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BOCC: Parkway project 'hijacked'

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The Gulf Coast Parkway as envisioned in 2001 represented "a 100-year opportunity, the best since the paper mill," local businessman George Duren said.

Thirteen years later, the project has been "hijacked," county officials said Tuesday.

The Board of County Commissioners launched a public

campaign Tuesday to lobby state, and if necessary federal, officials on what commissioners see as a project that provides little benefit to Gulf County, despite the original conception of the project.

County administrator Don Butler said examining the timeline of the project from its inception in 2001 to the present day is to see how a project to link South Gulf County with U.S. 231 and points north, to provide a spur for economic development and tour-

ism, has now become a highway project to benefit Bay County.

"The intent has certainly changed over the years," Butler said. "This is huge. Our opportunity is being hijacked."

The thrust of the issue is the preferred alternative identified by engineers and the Florida Department of Transportation.

That alternative, labeled No. 17, moves along County 386 North to south of Star Avenue in Bay County and links with Star.

That, Commissioner Ward McDaniel said, would be a great route for folks heading from Gulf County to Wal-Mart in Callaway, but with little other benefit for Gulf County residents and businesses.

County officials long have pushed alternative No. 15, which would travel far more to the north before a link with U.S. 231 at Camp Flowers Road.

The more northerly intersection with U.S. 231 would benefit the Port of Port St. Joe and tour-

ism in South Gulf County — and that, Butler said, was a primary motivator for the parkway when it was conceived 14 years ago.

He added that once visitors traveled all the way into Panama City on U.S. 231, as with alternative No. 17, they would be less likely to travel the additional 40-odd miles to Gulf County.

And the port would be dependent on an efficient four-lane

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LEGENDARY COACH VERN EPPINETTE DIES



FILE PHOTO

Along the "Honor Parade" route, the community has come out in support of the military, veterans and wounded warriors during the Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend.

BUILDING A BASKETBALL FACTORY

By TIM CROFT
Special to The Star

Editor's note: In the fall of 1999, I was curious. Having covered the Port St. Joe High School basketball team as the Tiger Sharks won three state titles and fell one possession short of another, I wanted to find out how this was accomplished. Coach Vern Eppinette, who I first met at a coaching clinic during which I was captivated, allowed me, after some coaxing, to visit during one week before the season began. Following is the story that emerged.



VERNON EPPINETTE

PORT ST. JOE — In the long shadow of a now silent mill, a basketball foundry will soon begin to stir.

Stoked by a work ethic that defines this blue-collar community, it has stamped out championships just as a mill once turned out liner board — and forged an identity as recognizable as the stygian cloud that blankets tittleown.

That synthesis is outlined by the sometimes garish yellow-and-purple uniforms as well as the always meticulously tailored suits the coach dons on game nights.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Vernon Eppinette, former educator and coach at Port St. Joe High School, died late Monday after a long illness. Visitation is 3-5 p.m. ET Saturday, May 17, followed by memorial services at 5 p.m. ET at R. Marion Craig Coliseum at Port St. Joe High School.

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Read Eppinette's obituary on **Page B4**.

It is punctuated by the rawhide loyalty of fans, a string of sportsmanship awards and the line of five gleaming state basketball championship trophies won in the past six years, including four in a row.

It would have been hard to predict it would turn out this way in 1990 when Vern Eppinette arrived to lead the Port St. Joe High School boys' basketball program to undreamed-of heights.

He is a Mozart man in a George Jones town; a Yankee come to work and live in a Southern-fried hamlet.

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WOUNDED WARRIOR WEEKEND

Get your salute on tonight, Friday

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Consider this evening and Friday afternoon the interactive portion of the program.

The Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend began Wednesday with the arrival of 20 warriors, families, caregivers and mentors, and today, organizers are hoping for a little community interaction to fuel a weekend of embrace.

The "Honor Parade" for the warriors will depart from WindMark Beach at 5:30 p.m. ET today, headed into Port St. Joe proper.

The parade will move along U.S. 98 to First Street, where the cars will take a left for the jog up to Reid Avenue. The caravan will take a right and travel the length of Reid to State 71 or, if you prefer, Cecil G. Costin Blvd.

The drivers will take a left and travel State

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Lawsuit seeks to quash Beacon Hill variance

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A Beacon Hill resident has filed suit against the Board of County Commissioners seeking to quash an April 8 decision to grant a variance to the owner of property abutting Veterans Memorial Park in Beacon Hill.

Attorney J. Patrick Floyd filed the lawsuit on behalf of Bo Williams in the 14th Circuit Court.

The lawsuit seeks to quash the variance granted to Ellis Smith Jr. to build within the setback on land adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park.

"They have violated their own (land development regulations) and therefore the comprehensive plan," Floyd said, contending that

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Sharks Derailed In Championship By International All-Stars



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Free customer service and ambassador training next week

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Next week get schooled on Gulf County.

The Gulf County Tourist Development Council, Chamber of Commerce and Gulf Coast State College will team up to bring the first customer service and ambassador training program to the area.

The free training, which will take place from 6-9 p.m. ET on Wednesday, May 20 and again from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. ET on Wednesday, May 21 in the conference room above Capital City Bank will give attendees a better understanding of how to represent Gulf County's brand.

The training will be led by President of Gulf Coast State College Gulf/Franklin Campus Loretta Costin, TDC executive director Jennifer Jenkins and Chamber President Paula Pickett.

"We'll use the visitor's guide as our textbook," said Costin. "It's for employees of businesses in Gulf County to make sure they really are brand ambassadors to the area."

The organizers have encouraged the WorkForce Board, county and city staff, police officers, business owners and even high school graduates to attend to make themselves better representatives of the place that they call home.

"Everyone needs to know how to provide info that will allow visitors to have a great experience," said Jenkins. "We want to make sure they understand the essence of Gulf County."

The first section of training will teach attendees their role as ambassadors for Gulf County and the sessions will provide insight into the demographics who visit the area, where they visit from and the activities they participate in when they're here.

The second section, led by Pickett and Gary Hite of Seahorse Water Safari, will cover the history of Gulf County along with numerous historical sites and what to do while in town.

The third and final section of the training, focused on customer service, will provide strategies for going the "extra mile" for the customer and how to create repeat visitors.

Jenkins said that the training was born of transforming Gulf County into a luxury brand,

which she clarified, does not necessarily mean a place with the highest price, but rather a place with a high emotional connection associated with it.

"It came out of knowing how passionate the locals are about Gulf County," said Jenkins. "You'd be amazed at how many people are passionate about things, like scalloping, that we may take for granted."

"Eventually we want to have the community be the voice of the brand."

Those interested in attending should register in advance by calling GCSC at 227-9670.

MB city council to hire attorney for additional Parker House negotiations

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The Parker House may be gone, but the conversation continues.

During Tuesday's regular monthly meeting of the Mexico Beach City Council, Councilman Jack Mullen gave an update on the new city hall.

Last month city hall workers vacated the former bank building the city was leasing on U.S. 98 after it was purchased by a bank branch out of Georgia.

Lacking a functional city hall, workers moved into a temporary location inside the Public Works building on 22nd Street.

Mullen said that the city currently has two options.

It can take the \$750,000 insurance settlement offer on the historic Parker House, which was purchased by the city in 2011 and caught fire several days later, or it can move to arbitration where each

side gets an appraiser to work with a third party to determine the actual settlement amount. The danger of arbitration is that it has the potential to lower the amount of money the city may receive for damages.

Adding to the complications is the \$63,000 that the city paid in rent during the two year period they were relocated to the bank building.

"We believe we're owed another \$63,000 for rent during the time we couldn't occupy the Parker House," said Mullen. "We're at that point where we need to make a choice."

Mullen recommended reengaging with Panama City attorney Dion Moniz, with whom the council consulted last month. Previously, Councilman Gary Woodham had passed a motion allowing for \$3,000 to be spent in legal consultation.

After reading the insurance contract Moniz told the council that there were additional monies available to the city.

During this week's meeting Woodham

made a motion to free an additional \$5,000 for consultation with Moniz who holds a rate of \$200 an hour.

The motion passed unanimously with Mayor Al Cathey abstaining.

While Councilwoman Tanya Castro was absent from the regular meeting she opposed spending additional money for consultation with Moniz during discussion at last week's pre-agenda gathering. Castro has been vocal about the need to settle and move forward with construction of a new city hall.

"We keep spending money and what are we getting in return?" said Castro. "We agreed to spend \$3,000 on the attorney and we did that and we're no better off."

Mullen and Woodham have pursued additional consultation with Moniz on the grounds that council members lack the expertise to effectively negotiate with a large insurance company.

"We need the best and brightest minds

looking at the case to make sure our money is protected," said Mullen.

NEW COUNCIL

Tuesday's meeting marked the final gathering of the council in its current state. After last month's elections, the council will welcome new members Mary Blackburn and Jeff Tendler who will be seated in June.

Woodham, who was appointed only six months ago, thanked everyone who supported him in the election.

"This is a great city, and it's no better than the people who live in it," said Woodham.

Councilman Bobby Pollock thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve for on the council for four years.

"I love this town more because of the people than the atmosphere," said Pollock.

Both men said that they would stay active within the community.



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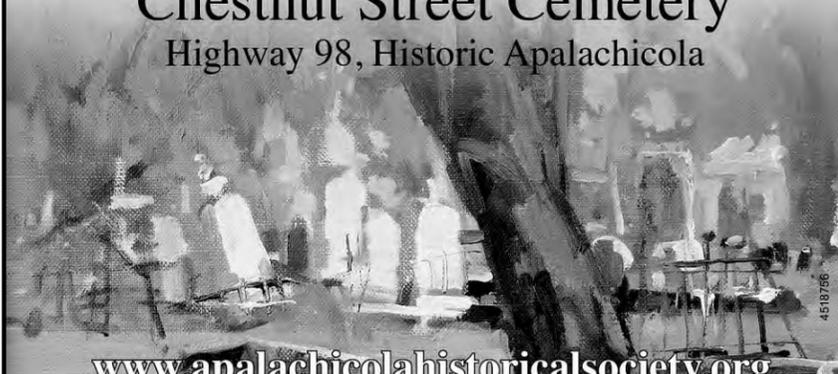
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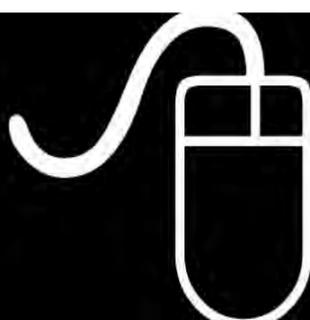
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issuing the variance was effectively providing a development permit that was contrary to the comp plan.

In the lawsuit, Floyd argues that in granting the variance, the BOCC overstepped in two significant ways.

First, the BOCC was not the proper body to take up the variance.

The lawsuit details that such variances should go before and be approved by the Planning and Development Review Board, and only after the PDRB has considered the variance can the issue be brought to the BOCC for final approval.

The PDRB, however, did not vote one way or the other on the variance.

"The variance has not been granted by the body that should have granted it, so it should not be acted upon," Floyd said.

Secondly, the lawsuit contends the BOCC violated the quasi-judicial nature required for considering such a variance, which would require sworn testimony and presentation of evidence, neither of which occurred April 8.

In addition, such a quasi-judicial hearing — which is held in cases involving a single piece of property — must be held in front of an "impartial tribunal."

That would require county commissioners to disclose the individuals with whom they had discussed the variance and reveal not only who they talked to, but the subject of those discussions.

Floyd said the lawsuit seeks a new hearing on the variance during which due process strictures, compliance with the county's comp plan and land development regulations and support for granting the variance must be "strictly construed against the applicant," meaning the applicant for the variance carries the burden of proof.

The lawsuit, though not attacking the specifics, also notes that the BOCC altered the wording pertaining to minor replats in 2013 in a way that benefited applicants such as Smith.

Before the rewording, minor replats were allowed once on a parent property. However, the wording was changed in December 2013 to allow such requests to, Floyd said, follow the applicant rather than the land, or parent parcel.

"Under that wording, you can divide and deed and divide and deed and divide and deed," Floyd said, arguing that such language could lead to unrestrained development and was not in the best interest of the county as a whole.

"It was a unique change in language without a lot of information coming out about why they were doing it," Floyd

said. "We wanted the court to note that the minor plat information had been monkeyed with, though we did not attack that issue because of the time that has elapsed."

"The time to challenge that was in December, but I'm not sure how many people understood what they had done. But that is something there should have been notice about."

At its core, the lawsuit makes two fundamental arguments.

One, the BOCC violated its own development rules in awarding a variance the board should not have even taken up.

Secondly, a variance, which allows a majority, roughly 60 percent, of Smith's proposed structure to be built within the setback, consuming all but 6 inches of the setback, was not required.

The lawsuit contends the parcel Smith owns is sufficient to build a structure without entering the setback and impacting the view from and beach access to land that belongs to Veterans Memorial Park.

Though Williams is the plaintiff in the lawsuit, almost three dozen residents of the Beacon Hill area turned out in support of the lawsuit during an informational session at Veterans Memorial Park last Friday.

The variance was controversial from the outset, with several residents, including Williams, speaking out against the variance during the April 8 meeting.

From the outset, Commissioner Joanna Bryan has contended the minor replat from which the variance stemmed was illegal.

But county attorney Jeremy Novak argued the minor replat — the second of the parent parcel, Bryan noted repeatedly — was properly approved by the county planner, and the lone issue before commissioners was the variance.

The property long has been a source for controversy.

Two previous owners of the parcel sought to have it removed from the tax rolls because of constraints on developing the property.

Smith's father, also Ellis Smith, purchaser of the parent parcel, previously sought and dropped an effort to receive a variance.

Floyd noted that the change in the language concerning minor replats in the land development regulations occurred between the time of Smith Sr.'s initial effort for a variance and the deeding to his son the parcel subject to the subsequent replat and variance request.

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highway system out of Gulf County to U.S. 231.

"(Alternative 15) is the only way we are going to get anything going with our port," Butler said.

Commissioner Warren Yeager said taking the parkway, and its four-lane roadway, completely out of Gulf County would significantly constrain the ability of the port to attract tenants dealing with cargo or supplies that would have to be trucked.

"We need to take it beyond letters and request a meeting with (FDOT Secretary Anand Persad)," Yeager said. "We need to get in front of the right people."

Last week's public hearing on the Gulf Coast Parkway, Butler said, was "spin" and a formality.

Also noting the poor acoustics in the Centennial Building, which hosted the hearing, Butler said it might have been FDOT strategy to prevent people from hearing and understanding what was said.

And some of that information provided, Butler and others noted, rang hollow.

For instance, alternatives 15 and 17 include a bridge crossing East Bay, but the cost of constructing the bridge on No. 15, though significantly shorter than the bridge along No. 17, is considerably higher.

Steve Norris, who serves on the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority, said No. 17 became an alternative during the process of designing and engineering the project and was not originally a consideration.

The alternative — calling for bridge almost twice the length of No. 15 — was included by a federal environmental agency, which Norris said was baffling.

"This project was hijacked by the (Environ-

"The intent has certainly changed over the years. This is huge. Our opportunity is being hijacked."

Don Butler
County administrator

mental Protection Agency), the federal government," county planner David Richardson said. "That is where (No.) 17 and (No.) 19 come from."

Norris also noted that the preferred alternative now benefits areas around Allanton.

Eastern Shipbuilding has one of its main yards in Allanton.

Additionally, Butler said it appeared that some \$18 million earmarked by former U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez for the parkway had now been taken out of Gulf County and appeared destined to fund paving projects of Tram and Nehi Roads in Bay County.

The language for the appropriation from Martinez's office indicates the \$18 million was to be used for the parkway, which would create a bypass around Tyndall Air Force

Base to impact security and "creates a commerce/hurricane evacuation corridor connecting Gulf County/Port St. Joe with Bay County/Panama City."

Pat Hardman, president of the Coastal Community Association, said sending folks from Gulf County onto a route to U.S. 231 that is already congested by Bay County traffic was no evacuation solution, leaving the county with two-lane State 71 as the primary route.

Butler noted the original intent of the parkway was to help economically disadvantaged counties — the federal dollars are from a program with that purpose. Bay County was hardly disadvantaged Butler noted, which Gulf County long has been considered.

"There is nothing in here right now for Gulf County," McDaniel said.

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'The 9 Pecans'

A little brown paper bag sits on the top of a tall bookcase in my office. The top of the bag is rolled over and it looks just the way it did when I carried it out of the hardware store in Roanoke, Alabama.

I recently opened it, wanting to count the contents. My mother was a school teacher and a missionary, my Daddy was a Navy sailor and had a way with a deck of cards - I'm a mathematician. I count things.

There were nine pecans in the bag.

I don't remember the last time I opened it.

However, I do remember when I got the little brown bag of pecans. It was the last little shopping spree I went on with my Mama back in 2011.

How I miss her ... On this day, she bought me a denim jacket, two pair of jeans, some spiced peaches, walnuts and that little brown bag of nine pecans.

Mama loved doing things like this for me and for others...

Thinking about pecans, you would think a true Southerner would know a little more about them I love pecan pie, I love pralines, I even love picking them up with one of those sticks that looks like it has a spring or some sort of horizontal Slinky attached to it..

I looked at my nine pecans. I know the type they are - "Desirables." With a little research (and imagination), I found the word "pecan" comes from a Native American word meaning, "You need to whomp it with a rock to crack it open" or a Southern word that means "You need a stick with a horizontal Slinky on the end to pick it up."

A pecan is technically not a nut, it is a fruit with a single stone or pit - it is more specifically a "drupe." So it is a fruit and it has a husk around it and you make pies out of the seeds in the middle.

Being a numbers guy, I try to understand or find the meaning of numbers.

Having sat in church on many Sundays, now and in the past, somewhere in between eating Vanilla Wafers and Cheese Crackers under the pews to my present position of "Official Left Door Usher" four months out of the year

at my church, I have heard about the "9 Fruits" more than one time.

Rest assured that I am not going to preach a sermon about Paul and his letter to the Galatian folks. I'm not going to talk about circumcision; I will note that my mother tried to explain it to me when I was young and I still remember it as being "painfully funny." Mama was a missionary and a school teacher, but she didn't necessarily know how to explain some medical procedures.

However, those nine fruits Paul talked about are very applicable when we are thinking of our mothers. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are all qualities we think of on Mother's Day.

All you have to do is go to the grocery store and watch a mommy trying to handle two or three kids, keep them in a shopping cart, use coupons, keep little hands and feet out of harm's way and make it through the checkout line. It is entertaining to watch, but you watch it knowing that she will have to do again tomorrow and the next day.

Those nine pecans also remind me that I'm not perfect. With Mama gone, I'll never be a "ten" again... I would like to think I was perfect in my Mama's eyes, but I know better.

Mothers accept us as we are, being (far) less than perfect. After thinking about this, I counted the pecans once more thinking that nine may have been too many. There should have only been three or four pecans in that bag. One of my brothers might be worth nine - but not me.

I was with her when we bought them - they are mine and there are nine.

How about the nine months Mama carried me around? Goodness Gracious - that is one thing only mothers know about.

That is a pretty big Wow... It makes me think that one Mother's Day a year isn't nearly enough...

Maybe we need nine? No, that's not enough either.

Every day should be Mother's Day.

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A Tale of Two 'Directions'

I graduated from high school in 1965. I don't reckon that makes me the oldest graduate in America. But it feels that way some days! One would think my hopes, aspirations and dreams are mostly behind me. But I sure don't see it that way.....

Now, when I was lining up beside Charlotte Melton to march into the auditorium "back yonder" I wasn't thinking so much about the future as you might suspect. Mostly I was trying to get to my seat without that awkward flat hat sliding off my head. And I kept glancing back over my shoulder; Buddy Wiggleton, Bobby Brewer or anyone of a half dozen others wasn't going to let this night go by unscathed.

The teachers had been building up to this graduation like they had a dog in the hunt. They had repeatedly praised us, encouraged us and generally let us know what a momentous and historic milestone it was in each of our lives. I was so busy finishing up the baseball season and making sure I got my "cap and gown" money turned in that I hardly had time to notice.

We had absolutely no yardstick to measure what was happening in our lives.

None of us had ever graduated from anything. Miss Katy gave us some ice cream the last day of kindergarten but she didn't pass out diplomas. There was no commencement ceremony when we left the sixth grade. It was just another step up the ladder. We were mostly worried about the nasty rumor Brewer was spreading that "recess" was not a part of the seventh grade curriculum.

High school was a series of ups and downs, heartache and euphoria, endless doubts and tremendous triumphs. We experienced each of these emotions

daily, if not hourly! I fell seriously in love in high school. I gave the dumbest answer to that "It was the best of times-it was the worst of times" question ever recorded in Miss Clarks' English class. I scored two touchdowns in the Milan game. I missed a layup against Buchanan that Coach Camp is still shaking mad over. I had almost nothing to do with the "food strike" and the Bunsen burner explosion was over at Don Melton's



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

table. We memorized that near'bout unspeakable prologue to "Canterbury Tales". We fought in P.E. and leaned on each other through the Great Depression and World War II.

Unequivocally, we felt we had earned our right to march down those aisles.

Billy Thompson delivered the Valedictorian speech with his usual insight and purposefulness. He and I had gone to church together all of our lives. His father delivered our mail. I was proud of him, and for him. 'Course, I couldn't help but think, me or Buddy could have been Valedictorian.....if our grades hadn't a'gotten in the way.

The BB hit me behind the left ear as our principal was introducing Mr. W. O. Warren. I didn't have to turn around. Brewer was seated off to my left about three rows back. At least it wasn't a spit ball. We had used all of them up in Latin class our sophomore year! Another missile, from the southeast, bounced off my neck. Where was Bobby King sitting? No one doubted the gravity and importance of the ceremony. But we were doing what we had been doing for years. Making the most of the moment. Being ourselves. Sharing. Expanding. Creating. Taking turns..... It is exactly what they had been teaching us since the first grade.

Pam hugged me twice while

we were lining up. Vicki, LaRenda and Diana had all straightened my tie. Marlin Hicks shook my hand. Charlotte stepped up beside me and said, "Ready?" I'm not sure if any of us were.

But the point was: we certainly understood the importance of the evening. We hadn't gotten this far in school by being stupid. Change was, is and would always be inevitable. We were dispersing. Breaking up. Leaping out into the world. Understanding and being ready are two different things! This group had lined up against the wall for spelling bees in the first grade. We learned about Dick and Jane in the Blue Bird reading class. We had memorized "Little Boy Blue" together. We floundered through junior high as a group. We conquered high school side by side.

"Best friends" would be an understatement! Had we truly realized some in the group would never see each other again, we would have spent the evening hugging rather than sitting quietly while our future was being touted. I would have been thanking classmates for the help, support and "touch" each had, and would always have, on my life. We would have been organizing our first reunion before we even disbanded.

Mr. Warren repeatedly reminded us of the days ahead; the endless prospects and the opportunities that abounded on all sides. We knew he was right. But we hadn't gone anywhere yet! I reckon the truth doesn't hit you until Jane, Wanda, Skip, Hollis and Ruth Ann aren't there to make fun of your haircut.

I certainly didn't "grasp it" at eighteen. I couldn't get my forward gear in motion. Life simply moved me along. At sixty-seven, the light bulb is finally coming on! I can't wait to see what tomorrow holds.....

Respectfully,
Kes

Talkin' Seattle minimum wage middle class blues

Second in a Series on the American Middle Class
"Your beat up buck won't be worth a cent..."

"Prices'll fly to the firmament."
"Talkin' Inflation Blues" by Tom Glazer

The city of Seattle voted recently to lift its minimum wage requirement to \$15 an hour for hospitality and transportation workers near its major airport. This figure is more than double the federal minimum wage of \$7.25.

Some 21 states currently require employers to pay hourly wages above the federal minimum. California will raise its minimum wage from \$8 to \$9 in July and then to \$10 an hour in January of 2016. Florida's minimum is currently \$7.93 per hour.

Here's a more revealing wage number: \$24.31. That's the average hourly wage for an American worker in April. A year ago it was \$23.82, so our average wage increased only 49 cents an hour during the last year, or just less than 2 percent. That's under a thousand dollars in average pay increase annually.

So after adjusting for inflation, real wages have increased about 0.5 percent in the last year. This is a disappointing trend. Unfortunately, wages have been stagnating in relation to the cost of living for



MARGARET R. McDOWELL
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more than 35 years.

The current commotion over the minimum wage does not address our greater problem, which is that many qualified adults cannot find gainful employment and are taking low paying jobs.

Minimum wage positions make sense for teenagers, many of whom are working their first job and attempting to establish a solid employment track record. But to support a thriving middle class, U.S. laborers need decent paying employment opportunities. And many have simply stopped looking for work. According to a recent New York Times article by Bin Applebaum, only 48 percent of American adults are enjoying full-time employment.

Dartmouth economic professor David Blanchflower and Adam Posen of the Peterson Institute for International Economics have an interesting theory on the new and improved, recently released unemployment numbers: essentially, ignore them. They assert that the "single best gauge of the economic recovery-better than the headline unemployment rate-may be wage growth... Until

wages start rising more quickly, the economy remains far from healthy."

Wage growth often triggers inflation, as employers compete to attract better workers. While this is good for salary levels, it hurts middle class purchasing power in the short term. Inflation isn't close to the Federal Reserve's official target rate of 2 percent. In an effort to spur growth by forcing savers to deploy capital, the Federal Reserve has been attempting to create inflation on its own. A much more healthy economic progression, however, would be to allow market forces to inflate the currency rather than continued Quantitative Easing by the Federal Reserve. The best we can hope for is to see wages and inflation rise naturally, separate from artificial government stimulus.

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Letter to the EDITOR

Leadership

Dear Editor,

Once again from my home in suburban Dallas, Texas I watch the male members of Gulf County BOCC show their 24/7 disrespect towards Commissioner Bryan.

As I attempt to imagine how Commissioner

Bryan feels sitting there, I'm reminded of an old Rock and Roll song from years ago. The song is by "Stealers Wheel." It's called "Clowns to the left of me, and Jokers to the right, here I am stuck in the middle."

Here in Texas, we have a tradition of calling things as they are. To Commissioners McLemore and Smiley,

you're both a pair of weak-minded, gutless, cowards. Commissioner Chair McDaniel, you need to put your gavel down and look up the definition of LEADERSHIP!

As long as the Taxpayers/Voters of Gulf County allow this to continue, nothing will change. Who will be the

next female they target for speaking her mind? Cowards and bullies only exist as long as you allow them to.

Someday enough taxpayers will wake up and send them packing.

Mike Barrett
Gulf County Taxpayer and Property Owner

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EPPINETTE from page A1

In an area once dominated by gritty mill workers, Eppinette appears frail and vulnerable, his pasty-white skin contrasting with the leathery faces and necks around him.

But after 227 wins and 62 losses (503-203 in 26 years), the bachelor describes himself as "married to the school system," and likely to retire in Gulf County.

So as the local economy scrapes bottom and the landscape converts from mills to marinas, Eppinette, the 1998 Florida Coach of the Year and pending Florida Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame inductee, is more at home than ever.

"What would it show the kids," he said, "if I left as soon as times got tough."

Talking team

Eppinette said that Gulf County's downturn has taught school children that, "you can't rely on one thing." It also serves to reinforce his team-over-the-individual coaching philosophy.

There are no favorites. During his one season at Mount Dora, the year before he came to Port St. Joe, Eppinette's upperclassmen enlightened him on "senior privilege" allowing upperclassmen not to practice. They just had to be on time for the game to get their minutes.

Eppinette provided a different equation: seniors come early to practice and stay late. Mount Dora reached the playoffs with an all-sophomore lineup.

"He is always talking team," said former all-state player Desmond Baxter, now a guard at the University of New Orleans. "It's all about team. We all needed each other."

Practice was where each player, whether senior or sophomore, reserve or starter, earned playing time for the coming game.

Those practices are nearly devoid of scrimmaging. Drills focus on honing the skills of winning basketball: rebounding, defense, shooting, ball-handling and footwork.

Sharks' pregame warmups often resemble a dance troupe as players work out their individual steps, holding a ball while moving in s-s-l-l-o-o-o-w-w-w motion. Shooting drills sometimes include an oversized ball, nearly too large to fit through a cylinder.

The speed for learning is slow; for demonstrating what has been learned, full-out.

When scrimmages are allowed they are often three-on-five, vary-sity against junior varsity. Sometimes they are five-versus-seven.

"Everything is an overload, making practice harder than anything we'll see in a game," Eppinette said. "Playing hard is a given. You have to love the game to play for us."

The results are obvious in the school's trophy case, even more so to the Shark opponents. As players come and go, highly talented and not so much, Port St. Joe fields teams that are numbingly similar.

They go deep down the bench and play hard for all 32 minutes and 94 feet of floor. They come after opponents in swarms.

"It has always amazed me how many kids he plays, and playing time never seems to be a problem," said Rutherford coach Clyde Mills, who faces Eppinette's Sharks twice a season and during summer-league play.

"He has all the qualities it takes to be a successful

HAPPINESS IS GOOD HEALTH

Little children are always most expressive. When they are happy their smiles and laughter are contagious. But, when they are not feeling well, they start crying. This is when you will know that there is something bothering them.

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Baseball Season Starts; Sharks Win Two, Lose 1

Port St. Joe's baseball season got underway Friday, May 15, at the Florida Liberty Union gym. The Sharks defeated the Mustangs 10-0.

South's Braden was the star of the game, hitting a home run and driving in three runs. The Sharks scored two more.

The Sharks next have to play at the gym, with their next game on Saturday, May 16, at the Florida Liberty Union gym. A third game is set for Sunday, May 17, at the Florida Liberty Union gym.

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Basketball Tournament

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News On Dental Health

FRANK D. MAY, D.M.D.

It's important to get your teeth checked regularly. A dentist can help you prevent dental problems before they start.

Capping Front Teeth

If you'd like to improve the appearance of your front teeth, dental crowns are a great option. They are custom-made to look like natural teeth.

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Buzzer Shot Spells Defeat

Finish Season 30-4; Lose to Tampa Catholic In Final Four

The Sharks were heavily favored in the final game of the season, but they fell to Tampa Catholic in a buzzer shot. The Sharks finished the season with a 30-4 record.

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The Sharks' Braden (left) and other players are seen during the final game of the season against Tampa Catholic.

Hunter Education Course

The Florida Game and Fish Commission is offering a hunter education course in the Florida Game and Fish Commission building. The course is for anyone who wants to hunt.

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Girl's Softball Clinic Saturday

The Florida Game and Fish Commission is offering a girls' softball clinic on Saturday, May 16, at the Florida Liberty Union gym. The clinic is for girls who want to learn more about softball.

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Yamaha is the leader in personal watercraft. We have a variety of models to choose from, including the WaveRunner and the SuperJet.

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Larry Signs With Santa Fe CC Wed.

Larry has signed with Santa Fe Community College. He will be playing for the team next season.

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Sharks Win District; Advance to Regionals

The Sharks won the district championship and will advance to the regional tournament. They will play on Saturday, May 16.

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Lady Gators Ranked #7 In State

The Lady Gators are ranked #7 in the state. They will play on Saturday, May 16.

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Preventing Gum Disease

It's important to get your teeth checked regularly. A dentist can help you prevent gum disease before it starts.

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Scale is the player who takes a charge, earning four points.

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"You got us the ball, drew a foul on the other team and negated a basket," Eppinette explained. "It's how many things you did to help the team and how many things you did to help the other team. Basketball... comes down to five people playing as one."

And to playing the game where the opponent isn't the other team, but the ideal of how basketball is played when executed properly.

It's why he prefers the women's professional game over the current version of the NBA. Eppinette loves ESPN Classic and watching teams such as the 1972 New York Knicks, whom he believes could win a championship today because "they played together as a

team." His favorite player is former University of San Francisco and Boston Celtics great Bill Russell. From his junior year in college through his professional career, Eppinette noted, Russell's teams were 28-0 in the NCAA Final Four and the final games of NBA playoff series.

In those games, Eppinette added, Russell averaged 31 points and 19 rebounds.

Honest praise
After college, Eppinette went in search of a coaching position. The man who gave him the opportunity was Dave Lofgren, the principal at Clermont High School in Lake County.

Lofgren retired from **See EPPINETTE A8**

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) on May 19, 2014 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:

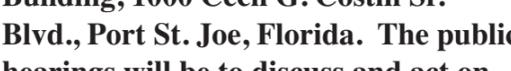
1. Minor Subdivision Final Plat - Pentel Family Partnership LDT - Parcel ID #04243-000R - Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 11 West next to Watermark Way in St. Joseph Shores - a three (3) unit subdivision.

2. County Development Regulations and Policies

3. Staff, Public and Open Discussion

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Planning Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 311.

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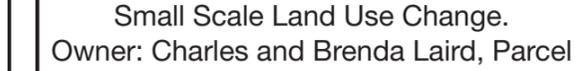
A public hearing will be held by the Planning and Development Review Board of Wewahitchka on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 3:00 pm central time at the Wewahitchka City Hall located at 109 South 2nd Street. The public hearing will be to discuss and act on the following:

Small Scale Land Use Change. Owner: Charles and Brenda Laird, Parcel 02236-000R;

Commencing at the iron pipe in the ground at the SE corner of the cement side walk where the sidewalk intersects with river avenue and State Highway 71, said River Avenue being, according to Aldersons Subdivision in the City of Wewahitchka, FL according to the plat recorded in the public records of Gulf County, Florida B:525 P:5 subject to covenants, restrictions and easements of record, if any; changing the subject parcel from residential low density to mixed residential/commercial. Subject to all development regulations required by the City of Wewahitchka Florida.

The Public is encouraged to attend and be heard on this matter. Information can be viewed at the City Annex in Wewahitchka, FL

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The hermit crab: Hiding out in a shell



By Tom Baird
Special to The Star

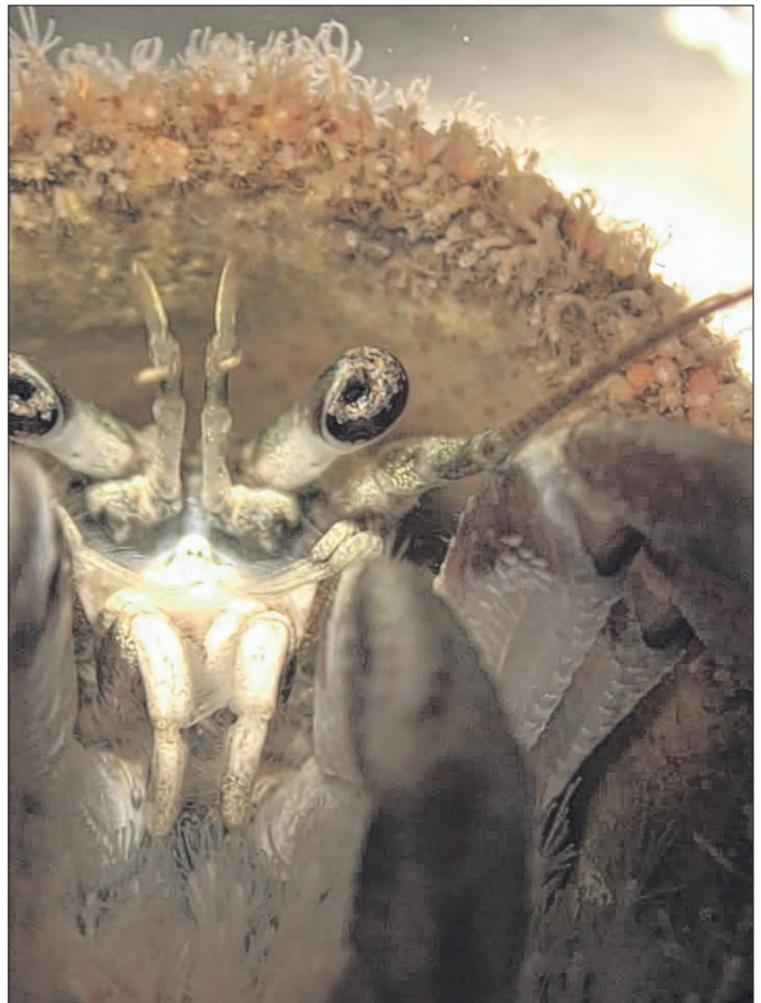
You are wandering along in the shallows at the edge of the salt marsh, or maybe snorkeling in the clear water off the beach. You see a shell moving along, but it's moving too fast for a conch or whelk. You reach down to pick it up and it quickly stops. As you lift it up, you see something quickly withdraw inside. As you turn it over, maybe there are the tips of a pair of pincher claws just visible. You just picked up a foraging hermit crab, one of the most comical of sea creatures.

One of the common hermit crabs in St Joseph Bay is the Dwarf Hermit Crab (*Pagurus longicarpus*), also known as the Long-clawed Hermit Crab. Like all hermit crabs, it is a scavenger ambling along picking up bits of food. In the clear shallows, put out some small pieces of fish or scallops you have just cleaned and watch for a few minutes. Pretty soon a little parade of hermit crabs will converge on the meal and start tearing it apart. As you watch, you will notice a few things. First, the hermit crabs inhabit different types of shells. The second thing is that some shells look fuzzy or furry. Others will have something fleshy on top of the shell.

The ones with furry shells have a hydroid (*Hydractinia echinata*) living on the shell. This does not harm the hermit crab and helps camouflage it. In turn, the hermit crab moves the hydroid colony around enabling it the better filter food from the sea water and keeping it underwater as the tide goes out. Those crabs with something fleshy on them have an anemone riding along. The Cloak Anemone (*Calliactis tricolor*) especially likes to live on the shells of hermit crabs. Like the hydroids, the hermit crab gives the otherwise sessile anemone mobility and food. The anemone helps protect the hermit crab from predators by virtue of their stinging nematocysts on their tentacles. Hermit crabs will even fight over anemones and try to steal them from each other.

Why you find hermit crabs in different shells is because they need to find larger and larger shells as they grow. Hermit crabs are always on the lookout for a more suitable shell. Hermit crabs do not kill the snails, whelks and conchs whose shells they appropriate. They utilize the empty shells after the snail's death. The little Dwarf Hermit Crab so regularly found in the shallows of the bay uses the small empty shells of salt marsh periwinkles, oyster drills and mud snails. Other hermit crab species utilize larger shells, such as those of Moon Snails, Left-handed Whelks and Horse Conchs.

So why do they need a shell at all? Other Crustaceans don't hide their bodies in snail shells. The abdomen of a hermit crab is a soft, unarmored thing, unlike the abdomen of a lobster or a shrimp for instance. The abdomen of a lobster has hard chitin plates that you have to cut through to get at the meat inside. The hermit crab abdomen is soft. It is vulnerable to predators. So like a man climbing into an army tank, the hermit crab picks up its armor and carries it around. But the snail shell isn't straight, it spirals. So to, the abdomen of the hermit crab is



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

A hermit crab with symbiotic hydroid is seen above and a hermit crab with cloak anemone is below.

curved to fit the right hand spiral of most snail shells.

Here's where hermit crabs get comical. Besides scavenging for food, they are always shopping for a better shell. They will walk over and investigate any empty shell. After probing with their claws to be sure the shell is empty, they will maneuver close to the new shell and quickly lift themselves out of the old shell and insert their abdomen in the new. Then like a man trying on a new suit coat, they will lift the new shell, kind of move it around a bit to get a good fit, and even walk with it. But the process doesn't stop there. They will go back to their old shell, put it back on, and go back and forth between the old and new shells several times. In the end, they might walk off in the new shell or go back to their old shell. During this whole process, they seem much undecided. They're picky shoppers.

You can easily observe this behavior by selecting a variety of empty shells to present to the hermit crab. Collect several hermit crabs and put them in a marine aquarium, then select several shells that are about the same size. Try to get some with a hole in them left by an oyster drill. Put the shells in the tank and watch the hermit crabs continually investigate shells and try them on. If the crab is in a shell with a hole, you can tickle the crab to leave its shell by inserting a piece of straw through the hole. Once out of a protective shell, they are desperate to protect their soft abdomen.

They will even wear a thimble as a shell if no shell is available. They will also fight over shells and get into a miniature tug of war with each other. The more dominant crabs will get the better shells. So here is a way to find out who is lowest on the hermit crab pecking order – look for the hermit crab going around in the shell of a



left-handed whelk. Why? The hermit crab abdomen curves to the right like most snails, the shell of the left spiraling left-handed whelk is an uncomfortable fit and they will wear it only if no other shell is available to them.

Despite their defenses, hermit crabs are preyed on by blue crabs, whose claws can smash a small shell, birds and some fish. Pesticides in runoff from land kill their larvae. Yet one of their biggest threats is shell collectors. Small empty snail, conch or whelk shells are needed by the hermit crabs. And often the shells are not empty. The hermit crabs can withdraw out of sight into the shells. Many a shell collector has brought home shells only to find a dead hermit crab inside. They are far more entertaining to watch than to collect.

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

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| Date | High | Low | % Precip |
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| Thu, May 15 | 76° | 59° | 60 % |
| Fri, May 16 | 77° | 62° | 20 % |
| Sat, May 17 | 77° | 66° | 10 % |
| Sun, May 18 | 78° | 66° | 10 % |
| Mon, May 19 | 79° | 68° | 0 % |
| Tues, May 20 | 79° | 70° | 0 % |
| Wed, May 21 | 80° | 71° | 0 % |

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| East Pass | Minus 0:27 | Minus 0:27 |

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| Date | Day | High Tide | High Tide | Low Tide | Low Tide |
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| 15 | Th | 1020am 1.9 | | 831pm -0.3 | |
| 16 | Fr | 1100am 1.9 | | 927pm -0.4 | |
| 17 | Sa | 1144am 1.9 | | 1021pm -0.3 | |
| 18 | Su | 1232pm 1.8 | | 1111pm -0.3 | |
| 19 | Mo | 122pm 1.7 | | 1154pm -0.1 | |
| 20 | Tu | 217pm 1.4 | | | |
| 21 | We | 321pm 1.1 | | 1226am 0.1 | |
| 22 | Th | 946am 0.9 | 521pm 0.8 | 1238am 0.3 | 151pm 0.7 |
| 23 | Fr | 819am 1.0 | | 1215am 0.6 | 340pm 0.6 |
| 24 | Sa | 803am 1.2 | | 442pm 0.2 | |

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

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| 16 | Fr | 703am 1.3 | 401pm 1.6 | 1058am 1.3 | |
| 17 | Sa | 754am 1.3 | 446pm 1.6 | 1215am -0.3 | 1144am 1.3 |
| 18 | Su | 842am 1.3 | 537pm 1.5 | 102am -0.3 | 1241pm 1.2 |
| 19 | Mo | 928am 1.2 | 638pm 1.3 | 153am -0.2 | 154pm 1.1 |
| 20 | Tu | 1009am 1.2 | 753pm 1.2 | 248am 0.0 | 322pm 1.1 |
| 21 | We | 1047am 1.2 | 928pm 1.0 | 347am 0.2 | 452pm 0.9 |
| 22 | Th | 1123am 1.2 | 1122pm 1.0 | 448am 0.4 | 609pm 0.6 |
| 23 | Fr | 1156am 1.3 | | 548am 0.6 | 713pm 0.4 |
| 24 | Sa | 118am 1.0 | 1228pm 1.3 | 644am 0.8 | 809pm 0.2 |

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As we enter into the second full week of May, our local and regional fishing has returned to normal for this time of year. Good red fish catches have been reported under the George Tapper Bridge in St. Joe with some odd balls in the mix as well. Tides seem to be the deciding factor in a good or bad day here.

Inshore/Bay

Trout catches on the flats are getting back to usual as top water baits are taking the top spot this week in St Joe Bay.

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Pryor drafted No. 18 by Jets

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With hundreds of his closest friends watching from Marina Cove in Port St. Joe, former Tiger Shark Calvin Pryor "Third" was selected in the first round of the National Football League draft last Thursday.

Pryor was the first safety off the board, going No. 18 to the New York Jets.

Draft night was a celebration at Marina Cove outside the Haughty Heron where tables and chairs were set up to handle the large crowd that gathered to watch the draft.

The gathering was equal parts pep rally and community support for a native son who was reaching the pinnacle.

"From the Pryor family we just say thank you for all the support and well-wishes from the community," said Pryor's

father, Calvin Pryor Jr. "The donations, the support, the phone calls and notes of support meant so much to the family.

"We also want to thank the Haughty Heron and everybody who turned out. The support was so appreciated."

By the following day, Third was touring the New York Jets facility and sitting for countless interviews with the New York media.

The media seemed particularly interested in the journey of a young man from a town "with two stoplights, I think" to the physical safety who loves to proclaim that he plays "like his hair is on fire."

The New York Times centered on Pryor's play as a point guard in high school, from which he graduated just three years ago, and the transformation to a physically intimidating all-American safety.

Pryor spent this week attending rookie orientation, his father said.

PSJ Football Work Day

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe Varsity Football team hosted a work day Saturday, May 10.

The team went out in groups of two and four to different businesses and homes. The work day was used as a fundraiser for the FCA camp in July.

The boys did different jobs such as yard work, pressure washing, painting, cleaning homes, car detailing and

many other tasks.

The team would like to thank Mrs. Sonya Raffield and Mrs. Courtney Cummings for heading up this fundraiser. The team also thanks all the people and businesses that allowed us to work for them: Chuck and Sissy Worley, Mitch and Sabrina Burke, Raffield's Fishery, Randy and Sonya Raffield, Chuck and Sue Gannon, Big Fish Construction, Wallace Pump, Teedy and Jan

Nobles, Warren and Jackie Yeager, Bill Ramsey, Greg Johnson, Toye Roberts, Josh and Kayla Dailey, Jim and Erica Norton, Brian and Lori Childers, Tom and Mary Braid and Scott and Sara Hoffman.

The team still is trying to raise money for camp, so if you have any projects around your home business, contact the athletic office at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School at 227-1387.

Spring jamboree Friday

The Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks hosted an intrasquad football game last week as part of spring practices that began April 28. The Tiger Sharks will be back in action at 7 p.m. ET this Friday for the Spring Jamboree at Shark Stadium. Port St. Joe will play four quarters against county foe Wewahitchka. There will be no kicking plays. Tickets are \$5 and for this spring game no Gold Cards can be used.



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Port St. Joe Basketball Clinic June 14

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A basketball ball-handling clinic will be June 14 at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

The clinic will be led by Raye Bailey and professional player coach and trainer Joe Flegler.

Flegler is an assistant coach at Thomas University. As a high school senior, he led Washington, D.C., in scoring 26 points per game.

Flegler had the best freshman season in the history of the College of Southern Maryland and was named freshman of the year in Maryland JUCO, All-Maryland JUCO, All-Region XX and honorable mention All-American.

The first workshop, for ages 7-13, will be 9 a.m. to noon ET. The second workshop for ages 14 and up will be 1-4 p.m. ET.

Early registration, through June 1, is \$15. On-site registration will be \$20.

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Clermont 15 years ago. The school no longer exists, having been replaced by South Lake High several years ago.

"He was the most thorough coach," Lofgren said. "He knew the game, knew the history, the great players and teams."

"Some of the veteran coaches were probably skeptical, like they are sometimes, but they soon found out how well-versed he was in all sports."

Eppinette coached track as well as basketball. His track teams were also successful and both programs flourished. He won 15 district titles in 16 years in track and reached the postseason consistently in basketball.

His teams assumed characteristics that would follow him to Port St. Joe.

"The other teams would always feel good about the track meets until the Clermont team got off the bus," Lofgren said. "And got off the bus. And got off the bus. He had more kids for that track team than I've seen in my entire life."

The rapport with kids and Eppinette's ability to communicate with his students and players was learned from Clermont's football coach, Gene Foster. Foster taught Eppinette that dealing with kids is a two-way street.

He learned that rather than rail at kids it was better to teach them how to do things better. He learned the importance of teaching fundamentals through repetition; that you can't take hard work for granted, and the need for praise.

"It has to be honest praise," Eppinette said.

Eppinette soon learned to listen before speaking not just to what was said but what wasn't said. And that poor performance was unacceptable.

"Teaching them is not teaching them what they don't know, but teaching them how to behave differently than they know how to behave," Eppinette said. "You get what you expect and you just don't accept anything but the best. Young people are looking for discipline."

Baxter said, "I looked up to him like a father. He was always there when I needed some advice, whether it was something on the court or off the court."

Eppinette takes more pride in the six straight sportsmanship

awards Port St. Joe has won than the five basketball titles his teams have snared in the same span.

One of his favorite stories concerns a road trip and a team meal at a restaurant.

Suddenly he heard a psst nearby, from an older man who identified himself as a basketball coach of 35 years in Connecticut. The man asked Eppinette if the young men at the adjacent table were his players.

He explained that he just wanted to tell Eppinette that they were the best-behaved, most well-mannered kids he'd ever seen.

"That was better than any state championship," Eppinette said.

Mental aspects

Eppinette might still be at Clermont if not for the death of his parents. Three months after his father passed away his mother succumbed to cancer and Eppinette felt he'd done enough in coaching.

He remained Clermont's athletic director, but when the new basketball coach had to be out of town due to family reasons for the start of the next season, Eppinette was asked to substitute.

"As soon as I got back in the gym I knew I had made a mistake," Eppinette said.

He would not undermine the current coach, however.

"He's one of the quality people you meet in education," said Lofgren.

Eppinette moved to Mount Dora for a year and then on to Port St. Joe.

A typical year begins in June with summer league and a maximum of two tournaments. Players get July and August off — "They need to be kids" — and in September there is a meeting for those not competing in football or cross country.

One year that meeting consisted of two parties, Eppinette and one player. Last year there were five players.

"I want them to play other sports because they are in a situation where I know they are getting good instruction and the more times an athlete is in a situation where there is pressure, the better he'd handle it," Eppinette said.

"I want them to be involved.

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I tell kids to get involved with as much as you can. You only have one shot."

Practice and the season start in November. A 28-game regular-season schedule is used to prepare the team for the postseason. The system, the framework for success, is assembled a step at a time.

The goal, the coach said, is to peak sometime in January and "from there think about what we need to do to get ready for the tournament."

"As long as he saw you were getting better every game," Baxter said. "He's very disciplined and doesn't let you get away with nothing. He tries to teach you the mental aspects of the game. If you can out-think your opponent, you would win."

"He teaches the small things, putting your body on the legs of the opponents, boxing out on a rebound, keeping your eye out for weak-side defense. The little things that help you win. A lot of

the fundamentals he taught me, coaches are teaching me now and it's just a refresher. It's stuff I've already learned."

Long haul

The results of indisputable: seasons of 19-7, 13-17, 21-9, 27-7, 31-3, 30-4, 31-3, 24-9 and 31-3 at Port St. Joe, all that championship hardware glistening in the school lobby.

Eppinette said he doesn't get elated over wins, just as he tries not to sink too low over losses.

He's earned three technical fouls in 26 years of coaching, two coming in one game. He has not incurred a referee's whistle in the past 18 years, he said. Why waste the emotion and energy?

The goal is simply to always improve; be better every game.

Eppinette tells the story of a Russian athlete he escorted during a track coaching clinic back when the Cold War was still being waged.

The problem with American athletes, the foreigner told Eppinette, is that they want to take up a sport Monday, be proficient Tuesday and then win the championship on Wednesday.

"You have to have an overview of the long haul," Eppinette said. "It's not the joy you get when you win the state championship. The hard work that goes into it is what you look back on and derive satisfaction from and you don't have to win a championship to feel that."

With each new season, Eppinette sees new players, new challenges and something new to achieve. His team is not the defending state champion: each season brings a new state championship.

Eppinette, 50, figures he'll be at Port St. Joe, "As long as I have the parents' support and kids want to learn."

Colleges have tried to lure him to the next level, he said, but the specter of recruiting was a negative that couldn't balance the positives of greater exposure and financial rewards.

"It's so political and not always above board, I couldn't handle that," Eppinette said.

So it's likely Eppinette will retire in the shadow of the now silent mill.

"We have a community of people willing to work hard," he said. "The school, the academics and the athletics are the center of who we are as a community."

"The recent string of success, it's almost like a fairy tale. There is pressure there, the expectations are high... Mathematically you know it will come to an end. At some point we won't be able to stay there."

"I haven't lost that edge, yet. I'm more eager because of the journey."

Eppinette would take the Tiger Sharks to one last state Final Four, losing in the title game, before health issues would force his retirement from coaching and, in 2004, as an educator. He left Port St. Joe after 10 seasons, compiling a 258-64 record with eight Final Four trips and five titles. The gymnasium floor was later named in his honor. And he remained a vibrant mentor to many coaches and teachers and married his long-time girlfriend, teacher Judy Williams.

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71 to Long Avenue and meander the length of Long to the Centennial Building for tonight's "Honor Banquet."

Churches, civic organizations and individuals have already signed up to fall into formation at various locales along the parade route, and organizers encourage all residents and visitors to plant themselves along the parade between 5:30 and 6 p.m. to provide a welcoming salute to the warriors.

The next day, at the conclusion of the Wounded Warrior Offshore Classic fishing event, during which 20 captains donating their time and services to provide the warriors a fun day on the water, folks are urged to gather at the Port St. Joe Marina.

There, between 1 and 5 p.m. E.T, the warriors will be bringing in their catch for weighing and a bit of revelry, refreshments and fish tales.

The public is encouraged to attend and meet and greet the warriors — or just clap some hands at the fish.

The warriors will be out and about around the county on Saturday, enjoying everything from some boating and fishing on the Dead Lakes to the Tupelo Honey Festival or horseback riding on the beach.

A finite number of tickets remain for the Honor Banquet. Contact George Duren at Duren's Piggly Wiggly or Bluewater Outrigger.

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The Rev. Joe Atkinson said the visit activated a mental light bulb.

A local public school teacher was visiting the Gulf Coast Hope Center of Gulf County, Inc. one afternoon when she began to tell Atkinson a story.

One of her students, she explained, had been distressed that day due to a half-day of school.

The teacher, surprised at any student turning crying over less school, wondered why.

The reason, the young student explained, they would not get to eat the rest of the day when they

got home. That school lunch, skipped due to the half-day, was the student's last each day.

"When we shared that story it was like somebody took a knife and stuck it in my chest," Atkinson said.

And, so, he set to work.

Next Saturday, May 24, the brainchild evolving from that proverbial knife becomes action when the Gulf Coast Hope Center hosts a "Community Food Distribution."

The goal is to provide a bridge, and hearty meals, for students and their families that qualify for free-and-reduced meals at the public schools, which is roughly 60 percent of students at Port St. Joe Elementary School.

"We want to provide food to assist those families that have children that are free-and-reduced lunches," Atkinson said. "We don't want a child to go hungry this summer."

The distribution is being called "the first annual" as Atkinson hopes the response from the community – both in need and outreach to the Hope Center – will enable the event to become a fixture of the calendar.

Atkinson hopes to have a program in place by fall to assist children in need as they return to school.

On May 24, two tractor trailers are scheduled to arrive at

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The Gulf Coast Hope Center of Gulf County, Inc. will hold a community food distribution for qualified families and seniors on May 24.

Tupelo Honey Festival this weekend

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This weekend will welcome the 24th annual Tupelo Honey Festival to be held on Saturday at Lake Alice Park in Wewahitchka.

More than 90 vendors selling everything from baked goods, to clothing, baby items and handcrafted gifts will join local Tupelo Honey farmers to celebrate the golden delicacy.

There will be plenty of activities for the whole family including a petting zoo, pony rides and a mechanical bull. Live music for the event will be provided by local group Flabbergasted.

"We're making it bigger every year," said organizer Leigh Newsome. "It spreads through word of mouth and the Tupelo Honey Festival is something that the community looks forward to."

During the festival, five \$500 scholarships will be given away to local students, one of which is in memory of Ricky McMillion, who worked at city hall for many years.

Volunteers are still being sought to help at the event and Newsome said it's a great opportunity for high school seniors to get community service hours.

As Newsome speeds toward the event, she said she's also spent a fair

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'A celebration of spirit'



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Leon Holmes, who traveled from Germany for the Paint Out, took home first place in the Quick Draw competition held in Eastpoint.

Forgotten Coast celebrates Plein Air Paint Out 2014

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Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition President Leslie Fedota, said plein air is more than paints and brushes—it's about spirit.

The 2014 Forgotten Coast Plein Air Paint Out, a week-long celebration of art came to a close Sunday after bringing art-centric events to locations from Mexico Beach to Alligator Point.

More than 20 nationally acclaimed painters from all over the world set up easels and hunted for interesting subjects using only natural light as they captured "Old Florida" on canvas.

The idea behind an open-air painting is to capture a moment in time while completing all work on-site, around other painters and spectators, outside of a typical studio environment.

"The whole mission of the FCCC is to embrace our area," said Fedota, "I heard so many wonderful stories of people connecting through the plein air events who may not have met otherwise."

"Those relationships will last beyond the 10-day event."

Events included five exhibits across the coast, daily art demonstrations, art sales, and workshops that allowed members of the public to learn trade secrets directly from participating artists.

Fedota said that this year, the event saw a higher number of art sales and buyers came from further away.

By her calculations, 16 states were represented at this year's Paint Out, an effect of collectors that follow the artists to add one-of-a-kind pieces to their collections.

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SALT AIR FARMERS MARKET



WES LOCHER | The Star

The next Salt Air Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, May 17 at City Commons Park in Port St. Joe. Farmers from around North Florida and Georgia will have fresh produce for purchase and vendors will sell homemade crafts and jewelry. The Salt Air Farmers Market promotes a sustainable food system on Florida's Forgotten Coast. The Market runs from 9 a.m. ET until 1 p.m. Music will be provided by Guitar Man until 11 a.m. when guest musician Kristen Barkuloo will provide easy listening music until 1 p.m. ET.



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2) Who was the first female to appear on a Wheaties cereal box?
Nancy Kerrigan, Chris Evert, Danica Patrick, Mary

Lou Retton

3) Where is Tin Pan Alley, the birthplace of much 20th century music?
Nashville, NYC, San Francisco, Ft. Worth

4) Who gets credit for the paraphrased, "Nice guys finish last"?
Leo Durocher, Walt Alston, Harry Walker, Bobby Cox

5) What was the first animated character on Hollywood's Walk of Fame?
Donald Duck, Bart Simpson, Mickey Mouse, Popeye

6) In 1950, who did Time magazine select for its person of the half-century?
FDR, Churchill, Thorpe, Lindbergh

7) Which comic made famous, "Take my wife, please"?
Hope, Youngman, Dangerfield, Foxx

8) What were the first creatures launched into space by the U.S.?
Mice, Dogs, Monkeys, Cats

9) Which network aired "The Ed Sullivan Show" during its long run?
ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS

10) Who is the alter ego of Dick Grayson?
Spider-man, Flash, Robin, Underdog

11) In which state is Purdue University?
Michigan, Indiana, New York, Wisconsin

12) According to Target Travel Club,

which item do more travelers forget to pack?
Toothbrush, Hairspray, Deodorant, Comb

13) To date who's been the only future president to have been held as a prisoner of war?
Jefferson, Jackson, Pierce, T. Roosevelt

14) What two words were added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954?
Of America, For all, Under God, The flag

ANSWERS

1) 6 weeks. 2) Mary Lou Retton. 3) NYC. 4) Leo Durocher. 5) Mickey Mouse. 6) Churchill. 7) Youngman. 8) Mice. 9) CBS. 10) Robin. 11) Indiana. 12) Toothbrush. 13) Jackson. 14) Under God



Lindsey Leigh Carter, Corey L. Neal to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee and Veronica Carter are excited to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Lindsey Leigh to Dr. Corey L. Neal, son of Dr. Bobbie Sue and (the late) Leo Neal of Atlanta, Ga. Lindsey graduated from Wewahitchka High School in 2002, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Florida A&M University in

2006, and completed her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University on May 10, 2014. She will finish the joint Master of Business Administration degree in the fall of 2014. Corey graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School in 2000 and from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology in 2005. He completed his Doctor

of Philosophy degree in 2011 in Molecular Biology at Clark Atlanta University and currently organizes global clinical trials for various drug companies at Quintiles Inc. The wedding will take place on Saturday, May 24 at Carter's Temple First Born Church at 5 p.m. CST. All friends and family of the bride and groom are welcome to attend.

Kiwanis KORNER

By JOHANNA WHITE
Special to The Star

Wow! What an awesome turnout for the Port St Joe Kiwanis Club had for the Kiwanis Club — Dr. Robert E. King Annual Select Shot Golf Tournament hosted April 12.

The weather was perfect, a little cool at tee time of 9:00 with pleasant temperatures at the today progressed. This year, 11 teams participated in the tournament.

After the tournament, the golfers and guest were treated to a delicious barbecue chicken lunch, grilled by our own great chef, Mark Haddock, along with gifts for hole prize winners and door prizes.

The Kiwanis Club would like to thank all of those who were Legacy, Patron, and Hole Sponsors, and the Teams for your participation and contribution to the Club. The Golf Tournament

is the Kiwanis Club's largest fund raiser. The proceeds from this tournament, and all other funds raised by the Kiwanis Club is donated back into our Community to various organization with focus on children and youth.

Team winners: 1. Jason White, Zane Sweazy, Perky White, Tommy Humphrey; 2. Robbie Johnson, Dan Van Treese; 3. Guerry Magidson, Kenny Wood, Jerry Parrish, Bill Versagis.

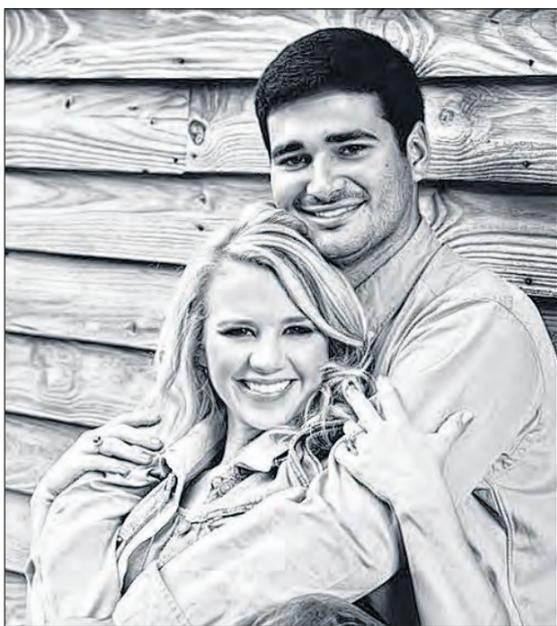
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Jacob Taylor Whitfield, Averil Kathrin Abercrombie engaged

Jeff and Kim Whitfield of Eufaula, Ala., have announced the engagement of their son, Jacob Taylor Whitfield to Averil Kathrin Abercrombie of Louisville, Ala. She is the daughter of Don and Traci Abercrombie of Louisville, Alabama.

Jacob is the grandson of Larry and Verna Mathes, the late Sue Mathes, and Ted and Kay Whitfield all of Wewahitchka, Fla.

Jacob is the owner/operator of Whitfield Farms, poultry houses and cattle.

Averil is the granddaughter of Dwayne and Judy Hamm of

Louisville, Alabama, and the late Ben and Catherine Abercrombie. Averil, a graduate of Troy University, is marketing coordinator for Boyd Brothers Transportation, Clayton, Ala.

She is the manager of Abercrombie Fish Camp Restaurant and does marketing for AquaSouth Catfish Company both in Clayton.

The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. May 31 at Prospect Baptist Church, Clayton, Ala.

Family and friends are invited to attend.

Daylilies a low-maintenance landscape plant

The daylily is a popular flowering perennial that adapts well to Florida landscape statewide. Plants are available in a wide variety of growth habits, flower shapes and colors, including yellow, orange, red, pink and purple, near white and shades and combinations of all of these.

Flowering starts in March for early-season bloomers while late-season daylilies won't bloom until mid-May. Select early and late-season bloomers to extend the flowering season.

The typical bloom period is about four to seven weeks, although some varieties bloom even longer.

Daylilies are members of the lily family, in the genus *hemerocallis*; "Hemero" is Greek for "day" and *callis* for "beauty." The flower buds and petals are edible raw, boiled, stir-fried, steamed or batter and

fried. Dried daylily petals, call "golden needles," are used in numerous Chinese dishes. The



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

modern varieties of daylilies have been developed from native Chinese spices. Early settlers from Europe and Asia brought many of the original species with them to America.

During the past 75 years, hybridizers in the United States and England have made great improvement in daylily varieties.

Raising daylilies is fairly simple, but first you have to make sure you're choosing the right varieties for our area of the state. Daylilies are classified into three groups according to their growth habits — deciduous, semi-evergreen and evergreen.

As you might expect, the deciduous daylily varieties die back in the winter. They do well in our area. But they don't receive enough cold weather in South Florida.

On the other hand, the evergreen varieties generally grow best in areas with mild winters.

Daylilies may be planted any time of year, but they usually do best if they're planted right after flowering. Once they're established, these lilies need only minimum care.

Proper planting bed preparation is a critical factor in raising daylilies. They are replanted only every five to 10 years, so the flower bed needs to have a soil of good quality. The lilies grow best on a well-drained soil with good aeration and good water holding capacity. Sandy soil usually provides the necessary aeration, but they don't hold water very well.

On the other hand, clay soils have good water holding properties, but they don't provide the aeration lilies need. If your soil is sandy, you need to add two to four inches of peat moss and work it into a depth of six to eight inches. If your soil has a great deal of clay in it, you might want to add about an inch of perlite or similar material to increase aeration.

Before planting, the flower bed should be fertilized with an 8-8-8 or

10-10-10 mixture, at the rate of two-and-a-half pounds per 100 square feet. An inch or so of water should be applied once or twice a week until the plants are well established. Twice each year, fertilize with the same two-and-a-half pounds of 8-8-8 or 10-10-10 per 100 square feet. Apply the fertilizer evenly, keeping it off the foliage.

Daylilies have a tendency to become crowded, and when this happens, flowers production is reduced. If crowding occurs, you will need to divide to the plants by digging them up and severing the rhizome between the fans of leaves with a sharp knife. Cut the leaves back to within four to six inches of the crown and replant the division.

Daylilies can be planted in a variety of ways to enhance your landscape in informal groupings, in small groups in the space between shrubberies or in front of a fence or wall which will serve as a background.

For more information on daylilies contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or [www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu) and see Cir 620 and PP256.

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



Izzy is still looking for a forever home. She is a beautiful young Bombay lady. Izzy loves kids and adults. She gets along well with other cats and kittens. This loving young cat would love a safe home where she could live forever. If you can give this beautiful creature a home, please let us know.

If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com or adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Online applications and pet photos are available at www.sjbhumane.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!

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Pennies for Patients at PSJES

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Port St. Joe Elementary School is proud to announce that we were again one of the top contributors to the "Pennies for Patients" campaign for the prevention of Leukemia and other childhood diseases.

This campaign was the service learning project for the 21st Century Enrichment Program at the school. Together with

all the students, teachers, and parents we collected \$1,375.

We were honored with a plaque that will be displayed in the front office of the school. Thanks to so many for your support of the Pennies for Patients collection campaign. Together we will fight for a cure.

Pennies for Patients winners were Precious Longmeier, Jamicia Glenn, Emily Warriner, Alexis Causey, and Hanley Pitts.



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Pennies for Patients fundraiser winners were Precious Longmeier, Jamicia Glenn, Emily Warriner, Alexis Causey, and Hanley Pitts.

NIGHT OF OM TONIGHT



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The Night of OM fundraiser begins 6:30 p.m. ET tonight in the commons at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 and there will be a dessert auction as well! Also, donations to the team can be made through the school to the attention of Odyssey of the Mind, 100 Shark Drive, PSJ, FL 32456 or online through the PayPal account j4and1c@me.com.

PSJHS's Celeste Thursbay receives national honor

Star Staff Report

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced last week that Port St. Joe High School student Celeste Thursbay was selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The society recognizes top scholars who have



CELESTE THURSBAY

demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment.

"On behalf of the NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Celeste has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Claes Nobel, NSHSS

founder and chairman and also a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prize.

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources and opportunities," added NSHSS president James W. Lewis. "We aim to help students like Celeste build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to

have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in the NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, personalized recognition items and publicity honors.

DAZZLING DOLPHINS



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Front row: Handley Pitts, Reagan Thomas, Demee Stallworth, Zachary Burkett, Owen Grantland, Brody Mock. **Back Row:** Cheyenne Cole, Kenia Allen, Sheretta Thomas, Tasmine Russell, Walker Chumney, Tanner Fogle

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Sign a contract with a librarian to decide how many books your child will read and receive a logbook to record the titles

completed. Rewards can be earned by completing the contract. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program.

Registration begins Friday, May 9 so sign up soon, as space is limited. Programs will be held each Tuesday at 1 p.m. ET throughout the month of June. For more information, call the library at 229-8879 or visit 110 Library Drive in Port St. Joe.

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VARIANCE NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold a Meeting to discuss a Request for a Variance on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 4:00 pm EST, at City Hall at 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL for Linda Huie located at 2104 Monument Ave, Parcel #05645-000R.

The reason for the request is Per Section 3.03(8) of the Land Development Regulations. The proposed plans can be reviewed at the Building Department located at 1002 10th St. and can be reached for questions at (850)229-1093.

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Betty Jo Tharpe Rich

Surrounded by her loving family, Betty Jo Tharpe Rich, 80, of Port St. Joe, Fla., gloriously entered her heavenly home Sunday evening, May 11, at the Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala., following a brief illness. Born in Caryville, Florida, she later moved with her family to the old "Kenny's Mill" and then to Port St. Joe where she spent the remainder of her life.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Clifford John Tharpe Sr. and Ruth Cook Tharpe; brother, Clifford John Tharpe Jr.

Betty is survived by her husband of 61½ years, Bill Rich; daughter, Jeri Rich Ashcraft (Don); sons, Billy Rich, Mike Rich (Melissa), and Tony Rich; Nine grandchildren, April Rich Kirkland (Jeff), Justin Rich (April), Benjamin Ashcraft (Jennifer), Hannah Rich Reid (Kirk), Mica Ashcraft, Ryan Moran, Cameron Rich, Alexandra Rich, Annamarie Rich; Nine great grandchildren, Trevor Kirkland, Christian Rich, Tyson Kirkland, Sunny Rich, Evie Kirkland, Tucker Ashcraft, Cayson Reed Ashcraft, Millie Claire Ashcraft, and Sarah Claire Reid; sister, Linda Tharpe Keels (Harold); brother, Scott Darst; a very special Uncle,

Billy Myers (Lorraine); Numerous nephews and nieces who loved her like a grandmother; Several Uncles, Aunts and many cousins.

Until her illness she was a very active member of the First Baptist Church. For many years she has loved studying and teaching a Ladies Sunday School Class (Grace). After her mother's death, Betty Jo became the matriarch of the family. Betty loved working in her yard, tending beautiful flowers, and enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe with Visitation from 5-8 p.m. Friday evening and the funeral service at 1 p.m. Saturday. Officiating will be Rev. Bruce Hodge, Rev. Buddy Caswell, Rev. Billy Rich Jr, and Mike Rich. Active pallbearers will be Robert Whittle, Tony Barbee, John Presnell, Norman Bixler, Temple Watson, and Charles Cloud. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Grace and Men's 70 plus Sunday School Classes. In addition to floral tributes, the family would like to suggest contributions be given to the Gideon Bible Society.

Services are under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home of Port St. Joe.

Legendary Hall of Fame Coach Vernon C. Eppinette passed away late Monday, May 12, 2014, after a long battle with cancer. Vern was surrounded by his family as he ended his journey as coach, mentor, educator, and friend, leaving a legacy in all the hearts he touched.

Coach Eppinette was born on March 7, 1949, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to Robert and Colette Eppinette. Vern's passion for sports was evident early on as he competed in basketball, swimming, football, and track & field as a Charleston High School Trojan in Illinois. He went on to graduate from Eastern Illinois University, and he also served his country in combat as a United States Marine in the Vietnam War.

Vernon Eppinette began his memorable career in coaching in 1974, spanning 26 years, three high schools, and seven state titles. Although most known for his success with the Port St. Joe Tiger Shark Basketball Program, Coach Epp also took home top honors in the state coaching track & field. His 724 combined total wins, seven state titles,



VERNON C. EPPINETTE

ten final fours, and 15 Sweet Sixteen appearances pale in comparison to his seven consecutive FHSAA Sportsmanship Awards. Vern's coaching philosophy was built on the foundations of discipline and sportsmanship, and he was quick to say that out of all the accolades during his career, he valued the sportsmanship awards the most.

Coach Eppinette was a five-time Florida Basketball Coach of the Year, a two-time finalist for the National High School Coaches Association Basketball Coach of the Year, a member of the FACA Hall of Fame as well as the FHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach was most proud, however, of the votes of confidence given to him by his players. Des Baxter, former PSJHS player, recalled: "I looked up to him like a father. He was always there when I needed some advice, whether it was something on the court or off the court." This is Coach Vernon Eppinette's true legacy.

Vern met and married a fellow teacher, Judy. Since his retirement in 2004, he has enjoyed spending

time with his family while continuing to follow the sports he so loved. Throughout the years, Coach Epp has mentored more than 50 coaches on both the high school and college level.

In addition to his wife, Vern is also survived by Judy's four sons, Don Campbell (Patricia), Lance Campbell (Tammy), Roy Campbell (Suzette), and Seth Campbell. Coach Epp leaves behind three siblings as well: Monique Keppler (Mike) of Sherman, Illinois, and their children Matthew, Marc, Melissa, and Michelle; Philip Eppinette of Charleston, Illinois; and Elizabeth Lidonne of France, and her children Xavier and Guillaume. Vern's best friend from childhood, Les Easter (Valerie), was also by his side in his last hours. Coach Eppinette's passing is also mourned by the many players and students he touched throughout his career, and it is a comfort to his loved ones to know that his influence will continue in their lives for many years to come.

We will celebrate the life of Coach Vernon C. Eppinette in The Dome at Port St. Joe High School, where he felt so at home, on Saturday, May 17, 2014. Visitation will be held from 3-5 p.m. E.T.

and the Celebration of Life will be at 5 p.m. E.T. Interment will follow at Holly Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Coach Vernon C. Eppinette Scholarship Fund via Sissy Worley, Director of Finance for the Gulf County School Board.

Pallbearers will be former Port St. Joe High School retired colleagues: Gary Howze, Chris Earley, Wayne Stevens, Carl White, Rodney Herring, Clarence Monette, Phil Lanford, and Steve Maxwell. Honorary Pallbearers will consist of former players, support staff, and coaching staff. The family would also like to invite all coaches and other affiliated athletic officials and staff to sit in this reserved section.

Port St. Joe's Athletic Director John Palmer summed it up best: "Thanks for setting standards that the rest of us coaches should try to reach."

Coach Epp's phenomenal success earned him not only a spot in the Port St. Joe High School Hall of Fame, but also in the hearts of all those who loved him. In his memory, the gym floor in The Dome at Port St. Joe High School will forever be known as "Coach Epp Court."

Long Avenue BAPTIST CHURCH

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Evening Worship - 5:00

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Coping with guilt explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star
Guidance for dealing with guilt will be considered at 7 p.m. CT Monday, May 19 Lifetree Café. The program, titled "Unburdened: Letting Go of Guilt," features a screening of the award-winning short film Unburden. The film is the story of a woman who accidentally injures her infant

daughter and the woman's journey to resolve her guilt. "Guilt can cripple our ability to live well and enjoy life," says Lifetree representative Craig Cable. "We'll consider the lessons of this compelling film and how we can cope with guilt in our own lives." Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are

available. Lifetree Café is located at 1602 U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach across from El Governador Motel. Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwlifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

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Special events included a student art day with handpicked students from Gulf and Franklin counties that spent an afternoon working one-on-one with artists at Frank Pate Park in Port St. Joe, along with a family art day, held on the final day of the Paint Out.

Fedota said that anything the FCCC can do to enhance opportunities for children, it is "solidly behind."

"It was so heartwarming to watch the students work together with the artists," said Fedota of student art day. "It was great that the students had the courage to explore and it was fun see their creativity take off."

Fedota thanked the Gulf County Tourist Development Council which played host to the opening luncheon and TGIF event. Artists had a chance to rest their painting arms in favor of kicking back to socialize with locals and other guests over food and drink.

During the event, a Plein Air Academy pilot program was tested that allowed up-and-coming artists interested in making the jump to a full-time plein air lifestyle to be mentored by those who have made a living in the industry for several years.

The spirit-driven program, developed by FCCC chairman Joe Taylor, will officially launch at the 2015 event with an application process for the burgeoning professionals. Artists accepted for the program will learn the philosophies and techniques that go into being a true plein air painter.

"Many people who attend our workshops are curious and want to know more," said Fedota. "Some of them are plein air artists

and we saw an opportunity to provide that next step."

Though the Wetroom, a central location where all paintings are hung upon completion, was housed at the Center for History, Culture and Art in downtown Apalachicola, it will return to Port St. Joe for the 2015 Paint Out, which also happens to be the tenth anniversary of the event.

Aside from the academy launch and the potential for additional speakers at next year's event, Fedota said she's keeping the anniversary details hush-hush, not wanting to jinx anything.

"We love the ways that the artists connect with our area," said Fedota.

"In return, the local community shares stories with them.

"It's a celebration of spirit."

Fedota shared a story that she believed encompassed the spirit of plein air. Georgia's David Boyd and Germany's Leon Holmes traveled to Carrabelle and spent an afternoon painting boats in a derelict shipyard. Thrilled with the results of their work, the men returned to the shipyard the following day to paint them again only to find that the boats had been bulldozed. All that remained of the subjects were shards of wood.

In tribute, Holmes found a piece of timber from the boat he immortalized on canvas the previous day and painted a shrimp boat on the scrap.

"It was great to know they will live on in the paintings," Holmes said of the boats. "It was so wonderful to know that the paintings we all did are capturing an area and era that is slowly disappearing."

Holmes, who won first place at the Quick Draw competition, said he took home three paintings to remind himself of his time on the Forgotten Coast.

"It was an amazing experience," said Holmes. "I was overwhelmed by the hospitality of the people and how they responded to both myself and my work."

While Holmes celebrated his first trip to the area, Boyd, a returning artist, said he plans to return to the area several times prior to next year's Paint Out.

"It was such a great experience being able to paint alongside so many artists that I have held in such high esteem," said Boyd. "The people of the Forgotten Coast were so warm and welcoming and there was no shortage subject matter."

"The Forgotten Coast is a special place and has a special place in my heart."

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.

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Students from Gulf and Franklin Counties participated in Student Art Day at Frank Pate Park in Port St. Joe.



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Hodges Soileau painted the view from Sunset Park in Mexico Beach.



Hui Lai Chong spent Friday painting the Port Theatre on Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe.



Charles Dickinson painted the Mexico Beach Welcome Center prior to the artist reception that evening.



Nancie King Mertz took a different perspective on the Port Theatre.



At the TGIF event, held at the Gulf County Welcome Center, food and drink was served up as artists mingled with the public.

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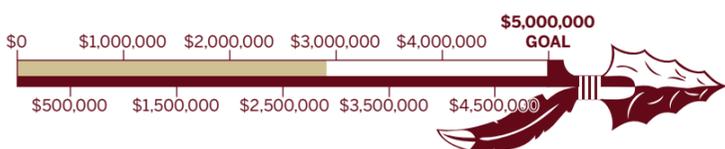


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the Hope Center, located at 772 W. U.S. 98 in front of Five Star Collision in Port St. Joe.

Those trucks will be ferrying 10,000 pounds of food provided by A Hand Up International Ministries, which is partnering with Centennial Bank, Sunshine Shuttle and Limousine and the Hope Center on the food outreach.

The collaborative group also includes God of this city Ministry out of Panama City.

From 12-4 p.m. that day, the Hope Center staff and volunteers will distribute the food to qualified families, seniors and, depending on the amount of food remaining, the remainder of the community through its food pantry.

To qualify, families must have a student on free-and-

reduced lunch in the public schools and provide verification of that status along with a photo identification.

Sunshine Shuttle will provide a van/bus that will carry children from Wewahitchka Elementary School that morning to the Hope Center and back.

The food distribution will also be available for any seniors in need. Arrive at the Hope Center during the afternoon hours and receive a bag(s) of food.

"We want to be sure to provide them also during these summer months," Atkinson said.

The assortment of food will be varied, Atkinson said and the size of the family will determine how much food will be provided.

"There will be canned goods, meats, dairy, veggies and fruits," Atkinson

said. "The meat will come frozen and we'll keep that (under wraps) until somebody picks it up."

While the food is flowing to grateful hands the free concert will provide a musical backdrop to festivities and the Hope Center staff and volunteers will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and refreshments will be on hand.

"We are excited," Atkinson said. "That is something we are doing that day and we want the community to be aware."

"We could still use some volunteers for that day and we will also welcome any and all financial donations because we want to make this an annual event."

For more information contact Atkinson at 705-1107.



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The 23rd annual Tupelo Honey Festival will take place this Saturday at Lake Alice Park in Wewahitchka.

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amount of time looking at the history of the Tupelo Honey Festival. It began in 1941 with a parade and a pageant, two events which have happened sporadically over the years that Newsome hopes to resurrect in the future. She asked anyone with historical pictures or articles about past festivals to get in touch

through the festival Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TupeloHoneyFestival.

"We hope that the community will come out and enjoy the family-friendly event," said Newsome.

The event will be held on May 17 at Lake Alice Park in Wewahitchka starting at 9 a.m. CT.

THE HOPE CENTER

The Gulf Coast Hope Center donned a new tag and new community involvement in January. The Hope Center added "of Gulf County, Inc." to its moniker, becoming an entirely community-based and operated non-profit. The board of directors is comprised entirely of Gulf County residents. The Hope Center no longer has any connection of the Panama City Rescue Mission. Rev. Joe Atkinson left the Rescue Mission to become the full-time director of the Gulf Coast Hope Center of Gulf County, Inc. "I love it here and what I am doing," Atkinson said. "We are not enabling people here, we are trying to empower them."

The Hope Center has tweaked its guidelines for assistance to better identify the needy, their needs and put them on a road to self-sufficiency. The Hope Center finalized their non-profit operating status in January and ramped back up, Atkinson said, largely through financial assistance from the Alfred I. duPont Foundation. Charles Costin donated the legal work on incorporating as a non-profit.

Since January, Atkinson said the Hope Center has assisted more than 75 individuals and families. More is needed and Atkinson noted that the bulk of the economic support for the center remains Matt Scoggins of Five Star Collision on whose land the center sits. Financial donations are welcomed and needed, he added. "We are good stewards over the resources people have enlisted with us," Atkinson said.

The Hope Center is open 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

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94868S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, CASE NO. 2011-CA-000116

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-R1, Plaintiff,

vs. JEFFERY C. REAGAN; KAM B. REAGAN, ET AL. Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-000116, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for GULF COUNTY, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., AS SET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-R1 (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is Plaintiff and JEFFREY C. REAGAN; KAM B. REAGAN; BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO COLONIAL BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT N/K/A JEWEL DYKES, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the FRONT LOBBY of the Courthouse, 1000 Cecil Costin Blvd, Port St. Joe, at 11:00 a.m. ET on the 7th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 17 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 19, BLOCK 37, OF THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT OF PORT ST. JOE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 AT PAGE 17, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 14th day of April, 2014.

Rebecca C. Norris
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
As Deputy Clerk

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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.

94920S IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, CASE NO.: 13-100-CC

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Gulf County, Florida, and more particularly

vs. RENEE KEENER, as Trustee of THE RENEE KEENER LIVING TRUST U/A/D SEPTEMBER 21, 2010; et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in this cause, will sell at 11:00 a.m. EST in the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 on the 29th day of May, 2014, the following described parcel of real property, to-wit:

That certain real property lying and being in Gulf County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, Block A, PARK POINT AT SECLUDED DUNES, according to the official plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, at Page 39, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 109 Park Point Circle, Cape San Blas, Florida 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 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

The successful bidder, if other than the Plaintiff, is required to immediately deposit 5% of their final bid, unless the judgment states otherwise (Florida Statutes 45.031). This deposit must be paid immediately following the sale and is a non-refundable deposit. If the successful bidder does not post the deposit as set forth above at the time of the sale, the bidder will be disqualified for that day, the bid will be considered invalid, the next highest bid will be accepted, and an announcement will be made to that effect. The balance of the bid must be paid by 5:00 p.m. EST on the same day of the sale. In addition, fees for documentary stamp tax (.70 per \$100.00), Clerk's fee for holding the sale (\$70.00) and the Registry of the Court fee (3% for the first \$500, and 1.5% for each subsequent \$100, of the total amount deposited) must be paid by 5:00 p.m. EST on the same day of the sale. ALL MONEY PAID MUST BE CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR BUSINESS CHECK DRAWN ON A UNITED STATES BANK ONLY. Checks must be made payable to: Gulf County Clerk of Court. Failure to pay the balance due and authorized costs by 5:00 p.m. the same day will result in the re-advertisement of the sale, the cost of which will be paid from the deposit. Any remaining funds will be applied towards the judgment.

THIS NOTICE dated this 29th day of April, 2014.

Rebecca L. Norris
Clerk of Court
Gulf County, Florida

By: Wynonne Pickett
Deputy Clerk
May 8, 15, 2014

94922S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION, CASE NO. 2011 504 CA

BANKTRUST an Alabama Banking Corporation, n/k/a TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK a National Banking Association, 7700 U.S. Highway 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459, Plaintiff,

vs. STEVEN C. KOLKER and Wife, MICHELLE M. KOLKER, and SEAGRASS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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described as follows:
REAL PROPERTY

Lot 6, Block A, of SEAGRASS AT CAPE SAN BLAS, a subdivision as per map or Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 1, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida

PERSONAL PROPERTY

All personal property of whatever character or nature located on the real property described above, and all structures and improvements, and all easements, rights, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water, water rights, and water stock, timber and timber rights and all fixtures attached thereto, and all rents, issues, proceeds and profits, accruing therefrom, and all gas, steam, electric, water and other heating cooling, cooking, refrigerating, lighting, plumbing, ventilating, irrigating, and power systems, machines, equipment, appliances, fixtures and appurtenances located on the real property described above, even though such real property may be detached or detachable.

at public sale on the 5th day of June, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. (EST), to the highest bidder for cash at the front steps of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Gulf County Florida, in accordance with §45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on April 30, 2014.

Rebecca Norris
Clerk of Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT OF 1990 AND NOTICE REQUIREMENT OF RULE 2.540(c)

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:

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94958S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO:10000460CA

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. PAUL DUNCAN; et al., Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 1st day of May, 2014, and entered in Case No. 10000460CA, of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and PAUL DUNCAN STEPHANIE C. DUNCAN ROBERT M. BROOME RAYMOND E. BROOME; and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the FRONT LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, 11:00 AM ET on the 5th day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Dated this 5th day of May, 2014.

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98797S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 23-2009-CA-000579 DIVISION:

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff,

vs. VICKI HOEDL A/K/A VICKI A. HOEDL, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 29, 2014, and entered in Case No. 23-2009-CA-000579 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which GMAC Mortgage, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Vicki Hoedl a/k/a Vicki A. Hoedl, Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc. Unknown Spouse of Vicki Hoedl a/k/a Vicki A. Hoedl n/k/a Terry Hoedl, are defendants, the Gulf County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. ET on the 29th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN WEST 155 FEET TO WEST SIDE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 71; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID STATE ROAD FOR 164 1/2 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST 208 1/4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 105 FEET; THENCE EAST TO HIGHWAY NO. 71 TO POINT OF BEGINNING AND COMMENCING

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ING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN WEST 155 FEET TO WESTSIDE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 0 (NOW 71); THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG HIGHWAY 269 1/4 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN WEST 208 1/4 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 208 1/4 FEET TO W.W. WALINGHAM LINE (N/WS RUSSELL C. MADDOX LAND); THENCE DUE EAST TO HIGHWAY NO. 71; THENCE RUN NORTHERLY ALONG WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY NO. 71 TO POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING IN THE WEST HALF OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST.

A/K/A 547 N HIGHWAY 71, WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465

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

Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 29th day of April, 2014.

BILL KINSAUL
Clerk of Circuit Court
Gulf County, Florida

By: B.A. Baxter
Deputy Clerk

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May 8, 15, 2014

98801S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 14-09-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF GILLIE LEE MCNAIR Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of GILLIE LEE MCNAIR, deceased, whose date of death was September 16, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is May 8, 2014.

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Personal Representatives: Charles E. McNair 433 Meadow Ridge Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32312

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Attorney for Personal Representatives: Charles A. Costin FL Bar No. 699070 P O Box 98 Port St. Joe, FL 32457 Tel: (850)-227-1159 email: ccostin@costinlaw.com May 8, 15, 2014

98803S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 13000157CAAXMX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs. MICHAEL L. MCGINTY; BRENDA L. MCGINTY; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; CAPE PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 29, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida, described as:

LOT 1, BLOCK B, CAPE PLANTATION, PHASE 1, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION A PORTION OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25 FOR 32.32 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST RUTHERFORD ROAD, SAID ROAD BEING 66 FEET IN WIDTH; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR 990.0 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 25 FOR 1052.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 214.77 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 13 SECONDS EAST 101.31 FEET; THENCE WEST 221.28 FEET; THENCE NORTH 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

a/k/a 287 PLANTATION DR., PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456-5408

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the front lobby of the Gulf County Court, 1000 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, on May 29, 2014, beginning at 11:00 AM. ET.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2014.

Rebecca L. Norris
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT ANY PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNCTION SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF

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THE COURT NO LATER THAN ONE DAY PRIOR TO THAT DAY AT (850) 229-6113. May 8, 15, 2014

98821S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 23-2009-CA-000248-CAAX-MX Division: Civil Division

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR STARM 2007-2 Plaintiff,

vs. HYER DEMENT, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled case, I will sell the property located in GULF COUNTY, Florida, described as:

LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 11, YON'S ADDITION TO BEACON HILL, A SUBDIVISION OF ORIGINAL PARTS OF ORIGINAL LOTS 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 AND 10 IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 118 PINE ST. PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at AT SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE COURTHOUSE, 1000 CECIL CONSIT BLVD., PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on May 29, 2014.

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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 30th day of April, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter
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THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Law Offices of Daniel C. Consegua 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 Court Administration at P.O. Box 826, Marianna, Florida, 32447. Phone number 850-718-0026, Email: ADARquest@jud14.fcourts.org. Hearing & Voice Impaired: 1-800-955-8771 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. File# 141180tam May 8, 15, 2014

98823S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case No.: 232010CA 000181CAXXXX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BAFC 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs. DANNY HARPER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 29, 2014, and entered in Case No. 232010CA 000181CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for BAFC 2007-2, is the Plaintiff and Danny Harper, PNC Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger with National City Bank as Successor by Merger with National City Mortgage, Unknown Tenant #1 N/K/A Kristi Greer, are defendants, the Gulf

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County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 29th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 11, BLOCK R, UNIT NO. 2, RED BULL ISLAND UNRECORDED PLAT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 356.50 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE TO RUN NORTH 90.0 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE; THENCE RUN EAST 135.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 90.0 FEET ALONG THE WEST R/W LINE OF SESAME STREET; THENCE RUN WEST 135.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO LOT 12, BLOCK R, UNIT NO. 2, RED BULL ISLAND UNRECORDED PLAT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN NORTH 266.5 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE TO RUN NORTH 90.0 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE; THENCE RUN EAST 135.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 90.0 FEET ALONG THE WEST R/W LINE OF SESAME STREET; THENCE RUN WEST 135.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 615 SESAME ST. WEWAHITCHKA, FL 32465

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.

** 2013 GULF COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX ROLL 2013 **

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 197.402, FLORIDA STATUTES, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 2013 ARE NOW DELINQUENT AS OF APRIL 1ST AND SUCH TAXES ARE NOW DRAWING INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 18 PERCENT PER YEAR. UNLESS THE AMOUNT SET OPPOSITE EACH NAME BELOW IS PAID, WARRANTS WILL BE ISSUED THERON PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 197.413, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND THE TAX COLLECTOR WILL APPLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING LEVY UPON AND SEIZURE OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE TAXPAYER FOR UNPAID TAXES.

SHIRLEY J. JENKINS, CFC
TAX COLLECTOR
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

Table with 4 columns of delinquent tax entries, including parcel numbers, owner names, and amounts due.

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cluding unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is May 15, 2014.

Ancillary Personal Representative: DAN EDWARDS PRIDGEN, JR. 613 Skyline Drive E. Mobile, AL 36609

Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative: RICHARD N. SHERRILL, CLARK, PARTINGTON, HART, LARRY, BOND & STACKHOUSE 125 West Romania St. Suite 800 P.O. Box 13010 Pensacola, FL 32591-3010 850-434-9200 Fax: (850) 433-9599 May 15, 22, 2013

988835 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case No.: 13000078CAAXMX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. LEZLIE HOLLIS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 1, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000078 CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida in which JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and Lezlie E. Hollis, Billy Rich Wynn, Capital One Bank (USA), National Association, successor in interest to Capital One Bank, successor in interest to Capital One, F.S.B., are defendants, the Gulf County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the front lobby, Gulf County Clerk of Court

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office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, Gulf County, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 7th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 3, BLOCK 14, PORT ST. JOE BEACH UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 248 SANTA ANNA, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456-6557

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

Dated in Gulf County, Florida this 5th day of May, 2014.

REBECCA NORRIS, Clerk of Circuit Court Gulf County, Florida

By: B.A. Baxter Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 Fax: (813) 221-9171 eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711. File# MA-018707F01 May 8, 15, 2014

988875 PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROPOSAL NO. 1314-21

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

GROUP LIFE and AD&D PROGRAM

Please place YOUR COMPANY NAME, SEALED BID, and the BID NUMBER on the outside of your envelope, and provide five (5) copies of your proposal.

Sealed proposals may be mailed or hand delivered to the Clerk's Office located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. Room 149, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. All proposals, with original signature and five (5) additional copies, must be received at the Office of the Clerk by Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. ET. Proposals received after the closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened at the same location on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., E.T. All interested insurance

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companies, or trusts, are invited to respond with proposals. Each proposal document must be clearly marked "Proposal for GROUP LIFE and AD&D PROGRAM"

Any questions concerning the proposal should be addressed and submitted to the County's Agent-of-Record and Employee Benefits Consultant, Todd Torgersen, Combined Insurance Services, at 850-433-9996. Inquiries may also be submitted via FAX (850-432-5726) or E-mail (todd@ciscompanies.com). Combined Insurance Services' mailing address is: 2704 North 12th Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32503. Proposals are not to be mailed to Combined Insurance Services. It is requested, however, that electronic copies be sent to his e-mail address (todd@ciscompanies.com) on Friday, June 6, 2014.

Gulf County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to award proposals by product, to waive any proposal informalities and to re-advertise for proposals when deemed in the best interest of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

Ward McDaniel Chairman, Gulf County BOCC

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk May 15, 22, 2014

988975 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA CASE NO.: 13-162-CA

CENTENNIAL BANK, as successor in interest to BAYSIDE SAVINGS BANK Plaintiff,

vs. REGAN H. SCHOELLES; TAMMY M. MILLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF REGAN H. SCHOELLES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY M. MILLER; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY (INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE); BAY COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM, LLC D/B/A BAY MEDICAL CENTER- SACRED HEART HEALTH SYSTEM, F/K/A BAY MEDICAL CENTER; and UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #3; and UNKNOWN TENANT #4, who may be in possession, Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Partial Summary Judgment of Foreclosure and Order on Report and Recommendation on Motion for Partial Summary Judgment dated May 1, 2014, in Case No.: 13-162-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Gulf County Court house in Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 a.m. EST on June 5,

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2014 the following described property:

Parcel No. 1:

LOT 5: Commence at a S.J.P.C. concrete monument marking the Southeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida and run N89°37'40"W along the South boundary line of said Southwest Quarter of Section 35 for 828.57 feet; thence N00°10'00"W for 1375.00 feet for the Point of Beginning From said Point of Beginning continue N00°10'00"W for 125.00 feet; thence N89°37'40"W 439.08 feet to a point on the Easterly R/W line of State Road No. 386; thence S00°10'00"E along said Easterly R/W line for 125.00 feet; thence leaving said R/W line run S89°37'40"E for 439.08 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel of land lying and being in the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

LOT 6: Commence at a S.J.P.C. concrete monument marking the Southeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida and thence run N89°37'40"W along the South boundary line of said Southwest Quarter of Section 35 for 828.57 feet; thence N00°10'00"W for 1250.00 feet for the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning continue N00°10'00"W for 125.00 feet; thence N89°37'40"W for 439.08 feet to a point on the Easterly R/W line of State Road No. 386; thence S00°10'00"E along said Easterly R/W line for 125.00 feet; thence leaving said R/W line run S89°37'40"E for 439.08 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel of land lying and being in the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida.

Together with that certain 2004 Gena Mobile Home, Identification Number GMHGA4150431523.

Parcel No. 2:

Lots 18 & 20, Block 25 of BEACON HILL SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 2, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

Together with a 2000 Bucc Mobile Home, ID #ALBUS29551.

DATED: May 5, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk May 15, 22, 2014

989115 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. Case No.: 11-17 CA

CADENCE BANK, N.A., as successor by merger with SUPERIOR BANK, N.A., as successor in interest to SUPERIOR BANK, FSB, formerly known as THE BANK,

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Plaintiff,

vs. ABCD PROPERTIES, LLC; DONALD P. DE-CORT, and PARK POINT AT SECLUDED DUNES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 6th day of May, 2014, in Case Number 2011-17 CA, of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Gulf County, Florida, where IN CADENCE BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff, and ABCD PROPERTIES, LLC, DONALD P. DE-CORT, and PARK POINT AT SECLUDED DUNES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time on the 26th day of June, 2014, the following described real property, as set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

Lot 8, Block C, Park Point at Secluded Dunes, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, page 39, of the

Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

AT THE TIME OF THE SALE, THE SUCCESSFUL HIGH BIDDER OR BIDDERS, AS THE CASE MAY BE, SHALL POST WITH THE CLERK A DEPOSIT EQUAL TO 5 PERCENT OF THE FINAL BID. THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE SALE PRICE AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT. THE SUM REMAINING DUE AND OWING AFTER APPLICATION OF THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE PAID TO THE CLERK IN CERTIFIED FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE GULF COUNTY CLERK OF COURT.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, OR BIDDERS, AT THE SALE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLACE THE REQUIRE STATE DOCUMENTARY STAMPS ON THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record, as of the date of the lis pendens, may claim the surplus.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2014

REBECCA L. NORRIS, Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk May 15, 22, 2014

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