



Suspect in custody in Cape San Blas murder

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A Cape San Blas woman was murdered in her home over the weekend and one of her two sons is being held as the prime suspect.

On Sunday afternoon Renee Coffey was found murdered in her Cape San Blas home.

The prime suspect is Coffey's son, Jarrod Powell Slick, 23, who lived with her at the residence, according to Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison.

Slick is in custody on outstand-

ing arson charges, but had not been charged with the murder as of press time.

After receiving a 9-1-1 phone call from Slick at 1:45 p.m. ET, deputies found Coffey, 52, of 7525 Cape San Blas Road unresponsive in her home.

By the time first responders arrived on scene Coffey had expired from undisclosed injuries.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's unit from Pensacola was dispatched and processed the crime scene.



JARROD POWELL SLICK

to 30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$40,000 if convicted.

Harrison said that Slick was questioned at the scene of the murder and then taken to the Sheriff's Office where he was ar-

rested shortly thereafter. Slick was charged with two counts of arson and two counts of burglary in the burnings of a Port St. Joe Masonic Lodge in December 2012. Slick was out on bond, which had been paid for by Coffey.

Slick has not yet been prosecuted for the arson, but Slick already faces up

to 30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$40,000 if convicted.

Harrison said that Slick was questioned at the scene of the murder and then taken to the Sheriff's Office where he was ar-

rested shortly thereafter. "This was an isolated incident and there is no public threat," said Harrison. "We believe we have our prime suspect detained."

Coffey has another son who lives at the residence, but he wasn't home at the time of the incident.

Coffey's husband is currently deployed in Iraq, but has been notified and will soon be traveling back to Gulf County. "It could happen anywhere," said Harrison of the incident. "It just happened to happen at a very visible spot in this county."



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Renee Coffey was killed in her Cape San Blas home on Sunday.

'I'm not going to forget'



Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend offers salutes, smiles and fish

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The wounded warriors arrived in Gulf County last Wednesday.

They left on Sunday after a community applied a soothing balm.

Other than rough seas that delayed the fishing until Saturday the Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekend provided a great escape for 20 warriors and their caregivers who enjoyed postcard weather, a warm community embrace

and plenty of fun.

From the Honor Parade and Banquet that officially kicked off the event last Thursday, and which saw hundreds line the parade route and gather at the Centennial Building for a welcoming salute, to a day of offshore fishing, the weekend was one to remember.

"Coming here to the Forgotten Coast, that is a name, because I am not going to forget," said Sgt. Major Jesse Acosta who served as keynote speaker at the banquet and

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The Honor Parade drew folks to salute along the route and greet and salute warriors at the Centennial Building prior to the Honor Banquet.

Effort to 'save the bay' urged

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Dusty May urged Port St. Joe commissioners Tuesday night to support a grassroots effort to address problems with "bay bottom destruction" that plague St. Joseph Bay.

That would be one aspect of a multi-pronged approach, May said, to "save the bay" before somebody else takes action.

Specifically, May mentioned the Pew Charitable Trusts and its far-reaching program addressing environmental issues around the globe.

While emphasizing he has no indication St. Joseph Bay is on the non-profit's radar, he noted the organization's reach, resources and advocacy and said the organization was currently involved in an effort to shut down a bay in the Florida Keys.

The Pew Charitable Trusts' role in studying the Gulf of Mexico has been a significant factor, many regional fishing organizations contend, in significant restrictions on season-length and catch-size for fishing in the gulf.

"If we don't do something somebody else will," May said. "Pew does" ... their homework and that bay could be shut down or taken from us."

The primary issue May addressed was the "trenches" and other evidence of deep scarring by boats in the bay bottom.

The bottom, St. Joseph Bay, is home to some of the finest seagrass beds in the state, and is one of the few remaining bay scallop harvesting areas in the state that remain open.

But the lushness of the grass beds is under threat in this region due to a mysterious wasting disease and, more pressingly, scarring by boats.

One issue is proper and

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Port Authority navigates diverging streams

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Of late it seems that every knot of headwind on dredging that propels the Port St. Joe Port Authority is buffeted by a not.

Last week the board heard continuing good news on a permit application to dredge the federally-authorized shipping channel to authorized depth.

The Florida Legislature included in their budget an appropriation that represents at least a healthy down payment on the dredging.

The U.S. Congress was scheduled this week to take up legislation negotiated by Senate and House leaders which would among other provisions buttress funding for dredging and maintenance projects across the country and would earmark a specific per-

centage of dollars for "emerging ports" such as the Port of Port St. Joe.

The St. Joe Company, the Port Authority's collaborator in developing the port, is codifying in contract two letters of intent signed last year with energy companies wishing to ship through the port.

In those agreements, for the first time, the Port Authority would be a partner.

And Holland Ware, whose foun-

dation has expressed strong interest in shipping through the Port of Port St. Joe, attended last week's regular monthly meeting and stated his ongoing support of efforts to unlock the potential of the port.

That positive momentum was mitigated by ongoing issues pertaining to basic operations during what board member Eugene Raffield said was a "rubber meets the

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Celebrating Coach Eppinette's journey

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There were tears, yes, but they were blotted with laughter, admiration and respect last Saturday as the community said goodbye to the late Coach Vernon Eppinette.

Eppinette died last week at the age of 65 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He understood the gravity of his health situation in mid-

January, said his brother-in-law Rev. Mike Keppler, who Eppinette approached to preside over his memorial.

Over the ensuing months Eppinette enlisted friends and family to participate in what ultimately was called a "Celebration of the Life and Journey of Vernon Eppinette", which began with the sounding of the familiar gym horn signaling a game is about to begin.

Last week in front of several hundred attendees that roster of enlistees provided what could be considered a masters class in Vernon Eppinette, "this prince of a man, prince of a coach."

His family and friend since boyhood, living in disparate parts of the globe, learned the impact Eppinette had on a school, community and young men — many of whom lined consecutive rows on the floor of the R. Marion Craig Coliseum — as hard-earned success defined Eppinette and the Port St. Joe High School Tiger Sharks.

The family heard from former players and friends,

and a fellow coach, and heard how Eppinette not only won five state titles, earned trips to seven consecutive state championship games, but also forged men, taught life lessons focused on hard work and dedication, discipline and mental toughness.

And instilled a bedrock principle: life and sports is about team over self.

"He was shaping us as young men to be men tomorrow," said former player Clay Smallwood. "The rules were clear-cut. He had discipline. We all had personal accountability for how far we went as a team."

Damien Byrd, another former player, added, "He was molding young men into men. Coach made us believe we could do anything."

Eppinette's family also heard healthy dollops of humor.

The time Jeremy Dixon told Coach in the high school parking lot that he would not be coming out for his junior year, to which Eppinette paused before unlocking his car, saying, "It will come to you" before driving off, leaving a dumbfounded Dixon to wonder what that meant.

Byrd provided the history behind the famed purple-and-gold horizontally striped "Dr. Seuss socks" that became the Tiger Sharks' trademark.

Those socks weren't a fashion statement; they were to allow Coach to ensure he could see the players' feet moving on grainy game films.

Traci Gaddis, a basketball mom by virtue of Eppinette deciding — to no further discussion — that her daughter would be



COURTESY OF STEVE WHEALTON

Mementos from a life well-lived were in display, from an old uniform to plaques to favored photos.

videographer, talked about being left behind by the Eppinette-driven bus in violation of the coach's rules for transport and timeliness.

When the coach returned not a word was spoken between the two until disembarking and Eppinette, with a wide smile, telling Gaddis that she would just love the concessions at the arena in which they were playing.

And while the family learned, so too did those impacted by the man after he arrived in Port St. Joe in 1990.

They learned about the future brother-in-law scared by the amount of protection Eppinette was directing toward his sister, Keppler's future wife.

They learned about a boy who early on displayed

some of the traits he would refine during his journey to Port St. Joe.

"He was somebody we looked up to, a hero," Keppler said of the man he met when Eppinette was around 10. "He was a clinician, mentor, strategist and brilliant in a lot of ways."

By the time Keppler had daughters, Eppinette became de-facto coach to a niece who ran track.

Eppinette's closest and longtime friend Les Easter provided insight by reading snippets of letters between Eppinette, his parents and his company commander as a Marine in Vietnam.

Eppinette would be forced from the service by a shoulder injury suffered during a convoy.

The company

commander's letter was an attempt to explain to Eppinette's parents why there had been a lapse in letters — a letter that highlighted the young Marine's discipline, knack for hard work and higher thinking, using adjectives such as "dynamic", "aggressive", "efficient", "a deep thinker" constantly devising strategy.

His departure, the commander wrote, was "a loss to the Marine Corps and his country" and predicted that Eppinette would make a "great mark on men" and "go on to great things."

And those who knew Eppinette since his arrival in Port St. Joe heard from his earliest coaching friend, Mike Herring, who highlighted a budding

friendship as young coaches in Lake County and recounted his mentioning the Port St. Joe job to Eppinette.

Again, those characteristics that would define Eppinette in Port St. Joe were already on full display.

"You could not outwork him and you could not out-prepare him," Herring said. "It was the team, always the team."

"You had the perfect storm here, the perfect players for him, the perfect coach, the perfect school and the perfect community."

Hundreds inside "The Dome" last Saturday left with far more understanding about the journey Coach Vernon Eppinette took to navigate that perfect storm.



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Last year, The Villagers performed at the Thirsty Goat during the Centennial Celebration. The band will perform this Friday at the Centennial Building raise funds for the Fourth of July Celebration.

The Villagers in concert Friday

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Get ready for some down home, all-American rock n' roll on Friday.

At 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, a fundraiser concert will be held at the Centennial Building where The Villagers will perform for the public to raise funds for this year's Fourth of July Celebration.

The Villagers, fronted by college basketball coach Cliff Ellis, are best known for their 1960s hit, "Laugh it Off," which reached No. 1 on the WDLP Funtastic 59 chart in Michigan and "Where Have You Been" which No. 4 on the WBAM Top 40 in Montgomery.

The group performed at the Centennial Building on July 4, 1968 and 2014 will mark their return visit.

Tickets are available for \$15 and volunteers will serve boiled peanuts, hot dogs, popcorn and peanuts and a cash bar will be on-

Tickets to the "down home, all-American" holiday are available for \$15 at city hall.

More than 100 tickets have already been sold for the event.

Two months ago, Port St. Joe Mayor Mel Magidson sanctioned a committee to plan the annual Fourth of July festivities with the intent of placing the ownership on the public.

Due to economic hardships, many communities have foregone their fireworks displays due to the high cost associated with them.

Not wanting to cancel anything, the committee, consisting of Helen Magidson, Mike Lacour, Steve Kerigan, Barbara Radcliff, Charlotte Pierce, Terese Kent, Ann

Jarosz and Dana Boyer quickly secured a \$5,000 donation from the Tourist Development Council to combine with \$5,000 raised during last summer's Centennial Celebration events.

"The Fourth isn't just another day off from work," said Fourth of July committee head Dana Boyer. "We're having a flag ceremony to remind people of the true meaning of the holiday."

Festivities planned for the Fourth of July celebration in Port St. Joe will include a pancake breakfast at City Commons Park a flag ceremony complete with patriotic

songs and a parade will make its way down Reid Avenue. Various children's activities will take place throughout the day at George Core Park.

Everybody loves the fireworks," said committee member Steve Kerigan, "They're a hometown tradition and, while in the past, local government paid for them, this year the money's just not there."

Not wanting to put financial pressures on local businesses, who get tapped for many events throughout the year, the committee decided to look to the public

for assistance in getting the fireworks display off the ground and into the sky.

The committee is seeking those citizens to donate \$10-\$25 dollars to help ensure that this year's Independence Day celebration rivals all of those that came before it.

"You can only go to local businesses for so long," said Kerigan. "We're not big corporate America, and they already get hit up for every other function."

"We need the public's help to keep the tradition alive and moving forward."

The committee will

reuse decorations from the Centennial Celebration and host a series of events on Friday, July 4. Additional funds raised will help create a reserve for the 2015 fireworks display.

By asking for help from area citizens, the committee's goal is to leave money in the city account for the 2015 fireworks and celebration so that tax dollars be used to support the services of the community.

Donations to support this year's Fourth of July celebration can be made a city hall.

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Letters to the EDITOR

Compassionate care at SHH

Dear Editor,
Recently I was hospitalized for 18 days in Port St. Joe at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf. I would like to share my experience at the local hospital with your readers.
From the moment I arrived at the emergency room until the day I checked out, I received continuous excellent, professional, caring and competent treatment from the entire staff.
Upon arrival, Dr. Cattow and his staff in the emergency room were very thorough, compassionate and understanding. He and his staff could not have been more efficient or caring as they examined my medical situation and then made the decision to admit to the hospital.
After my admission, the hospital physicians — Dr. Brown and Dr. Woolery — managed my tests, diagnosis and treatment in an exceptional manner making sure that they covered every possibility. They were kind, understanding and took

time to talk to me and my family and to fully explain everything about my illness and treatment.
I can't say enough good things about how the entire support staff of nurses, aides, respiratory staff, technicians, therapists, housekeeping staff and kitchen employees always went the extra mile to that my every need was met in a prompt manner. I never had to wait when I called for some type of need or for attention. They were always pleasant and understanding and made me feel special.
We are so fortunate to have this wonderful quality medical facility located in our community and the entire staff is totally dedicated to making every encounter with patients a superior, pleasant and professional experience.
Thank you Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf for all that you did for me and my family during this very important period of need for us. Your commitment to caring, professional service was superior in every way.
Eve-Anne D. Wall
Port St. Joe

Eckstine epitomized who a minister should be

The Rev. Joseph Cromer Eckstine died on Friday, March 21, and his service of committal was held at Trinity Episcopal Church Apalachicola.
The Rev. Eckstine served as minister of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Panama City from 1987 through 1989. During his ministry there, I served as an elder of the church. After retiring there, he served as supply minister at churches in Port St. Joe and Apalachicola. Many years later, the Rev. Eckstine conducted the funeral of my first wife, Kendall H. Middlemas, and performed the marriage of my daughter Kendall and her husband, Steve, as well as my marriage to my present wife, Kay.
Obviously, I knew Rev. Eckstine well, and I must say that I have never known a kinder nor gentler man. To me he was the epitome of what a minister should be.
He understood and embraced the meaning of duty. He was a combat infantryman in Germany during World War II, and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.
He would be honored throughout his life, for

his fortitude and heart. In 1990, the Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta awarded its Distinguished Alumni Award to him. Included in the resolution of that presentation were these words:
"For his extraordinary leadership and service in the inner city (Macon, Georgia), serving the poor, the imprisoned, and the outcast, giving himself tirelessly to the mission of breaking down barriers of age, race, and class that divide God's people."
And "For his remarkable sensitivity to the basic needs of persons, caring for their welfare and helping them to develop their potential and worth."
And "For his humility, his firm stand against bigotry, his commitment to education, his participation in city planning and many civic projects in the name of Jesus Christ."
I can only aspire to be such a person, but I fear that I fall far short, that I do not measure up to that. But the Rev. Joseph C. Eckstine did measure up.
I pray that we find leaders throughout the world who will aspire to the guiding principles that governed Joseph Eckstine's life.
John Robert Middlemas
Panama City

Leafy, green not my favorite color

I passed a sign at a local market advertising asparagus for \$1.99 per pound. You've got to be kidding me! I got whiplash and near 'bout rear ended an SUV taking a second look to make sure I saw what I saw! \$1.99 for chocolate ice cream I could understand. I'd pay that for an extra big slice of pecan pie, a jar of pickled peaches or a handful of fresh pig knuckles. But asparagus? Any self-respecting vegetable seller ought to pay you to take it off his hands!



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

Mother served it up on a regular basis in our "formative years" with the admonition, "It is good for you". That's the same thing she said about carrots and cauliflower. Leon thought it taste like wet Bermuda grass with the weeds left in it. We ate it so often that it must have come as a shopping bonus. In like, "You buy five dollars worth of groceries, you get a free bag of asparagus." There had to be some logical explanation for how often it showed up on our plates.

If it touched your mashed potatoes, you were out of luck. By osmosis the asparagus permeated the potatoes faster than you could eat them. If the blessing was extra long, the meal was a total disaster! Mom usually made a casserole out of it. She also served it up boiled (the worst), roasted, raw, fried and diced into a sandwich spread. She rolled it up and wrapped bacon around it. None of these enterprising offerings helped the taste one iota. You can't make a silk purse.....

I dated a girl once who was attractive, intelligent and wealthy. I figured I'd hit the trifecta. Her father owned a couple hundred acres of rich, bottom land. It was the proverbial match made in Heaven! When she invited me up to the big house for "supper with

the family" I figured my future was set. I noticed the asparagus dish even before her father began to quiz me on my college options. My almost, per'tnear, semi-betrothed took two helpings. And shoved it in with both hands! I ate my roast beef in stunned silence. When she turned to me with little green bits and pieces stuck to her teeth and politely requested, "Would you pass the asparagus, please", I mentally went to refiguring my whole life even before Mrs. Carpenter served the orange sherbet. You talk about dodging a bullet!

I read once that the ancient Egyptians used asparagus as a medicine. The Romans called it an herb. Early American pioneers rubbed it on rashes and insect bites. I rest my case.

Now, I am aware of other asparagus lovers out there. The farmer's daughter couldn't be the only one. And I'm ok with that. American is well noted as the land of the free, and the home of the personal choice menu. Good sense would also argue there are people out there who don't crave pig knuckles on a regular basis. To each his own..... But I've got to be in the majority on this one.

The color, make up and taste of asparagus reminds me of broccoli and Brussels sprouts. I rest my case again.

My wife, who once served us an asparagus casserole, contends that the dish has become fashionable, or a chic food, much like fried green tomatoes. She said it like that "legitimized" the consumption of the stuff. The only thing fried green tomatoes had over asparagus was they didn't ruin the mashed potatoes when placed side by side on your plate. And if possible, they were even easier to obtain. Mom just sent me, Leon or

David Mark out to the garden to "pull a couple" before breakfast.
I had the opportunity to eat at the infamous "Golden Lantern" in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, a few years back. Our host raved about the fried green tomatoes appetizer. It was the widely advertised specialty of the house. My good southern upbringing kept me from verbalizing my doubts. We ate those things out of necessity down at the end of Stonewall Street. I would have much preferred a City Café hamburger, a malted shake from Frank's Dairy Bar or a Chocolate Soldier and a Moon Pie from Pat Houston's Grocery. How could anything we used to walk out in the backyard and pick before daylight become a specialty of the house?

I figured I was in for a treat. This "Golden Lantern" must've discovered a secret recipe for fried green tomatoes. Maybe they melted Hershey Bars over them, covered them with caramel ice cream or soaked them in a Root Beer float. You can image my disappointment when the famous, chic, hot-to-trot, modern fried green tomatoes turned out to be.....fried green tomatoes.

Let me tell you, I've eaten not fully ripe tomatoes BEFORE and AFTER they became fashionable. Being fashionable didn't do one thing for the taste. And it is the same for the asparagus weed. You can dress it up by sprinkling cheese sauce and mushroom slices over the top, you can advertise it to the cows come home, you can feature it on the cover of Bon Appétit Magazine and have it personally sautéed by the Iron Chef. But you can't change the taste.....and that, dear hearts, is the major flaw in the dish. I rest my case forever.

Respectfully,
Kes

Real fires and fictitious ones

Recently, we had a friend whose house caught on fire in the wee hours of the morning. Fortunately, she, her family and pets all got out of the house. As most folks can only imagine, it was a very traumatic experience for them.

fire made me think about it for a number of days, I was even dreaming about it. I was hearing the smoke alarms, I was checking them multiple times and I was paying particular attention to the things I was watching on television and reading. There seemed to be a lot of fire related stories.



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BN Heard

For those who have gone through such an experience, they know the feelings of helplessness and sadness of losing their belongings, sometimes even loved ones.

It surprises me the way folks react sometimes. On some of our local internet news sites, at least one person questioned the number of resources/units that arrived to fight the fire.

Really, they did. This particular person thought the number of units that showed up was "excessive" and wanted to bring the neighborhood into the situation.

They were complaining that "if they had a fire," they knew that all of those units wouldn't come to put the fire out at their house. Perhaps, the complaining person was having a bad day, because I know most folks would not find fault in the number of firefighters who come to help when they are needed. Especially when the number is more than what some people would expect.

I just don't see complaining about a "fictitious fire" or a fire that you haven't had and don't want to have.
Our friend noted that their fire/smoke alarms saved their lives — she was very serious. She also begged everyone to check their alarm systems, batteries, etc. to make sure they were in working order.

When a friend's house one street over from you burns and she asks you to check your smoke alarms — you do it. You should do it on a regular basis anyway, but like many folks, I sometimes forget. Hearing about our friends'

It's not Fire Prevention Month — that's October. However, I did see a dalmatian on a television show the other morning that did all of these tricks — some having to do with carrying a smoke alarm and testing a smoke alarm.

So, I was thinking about fires and smoke alarms and nine volt batteries to go in my smoke alarms.

Having friends and family, who are firefighters, I see and hear about fires, but rarely know of a close friend who has experienced one. It does make you think about it.

You smell smoke, you smell gas in the kitchen and you worry about the grill being too close to the house.

This went on for a few days... I was in my college classroom teaching my students about measurement conversions. We were converting from hectometers to decimeters and millimeters to decimeters — moving the decimal from left to right and right to left.

"King Henry Died Monday Drinking Chocolate Milk" was written on the board. The mnemonic gives the students a funny and memorable way to keep the prefixes straight.

As we were jumping the decimals around and converting within the metric system, I turned around and noticed that a student had a peculiar cloud of smoke coming from her head.

I thought to myself, "That girl is on fire."

It shook me up... Had all of the thoughts of fire gone to my head? By the expression on my face, I was

asking, "What in the world is going on?"
I stammered and mumbled and started thinking about that Alicia Keys song. You know the one — "This girl is on fire, This girl is on fire, etc."

I had to leave the classroom after realizing this particular student had the gall to be using one of those electronic smoking things right in the middle of class. Honestly, it looked like one of long stemmed cigarette holders that Cruella de Vil used in the movie, "A Hundred and One Dalmatians."

I guess this could be considered a "fictitious fire."

Over these last few days, I had been worrying about smoke and fire and being thankful my friends were OK. Now, I had this student in my classroom on fire — or at least smoke coming out of her head.

I'm pretty sure between my expression and my stammering and my walking out of the classroom to compose myself — this student understood that it wasn't a good idea to be doing that in the classroom.

We live in a time when nothing is supposed to shock us anymore. Folks want to redefine "normal" and what is acceptable.

After checking the policies to see if this was against the rules, I found that there was nothing specifically against it. There was also nothing specifically against bringing your pet alligator or boa constrictor into the classroom.

I worry sometimes about the direction we are heading.

Ninety-nine percent of my students are wonderful and courteous and respectful. Every once in a while, one gets mixed up on what is acceptable.

I'm thankful my friends are OK and for the large number of firefighters who showed up to help them.

I'm still puzzled by fictitious fires and scared of real ones.

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'Noles, war eagle and a football week in Pasadena

"I don't go for all that wine and dine, With that ray ban, fake tan, never mind..."
"I Want a Cowboy"
by Reba McEntire

I read recently about several prominent investors who were taken on a seven-day trip to the NCAA Championship Football Game last January in California by their financial advisor. The clients played golf at several upscale courses and dined in a trendy restaurant. Apparently the advisor footed the bill for everything.

During the five working days when markets were open and the advisor was entertaining the entourage, who was monitoring his clients' accounts? Probably the same person who normally monitors those accounts. In other words, someone other than the advisor. This advisor's role appears to be more of a relationship manager; one who is charged with entertaining affluent investors and attending social functions. And that's fine, as long as the client understands that when he sits down to discuss his accounts, he is not visiting with the person who is actually making investment decisions.

Say the Dow drops 500 points on the day of the championship game, 2008-style. Who would have been in charge of making changes in the portfolio to minimize losses? Or, say the market hit an all-time high that day. Who was at the controls, possibly taking gains off the table and considering the tax consequences for the client?

Perhaps the advisor actually manages these accounts, but believes in a "buy and hold" investment style. The thinking here is that "the market always rebounds," so no need to react to market vagaries, because there may be upturns as well as downturns. Thus, week-

long football vacations don't really interfere with the advisor's portfolio management activity. This investment philosophy works fine during steady uptrending markets, like those the late 1990's provided. However, investors nearing or in retirement risk damaging their portfolios significantly if they suffer large downturns like we witnessed in 2008. "Set it and forget it" may not work well for this demographic, especially in volatile or choppy markets.

Additionally, the investor/client is probably paying for the trip one way or another. The advisor may have funded the football journey, but the money to finance those activities most likely came from the investor in the form of management fees, trading fees, and commissions.

Ultimately, "It's not show friends, it's show business." People's retirement and life savings are at stake, and wealth preservation for someone nearing or in retirement is paramount. You may want to ask yourself: Do you want a football host? Or do you want someone who is in the office every day monitoring your accounts? Markets don't care how many games your advisor invites you to. The investment world is a meritocracy. It doesn't play favorites.

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MARGARET R. McDOWELL
Arbor Outlook

Montford supports Floridians with votes in Senate

Special to The Star

TALLAHASSEE — The 2014 Legislative Session was productive and meaningful for the State of Florida. Sen. Bill Montford, D-Tallahassee, was an active part in passing many bills that will help the hardworking communities of North Florida. Senator Montford maintained strong advocacy for the needs of his eleven counties: Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla. When asked about the 2014 Session, Montford said, "The country can easily look to Florida as an example of how common sense and principled answers can be found on both sides of the aisle and quite frankly in the middle of the aisle. We have and will continue to work together, Senate and House, Democrat and Republican, to do what is best for Florida." In the 2014 Session, Senator Montford helped to shape the following legislative decisions:

Springs Protection: Montford co-sponsored legislation with four other senators in a bi-partisan effort that became known as the "Springs Bill." It addressed the many water issues that Florida is facing. While the bill passed the Senate, it did not make it out of the House. "We started very important and dire conversations about the state of our invaluable and irreplaceable springs in

Florida and we have every intention of continuing them next year," Montford said.

Maintaining the Florida Retirement System and State Employee Health Insurance: Montford is well known in the Senate as an advocate and voice for state workers and as such he helped to maintain the current, sturdy Florida Retirement System that faced many challenges throughout the 2014 Session. He was also instrumental in defending the well-managed health insurance policies for state workers.

Preservation of the Instructional Materials Process: Montford was pivotal in the preservation of the statewide instructional materials process, which will not only maintain cost savings for local school districts but also give parents more opportunity for input in their child's learning materials.

Effective Timeline for School Accountability: As a long time educator, Montford advocated for a realistic timeline to ensure the proper implementation of the many facets in the Public School Accountability program including technology and testing.

Local Pharmacy Choice: Communities will now be able to choose their local pharmacies or mail-order when ordering prescriptions on the State Group Insurance PPO (Preferred Provider Organization).

Tax Cuts: The Florida Legislature came together

this year to offer many hard working Floridians much needed tax cuts totaling \$500 million. It included a reduced annual motor vehicle license renewal registration fee. This alone will save drivers between \$20 and \$25 each.

Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern

(RACEC): The Legislature passed legislation to help cities in RACEC communities avert the cost of removing or relocating utility lines on the State Highway System in certain circumstances, by allowing FDOT to pay for such costs. In addition, the legislation will allow municipalities within a RACEC or a RACEC community to compete for project funding using Small County Outreach Program criteria.

Flood Insurance Legislation: Legislation was also passed to establish a private flood insurance market in Florida, which will hopefully lower flood insurance rates for Florida Citizens. The proposal is aimed at addressing the federal flood insurance crisis caused by the rising rates being imposed by the National Flood Insurance Program.

Budget Items: In recognition of the importance of acting this year on Florida's springs, the legislature funded \$25 million for spring's restoration plus another \$1.7 million for springs monitoring.

The legislature recognized the importance of improved learning environments for children and funded \$14 million dollars for public school construction in Montford's district.

The Senate and the House agreed on \$6,937.23 per student, public school funding which is \$176 more dollars per student than last year, and totals \$18.9 billion towards public schools.

LOCAL ITEMS

Montford also worked tirelessly to ensure that Gulf County was awarded the following allocations:

City of Port St. Joe - Benny Roberts Sports Park: \$50,000
Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency - Washington High School Complex: \$50,000
Historic Cape San Blas Lighthouse Complex Rescue: \$200,000
TOTAL: \$300,000

FDOT ROAD PROJECTS TOTAL
CR 30A from Franklin Co. Line to E of Money Bayou: \$2,300,000
CR 30B Indian Pass from CR 30A to Indian Pass Boat Ramp: \$1,500,000

Jarrott Daniels Rd From CR 386 Overstreet Rd to SR 22: \$3,600,000

Old Bay City Rd from S of Ross Stripling to Crossover Rd: \$2,100,000

Port St Joe Channel Dredging: \$20,000,000

Gulf County ARC Transit Non-urbanized Area 5311: \$181,992
TOTAL: \$29,681,992

GRAND TOTAL: \$29,981,992

**All Line Items are Subject to the Governor's Veto

Explore Medicare before you turn 65

Each day, approximately 10,000 Baby Boomers turn 65 – and thereby become eligible for Medicare.

But becoming eligible for and actually enrolling in Medicare are two very different things. In fact, if you miss the initial window to sign up for certain parts of Medicare and later decide to enroll, you could wind up paying significantly higher premiums for the rest of your life.

If you're approaching 65, get familiar with these Medicare basics now:

Medicare provides benefits to people age 65 and older (and those under 65 with certain disabilities or end-stage renal disease). For most people, the initial enrollment period is the seven-month period that begins three months before the month they turn 65. If you miss that window, you may enroll between Jan. 1 and March 31 each year, although your coverage won't begin until July 1.

Medicare offers several plans and coverage options, including:

Medicare Part A helps cover inpatient hospital,

skilled nursing facility and hospice services, as well as home health care. Most people pay no monthly premium for Part A, provided they or their spouse have paid FICA taxes for at least 40 calendar quarters.



JASON ALDERMAN

Medicare Part B helps cover medically necessary doctor's services, outpatient care, durable medical equipment and many preventive services. It's optional and has a monthly premium. For most people there's a \$147 yearly deductible; after that's met, you'll be responsible for 20 percent of the Medicare-approved amount of the service, provided the doctor or other provider accepts Medicare.

Medicare Part C (Advantage) plans are offered by Medicare-approved private insurers as alternatives to Original Medicare Parts A and B. Most cover prescription drugs and some include additional benefits such as dental and vision coverage for an extra cost. You're usually required to use the plan's doctor, hospital and pharmacy provider

network, which may be more restrictive than providers you can access through Parts A and B.

Medicare Part D helps cover the cost of prescription drugs. It's optional and carries a monthly premium. These privately run plans vary widely in terms of cost, copayments and deductibles and medications covered. If you're enrolled in a Part C plan that includes drug coverage, you don't need Part D.

Many people purchase additional Medigap (or Medicare Supplemental) insurance, which is offered by private insurers and helps pay for many items not covered by Medicare. Medigap plans can vary widely in terms of cost, covered benefits and states participating so compare your options carefully.

Keep in mind:

- For all Medicare plans, deductibles, copayments and coinsurance may apply, depending on the service provided.
- With Parts B and D, you'll often face sizeable penalties if you don't enroll when first becoming eligible – Part B premiums could increase 10 percent for

each 12-month period you were eligible but didn't sign up (the Part D penalty is more complicated); however, if you're currently covered by an employer's plan you can enroll later without penalty.

- Terms of Advantage and Part D plans such as premiums, copayments and covered medications can change from year to year, so carefully review enrollment materials from your current plans to make sure they still match your needs.

Understanding and choosing the right Medicare options for your individual situation can be a complicated and time-consuming process. For assistance, call 1-800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov, where you'll find "Medicare & You 2014," a detailed guide that explains Medicare in easy-to-understand language, and tools to compare prescription plans, hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and Medigap plans in your area.

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Brian Bertonneau checks on a colony of bees. Bertonneau owns Smiley Apiaries, a honey bottling operation in Wewahitchka.

WEAKENED HARVEST

Heavy rains expected to affect tupelo honey yield



Brian Bertonneau looks over a jar of honey. Bertonneau owns Smiley Apiaries, a honey bottling operation in Wewahitchka.



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WEWAHITCHKA — Lovers of tupelo honey might have spent a little extra for a dab of the famous stuff during the Tupelo Honey Festival last weekend; this season's harvest is projected to be less than sweet.

The white tupelo gum tree blossoms that provide the bees with the nectar to create the honey only last about three weeks in the best years, said Brian Bertonneau, owner of Smiley Apiaries. Wet weather this year cut deeply into blooming period, and Bertonneau expects tupelo yields to be about 50 to 70 percent lower.

"It's not going to be a good year," Bertonneau said. "Bees have to visit 2 million blossoms to gather a pound of honey."

It's been five or six years since the last hearty yield, he said. The precarious tupelo honey industry is also threatened by a mysterious phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder or CCD, which emerged about 10 years ago and has the potential to impact not just honey producers but food consumers the world over. Bees pollinate more than 90 percent of the flowering crops on earth, according to the Associated Press.

"Just about all agriculture depends on some kind of insect pollination," said Don Smiley, who created Smiley Apiaries in 1989 and lost a whole harvest season when he was first affected by CCD in the mid-2000s. Smiley sold his company to Bertonneau a few years ago.

"I wasn't seeing dead bees," Smiley said. "I was just seeing weaker and weaker hives."

There are several theories about what is leading to CCD, which causes bees to suddenly and inexplicably abandon their hives and die, although a Harvard study published this month blames pesticides that are al-

ready restricted in Europe. One of every four honeybee colonies died over the winter this year, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture study, a decrease from the previous few years.

"The industry is beginning to grow again, but the bees don't want to stay alive," Smiley said.

Smiley thinks beekeepers need federal disaster relief in the same way farmers of other crops needed relief after the heavy rains this spring.

Bertonneau considers himself a hobbyist when it comes to beekeeping; he keeps two hives at his bottling plant and buys honey by the drum from partners with many more hives. Colony loss has been less of a problem in recent years as beekeepers split hives twice a year, he said.

And here's some good news: It's trees and not the bees that give tupelo honey the distinctive sweetness Van Morrison sang about, Bertonneau said. The might be less honey, but the honey that remains is as sweet as it ever was.

Wewahitchka and the Apalachicola river basin that runs behind Bertonneau's plant are home to some of the highest concentrations of white tupelo gum trees in the world, and the Tupelo Honey Festival draws hundreds of vendors and thousands of visitors to Wewa each year, said Jennifer Jenkins, executive director of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

"Tourism is up here in Gulf County...and tupelo honey is a part of it," Jenkins said.

The TDC wants to emphasize tupelo honey production in its marketing of Gulf County as an alternative to the busier, more developed counties to its west, she said. Jenkins said the TDC is in the early stages of forming partnerships with apiaries like Smiley to promote and market the area, and the world-famous honey, to potential visitors.

"The industry is beginning to grow again, but the bees don't want to stay alive."

Don Smiley, former apiary owner



The American flag welcomed the warriors as they made their way from WindMark Beach into Port St. Joe.

WES LOCHER AND TIM CROFT | The Star



Commander Marty Jarosz sings "God Bless America" in front of a packed Centennial Building to kick off the Honor Banquet.

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snagged some fish, despite being totally blind, over the weekend.

"This is about the warriors and also those spouses and caregivers who continue to hang in there. By extending those arms, extending that hand, if we forget it is not because we want to but because of our issues. But the memory of this will come back."

The honored guests sure had an opportunity to enjoy Gulf County under gleaming skies and warm, but not too warm, temperatures.

Fishing wasn't the only pastime that warriors and their caregivers embraced.

There were horseback rides at dawn, a trip to the local shooting range, a bit of retail therapy and opportunities to just relax on sugar sands.

The fishing was made possible by boat captains who donated vessels, time and supplies.

"They were fantastic," said SPC Ryan Campbell, an attendee of a prior FCWWW who returned as a mentor this year. "We have had a lot fun. We've spent a lot of time just joking around, ribbing each other. You have to have a thick skin around these guys."

"But I was here to help them with whatever they needed or wanted. I was glad to come."

After rebooting the fishing due to rough seas on Friday, all warriors returned safely on Saturday and in addition to bearing fish, and not small fish, either, all were wearing wide smiles.

"Everything went very, very well," said George Duren, who sits on the event organizing committee. "Our warriors and caregivers were happy when they got here and even happier when they left."

"It was amazing to see them practically always smiling. They all gave our community high praise for the event."

And the community turned out. In addition to those who lined the

FISHING AWARDS

At a low country boil on Saturday evening, the warriors were awarded plaques for their fishing acumen.

First place was earned by Anthony Cerrone, with boat captain Zach Ferrell, for landing a 73.4 pound shark.

Second place went to Ronald Cuevas for his 64.2 pounds of amberjack from the boat captained by Guy Williams

Third was won by Kathy Champion, who snagged 52.2 pounds of amberjack aboard the boat of Langdon Flowers. Champion is blind from her war injuries.

parade route or greeted the warriors at the Centennial Building, more than 200 members of the community volunteered their time to make the event a success.

Those volunteers did everything from cooking and serving the Honor Banquet to providing entertainment for the banquet and weekend.

That community involvement, Duren noted, has increased with each FCWWW, which was the point when the organizing committee conceived of the idea.

Folks from beyond Gulf County, including Franklin County and Mexico Beach, were among the volunteers and many, along with boat captains, were lining up for next year.

"You guys pour your hearts into this event," said Staff Sgt. Glen Silva, who also spoke at Thursday night's banquet. "Every warrior and caregiver feels it, it is genuine."

"This town opens its doors and that is unique."



COURTESY OF GEORGE DUREN AND LANGDON FLOWERS

Fishing and a bit of shooting were just two of plenty of activities provided the warriors and their caregivers.



Kathy Champion (standing with reel) and Jesse Acosta (in black shirt), were rendered completely blind by war.

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complete delineation of the beds, May said at one point, work he would gladly volunteer to spearhead and organize.

In the immediate, May said, he would like the blessing of commissioners to contact officials with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to begin the enforcement of rules and regulations about bay bottom destruction.

May said what was needed was a "carrot-stick" approach.

Enforcement, he said, with a dollar fine but also a gentle suggestion to an offending boater that to preserve the good vibes of their vacation there are rules about destroying the bottom of the bay.

"Don't get fined and ruin your vacation," May said.

Or, as May put it, "if you look back behind your boat and you

see mud and grass you are breaking the law."

Education was also needed, May said.

Through signage informing the public of the value of the seagrass and how best to protect the beds and providing information at boat ramps, the state park and other launch points, the effort would be to educate boaters before they get on the water, May said.

He said any costs associated with such a program could be borne with BP fine money, adding that using that fine money fits with the efforts BP is professing to support for improving the regional environment.

May said he would also like the city's blessing to explore potential grant funding to improve the damming system out of Buck

Griffin Lake to the bay to improve the filtering of stormwater runoff before it hits the bay.

The current dam has been effective, May said, but only addresses the stormwater in one direction. An additional dam would double the efficacy of the system. "This is something that is important for saving what we have," May said. "Without running people off we need to get control of our bay and protect what we have."

Commissioner gave unanimous support and May will coordinate with city staff and commissioners as needed.

WATER

Good news on two fronts in the ongoing water saga.

The "substantially complete" date for the replacement of water distribution pipes along ar-

reas of the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe is June 16, said Clay Smallwood with Preble Rish Engineers.

That would complete the initial phase of replacement in the area and commissioners held the first public hearing Tuesday for a Community Development Block Grant which is being considered as a potential funding source to complete pipe work on the north side of town.

At the water plant, preparations begin today on a pilot study examining the pretreatment of water with lime. The study should begin in two weeks, plant supervisor Larry McLamma said.

The hope is that the lime pretreatment will significantly reduce levels of manganese - which causes water to look black or the color of ice tea - in the water.

The addition of lime, the belief is, will also help reduce chemical costs by cutting the amount of other chemicals used in the treatment protocol.

"I'm excited about the process," said Commissioner Rex Buzzett.

GULF PINES HOSPITAL

City and county staff will begin discussing how to resolve or abate outstanding property tax bills on the old Gulf Pines Hospital site in an effort to allow the city, which owns the land, to resolve federal tax liens with the Internal Revenue Service.

The long-term goal is to resolve the liens, tear down the hospital while abating asbestos and platting the land for a six-parcel single-family subdivision on the tax rolls for both city and county.

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road" moment.

Those issues were compounded by the end of last week's meeting as Nadine Lee stepped down for personal reasons from her position as administrative assistant.

With the departure of Lee, who had worked for much of the past two years as an unpaid volunteer, the Port Authority lacks any staff, having previously lost its port director.

With looming payments for director liability insurance at the end of next month and dues to the Florida Ports Council, a lobbying and advocacy organization for ports in the state, sometime this summer, little in the bank and prospects for tenants unlikely before the next fiscal year and 2015, the board is battling for existence.

A community fundraising effort has raised just under \$30,000, far below the expectations of board chairman Leonard Costin.

"If we stop, this all

stops," said board member Jessica Rish.

Raffield said the time had arrived for a sit-down with local governing bodies, a workshop "to let everybody know what is at stake."

A bullet point of what was needed for the Port Authority to maintain operations should be presented along with the progress being made toward dredging, with the permit application to be submitted by fall and dredging commencing early 2015.

"It's time for us to get organized and put a fine point on this," Raffield said of a workshop with the county and municipalities at the soonest opportunity. "Everything has changed. We all have a giant stake in this."

The Port Authority needs additional assistance from the Board of County Commissioners in the form of relief from a payment looming this summer on a \$199,000 loan, funded with federal economic develop-

ment dollars.

The BOCC and Port Authority had discussed linking that relief to new collateral on the loan, but attorney Tom Gibson said the state had heartburn with mortgaging the old Arizona Chemical property, owned outright by the Port Authority, due to the use of federal grant dollars in the securement of the land.

"I would hope the county would work with us," said board member Jason Shoaf.

Rish said the loan should be part of a formal request to the BOCC for assistance in Port Authority operating expenses, pegged at \$65,000 for the duration of the fiscal year. Gibson noted that beginning in 2016 the BOCC would begin to recoup significant property taxes for the parcel recently foreclosed by Capital City Bank and Costin noted the BOCC had recently had funding to the former Gulf County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. returned by the

agency.

"The county stands to benefit the most from the port working," Rish said.

With those dynamics as backdrop, the boxes for the process to dredging are being steadily ticked off.

Tommy Pitts, project manager with Hatch Mott MacDonald on the dredging permit application said forward progress continues toward the September target for submitting the application.

Dollars to further the cause of developing the port are also in the pipeline.

A state appropriation for \$20 million for dredging must survive a veto by the governor, but if approved would offer roughly half of the estimated cost of dredging. The hope is that once approved and the dredging underway next spring, further state investment will come, Costin said.

The contracts with Green Circle and Enova energy companies are aimed at freeing up money already in

the state budget to address rail improvements along the Genesee Wyoming rail line feeding into the port.

The contracts would "justify releasing the rail grant," Costin said.

In Congress, the House and Senate are taking up the final draft of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

Among other provisions, the bill contains language that would require federal agencies to fully fund and spend the trust fund established to underwrite operation and maintenance activities at the nation's ports/harbors.

The bill also supports underserved and emerging ports, such as the Ports of Port St. Joe and Panama City, by allocating a specific percentage of those trust funds for ports/harbors that have output of less than 1 million tons annually.

Further, when the trust fund expenditures exceed that of the fiscal year 2012, 10 percent of that excess

must be directed to emerging ports and 5 percent to underserved ports.

The bill would also streamline permitting requirements.

"I am pleased that we're now on the verge of some tremendous victories for Florida's growing maritime industries," said Rep. Steve Southerland (R-Panama City). "This legislation will direct new resources to Florida's emerging ports to help capitalize on the economic growth opportunities that come with the expansion of the Panama Canal."

A further positive is recent direct communication with Doug Wheeler, president of the Florida Ports Council, by Raffield during the council's recent annual meeting and by Costin in a face-to-face scheduled for this week.

"I am impressed with what you all are doing and appreciate what you're doing," Ware said. "We are very supportive of the port."

Cleaning flatfish

By **FRANK SARGEANT**
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Flounder aren't born flat, but they soon get that way. All flatfish start life looking rather unassuming as baby fish go until Mother Nature does her sleight of hand. Their eggs hatch into larvae that resemble typically symmetrical fish. The larvae quickly develop into a rounded form with protective spines on the head, over the gills and in the pelvic and pectoral fins. They are born with a swim bladder for buoyancy to make it easier to roam near the surface and feed on plankton, but as they grow they turn into "Frankenfish."

One eye migrates across the top of the head onto the other side of the body, the swim bladder and spines literally disappear, the body coloration on the sightless side turns white, while the other side assumes a darker coloration that provides camouflage for lying on the bottom. That's important because the bottom is where these critters spend the majority of their time, either scavenging for a meal or

lying in wait for a hapless fish or crustacean to get too close — and wham!

For Panhandle anglers, flounder are a favorite target species, not because they are a hard-fighting game fish, but because they are often easy to catch both from nearshore boats and even from area piers and jetties — and absolutely great to eat.

But before the eating comes the cleaning, and there's the rub.

Yamaha spokesman Martin Peters fishes all over America, picking up angling tips where ever he goes. Here are some cleaning tips, with how-to photos, he offers for north Florida fishermen.

"For the best tasting flounder, try bleeding and icing them immediately after landing," says Peters. "Lift the gill plate, cut the gill rakers with a scissor or knife, then put the fish in a live well or bucket of water to bleed out. When that's done, put the fish on ice in a cooler to firm up the meat for easier cleaning and to maintain the quality."

After that, you're ready to follow the cleaning steps below:



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Captain Mike Parker goes to work on a catch of flounder at the cleaning table on the Destin docks.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, May 22	83°	70°	0 %
Fri, May 23	85°	72°	10 %
Sat, May 24	85°	72°	10 %
Sun, May 25	85°	72°	20 %
Mon, May 26	80°	72°	10 %
Tues, May 27	80°	71°	0 %
Wed, May 28	80°	72°	0 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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	
25	Su	813am 1.4		536pm 0.0	
26	Mo	837am 1.7		627pm -0.1	
27	Tu	907am 1.8		714pm -0.2	
28	We	939am 1.8		758pm -0.2	
29	Th	1011am 1.8		837pm -0.2	
30	Fr	1043am 1.8		913pm -0.2	
31	Sa	1114am 1.7		945pm -0.2	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
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
25	Su	253am 1.0	1259pm 1.4	736am 0.9	859pm 0.0
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Step 1

To get started, all you need is a fish like this four-pound summer flounder and a long, straight, sharp, flexible fillet knife. The cleaning board with clamp is optional, but if you're cleaning a lot of fish, it's a time saver.

Step 2

Start white side down, and make your first cut across the tail just forward of the fin.

Step 3

Insert the point of the knife into the first cut and slide it as far forward toward the head as possible running it alongside the spine, represented by the red line. You'll be able to feel it.

Step 4

With the knife angled just slightly down so the blade is running along the rib bones, slice carefully outward to detach the fillet. On larger flounder you might have to reinsert the knife to complete the cut all the way to the head.

Step 5

Repeat the process on the belly side of the fish, but make the slice carefully so the knife doesn't cut into the stomach cavity outlined in red.

Step 6

This is what it looks like after the two cuts. The fillet is only attached directly behind the head.

Step 7

Detach the fillet with a single cut as shown, being careful not to penetrate the stomach cavity and set it aside.



Step 8

Turn the fish over and repeat the process on the bottom (white side) fillet.

Step 9

Carefully remove the feathers, the tiny muscles that power the fins around the flounder's perimeter.

Step 10

Lay the fillets on the cutting board skin side down, and use your finger tips to hold the very end of the tail section. Make a downward cut to the skin, turn the blade almost horizontal to the table, and carefully push the blade toward the far end using a slicing motion to separate the meat from the skin.

Step 11

When done, you have a single fillet from the top and bottom of the fish that can be divided into four smaller fillets by slicing down the middle where it is thinnest, (the section that was over the backbone). For smaller fish this is not necessary; for larger fish the split fillets are more single-serving friendly.

FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



Local area water are producing great inshore and now some offshore catches as the weather has finally settled down. We are expecting great turnouts of visitors this weekend, so get to your favorite spot early. Red fish continue to be caught in the ICW canal and out in the Windmark location this week. Flounder and trout are in shallow water at the head of the bay, but not in vast numbers yet. Pompano and whiting continue to run the beaches along the Gulf side of Cape San Blas and further east down the coast. Offshore red snapper will open this Saturday in state waters to a much anticipated crowd of anglers. Many good sized red snapper are holding in 60-80ft of water and they will be big this weekend.



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NATALYA MILLER

Former Wewa standout signs to run at Montevallo

Special to The Star

MARIANNA — Chipola College cross country runner Natalya Miller of Wewahitchka has signed to run for the University of Montevallo in Alabama.

Miller, who was a track and cross country standout at Wewahitchka High School, will run cross country at Montevallo and will join the track team to compete in middle and long-distance events.

Miller holds the Chipola school record of 19:52 at the 5K distance. She also has a personal best of 19:40 in an open race. She finished second overall in a field of 30 at the Darton College meet in 2012 and finished third in 2013.

Miller finished among the top 10 percent of runners in all meets during her two-year career at Chipola. She led the Chipola team in the school's first-ever appearance in the NJCAA Division I National Championship in 2012.

"I'd like to thank God for giving me the will to run, and my running partner Cedric Gillette for pushing me to get better," Miller said. "I also want to thank Coach Rance Massengill for giving me the opportunity to run at Chipola and all of my teammates for helping me move on to the next level."

Head coach Rance Massengill said, "Natalya brought passion to the sport at a time when we needed to take the program to the next level. She helped push the other girls, and her performance raises the bar for the type of runner we're looking to recruit."

Miller is planning to major in exercise science. She is the daughter of Karen and John Curry of Wewahitchka.

"We're very proud of our women's cross country program," Chipola Athletic Director Dr. Steve Givens said. "The team has improved each year since its inception in 2007. Cross country offers significant participation opportunities for female athletes in our area."

Chipola offers tuition scholarships for women who compete in the program. For information, call coach Massengill at 718-2440.

PSJ's Kurnitsky heading to Orange Park

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Previous offers had been extended, but this time, Derek Kurnitsky said, he could not pass turn away.

Kurnitsky, for the past 10 years the boys' basketball coach at Port St. Joe High School, announced Friday that he was accepting the same position at Orange Park High School in the Jacksonville area.

Kurnitsky will be moving up in school classification — from Class 1A to Class 6A — but in terms of class of community, he said that would be difficult to replicate.

"I've learned how to coach here," Kurnitsky said. "I've been with awesome people and around an awesome place. It was a hard decision, and it is very bittersweet. But I coach from my gut, and my gut told me you don't pass up a great opportunity like this."

Port St. Joe represented the first extensive head coaching stint of Kurnitsky's career.

"I could not have landed in a better place (than Port St. Joe)," he said. "I came here a bachelor, and I met my lovely wife, Kim, and had children. Life has been good to me in Port St. Joe."

"And I like to think I made a difference in the town, the community and the kids."

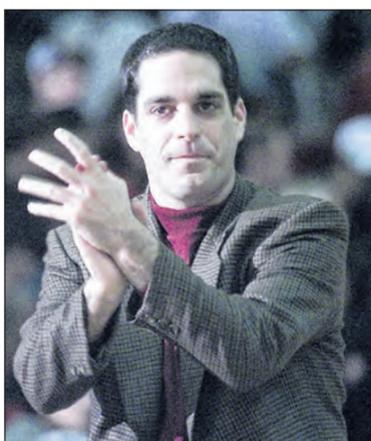
After graduating college from Florida State University, he was a name manager for the 1993 Seminole team that reached the NCAA Elite Eight. Kurnitsky spent time as an assistant at Clearwater High School before moving to North Carolina and beginning to climb the ladder as a junior varsity coach.

He landed at Tallahassee Godby for a season in 2003 before being hired by Port St. Joe High.

In 10 seasons at Port St. Joe, the Tiger Sharks averaged just shy of 18 wins a season, won seven district titles, reached a regional title game five times, reached four state final fours and the 2007 state title game.

He was the Big Bend Coach of the Year in 2006, the Dairy Farmers Coach of the Year in Class 2A in 2007 and coached two professional athletes, Roman Quinn, a former second-round pick in the Major League Baseball amateur draft, and Calvin Pryor, who was a first-round pick in the NFL draft earlier this month.

Five of his players finished their



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Derek Kurnitsky
retiring as PSJHS boys basketball coach

scholastic careers with over 1,000 points.

The one thing that eluded Kurnitsky was a state title.

"A lot of coaches don't have the opportunity to go to four final fours and a championship game," Kurnitsky said. "If I never win a state championship, I am not going to jump off a building."

And Kurnitsky arrives at Orange Park to resurrect a program that has had a losing record two years running.

Kurnitsky said he begins June 1 to build a program, kicking off his summer program June 2.

"I do look forward to the challenge of going and building a program," Kurnitsky said. "I also always wondered what it was like to coach at a larger school. Any coach at a smaller school who says they don't think about that isn't being completely honest."

"I've had other places call and check on me, but it was never the right time or the right place. Orange Park is an awesome job and an awesome place. But it will be really tough leaving Port St. Joe."

Summer soccer camp to be June 16-19

Star Staff Report

All-Pro Soccer will have a Summer Soccer Camp in the area June 16-19. The Callaway Youth Soccer Club will host the camp from 5-7 p.m. CT at the Callaway Sports Complex. The camp will be supervised by former professional player and Coach Gary Hindley. Hindley, a five-time Coach of the Year selectee, recently was named

head coach of the Pensacola City FC team of the National Premier Soccer League and has been the head coach of both the girls and boys teams at Port St. Joe High School for the past five years. At the camp, there will be individual instruction for both field players and goalkeepers, from ages 7-17. Spaces will be limited. For questions or to obtain a registration form, contact Hindley at 276-6353 or gjhallpro@aol.com.



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KATIE LACOUR

PSJ's Lacour named All-Southland Conference

Star Staff Report

HAMMOND, La. — Sophomore outfielder Katie Lacour was one of three Southeastern Louisiana players named to the All-Southland Conference Softball teams released last week.

Lacour, a graduate of Port St. Joe High School, was joined by teammates Megan Moore, junior third baseman, and sophomore designated player Amber Sather.

Lacour, an outstanding leadoff hitter on a Lady Tiger Shark team that reached the state Final Four, was named as a first-team selection.

Lacour, who was a second-team all-conference selection as a freshman, is the program's first student-

athlete to earn first team All-Southland honors since former third baseman Heather Sherrill in 2008. All three SLU selections are on the All-Southland teams for the second straight season.

Moore and Sather were both honorable mention choices. Lacour was the catalyst of the Southeastern offense from the leadoff spot, leading the team in batting with a .397 average, hits with 60, runs-scored with 27 and a .477 on-base percentage.

Her batting average was the highest by a Lady Lion since Dee Rancher hit .405 in 1999. Lacour, who finished the season on an 11-game hitting streak, hit .425 in conference games and closed the season out strong by hitting .508 in the month of April.

Ladies Golf Association has awards banquet

Special to The Star

The Ladies Golf Association of St. Joseph Bay Golf Club had its annual awards banquet this past week. Several awards were given out.

During the year, different games are played on the Play Days, and these are added up to give out the divisions awards based on handicaps. Ethel Bardsley was first in the A Division, Pat Hardman in the B division and Barbara McQuinn in the C division.

Awards were given for most "birdies" on the Play Day. This is one less than

par. Ethel Bardsley took first in the A division, and Pat Hardman was first in the B division.

The Ringers was won by Beth Bauer. This is an accumulation of the best score on each hole during the year. Most improved LGA player for the year was Pat Hardman, reducing her handicap by three points over the year.

The Ladies Golf Association plays on Thursday mornings and is looking for new members.

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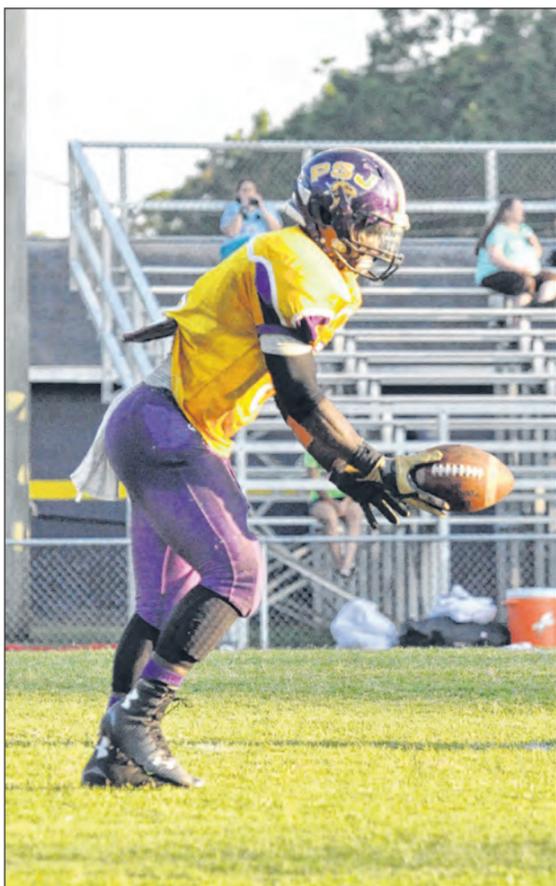


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Wewa meets PSJ for jamboree

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School football teams finished spring practice last Friday with a Jamboree at Shark Stadium. The jamboree brought 18 days of spring practice to a close as the squads welcome new head coaches, John Palmer in Port St. Joe and Loren Tillman in Wewahitchka. The coaches were able to empty benches and the teams played a spirited four quarters in what is a prelude to August and the beginning of fall drills.

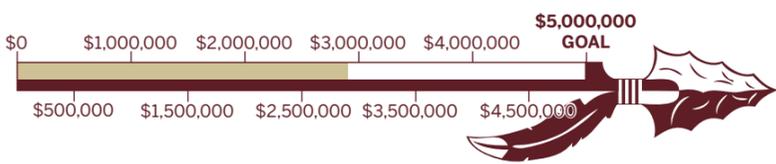


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Carolyn Butchikas, Camille Butchikas and George Butchikas support FSU Panama City through The George A. Butchikas Foundation for Autism. On May 14, they presented a check for \$40,000 in support of the ECAP Clinic and an original drawing by Camille (pictured above) which will be displayed at the ECAP Clinic.

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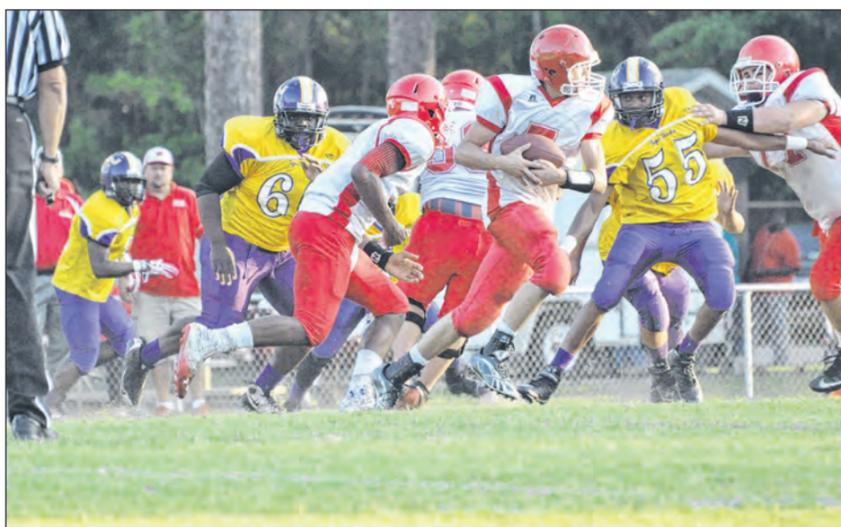
The new College of Applied Studies at FSU Panama City was approved by the FSU Board of Trustees in June 2010 and allows the campus to more easily respond to workforce needs in our area. We invite you to support *The Campaign for Our Community's University* by helping us build an endowment for tomorrow's jobs. Our goal is to establish a \$5 million endowment for the College of Applied Studies by 2017, which will allow FSU Panama City to establish student scholarships, implement new degree programs and provide new equipment and technology.

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Port St. Joe Basketball Clinic June 14

Special to The Star

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, before June 1, is \$15. On-site registration will be offered for \$20.

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Wewa students complete teen court

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After numerous courtroom battles, the 2014 Wewahitchka Teen Court came to a close last week.

As part of Hattie Hunter's Law Studies class, students at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School celebrated the end of a successful semester with a pizza party.

During the class, students are involved in teen court where they hosted mock trials for misde-

meanors of their peers. Students played roles from court clerk, to bailiff, to attorney as they gained a better understanding of the Florida judicial system.

"It's a great experience for the students," Hunter said. "It shows them that there are laws, and if you break them, you will face the consequences."

Those who went before the teen court were chosen by local officers and had already admitted guilt. It was up to the students to decide on punishment, which ranged from community

service, apology letters or essays to reflect on their actions.

Students also worked with County Judge Timothy McFarland who oversaw the mock trials and gave assistance throughout the process. Students were required to dress appropriately for their roles and also learned proper courtroom etiquette.

"This process exposes students to roles that they may undertake later in life, whether it's as jurors or as a career,"

See COURT B10



Gulf County Judge Timothy McFarland presented Wewahitchka juniors McKenna Waters and Cheslee Williamson with plaques for their hard work as attorneys during the Teen Court program.

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Honoring the fallen



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Last Wednesday at the Gulf County Courthouse, Sheriff Mike Harrison led a memorial for seven Florida police officers who died in the line of duty over the past year. As each name was read, a bell was sounded and a balloon was released into the sky. Harrison praised the fallen officers for their bravery and read a poem in their honor. James Wiley, Senior Pastor at Oak Grove Church led the audience in prayer while the Port St. Joe NJROTC flew the colors.



WES LOCHER | The Star

To celebrate The Bridge at Bay St. Joe becoming a 5-star facility, the staff grilled up barbecue in the parking lot.

The Bridge at Bay St. Joe earns 5-star honor

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Four becomes five ... stars, that is.

Last Wednesday, The Bridge at Bay St. Joe nursing and rehabilitation center announced that it received a five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency tasked with oversight of nursing home quality.

Prior to the announcement, the sign that hung above the doorway for the past four years touted the

facility's four-star status.

Needless to say, the employees and administrators were proud to raise an updated banner.

"Five-star status has been a goal of ours, and now it's a huge milestone," Administrator and CEO Ron Reid said. "This is a huge accomplishment for us."

Under the five-star rating system, nursing homes are assessed in three main categories that include health inspections, quality measures and staffing.

See BRIDGE B10

Food distribution this Saturday at Hope Center

Star Staff Report

This Saturday, May 24, the Gulf Coast Hope Center will host a Community Food Distribution.

From noon to 4 p.m. ET, students and families that qualify for free-and-reduced meals at the public schools can pick up hearty meals for free. 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.

Those who attend for food must provide verification of free-and-reduced lunch status along with photo identification.

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

There will be live music and grilled hot dogs and hamburgers.

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



Trivia Fun

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

1) Whose mom used to send letters to army superiors saying her son should be a general?

Eisenhower, Pershing, MacArthur, Westmoreland

2) Statistically what are the most dangerous animals/creatures in the U.S. as to causing human deaths?

Deer, Bees, Snakes, Dogs

3) Who explained to Jefferson, "We pour legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it"?

Washington, Franklin, Hancock, Webster

4) In 2007 who became the first female Speaker of

the U.S. House of Representatives?

Johnson, Walsh, Byrd, Pelosi

5) The world's oldest sheep died in England (1989) a week before its which birthday?

17th, 23rd, 29th, 32nd

6) What is Jacqueline Gagne famed for hitting?

Paparazzi, Softball homeruns, Hole-in-ones, 3-pointers

7) Which state has had the only Congressman (Matthew Lyon) to be

jailed for criticizing the president?

Georgia, Maine, Ohio, Vermont

8) Who acted under the name of Ariztid Olt during his career's early days?

Bela Lugosi, Johnny Depp, George Clooney, Will Smith

9) Whose president was the first person to drive over the speed limit in a hydrogen powered car?

France, Iceland, Germany, USA

10) Which has no

blood supply and takes its oxygen directly from the air?

Eardrum, Finger/toe nails, Cornea, Eyebrow

11) About what percentage of America's pet dogs are overweight?

20%, 30%, 40%, 50%

12) BMW, famous for its cars, started out making what in 1923?

Watches, Guns, Soaps, Motorcycles

13) When did Elvis Presley buy his Graceland estate?

1957, 1959, 1961, 1963

14) What is Taipei 101?

Car, Fish, Building, Stadium

ANSWERS

- 1) MacArthur.
- 2) Deer.
- 3) Washington.
- 4) Pelosi.
- 5) 29th.
- 6) Hole-in-ones.
- 7) Vermont.
- 8) Bela Lugosi.
- 9) Iceland.
- 10) Cornea.
- 11) 40%.
- 12) Motorcycles.
- 13) 1957.
- 14) Building.

Applying fungicides to the landscape and vegetable garden

Using the right amount for the right fungicide is essential for effective plant disease control. But, that's only half the battle! You must also know when to apply the selected materials. Unfortunately, garden hobbyists may find timing to be as confusing as chemical selection.



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

Fungicides work by preventing plant disease. They serve as shields against infection, not cures. These chemicals can't save plants that are already infected. They can only limit the spread of a

disease to a healthy plant. So, it's very important to begin a fungicidal spray program at the first sign of attack or, better yet, even before you notice any symptoms at all.

When you notice the first signs of fungus disease, usually leaf spots or blight, you can be fairly sure that the affected plants have been infected for at least three days, and perhaps as long as two weeks. Symptoms of bacterial leaf spots and downy mildew usually appear three to 10 days after infection. Other leaf

diseases have incubation periods of seven to 10 days, in some cases as long as 10 to 14 days.

Generally, the longer the incubation period, the slower a disease spreads, and the more easily it can be controlled. Obviously then, diseases that have short incubation periods, such as bacterial blights, and downy mildews are the most difficult to control.

Other variables, such as weather conditions, cultural control, fungicide toxicity and spray application techniques, also will have some effect on your attempts to control a disease. But the one factor that will have

the most influence is the time at which you begin your spray program. As we've said, the earlier you begin, the more successful you will be.

So, you should always inspect your plants carefully and frequently, and begin spraying at the first sign of infection. It may seem that extensive disease symptoms develop overnight. However, a few spots always appear on the leaves before a sudden explosion of symptoms. And, you should remain alert for these early warnings. Also, if you know from past experience that a disease problem is likely to

develop, you should begin a spray program before you see any symptoms at all. Then, continue spraying at the intervals suggested on the product label.

If disease symptoms that have appeared seem to get worse after you've sprayed, don't get discouraged. Remember that fungicides can only prevent – not cure – an infection. So, a disease may continue to produce symptoms for some time after spraying. However, you should notice a slowdown in symptom development within about 10 days following application of a fungicide.

As we've said, you

should begin control measure at the first sign of infection. However, if you don't begin spraying until a disease has spread quite a bit, you should use the most effective material you can find, and apply it at the highest rate allowed on the product label. Also, shorten the interval between sprays as much as the label recommends, and water the plants only when necessary.

For more information on applying fungicides, contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu and see Publication PP 233, PP-275, PP154.

Graduation set for The Ladder Program

Special to The Star

Eleven young adults dedicated numerous hours the past three months to gain skills vital to their successful transition into the workforce. Last week they graduated from The Ladder Program in a ceremony at Gulf Coast State College Gulf/Franklin Center.

Program graduates are Alyssa Lee Catha, Raheem Clemons, Sabrina Lynn Edge, Jessica Lynn Griffin, Joseph Julian, Alexander King, Joseph A. Love, Sidney Love, LaDonna Ann Faye Pelt, Marquez D. Quinn and Lora Elizabeth Stabler.

Targeted specifically at underprivileged and unemployed 18- to 21-year-olds, the program is aimed at helping participants learn that there are many opportunities out there for them to succeed in life, but they need to be prepared and recognize them when they present themselves, according to Kim Bodine, executive director of CareerSource Gulf Coast.

"We know that many young people sort of drift around after high school, not really finding their niche, both work wise and socially," Bodine said. "The ladder program was designed because research showed us that up to 70 percent of the young adults who did not enter post-secondary training or the military

took three years before they attached to the workforce."

The Ladder is a progression from personal awareness and growth, into appropriate workplace behavior and, of course, finding a good job.

"Instilling a strong work ethic from the perspective of the employer, and discussing the lifelong value of ongoing education is a big part of The Ladder Program," Bodine said. "It is a big job, as you can imagine, working with 20-somethings, but we strive to fuel the drive in these young adults to lead successful lives through self-sufficiency and hard work. It's about providing them with an opportunity that might not otherwise exist for them – and that's an idea the Board of CareerSource Gulf Coast very much supports."

Over a period of 12 weeks, seminars are offered in varied topics including career exploration, life coaching, financial literacy, resume building, interviewing techniques, driver's education training for those who need it, Dale Carnegie training and so much more.

The Ladder Program is operated by CareerSource Gulf Coast through the Community Resource Center in Port St. Joe. It is financially sponsored by the Jessie Ball duPont Port St. Joe Capacity Building Fund.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Carl Sheline, HSHT student, who will be interning at the St Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve, Dr. Pat Hardman, CEO of Dyslexia Research Institute and HSHT, Johanna White, President, Kiwanis Club and Melissa Behee, Director of HSHT of Port St. Joe.

Kiwanis donates to HSHT

Special to The Star

The Kiwanis Club of Port St. Joe generously donated \$300 to High School High Tech of Port St. Joe for summer internships.

This donation will offset the salary for one of the HSHT students to be involved in a working environment with job and employability training this summer. There are nine HSHT students who have earned the right for summer internships this year. They earn points throughout the year for participation, citizenship,

and volunteering in order to obtain an internship position. We appreciate all the local businesses that provide the opportunity for our HSHT students to learn employment skills. The HSHT program in Port St Joe is partially funded through a grant from the ABLE Trust and Vocational Rehabilitation of Florida through Dyslexia Research Institute. The annual Autumn Action Golf Tournament and donations raised the necessary funding to pay the summer salaries for the HSHT students.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary news

Special to The Star

The Ladies Auxiliary of the John C. Gainous VFW Post 10069 has had a very active calendar the last few weeks.

On April 24, President Ginny Seefeldt and Scholarship Chairman Nancy Calendine attended the NJROTC Awards Banquet, presenting the Auxiliary annual scholarship to Cadet Allie Stripling.

At the regular meeting of the Auxiliary and Post the room was filled with students from Port St. Joe High School.

Awards were given to four young women who entered the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, a National Contest of the Auxiliary which begins at the local level.

Receiving awards were Sophia Harrison, Caroline

Rish and Katharine Loden.

Our winner at the local level was awarded to Laura Sinor. Her artwork will be on display at the State Convention in Jacksonville.

Their families and teacher, Mrs. Julie Hodges, were in attendance. The Auxiliary was pleased to give a donation to the Odyssey of the Mind team headed to Iowa to compete at world level.

The Ladies will be around the area at local businesses on Saturday, May 24 with poppies for donation in honor of Memorial Day. Please remember those who have served. Members are reminded that monthly meetings are at the Post on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. ET. Those interested in joining our Auxiliary should contact the Post at 1774 Trout Avenue, Highland View.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Ginny Seefeldt and Cadet Allie Stripling



Nancy Calendine and Laura Sinor

PET OF THE WEEK

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Deborah McLeod graduates from Troy University

Special to The Star

TROY, ALA. — Deborah McLeod of Mexico Beach graduated from Troy University during Spring Commencement ceremonies on May 9 in Trojan Arena on the Troy Campus.

More than 700 students representing 24 states and 14 nations took part in the ceremony. Gen. Victor E. Renuart, Jr., a TROY alumnus and former commander of NORAD and the United States Northern Command, delivered the keynote address.

Also during the ceremony, TROY awarded an honorary doctoral degree to international sculptor Hou Bao Zhu of Xian, China. Many of his works are displayed on Troy University campuses.

Troy University is a public, internationally recognized institution serving a broad range of students on four campuses in Alabama, online and around the world, providing a wide variety of academic programs from the associate to the doctoral level.

PSJ AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM PERFORMS FOR PEERS



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The 21st Century After School Enrichment Program presented a music and art event last week at Port St. Joe Elementary School. Participating students in grades K-3 displayed artwork created during the program and performed a music show for peers and parents titled "Bullying is not for me." Everyone in attendance enjoyed the message.

FAMU presents free STEAM summer camp

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Just because school has reached its end, it doesn't mean that the learning has to stop for the summer.

Florida A&M University will hold its fourth annual Summer STEAM Camp from June 8-21.

The Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation has provided \$52,000 in funding for the free two-week summer camp for Gulf County students.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime," said Eda Garcia, the grants coordinator for the camp. "Many kids who have attended the camp in the past said that

they are better prepared when returning to school."

While on the campus, middle school and high school students will learn directly from FAMU scholars while they experience hands-on workshops focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Classes in robotics and rocketry will be taught at the Challenger Learning Center.

Students will spend the second week of camp on an arts component featuring dance, drama, journalism and graphic arts. In journalism, students will find themselves in front of and behind the camera and will contribute to creating a newspaper and magazine

from the ground up.

Students will live on the campus and get a feel for college life while they attend classes and even participate in ACT/SAT prep.

"We want students to come in and gain an understanding of what it's like to be on a college campus," Garcia said. "We want them to see that going to college is a choice."

Participating students will be picked up in Port St. Joe and brought back on the final day of the camp. During the last few days of the camp another bus will be sent to Port St. Joe to pick up parents who would like to attend the program's closing ceremonies.

The aim of the program

is to show students that FAMU is a viable option as a college choice, but also that attending any college after high school is a possibility.

The camp is free of charge with meals, travel and housing provided. Applications are available at the Washington Improvement Group. The deadline is Wednesday, May 28 and limited space is available. For more information call Eda Garcia at 850-599-3862 or Minnie Likely at 229-8251.

"It's a fun and enjoyable opportunity," Garcia said. "Our hope is that students will bring their new skills back to the classroom."

"We hope that parents take advantage of this."



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Students at Faith Christian School enjoyed an end of the year celebration sponsored by the

staff and PTO. The 2013-2014 has been one of the best years yet! The staff of Faith Christian School extends a warm thank you to every parent, teacher, business, and those with a heart for Christian education for making FCS a great place to go school. Most of all, praise to our Savior for His blessings on our campus every day! There are still openings for students for the 2014-2015 school year. Call 850-229-6707 or visit www.FaithChristianPSJ.net. FCS is where kids grow academically and spiritually.

PSJES THANKS VOLUNTEERS



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Port St. Joe Elementary School is blessed to have many community members who volunteer their time to work with students and teachers each week. These faithful volunteers were recently honored at an after-school social in the Media Center where they enjoyed an array of delicious foods and were presented with a thank-you gift in appreciation for their dedication.

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Obituaries

Ellery Lewis Stickle

Ellery Lewis Stickle, age 93, passed away with a sharp mind and his wonderful sense of humor on Tuesday, April 29, at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel Stickle and Gertrude Wynn; a sister Noel Wynn, and his son Danny Stickle.

Ellery is survived by his wife of 68 years, Bernyce; his daughter Sherry Chambliss (Bill), Atlanta, Ga.; daughter-in-law Sandra Jackson Stickle, Vero Beach, Fla.; sister Ariel Wynn, Arizona; brother Walter Wynn, New Jersey; grandsons Woods Chambliss (Kara), Georgia; Scott Stickle (Nicole), Florida; Ryan Stickle (Tiana), Florida; as well as three great-grandchildren plus nieces and nephews.

Ellery was born in Cobleskill, N.Y., in May 1920 and lived there until he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a Mustang veteran of World War II; the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Following enlistment, he spent his first five Christmas holidays in overseas battle and did duty in Guam, Iceland, Samoa, Bougainville, Guadalcanal, New

Zealand, China and Okinawa. Stateside, he was stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C.; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; and Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga.

In 1963, he retired as Chief Warrant Officer 3 after 23 years while living in Albany. He was employed by Phoebe Putney Hospital before working and retiring from the Caterpillar equipment dealer; The Carlton Company. He and his wife retired to Port St. Joe Beach in 1992. There he enjoyed having company at their beach home, golfing, fishing, boating and reading. He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Port St. Joe.

In May 2013, he and his wife moved to Atlanta to be near their daughter.

While planning his upcoming 94th birthday on which he wanted "to go out to a restaurant for some good Chinese food," he mentioned that he's "had a really good life with little to complain about."

A Celebration of Life Memorial with Military Honors will be held at Emeritus Dunwoody in Atlanta when arrangements can be made.

John Farrell Scott, 84, of Marianna died Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in Calhoun County.

John was born in Alford, Fla., and lived in Port St. Joe for more than 20 years, where he worked for the Port St. Joe Paper Company and Basic Magnesium. He spent most of his life in Jackson County, where he was the Owner/Operator of Scott's Gladiolus Farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Leslie and Myrtle Davis Scott; three brothers, Golden, Gene and Davis Scott; one sister, Phyllis Scott.

He is survived by his wife, Wandis Daniels Scott of Marianna; two sons, John Carlton Scott and wife, Vicki, William Sim Scott and wife, Donna, all of Marianna; one daughter, Sandra Watson

and husband, Craig, of Blountstown; One brother, Pete Scott and wife, Alice, of Alford; one sister, Annette Williams and husband, Jimmy, of Panama City; seven grandchildren and spouses; nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2014, at First Baptist Church of Marianna with Dr. Mark Long and the Rev. Jim McIntosh officiating.

Burial will follow in the Alford City Cemetery with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel directing.

The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2014, at First Baptist Church of Marianna.

Expressions of sympathy may be made online at www.jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com.

John Farrell Scott

Crystal Mapes Lewis

Crystal Mapes Lewis, formerly of Port St. Joe, died Friday, April 25, at her home in Tallahassee, Fla.

Crystal was born on July 31, 1948, in Edmore, Mich. Her parents were James and Martha Mapes, longtime residents of the Port St. Joe area. She was the eldest of two children.

In 1960, Crystal and her family relocated to Port St. Joe, Fla., where she graduated from Port St. Joe High School in 1966. Crystal's compassionate nature and desire to help others led to her profession as a respiratory therapist.

She assisted patients for many years and in many locations including Tampico, Mexico; Panama City, Fla.; and Dothan, Ala. Crystal was a great lover of nature and a loyal friend.

Crystal is survived by her sister, Carol Carr of Tallahassee, Fla.; half-sister, Diane Spivey of Denver, Colo.; niece, Tiffany Carr of Tallahassee, Fla.; and granddaughter, Alex Naus of Mexico Beach, Fla.

The family very much appreciates the love and support from our many friends during this special time.

Jane Burroughs Whitfield

Jane Burroughs Whitfield of Milledgeville, Ga., went to be with the Lord on May 17, 2014, after a 10-month battle with lung cancer.

Jane was a resident of Milledgeville since 1999, moving there from Tallahassee, Fla. She resided in Panama City, Fla., for 25 years previous to that. She grew up in Dawson, Ga., and was a proud graduate of Florida State University.

She was loved by her family and those who knew her. Her laugh (which often became a snort) was infectious. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Milledgeville and the Emmaus Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Forrest and Eva Burroughs of Dawson, Georgia. She is survived by her loving husband, John Michael Whitfield of Milledgeville;

daughter Lara Kathleen Moore (Chad); son Clay Allen Whitfield (Kimberly); grandchildren, Hannah, Luke and Ava Moore, and Jacob and Emily Whitfield; and brother, Glenn Burroughs (Amy). She had lots of wonderful nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held at First United Methodist Church of Milledgeville on Saturday, May 24, 2014, at 5 p.m. Visitation will be held prior to the service, from 3-4:45 p.m. at the Church.

The family requests no flowers. Donations may be made to cancer research, First United Methodist Church of Milledgeville, or another appropriate charity, in memory of Jane.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" 2 Timothy 4:7
Express online condolences at www.williamsfuneralhome.net.

Carlton Henry Padgett

Mr. Carlton Henry Padgett, age 82, of Ponce de Leon, Fla., passed away May 15, 2014, at his home. He was born Dec. 2, 1931, in Holmes County, Fla., to the late George Walker Padgett and Mattie Elsie Padgett. In addition to his parents, Mr. Padgett was preceded in death by his wife, Joy Padgett; two brothers, Randall Padgett and Donnie Padgett; and one sister, Dessie Bell.

Mr. Padgett served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1955.

Mr. Padgett is survived by his son, Kevin Hedman of Niceville, Fla.; two

grandchildren, Cassandra Worley of Chipley, Fla., and Carlton Hedman of Troy, Ala.; two great-grandchildren, Bryndon Matthew Carroll and Broox Auburn Worley; one sister, Wilma Niel of Carrabelle, Fla.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2014, at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church with the Rev. Ernie Grey officiating. Interment followed with military honors in the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery. Family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Peel Funeral Home.

J.B. Porter

Mr. J.B. Porter, 84, of Blountstown, passed away Friday, May 16, in Panama City.

Porter was born in Red Head, Fla., on Feb. 20, 1930, and lived in Blountstown for the past 43 years after relocating from White City. He retired from the St. Joe Telephone Company after 26 years. He also worked at Reichold Chemical Company in Telogia for a number of years.

Porter was owner and operator of J.B. Porter's Telephone Repair in Blountstown. He was a member of AA for 34 years and served as instructor in 16 districts and prisons for several years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Porter was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Porter; son, Buck Porter; and daughter, Wendy Porter. Survivors include three daughters,

Mary Frances Parrish of Panama City, Mona Guetter and husband, Joe, of Panama City and Lucy Justin and husband, Van, of Panama City; 14 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 20, at 3 p.m. CT at Peavy Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Steve Watson officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Memorial Cemetery in Blountstown.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 20 from 2-3 p.m. CT at Peavy Funeral Home. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice, 107 W. 19th St. in Panama City, FL 32406.

All arrangements are under the direction of Marlon Peavy at Peavy Funeral Home in Blountstown.

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Billy Johnson

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Clothing giveaway

There will be clothing giveaway 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET May 31 at First Baptist Church of White City, at 7210 S. State Road 71. The giveaway is sponsored by the Baptist Women's Mission.

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Finding a life of purpose explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

How to find and live a life of meaning and purpose will be discussed at 7 p.m. CT on Monday, May 26 at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "Living a Rich Life: Finding Meaning and Purpose," features the

filmed story of Christine Garde, who left an influential political position to launch a gang diversion program by moving into an urban gang-infested neighborhood.

"I want to look back at my life and know that I made a significant

difference in the world," said Garde, who believes she's not alone in her desire. "People want their lives to matter."

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

from El Governor Motel. Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree can be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwclifetreecafe@fairpoint.net.

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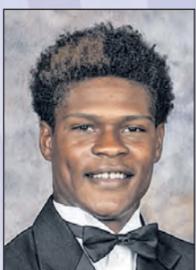
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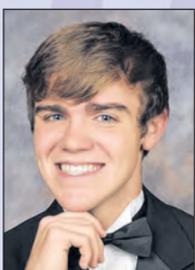
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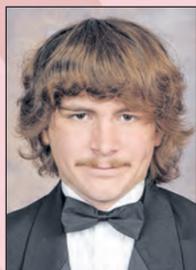
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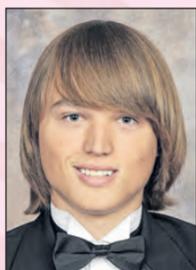
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Students, artists, teachers and volunteers came together to make Student Art Day an educational and entertaining experience.

Art to art

Area students receive one-on-one training from Plein Air artists

By WES LOCHER

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They came, they saw, they painted.

Frank Pate Park was hopping recently for the annual Student Art Day, which paired local high school students up with participating Plein Air artists for mid-morning workshop.

Four students from Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School and six from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School along with a handful of students from Franklin County employed watercolors, acrylics and oil paints to bring the St. Joseph Bay to canvas.

Wewahitchka student artists included Kimberly Hughes, Hayley Melvin, Nicole Windolf and Emily Palmer.

Port St. Joe student artists were Chloe Burke, Kerigan Pickett, Isaabel Bogaert, Keith Wadleigh, Caroline Rish and Jacobi Jones.

Port St. Joe art teacher Julie Hodges praised the workshop for giving students, especially those considering a career in the arts, an opportunity to work on-on-one with artists who make a living through their work.

“The students are able to gain a new perspective and new ideas and even a new style,” Hodges said. “I hope they walk away with a different feel for what it’s like to be a professional artist.”

Debbie Cole, art teacher for Wewahitchka

said she hoped that the students took an enthusiasm for creating great art from the experience. She said that participating students from her class had demonstrated an interest in pursuing art as a hobby, if not a career.

“(The students) see that art can be a profession while they get encouragement and lessons from professionals,” Cole said.

Students interested in participating in the experience had to submit an application of interest along with an essay explaining why they wanted to participate. Some students had participated in the event in prior years, while others enjoyed the workshop for the first time.

Port St. Joe students Burke, Pickett and Wadleigh are actively involved in their art classes and applied to spend an afternoon painting with the Plein Air artists.

Burke, who worked with oil paints alongside Ken DeWaard, said that she enjoyed experimenting with different techniques and styles that she hadn’t tried before and learned from DeWaard that she didn’t have to feel pressured to paint exactly what she saw.

“I enjoyed getting to work one-on-one with an artist in a setting where I could see the scene I was painting, versus working off my phone,” Burke said.

Pickett worked with



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Artists provided guidance, tips and tricks as the students worked to bring their visions to life.

Tracey Frugoli, also using oil paints. Frugoli showed the student a trick of taking a photo of the scene to be painted in case the sun moves or the light changes. Pickett also said she experimented with the technique of holding the brush parallel to the canvas which gave her additional control.

“I felt appreciative to the artist for teaching

me how to paint,” said Wadleigh, who spent the afternoon with Leon Holmes. Wadleigh said Holmes’ suggestion of keeping his arm straight while painting was something he’d apply in his own future work.

Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition member Natalie Shoaf worked to pair students with artists and did her best to pair

students who preferred a specific art medium with the artists who produce professional work using that same medium.

The FCCC also provided each student with their own set of paints for the workshop.

“By giving them paint, we hope this encourages them to continue working with their art,” said Shoaf. “The artists are so

generous with their time and talent, and hopefully, the kids understand the value of the day and reciprocate in some way by using their art to help others.”

Local volunteers were on hand to assist with the workshop, some traveling from as far away as Eastpoint and Carrabelle. The event was sponsored by Duke Energy.



Students from Gulf and Franklin Counties participated in the Student Art Day Workshop. The event, held at Frank Pate Park in Port St. Joe paired students one-on-one with participating Plein Air artists.



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Many fierce matches of tug-of-war took place during the afternoon.

Gulf County students enjoy annual field day

Star Staff Report

To celebrate the impending summer break, Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka students in grades K-6 participated in the annual field day at Shark Stadium.

Students competed in a series of events including the sack race, tug-of-war,

40-yard dash and even a sponge relay, during which teams had to fill a 5-gallon jug using only a sponge and a bucket of water situated several yards away.

The competition was fierce and once the events were complete, each student received a ribbon donated by Tommy T's.



Port St. Joe Elementary students battled it out with Wewahitchka across the various events.



Students competed in a series of events including the sack race.



Also on the docket for the competition was the 40-meter dash.



Another contest found teams discovering how fast they could fill a 5-gallon jug using only a sponge. **At left**, Principal Sue Gannon played emcee for the field day events for students in grades K-2.



Parents attended the events to support their children.



Some students still found time to mug for the camera between events.

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VARIANCE NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning and Development Review Board will hold Meeting to discuss a Request of a Variance on Tuesday, June 10th, 2014 4:00pm EST, at City Hall at 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St Joe FL for Harry Boyd located at 510 9th Street, Parcel #05099-000R. The Reason for the request is Per Section 3.04 (2)(M) 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 decides 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. 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

High school students learn danger of distracted driving

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As exciting as it might be to get a driver's license, a recent presentation at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School showed students how fast they can lose one, too.

During an assembly held last Thursday for students, the National Save a Life Tour, operated by Kramer Entertainment, brought an interactive exhibit to help kids understand the dangers of driving while distracted.

Students watched a series of videos that featured families impacted by accidents caused by distracted drivers. Victims reminded viewers how simple it was to set the phone aside while behind the wheel.

The Florida Department of Health in Gulf County received a "Distracted Driving Prevention Grant" to work with community partners to promote health education and prevention activities. The long-term goal is to reduce and ultimately eliminate distracted driving vehicle deaths among Gulf County students of driving age.

In addition to the dangers associated with texting while in the driver's seat, presenters warned of the dangers of drinking and driving, saying

that as more universities conduct background checks on potential students, a DUI arrest before college can change the course of someone's career now more than ever.

"It is important to use a variety of different teaching techniques so that youth better understand consequences associated with distracted driving and make better decisions while behind the wheel," said Sarah Hinds, a government operations consultant for the Florida Department of Health.

By making a pledge not to drive while texting or drinking, students were able to get hands-on with several simulators.

One simulated driving while intoxicated and another required students to respond to a text message every 30 seconds while still obeying the rules of the road.

Needless to say, all volunteer drivers met with simulated disaster.

Driving and texting diminishes a driver's focus. Young people have a higher risk of danger due to their increased exposure to technology paired with inexperience behind the wheel.

"I think this event did have an impact on us," junior Billy Quaranta said. "It makes us think twice before we pick up that cell phone."



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Above, during a distracted driving assembly last week, PSJHS students climbed into a simulator to experience what it's like to drive while intoxicated. At right, Another similar showed students how texting while driving diminishes their focus.



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McFarland said.

The judge also presented plaques to two students who went above and beyond during the course of the class.

Juniors Cheslee Williamson and McKenna Waters acted as attorneys for the duration of the class, alternating between defense and prosecution roles.

Their responsibilities as lawyers called for Waters and Williamson to not only do plenty of research on their own time, but also prepare opening and closing statements for each of the cases handled by the class.

Hunter and McFarland found the concept of the two facing off intriguing, since the two are best friends outside the courtroom.

"I didn't know anything about court, but I learned a lot over the year," William-

son said. "I appreciate the opportunity."

Waters swore that arguments in the courtroom never translated to their personal life, especially since there were bigger fish to fry. She said at first she struggled with the public speaking aspect of the role, but ultimately, the class helped her overcome her fears.

"It was a cool experience," Waters said. "It helped me gain an understanding of the court system and public speaking."

"I'd do it again," Hunter said she was proud that the juniors and seniors who make up the class took each case seriously and came to each session prepared.

"Once you turn 18, real life hits you," Hunter said. "Everyone has to be held accountable."



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The Bridge at Bay St. Joe became a 5-star facility during a ceremony last Wednesday.

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The overall rating combines scores received in each of the categories. The system is intended to help consumers, families and caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and identify which will best suit their needs.

"Through the leadership of Ron Reid we've improved our rating for the first time

in the history of the nursing home," marketing director Chyspa Ross said. "We owe a lot to the quality stakeholders who provide care for the residents."

Employees of the bridge celebrated the event with a barbecue in the parking lot. Ribs and chicken provided by Centennial Bank was served up to residents,

staff and hungry news reporters.

The Bridge at Bay St. Joe offers Alzheimer's and dementia care, physical, occupational and speech therapies, a full-time chaplain and spiritual programming. The facility is one of 96 locations operated by Louisville, Ky.-based Signature HealthCARE.

"I couldn't be more proud of our staff at The Bridge," Reid said. "It is because of their daily commitment, diligence, hard work and compassion that we received the five-star rating which, most importantly, is a reflection of the care we are providing and that our residents and patients so deserve."

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The fourth annual Family Festival was held last weekend at the Taunton Family Children's Home. The family-focused event takes place each year on the Saturday before Mother's Day.

Taunton Family holds fourth annual festival

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The Taunton Family Children's Home in Wewahitchka recently had its fourth annual Family Festival.

More than 1,000 attendees from surrounding states and some local to Honeyville enjoyed a 5K run, obstacle course relay race, basketball sharpshooting, Frisbee golf and many other events.

Founder of the Children's Home David Taunton called the fundraiser, put on by the Lynn Haven United Methodist Church, "very successful."

"To build local awareness we set aside one day each year to spotlight the children's home and what we do," Taunton said. "It was a beautiful day, and a good place for a family outing."

Taunton thanked the community, attendees and the more than 50 volunteers who helped run the event.

The Taunton Family Festival is held each year on the Saturday prior to Mother's Day.



The event drew more than 1,000 attendees from the Honeyville area and other states. Activities included a 5K run, obstacle course relay race and volleyball.





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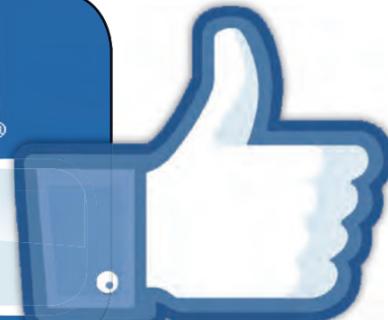
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<p>99007 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leigh Gable Holdings, LLC the holder of the following Tax Certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:</p> <p>Tax Sale Certificate No. 1031 Application No. 2014-29 Date of Issuance: May 31, 2012 R.E. No: 03806-520R</p> <p>Description of Property:</p> <p>Lot 12, Block "D", SeaShores/St. Joe Beach, Unit No. 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 35, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.</p> <p>Name in which assessed: Margot A. Valencik</p> <p>All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 25th day of June, 2014. Dated this 19th day of May, 2014.</p>	<p>REBECCA L. NORRIS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>By: Donna L. Ray, Deputy Clerk May 22, 29 June 5, 12, 2014</p> <p>94958S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO: 10000460CA</p> <p>NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>PAUL DUNCAN; et al., Defendants.</p> <p>RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE</p> <p>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</p>	<p>day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgement, to wit:</p> <p>COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4, SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, THENCE RUN NORTH ALONG SECTION LINE FOR 150.0 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN WEST FOR 242.0 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF MOSSIE ROAD, THENCE RUN NORTH ALONG RIGHT OF WAY FOR 200.0 FEET, THENCE RUN EAST 242.0 FEET TO SECTION LINE, THENCE RUN SOUTH FOR 200.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A 15.0 FEET UTILITY EASEMENT IS RESERVED ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 26, ALL MINERAL RIGHTS ARE RESERVED BY SELLER. THIS DESCRIPTION DESCRIBED LOTS 5, AND 4. 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If you are hearing impaired, please call 711.</p> <p>Dated this 5th day of May, 2014.</p> <p>REBECCA NORRIS Clerk of the Circuit Court</p> <p>By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Submitted by: Choice Legal Group, PA, 1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309 Phone: (954) 453-0365 Fax: (954) 771-6052 Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438</p> <p>DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516 eservice@clegalgroup.com File No. 10-44147 May 15, 22, 2014</p> <p>95024S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 14000029CAAXMX</p> <p>BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY,</p>	<p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>LEVERAL RAFFIELD: KIMBERLY L. RAFFIELD: et al., Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>TO: Kimberly L. Raffield Last Known Residence: Unknown</p> <p>YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in GULF County, Florida:</p> <p>LOT 1: COMMENCE AT THE LIGHT WOOD POST MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 13, AS MONUMENTED, NORTH 01 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST FOR 1329.75 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST FOR 1052.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST FOR 1265.24 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE COUNTY ROAD (UNNAMED); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST FOR 536.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE</p>	<p>CONTINUE ALONG SAID LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST FOR 126.24 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SUNSHINE ACRES. AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE, SOUTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST FOR 175.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST FOR 126.24 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST FOR 175.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LANDS LYING IN GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND CONTAINING 0.507 ACRES. MORE OR LESS.</p> <p>AND LOT 2: COMMENCE AT THE LIGHT WOOD POST MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION .13, AS MONUMENTED, NORTH 01 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST FOR 1329.75 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND CAP; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST FOR 1052.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST FOR 1265.24 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF</p>	<p>WAY LINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE COUNTY ROAD (UNNAMED); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST FOR 412.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST FOR 126.24 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SUNSHINE ACRES. 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NORRIS As Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk File No. 1212-724B May 22, 29, 2014</p> <p>95028S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 23-2012-CA-000257 DIVISION:</p> <p>HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A7, MORTGAGE PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-A7, Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DAVID J. DELEO, AS TRUSTEE OF THE SHARON K. DELEO TRUST DATED JULY 29, 1999, et al, Defendant(s).</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>To: THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE SHARON K. DELEO TRUST DATED JULY 29, 1999</p> <p>Last Known Address:</p>	<p>Unknown</p> <p>Current Address: Unknown</p> <p>ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS</p> <p>Last Known Address: Unknown</p> <p>Current Address: Unknown</p> <p>YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Gulf County, Florida:</p> <p>LOT 13, SURFSIDE ESTATES, PHASE II, THEREOF RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 46, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>A/K/A 126 PLUTO WAY, PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456-4640</p> <p>has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before June 16, 2014, service on</p>

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Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 8th day of May, 2014.

Rebecca Norris Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 14-26 PR IN PROBATE

IN Re: The Estate of COLEMAN J. HEWETT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ESTATE:

The ancillary administration of the estate of COLEMAN J. HEWETT, deceased, Case Number 14-26 PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, Probate Division, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The name and address of the ancillary personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE 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.

** 2013 GULF COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX ROLL 2013 **

Pursuant to Chapter 197.432, Florida Statutes, Subsection (16) Notice is hereby given that the 2013 Tax Sale for Delinquent Gulf County Property Taxes will be conducted online on the Gulf County Tax Certificate Auction Website at http://gulf-countytaxcollector.com. Bids can be entered on the site starting on Monday, May 5, 2014. Tax Certificates will be awarded on Friday, May 30, 2014. Bidders are asked to register at http://gulfcountytaxcollector.com prior to sale.

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

1600 R-1288400 \$590.94 04917-003R BEARDEN HAROLD SR CITY OF PORT ST JOE LOT 10 & S/2 OF LOT 9 ORB 330/525 QC FR BENNETT, MAP 50A BLK 39 ORB 444/29 FR KNOTT

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sons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE 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 estate of the decedent must file their claims within this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 22, 2014.

/s/ Ronald C. Hewett Ronald C. Hewett 164 Deer Creek Circle Gray, GA 31032 Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of Coleman J. Hewett

/s/ Thomas S. Gibson THOMAS S. GIBSON RISH, GIBSON & SCHOLZ, PA. 116 SAILOR'S COVE DRIVE PO BOX 39 PORT ST. JOE, FL 32457 (850)229-8211 FL BAR NO. 0350583 ATTORNEY FOR ANCILLARY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE May 22, 29, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No.: 2014-PR-000018

IN RE: Estate of JAMES S. PRIDGEN JR., a/k/a JAMES PRIDGEN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Florida Estate of JAMES S. PRIDGEN, JR., deceased, (the "Decedent") whose date of death was January 3, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Clerk of Court, Attn: Probate Division, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456 under File Number 2014-PR-000018. The names and addresses of the Ancillary personal representative and the Ancillary personal representative's attorneys are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the Decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 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 unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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.

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613 Skyline Drive E. Mobile, AL 36609

Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative: RICHARD N. SHERRILL FL Bar No. 172812 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

98887S 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 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@cisco.companies.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@cisco.companies.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

98897S 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; CAPITAL CITY BANK; and UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #3; and UNKNOWN TENANT #4, who may be in possession, Defendants.

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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, 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 125.00 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

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#ALBUS29551. DATED: May 5, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

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

98911S 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, 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

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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, Gulf County Clerk of the Court

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

98965S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS BID NO: 1314-22

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

Parcel No: 02852-145R WIMICO PLACE SUB PB 6 PG 58 LOTS 9 & 10 ORB 459/721 FR WHITE CITY MAP 101C White City, Florida

Please indicate on the outside of your envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME, that this is a SEALED BID, and include the BID NUMBER, and provide three (3) copies of your proposal.

Sealed proposals may be mailed or hand delivered to the Gulf County Clerk's Office located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd, Room 149, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456, by 4:30 p.m., E.T., on Friday, May 30, 2014. Proposals received after the closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened at the above location on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., E.T.

Interested parties should contact Lynn Lanier for additional information at (850) 229-6106.

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 interests of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

/s/ Ward McDaniel, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk May 22, 29, 2014

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Beacon Hill: 212 CR 386 S., 1 block off 98, Friday-Monday, May 23 -26, 8:00 a.m. CST-?. Super Garage Sale Bigger Than Ever! Lots of Furniture, Gas Dryer, Beds, Dining Room, Living Room, Tools, Household, Toys, Plants... Way Too Much To List!

East Point Corner of Hickory Dip and 184 Daisey St. Sat. May 24th 8a-12p

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Mexico Beach 424 Arizona Drive, off of 15th St. Saturday, Sat May 24th, 7:00 am (CST) to ??

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GUNS 3240

Wanted Hunt Club Member on 2000 Acres Near Port St. Joe, Still Hunt Fee \$450-\$500/ Per Year. Call John Miller @227-5052

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Food Service/Hosp.

Best Western

Needs Front Desk and Housekeepers Experience Required. Come in person to 249 Hwy 98 Apalachicola, FL. from 9am-3pm No phone calls!!! Web ID 34288560 Text FL88560 to 56654

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Cleaning People wanted, Sat 10-4pm, w/ some Sunday's. Starting Mid April thru Oct. needs to be dependable and detailed oriented. Ref req. Call Cathy at 850-227-6952 Web ID#: 34288963

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GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE Associate Director of Resource Development / Grant Writer The primary function of this position will be to research grant opportunities through various mediums and be able to successfully write grants and implement new programs identifying potential public and private funding sources to support institutional priorities. Incumbent will be responsible for coordinating the work of proposal development teams, preparing and submitting proposals, and communicating with funding agencies by the targeted grants. Incumbent must have strong grant writing experience, excellent oral and written communication skills, computer skills, and have the ability to work flexible hours, including coverage demands due to training periods and equipment problems. Incumbent must also be able to demonstrate strong organizational, planning, and budgeting skills, and be able to travel both locally, and out of town on College business and training. Minimum Qualifications: Master's Degree in related field Salary range begins at: \$46,818.00 **Applicants may apply in person at GCSC Human Resources, 5230 W. U.S. Highway 98, via fax at (850) 913-3292, or e-mail your application to bcollins2@gulfcoast.edu Additional info: www.gulfcoast.edu/hr Gulf Coast State College does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, age, marital status, or disability in its programs, activities or employment. Roberta Mackey, Executive Director of Human Resources, 850-872-3866, has been designated as the person to handle all inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies.

GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE Respiratory Therapy Program Coordinator III The Coordinator of the Respiratory Care program is responsible for all aspects of the program, including the organization, administration, continuous review, planning, development, and general effectiveness of the program. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree required; must be credentialed as a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) eligible for FL license; 4 years teaching experience in an accredited program; 5 years acute care experience as a Respiratory Therapist. Salary: Commensurate with education and experience Deadline to apply: Open until filled **Applicants may apply in person at GCSC Human Resources, 5230 W. U.S. Highway 98, via fax at (850) 913-3292, or e-mail your application to bcollins2@gulfcoast.edu Additional info: www.gulfcoast.edu/hr Gulf Coast State College does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, age, marital status, or disability in its programs, activities or employment. Roberta Mackey, Executive Director of Human Resources, 850-872-3866, has been designated as the person to handle all inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies.