



## Port dollars, local projects survive veto

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Gov. Rick Scott signed the 2014-2015 Florida budget in Panama City on Monday and several local projects survived a potential veto threat.

The most significant was an appropriation to begin the

dredging of the ship channel at the Port of Port St. Joe.

The governor can veto individual line items in the budget.

Remaining in the final budget was a \$20 million appropriation for dredging the federally-authorized shipping channel as a critical first step in developing the Port of Port St. Joe.

The appropriation represents

roughly half the estimated cost of dredging, but it is a down payment on the most crucial piece of the port puzzle.

“Without dredging nothing will ever happen,” Port Authority member Eugene Raffield has said several times over the past eight months.

The final application for a dredge permit is to be submit-

ted to state agencies by fall with permitting and dredging beginning early next year.

The hope is that once underway, additional private/public funds will be secured for the dredging project, which would open the port for shipping by two energy companies which have entered into agreements with the St. Joe Company and

the Port St. Joe Port Authority.

Final contracts for those deals are being crafted.

The city of Port St. Joe, the Board of County Commissioners and Port Authority will meet in a joint workshop at 10 p.m. ET June 11 to discuss the progress at the port and potential

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## Capturing the beauty OF GULF COUNTY



COURTESY OF MARIE ROMANELLI

A dog and its owner out on the beach for an afternoon stroll in Indian Pass — and notice the dog leash ordinance being adhered to. This is one photo submitted by our readers that provides a glimpse at life in and around Gulf County. Find more photos on **Page A10**, and in the process help offer a look at life in our county in the weeks and months to come. We are starting a photo page, and the assistance of readers is critical to its success. See more on **Page A10**.

### REP. BESHEARS:

‘As good a chance as there has ever been’ for port

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State Rep. Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) drew a straight line last week between economic development and the school district’s bottom line.

Beshears provided a legislative update to the Gulf County School Board, offering insight into legislation pertaining to Florida schools.

While much education work during the recent session of the Florida Legislature pertained to issues not pertinent yet to Gulf County, particularly charter schools, nonetheless there is impact every year in the form of the state budget.

And how funding in that state budget affects local schools.

As example, legislators increased funding per district this year but nearly all the increase comes in the form of dollars for technology, another way, Superintendent Jim Norton said, the state removes spending decisions from the control of local officials.

Norton said the state’s unwillingness to allow district flexibility on all of its statutorily-allowed millage constrains local decisions.

Each of the four components of the district’s budget is determined

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## TDC weighs in on potential St. Vincent ‘mothballing’

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St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge is a part of the brand for the Gulf County Tourist Development Council, board member Tony Whitfield said Tuesday.

As such the county’s agency on tourism has a vested interest in the future and status of St. Vincent Island.

During its regular monthly meeting the TDC advisory council passed a resolution to reach out and join the lobbying campaign from the Board of County Commissioners requesting no change to the current status of St. Vincent.

The concern, as the BOCC

*To be ‘mothballed’ by the federal government would likely mean a reduction in management of the island, one of the last remaining areas in the country where wildlife has not been impacted by vehicular traffic.*

heard more than a month ago after which the board wrote a letter to pertinent federal officials, is that St. Vincent could be “mothballed” by the federal government.

That would likely mean a reduction in management of the island, one of the last remaining areas in the country where wildlife has not been impacted by vehicular traffic, said Marie Romanelli, who is partner with

her husband in a shuttle service from Indian Pass to the island and is a member of a non-profit support group for the island.

The federal term for the action is putting the island in “custodial status.”

Staff would be reduced to two employees — from seven just five years ago — and officials with the U.S. Department of Interior have said the cuts would impact management of the island.

Public access — which is allowed currently during daytime hours — would also be restricted, though to what extent is not yet clear.

“That is a resource that has helped Gulf County even in ways you don’t know,” Romanelli said.

She noted that in addition to tourism, the island typically hosts wildlife researchers in the winter and seagrass beds around the island serve as valuable ecosystem for several local fishery habitats.

In addition, Sambar deer hunts each year attract hunters from across the country.

Landy Luther, with the Supporters of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge, said his group provides monthly tours

during the season which have become an attraction.

Due to management and public-access constraint, Luther said, it is unclear whether the supporters will be able to continue the tours.

“The tours are sold out months in advance,” Luther said. “We have to turn people away. You take those away and you are taking away public education about the island.”

Jennifer Jenkins, TDC executive director, said the island is a popular destination for tourists and noted that much of the interest for the island comes during so-called shoulder months outside of the typical tourist season.

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# Art event of the summer is here

Star Staff Report

Things are heating up. The first First Friday Music and Art event of summer will be held on Friday, June 6 at the Thirsty Goat in Port St. Joe.

This month's art showcase will feature Dolores Lowery of Mexico Beach who creates encaustic paintings using beeswax and pigments. The featured charity will be the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society and 20 percent from each of Lowery's sales from June 6 through July 3 will be donated to help shelter area animals.

Lowery's work won best in show at the 2013 Mexico Beach Art and Wine Festival and she exhibits her paintings at numerous galleries along the Forgotten Coast from St. George Island to Grayton Beach.

The First Friday celebration will begin at 5 p.m. ET with live music by the LP's and free food and drink courtesy of The Bridge at Bay St. Joe, Centennial Bank, Cape San Blas Realty and Hannon Insurance. Humane Society volunteers will also serving drinks for tips and donations.

**First Friday's**  
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The featured artist will be encaustic painter Dolores Lowery and the featured charity will be the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society. This month's First Friday Music and Art event will be Friday, June 6.



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Capital City Bank Community Banker Sandy Price, Market Service Manager Stacey Price, and President of Gulf County Amy Geiger present an award to Kaci Rhodes and Michelle Perrin of the Junior Service League of Port St. Joe.

## Capital City Bank Group Foundation announces grant

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Once a year, the Capital City Bank Group (CCBG) Foundation donates funds to charitable organizations in the communities it serves.

During the 2014 grant cycle, the CCBG Foundation reinvested \$2,500 into the Gulf County community by way of a grant awarded to the Junior Service League of Port St. Joe. The grants provided by the CCBG Foundation help these organizations enhance the lives of local citizens.

"We are grateful to be in a position to help organizations make an impact in our communities," said Amy Geiger, Capital City Bank President of Wakulla County. "Community involvement has always been a hallmark of Capital City Bank and by donating valuable funds to worthwhile organizations such as these, the Capital City Bank Group Foundation can help build

stronger communities."

The CCBG Foundation is a non-profit organization created in 1983 by Capital City Bank Group that provides grants to non-profit, charitable organizations and institutions exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The mission of the CCBG Foundation is to invest in initiatives that benefit local communities. A majority of the funds are distributed to specific areas of focus, including: arts and culture, children and youth services, economic and community development, education, health and sciences and human services.

Grant applications are available through a local Capital City Banker upon request. These applications are reviewed once a year and are due by April 1. For more information on the Capital City Bank Group Foundation, visit [www.ccbgfoundation.com](http://www.ccbgfoundation.com).

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assistance the local governments can provide.

Also surviving a veto pen was \$200,000 for "saving" through relocation the Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

The appropriation follows a similar appropriation for \$350,000 which was included in the current fiscal-year budget.

The appropriation carries proviso language under which the city of Port St. Joe and the Board of County Commissioners would have to "mutually agree" on a new location for the lighthouse.

The city possesses the deed for the lighthouse, two keepers' quarters and oil house and contractors have begun the site preparation in George Core Park in advance of moving the lighthouse sometime this year.

The city was awarded the lighthouse and ancillary

buildings by the federal government, which disposed of the structures because of the threat of erosion along the shore at the current site of the lighthouse.

This year's \$200,000 appropriation would eliminate a shortfall between what has already been secured to move the lighthouse and the estimated cost of the relocation, including the temporary downing of power lines to accommodate the move.

Also remaining in the final budget was an appropriation of roughly \$1 million for renovations at Billy Joe Rish Park on St. Joseph Peninsula and parks and recreation grant funding for the city of Port St. Joe and the Board of County Commissioners.

In addition, some \$9 million in road projects remain in the final budget.

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The Villagers performed at the Centennial Building to help raise funds for Port St. Joe's Fourth of July celebration.

# It takes a Village(r) to raise money

## The Villagers rock Gulf County for fundraiser

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They partied like it was 1960.

To raise community funds for the upcoming Fourth of July celebration, 1960s rockers The Villagers performed at the Centennial Building two weeks ago as part of the "down home, all-American" holiday kickoff.

The event boasted more than 100 attendees and brought in \$3,000 to help fund this year's fireworks display and other holiday events.

Those who joined the party enjoyed grub from Tom's hot dogs in Panama City, and lemonade was donated by Centennial Bank.

Prior to the concert, Scott McKinley, DJ for 93.5 FM WTKP did a live remote broadcast of The Ticket show from the Centennial Building.



Attendees were treated old fashioned food that included popcorn, hot dogs and lemonade.



McKinley built anticipation for the concert and featured local businesses on the program. He called Port St. Joe "one of the last true small southern towns on the coast."

The extra exposure, it seemed, didn't hurt.

"Along with locals, people came from Marianna, Crawfordville and Panama City specifically for this event," said Fourth of July committee member Steve Kerigan. "People never stopped dancing."

The Villagers, fronted by college basketball coach Cliff Ellis and best known for their hit, "Laugh it

Off," performed at the Centennial Building on July 4, 1968 and 2014 marked their triumphant return to the location.

The following night, The Villagers treated patrons of the Thirsty Goat to an encore performance where they performed requests for \$20 donations that went into the July 4 pot.

"Thanks to the Villagers who decided to make Port St. Joe the site for their yearly reunions, after the response they received in 2013," said committee chairman Dana Boyer. "Every member of the band and their families fell in love with our community."



Friends enjoyed good company and dancing as The Villagers played into the evening.





# Tai Chi

## Moving for Better Balance

FREE Tai Chi classes are being held at the following locations:

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## Motivating Teenagers

If you will just send me \$29.99 or maybe even \$79.99 or maybe three equal installments of \$33.33, we will tell you how to fix your problem. There are folks on the radio and television hawking all kinds of solutions to the problems parents face every day. Whether it's math, music or motivation, there is someone with a program that will "fix" your child's problems.

I'm not saying that all of these programs are bad or useless... I'm just saying they are out there. And many times, it's the parents' problems.

Looking at a calendar, I see that I have a little more than three years left of teenagers... I've been lucky thus far, in my opinion. About the only issue that I have is the one who sleeps on the sofa all afternoon and stays up late to work on "his music."

Homework and yard work have to fall into that equation somewhere. He sometimes has a hard time understanding some of these real-world equations and prioritizing his time. I would be lying if I said I never had some of those same issues - I did.

My Daddy explained most things pretty well to me and he didn't send his money off to some motivation guru to get help. Daddy simply told me the way it was going to be, and that's the way it was.

As a parent, I'm pretty good at telling my children "the way it is going to be," however I sometimes fail on the following through part of it. Admittedly, that is the most difficult part - following through. It's the part that is no fun at all...

We live in a time when it seems like many others do the same thing... They tell you one thing and later pretend like they didn't say it. In other words, they move the goal posts on you or even pretend the goal posts weren't there.

There is a lot of information on the internet and in books for parents who need help motivating their teenagers. I decided to take a look at what one group had to say that might help me to follow through. I didn't pay for the advice - it was free.

These folks had some helpful hints to make sure that your follow through was "effective."

The first "hint" was to make sure that you keep your comments short, simple and effective.

They gave an example of something like, "I noticed

that you haven't had the chance to walk the dog. Would you please do that now?"

This is nice.



**CRANKS MY TRACTOR**  
BN Heard

However, I don't remember my Daddy ever asking me to do anything twice. I'm sure he did have to ask me twice one time and I didn't want to remember him having to do it then and never want to remember it again.

The second hint noted that you should respond to any objections from your teenager with, "What was our agreement?"

Agreement?  
My Daddy told me what to do, I trusted him - I did it. I did it because I wanted to make him happy, proud and continue living "under his roof."

The third hint tells you what to do if the second hint doesn't work. The experts note to use "nonverbal" communication such as pointing at your watch, smiling or giving them up a hug.

This is one hint my Daddy would agree with them on. As a matter of fact, I think he might just skip hint number 2 and go straight to this nonverbal communication part. Oh goodness gracious - he wouldn't have said a word. Daddy didn't have to do this, but there was no doubt he would have picked up a stick or a belt or used some other sort of "nonverbal communication."

Hint 4 gives advice on what to do when your teenager does what you have asked them to do. You are supposed to say, "Thank you for keeping our agreement." I think saying "thank you" is always good.

All I know is that I wanted to please my Daddy - that was my goal in life. Somewhere in that "fear equation," Daddy made that happen. That's what good fathers do.

I was thinking about this just the other day and how proud my Daddy would have been. I moved all of the cars out of the driveway except for my teenaged son's vehicle. I left it at the bottom of the driveway next to the house.

When the fellow in the mulch truck arrived with the big load of hardwood mulch to be spread in the beds around the house, I had him dump it right in the middle of the driveway.

Then I told my son that he could leave as soon as he could get his car out.

It worked.

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## Wheels of Dreams

The bicycle was a gift. It, like me, had a few miles under the hood. I was looking to lessen the strain running everyday was putting on my legs. My brother spotted the bike in a throw-away pile in a neighbor's front yard. It was two old retreads each seeking a new perspective on life.

I eyed that thing nervously. What's the old saying, You never forget how to ride a bicycle..... Maybe I hadn't forgotten. But I couldn't recall the last time I'd straddled one in earnest. It had been close to half a century ago for sure. As I gingerly reached a foot down to the pedal it crossed my mind that regardless of axioms, truisms and old sayings, a man can forget a lot of things in fifty years!

The fall as a child was more embarrassing than hurtful. Learning to ride had been an adventure in itself. I was way past the embarrassment stage. I didn't want to break my fool neck! Adventure for me these days is watching "Rawhide" on the Western Channel.

I didn't make any turns on that first ride. And your Aunt Matilda's one legged sister could have beaten me to town by a country mile. But speed wasn't my goal here. When I got just about out of sight of the house I rolled to a complete stop, got off and turned the bike around, and then pushed off carefully in a straight line back toward the house. I wanted desperately to wave to a couple of passing friends but I couldn't get either hand off of the handlebars.

A man has got to know his limitations.

Life takes the most wonderful turns when you least expect it. Within a week I was cruising with,

if not complete confidence, a feel that allowed me to at least get one hand up to wave howdy to a neighbor. I enjoyed the wind in my face, the hum of the tires against the pavement and the extra flow of blood fairly leaping through my veins.



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

The magic crept upon me from out of nowhere. I was riding down Garrison Avenue in Port St. Joe, but suddenly I saw Terry Kennon on his front steps. Billy Webb, one house over, was playing pitch with Karen. The Twin Pools had a fair weekday crowd

and Mr. Pete Joyner backed his electrician truck right out in front of me. I blinked hard and there was Richard Gregg waving to me and a yard down Phil Chandler was climbing a tree. Paula Pinson was chasing Darrell around the corner of their house and Paul David Campbell had a basketball game going at the far end of his driveway. Jim and Joe Williams were fighting over something and Anne Alexander was getting in the car with her parents..... Folks, my bike had turned down Stonewall Street in McKenzie, Tennessee!

I had ridden into the Twilight Zone! As Bobby Ridley gave me a grin and the big wave, like he had done a thousand times when I sped by his house as a child, I thought, "Jules Verne has already written this story"!

I pedaled faster in hopes the little town I remembered so well wouldn't disappear before I could get there. I slowed in front of the City Café and automatically checked my pockets. I couldn't find the needed quarter for a hamburger. This WAS just like old times! The Ben Franklin Store was in its customary spot, catty-cornered across from the

National Shirt Shop. I passed Motheral's Drugstore, Howard Freeman's Men's Store, the Western Auto, U'tot'em Groceries and paused in front of the Park Theatre. I remember when Rhett and Scarlett dated on that big screen. I saw Tarzan whip alligators and call elephants in the darkness of that wonderful place.

I had ridden into my past!

I turned right, and coasted by the post office and Dr. Holmes' little clinic where I (and most everyone else) was born. I would have stopped at Bill Argo's Gulf Station but I didn't have time for a weather report or the weekly debate on whether a John Deere could out pull an International Harvester. Calvin Purvis waved to me from the back of the garbage truck. I circled the town square slowly, absorbing the wonderful sights and sounds of a place that I had once taken for granted.

I wheeled back to my house.... and the present. David wasn't getting this bicycle back! I remembered how our old Western Flyers gave us so much freedom. We could be anywhere in town in eight minutes. This "new" bike could do it even faster! I found a 1954 Ted Williams baseball card and "clothespinned" it to the rear spokes. I was going back with a motor sound to spur me on. And I slipped my old Spalding "Form Pocket" Frank Bolling autographed glove over the handlebar. Next time I'm pedaling over to that empty lot between Ricky Hale and the Mabry house. You can't never tell when a game might break out!

If you see me on that bike in Port St. Joe, proceed with caution. I may not be there. If you see me riding in McKenzie, get your ball and bat and hustle over to Forrest Avenue.....

Respectfully,

Kes

## Floridians should be wary of marijuana legalization

In spite of the widespread effort to normalize marijuana, Montana knows firsthand the societal problems it can cause. In effect this crusade of acceptability has undone years of "zero tolerance" and the "drug free" campaign in our schools and communities.

Most legalizers agree that marijuana is dangerous for adolescents, and argue that it will still be illegal for them. But it's those young adults the industry targets. They are the primary users, consuming the majority of illegal drugs and suffer the most from its long term consequences.

Montana passed an initiative to legalize marijuana for medical purpose. The industry exploded and became a multi-million dollar operation. By 2011 Montana had the 6th highest rate of youth marijuana use in the country and the 4th highest rate of youth addiction.

As a State legislator I was inundated with complaints from cities, towns, communities, law enforcement officials, treatment centers and schools about disruption, safety, crime, dropout rates, students stoned and apathetic towards school and life in general.

This new enterprise was making drugs so familiar and acceptable that it was changing Montana's culture. Montanans felt duped. Come to find out the initiative was promoted and paid for by the Marijuana Policy Project, an organization whose purpose is for the total legalization of the drug.

I heard of growers destroying neighborhoods, reducing the values of homes and the foul language, harassment, and stench

of crowds at the dispensaries. Parents complained that kids could not play in their own yards. Multiple dispensaries set up near schools, targeting our youth.



**MIKE MILBURN**  
Special to The Star

Students wrote asking who was defending their rights to a safe, drug free school.

They wanted their friends back. Major industries in Montana reported the inability to find job applicants who didn't test positive for drugs.

Montana's Chief of Narcotics testified, "The current situation is a public health and safety disaster as well as a law enforcement nightmare... and an embarrassment to Montana on a national level."

He said Montana was growing so much marijuana it had become a "source country" for illegal export of the drug. Organized crime moved in and one of the world's largest outlaw motorcycle gangs was involved in running drugs to their east coast counterparts. Our surrounding states did not consider us good neighbors.

The 2011 Montana legislature reined in the exploding marijuana industry, curbing commercial grows.

The Office of National Drug Policy recently stated that the "confusing messages being presented by popular culture, media, proponents of 'medical' marijuana, and political campaigns to legalize all marijuana perpetuate the false notion that marijuana is harmless."

Marijuana is a Schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act, meaning that it has a high potential for abuse and no currently accepted medical use in treatment.

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) reports that where marijuana laws have been relaxed throughout the world, marijuana usage and addiction rates go up. That was certainly the case in Montana.

THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, chemically acts on specific molecular targets in brain cells called cannabinoid receptors, part of a neural communication network.

It replaces the natural reward system in the brain, the same as other addictive drugs. Extensive medical research has shown marijuana affects brain development of this network when used regularly by young people and can cause permanent cognitive damage and also permanently reduce IQ.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports the negative effects of marijuana can last for days or weeks after the acute effects wear off and "someone who smokes marijuana daily may be functioning at a reduced intellectual level most or all of the time."

A grave concern when you think of an impaired surgeon, airline pilot, or heavy equipment operator.

It's no surprise that increased marijuana use is associated with lower grades, higher dropout rates, increased absences and tardiness in school and the workplace, work related accidents, compensation claims, job turnovers and crime.

There's an illogical deluge of propaganda out there. Facts tend to get shouted down by those pressing for legalization. It leaves one to wonder if we are not only losing the war on drugs but the war on common sense.

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## Inflation, Deflation, McMansions and Johnny Guitar Watson

*"Abdul-Jabbar couldn't've made these prices...with a sky hook."*

— From a song by Johnny Guitar Watson



**MARGARET R. McDOWELL**  
Arbor Outlook

Do things cost more or less than they did a year ago? Let's see. Costs associated with housing went up 2.8 percent. But it costs a whopping 7.7 percent more to heat and cool it. (Honey, cancel the purchase of that new McMansion!). Rental costs escalated 2.9 percent. Homeowner's insurance has gone up by 3.5 percent. Water, sewer and trash collection services have increased in cost by 3.4 percent.

Here's more. Health and hospital related services both cost 4.7 percent more than they did a year ago. It costs 2.3 percent more to dine out than it did last year. But grocery food skyrocketed across the board: meat prices jumped by 5.2 percent and fresh fruits by 5 percent. A haircut will cost you 1.4 percent more. A drink and a smoke is more expensive (We may need both before we're done here). Alcohol went up by 1.1 percent and tobacco and smoking products by 3.7 percent. Tuition escalated in price by 3.3 percent. Whew.

Now, consider things that have decreased in price. Seems impossible, right? Expenses related to transportation are actually 1.2 percent less expensive than a year ago. New vehicles are down in price by 0.5 percent. Motor fuel has declined in price by 4.6% (let's wait until summer is over to declare victory on this one). Wireless and landline telephone services? Now they're 2.3 percent less expensive. Shoes? A percent less costly. Household furnishings have declined in price by 1.5 percent. Airline fares have decreased by 4.1 percent (Hard to believe, right?).

What's it all mean? We do indeed have significant

inflation in essential (non-discretionary) service items, like heat and air conditioning, food and health insurance. But many frequently used services actually cost less, like gas and cell phones. So inflation is really not rampant. In fact, most economists consider deflation a greater current threat to the economy. What is causing us to think that prices are outrageous is that wages are not keeping pace with the cost of living. A person earning robust compensation is meeting his grocery bill with ease. But without a quality paycheck, everything looks expensive.

Inflation not only impacts the cost of living, it also provides savvy investors with significant opportunities to profit from rising prices. If a company can charge more for its products each year, shareholders can enjoy a raise as well and not just feel the sting at the cash register. Prudent investors and advisors seek out those sectors and companies that have inflexible demand, or whose customers have to continue buying their products or services, whether the price of the product goes up 5 percent or not. As always, an investor's age, risk tolerance, unique financial goals and time horizon should be considered.

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### Interim federal red snapper season update

Dear Editor,  
As the owner and operator of the only marina and bait & tackle store here in Mexico Beach, I wanted to give a quick update: We sit right in front of one of the finest red snapper fisheries in the Gulf. On day one of this year's nine-day Federal season we enjoyed terrific weather and a strong day of sales, primarily in bait and fuel. We also issue fishing license and have a day to day clear understanding of the fishing pressure or lack of, here in our area of the Gulf. Sunday, June 1 revealed trailers over-filling our public ramp area all the way out to U.S. 98 and back to the marina. Let's forget the fact the season opened on Sunday and not Saturday for now. Fast forward to this morning, I have a

Accuweather app on my phone that I refer to daily. This morning we had a small-craft advisory and the next three days show rough seas at best. I am able to see the ramp area from our condo and can tell you this morning we had four trucks with trailers in the lot and so far today the marina has sold a fraction of what was sold yesterday in bait and fuel. Last Tuesday, my family went out approximately six miles and caught twelve red snapper totaling 175 pounds (do the math on the average). Ten years ago this was impossible! Now, before one of the hired hacks with the EDF, who already has pen in hand and begins to write, let's understand this: The fishery was re-built years ago and I have a good idea they know it. They can continue to collect and manipulate their bogus data, but one thing they cannot do is hide the obvious overflowing red snapper

fishery that we are all literally tripping over now. Meanwhile, what does NOAA, NMFS and Gulf Council do? They continue to restrict access to the recreational fisherman.

We are all about conservation; the vast majority of all recreational fishermen get it! What we don't get it is why do we keep losing more and more access to a fishery that has obviously rebounded ten-fold? Could it be because it's not about the fishery at all and part of a much bigger agenda? We will save catch shares and sector separation for another day and discussion.

Remember! You can't hold back the tide or hide the obvious forever. But I'll bet they'll keep trying. Stay tuned!

**Nate Odum**

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### Concerns about bear habitat

Dear Editor,  
I was pleased to read that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is accepting public input about black bears ("The bear necessities covered at FWC workshop" May 29). I'm concerned, however, that if the agency focuses too closely on smaller "bear management units" that Florida might fail to "see the forest for the trees," when it comes to recovering the Florida's rare and unique subspecies of black bears on a statewide level.

Right now, Florida really doesn't have a singular bear population—we have several smaller populations that are largely isolated from one another. Bears need large areas of habitat connected to other bear populations in order to maintain genetic diversity, but land development in Florida has destroyed much of these habitat linkages.

In the early 1970s, only a few hundred bears remained in Florida, due largely to habitat loss and trophy hunting. Threatened species protections, including a statewide ban on trophy hunting, helped bring bears back from the brink of extinction. Until 2012, the Florida black bear remained a threatened species, and bears in

Florida still have an uphill climb if they are to thrive in the long term. Wildlife professionals anticipate that millions more acres of bear habitat will be lost to development by 2060.

Bear management units in some areas may also push the agency to reopen an ill-advised bear trophy hunt. Florida would be wise to keep the big picture in mind when it comes to helping this magnificent keystone species survive.

**Laurie Hood**  
Founder / President  
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### Read the fine print

Dear Editor,  
If you are planning to vote for Steve Southerland keep this in mind, he is sending out political brochures with the fine print reading, "this mailing was prepared, published

and mailed at taxpayer expense. It is provided as a service to 2nd Congressional District residents."

Really. Looks to me like he is trying to get re-elected and we get to pay for his advertising.

**Marcia Low**  
Mexico Beach



— May 21, 2014 —

## ATTENTION: ALL GULF COUNTY RESIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is proud to announce that Waste Pro has been awarded the contract for garbage services effective June 1st.

Carts are being delivered, starting this week. If you are in the unincorporated County and are receiving Waste Management garbage service, you will be receiving a new garbage cart from Waste Pro. If the new cart has a decal on it, your day of pickup will be indicated on that decal. If you receive your cart and it doesn't have a decal, your route day will stay the same as it is now.

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If you have any questions, please contact Waste Pro at (850) 872-1800.

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## Physical activity key in child development

By Rebecca Batson-Byrd  
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Special to The Star

Physical development combined with good health is a one of the key aspects of that begins the lifelong learning process. In instances, it has been said to be the foundation of child development.

When preschool age children are physically active and healthy, this heightens their social well-being. This in turn allows them to be active learners, children learn through play. Physical development sharpens the auditory and visual skills that are needed throughout the formal school years. Healthy eating habits incorporated with hygiene skills prevents or reduces sicknesses that prevent children from being able to focus to learn.

Proper diet and exercise is a couple of ways to help children to stay healthy, this lessens

the absenteeism rates at school. Keeping children happy and healthy also makes happy learners.

Education is a broad field with many facets that would take months

to cover all its areas. However, physical development plays an important role in getting young children prepared to become lifelong learners in a formal education.

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## Beating the bite: yellow fly solutions

By LOIS SWOBODA  
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It's a bad year for yellow flies.

Yellow fly is the common name for tabanids. The family also includes horse flies. There are over 300 species of tabanids in North America. Other common names for tabanids are pine flies and deer flies.

Tabanid flies are among the most highly evolved insects making them one of the most highly adapted animals on the planet.

All tabanids are fierce biters with slashing/sponging mouthparts adapted to consuming blood. The mouthparts feature a blade similar to a "Ginsu knife" with a serrated edge. Because they are blood-feeders, they can transmit diseases between prey animals including tularemia and anthrax. Some people develop allergic reactions to the bites, which swell and turn into nasty red sores.

Fly attacks result in lowered gains and low milk production in livestock animals. In 1976, estimated losses in the United States

were \$40 million.

Adult tabanids are swift, strong fliers and may fly more than a mile from their breeding areas. Most deer flies require a blood meal to develop eggs. However, they also feed on pollen, nectar honeydew excreted by sucking insects like aphids.

Adult tabanids are encountered in Florida between the months of May and September. Most tabanids overwinter as larvae, form a cocoon and emerge during the spring and early summer. Most tabanid larvae develop in water, animal droppings or mud. The majority has a yearlong life cycle but some larger species may take two or three years to mature. Adult life span is 30 to 60 days.

Tabanids are ambush attackers that lie in wait in shady areas under bushes and trees for a chance to feed. They locate prey mainly by vision. Attacks occur during daylight hours with a peak activity beginning at sunrise and two hours before sunset.

They are drawn to moving objects especially dark colored ones and are attracted to the color blue.

There are no effective



Trolling yellow fly trap.

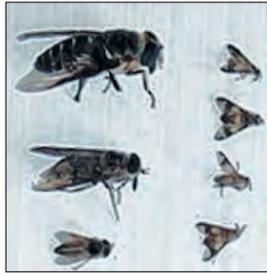
biological control programs for controlling tabanids. Native insects including some dragonflies feed on them. They are also parasitized by a number of wasp species that place paralyzed yellow flies in their nests as food for developing wasp larvae. The large burrowing sand wasps seen in late spring and early summer are among the most effective yellow fly predators and, although they have a hornet-like appearance, do not sting.

Cattle egrets and killdeer also feed on tabanids.

There is no known chemical method of control for yellow fly populations. Traps can be effective in small areas.

Commonly used traps take the form of a dark ball covered with glue to ensnare the pests reducing the population in the immediate area.

DEET, citronella and geranium oil are effective repellants. Ear tags and



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Tabanid flies

collars impregnated with pesticides help control attacks on animals.

For personal protection, avoid being outside around dusk and dawn. Use a repellent. Wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt and choose light colors. Most tabanids tend to swarm around the highest point on their prey although yellow flies also attack the legs. There is evidence that wearing a tall hat will help discourage them from biting. It has been suggested that the tall peaked hats depicted on crackers or hillbillies were worn to discourage tabanids.

Early Florida settlers used the leaves of beautyberry as a repellent for flies and other biting insects. They rubbed them on exposed skin and tucked them under the harness of horses, mules and oxen.



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Beautyberry

Modern research has found that this plant is an effective insect repellent and a commercial formulation is under development.

Several Franklin County residents have suggested ways to live with deer flies.

Gill and Lane Autrey drink a tablespoon of apple cider vinegar every morning. They say it acts as a natural repellent to the flies. This author has experimented with drinking cider vinegar and it does seem to discourage yellow flies.

Glynda Ratliff of St. George Island is highly sensitive to yellow fly bites. She has a suggestion for those who have already been bitten. As soon as possible, tape a slice of raw potato over the bite. Ratliff has found it significantly reduces her swelling.

The University of Florida has developed a "trolling fly trap" they have found to be highly effective in tabanid control.

The trap is a blue cylinder mounted on a slow moving object and coated with glue. The cylinder can be mounted on a lawnmower, four-wheeler, golf cart or a cap.

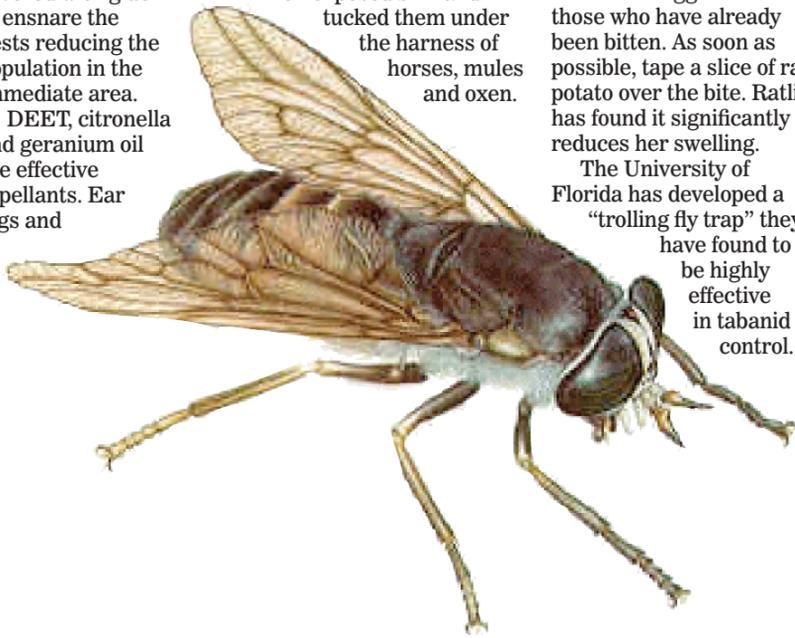
According to researchers, you can create an effective personal protection device by coating a blue plastic cup with tanglefoot, a glue for trapping insects available in hardware stores. Mount the inverted cup on a blue ball cap and the flies will be more attracted to it than to the wearer. Flies drawn to you by the CO2 you exhale will land on the cup and be trapped. Some people may find wearing such a device embarrassing.

A trap for the general area of outdoor activity can be made by painting a six-inch plastic flowerpot blue and coating in with tanglefoot. The pot must then be mounted on a moving object like a lawn mower or golf cart. This trap is only effective when in motion. Circling an area several times will reduce the number of yellow flies temporarily until more fly in from the surrounding area. The trap will not work if it sits in one place even if it is rotating or shaking. Traps must be moved through space.

If you keep a trolling trap mounted on your lawnmower or golf cart, you will reduce fly numbers during their regular use.

Deer flies usually fly at heights lower than 10 feet and usually attack the highest available area on the human body first. Walking with a trap mounted on a pole and shaken overhead can be effective.

Tanglefoot can be messy but can be readily removed with hand cleaners that contain citrus extracts. GoJo Natural Orange Pumice Hand Cleaner works very well.



### WEEKLY ALMANAC

| Date          | High | Low | % Precip |
|---------------|------|-----|----------|
| Thu, June 5   | 83°  | 75° | 20 %     |
| Fri, June 6   | 84°  | 75° | 20 %     |
| Sat, June 7   | 84°  | 75° | 20 %     |
| Sun, June 8   | 84°  | 76° | 30 %     |
| Mon, June 9   | 84°  | 76° | 30 %     |
| Tues, June 10 | 84°  | 75° | 40 %     |
| Wed, June 11  | 84°  | 75° | 30 %     |

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

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| Date | Day | High Tide | High Tide | Low Tide | Low Tide |
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| 5    | Th  | 10:29am   | 1.0       | 10:57pm  | 0.3      |
| 6    | Fr  | 8:18am    | 1.0       | 10:23pm  | 0.4      |
| 7    | Sa  | 7:42am    | 1.1       | 5:18pm   | 0.4      |
| 8    | Su  | 7:37am    | 1.2       | 4:56pm   | 0.2      |
| 9    | Mo  | 7:50am    | 1.4       | 5:28pm   | 0.0      |
| 10   | Tu  | 8:14am    | 1.7       | 6:09pm   | -0.2     |
| 11   | We  | 8:46am    | 1.8       | 6:55pm   | -0.3     |
| 12   | Th  | 9:24am    | 2.0       | 7:43pm   | -0.4     |
| 13   | Fr  | 10:07am   | 2.0       | 8:32pm   | -0.6     |
| 14   | Sa  | 10:53am   | 2.0       | 9:19pm   | -0.4     |

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

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|------|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 5    | Th  | 10:01am   | 1.3       | 9:33pm   | 1.0      |
| 6    | Fr  | 10:34am   | 1.3       | 11:09pm  | 0.9      |
| 7    | Sa  | 11:07am   | 1.4       | 4:28am   | 0.7      |
| 8    | Su  | 12:51am   | 1.0       | 5:25am   | 0.8      |
| 9    | Mo  | 2:25am    | 1.0       | 6:25am   | 1.0      |
| 10   | Tu  | 3:41am    | 1.1       | 7:23am   | 1.1      |
| 11   | We  | 4:43am    | 1.2       | 8:18am   | 1.2      |
| 12   | Th  | 5:35am    | 1.3       | 9:09am   | 1.3      |
| 13   | Fr  | 6:21am    | 1.3       | 9:59am   | 1.3      |
| 14   | Sa  | 7:01am    | 1.3       | 10:49am  | 1.3      |

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### FISH REPORT SPONSORED BY



The week of Red Snapper season in federal waters is here. The Gulf is full of Red Snapper and not just a few fishermen chasing them. The marine forecast is favorable for the next few days and off shore fishing should be very good. Most are being caught in the middle of the water column with an ample amount of chum on wrecks and off hard bottom. The MBARA sites out of Mexico Beach also have an abundance of fish, but get out early so as to get a good spot. Surf fishing is doing well for those anglers prowling the shoreline with many nice trout and red fish being caught. Surf fishing on the Cape is still producing great pompano and whiting catches. Don't be surprised if you occasionally hook up with a shark.

### Notice of Final Agency Action Taken by the Northwest Florida Water Management District

Notice is given that stormwater permit number 1582 was issued on May 28, 2014, to Gulf Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. for the construction of a surface water management facility to serve the new development of Gulf Rifle and Pistol Club, LLC.

The file containing the application for this permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, Carr Building, Suite 225 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., MS LS225, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-404, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333-4712. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice or within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing notice of this intent in the mail for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 129.57, F.S., concerning the subject permit. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice of intent. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decisions of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceedings, the accordance with the requirements set forth above.



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## Kayla Parker hurdles into NCAA meet

By **TIM CROFT**  
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Kayla Parker is nearing the finish line to her collegiate track career. And she is positioned in an inside lane.

The Port St. Joe alum and University of Kentucky hurdler qualified last week for the NCAA Track and Field Championships, which begin next week in Eugene, Ore.

"I am very happy, very excited," Parker said. "The track at Eugene (named after famed middle-distance runner Steve Prefontaine) is where some of the best athletes in the world have run. It is an honor to run there."

"It has been a very good year." In fact, if Parker was conceiving a sendoff to her collegiate career — she graduated May 10 with a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology — she would be hard-pressed to alter the script she's written.

During the indoor season, she was all-Southeastern Conference after finishing third at the SEC Indoor Championships in the 60 meter hurdles.

That earned a spot in the NCAA Indoor Championships, where she finished 12th, just off the pace for all-American honors.

"That was my first trip to the indoor meet, and that was really a great experience," Parker said by phone from her apartment in Lexington. "You have to be in the top 16 in the nation to qualify for indoors. I also got my first NCAA indoor medal, and that was great."

"This year has been an amazing transition, and I really feel good about how things are progressing. It gives me confidence that there is so much more to come."

She was all-SEC in the 4x100 relay during the outdoor season while also competing in the 100 meter hurdles.

Her trip to the NCAA Outdoor Championships, earned by placing third in the 100 hurdles at last weekend's East Qualifier, is the second-straight for Parker, who finished 13th last year.

That momentum fueled her indoor



FILE PHOTO

Former Port St. Joe standout Kayla Parker is hoping to earn all-America honors during next week's NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

season this winter, which included posting early in the season, for the second consecutive year, the top 80 meter hurdle time in the country.

Parker has also seen her times drop consistently — she ran in the 13.20s to qualify for last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships but last weekend ran 13.05.

Her goal for the outdoor meet in Eugene is simple — reach the finals of the 100 hurdles.

"I want to be a first-team all-American," Parker said, which would happen with a top-eight finish.

Beyond the NCAA meet, Parker is pointing to the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, Calif., later this summer.

She qualified and competed last year, reaching the hurdle semifinals.

The progress over her past two years mitigates two years of relative frustration upon her arrival at Lexington, progress she said is largely due to Coach Edrick Floreal.

Floreal arrived before Parker's junior season and allowed her to run to her specialty, sprints and hurdles after competing in the heptathlon her first two years.

"The biggest thing I've learned over the past four years is everything is a process, and you have to go

through the process," Parker said. "I would say a big difference this year is a good relationship with a coach who is very supportive."

"I also have strong teammates. We brought in a great class of hurdlers this year, including one of the best in the country (SEC champ Kendra Harrison). I am in a good position to go fast because I am training with some of the best in the country."

The UK team's progress under Floreal is highlighted in the numbers the Wildcats will take to Eugene.

After sending 10 athletes competing in 11 events to last year's NAAs, the Wildcats send 14 athletes competing in 15 events this year.

Parker said she plans to concentrate this summer on her running.

She wants to continue to run competitively; she also has goals to work down the road with athletes in a training/administrative/coaching capacity.

The horizon looms and expands with graduation from college and upcoming collegiate and national championships.

"This is where I planned to be four years ago," Parker said. "It took a while to get there, but this is where I wanted to be."

"I'm looking forward to what the future holds."

## Sports SHORTS

Star Staff Reports

### Youth golf clinic

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club is pleased to offer a free youth golf clinic again this year. The clinic will take place 9-11 a.m. ET each Friday in June (6, 13, 20 and 27) at the club, 700 Country Club Road.

If students have their own clubs, they should bring them. If not, the club will furnish a set to each student in need.

The clinic will be taught by the club's teaching professional, Ethel Bardsley, assisted by dedicated members of the club.

Free pool privileges will also be extended to the students after each session.

Call St. Joseph Bay Golf Club at 227-1751 to register.

### Summer soccer camp

All-Pro Soccer will have a Summer Soccer Camp from 5-7 p.m. CT June 16-19 at the Callaway Sports Complex, hosted by the Callaway Youth Soccer Club. The camp will be supervised by former professional player and coach Gary Hindley. Coach 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 Coach Hindley at 276-6353 or gihallpro@aol.com.

### Golf club to offer swim lessons

The St. Joseph Bay Golf Club is offering swim lessons on the following dates: July 2, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30. Starting time is 9 a.m. ET for three age groups for the swim lessons, plus the possibility of an advanced class (children would have to pass a short test with the instructor to be admitted), each lasting 30 minutes.

One class will be a "Parent-Tot Class" for parents with children 6 months to 3 years.

The cost of the lessons is \$100, with a nonrefundable 50 percent deposit necessary upon registration. The deposit, however, would be refunded if the classes are canceled by the club.

Registration and deposit must be made no later than 5 p.m. ET June 18 at the club.

For questions, call the instructor, Rama, at 370-0895 or the club at 227-1751.

## Pryor signs with Jets for expected \$4.55 million bonus

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**NEW YORK** — Nothing soothes the pain of dental work quite like a few million dollars.

Port St. Joe and Louisville standout Calvin Pryor signed with the New York Jets on Monday. The No. 18 overall selection at safety penned a four-year rookie deal worth an estimated \$8.56 million, according to CBSsports.com. The contract also calls for an estimated \$4.55 million signing bonus.

Rookie contracts are based on draft position. Complete details of the contract were not released by the Jets, as of Tuesday. Pryor missed portions of the Jets' Organized Team

Activities last week due to extraction of three wisdom teeth. He was able to participate in individual drills but was held out of team activities when swelling was too great to wear a helmet. He spent time on a stationary bicycle and observed practice.

The lack of OTA work wasn't a concern for Jets coach Rex Ryan. He lauded the selection of Pryor on draft day and said the former Tiger Shark was "very impressive" during rookie minicamp May 16-18.

Pryor voiced frustration to nj.com about not being able to compete, saying "I want to be out there with the guys." He added that he was still engaging in "mental reps" and was looking forward to full contact.

Contact became his trademark, as he was nicknamed "Louisville Slugger" for his hard hits with the Cardinals. The physical mentality immediately attracted the Jets and they made him the team's sixth consecutive first-round defensive selection.

The 5-foot-11, 207-pound Pryor had 218 tackles and seven interceptions in three seasons at Louisville. Ryan called Pryor an "enforcer" and eagerly awaits his punishment of NFL running backs and wide receivers.

Pryor joins Bay graduate Khyri Thornton as NFL signees. Thornton, a defensive lineman, was selected in the third round by Green Bay and signed on May 19. His total contract was slotted close to \$3 million with an estimated signing bonus of almost \$600,000.



**CALVIN PRYOR**

## Mexico Beach summer fishing tournaments begin Saturday

Star Staff Report

Mexico Beach's three-tournament summer series kicks off Saturday, June 7, with the Golly Whopper Classic featuring a one-day "Catch'em If You Can" shoot-out and red snapper kingfish. A kids division will be included again this year, as well as an inaugural category: red snapper spear fishing. One-hundred percent of the entry fees will be paid out to the winners. Tournament entry fees are

\$150 per boat, \$35 per diver (spearfishing) and \$25 per child 14 and under.

Last year, Charlie Lanford caught the largest red snapper, weighing 22.81 pounds, aboard the Gulf Business 3 with Capt. Lee Cathey. "The king mackerel division also brought several sizeable fish to the scales," said Golly Whopper's co-director and sponsor, Zach Childs, "but none could compete with the 55.13-pound smoker caught aboard the Salty

Mule, captained by Blake Anderson."

The Golly Whopper Captains' Party will be Friday, June 6, at the Mexico Beach Marina. For rules and more information, visit 98realestategroup.com/gollywhopper or call Childs at 819-0933.

Other upcoming tournaments in Mexico Beach include the 10th annual Offshore Classic on July 25-26 and the 18th annual MBARA Kingfish Tournament on Aug. 23.

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Students at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School and Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School created last-minute memories by posing with friends before receiving their diplomas.

# Graduates claim diplomas, dollars

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During the week leading up to the Memorial Day holiday, Gulf District Schools graduated 114 seniors into the next passage in their lives.

In addition to the sheepskins, in addition to the opportunity to turn tassels and enjoy a final festive evening with classmates, the Class of 2014 also walked away with hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships earned through work of excellence the past four years.

## Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School

Port St. Joe graduated 72 seniors among the Class of 2014

The motto for the Class of 2014 was "Our lives are before us, the past is behind us, but our memories are forever with us."

The class flower was Purple and Yellow Gerber Daisies and the class song was "If Today Was Your Last Day" by Nickelback.

Homer Allen Davis was the valedictorian and Anastasia Gabrielle Thomason the salutatorian.

**High Honor graduates (GPA of 3.85 or above)**

DanTasia Yvette Welch, Kayla Lucile Lindsey, Grant Franklin Whiten, Maya Elizabeth Robbins, Kristen Denise Burkett, Bryce Taylor Godwin, Andrew Michael Lacour, Angel Roberto Padilla, Morgan Brooks Kennington.

**Honor graduates (GPA of 3.5 to 3.849)**

Christian Rose Laine, Lauren Michelle Costin, Antonio Michael Moree, Laura Kathleen Sinor, Jack Curtis Cummings, Amy Rachelyn Butler, Sawyer Jackson Raffield, Nicholas Warren Renfro, Brittany Nicole King, Lexie Dianne McGhee, Cailyn Marie LaPlante, Katerina Nicole Nelson, Sydney Marian Owens, Brittney Deshawn Shoemaker, Kallie Louise Bateman.

### Graduates

Demeriyah A'Shanti Alexander, Gabrielle Ivana Anthony, Candice Elizabeth Bright, Kylee Alexis Carter, Annalisa Brooke Childress, Koen Michael Cortellini, Kapril Nicole Darnall, Robert Anthony Dykes, Nicole Mae Endres, Heather Nicole Faircloth, She'Noya Renee Fennell, Dwayne Griggs, Brandon Michael Hall, Anna Nicole Haynes, Justin Schwab Hites, Allison Nicole Howze, Matthew Cameron Jackson, David Matthew Jacobs, Michael Anthony Johnsen, Jacobi Richard Jones, Katherine Renee Kennington, Taylor Addison Laue, Natrone Carlton Lee, Jonathan Wesley Leffew, Nicholas Dwight Lewis, Tanene Enoya Malone, Alexander Carrol Maughan, De'quan Montay McCloud, Austin Daniel McNeill, Kelsey Christine Miles, Steven Kaleb Odom, Tommie John Parker, Anastasya Kristen Paul, Bryan Adison Powell, William Tristan Reynolds, Cathlyn Palmiano Robles, Destiny Brianne Shoemaker, Mason Richard Simmons, Alexis Nichole



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Above are WHS salutatorian Jakob Bidwell and valedictorian Seth Goodwin. **At left**, WHS honor students are recognized in front of the audience.

Strickland, Allie Jovon Stripling, Tori Jo Thomas, Corey James Williams, Torey Jerome Williams, De'Shawntae Tyell Willis, Shatiara Na'shay Zaccaro.

### Scholarships

Academic Award (\$100): Antonio Moree, Jack Cummings, Nicholas Renfro, Katerina Nelson

Brittney Shoemaker; A Challenge (\$250): DanTasia Welch, Shatiara Zaccaro; A Challenge (\$1,000): DanTasia Welch; American Legion 116 (\$300): Mason Simmons, Morgan Kennington; Ann Comforter (\$100): Laura Sinor; Aveda (\$1,000): De'Shawntae Willis; B. Walter Wilder (\$1,000): Brittany King; Band Boosters (\$500): Tristan Reynolds; Bateman-Wooten (\$250): Jacobi Jones; Billy Tapper 1564 (\$390): De'Shawntae Willis; Billy Tapper 1713 (\$390): Lexie McGhee; Bryce Nelson (\$500): Allison Howze; C. Leonard Belin (\$1,300): Allen Davis, Sawyer Raffield; City Wide Missionary (\$500): DanTasia Welch; Deanna Ramsey (\$250): Angel Padilla; Delta Kappa Gamma (\$250): Morgan Kennington; Fairpoint (\$600): DanTasia Welch; Forgotten Coast (\$1,500): Bryce Godwin; George Tapper (\$1,000): Allen Davis; Duran's ROTC (\$500): Robert Dykes, Sawyer Raffield; Gibson Rotary (\$4,000): DanTasia Welch; GCEA (\$600): Bryce Godwin; Gulf Sheriff (\$500): Annalisa Childress; Hosie/CocaCola (\$3,000): Kristen Burkett; J & S Wilder (\$1,300): Grant Whiten, Angel Padilla, Cathlyn Robles, Cailyn LaPlante, Tori Thomas; J. Lamar Faison (\$500): DanTasia Welch; Jr. Service League (\$1,000): DanTasia Welch; Kiwanis Academic (\$1,300): Lexie McGhee; Kiwanis (\$100): Amy Butler; Lauren Costin, Allen Davis, Anastasia Thomason; Kiwanis Vocational (\$1,000): Bryan Powell; Knights of Pythias (\$300): Drew Lacour; Maya Robbins, Sawyer Raffield, DanTasia Welch; Leadership Award (\$100): Robert Dykes; Principal's Award (\$100): Kristen Burkett, Sydney Owens, Kallie Bateman, Lauren Costin; Linda

Lewis Wright (\$500): Maya Robbins; Marilyn Witten (\$1,000): Maya Robbins, Grant Whiten; Mediacom (\$1,000): DanTasia Welch; Methodist Care PSJ (\$1,000): Morgan Kennington; Methodist Care Wewa (\$250): Jacobi Jones; National Jr. Beta (\$250): Anastasia Thomason; Oliver/Laura Taylor (\$470): Tori Thomas; PACE 379/GC (\$1,300): Allison Howze, Christian Laine, Brittany King; Pecola (\$250): She'Noya Fennell, Tanene Malone; R. Marion Craig (\$500): Natrone Lee; Principal's Award (\$400): Kayla Lindsey; Principal's Award (\$100): Kristen Burkett, Sydney Owens, Kallie Bateman, Lauren Costin; Ryan Teall (\$500): Maya Robbins; Sam Cox Memorial (\$1,500): Drew Lacour; Sea Oats Girl/Boy (\$250): Christian Laine, Allen Davis; SGA Leadership (\$300): Lexie McGhee; Spanish Award (\$100): Anna Haynes; Troy University (\$24,000): Anna Haynes; Troy University (\$35,000): Bryce Godwin, Drew Lacour; Troy University (\$60,000): Anastasia Thomason; VFW Ladies (\$500): Allie Stripling; WASWA (\$500): Maya Robbins; Zedoc Baxter (\$470): Tori Thomas.

## Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School

Wewahitchka High School graduated 42 seniors among the Class of 2014.

The class motto was "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters... compared to what lies within us."

The class flower was the red rose and the class song was "Don't You (Forget about Me)" by Simple Minds

Jacob Seth Goodwin was the valedictorian and Jakob Alan Bidwell the salutatorian.

**High Honor Graduates (GPA of 3.85 or higher)**

Jacob Seth Goodwin, Jakob Alan Bidwell, Chelsea Nicole Cook, Kara Jean Zucci.

**Honor Graduates (GPA of 3.5-3.849)**

William Hunter Bailey, Chandler Mae Vines, Cory Matthew White, Shawn Kory Jenkins, Chelsey Danielle Toney.

### Graduates

Tyler Lee Adams, Eddie Ray Bowles III, Jennifer Wondale Bryan, Braden Matthew Buckalew, Caitlin Marie Burch, Troy Steven Collins, Michael Adrien Cox, Calvin Grady Dean III, Brianna Kaye Edmondson, Morgan Danielle Fisher, Johnna Renee Florio, James Larry Hensley, Jr., AnMaree Teodora Hess, Jarvar Javon Hill, Zachary Allen Hire, Kimberly Dale Hughes, Damien Dwayne Hunter, Abriale Marie Kemp, James Edward Lester III, Issac Benjamin Madrid, Joshua Liam Mayer, Nicole Renee Morrill, Janie Savannah Phippen, Corey Austin Rhames, Kelder Silezar, Kirsten Mariea Stalnaker, Sheneshia Mercedes Stansel, Kristopher Jon Taylor, Danielle Katherine Ward, Brooke Ashley Weatherly, Christina Rena Whitfield, Jamie Michael Whitfield II, Anna Maria Wilcox.

### Scholarships

African-American collegiate Scholarship (\$550) Seth Goodwin; (\$450): Chelsea Cook, Jakob Bidwell; (\$400): Abriale Kemp, Chandler Vines, Hunter Bailey; (\$350): Jamie Whitfield, Morgan Fisher, Sheneshia Stansel, Tyler Adams; Florida State University Alfredia Owens Scholarship (\$250): Sheneshia Stansel; Bateman-Wooten Scholarship (\$350): Kara Zucci; (\$300): Abriale Kemp; (\$250): Hunter Bailey; (\$200): Chelsea Cook; Charles and Betty Scholarship (\$TBD): Abriale Kemp; College For Every Student (\$TBD): Abriale Kemp; Courtney Erin McMillion Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000): Jakob Bidwell; (\$500): Josh Mayer; Delta Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International (\$250): Jakob Bidwell; Employees Club of Wewahitchka (\$500): Abriale Kemp, Hunter Bailey, Johnna Florio, Nicole Morrill, Seth Goodwin, Sheneshia Stansel; Employees Club of Wewahitchka Ricky L. McMillion Scholarship (\$500): Cheslea Cook, Morgan Fisher; Florida Academic Scholarship (\$TBD): Seth Goodwin; Florida Medallion Scholarship (\$TBD): Jakob Bidwell; FloridaLearns STEM

Scholars Program (\$TBD): Chelsea Cook, Jakob Bidwell, Seth Goodwin; Frank & Violet Graddy Memorial Scholarship (\$500): Trey Lester; FSU Freshmen Scholarship (\$9,600): Seth Goodwin; FSU Grant (\$1,800): Seth Goodwin; Geraldine Williams Scholarship (\$250): Sheneshia Stansel; Gulf Coast State College Honor Scholarship (2 year scholarship): Jakob Bidwell; Gulf County Education Association Scholarship (\$600): Chandler Vines, Jakob Bidwell; Gulf County Sheriff's Office Employee's Club Scholarship (\$1,000): Nicole Morrill; James Moss and Julia Wood Cleckley Memorial Scholarship (\$TBD): Trey Lester; JH Grant Memorial Scholarship (\$TBD): Kristen Stalnaker; Jimmy and Susan Wilder Scholarship (\$TBD): Abriale Kemp, AnMaree Hess, Chelsea Cook, Kara Zucci; Methodist Care Closet Scholarship (\$1,000): Anna Wilcox; Oscar Redd Memorial Scholarship (\$TBD): Anna Wilcox; Ryan Flowers Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500): Cheslea Cook; Ryan Teall Memorial Scholarship (\$750): Hunter Bailey, Jakob Bidwell; St. John's Episcopal Church Women of Wewahitchka (\$500): Abriale Kemp, Seth Goodwin; Trojan Opportunity Scholarship (\$9,600): Chandler Vines; Troy Heritage Scholarship (\$2,500): Chandler Vines; Troy University Excellence in Leadership Scholarship (\$7,000): Chandler Vines; Tupelo Lodge Scholarship (\$500): Seth Goodwin; U.S. Army (\$85,000): Jamie Hensley, Savannah Phippen; U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete (\$TBD): Chelsea Cook, Jakob Bidwell; Walter Wilder Scholarship (\$TBD): Shawn Jenkins; Wewahitchka Bull Gator Scholarship (\$500): Jakob Bidwell; Wewahitchka Methodist Care Closet Scholarship (\$250): Hunter Bailey; Wewahitchka Search & Rescue (\$500): Hunter Bailey, Jakob Bidwell, Johnna Florio; Wewahitchka Woman's Club (\$500): Abriale Kemp, Hunter Bailey, Jakob Bidwell, Seth Goodwin.



# City restarts affordable housing conversation

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If at first.

Even though the Paces Foundation failed to secure tax credits last year to fund 72 affordable housing units in North Port St. Joe, representatives Rick Haymond and Ron Thomason came back before the Port St. Joe Commission during Tuesday's bi-monthly meeting to inform them about a new Florida housing grant that had the potential to fund 50 units.

Haymond and Thomason asked commissioners to allow them apply for those funds on behalf of the city, the deadline for which is approaching on July 1, while ensuring the specifics of the project could still be worked out in the meantime.

"It's a small piece of the overall proposed project," Thomason said. "We can put in as much affordable housing as the community needs over time."

Thomason said though approving the project for a lower number of units would seem simpler, markets can be dynamic and change, and if the city later decided to build more apartments, they'd face additional expenses. As more units were added, the city would incur additional costs for more roads and the extension of sewer and water lines.

County Commissioner Tan Smiley took the podium and expressed the need for affordable housing in the area. He said he had visited many residents who struggle to live two to three people to a home.

"The mayor is a bulldog to get the lighthouse moved, but I'd like to see some bulldogging on getting these affordable homes," Smiley said. "Build 150 apartments, and I guarantee they'll be full within a year."

With Mayor Mel Magid-

*"The mayor is a bulldog to get the lighthouse moved, but I'd like to see some bulldogging on getting these affordable homes."*

## County Commissioner Tan Smiley

son on vacation, Commissioner Rex Buzzett acted as chairman for the meeting.

"We need affordable housing," Buzzett said. "We also have to think of the infrastructure and think of the neighborhoods over there, too."

"We're ready to go forward on the recommendation of our attorney."

The commission passed a motion to advertise the first reading of an ordinance that would allow the ball to begin rolling again.

The proposed location for the housing is just off Clifford Sims Road and was donated to the city by the St. Joe Company specifically for affordable housing. The location was chosen because of its proximity to Commerce Park and could act as a gateway as new jobs are created with the opening of the Port.

## PSJRA

After exploring relocation options for the office of Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency director Gail Alsbrook, only two options were considered. Commissioners could either relocate Alsbrook to an office at a cost of approximately \$4,000 a year or repurpose the existing file room in city hall.

Commissioners Bo Patterson and William Thursbay agreed moving the city's files to accommodate Alsbrook was the best choice and would save taxpayers money. City manager Jim Anderson warned commissioners that if the room was repurposed, a secure location would need to be found for the archived paperwork.

"That's the most important room in city hall," Anderson said. "If the building caught on fire, the first room you should save is that room."

In a 3-1 vote, with Buzzett dissenting, Thursbay passed a motion to relocate the PSJRA to city hall.

## Algae problems

Several residents of Highland View attended to complain of a strong sewage that had invaded the neighborhood over the past week.

One resident reported the smell was so bad that her kids didn't want to go outside and that her daughter had gone to the Health Department with breathing problems.

In her report, Wastewater Plant Manager Lynn Todd told commissioners that because of recent rainstorms, a dense layer of algae had built up on the wastewater plant's reservoir. As the algae began to rot, it caused the smell reported by the residents.

Todd said the smell was not harmful to humans, though it could activate some allergies or respiratory conditions.

Only three aerators are currently being used on the reservoir, but Todd said it would take seven to prevent that type of algae growth. She said the city could purchase chemicals to kill the algae, and if successful, they could be kept on hand to prevent the same situation from occurring in the future. Commissioners agreed to obtain the chemicals, which would arrive in three to five days.

# Bed taxes rising, TDC council seeks to keep eye on ball

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The Gulf County Tourist Development Council is overseeing an upswing in visitors and bed taxes.

But with the Board of County Commissioners wishing to tap into the expertise of the agency administration, TDC advisory board members expressed concern about maintaining full focus.

TDC executive director Jennifer Jenkins presented to her board a plan for the agency's staff to assist interim Economic Development Council director Towan Kopinsky in formulating a marketing plan for the EDC.

Under the plan, which was urged by the BOCC, Jenkins and staff members Kelli Jackson, the financial officer at the agency, and Michelle Perrin, who spearheads TDC marketing, would divide their time between TDC and EDC duties.

In short, they would help Kopinsky develop and implement a marketing plan and program for the EDC.

Jackson and Perrin would each expand their marketing work as the BOCC looks to establish an EDC using similar guidelines — an executive director, any staff and an advisory council — to that under which the TDC operates.

"We are learning a lot, but we need to figure out how to market things for economic development," Jenkins said.

However, members of her board expressed reservations with the entire concept.

"I don't like the idea of the TDC splitting its focus," said board member Tony Whitfield, who added that he sure the BOCC saw an effective agency with operations worth duplicating. "I'm on the TDC, not the EDC. I'm concerned about the impacts to the TDC."

The primary concern of board chair David Warriner was the physical "cohabitation" of the two agencies as Kopinsky moves into the TDC Welcome Center at least for the summer.

Warriner said the Welcome Center as already a beehive of activity with tourists and wondered how effective the physical arrangement could be, if, for example, some businessmen looking to locate arrive at Welcome Center in business attire at the same time a tourist enters in sandals and shorts to find out where to clean fish.

"This building is stressed to the max," Warriner said. "I'm afraid we are going to take our eye off the ball a bit. We need full focus on what we are doing."

County attorney Jeremy Novak said the marketing of Gulf County, whether tourism- or business-related, were part of the same pie.

"As they get the EDC up and running you (the TDC) want to be a part of that," Novak said.

Warriner, who has

served in the past with the Chamber of Commerce, an EDC advisory council and the TDC, said the duties of the EDC are "voluminous" and "distracting" and added, "There is a difference between collaboration and cohabitation."

Warriner said Novak should pass along concerns expressed by the TDC board about the EDC proposal and its impacts on the tourism agency and said board members would be vigilant of those impacts.

"We are concerned," Warriner said. "This is a crucial time for us."

## Bed taxes up

Bed taxes in April spiked 11.03 percent compared to the same month last year, during which an increase of 11.79 was on the books.

Jenkins said the growth in April year-to-year indicated there was still room to grow the month.

"We have room to stay strong and steady in April," Jenkins said. "We can do more to fill capacity."

All indications are that May was a banner month, with the Memorial Day holiday weekend resembling a Fourth of July, Warriner and Whitfield each said.

Jenkins said she remains committed to her goal of 20 percent growth for the year and said her projections for revenue next year call for continued growth in the double digits.

## ST. VINCENT from page A1

"We have a tremendous amount of visitors who come to see St. Vincent," Jenkins said. "I can't stress how important this is to Gulf County."

In addition, the island's management staff no longer has an office after the city of Apalachicola declined to pick up the lease for next year and the budgetary issues are complicated since the island was put under the management umbrella of St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

"The situation has been awful since it went under St. Marks," Romanelli said.

Several TDC board members wondered if the agency should not examine ways to bring the office to Indian Pass,

where most visitors to the island launch their visit.

Luther said a petition circulated by the Supporters of St. Vincent Island garnered 810 signatures and has been forwarded to federal officials.

The BOCC has also chimed in and Luther had a meeting with the staff of U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's office in Tallahassee last week. He is seeking meetings with the staff of U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and Congressman Steve Southerland.

"Anything the TDC could do to support what we are doing now would be welcome," Luther said. "The Supporters are the only group promoting St. Vincent."

The TDC board unanimously approved having Jenkins correspond with all relevant federal officials to express concerns about the future status of the island.

"This is obviously an issue that is important to us and a threat to our tourism here," said board chair David Warriner.

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A familiar site, the George Tapper Bridge, through an unusual lens and angle.



COURTESY OF BILL FAUTH

During a recent heavy downpour a sheriff's deputy was forced to pull to the side of U.S. 98 in St. Joe Beach as lightning slashes the horizon. The tip of St. Joseph Peninsula is in the background.

# Scene around



## Star Staff Report

This page features photos submitted to The Star by our readers.

We would like to make this page a regular feature, an opportunity for the shutterbugs — does that even apply in this digital age? — from this community, resident and visitor alike, to highlight the gorgeous, the interesting, the weird, fun or just plain best that Gulf County offers. Please send your photos to [tcroft@starfl.com](mailto:tcroft@starfl.com) and help us shine a spotlight on Gulf County.



COURTESY OF DEBBIE HOOPER

The Bo Spring Band, aboard the *Illustrious*, provided musical entertainment during the annual Memorial Day party off the tip of St. Joseph Peninsula. **Above right**, a little water play at Oak Grove Daycare provided some relief on a warm afternoon last week. **At right**, kites populate the sky over Indian Pass.



COURTESY OF KRISTY RAFFIELD



COURTESY OF MARIE ROMANELLI



COURTESY OF DAN CHRISTIE

If the sunset is spectacular, Dan Christie from Simmons Bayou typically snaps a spectacular photo. **At right**, a dolphin swims along the shore near Indian Pass.



COURTESY OF MARIE ROMANELLI

# Gulf County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Summary

Special to the Star



of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Less than Twenty Grams of Marijuana. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on a \$500 bond.

**On Sunday, June 1,** Deputy K. Starnes responded to the 8000 block of US Highway 98 on St. Joe Beach regarding the theft of several reel and rods. The complainant reported the theft occurred during the early morning hours of June 1. The reel and rods were stolen from a boat parked near the complainant's home. The total value of the reel and rods was \$440.

**On June 1,** Henry H. Watford Jr. (29) turned himself in on a warrant for Violation of Probation. The warrant was issued out of Bay County. He bonded out on a \$2,500 bond.

**On June 1,** Deputy J. Oquendo and Sgt. J. Murran arrested Rodney D. Adkison (33) on an active warrant for Violation of Probation. At the time of his arrest he was determined to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. Adkison was transported to the GCDF where he has charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Violation of Probation. He is on probation for Possession of Listed Chemicals, Manufacturing Controlled Substance, and Felony DWLS/R. He remains in custody at the GCDF.

**On June 1,** the GCSO received a call regarding a verbal disturbance in the 6900 block of Doc Whitfield Road in Howard Creek. Deputy J. Brock responded to the call.

After investigating the incident, William T. Knox (63), was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and given a conditional release.

**On May 26-June 1,** the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 51 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 45 calls for EMS, 16 calls for other departments/agencies and 5 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

**On May 26-June 1,** the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 283; Traffic Stop, 28; Civil Paper Service, 25; Field Contact, 23; Warrant Arrests, 14; Theft/Shoplifting, 9; Abandoned Vehicle, 4; Information, 4; Suspicious Activity, 4; Traffic Accident, 4; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 3; Domestic Disturbance, 3; Verbal Disturbance, 3; EMS Assist, 4; Harassing Phone Calls, 3; Reckless Driver, 3; Sexual Offender Address Verifications, 3; Request for Security Check, 3; Alarm, 2; Assist another agency, 2; Residential Burglary, 2; Disturbance, 2; Trespass, 2; Street Obstruction, 2; Suspicious Person, 2; Suspicious Vehicle, 2; Welfare Check, 2; Animal Call, 2; Burglary of Auto, 1; Citizens Assist, 1; Deceased Person, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Physical Disturbance, 1; Escort, 2; Fire Call, 3; Fraud, 1; Lost Items/Personal, 1; Lost/Stolen Tag, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Missing Juvenile, 1; Recovered Property, 1; and Sexual Offender Reregistration, 1.

metal and a plastic tool box; four ATV tires and wheels; a Hytachi roof nailer; and a Baja two wheel scooter. The total value of the property stolen was \$2,180. If you have any information regarding this offense, please contact the GCSO or call CrimeStoppers at 785-TIPS(8411).

**On May 29,** Deputy B. Smith was approached by a complainant who wished to file a report regarding the theft of a water pump. The offense occurred between May 24 and May 29. The pump belonged to the home owners association of Marnie Island Reserve near Cape San Blas. The pump was a one horse power Berkley pump and was valued at \$700. At the same time, Deputy Smith took a report of the theft of the same style pump from the property at the Cottages of Indian Summer. The value of that pump was \$1,000.

**On Friday, May 30,** John E. Burrows (31) turned himself in and was arrested for a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. Burrows was booked into the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) and was released after paying a \$1,600 purge.

**On May 30,** Sgt. J. Williams arrested Austin R. Hysmith (28) for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked and Unlawful Use of a Driver's License. Hysmith was observed driving a vehicle on suspended driver's license and was arrested at West Church Avenue and SR 71 in Wewahitchka. He was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF. He remains in the GCDF on a \$1,150 bond.

**On May 30,** Deputy J. Brock responded to the 100 block of Hensley Lane in Overstreet after the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance. After the investigation it was determined the complainant, Timothy D. Buell (34), was wanted for Violation of Probation. Buell was arrested and transported to the GCDF. He is on probation for Indecent Exposure. He remains in the GCDF on a \$1,100 bond.

**During the late evening hours on Friday, May 30, and the early morning hours of Saturday, May 31,** GCSO Narcotics Investigators and Deputies arrested the following individuals on warrants issued the sale of narcotics: Anthony S. Crocker (30) - Principle to the Sale of Meth; Warren M. Bowers (28) - Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of Park; Brenda J. Neel (24) - Principle to the Sale of Meth; Gordon F. Hammond (38) - Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of Park, Possession of Meth, two counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, DWLS/R, and Unlawful Use of a Driver's License; April K.

Holmes (35) - Trafficking in Hydrocodone; Rex A. Veasey, Sr. (48) - Sale of Meth, Possession of Meth with Intent to Distribute, two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Veronica L. Pickron (40) - Principle to the Sale of Meth and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communications Device; Sean F. Porras (37) - Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of Church; Robert C. Hill (29) - Sale of GHB within 1,000 Feet of a Child Care Facility, Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of a Child Care Facility, and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communications Device; Melissa A. Sims (35) - Sale of Meth within 1,000 Feet of a Church; Rebecca P. Smith (70) - Trafficking in Hydrocodone; Joseph D. Turner (28) - Trafficking in Hydrocodone; and Shelby A. Scheffer (23) - Principle to Trafficking in Hydrocodone. Each case is the culmination of investigations conducted by the Gulf County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit, some of which began three months ago. In addition to the sale of meth, Hammond and Veasey faced additional charges at the time of their arrest. The following bonds were issued at first appearance: Bowers, \$10,000; Neel, ROR; Hammond, \$18,000; Holmes, \$10,000; Veasey, \$22,500; Pickron, \$15,000; Porras, \$10,000; Hill, \$28,000; Sims, \$10,000; Smith, \$10,000; Turner, \$10,000, and Scheffer, \$10,000.

**On Saturday, May 31,** Deputy J. Oquendo stopped a vehicle on Stone Mill Creek Road and SR 71 regarding a moving violation. It was determined the driver, David M. Hewitt Jr. (18), was wanted out of Holmes County and operated the vehicle without a driver's license. He was arrested and charged with Driving Without a License and an out of county warrant. Hewitt was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and given a \$2,500 bond for Driving Without a License. He remains in custody awaiting extradition to Holmes County.

**On May 31,** the GCSO received a complaint regarding the theft of construction materials from the 100 block of East Seascapes Drive. Deputy M. Layfield responded to the call. The complainant stated that two incidents of theft had occurred at the residence. The first was reported to have occurred around Sept. 15, 2013. The incident involved the theft of a shipment of thin set which is material used to hold down floor tile. The second incident was reported to have occurred around the first two weeks of April 2014. The complaint said it involved the shipment of approximately eight boxes of tile. The total

value of the items taken was approximately \$2,605. The complainant stated a report was not filed earlier, because they felt the property would not be able to be traced. Citizens are strongly encouraged to file reports as soon as they become aware of a possible crime.

**On May 31,** Sgt. J. Williams stopped a vehicle for traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of County Road 22-A and Parker Farm Road. When Sgt. Williams contacted the driver, Eddy Adorno (20), he could smell a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from within the vehicle. K9 Marco was deployed and alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics inside of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a plastic bag of less than twenty grams of marijuana and a pipe used to smoke marijuana. Adorno was arrested and charged with Possession



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# Administrative changes coming to district

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The Gulf County School Board this week is likely to complete the filling of its administrative roster for the coming school year.

Whatever the decisions during Thursday's meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. ET inside the board meeting room, each of the four public schools will begin 2014-2015 with a principal other than the one in place at the beginning of last school year.

Some changes have already occurred. Jeremy Knapp, who took

a leave of absence as principal at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School in March will not be back. His interim replacement, former principal Duane McFarland is likely to return as permanent principal.

Lori Price, principal at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School, is leaving for the district offices, where retirements will bring change.

Jay Bidwell, who was interim principal at Wewahitchka Elementary School last year, is moving to the high school.

The elementary school principals are to be named Thursday as Port St. Joe El-

ementary School principal Sue Gannon has requested the opportunity to return to teaching.

In addition to losing George Cox, a fixture in Gulf County education for 50 years who is retiring from the School Board, the district also loses two of its longest-serving administrators.

Deborah Crosby, director of special education in the district and an educator for over 30 years, will be retiring in August. She is being replaced by Martha Weimorts.

Sara Joe Wooten, the assistant superintendent for

instruction, is also retiring in August. She will be succeeded by Price.

## Crosby/Cox recognitions

The School Board approved naming two educational pods in honor of Cox and Crosby.

The business/vocational department at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School will be named for Cox.

The Bridges suite at Port St. Joe Elementary School will be named in honor of Crosby.

Ceremonies will follow later in the year.

# Hurricane season arrives

## Officials say 'plan'

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Just a single number matters during Atlantic hurricane season, which began June 1.

The number is one. Though the National Hurricane Center is predicting a less-active-than-normal hurricane season, it only takes one storm to ruin a year for an impacted community.

Hurricane season ends

Nov. 30, and the emphasis as the season arrives is preparedness, which began May 25 with the arrival of National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

"Everybody has got to know their piece of the puzzle," said Gulf County Emergency Manager Marshall Nelson said. "When everybody does that, it works real well."

"You have got to be ready. It is everybody's responsibility. That is such a big part of it."

National hurricane experts have been particularly outspoken in urging planning and preparing for the season while reminding folks that this is the 10th anniversary of one of the worst seasons

in recent decades.

There were 16 named storms in 2004, half of which at least brushed against the United States mainland and six of which reached Category 3.

Among those storms were Charley, Frances, Ivan — residents of the Northwest Florida remember Ivan — and Jeanne, four names which were retired after the 2004 season, tying a record that was broken the following year.

In 2004, 3,258 people were killed, and storms caused \$50 billion in damage.

Nelson still has boxes of files from 2004 lining his office floor, not to mention shelves of playbooks for

storms through the years.

For home and business owners, Nelson said, there are few better places to hone a hurricane plan than [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org).

"They have some very good tools," Nelson said. "They are very easy. You don't really have to think, just follow the (prompts)."

The website provides information and tips for crafting a plan for a home, a business and also has links to create a plan for your pets.

There is also a child-friendly link that provides planning activities for kids.

If you already have a plan, update it and understand what supplies need to be restocked or recycled.

Forecasters predict between 8 and 13 named storms this year, of which 3-6 could become hurricanes including 1-2 major hurricanes.

"Although predictions call for a below average to average season, Floridians are reminded that it only takes one storm to impact a community," according to a press release from the Florida Division of Emergency Management.



Pictured: Bernard Jacob, chairman, Gulf Power Foundation; John Ed McDanal, district manager, Gulf Power Company; Stan Connally, president/CEO, Gulf Power Company.

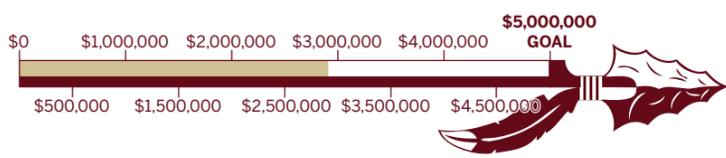


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mined, both in amount and use, in Tallahassee.

For one component, the district is allowed to assess up to 1.25 mills for bricks and mortar, but can not use that money for any other purpose.

In Gulf County, that means the School Board must leave most of that 1.25 mills on the table while being forced to solicit support from voters for an additional mill to cover operating expenses.

"We need to have local flexibility for those capital outlay dollars," Norton said.

Norton also said legislators should reexamine the so-called "wealth adjustment" in the state's funding formula for public schools.

That adjustment — based on property values in the county — requires the district to collect more of its budget locally because the state sends down fewer dollars, even though declining enrollment and other factors have carved the district's overall budget by more than \$4 million in the past three years.

The district, Norton said, is pushing the limit on constitutionally-mandated class size/teacher ratios and has shed more than 20 percent of its workforce the past four years.

"Public education in this county is threatened," Norton said.

Jobs, school board members agreed, would provide a lot of salve to the wounds.

School board member George Cox noted the series of industry closures the county has absorbed, from the box plant and paper mill to chemical plants and the material transfer station along the Intra-coastal Waterway.

That has left the county with expensive land that has lost value over much of the past decade.

"It has been devastating to the operations of the school system," Cox said.

Consolidating the community school systems on either end of the county "Is not what we want to do," Norton said.

Beshears said the port is poised, as it never has been, to inject life into desultory economic

development.

Noting money in the state budget to at least begin the dredging — a \$20 million appropriation pending governor approval — and more than \$1 million spent drafting an application and required studies to undertake dredging of the shipping channel, have moved the ball.

There is a public/private partnership in place between the St. Joe Company and Port St. Joe Port Authority to develop the port.

All signs, he said, pointed to momentum that must, he added, bear fruit in the next 18 months.

"There is as good a chance the port will come to fruition as there ever has been," Beshears said. "It is as good a chance for Port St. Joe, for Gulf County, as there ever has been."

The success or progress toward success of the port was also crucial for county officials to make a case for a preferred alternative for the Gulf Coast Parkway, Beshears added.

The Parkway has returned to the radar recently through Florida Department of Transportation public hearings on the project, which remains not fully funded for construction.

County officials contend that while the project was dormant for several years, the project has changed from its original intent to connect south Gulf County and U.S. 231.

"This (project) has to include us, to tie in to us," Norton said. "I hate to say it, but this is all or bust for us."

Cognizant of the preference for a more direct and northerly linkage with U.S. 231, Beshears said the county's argument would be bolstered by port development.

"In 12 months, if the port comes to fruition, you can make the argument you need (the alternative preferred by county officials)," Beshears said. "There is a real Rubic's cube of what is happening right now."

"We have a good chance of this all coming to fruition. Our odds are as good as they have ever been because of that port."




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## Kids Win fishing tournament June 14

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The Kids Win Fishing Tournament keeps reeling in area children.

The 12th annual Kids Win Fishing Tournament will take place at the Port St. Joe Marina on June 13-14.

Presented by the Kids Win

Foundation, the tournament is open to children ages 3 to 16.

Those who register will learn the basics of fishing and be armed with the know-how to reel in a big one. Trophies will be given out for the biggest fish and most fish caught within each division.

The "Small Fry" division is for kids ages 3 to 8, and "Junior" is for children 9 to 16.

The contest is limited to in-shore, near-shore and Intracoastal Waterway fishing, and contestants can be no farther than 3 miles from shore. Fishing can take place from a boat, dock, bridge, pier, beach, shore or while wading.

"The whole idea of the tournament is to get kids involved in the outdoors," said Rick Carrie, president of the

Kids Win Foundation. "We want them to become stewards of the water and the environment."

The first 350 kids who register for the event will receive a rod and reel, a tackle packet, T-shirt and goodie bag.

With 342 participants in the 2013 event, Carrie predicted 2014 to be the biggest tournament to date.

On Friday, June 13, registered

contestants can pick up their fishing equipment at the Port St. Joe Marina between 3 and 6:30 p.m. ET.

Participants also will enjoy a kickoff party with a cookout and on-site classes to get tips on rod casting, knot tying and casting nets. These classes will provide kids with important information

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### DAWGS IN PRISON



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Pauley, a hound mix, was adopted by Chris Kirkland of Hilliard. **Below**, Belle, a hound mix, was adopted by Lynda and Jim White of Cape San Blas.



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Artery will host two kids summer art camps in July.

## The Artery to host kids' art camp

Star Staff Report

This summer, The Artery in Port St. Joe will offer two art camp sessions for kids ages 6 and up.

The art camp is structured around projects chosen to give the kids a variety of art experiences, whether it's paints, clays or mosaics. Each week of the camp will feature an emphasis on clay, though each day will showcase a unique medium for children to learn.

Projects are designed to be fun and creative and will be taught by The Artery's owner and operator, Leslie Wentzell.

"Art always helps a kid's attention span," Wentzell said. "Art is a great way for kids to use their brains, and it's fun."

"I always try to allow students freedom to express themselves and their own creativity."

The first session will run from 9 a.m. to noon ET July 7-10. The second session will be July 14-17 at the same time.

The cost per session is \$120 and will cover all materials used during the camps. A 10 percent family discount is available as well as full and partial scholarships to those who qualify.

For more information call 227-5741. Registration can be completed at [www.arterystudio.com/register.html](http://www.arterystudio.com/register.html).

# DAWG-GONE!

## All pups from class 33 of DAWGS in Prison find forever homes

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The milestones don't stop for the Gulf County's DAWGS in Prison program.

Last Wednesday, the Developing Adoptable Dogs With Good Sociability program, based out of the Gulf Forestry Camp in White City, graduated its 33rd class, and all nine pups were adopted into "forever homes."

The partnership between

the Florida Department of Corrections, the Board of County Commissioners and the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society provides inmates the opportunity to train rescued dogs with basic obedience skills.

The pairing leads to the creation of socialized dogs ready for adoption while the inmates learn a viable job skill that can be put to use upon release.

See DAWGS B5



### 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) On a technicality, what other state besides Alaska and Hawaii was officially admitted to the Union in 1950s?**  
TX, OH, IA, OK

**2) What was the Titanic's emergency lifeboat #1 dubbed as by the press?**  
Lucky Stars, Money Tree, Millionaires Boat, Cash

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**3) Reportedly on his historic flight, what doll did Charles Lindbergh take along?**  
G.I. Joe, Felix the Cat, Raggedy Andy, Bugs Bunny

**4) When did Tom Brokaw sign off (retire) as anchor of "NBC Nightly News"?**  
2000, 2002, 2004, 2006

**5) What are ASL, BSL, JSL, and DSL types of?**  
Sign languages, UFOs, Signature loans, Dreams

**6) Which of these sports or sporting activities has a "sin bin"?**  
Boxing, Bowling, Hockey, Snowboarding

**7) What's a split among the members of**

**a church when they no longer agree on what they believe?**

Sceptre, Scherzo, Schism, Scrag

**8) From "Harry Potter" what's the name that most witches and wizards fear to speak?**  
Voldemort, Flitwick, Diagon, Dumbledore

**9) What do more school kids say is the worst thing served in the school cafeteria?**  
Broccoli, Meatloaf, Fish sticks, Lima beans

**10) Where is National Museum of Roller Skating located?**  
Atlantic City, NJ; Fresno, CA; Lincoln, NE; Florence, SC

**11) What is known medically as trimethylxanthine?**  
Morphine, Glucose,

Starch, Caffeine

**12) A scimitar is a type of what?**  
Headache, Sword, Fence, Stallion

**13) When did newscaster Paul Harvey make his first national broadcast from Chicago?**  
1945, 1950, 1955, 1960

**14) A state of complete happiness is known as what-number "heaven"?**  
First, Third, Seventh, Tenth

### ANSWERS

1) OH. 2) Millionaires Boat. 3) Felix the Cat. 4) 2004. 5) Sign languages. 6) Hockey. 7) Schism. 8) Voldemort. 9) Meatloaf. 10) Lincoln, NE. 11) Caffeine. 12) Sword. 13) 1950. 14) Seventh.

### FARMER'S MARKET SATURDAY



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The next Salt Air Farmer's Market will be Saturday, June 7, at City Commons Park in Port St. Joe. Farmers from around North Florida and Georgia will have fresh produce for purchase, and vendors will sell homemade crafts and jewelry. The Salt Air Farmer's Market promotes a sustainable food system on Florida's Forgotten Coast. The Market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET.

# Chamber holds ribbon cutting

Special to The Star

The Gulf County Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the grand opening/ribbon cutting for our newest member, The Gifted Gourmet.

Pam Woolery and her son, Kamden, opened The Gifted Gourmet last month and specialize in gourmet food, wine and gift items that can be packaged and

sent worldwide or enjoyed just down the street.

Craft cheeses and chocolate-covered espresso beans are only a few of the delicious treats offered.

The Gifted Gourmet is at 220 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe. Come and meet the Woolerys from 5-7 p.m. ET on Monday, June 9, as we welcome them to our Chamber and our community.



# Senior Citizens selling spaghetti plates

Special to The Star

Gulf County Senior Citizens will be selling spaghetti plates from 4-6:30 p.m. ET Friday, June 6 at the Senior Center at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe. The plates will cost \$7.50 and will include spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks, salad and homemade dessert.

You can eat at the center or carry out. All proceeds will go to providing services to the elderly of Gulf County. Tickets are available at the Senior Citizens Center or from any employee of board member. Call 229-8466 for more information. Donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

# Senior Service Day at PSJ Senior Center

Star Staff Report

Representatives from the Area Agency on Aging of North Florida from Tallahassee will be providing free application and counseling assistance at Gulf County Senior Citizens located at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET on June 12.

The representatives will provide information

on Medicare enrollment, Medicare Part D prescription plans, Medigap, prescription assistance programs, Medicaid/Food Stamp assistance program, free amplified telephones for the hard of hearing and Emergency Home Energy Assistance program for the elderly. This is free to the public, please call 229-8466 for more information.

# PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



June is a 45lb 3yr Lab/Catahoula mix. She has learned to walk on her leash and is learning other commands. June is a little shy around new surroundings and people but warms up quickly. This pretty girl would love a forever home of her very own. If you can give her a safe and loving home, please let us know.

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

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

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

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



[www.sjbhumanesociety.org](http://www.sjbhumanesociety.org)



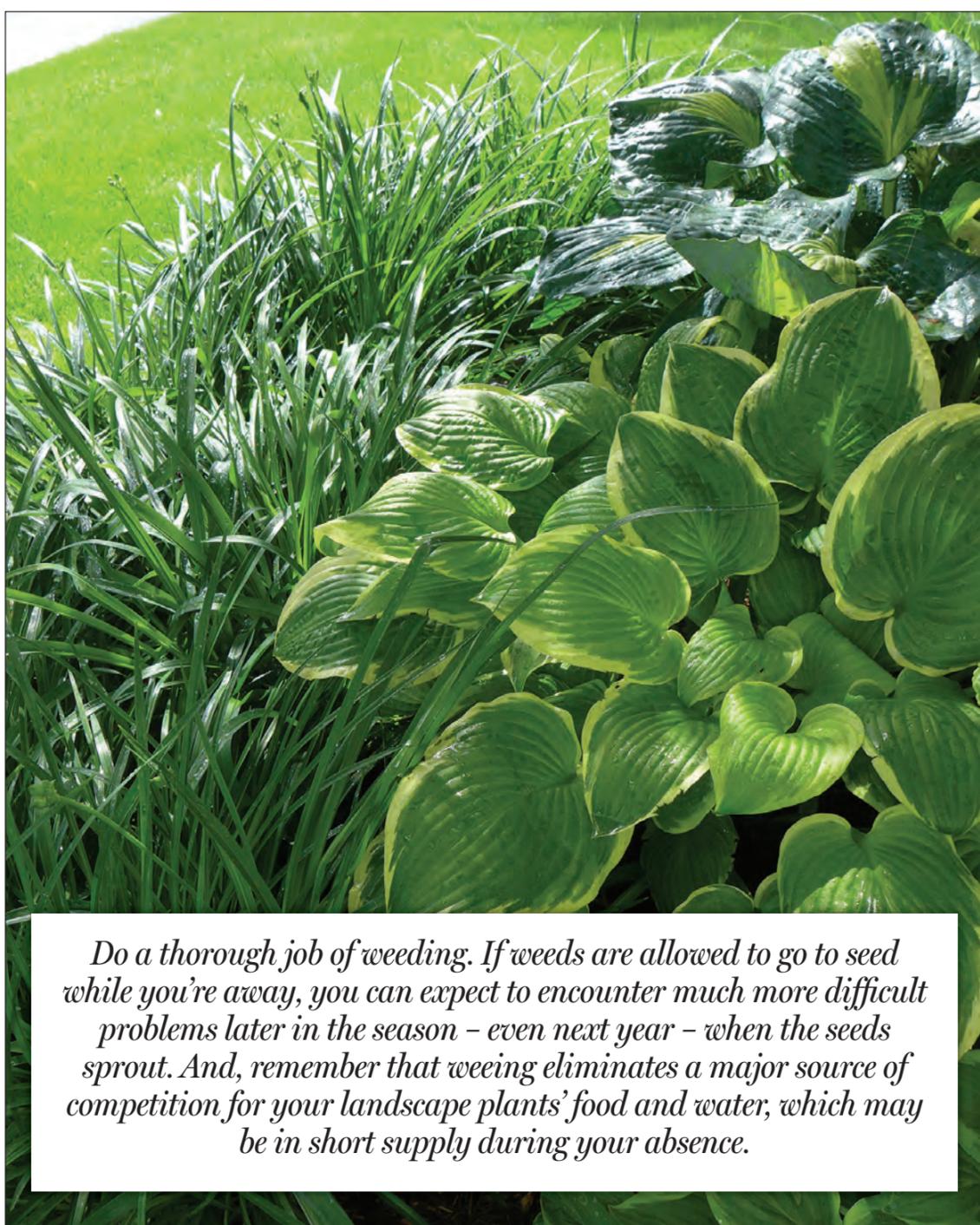
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*Do a thorough job of weeding. If weeds are allowed to go to seed while you're away, you can expect to encounter much more difficult problems later in the season - even next year - when the seeds sprout. And, remember that weeding eliminates a major source of competition for your landscape plants' food and water, which may be in short supply during your absence.*

# Vacation care for plants

Summertime is vacation time for people, not plants! While getting ready for that long awaited trip, it's easy to forget about your lawn, landscape, vegetable garden and house plants. A little time spent preparing your leafy friends for your absence could save you needless worry and hours of extra work when you get back.

A vacation may be relaxing and rejuvenating for you and your family, but it can be hazardous even deadly for your plants. Unless you make adequate preparations before leaving, you could return to vegetable disaster.

One of the first things you might do before leaving home is ask a neighbor to check your plants periodically while you're gone. All plants need some care. But, during and extended vacation, container grown plants

require special attention and different species have different needs. Be sure you give your friend specific instructions for the care of each type.



**ROY LEE CARTER**  
County extension director

Even if you can't find someone to personally look after your plants while you're away, there's plenty you can do prior to departure to make sure you don't come home to a limp landscape and sickly house plants. Outdoor, container grown plants should be placed in a shady area to conserve moisture.

Under a tree or on the north side of a building are good locations. A thick layer of mulch will help conserve moisture for landscape plantings. Mow your lawn just before leaving, cutting the grass a little closer than usual. And unkept lawn can encourage disease, and it's a tell-tale sign that no one's home.

Give lawn and landscape plants a heavy watering - especially recently planted beds, which will need extra moisture. Also,

thoroughly spray or dust your plants to protect them from insects and diseases while you're away. If you have flowering annuals, cut the blossoms before departing. If you don't, they'll soon stop blooming. And, harvest all ripe or nearly ripe fruits and vegetables. Like flowers, they will continue to produce only if they're picked frequently. Otherwise, they'll go to seed.

Do a thorough job of weeding. If weeds are allowed to go to seed while you're away, you can expect to encounter much more difficult problems later in the season - even next year - when the seeds sprout. And, remember that weeding eliminates a major source of competition for your landscape plants' food and water, which may be in short supply during your absence.

Plants kept indoors require special consideration. Before leaving home, place your house plants in a room which receives indirect sunlight. Direct exposure to the sun will dry the soil too quickly. Of course, you don't want to put your plants in a room that's too dark, either. Too little light will almost always result in leaf drop. And, just before you depart, be sure to water your house plants thoroughly. This is especially vital, because - unlike lawn grass and landscape ornamentals - house plants cannot benefit from any rain that may fall while you're gone.

You'll enjoy your vacation more by making sure your plants are well prepared for your absence.

For more information on how to vacation care for plants contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit our website: [gulf.ifas.ufl.edu](http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu) or [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu).



# Birthday

**Happy Birthday Christina! We love you!**

Christina Clayton turned six on June 2, 2014. She celebrated her birthday with a pool party surrounded by all her family and friends.

Christina is the daughter of Jamie and Mary Clayton, granddaughter of Keith and Debbie Ford, and Sam Sr. and Jeannette Amerson, and the niece to Sam Jr. Amerson and Jeremy Owens.

*Covered in cake and icing,  
You smile from ear to ear.*

*Six candles celebrate  
Our joy of your sixth year.*

*We sing Happy Birthday  
And you play with the wrapping and bows  
We are amazed at how you have touched our lives Just six short years ago.*





PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

# Graduation day at North Florida Child Development

Special to The Star

North Florida Child Development, Inc.'s, South Gulf County Early Learning Center, located across from the Gulf/Franklin Center, on Field of Dreams Avenue off of Highway 98; held its second annual Pre-K graduation since relocating to their new 7,800 square foot state of the art Early Child Development Facility. The ceremony under the direction of Center Manager, Mrs. Jan Cherry was held on Thursday, May 22. Family, friends, and community were invited to attend the ceremony to witness 18 students perform and celebrate their "readiness for kindergarten."

The ceremony began with the welcome by Mrs. Melanie Quinn-Larry, the four year old classroom teacher, who worked so very hard along with Mrs. Gina Hamilton to prepare the children to give their families such a delightful treat before the children received their Readiness Certificate.

Ms. Sherry Bolden, Family Case Manager, did a wonderful introduction of each program performance and of all the children as they received their diplomas. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ashley Rojas and Rion Farmer; the class sang Tooty Tot, one of their very favorites, a song that teaches through music



and movement and develops listening skills; the days of the week was recited by Darion Cherry, Brandon Johnson and Aubrey Armstead; the months of the year was recited by Brody Little, Kaylee Lowery and Bernard Simmons; counting to 10 in Spanish was recited by Ashley Rojas and Jose Ruiz; counting to 100 by 10's was recited by Jayden Reese, Aubree Purdy and Abigail Levins. The students performed various nursery rhymes: Hickory Dickory Dock was recited by Casen Hill, Samuel Erickson and Bernard Simmons; Humpty Dumpty was recited by Aubree Purdy, Ashley Rojas and Brandon Johnson; Jack and Jill was recited by Kaylee Lowery, Darion Cherry

and Jayden Reese. The guest speaker was Midshipman 4th Class Javarri Beachum. Javarri began his education and discovered his love for learning while attending North Florida Headstart in downtown Port St. Joe and transitioned with the program to the Highland View location. Javarri is a 2000 graduate of North Florida Child Development and entered formal education at Port St. Joe Elementary; from there he continued at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School and was a member of the Class of 2013. While attending Port St. Joe High School he enjoyed playing soccer and baseball for the Sharks. During this time of Javarri's life he dedicated a lot



of his time to helping others and being a role model. Javarri recently completed the Naval Academy Prep School in Rhode Island where he had a great year meeting new friends and learning new things. He is preparing to go to Annapolis, MD to attend the United States Naval Academy. Javarri's long term goal is to be a pilot and fly the world's best planes. During his speech Javarri spoke directly to the students and their parents; he told them that they could achieve anything they dreamed. He also asked the students to give their parents a big hand of applause and thanks for helping and supporting them. He reminded the parents of the value of their continued support.

Mrs. Jan Cherry, the Center Manager, closed by making special recognitions of those employees and volunteers who spent many hours preparing for the wonderful event. Special thanks to parents; teachers Melaine Quinn-Larry, Jessica Williams and Gina Hamilton for their hard work and dedication to educating our students; FCM Harmony Booker for helping develop our program; teacher Joanna Levins for the great end of the year slide show; Hilary Patterson (Juice Box Photography) for the great cap & gown and class pictures; Mr. Ronnie Cherry and Mr. Algy Wade for grilling the food; Ms. Nicole Laquera our Chef for preparing the remaining food for the children, families, community, staff and friend; Pepper's Mexican Restaurant for supporting our program throughout this school year; Policy Council Members and the Board of Directors of North Florida Child Development.

2014 South Gulf County Early Learning Center's Graduates include:

Aubrey Armstead, Darion Cherry, Michael Ellwood, Samuel Erickson, Rion Farmer, Arturo Fonseca, Michael Garcia, Casen Hill, Brandon Johnson, Abigail Levins, Brody Little, Kaylee Lowery, Aubree Purdy, Jayden Reese, Ashley Rojas, Jose Ruiz, Bernard Simmons III and Curtis Whiddon.

## School BRIEFS

### Port St. Joe class of 1974 reunion

The Port St. Joe High School Class of 1974 is now planning its next reunion.

Anyone from the class interested in helping to coordinate the event is asked to contact Traci Middleton Gaddis at 648-5474, Ida Whitfield Garrett at 227-6185 or Susie White at 227-4046.

### PSJ's Welch awarded Mediacom scholarship

Mediacom Communications presented DanTasia Welch, a 2014 graduate of Port St. Joe High School,

with a \$1,000 scholarship as part of the company's World Class Scholarship Program. The award recognizes the Port St. Joe resident for outstanding leadership and academic accomplishments.

Mediacom annually gives \$1,000 scholarships to 60 graduating seniors to provide support for the students' post-secondary education. Mediacom's Technical Operations Supervisor, Robert Kissam, presented the scholarship to Ms. Welch during the high school's recognition program.

"As a technology company, Mediacom understands how

important it is to invest in future leaders like DanTasia Welch," said Kissam. "I'm proud that my company supports local students with scholarship support."

More than 1,500 students applied for the scholarships. This is the thirteenth consecutive year Mediacom has funded World Class Scholarships for students who live in areas served by the cable and broadband company. To receive the Mediacom scholarships, recipients must attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or technical school within the United States.

A congratulatory photo album of this year's World Class Scholars will be available at Facebook.com/MediacomCable as well as videos featuring this year's scholarship winners at YouTube.com/MediacomCable beginning this May.

Mediacom plans to continue funding its World Class Scholarships in all areas where it provides digital cable and broadband services. High school administrators will be notified in the fall of 2014 when scholarship applications become available online for students in the Class of 2015

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## Growing up without a father explored at Lifetree Café

### Special to The Star

Forty percent of American children will sleep tonight in a home where their fathers don't live. The impact of that reality will be explored at 7 p.m. CT Monday, June 9

### Lifetree Café.

A filmed interview with Donald Miller (best-selling author of "Blue Like Jazz and Father Fiction") will be screened during the Lifetree program. In the interview, Miller describes growing up without a

father and his attempts to reconnect with his father later in life.

"This program, titled 'FatherLess,' is for those who've been abandoned, ignored, or abused by their fathers," said Lifetree

Café representative Craig Cable. "It's also for dads who have, for some reason, lived away from their children. And it will help anyone who cares about either a father or child who's had to cope with this difficult

situation."

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.

## Long Avenue Baptist invites children to 'Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind'

### Special to The Star

A summer kids' event called Weird Animals will be hosted at Long Avenue Baptist Church from Sunday, June 15 through Thursday, June 19. At Weird Animals, kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, dig into yummy treats at the Critter Cafe, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos at Imagination Station that

they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with The Tail End — a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8 p.m.!

Kids at Weird Animals will also take part in a

mission effort to pour out God's love to people in India by providing clean water. For \$2.50, a child in India can have clean water for a year at school!

Weird Animals is for kids 4 years old through sixth grade (completed) and will run from 6-8:30 p.m. each day.

For online pre-registration visit the [www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/longavenue](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/longavenue).

For more information, call the church office at 229-8691.

## Obituaries

### Edwin Randall 'Skip' Bulkley

Edwin Randall "Skip" Bulkley, II, age 75, of Cottdonale, Fla., passed away on March 29, 2014, at his home in the loving care of his wife and family.

"Skip" was born in Bellefonte, Penn., to the late Edwin Randall Bulkley, Sr., and Elsie Alice Novak. He was a graduate of Mooseheart Schools in Mooseheart, Ill., and Illinois State University. He served honorably in the Illinois Air National Guard for six years. Skip spent most of his career in sales of electronic media development in the metro Atlanta area before retiring in Mexico Beach, Florida.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Alberta Howell Bulkley.

He is also survived by two daughters whom he adored, Wendi Bizub of Port Orange, Fla., and Kerri Rodgers, of Lakewood, Ohio; his daughters' mother, Linda Richardson, Bay Village, Ohio; two stepchildren, Christopher Howell of St. Joe Beach, and Cheryl Clark, of Newnan, Ga.; one grandson, Khristian Brown; and two granddaughters, Jessica Clark, and Ashley Clark; his siblings, Sally Bulkley Pancrazio of Bloomington, Ill., William David Bulkley, Batavia, Ill., and Penny Bulkley Schafer, Terre Haute, Ind.

Skip was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose for 40 years, and served as President of

the Florida Mooseheart Alumni group for several years. He believed the Moose Organization to be an excellent provider for the care and education of youth at the Child City of Mooseheart and for the elderly at Moose Haven. He was most recently a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Marianna.

A celebration of Skip's life will be held at the interment of his cremains at Vestal Hills Memorial Park, in Vestal, N.Y., on June 5, 2014, at 2 p.m. Skip's family greatly appreciates the service of the Veterans Administration in providing care and assistance to him in his illness.

### Minnie L. Price

Minnie L. Price, age 68, passed away on May 28, 2014, after battling a long illness. She was preceded in death by Charles Price, her husband of 34 years who she loved dearly. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Curt and Jessie Louise Johnson, and eight siblings.

She is survived by her sons, Max Wood, Jr. (Patty), Kenneth Price (Michell), Tony Price (Susan) all of Wewahitchka, and Gary Holmes (Angie) of

Dalton, Ga.; a daughter, Faye Hysmith (Billy) of Wewahitchka.; a sister, Idella Williams (Julian); brothers, Lavon Johnson (Teresa) and Lamar Johnson (Katrina). She is also survived by sister-in-law and special friend Eliese Price, 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, and sister. She was loved by many.

The visitation was held at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church on Friday, May 30, in Wewahitchka. Graveside services were at Cypress Creek Cemetery in Kinard, Fla., on Saturday May 31 at 10 a.m. CT.

Those who wish may make donations to Sacred Heart Hospital or St. Jude's Children Hospital in her memory.

All services were under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home.

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*Schedule of Worship Services*

|                  |                                   |                                   |
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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Sunday School 9:00 AM             | Morning worship all ages 10:00 AM |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Mid Week Bible Study 6:00 PM      | Elective Adult Classes 6:00 PM    |
|                  | Children & Youth Ministry 6:00 PM |                                   |

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| 10:45 AM..... | Worship              |
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**New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church**

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|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | <b>Wednesday</b>                              |
| Sunday School ..... 9:00 am   | Dinner.....5:00 - 6:00 pm                     |
| Worship Service..... 10:30 am | AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm                      |
| Choir..... 6:00 pm            | Surrender Student Ministry.....6:15 - 7:30 pm |
|                               | Prayer/Bible Study.....6:15 - 7:30 pm         |
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| <b>SUNDAY:</b>          | <b>WEDNESDAY:</b>                  |
| Sunday School - 9:15    | Family Dinner - 5:30               |
| Morning Worship - 10:30 | Prayer Meeting - 6:30              |
| Evening Worship - 5:00  | Student Ministry - 6:30            |
|                         | Children's Ministry / Choir - 6:30 |
|                         | Adult Choir - 7:30                 |

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A "small fry" shows off his big win at the Kids Win fishing tournament. This year's tournament will begin at 7 a.m. ET June 14. Registration ends Thursday, June 12.



FILE PHOTO

## FISHING from page B1

to ensure they have a fun and active day of catching fish instead of remembering the one that got away.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Gulf County Turtle Patrol and St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve will have displays to provide additional information to kids on how they can do their part in keeping the environment safe.

After the kickoff, the official rules meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the marina.

The tournament will begin at 7 a.m. ET June 14 with weigh-in beginning at 10 a.m. Fishing ends at noon with trophy

presentations to follow. Children may fish with an adult but must be the ones to reel in all fish entered into the competition.

"Anybody who wants to learn to fish or even just learn about the bay are encouraged to come out," Carrie said. "Kids Win was established to expose youngsters to the thrill of fishing in a fun and safe environment."

Registration is free and is open until Thursday, June 12. More than 200 kids have already registered for the event. Those interested in volunteering or making donations can contact the Port St. Joe Marina at 227-9393.

## DAWGS from page B1

With the latest graduation numbers added to the program's five-year tally, 344 dogs have graduated to new homes and 392 inmates have participated in the program.

During each class, dogs are brought from the humane society in Port St. Joe to spend eight weeks with a group of inmate trainers, handlers and caretakers.

While the dogs learn new skills the inmates learn compassion, patience, tolerance and teamwork.

"Most of these men have never known unconditional love in their lives," DAWGS co-director Sandi Christy told the adopters who were present to watch the graduation ceremony. "The dogs teach the inmates so much about love.

"You'll be changed forever by this dog." Once the canine commencement was complete, dogs left to live with new families in Mexico Beach, Panama City, Cape San Blas and as far away as Indiana, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Before the ceremony ended, Assistant Warden Steve Roddenberry took to the podium to thank Christy and co-director Judy Miick for their hard work and dedication to the DAWGS program.

He presented them with a plaque in recognition of their accomplishments.

"We're so thankful to have a very forward-thinking warden," Christy said. "So much goes into the work with the dogs, and we're so grateful to the adopters for giving them a better life."

Pauley, a hound/pointer mix was headed to Hilliard to live with new owner, Chris Kirkland, a former Nassau County commissioner.

Kirkland said while serving as commissioner,



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Above is the 33rd DAWGS graduating class. Below left, Pauley, a hound mix, was adopted by Chris Kirkland of Hilliard. Below right, Gulf Forestry Camp Assistant Warden Steve Roddenberry presented co-directors Judy Miick and Christi Sandy with a plaque commemorating their hard work.



*"People should consider a program like this before buying a dog from a puppy mill," Lynda said. "There are so many great dogs that need a home. I like that we get to save a life."*

Lynda White, Cape San Blas

he was heavily involved in Nassau's animal control duties. After taking a stray English sheepdog off the streets, he later adopted the animal, and after many years together, Kirkland's dog passed away from cancer earlier in the year.

He saw the DAWGS program as the perfect route to find a new companion.

"The program was intriguing, and it's a win-win for the inmates and the animals," Kirkland said. "These programs

are rehabilitating dogs that may otherwise be euthanized."

After completing the application process, Kirkland visited the SJBHS and met Pauley. Kirkland said because of Pauley's good disposition and compatibility with his other dog, a Malamar, he knew he'd found the latest addition to the family.

"There are so many pets and so few homes," Kirkland said. "A pet is a commitment.

"Do your homework,

and don't make a snap decision."

Lynda and Jim White hadn't owned a dog in eight years, but after recently moving to Cape San Blas and seeing the dog-friendly side of Gulf County, they knew it was time.

The couple wanted a sweet, medium-sized dog, and after their own visit to the SJBHS, they found their perfect match in Belle, a hound mix Jim described as "loveable, but not too crazy."

"People should consider a program like this before buying a dog from a puppy mill," Lynda said. "There are so many great dogs that need a home.

"I like that we get to save a life."

After the celebration concluded with cake, adopters attended a class that covered basic commands, feeding, kenneling and tips for integrating the dogs into their homes.

Adopters were given time to learn one-on-one

from the trainers on how to best handle their pups while they practiced the commands. Adopters also received DVD videos from the training teams to remind them how each command worked, along with visual aids.

John Dykema, a Port St. Joe resident, has been a volunteer with the DAWGS program for the last four months.

Before moving to Gulf County, Dykema spent eight years training puppies as service dogs in Michigan. He visits the Gulf Forestry Camp once a week to oversee training and offer assistance to the inmates.

"I see a drastic difference in the inmates — a huge difference as their self-esteem and patience goes up," he said. "They become a different individual."

Dykema said he volunteers because he enjoys watching the advancement of the inmates but also because he enjoys seeing the trainers appreciate and love the dogs.

"Those dogs give it all back to their adopters," Dykema said.

As graduation came to a close, many dogs took their first car rides with their new owners while other graduates soon would board a transport where they'd be picked up by their adopters.

Every day across the U.S., 10,000 dogs are euthanized because of lack of homes and limited shelter space and resources. Christy reminded Gulf County residents of the free spay and neuter programs offered by the humane society and asked pet owners not to let their animals roam.

"We work hard to set the dogs up for success," Christy said. "It's critical we keep this program going."

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By: BA Baxter As Deputy Clerk

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Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, PL Attorneys for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Ave, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487 Phone: 561-241-6901 Fax: 561-910-0902 File No. 13-14008 May 29, June 5, 2014

99039S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 12000218CA-AXMX

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. DEBRA KAY REEDER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE

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OF DEBRA KAY REEDER; JOSEPH C. REEDER; and UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including, if a named defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order or Final Judgment entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Gulf County, Florida, described as:

A parcel of land located in Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida; being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, thence North 00°17'48" West, 39.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 88°38'05" West, 126.48 feet to a point on the East R/W line of SR No. 71; said point being on the arc of a non-tangent curve concave to the Southwest; thence Northwesterly along said East R/W line, along the arc of said curve; having a radius of 11034.28, a central angle of 00°20'15", an arc distance of 64.98 feet; chord to said curve bears North 28°14'36" West, 64.98 feet; thence leaving said East R/W line, North 65°36'13" East, 171.90 feet; thence South 00°17'48" East, 125.24 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.31 acres, more or less.

Property Address: 1660 Hwy 71 South Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Parcel I.D.: R 02614-000R

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Courthouse lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 a.m. E.T. on 26th day of June, 2014.

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

DATED this 21st day of May, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

Enrico G. Gonzalez, PA Attorney at Law Enrico G. Gonzalez, Esq. 6255 E. Fowler Ave. Temple Terrace, FL 33617 FL Bar #861472 (813)980-6302

Rebecca L. Norris As Clerk of the Court

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99043S PUBLIC NOTICE PSJRA Board of Directors Meeting

Regular Board of Directors Meetings of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM. Specific dates for the remainder of FY14 are June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16. Meeting location is City Hall, 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, FL. All persons are invited to attend and participate. Anyone want to appeal an official decision made on any subject at the meeting must have a verbatim record of the meeting that includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

99049S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 13-14-24

The date of first publication of this notice is May 29, 2014.

Personal Representative: Nancy G. Cowles 3174 Paces Mill Rd SE Atlanta, GA 30339

Attorneys for Personal Representative SANDERS AND DUNCAN, P.A. 80 MARKET STREET APALACHICOLA, FL 32320 (850) 653-8976 FL Bar No.: 63869 E-Mail Address: dduncan@fairpoint.net May 29, June 5, 2014

99089S NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF PORT ST JOE located at 300 Long Avenue, in the County of GULF, in the City of Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 intends to register the said name with the Divisions of Corporations of the Florida

99065S PUBLIC NOTICE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FLORIDA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 13-14-24

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TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the estate of BETTY B. RISH, also known as BETTY JO RISH, deceased, File Number 14-27 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 co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons 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 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 with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 29, 2014.

/s/ Doris Jean Whitten Doris Jean Whitten P.O. Box 397 Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Co-Personal Representative Estate of Betty B. Rish

/s/ Barbara Ann Johnson Barbara Ann Johnson P.O. Box 573 Wewahitchka, FL 32465

Estate of Betty B. Rish

/s/ Thomas S. Gibson THOMAS S. GIBSON RISH, GIBSON 116 Sailor's Cove Drive P. O. Box 39 Port St. Joe, Florida 32457 (850) 229-8211 ATTORNEY FOR CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES FL Bar No. 0350583 May 29, June 5, 2014

99057S PUBLIC NOTICE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Bid #1314-23

GULF COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS ROOF INSTALLATION

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals for the purchase and installation of:

ROOF FOR THE GULF COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS BUILDING

Specifications may be obtained at the Gulf County Clerk's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Room 149, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, or at the website at www.gulfcounty-fl.gov. Further information can be obtained by contacting Tony Price at (850) 227-8335.

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 will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., E.T., on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Gulf County Clerk's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr., Blvd., Room 149, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The proposals will be opened at the same location on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., E.T. The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Gulf County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug-Free Workplace.

/s/ Ward McDaniel, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk May 29, June 5, 2014

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of County Commissioners requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals for a:

PAY AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY FOR THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Copies of the Proposal Provisions and Forms may be obtained at the Gulf County Clerk's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd, Room 149, Port St. Joe, FL 32456 or found on the Gulf County website at www.gulfcounty-fl.gov. Additional technical information relative to this RFP may be obtained from Denise Manuel, Central Services Director, at (850) 227-2384 or dmanuel@gulfcounty-fl.gov during normal business hours.

Please indicate on the outside of your envelope YOUR COMPANY NAME, that this is a SEALED BID, and include the BID NUMBER, and provide five (5) bound copies and one (1) electronic copy of your proposal.

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will accept sealed proposals at the Gulf County Clerk of Court's Office, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd. Room 149, Port St. Joe, FL 32456, until June 26, 2014, at 4:00 PM, ET. The proposals will be opened at the same location on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. ET. The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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/s/ Ward McDaniel, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk May 29, June 5, 2014

99083S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2014-28-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF JANE GIBSON GLASS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jane Gibson Glass, deceased, whose date of death was September 16, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is May 29, 2014.

Personal Representative: Nancy G. Cowles 3174 Paces Mill Rd SE Atlanta, GA 30339

Attorneys for Personal Representative SANDERS AND DUNCAN, P.A. 80 MARKET STREET APALACHICOLA, FL 32320 (850) 653-8976 FL Bar No.: 63869 E-Mail Address: dduncan@fairpoint.net May 29, June 5, 2014

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Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Port St. Joe, Florida, this 23rd day of May, 2014.

AG4382, Inc. June 5, 2014

99103S PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Public Workshop

The Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency will host a workshop for public comment on the proposed Open-Air Information Center, to be constructed on the deck of the Billy Joe Rish parking lot, on Tuesday, June 10, 5 PM at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, FL. All persons are invited to attend and participate.

99115S PUBLIC NOTICE Under Florida State Law "Self-Service Storage Facility" Act 83.801-83.809, F.S., BEACH STORAGE located at 7942 Americus Ave., St. Joe Beach, FL, will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following units on JUNE 14, 2014, at 9:00 am ET.

#13- Johnny Chandler #16- Lora Williams #33- Shirley Glenn #36- Rod Bradford

The unit contents may be redeemed by the owner prior to sale or disposal by cash payment in full of the total amount due on the unit. Beach Storage reserves the right to dispose of the contents in anyway necessary and reserves the right to cancel sale without notice.

June 5, 12, 2014

99131S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 23-2011-CA-000448-CAAX-MX Division: Civil Division

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs. RUSSELL A. WOOD, et al. Defendant(s).

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

A/K/A 172 N Duck Avenue Wewahitchka, FL 32465

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at AT SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE COURT HOUSE, 1000 CECIL COSTIN SR. BLVD., PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, beginning at 11:00 a.m. ET on June 26, 2014.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 28th day of May, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS Clerk of Circuit Court

By: BA Baxter Deputy Clerk

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at P.O. Box 826, Marianna, Florida, 32447. Phone number 850-718-0026. Email: ADARequest@jud14.flcourts. Hearing & Voice Impaired: 1-800-955-8771 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. File# 153868/tam June 5, 12, 2014

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STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 23-2013-CA-000122-CAAX-MX Division: Civil Division

TYNDALL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Plaintiff,

vs. EDNA E. NEWSOME, et al. Defendant(s).

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

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, THENCE RUN EAST FOR 580 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH FOR 567 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN EAST 130 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 60 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 130 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LOT OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 172 N Duck Avenue Wewahitchka, FL 32465

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at AT SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE COURT HOUSE, 1

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 07°45'39" East, 178.66 feet; thence Southeast-ly along said curve an arc distance of 158.84 feet to the point of tangency, thence South 09°04'22" West for a distance of 76.53 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the Northwest, having a radius of 150.00 feet, a central angle of 33°49'52" and being subtended by a chord bearing South 25°59'18" West, 87.29 feet; thence Southwest-ly along said curve

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 an arc distance of 88.57 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence South 42°54'14" West for a distance of 111.48 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the East, having a radius of 427.00 feet, a central angle of 85°44'46" and being subtended by a chord bearing South 06°46'55" East, 581.04 feet; thence Southeast-ly along said curve an arc distance of 639.03 feet to the point of tangency of said curve; thence South 56°19'45" East for a distance of 120.10 feet, thence South 57°15'51" West for a distance of 272.77 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the East, having a radius of 50.00 feet, a central angle of 286°15'35" and being subtended by a chord bearing South 32°44'09" East, 60.00 feet; thence Westerly, Southerly and Easterly along said curving cul-de-sac an arc distance of 249.81 feet to a point of non-tangency in said curving cul-de-sac; thence North 57°15'51" East for a distance of 298.97 feet; thence South 56°19'45" East for a distance of 153.33 feet, thence South 01°18'02" West for a distance of 496.00 feet; thence South 89°59'26" West for a distance of 454.26 feet to the point of curvature of a curving cul-de-sac concave to the East, having a radius of 75.00 feet, a central angle of 312°50'38" and being

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 subtended by a chord bearing South 00°00'34" East, 60.00 feet; thence Westerly, Southerly and Easterly along said curving cul-de-sac an arc distance of 409.52 feet to a point of non-tangency and said curving cul-de-sac; thence North 89°59'26" East for a distance of 452.89 feet; thence South 01°18'02" West for a distance of 245.25 feet to the South line of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 36; thence North 89°59'26" East for a distance of 60.02 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 2014.  
 REBECCA L. NORRIS  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 By: BA Baxter  
 Deputy Clerk  
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**PETS & ANIMALS 2100-2150**  
 Basset pups. \$450. 8 weeks. AKC, vet health cert. 850-225-4379

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

**HELP WANTED 4100**  
 Acct/Finance  
**Bookkeeper**  
 PT position. To apply call 850-648-8161 Web Id 34290817

**BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL RENTALS 6100**  
 PSJ Warehouse Space For Rent. 1000sf. With Office Space & Bathroom. \$600 month. *Let's @ 228 Cessna Dr.* Unit can be combined if tenant needs more space 850-238-7080

**8100-8340 AUTOMOTIVE, MARINE RECREATIONAL**  
 8100 - Antique & Collectibles  
 8110 - Cars  
 8120 - Sports Utility Vehicles  
 8130 - Trucks  
 8140 - Vans  
 8150 - Commercial  
 8160 - Motorcycles  
 8170 - Auto Parts & Accessories  
 8210 - Boats  
 8220 - Personal Watercraft  
 8230 - Sailboats  
 8240 - Boat & Marine Supplies  
 8245 - Boat Slips & Docks  
 8310 - Aircraft/Aviation  
 8320 - ATV/Off Road Vehicles  
 8330 - Campers & Trailers  
 8340 - Motorhomes  
**SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES 8120**

**\*\* 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://gulfcourtaxcollector.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://gulfcourtaxcollector.com> prior to sale.

SHIRLEY J. JENKINS, CFC  
 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

To include a:  
 2001 MOBILE HOME  
 VIN CV01AL0256443A  
 Title #82712413  
 2001 MOBILE HOME  
 VIN CV01AL0256443B  
 Title # 82712924  
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at AT SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE COURTHOUSE, 1000 CECIL COSTIN SR. BLVD., PORT ST. JOE, FL 32456, beginning at 11:00 a.m. ET on June 26, 2014.  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 Witness, my hand and seal of this count on the 28th day of May,

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**Early Education Child Care Teacher**  
 Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola, FL will be offering an early educational child care program starting in the fall. The name of the program will be St. Benedict Preschool. The educational program will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am-11:30 am. The program will be using Montessori methods and materials. The classroom will be located on church property at 79 Sixth Street and will serve prekindergarten children who are toilet trained below the age of 5. This advertisement is for a Part-Time teacher to work approximately 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 Applicants must have as a minimum, a High School diploma and one of the following certificates/credentials:  
 1. An active National Early Childhood Credential (NECC).  
 2. Formal Educational Qualifications.  
 3. An active Birth Through Five Child Care Credential awarded as a Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC); Florida Department of Education Child Care Apprenticeship Certificate (CCAC) or Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECCP);  
 4. An active School-Age Child Care Credential awarded as a Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) or School-Age Professional Certificate (SAPC). Graduates who successfully complete a school-age training program offered by a branch of the U.S. Military will be recognized as having met the School-Age FCCPC requirement  
 Applicants must be willing to submit to background screening and fingerprinting. Qualified applicants need to submit their resume, including a copy of their early child care certificate/credential, to the Trinity Annex, 76 Fifth Street, or by mail to Trinity Episcopal Church P.O. Box 667, Apalachicola, FL 32329-0667. For questions, call 850-653-9550. All applications must be submitted by June 12, 2014.

**BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

**TREE**  
**Creamer's Tree Service**  
 Call Jason @ (850)832-9343

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