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Nature's Bounty — Mexico Beach Visitor Center — Monday-Friday only, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wetroom Exhibits, Art Sales, & Information — Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art — Daily, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 1

Tracey Frugoli Workshop — Gulf County Welcome Center, Port St. Joe, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Fee: \$200.)

#### FRIDAY, MAY 2

A Working Waterfront — Riverfront Park, Apalachicola, 9 - 11 a.m.

Reid Avenue Streetscapes — Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe, 2 - 4 p.m.

Opening Luncheon — Gulf County Welcome Center — Noon until 1 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 3

Eastpoint Waterfront Quickdraw — Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Salinas Park Vista — Salinas Park, Cape San Blas, 2 - 4 p.m.

A Working Waterfront — Riverfront Park, Apalachicola, 2 - 4 p.m.

The View from Eastpoint — See **EVENTS A8**

## PSJ Commission passes e-cigarette ordinance

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Port St. Joe city commissioners last week unanimously approved an ordinance that would prevent the sale of e-cigarettes to those under the age of 18 and prohibited use of the items anywhere that regular cigarettes were prohibited.

Mayor Mel Magidson said that health issues due to e-cigarettes were on the rise and felt that the health issues that stem from their use remained to be seen.

"I think we're doing a good thing," said Commissioner Rex Buzzett.

Commissioners were still waiting on payment for the Jetty Park Lease from the St. Joe

Company that was due to begin as of March 1.

Commissioner William Thursbay said that he expected the payments to be retroactive to cover March and April. City attorney Russell Scholz said a letter had been sent to the company requesting payment.

Magidson said that members of the Competitive Florida Partnership, an outreach program

from the Department of Economic Opportunity that helps communities build and enhance their local economy while staying true to what makes them unique, would visit Port St. Joe on April 23 to identify the major assets of the city which could be used to help further promote the town to tourists.

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Commissioners also discussed boat launch fees; currently use of the ramps is free for city residents, but carries of a rate of \$25-50 for county residents and visitors. Magidson said he had spoken with local vendors to see who might be willing to sell them locally and received a positive response from vendors Half Hitch and Bluewater Outriggers. Final details on fees and usage restrictions would be worked out at a workshop to be held at 5 p.m. on April 29. "We're pretty close to coming up with a plan," said Thursday. "Going (into the workshop) we'll have some kinks to work out." Commissioners invited merchants and charter captains to the meetings to share their thoughts and reminded those in attendance that the fees go toward maintenance of the boat ramps.

## HOPE CENTER

Rev. Joe Atkinson and Matt Scoggins, owner of Five Star Collision, spoke to commissioners regarding the Gulf Coast Hope Center in Port St. Joe. Atkinson announced that the facility, which provides food and clothing to those in need, was no longer affiliated with the Panama City Rescue Mission and was being operated by local residents. A food distribution event will be held on May 24, the first day of summer break for area students, to help ensure that kids who receive free or reduced lunches during school don't go hungry. The event will include food and a free concert. Scoggins said that it was important to him to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem and reported that in 2013 the Hope Center had fed 92 children in the community and had helped more than 200 families since its inception. In addition to providing food and clothes to those in need, Scoggins said that he sets aside \$1,000 each month from his Five Star profits to help those who have emergencies and need a helping hand. Magidson thanked Scoggins and Atkinson for their service to the community.

## PORT OF PORT ST. JOE

Leonard Costin from the Port St. Joe Port Authority took the podium to inform the public that the permitting process for necessary dredging had been turned over to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which may be able to expedite the process. Costin said that a larger area would be needed for the dredging spoils, a combination of silty clay and organics and identified a 38-acre parcel of land near the port owned by the city as a possible destination. Costin wanted to work out some sort of trade with the city for use of the land to keep costs down. "It's in everyone's best interest to work together," said Magidson.

## MAY 6 MEETING

Due to a Department of Transportation informational being held at 5:30 p.m. ET on May 6 at the Centennial Building to discuss the Gulf Parkway project, the commission's regular bi-monthly meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

# 'More birthdays' celebrated at Relay for Life

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Shark Stadium was recently filled with hope. Each year, more than 1 million people in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer. On a recent Friday night, residents of Gulf and Franklin counties came together for the annual Relay for Life held at Shark Stadium in Port St. Joe to bring the number down. The 12-hour event raised nearly \$40,000 for the American Cancer Society and served to build awareness about the disease. Money raised will help treat those with cancer and fund research against the illness. More than 60 survivors attended the event and 16 teams and 144 participants sold goodies and snacks to raise additional donations for the ACS.

"The first year with a combined Relay went wonderfully," said event co-chair Cheryl Fritsch-Middleton. "We had a great committee and great teams from both counties." Relay For Life is held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. The events are held over long stretches to honor and mirror a cancer patient's journey through treatment. In traditional fashion the event begins with the Survivor Lap, during which cancer survivors, alongside their caregivers, take the first lap around the track while they are honored by attendees. At dark the Luminaria



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Gulf and Franklin Counties came together on Friday at Shark Stadium for the annual Relay for Life event.

ceremony was held to honor those who have lost the fight to cancer as well as those who continue to fight. Candles are placed in white paper bags and the names of those affected by the illness are written upon them by loved ones. The theme of this year's event was "Birthdays" playing into the idea that with additional research on the disease, those stricken with the disease may be able to

celebrate more birthdays. "Relay for Life is such a great experience and anyone who has been affected by cancer should consider getting involved," said Fritsch-Middleton. "When the survivors come up and give you a huge and say thank you, it's all worth it. "I'm ready to start planning for next year." Those who wish to make donations can still do so online at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

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The event, a 12-hour relay, raises money for the American Cancer Society to help build awareness and fund research against the illness.



The theme for this year's event was "Birthdays."



During the relay entertainment was provided by the Emerald Dance troupe.

## 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
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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us). Updated project information, will be available at the project website, [www.gulfcoastparkway.com](http://www.gulfcoastparkway.com). For more Florida Department of Transportation District Three Information, follow us on Twitter: @MyFDOT\_NWFL.



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and funding cuts.”  
 The island staff has already been cut in recent years with a biologist position eliminated and management staff reduced to one.  
 Funding for the island is now funneled through St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and the island no longer has leased office space in Apalachicola after the city declined to renew the lease.  
 That has conspired to put a highly-successful red wolf breeding program at risk and resulted in volunteers providing island tours in non-summer months and also spearheading the turtle patrol/nesting programs due to staffing reductions.  
 The island is considered an environmental jewel.  
 The late Dr. Joe Collins, a world-renowned herpetologist from the University of Kansas, spent nearly a decade surveying the wildlife on the island.  
 He wrote several academic papers in addition to a pocket book on the snakes of the island.

As a barrier island that is essentially undisturbed from 100 years ago, St. Vincent was, Collins repeatedly said, a “unique” environment worth keeping pristine and natural.  
 The island has also become a growing tourist attraction, said Marie Romanelli, who with her husband operates a shuttle service from the Indian Pass boat ramp to the island.  
 “The island is becoming a major tourist attraction as well as wildlife sanctuary,” Romanelli said, noting that during a typical spring week she will field four or five dozen calls from those interested in exploring the island.  
 “Most people access the island from the boat ramp from Indian Pass even though it is in Franklin County.”  
 Those people also patronized businesses and restaurants in Gulf County, Romanelli said, meaning the island carries an economic impact for the county.  
 “St. Vincent is a gem,”

said Commissioner Warren Yeager. “There will be an economic impact if they move forward with restricting access.”  
 “A lot of people go out there. Businesses rely on this.”  
 And, Yeager said, the island is public land and should remain fully open to the public that pays the price tag for management.  
 “We don’t need to lose the eco-tourism that has developed out there,” said resident Pat Hardman.  
 The Supporters group gathered over 800 signatures on a petition urging the UFWWS to leave the island alone and submitted that petition.  
 Luther said the next step was a letter-writing campaign commissioners agreed to join.  
 Time is of the essence, Romanelli said.  
 The expectation is that the USFWS will complete its staffing/ budgeting exercise in the next 15-20 days and the impacts of any decision to reduce public access would likely

come this year.  
 “It is a treasure,” Yeager said.  
**PORT SUPPORT**  
 The BOCC also lent some support on two fronts to the Port St. Joe Port Authority.  
 Commissioners agreed, 4-1 with Commissioner Carmen McLemore dissenting, to try to broker an agreement over a \$200,000 loan the BOCC provided the Port Authority several years ago.  
 That loan was collateralized with the barge terminal land which the Port Authority recently lost in foreclosure.

The Port Authority has expressed a willingness to provide the old Arizona Chemical property – owned free and clear by the Port Authority – as collateral.  
 The Port Authority is also seeking an extension of up to three years on the first payment due on that loan, which is due next month and which the Port Authority lacks the funds to pay.  
 “That money is for economic development and the best viable option for that is the port so I support that,” Yeager said.  
 Commissioner Joanna Bryan said given the Port

Authority’s current finances, the BOCC had little choice but to provide some breathing room.  
 Commissioner Ward McDaniel said it was essential to obtain some security on the loan.  
 Commissioners also agreed to a request from the engineering firm working on permit issues related to the dredging of the shipping channel to lend support to a proposal to deposit dredge spoil along the banks of the Gulf County Canal in what is already a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredge easement area.

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triggered a recount and said he plans to speak with Andersen today about the possibility of conducting one.  
 “I’m disappointed,” Bailey said. “There’s only a four-vote margin at this point, and we haven’t even looked at provisional ballots.”  
 Castro was the only incumbent on the City Council to seek re-election this year.  
 “I look forward to continuing doing what I’m doing,” Castro said.  
 Tendler couldn’t be

reached for comment late Tuesday.  
**GROUP 2**  
 The race for Group 2 also was close.  
 Preliminary results indicated Mary Blackburn got 281 votes for the Group 2 seat, while incumbent Gary Woodham received 252 votes, according to the Supervisor of Elections Office.  
 Blackburn could not be reached for comment Tuesday.  
 Woodham attributed the results to a “successfully

orchestrated” campaign to mobilize female voters.  
 “They did a great job, but they did the city a great disservice,” Woodham said.  
 Blackburn will be the third person this year to occupy the seat. Woodham was appointed in January by a 3-1 decision to replace the vacated seat of former Councilman Lanny Howell. The dissenting vote was held by Councilwoman Tanya Castro, who campaigned in tandem with Blackburn and Jeff Tendler, who also won their respective races.

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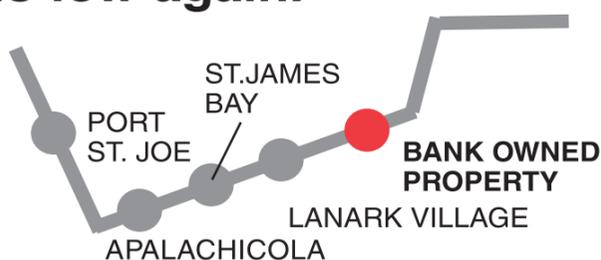


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## 'Turbocharged toilets and single-ply toilet paper'

When you have been away on travel or vacation, the first thing you do when you get home is see what the fellow who has been staying in your house has let the dogs tear up. Maybe I should clarify – that is the first thing I do.

The next thing I do – is, well... I go to the bathroom. It just seems to me that one's bathroom is better than any you can find on the road. I'm not talking about gas station restrooms; those are danger zones in my opinion.

How do I say this? I'll just say it.

Right after I flushed the toilet, I found myself jumping back up against the wall as if I was fearful of being attacked.

I had been for a week. The place I stayed in Orlando, Florida was absolutely wonderful – but...the toilets they had in this place were "turbocharged." I had never seen or heard anything like these toilets before.

You hit the handle and you got a roaring, teeth rattling "whoooooosh." I don't know how to describe the sounds it made other than perhaps some sort of turbocharged engine on top pushing down and some sort of gargantuan vacuum underneath pulling. I would wager that the thing could have taken me down the bowl if I had gotten too close.

The first time I hit the handle, it scared the bejeevies out of me.

Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to see a number of rocket and space shuttle launches. The sheer power of these launches cranks my tractor. It is an exciting thing to experience. Knowing I had just a little to do with some of these launches made the experience even better.

However, there was a countdown...

With this vacation toilet, in particular on the first "launch," there was no countdown, no one yelling

cover your ears and no warning signs.

Just this thundering whoosh that sounded like something from either an alien ship in a science fiction movie or a big asteroid hitting the ocean

next to you in your little dingy boat. (And you were just out for a joy ride in the dingy boat.)

Therefore, the effects of this turbocharged toilet had not quite worn off when I got home. It might take a couple of weeks before I get used to normal toilet.

The toilet paper is a different story. Most places you stay have subpar single play toilet paper and generally really bad paper towels. I understand this. The reason is probably two-fold. First, it cuts down on how much paper you use and second, it keeps folks from wanting to take stuff home with them.

You've heard of folks who take all the salt, pepper and sugar from restaurants?

I'm sure there are folks who want to take home all of the extra toilet paper and paper towels when they go home from vacation. Maybe they view it as a souvenir or maybe they think "they paid for it."

Other than the turbocharged toilet and the subpar paper products, this place was absolutely wonderful.

It was a chance to spend time with all of my family and I even got to meet some celebrities.

I had my picture taken with Olive Oyl, Betty Boop, Marilyn Monroe and a couple of belly dancers. The first three were just "lookalikes," but the belly dancers were real.

I rode a lot of rides and roller coasters with my children and had a wonderful time.

However, the scariest "ride" or experience would have to be the turbocharged toilet.

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**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

I kinda hate that Easter hats have gone the way of the Dodo bird. It was such a break from the humdrum of church to see such a myriad of brightly colored hats filling our sanctuary on Easter morning.

The ladies literally lit up the room each year. The best I remember yellow, red and lavender were the choice of colors for the majority. It had to be loud, colorful and "springy". That seemed to be the rule. I've seen live daffodils overtaking tulips as matron after matron made that slow walk down the center aisle.

And the more feathers, fawn leaves, stickpins and ribbons, the better. There were hats on display that Dodos could have nested in if they had survived the flood!

We spent most of that "Up from the grave He arose" song judging headgear. Leon voted annually for the biggest and tallest. He didn't rate 'em much on color. And I'm telling you we had some tall ones! I saw a ceiling fan near 'bout clip the head off of what appeared to be a statue of John the Baptist perched stately on a reworked Stetson decorated especially for the Holy service.

David Mark was more into wide brims. And if you wanted his vote, you had to bring some color with you. He liked those brims that turned down in front. It was fun to guess who was underneath it. Sometimes we had to drop our offering on the floor to bend down and get an upward glance to figure out who the "hat-ee" was. I've seen brims so wide if they picked the same row you couldn't get but two in there.

We divided them into categories. We had most unusual, most original, ugliest, most flowers, gaudiest and best hat to hide a bad hairdo. We'd play switch. You know,

Miss Floy's hat would look better on Mrs. Sasser. Or maybe, Mrs. Opal would look better in the hat Mrs. Mitchum chose for the morning. We "rearranged" ninety per cent of the heads and hats before the invitation was given.

We tried to sit behind a big hat. That way we could squirm a bit

without Brother Hatcher seeing you. He was prone to point out right in the middle of Jesus feeding the Five Thousand or Moses stumbling down the mountain carrying those heavy stone tablets if some youngster was not paying attention. He wasn't shy about naming names either! I didn't mind the embarrassment in front of the whole congregation. I hated the whipping that followed. I would recite the story of the Good Samaritan or Jesus forgiving the Woman at the Well right as Daddy was jerking off his belt ... but he never one time made the connection.

Mom wore a mint green hat that was rather small and mundane by the standards of the time. She was way more into the message of Easter than she was haberdashery. We tried to get her to "dress up" that old hat for the occasion but she just laughed. Leon thought it ought to be bigger. David wanted to add a brim. I brought home some red and blue ribbon. I figured it would look just awesome wrapped around the faded out green. I look back on it from a half century of Easter services and shake my head at the silliness of it. If we'd a'tied wet noodles to that hat or ran it through the wringer washer before the Sunrise Service, our Mother would have still been the best looking lady in the church!

Brother Hatcher always issued a special welcome to the guests on Easter morning. Daddy allowed it was for the ones who only came

to church on that one Sunday out of the year. The Devil made me twist that around in my mind for a moment. I wouldn't have to wear that neck strangling starched collar or those concrete hard Buster Brown shoes but once a year ... That roaring lion was seeking to devour me!

Brother Hatcher's Easter message never changed. I'm not pretending here that I caught every word. But through the hat watching and the fans stirring and counting the grain lines in the pulpit, I heard Lamb, Golgotha, propitiation, forgiveness, resurrection, reconciliation, mercy and everlasting life. It was the same every year. I guess he was going to preach that sermon till "we got it"!

We spent the week after Easter reviewing the hats. We compared them to the year before and gave a nod to the most improved. In our post Holy Week dreams we were all armed with a BB gun and a front row seat in the balcony. We picked off several birds, a golden hat pin, a Wickersham basket, two turtle doves and one John the Baptist statue.

All good things have to come to an end. And so it was with the Easter hat crowds. We went off to college and paid attention to matters we deemed more pressing than whose fedora outshined whom. I'm not exactly sure when the custom began its slow slide into oblivion.

There was not a hat to be seen in our church this Easter. It was not surprising or even noteworthy. It is just as well. I'm too old to hide any more. And Leon and David were not here so we couldn't have voted anyway. Our pastor, in the solid tradition of Brother Hatcher, brought the Easter Message up to date ... by not changing one single word in it!

Respectfully,  
Kes

# His Hat Was Grayish Brown, With Thorns

## Why disability insurance is critical

Most people understand why having life insurance is a good idea: Nobody wants to leave their survivors in a financial lurch if they were to die suddenly. But what if you suffer an accident or illness and don't die, but rather, become severely disabled? Could you or your family make ends meet without your paycheck, possibly for decades?

Although most people are entitled to Social Security disability insurance (SSDI) benefits if they've paid sufficient FICA payroll taxes over the years, the eligibility rules are extremely strict, applying can take many months, and the average monthly benefit is only about \$1,150.

So what are your other disability coverage options? Many companies provide sick leave and short-term disability coverage to reimburse employees during brief periods of illness or injury. Some also provide long-term disability (LTD) insurance that replaces a percentage of pay for an extended period of time.

But employer-provided LTD plans usually replace only about 60 percent of pay and the money you receive is considered taxable income, further lowering your benefit's worth. Plus, such plans often have a waiting period before benefits kick in, will carve out any SSDI benefits you receive, and cap the monthly benefit amount

and maximum payout period (often as little as two years).

Thus, even if your employer provides basic LTD, you might want to purchase additional coverage. Just be prepared: LTD insurance can be expensive. Yearly premiums may cost 1 to 3 percent of gross income, depending on plan features, your age, and whether you have preexisting conditions.

First, see if you can buy supplemental coverage through your employer's plan – their group rate will be cheaper than an individual policy and you probably won't need a physical exam. Or see if any professional or trade organizations you belong to offer group coverage.

If not, you'll have to buy an individual policy. A few of the things to keep in mind:

- The younger and healthier you are, the lower the premiums you'll be able to lock in.
- Some policies won't pay benefits unless you can't perform the duties of your own occupation, while others specify that you must be physically unable to perform any job (the latter coverage is much cheaper).
- Look for a "non-cancelable" policy, which means the insurer can't cancel or refuse to renew your policy – or raise the premium – if you pay on time.



**JASON ALDERMAN**

• The longer the waiting period before benefits are paid, the lower the premium. Thus, if you have enough sick time and savings to wait 120 days before payout, your premiums will be significantly less than for a 60-day waiting period.

• Some policies only provide benefits for two years, while others pay until your normal Social Security retirement age – most cover somewhere in between. The shorter the term, the lower the cost.

• Many plans exclude preexisting conditions, mental health or substance abuse issues.

• For an additional fee, policies with a "future purchase option" allow you to increase coverage as your wages rise, without having to take another physical or rewrite the policy.

• Check whether the benefit payout amount is fixed or if cost-of-living adjustments are made periodically. The latter type is more expensive but offers better protection against inflation if you're disabled for many years.

Bottom line: If you became seriously disabled it could easily wipe out your savings and put your family in financial jeopardy. Before you actually need it, investigate what disability coverage you already have and what other options are available.

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# LETTERS

## Gulf County Academy Awards

Dear Editor,

And the Oscar for the lynching of Gulf County Commissioner Ms. Joanna Bryan goes to (Pause, open the envelope please) Directors Carmen McLemore, Ward McDaniel, Tan Smiley, Michael Hammond and Billy Traylor!

To say that a prearranged evasion of the Sunshine Law at the April 8, 2014 BOCC meeting did not occur tests credulity. When viewing the videotape of said meeting it is obvious that the beat-up on Ms. Bryan was previously agreed upon and then orchestrated by Messrs. McLemore, Smiley, McDaniel, Hammond and Traylor for good measure.

Act 1 starts with the granting of a questionable variance/replat in spite of Ms. Bryan pointing out the stipulations contained in the Gulf County Land Development Regulations. This variance was first applied for at the March 25, 2014 meeting although there was as an absence of a representative from the Gulf County Planning Dept. Therefore Ms. Bryan was able to table the variance at that time with a second vote from Commissioner Yeager. Forward to the April 8, 2014 meeting where it is again on the agenda with the absence (pre-arranged?) of our County Attorney who could have further explained the ordinance. Excellent scripting there award winners. Take a bow. Thank you.

Act 1 closes with the granting of the replat / variance and Chairman McDaniel claiming to be so concerned about his fellow Gulf Countians that he ignores the pesky pleas from some in the audience not to grant it. Another bow. Thank you.

Act 2 opens with the idea that the new county administrator (could it be Mr. Hammond?) will not have to answer to questions from an individual commissioner. This so called "idea" is aimed directly at Ms. Bryan (You dare to question me Ms. Bryan?). Mr. Hammond's history of

disrespect for Ms. Bryan has become well known beginning with her questioning of the lack of inspection of the Gulf County Jail and possible taxpayer savings by closing the jail (Mr. Hammond's bailiwick).

Act 3: The Grand Finale  
Enter stage left former commissioner Billy Traylor, who you will recall, was compensated quite handsomely along with Commissioner McLemore with BP funds granted to the county while many others in the county were unemployed. Mr. Traylor appeared center stage with an out of order harangue about Ms. Bryan slandering his son, the vice president of his risky loan company that is financed with taxpayer dollars. The slandering went on and on to the obvious delight of Messrs. Smiley, McLemore, and Hammond with complete disregard for protocol by Chairman McDaniel.

Closing Curtain: The scene began with the removal of Ms. Bryan as our county representative to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council and Mr. McDaniel accepting the position after Mr. McLemore's well-staged motion, all to the thundering applause of Messrs. Smiley, McLemore, McDaniel, Hammond and Traylor and boos and hisses from those in the audience who were able to attend. Evening commissioner meetings would be more accessible to working taxpayers but this is completely disregarded.

Encore: Chairman McDaniel mentions discussing county business over dinner with another county commissioner (Sunshine Law disregarded?).

Will these miscarriages of justice keep going on? Why not? If we voters in Gulf County had county-wide voting such shenanigans would be eliminated. And so the curtain falls on another shameful display put on by folks most of us can't even vote out of office.

Respectfully,

Tom Knoche  
Port St. Joe

## What is the real cost of the lighthouse

Dear Editor,

The Cape San Blas Lighthouse is in the news again this week. I have no strong feelings either way on whether it is moved to town or not. However, I do have some questions I would love for someone to answer:

What is the total cost of moving the lighthouse?

What is going to be the annual cost of maintaining the lighthouse?

What is the annual cost of liability insurance going to be?

What is it going to cost to rehab the houses?

How many employees is it going to take to operate this facility?

Has anyone done a study to see what the return on investment will be to the city?

Who is going to pay for all of the above?

We have read that this venture is not going to cost the taxpayers.

However, I understand that a state line item appropriation is being sought to help pay for the move. This is taxpayer money from all over the state. I also have read that monies from the PSJRA have been set aside to facilitate this project. These monies are local tax dollars. I liked the idea of private funding as originally proposed.

I can see the positive impact that it could possibly have for our merchants. We do need something positive to help our local merchants. How do our merchants feel about this project?

I only hope that this does not become a white elephant for our city. We have so many issues that need addressing like maintaining what we have.

Could some of the folks involved with this project answer these questions for me? Please just answer the questions without any personal attacks. I honestly would like to know.

Thanks,

John Reeves  
Port St. Joe

## A modest proposal for bringing jobs to Gulf County

Dear Editor,

Where do we begin...

Leonard Costin reportedly commented the other day that residents wanted companies like the St. Joe Paper Mill to come to the Port of Port St. Joe and Gulf County. That seems to be the consensus of the GOBs and other established residents. That is what Barry Sellers eventually concluded. Tam Smiley said, "Uncle Joe is not coming back." However, that may not be true.

When you look at history, and the current employment market, you discover that Gulf County has the same quality workforce that it did when the St. Joe Paper Mill was operating in 1994. Today, almost 20 percent of the non-tech-driven manufacturing companies in the U.S. are looking for a circa 1994 low-wage, low-skilled, industrial workforce. This could be a way around Gulf County's portended bankruptcy in 2014.

How to we proceed...

Gulf County workforce's unique properties can be presented to employers across the U.S. who are being regulated-out of their home communities and are desperate for near-term relocation options. Yesterday's media is Gulf County's communication link of choice -- newspapers.

Placing ads in the appropriate business sections of top MSA newspapers for three consecutive Sundays, followed by three every other Sunday, should generate enough relocation prospects to provide immediate relocations and jobs without disturbing the Gulf County community's socio-economic status-quo. The best choices to introduce Gulf County to large numbers of relocation prospects are: The Sunday New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Detroit Free Press, Philadelphia Inquirer, Baltimore Sun, Cleveland Plain Dealer, and the Boston Globe.

The "truth" is...

There are very few low-wage, low-skilled, industrial workforces like Gulf County's available in the USA today. So, Gulf County will have to document the County workforce in terms prospective employers will accept. Gulf County can do that.

The evidence --

1) Gulf County has an

exceptionally stable political atmosphere, thanks to Florida's Home Rule.

Gulf County's governance is dysfunctional, duplicitous and dystopian. The Video of the BOCC's 4/8/2014 meeting is evidence enough of Gulf County's political fratricide. Plus, the County's competing political entities don't collaborate or cooperate so nothing gets done and nothing changes. Gulf County political leadership is susceptible to private-sector guidance that will support traditional nepotism in the public sector.

2) Members of Gulf County's workforce have very low work-life expectations and workers are willing to suffer in silence and toil in pain.

Gulf County School District has one of the highest percentages of high school graduates in Florida (96 percent). GCSO students invest 12 years of their lives to graduate from a school district that offers the poorest preparation for post-secondary education in Florida. GCSO graduates the highest percentage of students who are unfit for military service in Florida. Less than 5 percent of Gulf County high school graduates score in the top 25 percent of U.S. students (ACT=24+). GCSO graduates' scholastic achievement based on National Tests rank GCSO in the bottom 1 percent of U.S. school districts.

3) There are no competing employers for Gulf County's low-wage, low-skilled workers.

Over 70 percent of Gulf County's workforce lack a military-acceptable high school diploma. Members of Gulf County's resident workforce have no interest in upgrading their skill-sets, as Eastern Shipbuilding can testify.

4) Taxpayers of Gulf County will financially support low-wage companies that employ local residents.

Gulf County is a Christian community. Residents and workers are waiting for Rapture and have no interest in investing in their children's or community's future. Residents of Gulf County like to see, taste and smell their local businesses. It tells them the jobs are still there.

These considerations should attract circa 1994 industrial companies and their jobs to Gulf County.

John Comer, DD

Church of Our Founding Fathers  
Port St. Joe

## Politics in paradise

Dear Editor,

After watching the last few city and county commission meetings and reading the follow up articles and letters to the editor I felt compelled to throw in my views as an average citizen who has studied politics for many years. Now I am no expert and certainly never claimed to be the brightest man around but even me with my humble knowledge can see very plainly what is going on with our politics. You have two very different groups vying for power. On one side you have the "Old Guard" mostly locals like myself who have grown up here and are trying to hold on to the quaint small towns and county that we all loved growing up in. Trying to take care of the needs of their friends and neighbors. These commissioners may not always sound or act professional and trust me I have been embarrassed by their behavior more than once but we must remember these gentlemen and ladies are not all professionals. They are just hard working men and women who have given their time to try to better our town or county. On the other side you have a large group of people most of whom have are business owners or have moved into our area from larger cities

in the last few years and have different ideas about how things should be run. They are more focused on the businesses and how to best attract growth and new people to the area.

Now I feel both sides have some very good ideas, and they should all have a voice. The problem is that when you come in and try to force your ideas on people instead of working with them you run into trouble. When you create Washington-style politics by creating a super P.A.C. with the sole purpose of taking out the old commissioners by any means and try to hurt those who oppose you economically you run into trouble. When you call them rednecks or idiots you run into trouble. Last but not least when you accuse them of working for special interests at the same time you have formed a special interest group to further your agenda which will make most of you money, now that just makes you a hypocrite.

Personally I think there is a place at the table for all. We have to move on from the old ways that is inevitable and we need the infusion of new ideas in order to help us with this growth. What we don't need is the constant bickering and infighting that we have on both boards now. Somebody needs to be

the adult here. Every time one side has a suggestion it can't be knocked down just to antagonize them and you can't keep referring to them as blow-ins. They are taxpaying residents just like all of the rest of us. On the other side every time a decision is made that you don't agree with you can't go out into the streets and slander the commissioners, threaten their businesses and file lawsuits.

If you would all spend half as much time trying to work together instead of trying to get one up on each other just imagine what you could accomplish. In the days not so long ago commissioners would literally almost come to blows over a problem and come back the next meeting shake hands and move on with what needed to be done. Not because they came to agreement on the issue but out of respect for the job and the fact that because they represented this community and all of the people in it. We may be too far gone now, but I would hope the leaders on both boards would call for unity and civility at the next meeting. We have many tough issues that need to be worked out and we can only do that if we come together. Remember a house divided cannot stand.

Thank You,

Cecil Lyons III  
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## Adopt a nest: Turtles need your help

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The annual Open House, which takes place on the island, had to be canceled a few weeks ago due to some very stormy weather. With the help of Mother Nature another event will be scheduled on the island in the fall. We look forward to giving more visitors the opportunity to visit the island. Watch for more news about this event in future articles.

Turtle nesting season will be here in May and you can help support the turtle program on St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge by participating in our "Adopt-a-Nest" program. For a small fee of \$25 you will be able to name the turtle whose nest you adopt and you will receive the following:

- adoption certificate
- photo of adopted nest
- activity/hatchling report
- recognition in Supporters' newsletter

Proceeds from nest adoptions help offset refuge costs for the turtle monitoring program. These costs include fuel for the survey vehicles and materials to construct cages to protect nests from predators.

Female Loggerhead sea turtles, the species most often found on St. Vincent Island, lay their eggs along the Gulf side of St. Vincent beaches. Each nest contains more than 100 eggs. Unfortunately, there are quite a few predators on the island that disturb the nests and

destroy the eggs. The main predators are feral hogs and raccoons. Confirmed nests (those nests that actually contain eggs) need protection so wire cages are placed over the nests to discourage the predators. In most cases, these cages do a very good job.

The Gulf side beaches of the island are patrolled several times each week by volunteers and U.S. Fish & Wildlife staff. The number of patrols per week depends on staffing levels. The beaches are patrolled for evidence of turtle activity (crawls). The crawls are examined to determine the species of sea turtle making the crawl and whether the turtle actually made a nest. The nests are examined to determine if

there are eggs present and the GPS location is noted. All nests are monitored during the nesting season and accurate records are kept. This is done so that complete survey data can be kept and used to determine nesting trends, etc.

Turtle adoptions make a wonderful gift for people of any age who care about turtles and wildlife preservation. With a record number (104) of turtle nests on St. Vincent Island last year we are hoping for another active year. That means we will certainly need an increase in turtle adoptions. To adopt a nest or learn more about the program, email us at [supportstvin@hotmail.com](mailto:supportstvin@hotmail.com) or leave a message at 850-229-6735 and thank you for your support!

In addition to the

upcoming turtle season, there is some exciting news from the red wolf recovery program on the island. The island serves as a natural home to a pair of red wolves who are brought to the island to breed and raise pups without significant human intervention. When the pups are around 18 months of age they are transferred to the 1.2 million acre red wolf recovery area in Eastern North Carolina. Since 1989 St. Vincent Island has been home to 21 adults and 25 pups. After several seasons with no pups a new male red wolf was brought to the island this past winter. He is affectionately referred to as "Jacob" (wolves on the refuge are usually identified by a number) and seems to be acclimating to his new

environment and bonding with the female wolf. Hopefully there will be a new litter of red wolf pups roaming the refuge this year.

There will be no island tours during the summer months because of the heat and bugs, but they will resume in the fall. You can visit the island on your own. Do remember that the island is primitive — bring everything you need, including drinking water — and leave only your footprints behind. This monthly column is provided by the Supporters of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge. Please visit our web page for more information and volunteer opportunities — [www.stvincentfriends.com](http://www.stvincentfriends.com) — and never miss an opportunity to visit St. Vincent Island.



### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Apr. 24	71°	64°	0 %
Fri, Apr. 25	72°	64°	0 %
Sat, Apr. 26	72°	64°	10 %
Sun, Apr. 27	72°	67°	0 %
Mon, Apr. 28	74°	69°	0 %
Tues, Apr. 29	73°	67°	60 %
Wed, Apr. 30	71°	58°	60 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

Cat Point	High	Low
	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
East Pass	Minus 0:27	Minus 0:27

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

Bald Point	High	Low
	Minus 9:16	Minus 0:03

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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
27	Su	914am 1.2		541pm 0.1	
28	Mo	934am 1.4		644pm 0.0	
29	Tu	1003am 1.6		743pm -0.1	
30	We	1035am 1.7		839pm -0.2	
1	Th	1109am 1.7		932pm -0.2	
2	Fr	1142am 1.7		1020pm -0.1	
3	Sa	1216pm 1.7		1104pm -0.1	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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
27	Su	331am 1.2	227pm 1.3	910am 0.7	951pm 0.0
28	Mo	430am 1.2	252pm 1.3	946am 0.9	1033pm -0.1
29	Tu	523am 1.2	318pm 1.4	1017am 1.0	1113pm -0.1
30	We	610am 1.2	346pm 1.4	1047am 1.1	1151pm -0.1
1	Th	656am 1.2	418pm 1.4	1119am 1.1	
2	Fr	740am 1.2	454pm 1.4	1228am -0.1	1155am 1.1
3	Sa	823am 1.2	536pm 1.4	106am -0.1	1241pm 1.1

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## Bay cleanup, kayak festival Sunday

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The annual St. Joseph Bay Cleanup and Kayak Festival will be held 1-5 p.m. EDT on Sunday.

This is the tenth 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 afternoon on St. Joseph Bay while helping to pick up trash that has accumulated in the shallow waters," said VanFleet.

Kayak rentals are being offered to responsible



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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.

In addition to the geo-cache prizes, a random drawing and a "sur-prize" will be awarded when participants meet after the event at 5 p.m., April 27 at Happy Ours.

Details will be provided at each of the three starting points when participants register. For additional information call 229-1991.

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

## Peninsula Turtle Patrol receives grant

Star Staff Report

The Sea Turtle Conservancy Sea Turtle Grants Program, funded through Florida's specialty license plates sales, has awarded a grant to the Florida Coastal Conservancy, which in turn supports the St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol.

The St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol, which works in conjunction with the Florida Coastal Conservancy, conducts morning surveys on 6 miles of beach along the St. Joseph Peninsula from May through October and will be implementing the grant project. In addition to marking new nests, monitoring hatchling emergences and recording data, the SJP Turtle Patrol volunteers interact with residents and visitors, providing information about sea turtles, the threats they

face, and how these threats can be reduced.

The goal of the grant is to improve the nesting beach habitat and marine conditions for nesting sea turtles and hatchlings on the St. Joseph Peninsula and for juvenile sea turtles that utilize near-shore habitats in St. Joseph Bay. Through the design, development, and distribution of printed informational materials funded by the grant, the volunteers hope to mitigate the negative impacts caused by improper beach and marine use. These materials will include information about how to respectfully enjoy the recreational activities in this area; how lighting and litter can have a negative impact on sea turtles; the obstacles that beach furniture and recreational equipment left overnight

on the beach can be to nesting and hatching sea turtles; the effects of boating strikes and by-catch on sea turtles; and what to do if a stranded or injured sea turtle is sighted.

Informational materials will be distributed through morning beach surveys, property management offices, the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, and at several annual festivals and events.

By promoting positive beach and marine stewardship, we can all maintain our beautiful natural environment and alleviate the impacts of increased use by visitors and residents.

For additional information, please contact Jessica McKenzie via email at [sjpturtlepatrol@gmail.com](mailto:sjpturtlepatrol@gmail.com).

### LEARN MORE

Interested in learning more about St. Joseph Peninsula sea turtles and local conservation issues?

A public meeting is scheduled on April 26 at the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve Center Lodge, 3915 State Road 30-A in Port St. Joe. General information will be presented from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. EDT and will be followed by an organizational/training meeting for current and future St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol volunteers.

### FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



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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## Robbins, Chancey win region track crowns

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Maya Robbins won the 100 meter dash and Bryce Chancey captured the triple jump during the Region 1-1A track and field meet last weekend in Tallahassee.

Robbins, from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, and Chancey, from Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School, advanced to the state Class 1A Track and Field Meet in Jacksonville on May 2.

Robbins, who ran 12.50 to win the 100 meters, also finished second in the 200 meters and fourth in the 400 meters, qualifying for state in those two additional events.

Robbins, a senior, will be participating in her fourth consecutive state meet, having placed in the 100 or 200 meters her three previous trips.

The top four finishers in each event at the region meet qualify for state.

Celeste Chiles, an eighth-grader at Port St. Joe also qualified for the

*Robbins, a senior, will be participating in her fourth consecutive state meet.*

state meet by finishing fourth in pole vault.

The boys' 4 x 100 relay team from Wewahitchka also finished fourth and will advance to state.

The Port St. Joe girls finished fifth in the team standings.

Jamarion Larry was seventh, and in the points, in the 100 meters and Chiles was eighth in the discus. Hallie Jasinski finished ninth in the shot put and Qunci Elphinstone was ninth in the 1,600 meters.

In the boys pole vault, Dyson Kent of Port St. Joe finished fifth and River Sewell from Wewahitchka finished eighth.

### Back-back district crowns

The Lady Tiger Sharks won their second consecutive district track and field championship earlier this month, beating second-place Graceville by over 100 points.

The Port St. Joe boys finished fifth.

Robbins earned 28 individual points for the girls, winning the 200 and 400 meters and finishing second in the 100 meters. She also ran on three relay teams, 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800, which won titles.

Chiles won the pole vault, the shot put and discus.

For the Tiger Sharks, won the pole vault and Noah Campbell took second.

The boys 4 x 100 finished fourth to qualify for regional and Jak Riley qualified in the 100 meters when he finished third.



MAYA ROBBINS

## Lady Gators finish as district runner-up

Star Staff Report

Home field was no solution for the Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School softball team last week. As a result the Lady Gators will hit the road for the Region 1-1A playoffs.

Wewahitchka, which entered the tournament as the top seed, lost 7-1 to visiting Sneads in the District 2-1A title game last Friday.

The Lady Gators, as district runner-up, will be on the road Tuesday at Ponce de Leon for the region quarterfinals.

It was a disappointing end to the tournament, which Wewahitchka hosted.

The Lady Gators opened the tournament with a 12-0 rout of Altha.

Brianna Bailey paced the Lady Gators, 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 the lead the Lady Gator attack.

## Port St. Joe wins district; hosts Chipley Tuesday

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School softball team won the District 4-1A tournament last week in Liberty County, beating South Walton 8-2 in the title game.

The Lady Tiger Sharks will host Chipley 7 p.m. ET Tuesday in the Region 2-1A semifinal.

Port St. Joe jumped on the host Liberty County Lady Bulldogs to open the tournament with a 10-0 victory in a game shortened to five innings under the mercy rule.

Stephanie Brinkmeier earned the win on the mound, facing just 20 batters and allowing three hits while striking out five and walking none. It was Brinkmeier's 15th win.

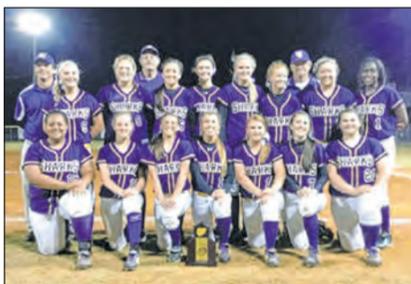
Hayley Wood and Shannon Pridgeon paced the Port St. Joe attack with two hits each, including a home run and three RBIs from Wood.

Pridgeon also drove in three.

Kelsey Miles, Christian Laine, Ashley Babcock, Haleigh Keels and Addison Rice each had hit.

Babcock drove in two.

Two days later the Lady Tiger Sharks



COURTESY OF STEVE WHEALTON

The Port St. Joe Lady Tiger Sharks celebrated a district title last week. They will host Chipley Tuesday.

beat South Walton in the championship game.

Brinkmeier earned her 16th win by pitching a complete-game two-hitter, walking five and striking out four while allowing two earned runs.

Keels hit a home run, Brinkmeier doubled and Laine, Wood, Miles had a hit apiece.

Laine and Keels drove in two and Wood and Callie Fleshren each drove in a run.

## Thacker qualifies for state weightlifting

Star Staff Report

Carter Thacker of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School qualified for the state weightlifting meet in the 139-pound class.

The Class 1A meet was held in Kissimmee last week.

Thacker finished second in the district and region and is ranked No. 9 in the state out of the top 18 lifters at 139.

He combined region total in the bench press and clean-and-jerk was 440 pounds.

"Carter has had a 470-pound total this year, if he can get that he has a chance to place at state," said Coach Tracy Browning. "Reaching the top six lifters at state, that has been a goal Carter set for himself as a ninth-grader and he came close last year."

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# A call for artists

## Join the Plein Air Quickdraw in Eastpoint

Special to The Star

Artists are invited to participate in a timed two-hour "en plein air" painting event called the Forgotten Coast en Plein Air Quickdraw at Millender Park in Eastpoint from 10 a.m. until noon ET on Saturday, May 2.

The event is open to anyone over the age of 14 who has his or her own art supplies and easels. There will be no delineation between amateur or professional.

All artists may use any medium, but must paint in the plein air tradition.

Interested artists may fill out applications at the Plein Air website, [www.pleinairfl.com](http://www.pleinairfl.com).

The deadline is May 1, 2014, and the registration fee is \$10 (which is applied to prize money). Checks should be made out to Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition or pay online at [www.pleinairfl.com](http://www.pleinairfl.com).

Painting will conclude at noon and as the family activities begin, there will be a judging.

This year's judge is Robert A. Stenstream, owner and Director of Robt. Stenstream Fine Arts in Boca Raton and Ocala which specializes in 19th and 20th century American and European art.

Mr. Stenstream has been a member of Appraisers Association of America, the International Society of Appraisers, and is on the Appleton Museum Collections Committee.

This event is presented by the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition and the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The Forgotten Coast en Plein Air Quickdraw is part of a 10-day event, called the "Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, America's Great Paint-out", held May 1-11 and coordinated by the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition, a non-profit organization established to produce regional multi-community cultural events that improve the quality of life for the coastal area.

Nationally acclaimed artists will gather on Florida's Forgotten Coast, from Mexico Beach to Carrabelle, to document the landscape and culture of this last vestige of authentic "Old Florida."

To view the entire schedule of events visit the website, [www.pleinairfl.com](http://www.pleinairfl.com).

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support from the Gulf and Franklin County Tourist Development Councils, Mexico Beach Community Development Council and Visit Florida.

While most artists convene from all over the U.S. for the event, there's one artist in particular that is guaranteed to win the "furthest distance traveled" award.

Leon Holmes, born and raised in Perth, Western Australia, will travel to the panhandle from Germany where he has been living for the past three years.

Holmes got his start in commercial art as an art director, graphic designer and illustrator and painted on the side as a hobby. As time went on, the painting took over and he dropped the commercial work in order focus on painting full time.

While traveling home after the Art in the Open event in Ireland, Holmes found himself speaking with Lori Putnam, regular participant in the Forgotten Coast Paint Out. Holmes said that Putnam spoke highly of the event and she put him in touch with the coordinators who, after reviewing his work, extended an invitation for 2014, which he happily accepted.

Holmes said that he's known many of participating artists for years, but has only spoken with them via the Internet and is looking forward to meeting them face-to-face.

"There really is so much to look forward to," said Holmes. "The people, the painting ... I come from an old fishing port and sailing background, and I love painting old boats so the subject is going to be fantastic for me."

Though this will be Holmes' first time on the Forgotten Coast, he's showcased at Plein Air events in Ireland, Holland and Poland and has held exhibitions in Amsterdam and New York City.

"All (of the events) have been different and wonderful in their own ways," said Holmes. "You meet so many other painters, and nearly all



FILE PHOTOS

Artists from all over the world descend on communities from Mexico Beach to Alligator Point to capture "Old Florida" on canvas.

are happy to share knowledge."

Holmes said that due to the small living spaces in Europe, 99 percent of his work is done outdoors. He said that working in "plein air" to capture fleeting moments and time intensive paintings has become what he knows best.

"Plein Air is an international phenomenon that has grown over the last 10 years," said Fedota. "It forces the artists to step outside a studio and simplify their tools ... go back to the basics--the whole point is to capture a moment without all the exquisite detail."

"It's a very simple concept that requires extraordinary expertise."

As Plein Air festivals become more popular around the globe and as the manpower required to put them on increases, Fedota said that she's proud of the all-volunteer staff that makes the Forgotten Coast Paint Out a reality each year.

"It adds a lot of a heart," said Fedota. "Volunteering is a thankless task but everyone involved has such a passion for the art and they see how the event benefits the communities."

The full calendar of events along with participating artists can be viewed online at [www.pleinairfl.com](http://www.pleinairfl.com).

# EVENTS from page A1

Apalachicola Estuarine Research Reserve, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Salinas Park Artist Reception — Salinas Park, Cape San Blas, 4 - 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**  
Nocturne Paint — Apalachicola Riverfront Park & Port St. Joe Marina, 8 - 10 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 5**  
Marine Avenue Vistas — Marine Street Pavilion, Carrabelle, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Carrabelle Artist Reception — Rio Carrabelle Building, Carrabelle, 4 - 6 p.m.  
St. George Island Artist Demonstration — St. George Island Lighthouse and Visitor Center, 2 - 4 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 6**  
St. George Artist Reception — St. George Island Lighthouse, 4 - 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**  
Student Art Day — Frank Pate Park, Port St. Joe, 2 - 4 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**  
Mexico Beach Tableaus — Mexico Beach Welcome Center, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Mexico Beach Artist Reception — Mexico Beach Visitors Center, 4 - 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**  
Reid Avenue Streetscapes — Downtown Port St. Joe, 9 - 11 a.m.  
A Working Waterfront - Riverfront Park, Apalachicola, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Art As A Window — Apalachicola Center for History, Art, & Culture, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Plein Air TGIF — Gulf County Welcome Center. 7 - 10 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**  
A Working Waterfront — Riverfront Park, Apalachicola, 9 - 11 a.m.  
Reid Avenue Streetscapes — Downtown Port St. Joe, 9 - 11 a.m.  
Grand Patrons Party — Apalachicola Center for History, Culture, and Art, 6:30 - 10 p.m.  
Arts sales and debut of Artists' Choice paintings, \$40 ticket

**SUNDAY, MAY 11**  
Ken DeWard and Greg LaRock Workshop — Meet at Gulf County Welcome Center, Port St. Joe, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Fee: \$300.)  
Art in the Afternoon — Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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# Patriot's Day Picnic

The third annual Patriot's Day celebration in Franklin County will take place on

**Saturday, April 26 at Veteran's Memorial Plaza, on Market Street in Apalachicola.**



Memorial Ceremony begins at 11 a.m. A Cajun lunch will be served at noon. Cost of the meal is \$7 for adults and all children eat free. Everyone is welcome.

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## Salt Air Farmer's Market receives Tapper Foundation grant

On behalf of the Salt Air Farmer's Market, organizer John Parker received a \$3,000 grant from the Tapper Foundation for new equipment. Also pictured are Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency executive director Gail Alsobrook, David Warriner and Lorinda Gingell.

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Keeping tradition alive. Last week, the Salt Air Farmer's Market, held every other weekend at City Commons Park in Port St. Joe, received a \$3,000 grant from the Tapper Foundation to help build on a staple community event. Farmers from around North Florida and Georgia converge on Gulf County

to sell fresh produce while area vendors sell homemade crafts, foods and jewelry. The Salt Air Farmer's Market aims to promote a sustainable food system on Florida's Forgotten Coast. According to market organizer John Parker, this is the first grant that the nonprofit organization has received in four years. He said he plans to utilize the funds to purchase a branded tent for the event and a sound system to make

life easier for participating musicians, who currently must supply their own. "Music brings in people and provides a more festive atmosphere," Parker said. "I love to get people down here for public exposure." David Warriner of the Tapper Foundation presented Parker with a check during Saturday's market and thanked him for his part in bringing healthy food choic-

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Port St. Joe students in pre-K, kindergarten and first grade enjoyed Easter egg hunts last week.

## An egg-cellent morning

### Star Staff Report

The Easter Bunny cometh. Students in Port St. Joe were treated to one of several Easter egg hunts last week to get them ready for the arrival of the Easter

Bunny over the weekend. Pre-K students enjoyed an Easter egg hunt on their playground, while kindergarten students scoured the length of Centennial Park for the chocolate-filled treasures.

Over at the soccer playground, the first-graders had an egg hunt of their own, and students filled their baskets with as many goodies as they could snatch up. See more Easter egg hunt photos on **Page B6**.



PHOTOS BY PAM VEST | Special to the Star

Norman Thayer Jr. (Royce Hodge), left, and Billy Ray (Mikel Register) rehearse for "On Golden Pond." Below, the cast of this weekend's Panhandle Players production is, from left, Gary Niblack, Register, Hodge, Liz Sisung, Phillip Carroll and Judy Loftus.

## 'On Golden Pond' plays at the Dixie

### Special to the Star

Your chance to spend a summer at the lake comes to the Dixie Theatre this weekend, with The Panhandle Players' production of "On Golden Pond," by Ernest Thompson. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27.

With humor and poignancy, themes of mortality, family relationships, marriage and generational differences all play out at Norman and Ethel Thayer's small lake house in Maine beside Golden Pond, where 48 years of vacation memories have accumulated like the photographs clustered on every flat surface.

Through clashes and reconciliation, the play explores the often turbulent relationships of growing up and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage. With all the years of acrimony, recriminations,

wounded feelings, distrust, heart palpitations and mosquitoes, will this finally be the summer of healing?

Featuring Royce Hodge as Norman Thayer, Liz Sisung as Ethel Thayer, Gary Niblack as Charlie Martin, St. Joe Beach's Judy Loftus as Chelsea Thayer, Mikel Register as Billy Ray, and Port St. Joe's Phillip Carroll as Bill Ray, the play is directed by Pam Vest, with stage management by Bob Inguagiato.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door on performance dates. Tickets may also be purchased in advance at Downtown Books in Apalachicola, The Butler Agency in Eastpoint, Carrabelle Junction, No Name Cafe Books & More in Port St. Joe and Caribbean Coffee in Mexico Beach.

"On Golden Pond" is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc. and funded in part by the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.



## Junior Service League hosts annual Easter egg hunt

### Star Staff Report

Despite chilly springtime weather, more than 100 children gathered for the annual Junior Service League Easter egg at Eighth Street Park. With ages that ranged from just a few months to 12 years, the park was cordoned off into age-appropriate sections, and when the whistle blew, kids scrambled for candy-filled eggs as they vacuumed their way across the park grounds. Additional activities included face painting and photos with the Easter Bunny.



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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) Whose last publicly-performed song was "Bridge Over

Troubled Water"? Beatles, Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley

2) Which king in a suit of playing cards sticks his sword through/behind his head? Clubs, Spades, Hearts, Diamonds

3) The Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., is large enough to fit about how many NY Yankee stadiums inside it? 3, 5, 7, 9

4) In Tamarack, Idaho, what can't you buy after dark without a special permit from the sheriff? Buttermilk, Wine, Bullets, Onions

5) What's the most popular sport played in American nudist camps? Basketball, Volleyball, Flag football, Soccer

6) In legal jargon what does a codicil supplement? Lease, Escrow, Will, Equity

7) Yearly in the U.S.,

which of these sells more units than the other three combined? Frisbees, Baseballs, Basketballs, Footballs

8) As assigned by the United Nations what's the numerical code for the United States? 333, 520, 732, 840

9) Who regularly played Scrabble in the White House? FDR, Eisenhower, JFK, Nixon

10) Statistically, how many men out of five

propose marriage on one knee? 1, 2, 3, 4

11) What's a sunken panel in a ceiling called? Abutment, Penditive, Coffin, Spire

12) The British Medical Journal estimates that smoking one cigarette takes how many minutes off the average person's life? 2, 6, 11, 20

13) What's the largest

city in the United States with a one-syllable name? Ames, Iowa; Flint, Mich.; Rye, N.H.; York, Pa.

14) Over 200 new varieties of what product have been introduced since 2001? Potato chips, Coffee, Pepper, Vodka

**ANSWERS**  
1) Elvis Presley. 2) Hearts. 3) 7. 4) Onions. 5) Volleyball. 6) Will. 7) Frisbees. 8) 840. 9) Nixon. 10) 1. 11) Coffin. 12) 11. 13) Flint, Mich. 14) Vodka.

# Grow blueberries in the edible landscape

Blueberries are native to Eastern North America. They are one of the few crop plants that originated here. The rabbiteye blueberry occurs mostly in certain river valleys in Northern Florida and Southeastern Georgia. The high bush blueberry is native in the eastern third of the United States and Southeastern Canada. Florida is rich in other native species. The woods and swamps of Florida are populated with at least eight wild blueberry species. No area of the state lacks wild blueberries, except where soil pH is above 6.0.

Two types of blueberries are grown in Florida; Southern highbush and rabbiteye. The earliest ripening southern highbush varieties ripen about four to six weeks earlier than the earliest rabbiteye varieties grown at the same location.

Some rabbiteye varieties recommended for our area are: Alice blue, Beckyblue, Climax, Bonita, Brightwell, Chaucer and Tifblue. Some recommended Southern Highbush varieties are: Blue Crisp, Gulf Coast, Jewel, Sharpblue, Santa Fe, Star and Misty.

Blueberries need a fairly acid soil a pH range of four to five suggested. Blueberries (grown on alkaline or deep sands will be

poorly. If you need to lower the soil pH before planting, mix in some acid peat moss.

Blueberries have a shallow, fibrous root system. So, plants should be placed in the ground about an inch deeper than they were growing in the nursery. Rabbiteye blueberries grow poorly in soils with excessive drainage. But they won't tolerate too much moisture for long periods of time, either.

Blueberries are very sensitive to fertilizers. During the first growing season, no mineral fertilizer should be added at all. In the second season, apply about two ounces of acid fertilizer per plant. Blueberries can use the same fertilizer you give to your camellias and azaleas, but be careful not to overdo it. Excessive amounts of fertilizer will kill the plants.

Before planting blueberries, you should cultivate the soil by plowing or roto tilling to a depth of at least six inches. Dig a hole large enough so that the roots won't be crowded. Pack the soil around the roots, and water thoroughly. Keep in mind that newly set plants need a good water supply.

Bare-root bushes should be transplanted during the winter months container grown bushes can be transplanted anytime. The first

year after planting, the blossoms should be removed to help the bush grow more quickly.

Pruning is an important part of blueberry culture. It promotes the growth of strong wood, and rids the tree of weak twiggy growth. The strong wood growth is necessary for good fruit production.

Believe it or not, the worst pests of blueberries are birds. You need to protect your bushes with some kind of netting, or employ the old fashioned scarecrow to do the job. It you don't protect your bushes; you can count on the birds getting to the fruit before you do.

Other than birds, rabbiteye blueberries have few pest or disease problems. Powdery mildew can occur on bushes that don't get full sun, but this problem can be easily controlled with a sulfur spray. Bud mites, thrips, fruitworms and defoliating insects sometimes can be a problem.

Weeds will compete with young blueberry bushes for nutrients and water, so keep the beds as free of weeds as possible. Mulches are good for controlling weed growth. If necessary, there are herbicides available.

For more information on Growing Blueberries in the Edible Landscape, call the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit website: <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or [www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu) and see publication HS 967 & CIR 1192.



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## Birthday



### Callie Clayton is 3

Happy third birthday to our sweet princess, Callie Clayton. You are the light of our life and the joy that moves our heart. You have gone from a quiet baby to a loud and curious toddler all in the blink of an eye. We are so blessed to have you in our lives.

Happy Birthday, We love you! xoxo,

Mommy, Daddy, Skylar, Christina, Nana, Papa, Ranny, Papa Keith, Uncle Sam and Uncle Jeremy

# Local GOP says 'Thank you!'

Special to The Star

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

Bags of nonperishable groceries and more than \$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 that gave us the platform and helped us to help others.

— The Republican Party of Gulf County

# Forgotten Coast VP presents at Plein Air expo

Special to The Star

Joe Taylor, vice president of the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition and event chairman for the annual Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, was invited last week to make a presentation about community partnering to raise awareness at the third annual Plein Air Convention and Expo, which attracted more than 700 artists and 50 different arts organizers from around the country and world.

Taylor is a strong proponent of the mantra "relationships strengthen communities."

The Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition, which organizes the Forgotten Coast en Plein Air event, relies on the enthusiasm of its volunteers, partnering organizations and patrons.

The complexity of the 10-day event, which has 21 invited artists and 32 events in seven communities stretching from Carrabelle to Mexico Beach, requires expertise, resources and labor of many individuals and local organizations. Through this annual



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Vice President of the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition Joe Taylor was invited to discuss community at the third annual Plein Air Convention and Expo in Monterey, Calif.

celebration of plein air art, relationships are forged across the region and the participating communities are therefore more resilient.

Once the event is over, those relationships continue.

The FCCC has supported arts programming at institutions such as the Apalachicola Center for History, Cultural, and Art; GALA; Sacred Heart; and Weems Hospital, but Taylor's point is the personal ties created out of art connect communities in times

of need as well and cut across county lines to address issues in health, education and economic need.

He cited an example of this past December when he, as executive director of Franklin's Promise, was approached by Toys for Tots. Once he was able to make connections in Franklin County, he was asked if he knew of someone in Gulf County. Because of the multi-county focus of FCCC, he was able to make an inquiry, and within a few hours, Toys for Tots was also being shared in Gulf

County.

"When there is need, we have to look beyond our own sphere. It is so important to be inclusive, not exclusive. We at the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition are fortunate to have so many folks who are supportive of us as volunteers, as patrons, as friends," Taylor said.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Taylor, when asked if the FCCC would be willing to share ideas in setting up a plein air event, responded: "Of course. That is the whole point. It always adds value to be collaborative."

## PET OF THE WEEK

**St. Joseph Bay Humane Society**



Ted is a 10lb 5yr energetic and outgoing Jack Russell Terrier. This little guy is full of personality. He walks well on a leash and is learning other commands. He is playful with kids and adults alike. Ted wishes for his new home to be 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 [towndsendirector@gmail.com](mailto:towndsendirector@gmail.com) or [adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com](mailto:adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com) or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie!

Online applications and pet photos are available at [www.sjbhumanesociety.org](http://www.sjbhumanesociety.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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### DAZZLING DOLPHINS

This week's Dazzling Dolphins at Port St. Joe Elementary School are, front row, Olivia Leonard, Garrett Acree and Kenley Hatcher. Back row: Bradley Lewis, Rainey Nobles, Ricky Forbes-Rosado and Luke Lentz.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR



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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 also is the deadline for placing a recognition ad in the yearbook for your senior. You can pick up an ad order form at the school.

**Volleyball:** Open Gym began on Monday, for all girls currently in grades 6-11 for volleyball. We will

hold open gym on Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Tryouts for varsity volleyball will be 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 website.

State Champion OM-A team will travel to Iowa in late May to represent Port St Joe and the State of Florida in the World Competition. Please be supportive of their fundraising activities as they occur.

**Prom:** The 2014 Port St Joe Jr./Sr.

Prom is from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday 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 test. 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.

**NJROTC:** The annual NJROTC Awards banquet and Change of Command will be begin at 6 p.m. today. Congratulations to the new 2014-15 staff.

## A message from the dean



The Lion's Tale

Special to The Star

Why is Christian education so important? Is church training enough? Can I teach my children the values and morals they need at home? As families look at all of the education alternatives offered today, these are questions that arise quite frequently. I have researched all of these questions from a Christian perspective and would like to offer my view.

Sunday School is a great opportunity for children to learn the mind of God on their own age level and to make friends their own age. Sunday Service is a great place to learn the disciplines of the church. Some churches offer other activities, such as children's church or youth group. This is an ideal social setting for most Christian children and offers Godly instruction on appropriate levels.

Home is one of the best places to teach morals and values. Teaching by example gives a very strong message because young children want to follow in their parents' footsteps, and family devotion time is a great time to discuss spiritual and moral topics.

So the question remains ... Are these times enough to keep children spiritually strong? How many times are we as adults bombarded by secular opinions and pressured to conform?

How many days do we go home from the work place spiritually exhausted and cry out to God because we feel weak and alone? If we as adults feel the strain of the constant pressure of society in our spiritual lives, how

much do our children, whom God has given to us to protect and nurture, feel as they fight against the currents of society all day, every day?

Is it possible that education can be neutral? No, every idea spurs an action and every action has a consequence. The great reformer Martin Luther penned, "I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth."

Christian education reinforces church and home training and offers families an alternative to secular instruction. As our society's moral compass continually veers off course, as Christians we must take every opportunity to fill the young minds and hearts of our children with God's precepts.

One of the advantages of Christian education is the freedom to include religious curriculum as part of the daily instruction. The goal is to raise future spiritual and religious leaders, and to help each and every student answer "God's call" in their life. Students are taught spiritual values in every subject. While they are made aware of secular arguments, they are given valuable information to help them "fight the good fight." They are equipped and prepared to make Godly decisions, they are taught the value of standing up for right, and they are given the foundation on which to build productive and God-filled lives.

"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Colossians 2:8.

### PSJHS DONATES TO RELAY FOR LIFE

On behalf of the students at Port St. Joe High School, the Student Government Association presented Mrs. Kim Kurnitsky with a contribution toward this year's Relay for Life Event. Students raised almost \$1,300 through Classroom Coins for Cancer, a bake sale and individual donations collected by the SGA members. Great work students. From left, Morgan Butts, Jack Cummings, Lexie McGhee, Kim Kurnitsky and Caitlin Godwin.



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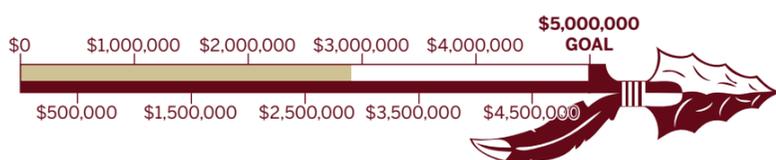
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To learn how you can support our community's university, contact Mary Beth Lovingood at (850) 770-2108 or mblovingood@pc.fsu.edu.



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## Card of THANKS

### Taylor family

The family of Coach Wayne Taylor is humbled and uplifted and also overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support that has been shown to us at the time of his death.

This is a uniquely special community, and we pray that each of you who expressed your concern and love in a multitude of ways also will be richly aware of God's blessings in your own lives.

We could not have managed following our loss without the support of our First United Methodist Church family. Absolutely no need went unmet. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the administration and caring staff at The Bridge at Bay St. Joe for the time he was in their care. We certainly thank Covenant Hospice for their most kind attention during his very last days. Then, especially to Mrs. Ruth Gathers for her loving service to him and to our family over many years.

To each of you our family is so very grateful.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Center behind quilt: Joe Paul, Brenda Keepin, WM, Betty Beasley Grand Conductress, Marion Walsingham, Past Grand Matron, Katrina Glass, District 3 Instructor – Quilt was made by Sister Millie Schofield and given to Brother Joe Paul.

## Kentucky Derby: Wewahitchka Style

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. The members of Wewahitchka Chapter stepped right up to the starting gate with their Southern tradition; for their Derby was not just about horse racing; it's about the love, friendship, fashion and sports that Eastern Star has for Brother Joe.

Sister Brenda Keepin, Worthy Matron and her team decorated the room with leaderboards for the upcoming races; the tables were decorated with of course red roses and fake mint juleps. One of their newest members volunteered to smoked pork for the main course and everyone attending brought their favorite side dishes and desserts.

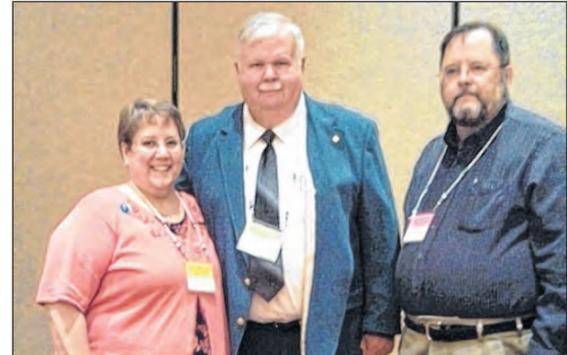
Everyone came dressed in their favorite Derby attire, including many stylish hats. After dinner the Race Master divided the contenders into teams. Each team had to work together to come up with the right answers in order

to advance to the finish line. And, of course Brother Joe's team won after six races.

Then everyone had a chance to thank Brother Joe Paul for his service not only to Eastern Star but also to all of the work he does in the Fraternal Order.

Brother Joe Paul, as everyone knows him, is master of Kadosh of the Scottish Rite, president of the Blountstown Shrine Club; secretary/treasurer of the cast, captain of the Guard for Ill Sir Ben Collins and for past Ill Sir Scott Hair; past masters of the Shrine, he has been on the Committee on Work with Grand Lodge for three years. His past service includes but not limited to past master of Tupelo 289 (2000), past DDGM 2007, district instructor three times, was the venerable 1 master of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, Sound Committee for Grand Lodge for 10 years, served as Inner Guard for past Ill. Archie Maynard for two years. Plus he is an honorary member of every Masonic Lodge in the sixth district; as well as some in the fifth district.

He also has taught hunter safety for 21 years



Sister Debbi Johnson, Joe Paul and her husband, Alan, attend Grand Chapter at the 109th Annual Session.

in Gulf County for the Fish and Wildlife Commission. He is the veterans service officer for Gulf County.

In addition to all his Masonic duties; Brother Joe Paul was initiated in Wewahitchka Chapter in 1998 and since then he has served as always held an office including serving as Worthy Patron starting in 1999 and five more times since. He has continuous held a Grand Chapter appointment every year since then 2000, six of those years he served on the Grand Chapter Credentials Committee. And, in addition to all his Masonic and Order of the Eastern Star duties he chaired the committee of "Coy's Crew" for Past Grand

Patron Coy Beasley, and is the Fundraising co-chair for Grand Conductress Betty Beasley and is a proud honorary member of Parker Chapter No. 96 in District 3.

He was also honored by having his counterpart; Sister Debbi Johnson and her husband Alan attend Grand Chapter at the 109th Annual Session.

You can just about always see Brother Joe with his sound system and travels to a foe singing God praises. He has made many Christian friends in his music ministry. Brother Joe loves the Lord with all his heart. He is a man of God and we thank God for having sent him to our beautiful Order.

## Faith BRIEFS

Special to The Star

### Revival at Hope Family Worship

Hope Family Worship Center will be having revival services Sunday, April 27, through Wednesday, April 30. Services will start at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. EDT Sunday and 6:30 p.m. EDT Monday through Wednesday.

Brother Royce Williams will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome. Nursery will be provided

For more information, call Pastor Glenn Davis at 227-4748 or 229-6622.

### Lifetree to discuss happiness

Myths about happiness and life will be discussed at 7 p.m. CDT Monday, April 28, at Lifetree Café, 1602 U.S. 98 in Mexico Beach.

The program, "Life's Myths: What You Believe That's Wrong," features a filmed interview with Oliver Burkeman, author of "The Antidote: Happiness for People Who Can't Stand Positive Thinking."

For more information, contact Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwclifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

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Sunday School - 9:15  
Morning Worship - 10:30  
Evening Worship - 5:00

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Family Dinner - 5:30  
Prayer Meeting - 6:30  
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Children's Ministry / Choir - 6:30  
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Schedule of Worship Services  
Sunday  
Sunday School 9:00 AM  
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9:45 AM..... Sunday School  
10:30 AM..... Fellowship Breakfast  
10:45 AM..... Worship  
6:00 PM..... Worship

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**New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church**

**Sunday**  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 am  
Worship Service..... 10:30 am  
Choir..... 6:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
Dinner.....5:00 - 6:00 pm  
AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Surrender Student Ministry.....6:15 - 7:30 pm  
Prayer/Bible Study.....6:15 - 7:30 pm  
Nursery.....6:00 - 7:30 pm

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10:00 AM - Bible Study at 1602 Highway 98

**MONDAY -**  
7:00 PM - Lifetree Café. Join the Conversation

**WEDNESDAY -** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Open House Coffee & Conversation

**THURSDAY -** 6:30 PM Mixed Bible Study

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Beaches submission by Marty Moore

# Mexico Beach photography contest underway

By WES LOCHER

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Help illustrate the city of Mexico Beach through your own lens.

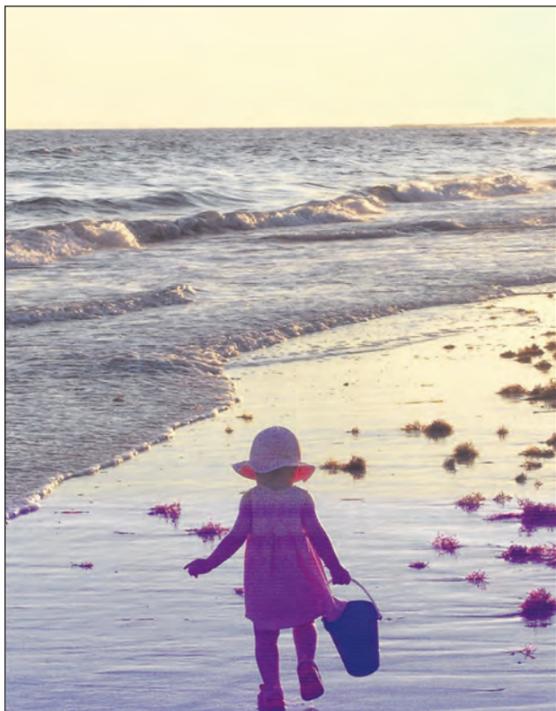
The 14th annual Mexico Beach photography contest began on April 1 and runs through July 30.

Submitted photos must be taken within the city limits and may be in black and white or in color. Photos may not be digitally enhanced and submitted as "8x10" or "8x12" unframed prints.

"It's a fun event that anyone can participate in," said Community Development Council executive director Kimberly Shoaf.

The event, sponsored by the Mexico Beach Community Development Council, welcomes photographers to enter three pictures per across categories that include the beaches, fishing and boating, sunrises and sunsets, flora and animal life, people and around Mexico Beach.

Last year, the CDC received more than 200 submissions and to keep the contest open to as many



People entry by Laura Northen.

people as possible, there is no entry fee this year.

"Everyone is so photo-savvy these days with their smart phones," Shoaf said. "We want everyone to share those photos with us and let us know how great your vacation was."

Each submission must be accompanied by a separate application and must be received at the Mexico Beach Welcome Center by 3 p.m. CDT July 30.

The application can be downloaded online at [www.mexicobeach.com](http://www.mexicobeach.com).



Flora and Animals submission by Charlene Miles.

## Concealed weapons class coming in May

Special to The Star

The Republican Party of Gulf County will once again conduct its training program to ensure that all residents who wish to exercise their Constitutional rights under the Second Amendment can do so legally and safely.

A concealed weapons class will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. EDT on Saturday, May 17 at PoJo Place. The class will in-

clude classroom instruction and on range weapon familiarization.

Instruction will be provided by National Rifle Association certified instructor Dick Reinholtz. Class size is limited to 25 to ensure personal attention. Cost is \$80 per student, application and fee must be received no later than May 14.

Further information and application forms are available for pickup at the No Name Café in Port St. Joe.

Any questions or additional information if required call Veronica Bush at 713-689-9204. Upon completion of the class, each participant will receive a certificate and assistance if necessary to complete a permit application. Please consider attending our next party meeting, Monday May 19, upstairs at Capital City Bank in Port St. Joe.

PoJo place is located at 309 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe.

## Hospital Guild membership meeting

Special to The Star

The 2014 Annual Membership Meeting for the Sacred Heart Hospital Guild was last week in the courtyard of the Haughty Heron.

The meeting opened with President Sylvia Whaley leading the group in reciting the Guild Prayer.

Kathy Chastain RN, director of nursing at Sacred Heart, thanked the Guild Board and membership for their participation during the last year.

She provided an update regarding the hospital. Sacred Heart was listed as No. 4 in a recent nationwide patient satisfaction survey regarding patient care.

Chastain further thanked the Guild for providing funds for the purchases of an IV therapy chair, a Bilibed and bassinets for phototherapy treatment of babies with jaundice, being the initial funder for The Cricket Fund, which provides free and low-cost mammograms, an additional Stryker stretcher for the operating room, a liposuction machine, tires and a new cover for the outdoor patient transport, and scholarships for hospital technicians.

Jeremy Novak was presented with the first Guild Member of the Year award. Mr. Novak participated in the New York City Marathon. His fundraising efforts for his run raised \$7,200 for the Guild.

Music was provided by Nashville singer/songwriter, Jerry Salley and Buddy Hamm. The Guild is an auxiliary of



JERRY SALLEY  
Nashville songwriter



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Kara Rish presents Guild Member of the Year Award to Jeremy Novak.

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf.

Currently there are 131 members.

Membership is \$20 and can be purchased by contacting any board member. Volunteers to help at the hospital or work in the Guild Gift shop are always welcomed.

The Guild hosts the Duck Derby which will be held during the Scallop Festival in September.



Kathy Chastain RN, Sacred Heart, Sheryl Russ, volunteer



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**SCRAMBLE FOR EGGS**



**ABOVE:** Kindergarten students searched all around the Constitution Convention monument. **LEFT:** Many kids stopped to admire their haul. **BELOW:** Each egg was filled with an Easter treat.



**MARKET** from page B1

es to the community. "The Farmer's Market is a place where people can gather, bring their children and be one with the community," Warriner said. "The Tapper Foundation board felt that the market was an important venture. "It's a cool event all about new healthy lifestyles, and that makes a nice synergy."

When Parker heard about the Tapper Foundation grant, he knew he wanted to apply, and Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency director Gail Alsbrook offered to help by writing it.

"It was our pleasure to write the grant on behalf of the Salt Air Market," Alsbrook said. "It's grown so organically over the years, and that's the sign of a truly successful venture."

For the first time since its inception, Parker hosted a biweekly winter market January through March.

"The winter market was such a success that it will be a permanent fixture un-

til the sun no longer rises," Parker said. "People were appreciative, and that made it all worthwhile."

Parker also said he'd seen an increase in traffic over the past month and attributed the success to spring break visitors, but also advertising within the Gulf County visitor's guide, printed by the Tourist Development Council.

Parker said additional grant funds may be used for advertising costs to help spread the word of the market into the surrounding areas.

Vendors are invited to set up shop at the market for just \$10, but must supply their own tables. Area musicians and entertainers are invited to perform at the market with new talent welcome and encouraged.

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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:

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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.

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NING. 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, 24,  
May 1, 8, 2014

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94738S  
NEPA/S106 PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to build a 198' monopole in the vicinity of County Road C-30, Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida, 32456. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to Virginia Janssen, Principal Archaeologist, Dynamic Environmental Associates, Inc., 3850 Lake Street, Suite C, Macon, GA 31204, (877)968-4787, Sec106@DynamicEnvironmental.com. Re: 21302008 April 24, 2014

94800S  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 08000577CA  
Section: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,

vs.

HEATHER E. CALVAR-ESE; ERIC E. WOOD ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 08000577CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Cir-

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cuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 15th day of May, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. ET in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 91, ST. JOSEPH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, UNIT 2, AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 29.

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

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

Dated at PORT SAINT JOE, Florida this 14th day of April, 2014

Rebecca L. Norris  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Gulf County, Florida

By: BA Baxter  
Deputy Clerk

MORRIS/HARDWICK/SCHNEIDER, LLC  
ATTORNEYS FOR

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PLAINTIFF  
5110 EISENHOWER BLVD, SUITE 120, TAMPA, FL 33634  
April 24, May 1, 2014

98377S  
**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. 2014-23  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 01847-000R

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

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

Name in which as-

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

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

Name in which as-

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essed: Ceaphous & Margretta Fisher

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

**98379S  
NOTICE  
OF APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1025  
Application No. 2014-22  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 03450-175R

Description of Property: Lot 35, Wetappo 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.

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

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

**98467S  
NOTICE  
OF APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nicole Hiers Seybold 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. 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 Dodds c/o Christopher Dodds

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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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

**98469S  
NOTICE  
OF APPLICATION  
FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nicole Hiers Seybold 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

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, then right of way of the 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 Dodds c/o Christopher Dodds

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

**98471S  
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. 1145  
Application No. 2014-26  
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010  
R.E. No: 03801-230R

Description of Property: Lot 26, Block A, 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.

REBECCA L. NORRIS

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CLERK OF THE  
CIRCUIT COURT GULF  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

**98473S  
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. 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.

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

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

**98493S  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE  
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
BULK CHEMICALS

RFP#2014-02

Notice of Solicitation Water Plant Chemicals: Ferric Sulfate

Notice is hereby given that the City of Port St. Joe, located at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, is seeking RFPs for bulk chemicals to be used at its Water Plant to be provided to the City, F.O.B., on an ongoing basis for the term of the agreement.

A Chemical specification sheet is on file at the City of Port St. Joe City Hall located at 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, and may also be downloaded from the City website (cityofportstjoe.com). Please call (850) 229-6395 or 6390 with any further questions.

Evaluation of Responses to the RFP

The RFP submittals will be evaluated by City Staff and Board Members of the City of Port St. Joe based upon information supplied by each company in response to this RFP. The City will award a contract for the following chemical: Ferric Sulfate based on service, specifications, and price provided by the Chemical Company. The Board retains the right to decide what services are in its best interest.

Please submit Three (3) sealed copies to: The City of Port St. Joe P.O. Box 278

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Preschool and Substitute Teachers - Calhoun and Gulf Counties -  
NFCD is seeking qualified applicants for Preschool and Substitute Teacher positions at our centers in Calhoun and Gulf Counties. Requirements include an High School Diploma; some experience teaching in early childhood setting, and training courses and certifications mandated by DCF. NFCD offers an attractive benefit package (health, dental, life, disability, sick leave, 401k, etc.).  
Contact: Send resumes to Sebrina McGill at smcgill@floridachildren.org, fax (850) 639-6167. DFWP/M-F-7-5/EOE

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Port St. Joe, Florida 32457

All submissions must be clearly marked Water Plant Chemical Bid Proposal and be submitted to Charlotte Pierce, City Auditor/Clerk at City Hall by 3:00 PM EST on Friday May 2, 2014.

**98523S  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA  
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS  
CHIPOLA PUMP #2 INSPECTION/REPAIR QUOTE & MOTOR REPLACEMENT

RFP 2014-03

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe Chipola Pump #2 Inspection/Repair Quote & Motor Replacement will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 4:00 PM EST, Friday May 16, 2014. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday May 16, 2014 at 4:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for "City of Port St. Joe Chipola Pump #2 Inspection/Repair Quote & Motor Replacement".

DESCRIPTION OF WORK FOR THE PUMP INSPECTION/REPAIR QUOTE: Work consists of inspecting pump number 2 at the Chipola Pump Station. The inspector should remove the top casing, inspect and prepare a report of the condition of the pump to include an estimate of any repairs that may need to be performed and notify the City for inspection before re-assembling the pump. The top casing should be re-installed with new bolts and gaskets. The mounting bolts should be replaced and the bearings should be re-packed as well. The contractor will be responsible for any damage done during the inspection and the work should be complete within 30 days after the notice to proceed is issued. The pump is a Goulds Pump model 3080 24" horizontal split case pump. The pump is designed to produce 13,500 GPM @ 25' TDH / 460 RPM / 82% efficiency. The pump has been in service without repair since 1952. The pump was coupled with a Caterpillar Engine. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on April 23, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. EST at the Chipola Pump Station to view the site. For a more detailed description of the work to be performed, please contact Larry McClammar (850) 229-1421.

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk April 17, 24, 2014

**98599S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000130  
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

TERESA R. YOUNGBLOOD, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 8, 2014 and entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000130 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida where-in WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and TERESA R YOUNGBLOOD; RICK SIDONNIE YOUNGBLOOD; GULF PINES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF GULF COUNTY, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 15th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 25, BLOCK A, APARTMENT RENTALS 6110

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pipng. Provide estimated start and completion dates.

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Statements of Bids in whole or in part, to waive informalities in the process, to obtain new Statements of Bids, to separate the pump inspection/repair and the motor replacement to separate bidders, or to postpone the opening pursuant to the City's purchasing policies. Each Statement of Bid shall be valid to the City of Port St. Joe for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening.

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer  
April 17, 24, 2014

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS

BID #1314-19

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

A NEW FORD F-250 OR EQUIVALENT

Please place YOUR COMPANY NAME, SEALED BID, and the BID NUMBER on the outside of your envelope, and provide three copies of your proposal.

Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office in the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd, Room 149, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456.

Bids must be submitted to the Gulf County Clerk's Office at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 149, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456 by 4:30 p.m., E.T. on Friday, April 25, 2014. Bids will be opened at this same location on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

Any questions concerning this bid should be directed to Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson at (850) 229-9110.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
/s/Ward McDaniel, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk April 17, 24, 2014

**98599S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2011-CA-000130  
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 8, 2014 and entered in Case No. 23-2011-CA-000130 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida where-in WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and TERESA R YOUNGBLOOD; RICK SIDONNIE YOUNGBLOOD; GULF PINES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF GULF COUNTY, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 15th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 25, BLOCK A, APARTMENT RENTALS 6110

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GULF PINES FIRST ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS PER OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 550 GULFPINES DRIVE, PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 14, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter  
Deputy Clerk

\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32408 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADARequest@jud14.flcourts.org. F10102434 April 24, May 1, 2014

**98601S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No.: 23-2013-CA-000049  
Division

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES ELIZABETH BECK, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, FAYE W. RUTLEDGE THACKER F/K/A FAYE W. RUTLEDGE, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS, DEFENDANTS.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on April 8, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida described as:

LOT 32, BLOCK 1017, MILLVIEW ADDITION UNIT NO. 2, OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 46 AND 47 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 404 AVENUE C, PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456, including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales held in front lobby of courthouse, on May 15, 2014 at 11:00 am ET.

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

Dated this 14th day of April, 2014

REBECCA L. NORRIS  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter  
Deputy Clerk  
April 24, May 1, 2014

**98603S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No.: 23-2013-CA-000035  
Division

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES ELIZABETH BECK, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, FAYE W. RUTLEDGE THACKER F/K/A FAYE W. RUTLEDGE, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS, DEFENDANTS.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on April 8, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida described as:

LOT 32, BLOCK 1017, MILLVIEW ADDITION UNIT NO. 2, OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 46 AND 47 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 404 AVENUE C, PORT SAINT JOE, FL 32456, including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales held in front lobby of courthouse, on May 15, 2014 at 11:00 am ET.

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

Dated this 14th day of April, 2014

REBECCA L. NORRIS  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter  
Deputy Clerk  
April 24, May 1, 2014

**98603S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No.: 23-2013-CA-000035  
Division

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TEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No.: 23-2013-CA-000035  
Division

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.

RONNIE G. HOGAN, JANET M. HOGAN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on April 8, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida described as:

LOTS 20 AND 21 IN BLOCK 2, UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OF WARD RIDGE, FLORIDA ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OFFICIAL RECORDS PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 3.

and commonly known as: 128 BARBARA DR., PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales held in front lobby of courthouse, on May 15, 2014 at 11:00am. ET.

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

Dated this 14th day of April, 2014.

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