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Current county budget includes tax hikes

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The budget presented to the Board of County Commissioners last week included a lengthy wish list.

Commissioners began Monday snuffing out those wishes.

The BOCC was presented last week by its budget committee with a budget that would see expenditures increase by more than \$2.6 million, a 27 percent increase from the current year and representing a 1.7 millage rate

hike compared to this year.

"It is not going to be an easy year," said Clerk of Courts Becky Norris.

By the end of a special meeting Monday commissioners had closed the gap but remained looking at a budget that will demand a tax increase.

Commissioners also tentatively approved a 5-cent increase to the county gas tax.

One significant concern is the amount of cash carry forward in the budget, those dollars that are intended as a kind of rolling reserve into which commissioners

have dipped over recent years to "plug holes" in the budget in order to avoid raising millage rates, said county administrator Don Butler.

However, those funds, after being used consistently since 2010, have dropped by 30 percent this year, Butler said, representing \$1.5 million-\$2 million.

"At some point with us cutting budgets I knew that number would come down," said Commissioner Warren Yeager.

Cash carry forward was \$5.8 million in each of the past two years - this year it is \$4.169 mil-

lion, with \$3 million that is restricted by obligations to maintain cash carry forward levels for reserves and the county capital fund as recommended for county government.

"There is not a lot of money left to plug into this year's budget," Butler said. "It is going to be tight this year."

Not included in the budget as currently crafted are dollars for pursuing recommendations made by consulting counsel on redistricting and any loan agreement with the Port St. Joe Port Authority.

Butler said the BOCC was also hamstrung in some areas - such as the landfill and EMS - due to shortfalls in revenue compared to projections before the current budget year began.

All county offices are also feeling a 12 percent increase in Florida retirement system obligations.

Before the work of cutting began in earnest Monday, commissioners decided to freeze all county budgets, including constitutional officers, to allow staff

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Putting it in place: Lighthouse to be raised Thursday



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The Cape San Blas Lighthouse (left) is scheduled to be raised and placed at its new home in George Core Park today. The exact time was not known at press time. The two keepers' cottages (above) and oil house are in place. The lighthouse was moved from the Cape to Port St. Joe last week.

School millage falls further

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Taxpayers will see even more of a drop in school taxes than initially projected.

The Gulf County School Board approved a tentative millage rate that will see school taxes drop even more than preliminary numbers released two weeks ago indicated.

The biggest drop was additional shaving of the required local effort (RLE) component of the funding formula with the state adjusting the number down to accurately reflect the preliminary tax roll submitted by Property Appraiser Mitch Burke earlier this month.

As with the other two major components of a school district budget, the RLE, the largest component representing what the district must collect locally to access state funding, is established each spring by the

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Pediatric cancer patients and their families get a week of 'normal'

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No matter the overhead, there is Blue Skies in Port St. Joe.

Since 2010, Blue Skies Ministries has treated pediatric cancer patients along with their families and siblings to a weeklong trip to Port St. Joe.

In 2014 the organization, based out of Marietta, G.A., planned eight trips to Gulf County, each time staying in WindMark Beach homes and condos.

Founder of Blue Skies Melinda Mayton said that families faced with childhood cancer are often stretched emotionally,

financially, physically and spiritually, oftentimes to the breaking point.

A nurse practitioner of more than 13 years, Mayton switched her college major from business to nursing after her sister fell ill.

After becoming a nurse she worked with pediatric cancer patients and watched what the families went through and became determined to do something to help. Mere years later, the organization was making its first pilgrimage to Port St. Joe.

"I can't change places with the families, but for one week, I can walk beside them," said Mayton.

With the exception of

travel costs to and from WindMark Beach, there is no cost to the families who attend the retreats. Activities are pre-planned and a large group of volunteers handle the cooking, cleaning and laundry so families can focus on relaxing.

While days are filled with activities like snorkeling, horseback riding, and plenty of time on the beach, each night has a different theme.

During "Hollywood Night," families arrive in WindMark by limo and walk a red carpet where their photos are taken and they're interviewed by volunteers.

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Blue Skies founder Melinda Mayton hosts week-long retreats for pediatric cancer patients and their families to WindMark Beach.



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PSJ commissioners clear hurdle on Gulf Pines

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One by one the hurdles to razing and cleaning up the old Gulf Pines Hospital site and putting the land on the tax rolls are falling away for Port St. Joe commissioners.

City attorney Tom Gibson reported last week that the Board of County Commissioners had voted not to pursue at this time a tax deed based on delinquent property taxes on the Gulf Pines site, which clears away one more obstacle.

With the BOCC willing to wait on the selling of the property to realize revenue from the back taxes, which would have to be divided among the cities, meaning Port St. Joe would get some back, the lone obstacle to addressing the elephant in the equation are two private companies holding tax certificates.

By paying about \$38,000,

commissioners can satisfy those certificates.

The Internal Revenue Service, which has a \$1 million lien on the property in lieu of back taxes, has indicated a willingness to discharge the property of any obligation.

"Once we get rid of the IRS we have a lot more options," Gibson said.

The BOCC has agreed to waive the \$75,000 it is owed to allow the city to move ahead on rendering the property suitable for the property tax roll.

Commissioner Rex Buzzett motioned, and commissioners unanimously agreed, to pay off the two certificates, using BP fine funds and to return the funds to the same BP fine money account upon selling the property.

Commissioners hope to raze the hospital building, clean the site and sell the land with the potential for five-seven single-member dwellings on the property.

The Commission has already changed the zoning for the property to single-family residential.

Commissioners' aim is to sell the land to a private developer, hoping to recoup cost of razing the building and clearing the site through that sale.

The city of Port St. Joe owns the property, which was leased as a hospital for more than five decades before closing almost a decade ago.

The property has become an eyesore and haven for feral animals, though the city has cleaned the property up several times. The roof in some areas is falling into the building.

The big stumbling block for any entity wishing to do something with the property — say those companies with tax certificates — has been the IRS lien and the cost of razing the building and clearing the site, along with asbestos abatement, the latter of which is estimated



FILE PHOTO

The former Gulf Pines Hospital site soon could be history.

to be at least \$110,000.

TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

Commissioners set the tentative millage rate at 4.5914, exactly one mill above the current millage.

Taxing bodies must submit a tentative millage rate to the Property Appraiser by Aug. 1. That is the number

that will appear on Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices received by mail by taxpayers.

After Aug. 1, that millage can not go up, but can be reduced.

In each of the past five years commissioners have increased the tentative millage up one mill to provide

flexibility in budgeting only to return to the same millage by ratification of the budget.

"We've always set it higher and we always bring it back down," Mayor Mel Magidson said. "It is a little game with play (with the state)."

Chamber of Commerce relocates, hosts grand opening

By Paula Pickett
Special to The Star

It has been a very busy time at the chamber this summer.

We have relocated to 308 Reid Ave. in the heart of our retail district and could not be more pleased. Our visitor walk-ins have substantially increased, allowing us more opportunity to promote our and your business. We invite you to stop by and see how we can help you.

The Gifted Gourmet recently hosted a grand opening and showcased their wonderful array of fine wines and cheeses.

Owner Pamela Woolery has created a beautiful

environment specialized in gourmet gift baskets that may be sent anywhere. So if you are looking a memorable gift to someone special, let Pamela or her team help you. The Gifted Gourmet is at 220 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe.

Additionally, we welcomed The Port Cottages Bayview.

The Port Cottages expanded from six to 10 vacation rental homes located near downtown shopping, dining and a beautiful sunset view. These pet friendly cottages are available for weekends, single night and extended stays.

For reservations call The Port Inn at 850-229-7678.

Shoobie's!

If you do not know about this, do yourself a favor and find out! Shoobie's is parked at 143 Acklins Island Drive, Cape San Blas (across from the Cape San Blas Inn) for the Summer 2014. Parked? Yes, parked!

Shoobie's is another great food truck owned by Kellee Novak, owner of delicious Mason Dixon in Port St. Joe. But the menu is much different. How does soft-serve boardwalk ice cream, Gelato, and water ice sound to you?

In addition to these grand openings, we have welcomed several new businesses that are relocating to our area.

This is a great sign for our economy.

There is an obvious movement in our real estate market and with this come necessary support services. This spike increases our banking, insurance, construction and retail businesses. The trickle-down effect is strengthening the economy and many of our business are experiencing returns better than those of six-10 years ago.

In conjunction with the City of Port St. Joe's Competitive Florida Partnership, a technical assistance program aimed at assisting our community develop ideas and strategies for economic development, we have become much more



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proactive in developing an environment conducive for growth. We want to ensure that the chamber help create a strong economic opportunity for our area and develop jobs for the next generation.

If you are interested in learning more about the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, we would be happy to meet with you. We can be reached at 227-1223 or stop by 308 Reid Ave., PSJ.



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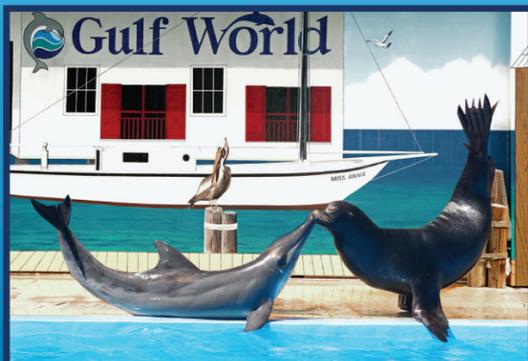


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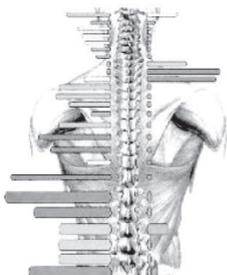
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Early voting gets room of its own

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Early voting in Port St. Joe has always created heavy traffic inside the Supervisor of Elections Office.

With the increase in number of voters taking advantage of early voting combined with the business of an election season — candidate paperwork, voter registration, maintaining registration books — the main entrance at the Elections Office could be, well, crowded.

But now those early voters have a place to call their own.

The transition began under former Supervisor of Elections Linda Griffin who asked the Board of County Commissioners to expand into the space in the old Health Department building on Long

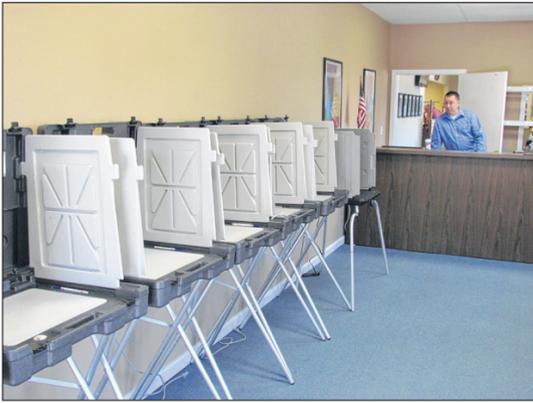
Avenue after Sacred Heart Rehabilitation moved to the hospital.

The request was granted and Griffin opened a wall and created a space for voting machines and ballot reader.

A counter and computers and shelves to handle ballots and sign-in for early voters arrived later and this year the BOCC approved work to open a door off Fourth Street, along with some additional parking to handle early voters.

“Whatever location you have set up for early voting that becomes a polling place,” Supervisor of Elections John Hanlon said. “Now we have created that separate polling place.”

“During early voting we used to have to handle candidate paperwork and voter registration through the back door. Now we will be back to



Given heavy traffic during campaign season, the creation of a separate polling place for early voting was a priority for Supervisor of Elections John Hanlon.

using the front counter.”

The idea was to create a space similar to the early voting location in Wewahatchka, which is the meeting room of the Charles Whitehead Public Library. That meeting room has a door

that can be closed and a separate entrance.

“This is really going to work out well,” Hanlon said of the Port St. Joe upgrades. “We can truly maintain a separate location for early voting.”



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A new entrance for early voting has been created on the Fourth Street side of the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Early voters will be asked to park in front of the early voting door on Fourth Street or park on Long Avenue and walk around to the early voting entrance.

There are multiple voting machines and when Oak Grove Church replaced its pews Griffin was given one to use for a comfortable sitting area for voters waiting for their

turn at the ballot box.

Early voting begins Aug. 16 and continues through Aug. 23.

Each weekday, early voting hours are 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET (6:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. CT). On the two Saturdays, the hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET (7 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT) and on the one Sunday the hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET (9 a.m. until 5 p.m. CT).

State road funding increases for county

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The county will continue to see increases in state road funding over the next several years.

The Board of County Commissioners were presented Tuesday with the Florida Department of Transportation five-year work plan along with commissioner input on priorities.

During the coming year and four years, millions of dollars will be flowing into the county for reconstruction or resurfacing of several major byways as well as for the dormant Gulf to Bay Highway.

One reason, explained Keith McCarron of the Apalachee

Regional Planning Council, was that state legislators have increased funding for a program specifically earmarked for small counties.

FDOT District III saw dollars from that fund double this year, from \$9 million to \$18 million, McCarron said.

Commissioner Warren Yeager said the Small Counties Coalition with the Florida Association of Counties, of which he is an officer, has made a priority of increasing state road funding for small counties.

The second phase of the Gulf to Bay Highway, which would create a “back beach road” behind St. Joe Beach, is funded for the current fiscal year, which began

July 1, includes dollars for right-of-way and future capacity design and engineering.

The project, the first phase of which was the realignment of U.S. Highway 98 in Port St. Joe as part of the development of WindMark Beach, has been somewhat less a priority because of a less than robust economy and state revenues.

“It is good to see it is in the work plan and making progress,” McCarron said. “There are some very challenging permitting issues going on there.”

Several critical projects are on tap for the current fiscal year.

The reconstruction of two-lane Jarrott Daniels Road, which links to County 386 and State 22, is slated for this year as is the completion of

the resurfacing of State 30A from Cape San Blas Road to the Franklin County line.

“(Jarrott Daniels) is a vital artery between two highways,” Commissioner Ward McDaniel said.

Resurfacing of Old Bay City Road from south of Ross Stripling Road to Crossover Road is also to be completed this year.

The third phase of the Old Bay City Road project, from Crossover to Clyde Teat Road is up for next year, said grant coordinator Towan Kopinsky.

In addition, a bike path/trail from Pine Street to Beacon Hill Park Road is slated for completion.

McCarron noted that instead of performing resurfacing of the Overstreet Road (County 386) in

phases the decision has been made to resurface the entire length of the road in 2017.

Beach driving permits

Commissioners completed their tweaks to the fine structure for beach driving permits.

The board has already eliminated seven-day permits, leaving only the \$200 seasonal pass available.

The board also increased the fine for a first offense from \$250 to \$500.

The fine structure was changed so that drivers who are ticketed for driving permit might have the \$500 fine reduced to \$300 total — the permit plus \$100 — if they come to the Tax Collector’s Office and purchase their permit within seven days of being ticketed.

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- Graduate of Auburn University and Florida State University School of Law
- Two children, both are UF graduates
- History of activity in community, church, school, outdoor and civic organizations.

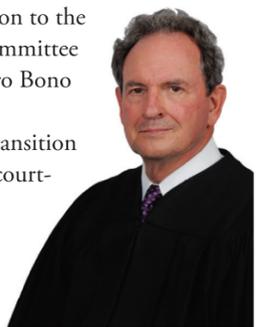


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My daughter is spending the summer in Nashville, Tennessee doing an internship and enjoying life — it seems to her daddy. She sends us pictures from shoe shopping; I understand this.

She also made it to the Wildhorse Saloon's 20th Anniversary Celebration, taking advantage of tickets from a friend of a friend.

She also hits the Nashville Farmers Market every chance she gets.

I'm proud of her. Good grades, good country music and she sends me pictures of "Toe Jam."

Toe Jam?

Yes, it seems that some of the vendors there at the Nashville Farmers Market are pushing these fine canned goods from a family in the rolling hills of Kentucky and Tennessee.

But Toe Jam?

Tangerines, Oranges and Elderberry — "TOE" Jam. After I stopped laughing, I told her to learn a little marketing from these smart farmers. I was serious. She does well in school, but if you want a good education, you need to pay attention to smart farmers and farming families.

This farm — Spring Valley Farms, makes more than just Toe Jam; they have Frog Jam, Traffic Jam and all kinds of other jams, jellies and butters. The "FROG" Jam has Figs, Raspberries, Oranges and Ginger. The Traffic Jam seems to be packed with blueberries, strawberries, rhubarb, raspberries and slowed down with cane sugar.

I decided I might like to try the Toe Jam, maybe even cover myself with it. I've always enjoyed tangerines and orange marmalade type spreads; elderberry makes sense to me. So just spread it on me.

These tickets she had to the Wildhorse Saloon were evidently some type of VID tickets — "Very Important Daughter." She got to meet the fellows in Lonestar and seemed to be excited. When I asked

her about meeting them, she noted, "They are short." At just over five feet, my oldest daughter knows short — so I believed her.

She loved Lonestar; she didn't give me an actual report on the performance, other than they were short. Also performing at the Wildhorse on this night were the country bands, Trick Pony and Ricochet. My

daughter didn't tell me how tall they were.

Oh well, she still turned me on to the Toe Jam...

While I was thinking about all of this important stuff, I was in the kitchen cleaning one of my cast iron skillets thinking how nice it would be if somebody treated me like I treat my cast iron skillets.

Yes, I was.

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The country band Shenandoah, sang the song, "I want to be Loved Like That." A song about wanting to be loved like you want to be loved. Maybe I should ask my daughter how tall the folks in Shenandoah are.

On second thought, maybe I should write my own country song. "Cover me with Toe Jam and Love Me Like a Cast Iron Skillet" has a nice ring to it.

I need to get myself a pair of boots and practice my acceptance speech for the Academy of Country Music Awards "Song of the Year."

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Beets eclipsed only by olive loaf

I was standing in the buffet line after church when the fight broke out. Now, folks, we weren't in the Green Lantern in Natchez, Mississippi, where a fight is as near as your mother-in-law on a cross country road trip. This was a moderately fancy restaurant with attentive servers and well-appointed accouterments. I backed away quickly from the fried chicken livers to avoid the fray and instinctively sought out the source of the pushing and shoving. It was a gaggle of ladies wrestling over the beets!

We had to be in West Tennessee.

It's the only place in the world where fisticuffs flare and feelings run hot over a vegetable that has never sponsored a TV show or had poems written about them. I'm not anti-beet by any means. I have actually eaten them on occasion. Aunt Beatrice would serve up pickled beets at Thanksgiving and Christmas that would melt in your mouth. Mother pushed them off on us as "a very healthy food". Of course, she said the same thing about spinach, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower and spam.

I might could have envisioned a stand-off over the last country fried steak or maybe the sole remaining piece of homemade coconut cream pie. Leon, David and I once fought all afternoon over a lone chicken leg. But we're talking beets here, people! I've crawled on my belly like a reptile through the wild Johnson weeds to bust open one of Mr. Archie Moore's ripening watermelons. I walked Cynthia Wheat home so many times we wore out a path across Bethel College's front lawn to get close to her mother's sugar cookies. I've had wild crawwings for chocolate milk shakes, pork shank and baked beans, Milk Duds, peanut butter

and banana sandwiches, rutabagas and fried catfish. But beets don't exactly set your heart on fire as a "go to" dish. And fighting over them in a public restaurant seems to me to fall into the "Bridge Too Far" category. Jerry Springer couldn't have orchestrated this!

We were in fact in West Tennessee; Milan to be exact. And this is no indictment on that particular partition of the great Volunteer state. I'm just saying that I doubt womenfolk go toe to toe over beets at an upper Manhattan eatery, in a dinner club in New Orleans or at a fancy Hollywood bistro. And I can't picture



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

any scenario where the Chicago police rush in and arrest fourteen ladies for brawling over an emptying pan of beets.

West Tennessee people take their eating a mite more serious than some. I had already taken note of the hominy on this buffet going like fifty cent pan cakes at a Kiwanis sale. The lines were long in front of the cabbage and mustered greens bins as you would expect. But nothing beat (no pun intended) the throng congregated around the ruby complexioned root.

I held my plate over my head and elbowed my way toward the center of the action. I had to get a closer look. Order was near 'bout restored before I could snake my way to the front. I couldn't tell if the red faced men breaking up the fracas were mad or embarrassed.

"What happened?" I asked the petite little girl that had seated us.

"Wilma Dean was late getting the beets out." She said it like the restaurant was somehow responsible.

"Does this happen often?" I was craning my neck under the glass

to get a look at what must be the best tasting beets on earth. The cupboard was bare.

"Only when Wilma Dean takes one of her slow notions."

I tried to picture a "slow notion" as I moved back to let Wilma Dean empty a whole new bucket of beets onto the buffet. The crowd standing around with half filled plates cheered. You can't even get this kind of stuff on "Duck Dynasty".

"We have plenty; please line up in an orderly fashion." The petite girl apparently doubled as referee. I wasn't about to line up for beets. I moseyed over to the country ham and red-eye gravy, green beans, squash, fresh tomatoes and cornbread. I could survive without the beets.

You know how the Lord will work on you right out of the blue at times. I was buttering up my cornbread when it dawned on me, "How many of those nice folks fighting over the beets had just come from church?" Many were sporting their Sunday best. I wondered if any of the morning sermons were on that peace that passes all understanding, the patience of Job or Jesus' command to love thy neighbor.

Them West Tennesseans are truly a "peculiar people"! I was standing up to ask for a show of hands of all that had just come from a worship service when that verse about "judge not lest you be judged" smote me in the eye.

I figured we'd had about as much fun as could be had at one meal. I'm pretty sure Jesus never turned beets into wine or fed five thousand with them. But I thanked Him for our meal anyway, and was especially grateful that Olive Loaf wasn't on the buffet. a full blown riot might have broken out!

Respectfully,
Kes

Your options for Medicare supplemental coverage

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Medicare health coverage is fairly comprehensive. But if you need a lot of care, Medicare can leave you with significant out-of-pocket costs. That's why most people have some kind of supplemental insurance to help cover the costs that Medicare doesn't.

Choosing a supplemental plan that makes sense for you is not always easy. Here are some tips that will help.

What are the types of supplemental coverage?

About a third of people with Medicare have supplemental insurance from a former employer. If you are lucky enough to have this type of coverage, it is probably your best option. Be careful if you ever decide to drop it — you might not be able to get it back.

People with low incomes may qualify for their state's Medicaid program (and other related programs) that cover Medicare premiums and prescription drug costs.

If you don't fall into these categories, you may want to consider buying either a private Medicare supplement plan (often called "Medigap") or a Medicare Advantage plan. Both options have advantages and disadvantages, and you should do careful research before selecting one or deciding to change your current coverage.

What are Medigap plans? Medigap plans work with original Medicare and pay costs that are left over after Medicare has paid what it covers. Depending on the plan, they pay for some amount of Medicare's deductibles and co-insurance. They do not usually offer additional services, so they will not pay for an item or service that Medicare does not cover. For example, they do not

cover prescription drugs, so most people with original Medicare and a Medigap plan also buy a Part D plan.

Medigap plans are sold by private insurance companies. These plans come in several different categories, each designated by a letter: For example, "Medigap Plan F." Every plan with the same letter must offer the same benefits, so it is easy to compare plans from different insurers. In addition, these plans have to follow state and federal rules.

What are Medicare Advantage plans? Medicare Advantage plans are different from Medigap plans. Medicare Advantage plans are run by private insurers that contract with Medicare to provide all Medicare benefits. Many of these plans include prescription drug coverage, and some plans also offer extra services that are not covered by traditional Medicare. Medicare Advantage plans usually have provider networks that limit which doctors and hospitals you can go to.

Medicare Advantage plans also have rules about what you will have to pay out of pocket that differ from the rules for traditional Medicare. Sometimes these rules are beneficial and can protect you from high out-of-pocket costs. For example, a Medicare Advantage plan may have a low copayment for office visits. But sometimes you may pay more for a service if you have a Medicare Advantage plan compared to traditional Medicare. What factors should I consider if I'm deciding between buying a Medigap plan and a Medicare Advantage plan?

There is no insurance that is right for everyone. Here are some key factors to consider:

- Medicare Advantage premiums may be more affordable than Medigap premiums.

- Medigap may offer better protection against high out-of-pocket costs (deductibles, copayments, and co-insurance) than Medicare Advantage.

- Medicare Advantage plans may offer extra services not covered by Medicare.

- Medicare Advantage plans can change what services they cover every year. Medigap plans usually do not change what they cover, but they can, and do, raise premiums.

- Medicare Advantage may limit your choice of doctors to a particular network and may require you to get a referral from your primary care doctor to see a specialist. Medigap will not. One key concern is that in many states, Medigap premiums can increase as you get older. And if you decide to drop your Medigap plan, you may have to pay a much higher premium to get that plan back in the future — if you can get it back at all. So be careful about making any changes to your Medigap coverage.

When can I enroll? Normally, you can enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan only during Medicare's annual open enrollment period, which runs from October 15 to December 7. Once you pick a Medicare Advantage plan, you must stick with it for the whole year (unless you qualify for a special enrollment period).

Sign-up periods for Medigap plans vary from state to state. How can I get more information? Anyone with Medicare can get help from a local counselor through their State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask for a referral to your local SHIP, or go to www.Medicare.gov and click on "Find someone to talk to."

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Tuition Hikes, the 529 Plan and Rascal Flatts

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The cost of educational expenses, which includes college tuition, increased by over 2 percent last year. Nevada just enacted a 17 percent university tuition increase over the next four years. Let's hope last winter's freeze applies to tuition hikes at Florida's public universities.

a taxable brokerage account, you have a much wider selection of investment options without any restrictions on how the funds can be spent. Say little Johnny Angel becomes little Johnny Devil. You own the account and can use the funds for your own retirement needs



MARGARET R. McDOWELL
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or anything else, for that matter. Or say your child is an exceptional student and receives several scholarships. You can provide financial assistance as you see fit; perhaps send them on an

interim trip to Europe or help them buy a car.

Locking in tuition rates with a state sponsored pre-paid tuition program is usually a money saver. Some twenty states currently offer such plans, usually under a 529 Plan umbrella. Florida's official website details four of these pre-paid tuition options, which include two 2-year plans and two 4-year plans. Start a pre-paid tuition plan while your child is a toddler, and you'll save significant dollars by the time they start college.

College always costs so much more than we think it will. Children still need all the financial support they normally accept from you, in addition to their college expenses: health and medical insurance, doctor visits, car payments, car insurance, clothes and more.

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College is affordable for fewer American families than ever before. Ironically, a college education is, more than ever, widely viewed as a prerequisite to decent employment in today's tight job market.

How much does college cost these days? Say last year you paid \$15,000 in tuition, plus housing, a meal plan, activity fees, and spending money, and your child's total college expenses were \$25,000. And let's say you currently have a senior and a freshman in college. Well, with a 2 percent increase, now your total annual expenses are \$51,000 instead of \$50,000.

Many parents and grandparents utilize 529 education savings plans to fund college expenses. Investors fund the account and their dollars grow tax-free, and stay that way as long as distributions are for qualified college expenses. Any form of savings is beneficial, but in the case of 529's, sometimes college parents and grandparents may be better off simply investing their discretionary income in a taxable brokerage account in their own name.

Simply put, the fees associated with many 529 plans sometimes offset the benefits of utilizing them. While you forego tax deferred growth by utilizing

Hard day at the Cape

Dear Editor,
Tuesday, July 14, was a hard day for us here on the Cape to watch the desecration of history and have to navigate and try to do business with closed roads. The Cape San Blas Lighthouse is NO longer located on the Cape that is for sure.

Just as the Cape San Blas Lighthouse rolled by Salinas Park and before she turned off the Cape the lightning roared and thunder crashed. It was almost like the good Lord was giving us a clue that He wasn't pleased that His lady, who had watching over His Gulf, was being stolen from His Cape. That is the only positive thing I can tell you happened that day. Perhaps Mayor Mel might want to stay indoors during the thunder storms for a while.

Jim Anderson, the city manager, had made a comment earlier that he "realized it would be a minor inconvenience for the day of the move for some people."

If he bothers to check, he will find out there was nothing minor about it. All South Gulf County businesses lost considerable revenue during the busy season with little to no notice by the city of when the move was going to occur. All South Gulf County residents had major scheduling and routing problems throughout the day. Construction on homes came to a standstill on the Cape so all the workers who couldn't get to their work sites lost a day's wages. More than inconvenient!

Thanks goes out to the County for picking up the pieces that the city wouldn't do.

The Sheriff's Department had officers out trying to help with traffic, the County EMS located an ambulance at County expense out at the Cape in case of emergencies, and the South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department spent the day strategically locating their rescue and fire vehicles in case of an emergency. TDC tried to keep travel advisories up to help out. We county tax payers paid for all these expenses for the day,

so much for "no tax payer dollars being used for the move."

And finally, Mayor Mel made the statement on TV that "99 percent of Gulf County residents agreed with moving the lighthouse to town." Now, I know he is a politician and therefore we don't know what to expect when a politician wants to spin their numbers, but I can assure you that 99 percent of the Gulf County residents in South Gulf County, who pay 42 percent of all Gulf County property taxes, did not and do not agree with moving our historic lighthouse to town. However, now the city residents will have the burden of the cost to keep her up. Victors rewrite history, but let's not get too far from the truth, Mel.

All of us in South Gulf County will miss her. The Cape San Blas Lighthouse was not saved by the city. It was moved to the City for perceived financial gain.

Patricia K. Hardman, PhD
President, Coastal Community Association

just down the hill from where you lived and how nice it would be to go down and take a dip in the creek to cool off.

When I think about my experiences I wonder, "Did it cause me to be tougher or to just be a survivor?"

Audrey Parrish
Port St. Joe

Citizens United

Dear Editor,
Gulf County citizens reaffirmed their commitment to stand against the County Commissioners recent decision changing land development regulations immediately affecting Beacon Hill Veterans Memorial Park.

Approximately 40 Gulf County citizens held a cookout at Veterans Park to discuss the latest developments in the lawsuit filed against the County Sunday afternoon. They braved meeting between thunderstorms reflecting the determination to make the County Commissioners undo their decision which they consider illegal.

Attorney Pat Floyd representing Bo Williams spoke to the group explaining the current status of the suit to include the latest attempt by the Commissioners to avoid answering questions as to why they made the decision under oath.

The fear amongst the Gulf County Citizens supporting this action is if this is left unchallenged and allowed to pass then our beautiful community will soon look like Panama City or Fort Walton Beach with dense construction, congestion and heavier crime.

One individual spoke out and said we live here because we love this place and if we wanted to live in Panama City we would. People interested in joining this effort to protect Gulf County should see Barbara Radcliff at the "No Name Café" downtown Port St. Joe who can take donations and provide more information.

Jim Garth
Port St. Joe

Good 'ole summertime

Dear Editor,
Here we are in the good old summertime. When the living is easy, that is if the air conditioning is working, but if not — oops.

Of course, there are ways we can cool off by taking a dive into the swimming pool or taking a cold shower.

When I was young and living in the country I experienced many things that could help you be strong and help you endure things even if they were unpleasant.

My dad passed away when I was very young. He had planted an acre of blueberries which we had to pick and get ready for market to help out with our finances.

Summertime was a very hot time to spend in a blueberry patch.

We also had to fight the feisty birds fighting to get the berries they wanted. While picking blueberries in the hot sun your mind would remember the creek

Obamacare is working!

Special to The Star

There is controversy as to who said, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics." Perhaps Mark Twain, perhaps British Prime Minister Disraeli, but few would argue the meaning. Politicians twist data all the time and with Obamacare, the misinformation reaches new levels.

While conservatives try to destroy the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the program's popularity increases. Millions have signed up and the 26 states and D.C. have accepted billions of federal dollars to expand Medicaid. Those governments have reduced their uninsured by 6 points; the states that refused the money trimmed the number of uninsured by only 1.7 points. Those are citizens who will reap the benefits of having healthier families. They are counted in the millions.

Mark Twain did say, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." So it is with Obamacare. The program is growing. In fact, its critics are moving on to other issues. The GOP lawsuit challenging President Barack Obama's use of his

executive powers in implementing the ACA may be the last exercise in the bizarre.

Bernard Tyson, CEO of Kaiser Permanente, said that Obamacare heads us in the right direction. Citizens need to be covered. Health care must be made more



MARC YACHT

efficient. We need to take it to the people. He said more sophisticated technology that can bring costs down and increase efficiency. Telemedicine and health education kiosks in malls can prevent expensive doctor office visits.

Wendall Potter, a columnist at the Center for Public Integrity, suggests that the ads attacking the Affordable Care Act may have contributed to the impressive number of people who signed up for insurance under Obamacare. Opponents have spent more than \$450 million to kill Obamacare and the register is still ringing. That's a lot of money down the drain.

Paul Krugman, columnist and economist, says that Obamacare has improved millions of lives. The predictions of disaster have not occurred. Premiums have not soared. The nation's health-care system has not collapsed. States cooperating with Obamacare may

have seen premiums come down. The average cost for Obamacare is \$82 per month. That's a bargain.

Many needy people in the states that refused Obamacare money find insurance unaffordable. In Florida, 1.3 million citizens could have been insured if Gov. Rick Scott and the Legislature had accepted the Medicaid expansion money.

David Plouffe, a political strategist, predicts that ultimately all states will accept Obamacare. It is the law of the land and it is here to stay.

Conservatives would be smart to offer proposals to improve the program rather than trying to kill it. Ideally the move to a "Medicare for All" makes sense. Supplemental insurance for people who want more could be made available. Moving health insurance costs away from businesses could be the focus for discussion.

Obamacare is working. Eventually the public will become more aware of the millions of families that can now afford decent health care. Americans will remember who opposed Obamacare and take that memory to the polls.

Dr. Marc Yacht, MD is a semi-retired physician living in Hudson, Fla.

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to gain a better handle on what money is remaining compared to obligations.

Butler said staff identified some \$323,974 in potential savings to be gleaned from the current budget.

Yeager also continued his call, which he has made for at least five years, for commissioners to look at alternative sources of funding.

And for the second year in a row one proposal is to raise the county gas tax by 5 cents and take \$200,000 of those dollars, which flow into the county's secondary road and bridge fund, to plug into the Public Works budget, which is allowed by law.

"We have got to find alternative sources of revenue," Yeager said. "We can not continue to go back to the property tax payer who is not 100 percent of us living in the county to absorb these increases."

According to Property Appraiser Mitch Burke the percent of taxpayers in the county is north of 80 percent of county residents.

After considerable debate between Yeager and Commissioner Carmen McLemore, a replay of last year, commissioners approved 4-1 the additional 5 cents.

Commissioners did the same thing at this juncture last year only to reverse course on abandon the proposal in the final budget.

Much of that wish list that boosted the tentative budget fell by the wayside during Monday's special meeting.

"Probably everything on this list is needed," Butler said, adding that the county had done without some items up to this point; another year, he hoped, would not make a difference.

Commissioners nixed pay raises for employees in the Clerk of Courts and Supervisor of Elections offices as well as two new positions for the Property Appraiser as well as money for a new payroll system and equipment upgrades for

the board meeting room.

Funds to allow live online streaming of BOCC meetings was cut as was money for an excavator and new fueling system for Public Works, the latter two big ticket items costing a combined \$320,000.

"I'd like to have everything on this list," said Commissioner Carmen McLemore after a testy exchange with Public Works director Joe Danford over the need for the excavator. "But we are not going to be able to do it."

Dollars to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office for a new investigator and vehicle replacement were axed.

Cuts to outside agency funding – proposed by staff at 25 percent per agency – met with mixed support, with commissioners agreeing to cuts to the public library system, county Health Department and ARC, but resisting cuts to the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society and Gulf County Senior Citizens.

Yeager said the fact that the BOCC had a contract with the Humane Society and is essentially a partner with the agency on animal control mitigates consideration of cuts.

He said a community should also take care of their kids and their older people as a reason to maintain funding to Senior Citizens.

Overall, staff identified \$995,187 in cuts, nearly all of which were approved by commissioners.

Estimates on selling equipment used at the landfill after the landfill closes at the end of the year would mean another \$300,000 in revenue.

In total, staff and commissioners closed the shortfall to roughly \$682,628, which would still represent an increase in the millage rate of half a mill.

Commissioners indicated they are not done working to bring the numbers down.

Commissioners must set a tentative millage rate by Aug. 1.



Red snapper workshops start this month

Special to The Star

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has scheduled a series of Gulf of Mexico red snapper workshops for recreational stakeholders beginning in late July to discuss state and federal management of recreational red snapper.

The workshops will also explore potential future approaches to managing this fishery in an effort to ensure optimal access for Florida's resident and visiting anglers.

Anglers who would like to share their ideas and help improve management are encouraged to attend.

All meetings will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. local time and are set for:

- **July 28:** Pensacola, Pensacola City Hall (2nd-floor Hagler Mason room), 222 W. Main St.
- **July 29:** Destin, Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Ave.
- **July 30:** Panama City, Florida State University – Panama City, lecture hall of Holley Center, 4750 Collegiate Drive
- **July 31:** Carrabelle, Carrabelle City Hall cafeteria, 1001 Gray Ave.

• **Aug. 11:** St. Petersburg, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 3rd-floor conference room, 100 Eighth Ave. SE.

Red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico off Florida are managed by the FWC in state waters (from shore to 9 nautical miles) and by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council in federal waters (beyond 9 nautical miles).

These snapper are largely harvested in federal waters, but also occur and are harvested recreationally in state waters off northwest Florida.

Because of management constraints, the federal season has consistently been shortened for several years in a row even though the recreational quota, or total poundage of fish that could be caught by anglers, has increased and the red snapper population has improved.

This year's federal season was the shortest yet, at nine days. Florida's state season was 52 days.

The FWC is seeking input from recreational anglers about how to better manage recreational harvest of this species at the state and federal level

while continuing to rebuild the fishery.

Several management options that are being considered for federal waters by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will be discussed, including sector separation, which entails dividing the federal recreational red snapper quota into separate private-sector and for-hire quotas; an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program for federally permitted charter and head boats, similar to the existing program for commercial vessels, which allots a specific portion of fish to individual vessels; and regional management, in which the recreational fishery in federal waters could be managed on a state-by-state basis.

These workshops offer stakeholders an opportunity to share their expectations for the red snapper fishery and their ideas on potential management options for state and federal waters.

Please call 850-487-0554 or email Marine@MyFWC.com for more information. Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater" and "Rulemaking" for more on these workshops.



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Gulf County School District will soon consider a budget for 2014-15. A public hearing to make a **DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:

July 28th, 2014

5:15 PM

at

Gulf County School Board Meeting Room, 150 Middle School Rd, Port St. Joe, Florida

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NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Gulf County School Board will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a .5760 mill property tax for capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 6.362 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$796,591 to be used for the following projects:

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation, and repairs paid through the General Fund as permitted by Florida Statute

- HVAC Systems
- Lighting
- Fire Alarms
- Port St. Joe Elementary
- Port St. Joe Jr. - Sr. High School
- Wewahitchka Elementary
- Wewahitchka Jr. - Sr. High School
- District Office
- Adult Schools
- Upgrade Bathrooms
- Replace Doors
- Replace Flooring

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

- Purchase of 3 school buses
- Purchase of maintenance vehicles
- Purchase of materials and equipment delivery vehicle

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SOFTWARE, AND S.1011.71(2),F.S., ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF DIGIT CLASSROOM PLANS PURSUANT TO S.1011.62(12),F.S.

- School Furniture and Equipment
- Data Processing Equipment and Software
- Communications Equipment
- Maintenance Equipment
- Enterprise Software

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Insurance premiums on district facilities

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 28th, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. at the Gulf County School Board meeting room, 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, Florida.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF GULF COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE 4.0 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES. FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 2015

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVIES SUBJECT TO 10-MILL CAP:

Required Local Effort (Including Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage)	4.6140	Additional Millage Not to Exceed 4 Years (Operating)	1.0000	TOTAL MILLAGE:	6.9380
Local Capital Improvement(Capital Outlay)	0.5760				
Basic Discretionary Operating	0.7480				

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal Sources	110,000.00	1,738,070.96			1,848,070.96
State Sources	6,277,705.00	10,000.00	65,010.00	51,419.00	6,404,134.00
Local Sources	9,024,453.00	306,100.00		803,101.00	10,133,654.00
TOTAL SOURCES	15,412,158.00	2,054,170.96	65,010.00	854,520.00	18,385,858.96
Transfers In	265,203.10	75,000.00			340,203.10
Fund Balance (July 1, 2014)	1,167,742.23	25,125.79	9,661.06	159,420.58	1,361,949.66
TOTAL REVENUES & BALANCES	16,845,103.33	2,154,296.75	74,671.06	1,013,940.58	20,088,011.72
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	9,026,476.91	446,060.37			9,472,537.28
Pupil Personnel Service	654,378.00	270,392.00			924,770.00
Instruction Media Service	260,956.00				260,956.00
Instructional & Curriculum	165,901.00	253,986.00			419,887.00
Instructional Staff Training	350,153.00	207,721.66			557,874.66
Instruction Related Technology	39,929.00				39,929.00
Board of Education	188,949.00				188,949.00
General Administration	682,404.00	17,914.00			700,318.00
School Administration	786,266.00				786,266.00
Facilities Acquisition & Construction				744,284.00	744,284.00
Fiscal Service	316,150.00				316,150.00
Food Service		922,820.00			922,820.00
Central Service	127,193.00				127,193.00
Pupil Transportation Service	982,284.00	11,330.00			993,614.00
Operation of Plant	1,524,452.00	666.93			1,525,118.93
Maintenance of Plant	974,661.00				974,661.00
Administrative Technology Services	82,286.00				82,286.00
Community Service					0.00
Debt Services	6,500.00		73,550.00		80,050.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,168,938.91	2,130,890.96	73,550.00	744,284.00	19,117,663.87
Transfers Out	75,000.00			265,203.10	265,203.10
Fund Balance (June 30, 2015)	601,164.42	23,405.79	1,121.06	4,453.48	630,144.75
Total Expenditures, Transfers & Balances	16,845,103.33	2,154,296.75	74,671.06	1,013,940.58	20,088,011.72

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

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On "Red, White and Blue Skies" day, kids decorate their bicycles in patriotic streamers and participate in a parade around WindMark's common area. The parade is led by members of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office and Port St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department.

The evening is closed out by families releasing lanterns to signify them "lifting their cares above the clouds."

When dealing with pediatric cancer, oftentimes that affected child must take center stage.

Mayton and her crew of 40 adult volunteers go out of their way to ensure that the parents and siblings of the child receive as much attention as possible during the trip.

Parents attend nightly discussions where they can speak openly about their experiences dealing with their child's condition, good or bad.

Last week Jud and Jessica Greene of Birmingham, A.L. attended their second Blue Skies retreat with their 5-year-old son Wyatt, who is currently battling brain cancer.

"Wyatt hasn't had an opportunity to be a kid and the best thing here is to see the smile on his face," said Jud. "It allows him to engage with other kids... kids who understand what he's going through, and that's tough to come by."

The couple heard about the program through a friend at the hospital where Wyatt was being treated and welcomed the opportunity for some relaxation and socializing.

"It's such a great week," said Jud. "You get to rest and take a break from the craziness."

Mike Beasley of Marietta, father to 4-year-old son with cancer, echoed the sentiment.

"Sometimes cancer is the least of the concerns for the families," said Beasley. "The retreats give families a chance to relax, exhale, and take a break from the doctor's appointments, stress and bills."

"It's like a cruise that never leaves the shore."

Mayton said that once children are pulled out of school to receive treatment, it's not uncommon for them to lose friends as their lives continue on.

Justin Mack, an 11-year-old cancer patient from Marietta, enjoyed his second retreat last week and said that his favorite part was being with everyone and having a lot of fun.

Mack said he'd made many friends at his retreats and looks forward to seeing many of the other kids each year.

"It's on the beach and it's a nice treat," said Mack. "I like being around so many really nice people."

Volunteers, coming to Port St. Joe from Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and South Carolina, spend the retreat caring for the families and not only give their time, but also raise financial support to help cover costs for the guests, whether it's through fundraisers or their own donations.

Volunteers serve the families to free them from the burdens of daily tasks, creating a safe and welcoming environment. Many volunteers often bring their children, who develop friendships with patients and often return for future retreats.

"It's unbelievable to



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Each night of the week has a theme and last Thursday was "Red, White and Blue Skies."



be around families that promote volunteerism," said Kim Epps, a first-year volunteer from Kennesaw, G.A. "It's all about the kids who just want to feel normal this week."

Sissy Persichetti, a second-year volunteer, said that for many kids, attending the retreat is

"non-negotiable" and compared the event to summer camp.

"Most people who come, come back and until you've experienced it, it's hard to articulate the feeling it gives you," said Persichetti. "Our friends got us down here, but the kids got us back."

The overall cost per trip is \$50,000 for lodging alone; to help keep the trips going Mayton regularly receives donations from hospitals, churches and families who have been helped by the organization.

The retreat is in full effect this week as well, and others arrive in

September and October. Those who may be interested in volunteering can apply online at www.blueskiesministries.org.

"While we can't change the children's future, we can make sure they have a place to laugh, eat, play, hang out and enjoy creation," said Mayton.

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BOCC, school board trying to coordinate redistricting

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School and county officials are trying to get on the same page when it comes to redistricting.

With the Gulf County School Board and Board of County Commissioners each facing upcoming issues regarding the drawing of district lines, the two governing bodies on Monday began a conversation, at least by proxy, to find a way to have similar, if not overlapping, district maps.

The School Board must consider district lines during even-numbered years en route to implementation of any changes during an odd-numbered year.

The Board of County Commissioners is under a similar mandate under state law.

The boards, however, have glaring differences in mandates, the major one being that the school board is not under the same federal decree of some three decades that controls districts at the county level.

And, in addition, the two boards have had little coordination in the most recent respective efforts to redistrict and the result is maps that are much dif-

ferent and have had the effect of creating 10 different districts for the Supervisor of Elections.

The issue is more pronounced, said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton, on the south end of the county where the boundary lines for Districts 3 and 4 are quite different between BOCC and School Board.

"I can tell you what happened back in the day and that was there was no coordination," said School Board attorney Charles Costin, alluding to a decade ago when the two boards began going their own way on redistricting.

"There were personal agendas and no coordination."

In addition, when the BOCC redrew its lines in 2011 it created additional variance between the district maps governing the constituencies electing representatives to the respective boards.

That, in turn, has raised the cost of administering elections for Supervisor of Elections John Hanlon, said county administrator Don Butler.

"If we have the same lines as the county the county would save money," School Board member John Wright said.

But redrawing the lines will be a complex layered proposi-

tion, said county attorney Jeremy Novak.

The BOCC is on the tail end of a two-year process to examine its options for redistricting, countywide voting and the impact on the county of Supreme Court changes to the Voting Rights Act and the federal decree that brought in single-member districts.

An attorney working as a consultant on the issues recently submitted a report recommending the BOCC take certain steps toward addressing issues with current district boundaries.

The most significant is that District 4, the county's "majority minority" district now has much fewer voters as commissioners have redrawn the other four districts without touching District 4 due to the federal decree pertaining to minority representation.

For the BOCC, District 4 has 1,276 registered voters. Only District 2 on the north end, with 1,625 voters, has less than 2,000 voters.

There are more than 2,200 voters in Districts 3 and 5.

For the School Board, the disparity is even larger. District 4 has 1,195 voters. No other district has less than 2,000 voters.

Michael Spellman, the attorney consulting with the BOCC, suggested that District 4 may no longer be the "majority minority" district in the county, suggesting demographic changes may have moved that potential district north.

Another major factor in redistricting is a 2001 Attorney General opinion which said that the county should count its prison population - at least 3,000 inmates housed in Districts 1-2 - as part of its population when redrawing district lines, Novak said.

"The percentages would be changed dramatically" if prisoners were counted, Novak said.

"The aim," he added, "is to bring back district lines (for the county and school board) into correlation."

Novak noted that the BOCC was wrestling with how to count prisoners, a question Norton asked.

Would they be counted for the district in which they were housed?

Or as part of the overall population in order to draw five districts within the 10 percent deviation mandated by law?

Spellman of the law firm con-

sulting for the county has recommended the BOCC expend the funds to hire a GIS expert to look at the county demographics as well as count the prison population.

Those steps must be taken, he said, before the BOCC could go into federal court to try to amend or overturn the federal decree as part of a move to countywide voting.

Novak said the BOCC is exploring options on the counting of inmates, whether through legislative review and a fix or to seek a state or federal review of the issues.

Costin recommended that School Board members coordinate a joint meeting with the BOCC to examine options and that board members should wait to see in what direction the BOCC goes before deciding a course of action.

"We need to do something," Costin said. "I think we need to be consistent."

School Board member Billy Quinn, Jr. said his priority was maintaining the majority minority district.

"We need to make sure a minority candidate has a chance," Quinn said.

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Florida Legislature based on projections of enrollment, taxable property values and other factors.

However, the RLE is adjusted in July based on comparisons of the property tax roll to those projections.

The result for Gulf District Schools was a further decrease in RLE, carving it by 5.44 percent.

"The required local effort came down more than we expected, which is good," said district finance officer Sissy Worley.

Discretionary funding, that money allowed the district to sustain day-to-day operations - primarily workforce salaries and benefits - remained the same.

An adjustment due to prior year changes in property tax collections also remained the same.

In the one component over which the School

Board actually has a voice, capital outlay, or bricks and mortar, the small increase in property values this year allowed the board to take that millage while still collecting the funds needed for pressing concerns, particularly beginning the process of churning an aging bus fleet.

The overall millage rate - including the voter-approved one mill additional operating levy - for the coming year will be 6.938, down from 7.063, a drop of just under 2 percent.

A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed taxable property.

Taxing authorities must submit a tentative millage rate by Aug. 1. Those are the numbers taxpayers will see on their annual Truth in Millage statements to be mailed after Aug. 1.

The millage can not go up after that date but can come down, though school

district budgets are unlike any other in that the board members have little to no say over the major components of the funding formula.

Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton said that in lieu of assessing the maximum capital outlay millage under law - 1.25 mills - the board has kept the component down to mitigate the one mill operational levy.

"This board has decided to park one mill of what it could levy," Norton said.

The board this year brought the capital outlay millage up to address the bus fleet after years of maintaining one of the lowest, if not the lowest, LCI millage in the state.

This year the board moved LCI over half a mill - .576 - for the first time in at least seven years.

The major reason was the need to spend \$292,000

on two new school buses to get the district back on a rotation of replacing buses which the district has not done in nearly a decade.

The current bus fleet averages 11-12 years of age, said transportation director Greg Layfield.

The district also proposed to spend \$115,000 in new lighting for Shark Stadium in Port St. Joe.

The balance of the LCI funds will go to annual upkeep and maintenance costs as well as insurance.

The first public hearing on the Gulf District

School budget is 5:15 p.m. ET Monday in the School Board meeting room at the district offices on Middle School Road in Port St. Joe.

Honoring Sara Joe Wooten

The board unanimously approved naming the current Office of Instructional Services in honor of Sara Joe Wooten.

Wooten, the assistant superintendent of instruction for more than a decade, is retiring next month after

more than 40 years in education, most of them in Gulf County.

"I can't think of a more appropriate honor," said School Board member George Cox, noting Wooten's work bringing technology and instructional upgrades and millions in grants to the district.

"She has spent many days and nights in that building."

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Some important facts about the blue crab

By Tom Baird
Special to The Star

A scene is played out almost daily along the shores and marshes of the Gulf coast. A blue crab warily approaches a scrap of meat in about five inches of water. After sampling for a moment, she settles down to serious feeding, tearing strips of flesh with her claws and passing them to her mouth. Lulled by this activity, the blue crab, attracted to the bait, realizes her mistake too late and is netted by a weekend crabber.

Of all the edible crabs, the blue crab is the most abundant and popular. Many Americans prefer crab meat to any other kind of seafood, and yet, these leggy crustaceans were once believed to be poisonous.

Crab fishing is one of the largest shell fish operations in the U.S., employing thousands of fishermen

and processors. According to the latest figures from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in 2012, 8,089,890 pounds of hard-shelled blue crab were commercially harvested in Florida waters with a dockside value of \$9,934,882. This number pales in comparison to North Carolina with over 30 million pounds of blue crabs harvested commercially, with a dockside value of \$21 million. The Chesapeake Bay area has traditionally been the leader in the blue crab harvest industry, contributing significantly to the economies of Maryland and Virginia, yet there have been major declines in the blue crabs harvested from Chesapeake Bay, and Louisiana now ranks number one in blue crab harvest. If Florida harvests about 8 million pounds of blue crab annually, when you consider that it takes



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5 to 6 hard crabs to make a pound, that's a lot of blue crabs. No figures are available for pounds taken by recreational fishermen or school kids.

Although for many years blue crabs were believed to be restricted to the U.S. Atlantic Coast and Gulf of Mexico ranging from Massachusetts to Texas, the blue crab also inhabits the waters of Bermuda and mysteriously appeared in the Mediterranean Sea in 1948. Essentially a shallow water crab, it lives in bays, sounds and mouths of coastal rivers. Normally an inhabitant of salt water, the blue crab is also found

in brackish and freshwater. Many Florida rivers have blue crab populations far from the sea.

The scientific name of the blue crab describes it nicely. From Latin, *calli*, meaning beautiful and *nectes*, meaning swimmer. In 1896, Mary Rathbun described the blue crab and gave it the species name *sapidus*, meaning savory. Very apt. Hence, *Callinectes sapidus* says savory, beautiful swimmer to scientists regardless of their national language.

The blue crab swims beautifully through the water with great speed and ease using a pair of

modified appendages that act as paddles. Mature crabs are often brilliant deep blue against a basic creamy white beneath. Bright red may be on the spines of the shell or carapace and on the tips of the claws.

Like all true crabs, the blue crab has 10 legs which may be specialized to walk, swim or pinch. The abdomen is a thin flap tucked below the main body part called the cephalothorax. Inside this hard carapace are the gills and internal organs. The first pair of legs are the large claws, used for catching, cutting and tearing food, and for defense. Behind these are three pairs of walking legs, followed by a pair of swimming legs or paddles.

The sex of the crab may be determined by examining the abdomen or tail folded up under the body. It is usually narrow, triangular, T-shaped and white in the male, but is broad, round and brownish in the female.

Crabs must molt or shed their outer covering or exoskeleton in order to grow. They also have the power to regenerate lost appendages. Ordinarily, the crab increases one-quarter to one-third in size with each molt. During its life cycle a blue crab molts or sheds its shell about twenty-six times. Once the crab sheds its shell, it generally digs into the sand for protection or hides under submerged objects. From this soft state the carapace will pass through stages of hardness until the new shell is quite brittle.

Mating takes place about now, starting in June and through October, and is timed to when the female sheds her covering. The male blue crab carries the female two or more days until she sheds. You may have witnessed this behavior and wondered why one crab was carrying another. As the female mates only once in a molt this insures that the male will be present at the critical moment of shedding and will also be able to protect the soft female until her new shell is hard.

Eggs are carried in a mass containing 700,000 to 2,000,000 eggs in a fold between the abdomen and carapace. The eggs hatch in about 15 days. Of the vast numbers of eggs produced, less than 1 in 1,000,000 will hatch and survive disease, predation and pesticides to become a mature crab. It is illegal to harvest a gravid female with her egg mass. While legal to harvest females, it is also considered good conservation practice to release all female crabs. According to the Florida FWC, "mature females may store sperm in their bodies for several months after mating in order to spawn at a later date. If a mature female is harvested, though she may not exhibit eggs, there is no certainty that she has spawned."

The molted or soft-shelled crab is quite a delicacy to eat and can be battered, fried and eaten entire. In 2012, 68,898 pounds of soft-shell crabs were harvested in Florida, worth \$627,246.

Considering the blue crab's importance both ecologically and commercially, we need to take care that pollution, habitat destruction, watershed development and over-harvesting don't damage this Florida resource as has happened in Chesapeake Bay. Crab cakes sound good for dinner tonight.

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

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
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Mon, July 28	85°	78°	40 %
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24	Th	8:32am 1.8		6:57pm -0.1	
25	Fr	9:13am 1.8		7:24pm 0.0	
26	Sa	9:51am 1.7		7:47pm 0.0	
27	Su	10:29am 1.6		8:05pm 0.1	
28	Mo	11:05am 1.4		8:18pm 0.2	
29	Tu	11:41am 1.3		8:24pm 0.3	
30	We	12:16pm 1.2		8:21pm 0.4	
31	Th	12:48pm 1.1		8:04pm 0.6	
1	Fr	4:16am 1.0	10:6pm 0.9	9:38am 0.8	7:27pm 0.7
2	Sa	4:09am 1.1		5:54pm 0.7	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
24	Th	4:47am 1.2	11:7pm 1.5	8:19am 1.3	9:58pm -0.1
25	Fr	5:11am 1.3	20:7pm 1.5	9:12am 1.2	10:33pm 0.0
26	Sa	5:31am 1.3	25:4pm 1.5	9:56am 1.2	11:02pm 0.0
27	Su	5:48am 1.3	3:39pm 1.5	10:36am 1.1	11:27pm 0.1
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Offshore/Bottom

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Summer camp promotes team building for Tiger Sharks

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There is no I in team but there is plenty of heat.

The Port St. Joe Tiger Shark football team experienced the warmth last week during a three-day camp in Marianna held during a blistering week; one of the hottest in Marianna for the time of year.

The Tiger Sharks carried 35 varsity and junior varsity players to Marianna to attend a Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp that promoted team concepts on the field and lessons of faith off.

Port St. Joe was one of 10 teams that participated, all Class 1A schools save for Wakulla. There was regional representation, from Bozeman and Blountstown to Mayo Lafayette.

The meat of the camp was the opportunity to scrimmage, in pads,

helmets and shorts, against every other team.

Port St. Joe scrimmaged nine teams, skipping only larger-school Wakulla.

Teams scrimmaged 30 minutes, in eight-, seven-, six-play sequences, rotating offense and defense.

"The team just runs around and learns to work together," said Coach John Palmer, who is returning to Port St. Joe, where he coached seven years, after five years at Hernando High.

The action is at full speed with hitting, though no tackling – at least that is the goal.

"We did have one or two that tackled, other teams did too, but that quickly stopped," said Palmer with a laugh. "But we hit and it was hot."

The summer camp was a first for the football team in several years, said Coach

Chuck Gannon, who retired from the school district but

returns as defensive coordinator on a volunteer basis.

"It is a team-building camp," Palmer said. "The format is designed to get team time in, to work the kids."

"This was a good opportunity to see our kids. We have an idea of what we need to work on and coming into (fall practice) gives us an idea of what we have. It was good camp for the players."

"And the coaches," Gannon added. "We haven't done something like that in a few years."

Palmer said the camp represented a teaching tool.

Using the basic playbook from each side of the ball, coaches were able to see players against other teams, including those like Bozeman and Blountstown that are on the upcoming regular season schedule.

"You had a lot of time to



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coach," Palmer said.

And for the players to understand, to comprehend basics and to practice what could make them perfect in the fall.

"The kids learn by doing," Palmer said. "We are in a work phase and we have a lot of work to do."

And after each day of work, the players and coaches retired to what, judging by the looks on the

faces of Palmer and Gannon, was modest housing that included few amenities beyond a bed and a roof.

The camp, including transportation, was paid for out of donations, Palmer said.

The players also hosted a work day to raise money.

"They had raised money or the community donated the money," Palmer said.

"We had a lot of community support and we thank the community for that. Without them we could not have gone."

"And it was a good experience. A good camp for the kids."

Practice for the upcoming season begins Aug. 4.

The Tiger Sharks will host Blountstown in a Kickoff Classic on Friday, Aug. 22, at Shark Stadium.

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Joe Whaley and Phillip Lanford prepare to putt.



Guerry Magidson, Herschel Neel and Benny Sherrill on the green.

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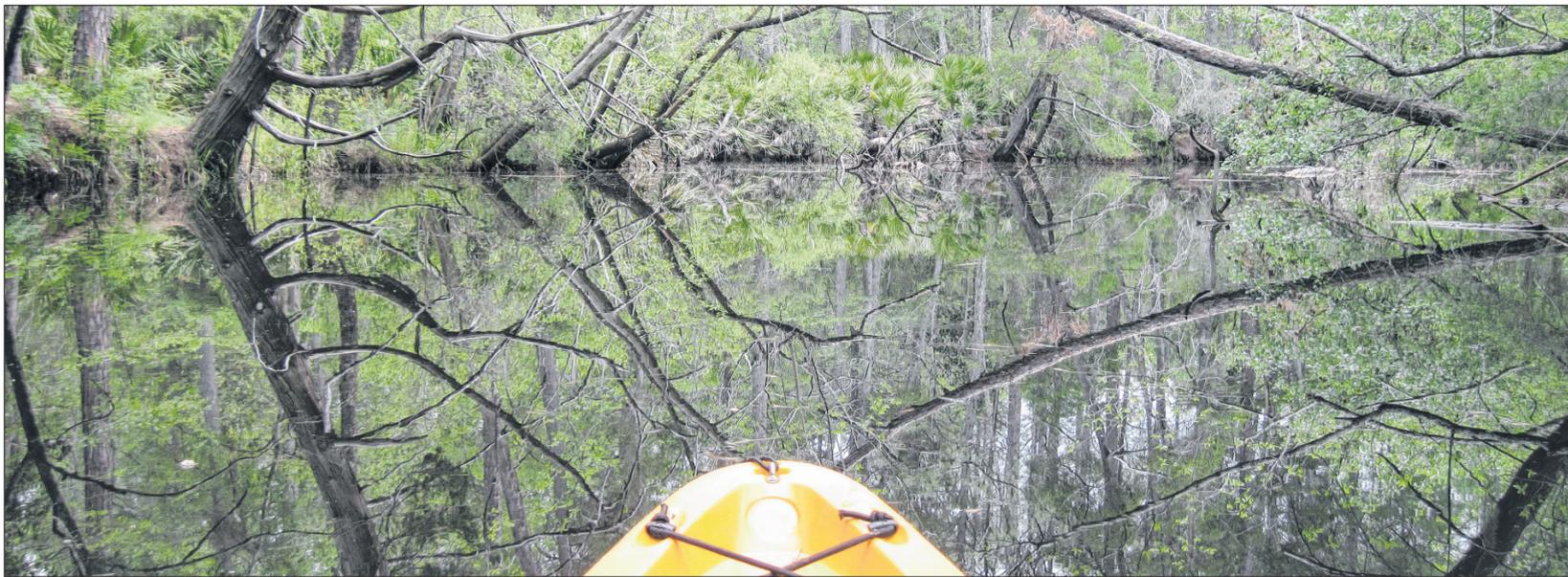
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Kayaking the Chipola River

Scene around

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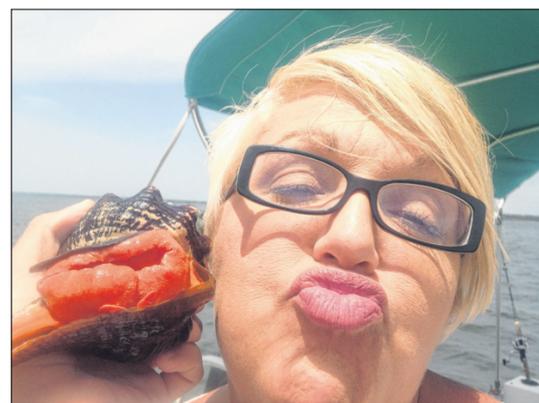
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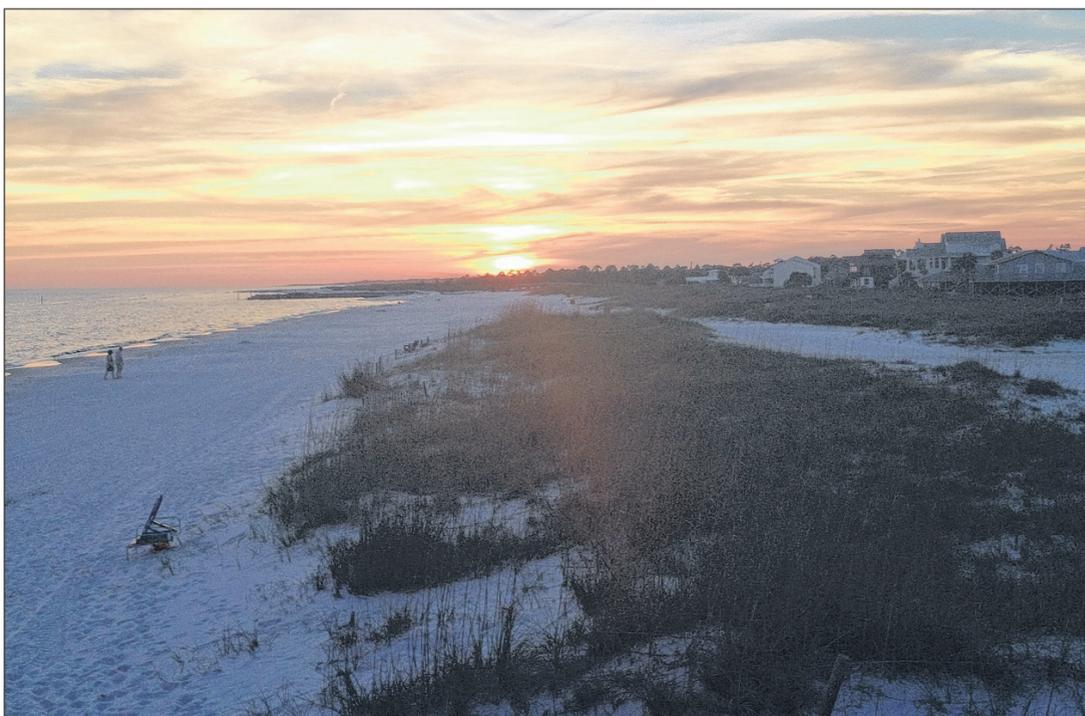
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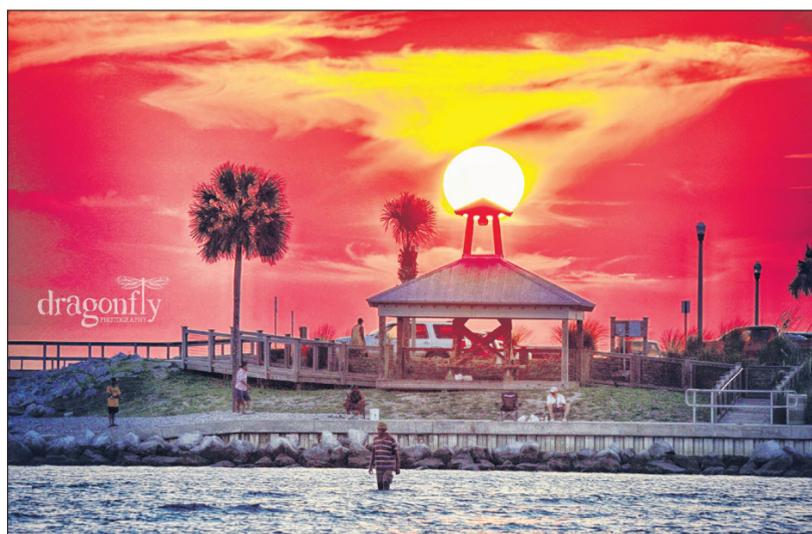
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A beach babe on St. Joe Beach



COURTESY OF KRISTY RAFFIELD

A couple of train conductors in the making at Oak Grove Church Daycare



COURTESY OF LAURA AT DRAGONFLY PHOTOGRAPHY

A sunset glows over Jetty Park in Port St. Joe

Georgia researcher conducts sturgeon study



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Andrew Marbury, a graduate research assistant from the University of Georgia lives at the St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve while researching juvenile sturgeon.

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The St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve is hopping.

Each year, the Buffer Preserve plays home to a handful of researchers from all over the U.S. who live on-site while conducting research in the area.

One of the men currently calling the Buffer Preserve home is Andrew Marbury, a graduate research assistant currently working toward his master's degree in fisheries science at the University of Georgia.

Marbury arrived at the Preserve in May and will

"It's hard work. But what's better than fishing all summer for a job?"

Zach Cummins
researcher Andrew Marbury's technician assistant

stay through August as he studies sturgeon in the Brothers and Apalachicola rivers.

While doing his undergraduate two years ago, Marbury studied fish along the Georgia coast, and when he reached grad school, a professor told him about a grant written that would allow a student to study sturgeon along the

Florida coast.

"The sturgeon is a cool, awesome fish, and I love field work," Marbury said. "Needless to say, I jumped at the opportunity."

Marbury spent May through August of 2013 beginning his research at the Buffer Preserve, but his progress was hampered by constant rains, forcing a return trip.

Not that he was broken up about it.

This year, Marbury's goal is to track juvenile sturgeon, a fish that live in the salt waters of the Gulf part of the year before moving to freshwater rivers in February to spawn. Sturgeon is considered federally endangered and Marbury aims to track where they go in the river system, what habitats they prefer, as well as trying to estimate the number of juvenile sturgeon currently in the river system.

While there have been numerous studies con-

See RESEARCHER B6



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Camp Amigo founder Rusty Roberts (in hat) brings juvenile burn victims to the beach each year.

HEALING BURNS FROM THE INSIDE

Camp Amigo welcomes juvenile burn victims to Cape San Blas

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The only thing noticeable was the smiles.

Last week, the Tallahassee-based Children's Burn Camp of North Florida spent a week at the William J. Rish State Park on Cape San Blas.

Known as "Camp Amigo," more than 50 juvenile burn victims from Florida, Georgia and South Carolina attended the annual camp for a week of relaxation and camaraderie.

See CAMP B6



Counselors Summer McKinney and Michelle Barnett each take care of a child during the week-long trip.



FILE PHOTO

The rescheduled 12th annual Kids Win Fishing Tournament will be held Aug. 1-2

Kids Win again

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Rescheduled from June, the 12th annual Kids Win Fishing Tournament will take place Aug. 1-2 at the Port St. Joe Marina.

Presented by the Kids Win Foundation, the tournament is open to children ages three 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 aged three to eight and "Junior," for children nine to 16.

The contest is limited to inshore, near-shore, Intracoastal Waterway fishing and contestants can be no further than three 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.

See KIDS B6



Trivia Fun

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

1) Who was ragtime pianist-composer Eubie Blake's partner for 57 years?
James Reese Europe,

Noble Sissle, William Bolcom, Robert Kimball

2) By best road mileage which of these is closest to Buffalo, NY?
Boston, Cincinnati, New York City, Philadelphia

3) Which auto tire company has used the advertising slogan, "Time to re-tire"?
Michelin, Fisk, Goodyear, Firestone

4) What was the pet dog's name of B. J. Hunnicutt (Mike Farrell) in TV's M*A*S*H?
Otho, Manhattan,

Superman, Waggles

5) What golfer is/was nicknamed the "Walrus"?
Gary McCord, Craig Stadler, Hale Irwin, Greg Norman

6) When did German cartographer Martin Waldseemuller publish the first-ever map bearing the name "America"?
1490, 1507, 1620, 1776

7) Which American city grew up around the colonial Fort Lowell?
Savannah, San Diego, Tacoma, Tucson

8) Whose citizens generally buy the most books per capita?
Florida, Utah, Alaska, Montana

9) What is cheechako the Alaskan word for?
Fearless, River, Greenhorn, Telephone

10) What famous work's first line is, "I was born in the year 1632 in the city of York"?
"Roots," "Lord Jim," "Robinson Crusoe," "Call of the Wild"

11) Which of these doesn't have the Mississippi River as its eastern border?
Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas

12) In real life what does Max Baer Jr. (Jethro from the Beverly Hillbillies) have a degree in?
Business, Biology, Chemistry, Psychology

13) What year marked the passing of Louis Armstrong, Nikita Khrushchev, and Jim Morrison?
1971, 1973, 1975, 1977

14) Which state has a unicameral legislature?
Wyoming, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Delaware

15) Biblical - Is the book of Psalms in the Old or New Testament or neither?

ANSWERS:
1) Noble Sissle, 2) Philadelphia, 3) Fisk, 4) Waggles, 5) Craig Stadler, 6) 1507, 7) Tucson, 8) Montana, 9) Greenhorn, 10) Robinson Crusoe, 11) Kansas, 12) Business, 13) 1971, 14) Nebraska, 15) Old

Engagement



Courtney Lewis, BJ Strickland engaged

Gregory and Wanda Lewis of Grand Ridge, Florida are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Courtney Lewis to BJ Strickland, son of Rex and Denise Strickland of Port St. Joe, Florida.

Courtney is the granddaughter of Dorthy Lewis of Grand Ridge, Florida, the late RH Lewis, and the late Phillip and Wilma Wagner.

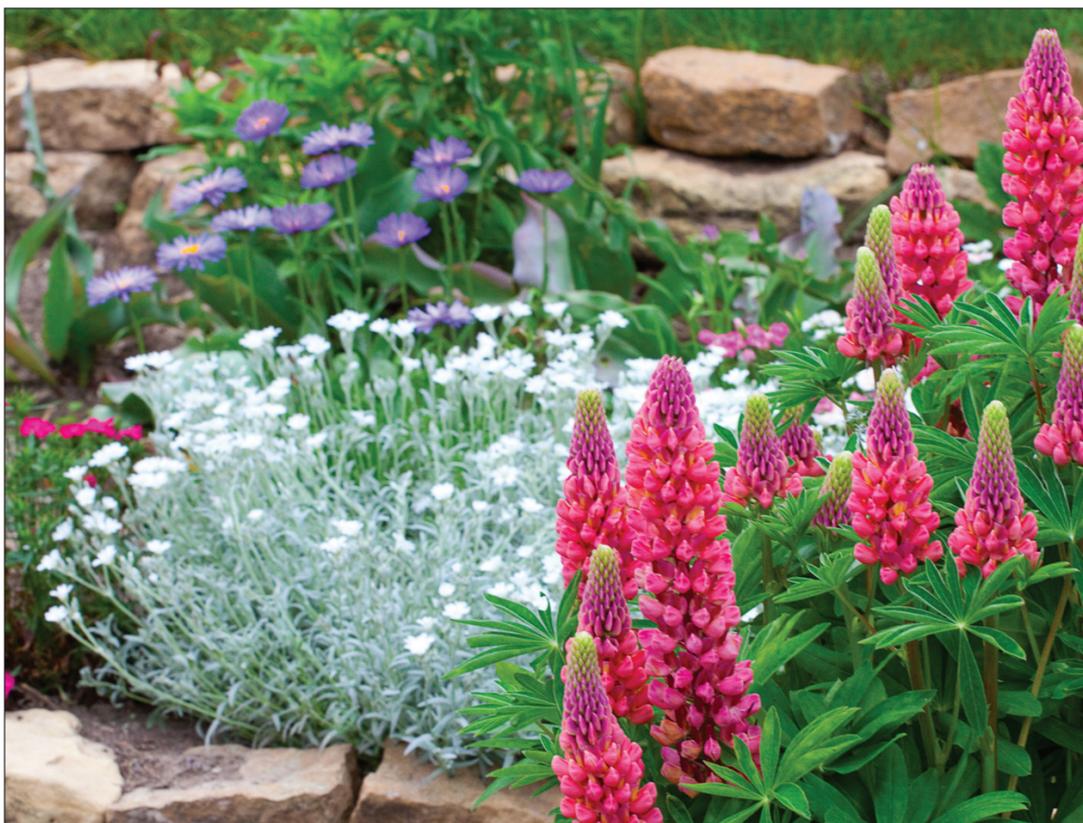
Courtney graduated from Grand Ridge School in 2006. She earned an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing from Chipola College in 2009 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 2010. Courtney is employed with Jackson Hospital in Marianna, Florida. She will begin graduate school at the Gooding Institute of

Nurse Anesthesia in Panama City, Florida in August of this year.

BJ is the grandson of Daryl and Doris Strickland of Port St. Joe, Florida, Ed and Marsha Bond of Donalsonville, Georgia, and the late Barbara Blacka.

BJ graduated from Port St. Joe High School in 2004. He earned an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing from Gulf Coast State College in 2010 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of West Florida in 2011. BJ will graduate from the Gooding Institute of Nurse Anesthesia with his Master's Degree in Nurse Anesthesia in December of this year.

The wedding and reception will take place on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, in St. Joe Beach, Fla.



Summer gardening chores

The summer months are the most difficult times to garden in Florida. The high temperature and humidity make working outdoors extremely uncomfortable. This is also the time of year when



ROY LEE CARTER
County extension director

insect and disease problems seem to be at an all-time high. Fortunately, Florida gardeners are a rugged group that believes the gain is worth the pain.

The summer season are important times to provide extra care for azaleas

and camellias, while they are establishing flower buds for next season's blooms. During the summer, a lack of water and plant food or insects and diseases may limit next season's production.

An attractive lawn somehow makes summer days seem a little cooler, yet it takes effort to maintain a healthy lawn during the summer. It requires frequent mowing, edging and watering, water lawns thoroughly when needed, applying one half to three quarters inch of water.

Yes, it is chinch bug time again! Chinch bugs which feed on St. Augustine lawns occur during hot, dry weather and can cause serious damage if not controlled. Damage



usually occurs as a patch with a brown, dead center and yellowish margin. It seems chinch bugs get the blame and often unjustly for everything. Be sure the damage is not because of other reasons.

Summer annuals always provide quick and easy color during the hot, summer days. Fast growing and colorful annuals will continue to provide beauty if given proper care. Feed established annuals with a complete fertilizer and remove faded blooms. Water annuals well during hot, dry periods and control major annual pests to insure good production.

The summer months are good

times to take cuttings or your favorite ornamentals. Take cuttings four to six inches in length from current year's growth and place them in a well-drained rooting media and cover with clear plastic or glass to achieve high humidity. Don't place the cuttings in full sun since heat will build up under the plastic and kill the cuttings. Some plants that are common commonly grown from cuttings include: Abelia, Gardenia, Croton, Coleus, Poinsettia, Ligustrum, Holly, Bottle Brush, Podocarpus, Althea, Crape Myrtle, Oleander and many others.

Other timely suggestions may include ordering seed catalogs for fall planting. Inch back Chrysanthemums, to induce branching and more blooms for the fall. Plan to fertilize established mums every two weeks until flowers buds appear. Water Coleus and Caladiums often as they demand a cool, moist, yet never wet soil. Keep flowers removed from Coleus and Caladiums and allow all the vigor of the plant to go into providing attractive foliage. Take frequent rest between gardening, chores during hot, summer days and begin making plants for fall gardening.

For more information on how summer gardening chores contact the Gulf County Extension Service 639-3200 or visit our website: gulf.ifas.ufl.edu or www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu.

Society BRIEFS

Port St. Joe High School Class of 1974 reunion

The Port St. Joe High School class of 1974 invites

those from the class of 1973 and 1975 to join them for their 40th class reunion on Sept. 19-20.

On Sept. 19, attendees are invited to Bubba Harmon's home for a time

of reacquainting. A dinner will be held on Sept. 20 at Ronnie B's restaurant.

RSVP's are needed as soon as possible. Contact Traci Middleton Gaddis at 648-5474 or Ida Whitfield Garrett at 227-6185. The cost will be \$40 per person with the choice of seafood or steak. Check can be made payable to the class of 1974 and mailed to Ida Garrett at 402 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe, 32456.

A class reunion meeting will be held on Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. ET at the above address.

We look forward to hearing from everyone. Join us on Facebook by searching "class of 1974."

Amateur radio license exams

Amateur radio license exams will be given at 10 a.m. ET Aug. 16 at the Emergency Operations Center in Port St. Joe. Get your license and get on the air or upgrade an existing license. An amateur radio license can put you in contact with the world.

If you need information, assistance or to register for an exam contact C.H. Tillis (AJ4xJ) at 648-8251.

VFW seeks Korean War veterans

The John C. Gainous VFW Post 10069 is asking all Korean War Veterans who served from June 25, 1950 through July 27, 1953 and veterans who participated in U.N. Peace-keeping operations until the end of 1955 to complete an application

for the Republic of Korea "Ambassador for Peace" medal.

The application form can be obtained from VFW Post 10069 located at 1774 Trout Ave. in Highland View.

You must provide a copy of your discharge papers to be attached to the application. Deadline for submission is Sept. 10.

POC for this award is David E. Kelly, Jr., Veterans Service Officer of VFW Post 10069. Please contact David Kelly with questions at 227-5023.

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



Angelina is a wonderfully well socialized cat. She loves the attention of kids, adults and the company of other cats. Angelina is spayed, up-to-date on vaccinations and ready for a new home. If you can give this pretty girl the home she deserves, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

Shelter hours: Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-4 pm! Faith's Thrift Hut hours: Thursday-Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Our store and shelter location is 1007 Tenth Street in Port St. Joe.

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



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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

At right, Gulf County teen counselor takes aim as she sharpens her archery skills. **At left**, Franklin, Gulf, and Bay County youth enjoying the crisp, emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico at Henderson State Park.

Lions, Tigers and 4H Camp ... oh my!

By Melanie Taylor
Extension Agent, 4-H/Family & Consumer Sciences

4-H fun was had by ALL! Youth from Gulf, Franklin, and Bay counties attended a joint-county five-day, four-night residential camp, July 7-11, at Camp Timpooshee in Niceville. This year's theme, "Welcome to Our Jungle," provided a great opportunity for learning about the animal and plant life of the jungle. While at camp the youth participated in many opportunities to expand their leadership skills, make new friends, and learn community living skills and other basic life

skills, while away from the comforts of home.

The Florida 4-H camping program strives to build youth's life skills through outdoor adventure. Instilling a sense of wonder of the natural world, respecting wildlife and its habitat, and encouraging kids' curiosity about the outdoors are major components of 4-H camping. However, 4-H camp is not just about nature. Science and technology, sports and leisure, teambuilding and healthy lifestyles are all part of today's camping phenomenon. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)



Gulf and Franklin County campers and teen counselors learn how to kayak off the camp shore in the Choctawhatchee Bay.

workshops were a major focus during the camp day. These included activities in robotics, marine science, geocaching/GPS, and environmental science. Recreation was a big part

of camp, too! Kayaking, snorkeling, swimming, volleyball, archery, marksmanship, dance, scavenger hunts, and team building games are just a few of our recreational

activities. Creativity was emphasized through camp songs, skits, and crafts.

The youth also enjoyed a field trip with a day of swimming, snorkeling, and playing in the sand at Henderson State Park in Destin along with a picnic lunch. The emerald water was crisp and clear, perfect for a day of swimming, and hanging-out, and enjoying time with new friends. After a very busy, enthusiastic and fun-filled week at 4-H camp, the youth arrived back home on Friday with lots of fun-filled memories and unique experiences to share with their friends and family. 4-H is a youth

development program for youth ages 5-18, managed through the local UF/IFAS Extension Office that is assisted greatly by adult volunteers. If you are interested in participating as an adult volunteer or involving your child in the county 4-H program, please contact Melanie Taylor at the Gulf County Extension Office, 639.3200, or Erik Lovstrand at the Franklin County Extension Office, 653.9337. Find out more about what UF/IFAS Extension offers your community by visiting gulf.ifas.ufl.edu and franklin.ifas.ufl.edu. 4-H is MORE than you ever IMAGINED! Come join the FUN!



Open House: 7th and 8th grade open house will be noon until 1 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Aug. 13. Open House for 9th - 12th grade will be 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, Aug. 14.
Volleyball: Volleyball practice

begins 3 p.m. ET on Monday, Aug. 4. Tryouts will start on Wednesday. All players must have a valid physical form EL2, Consent and release form EL3 and concussion and heat related illness form EL3CH.

Players will NOT be allowed to practice or tryout without these forms.
Senior portraits are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 13-14. Scheduling information has already been

mailed home. If you have not received information concerning your scheduled date and time for portraits and sitting fees, please call the photographer in Panama City at 769-6277.

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Modern day miracles explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The question of whether miracles are real — and happening today — will be explored at 7 p.m. CDT Monday, July 28 at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "Miracles or Mere Coincidences? Does Everything Happen for a Reason?" features the filmed story of Robin Alm, a woman who believes a miracle occurred in her life.

"There's no way what happened could have happened without God being involved," Alm said. "I absolutely believe miracles happen today."

This program will provide an opportunity

for those who believe they have experienced a miracle to share and explore their stories.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks and beverages are available.

Lifetree Café is at 1602 U.S. Highway 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.

OBITUARIES

Marilyn E. Duncan

Marilyn E. Duncan, (nee Welker), 79, of Beacon Hill, Florida passed Thursday, June 26, at Covenant Hospice Care in Panama City, Fla.

Born in Springfield, Ill., Marilyn attended Illinois State University and married LeRoy E. Duncan on Sept. 17, 1955. Marilyn was an active volunteer in the community while raising six children in Williamsville, Ill., and was a lifelong member of the Williamsville United Methodist Church.

Marilyn pursued a professional career as a supervisor in policy owners' and agents' services at Franklin Life Insurance Company in Springfield, Ill. Upon retirement in 1995, she moved to Beacon Hill. There she continued her community involvement with several civic and environmental organizations, including the Sea Oats and Dunes Garden Club, Tauton Family Children's Home, and the Community Development Council of Mexico Beach. A dedicated animal lover, Marilyn was a lifetime charter member of the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society. She was a patron of the arts and lover

of nature and supported many such causes.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Viola Welker and brother, Ronald Welker. She is survived by her loving husband, LeRoy E. Duncan, of Beacon Hill, sister, Judie Woods, of Dayton, O.H., and brother, Charles Welker, of Springfield. Six children include Michael Duncan, Terri Annis (Jeffery Annis), Gaithersburg, M.D., Denise Morris (George Morris Jr.), Flossmoor, Ill., Deborah Duncan, Littleton, Colo., David Duncan, Commerce City, Colo., and Jennifer Duncan, Chicago, Ill. In addition to many other nieces and nephews, beloved grandchildren include Rebecca and Miriam Annis and Mathew, Veronica and Madeline Morris.

A celebration of life ceremony is planned for a future date. Interment will take place at Walnut Hill Cemetery, Williams Township, Sangamon County, Ill.

Those wishing to support Marilyn's legacy may contribute to Covenant Hospice in Pensacola or the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society in Port St. Joe.

James E. Hurd Jr.

Memorial services for James E. Hurd Jr. will be at 1 p.m. CT Saturday, July 26, 2014, at Triumph Church of God Inc. at 1278 W. River Road in Wewahatchka with Pastor Joseph Jackson officiating. James leaves to mourn his passing one son,

K.A. Hurd of California; a brother, R.R. Hurd; a sister, V.R. Hurd; a loving, devoted mother D.W. Richards all of Macon, Ga.; a special friend and partner, Linda Bannister and a host of friends, cousins and well-wishers.

Abrams family CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for the overwhelming acts of love and friendship shown our family throughout our loved one's lengthy illness and passing.

We have been humbled by your many calls, cards, visits, flowers and food. Your prayers and presence at Gene's service were truly appreciated.

We do live in a special place. If we have failed to acknowledge your thoughtfulness, please forgive the oversight. You have blessed our family. We would especially like to thank the First United Methodist Church for their response in our hour of grief.

With sincere thanks,

The family of Gene Abrams

Gray family CARD OF THANKS

Tyler Gray
7-30-1997 — 6-27-2014

We would like to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to our community, relatives and friends for attending Tyler's funeral.

Your support, visits, phone calls, cards, food and donations have and will forever

touch our hearts.

Thank you all so much for your condolences and prayers during this difficult time.

From the depths of our hearts, please accept this as our personal thank you.

A fine young man is now forever in God's care.

The Tyler Gray Family

Faith BRIEFS

From staff reports

UMW Fashion Show, luncheon

The United Methodist Woman will be hosting a fashion show and luncheon at noon EDT Saturday, July 26, in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church of Port St Joe. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for children and can be purchased from any United Methodist Woman or in the church office. All proceeds from the event will go towards missions.

Choir anniversary at Zion Fair

Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church Choir and the entire church family invites the community to come out and share with them in celebrating their Annual Choir Anniversary together with the City-Wide Choir Union at 3 p.m. EDT on Sunday, July 27, at Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church, 280 Avenue C, Port St. Joe. The Rev. Wilson Hall and First Lady Sister Margaret Hall welcome you.

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Worship Service..... 10:30 am	AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm
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Sheriff's Office completes 'Below 100' training

By WES LOCHER

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In part, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office is charged with saving lives.

Even when it comes to its own.

Last Tuesday, officers from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office, along with law enforcement officers from Franklin, Gadsden, Liberty, Calhoun and Bay counties attended a "Below 100" training seminar, held at Gulf Coast State College Gulf/Franklin Center.

The goal of the training was to get the number of police officer deaths in the state of Florida below 100 each year by holding accountable those who stray outside of what is considered common sense.

In Florida, there are no mandates for officers to wear

their bullet-proof vests while on duty, even though they're made to save lives.

"Our main focus is to encourage our offices to wear their vests and seatbelts and be mindful of their speed while driving," said Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison.

"If we focus on those three things, our line-of-duty deaths in Florida should drop below 100 each year."

Harrison, who has been working to bring the seminar to Gulf County for several years, said it was especially important since Florida hasn't been below 100 deaths in a year since 1943.

Officers attended a four-hour presentation by Tommy Loftis, who currently serves at the Law Enforcement Coordinator for the U. S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Alabama.

Loftis served as a police offi-

cer, narcotics investigator, and Chief of Police in his 13 years of law enforcement service. Since April 2012 he has presented the Below 100 seminar to more than 70 law enforcement groups.

After the initial training, officers were to spend an additional four hours delivering the information to those on-duty officers who were unable to attend the seminar.

"This seminar lets us network out a bit and get the information to those officers needing it," said Harrison. "It's been a very good experience."

The Below 100 training was presented by the Florida Sheriff's Association, Florida Deputy Sheriff's Office, Gulf County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Attorney's Office North District in partnership with ROCIC. Funding for the training was provided by the Florida Sheriff's Office Risk Management Fund.



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Law enforcers from Gulf, Franklin, Gadsden, Liberty, Calhoun and Bay counties attended the Below 100 training seminar, held at Gulf Coast State College Gulf/Franklin Center. The training, presented by Tommy Loftis, aims to bring police officer deaths in the state of Florida below 100 each year.



GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

July 14-20

On Monday, July 14, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) executed an order to transport. Amanda L. Shipman (24) was transported from the Gadsden Correctional Facility to the Liberty County Jail for her court appearance the following day in Gulf County. She was returned on Wednesday, July 16th.

On July 14, Deputy S. Willis responded to the 6900 block of County Road (CR) 30A near Money Bayou. The GCSO received a complaint regarding a theft. The complainant reported the theft of several beach items that included a pair of diving fins, snorkels, mesh bags, beach towels and chairs. The items were stored in an unsecured area beneath the residence. The total estimated value of the items reported stolen was \$882.

On July 14, Sgt. R. Burkett responded to the 600 block of Dolphin Street in Highland View after the GCSO received a complaint of a disturbance. After conducting an investigation, Thomas C. Gainous (19) was placed under arrest for Criminal Mischief. Gainous was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF) where he was later first appeared and given a conditional release.

On July 14, the GCSO executed an order to transport by traveling to the Bay County Jail and transporting Nicholas A. Pierce (36) to Gulf County.

Pierce was scheduled to appear in court the following day. The GCSO also extradited Kendrick L. Gray (34) back to Gulf County. Gray was arrested in Bay County and held for the GCSO on a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. Gray was later released on July 16th on his own recognizance.

On July 14, Deputy P. Williams served William C. Quaranta (41) with a warrant for Violation of Probation at the GCDF. Quaranta is on probation for Driving While Licenses Suspended or Revoked. He remains in custody.

On July 14, while on patrol in the area of State Road (SR) 30-A, Deputy J. Oquendo observed a vehicle exceeding the posted speed. Using radar, Deputy Oquendo clocked the vehicle's speed at 100 mph in a posted 35 mph zone. The driver, Kenyon R. Orr (39), was placed under arrest for Reckless Driving. Orr was booked into the GCDF and released on a \$1,000 bond.

On Tuesday, July 15, Deputy P. Williams was dispatched to the 8700 block of CR 386 in reference to a stolen vehicle. A description of the vehicle was given to Deputy Williams. While enroute to the call, he located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on SR 71 and Reid Avenue in Wewahitchka. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Dylan J. Martinez (18), who was the suspect in the case. Also in the vehicle was a juvenile. When asked, Martinez admitted to possessing

marijuana in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded a small baggie of marijuana, two pipes used to ingest marijuana, a set of digital scales that had a residual substance on its surface that field tested positive for the presence of meth. Martinez was arrested and charged with Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor Child. The complainant did not wish to file charges for Grand Theft of an Automobile. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on a \$4,500 bond.

On July 15, the GCSO executed an order to transport by traveling to the Bay County Jail and transporting Ladora Nunnery (44) to Gulf County for court. Nunnery and Nicolas A. Pierce were returned to the Bay County Jail on this date.

On Wednesday, July 16, the GCSO traveled to the Jackson County Jail to extradite Tammy J. Melton (45). Melton was arrested by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office on a GCSO warrant for Dealing in Stolen Property. The case stems from an investigation into a 2013 burglary. Melton was transported to the GCDF where she was later first appeared and issued a \$2,500 bond. Melton remains in custody.

On July 16, Deputy G. Desrosier responded

to the 700 block of 7th Street in Wewahitchka in reference to the theft of a bicycle. The complainant reported the theft of a 20 inch Avigo Fade (BMX style) bicycle. The bicycle was described as navy blue with lime green foot pegs. The reported value was \$100.00.

On July 16, Deputy J. Brock conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Ellery L. Dobbins (29). Deputy Brock had knowledge that Dobbins' driver's license was suspended. The stop was conducted on Long Avenue near SR 71, where Dobbins was taken into custody. He was transported to the GCDF where he remains in custody.

On Thursday, July 17, Curt L. Johnson (30) was arrested by Sgt. J. Williams and Deputy J. Brock in the 200 block of Canning Drive in Wewahitchka. Johnson was wanted by the GCSO for Violation of Probation. He is on probation for Felony Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Johnson was transported to the GCDF where he remains in custody.

On July 17, Sgt. J. Williams arrested Sidney L. Robbins (21) for Violation of Probation. Robbins was arrested in the 1300 block of CR 381 in Dalkeith. Robbins is on probation for the Sell of Meth within 1,000 feet of a School/Park. She was transported to the GCDF where she remains in custody.

On July 17, Deputy J. Brock arrested and

served two warrants on Harold C. Lester (42). Lester was wanted for Failure to Appear on Violation of a Domestic Violence Injunction and Failure to Appear on Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF.

On Friday, July 18, Deputy S. Willis served Ezekial Register Jr. (49) with a Writ of Bodily Attachment for Child Support. Register was arrested in Baker County, Florida and extradited to Gulf County. He remains in the GCDF.

On Saturday, July 19, Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the 100 block of SR 71 North in Wewahitchka. The complainant reported the theft of a set of keys that was removed from inside a vehicle. It was reported the vehicle was not locked at the time of the offense.

On July 19, Deputy M. Layfield was dispatched to the 4400 block of CR 386 in reference to criminal mischief. The complainant discovered that his mail box had been run over by a vehicle.

On July 19, Steve D. Gibson (42) was arrested by Deputy M. Layfield. Deputy Layfield responded to the 8600 block of West Highway 98 in St. Joe Beach regarding trespass. Gibson was previously warned on two separate occasions stay off of the property. He was transported to the GCDF and charged with Trespass. He was later first appeared and released on his own recognizance.

On Sunday, July 20,

Deputy P. Williams served an arrest warrant on Jason A. Jenks (35). Jenks turned himself in at the GCSO. He was wanted for Failure to Appear on his original charge of Failure to register as a Sexual Offender. He remains in custody.

From July 14-20 the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 46 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 43 calls for EMS, 25 calls for other departments/agencies and 10 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From July 14-20 the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 138; Traffic Stop, 51; Civil Paper Service, 40; Field Contact, 24; Information, 9; Abandoned Vehicle, 8; Warrant Arrest, 8; Noise Disturbance, 7; Alarm, 5; Prisoner Transport, 5; Reckless Driver, 5; Unknown Disturbance, 4; Request for Security Check, 4; Theft/Shoplifting, 4; Welfare Check, 4; Fire, 3; Recovered Property, 3; Sexual Offender Address Verification, 3; Suspicious Person, 3; Simple Battery, 2; Criminal Mischief, 2; Obscene/Harassing Phone Call, 2; Trespass, 2; Sexual Offender Reregistration, 2; Special Detail, 2; Traffic Accident, 2; Animal Call, 1; Citizens Assistance, 1; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 1; Fraud, 1; Hit and Run Accident, 1; Lost/Stolen Tag, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Missing Juvenile, 1; Shooting Incident, 1; Stolen Vehicle, 1; Street Obstruction, 1; and Suspicious Vehicle, 1.

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ducted on adult and sub-adult sturgeon, very little research is available on juveniles, something Marbury means to rectify.

"I came down here to fill in that gap with information," Marbury said.

By understanding where sturgeon spawn and thrive, Marbury hopes eventually his research can take them off the endangered species list.

Currently, Marbury and his technician assistant Zach Cummins, a sophomore at Georgia Southern College, spend five days a week on the river, launching from Howard Creek.

Each day they cast four to six gill nets. These nets, designed to catch only smaller fish, are 50 meters long and anchor at the bottom of the river. Standing 10 feet tall, the juvenile sturgeon swim in, but they don't swim out.

Once the nets are recovered, each fish is tagged with a 15-digit number and electronic chip.

The chip allows Marbury to



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Marbury's research will help understand the spawning habits of the prehistoric sturgeon and ideally, increase the population.

track their location via software. Marbury anchored numerous acoustic receivers at the bottom of the river that ping a signal every 90 seconds. If a sturgeon with a chip is nearby, they will show up within the software.

He'll continue getting up-to-date information even when he returns to Georgia. If Marbury catches a fish that's already been tagged, the number tells him where it was caught previously, giving him further insight into the

sturgeon's travel habits.

The data is collected and catalogued and will be analyzed at the end of the season.

Marbury said that Gulf County is the best area in the country for studying Gulf sturgeon and has been thrilled to have the opportunity.

"The sturgeon congregate here, and it's a prime time to sample those fish," Marbury said. "By living here while studying, I've been able to learn about the area and get a feel for the entire ecosystem."

What fascinates Marbury most about the species is that they're prehistoric, having been on Earth for more than 220 million years.

In the 1900s, sturgeon numbers dropped as they were overfished for caviar while water pollution, dredging and damming also complicated their spawning process, blocking access to the many areas where sturgeon would typically lay their eggs. Feeding mainly on inverte-

brates on the bottom of the ocean, sturgeon will gorge themselves while in the Gulf waters and barely eat once it's time to spawn. The fish can grow up to eight feet in length and weigh more than 200 pounds.

"They're different than any other fish," Marbury said. "They're very boney, very sharp, and they've been around forever."

Marbury believes that the sturgeon's naturally sharp fins and lack of predation is the only thing to keep it from becoming extinct altogether.

So what do Marbury and Cummins do when they aren't fishing for research purposes?

They fish recreationally, of course.

Cummins, whose brother studies with Marbury, grew up on the water and was recruited to help Marbury drive the boat, mend the nets and help with prep work.

"It's hard work," Cummins said. "But what's better than fishing all summer for a job?"

CAMP from page B1

Founded by Tallahassee firefighter Rusty Roberts, Camp Amigo doesn't adhere to a strict schedule of activities but instead is focused on letting kids be kids.

"Our motto is 'healing burns from the inside,'" Roberts said. "I feel we do that by providing a loving, family-like atmosphere."

The camp comes at no cost for the kids, ages 6-17, and Roberts works with fire stations and burn hospitals across the state to raise funds throughout the year for the annual event.

Roberts got his start working with another burn camp, but as a counselor he said he couldn't help but see how it could be improved.

After several years of his suggestions falling on deaf ears, he began taking classes at the American Camp Institution, learning how to create and operate his own camp that would meet the same standards as any other.

After becoming affiliated with the American Burn Association and Shands Hospital in Gainesville, he launched his first camp in 2001 with just six kids.

Throughout the year Roberts volunteers with burn victims at the local hospital and at Shands, taking them video games, books, gifts and friendly conversation to keep them occupied during treatment.

Of course, he never misses a chance to tell them about Camp Amigo.

There's a counselor for each camper, many of them adult burn victims and even more who attended Camp Amigo as they grew up.

"The adult survivors become role models for the campers," said Michelle Barnett, a former firefighter who sits on the camp's board of directors. "It shows the kids that they too can grow up to be professional, successful people."

"Despite their injuries they can be living the same life as everyone else ... a normal life."

Campers spent last week enjoying the pool and fishing in the gulf waters.

In addition to the friends, the fun and the beach, Camp Amigo offers one-on-one counseling and massage therapy for the children. The rest of the staff, made up of Florida firefighters, also serve as the camp's kitchen staff, lifeguards and medical specialists.

Roberts said that his goal was to bring kids together who have something in common. He wanted them to make friends, build self-confidence, and perhaps most importantly, have a lot of fun.

Though the camp has been held in various locations, Roberts prefers Camp Amigo to be located at William J. Rish

Park because the facility is fully accessible to special needs children.

He said that being out in the middle of nowhere where cell phones don't work was "definitely a bonus."

Counselor Rebekah Johnson from Hawthorne, who is a burn victim herself, applauded Camp Amigo for bringing together children who can relate on a level that no one else can.

Johnson said she had trouble adjusting to her injuries and the camp allowed her to learn from the children.

"This camp made something not so great the best time of my life," Johnson said. "The burns are just a part of who you are, but you can be whoever you want."

"Often times the parents can't relate, and even though it's hard to let go, letting their kids come here ... I can think of no better treatment."

Counselor Summer McKinney is a nurse at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She heard about the camp through her friends and volunteered for her first trip this year.

"It's been an amazing experience," McKinney said. "It's become a home away from home, and I can't wait to do it again."

Campers Kamiya Richards and Reina Smith agreed with the counselors and both 16-year-olds have been Camp

Amigo regulars for more than five years.

"I'm going to keep coming here until they kick me out," said Smith, who plans to become a counselor when she turns 18. "We get to meet other kids who were burned, and it makes you feel comfortable and not judged."

Richards said the camp helped her improve her self-esteem and led her to meet her best friend, Smith. The girls attend another camp during the year to spend more time together since Richards lives in Jacksonville and Smith in Panama City Beach.

As some of the oldest campers, the girls said they try to be big sisters to the younger kids and try to be positive role models.

"There are misconceptions that kids with their type of injuries are sad," Barnett said. "There aren't any sad kids here."

The camp got its name during the first year when three girls, who had never met before, became best friends on the first day and were known by counselors as "the three amigos." For Roberts, the girls were a prime example of what he wanted the camp to do: bring kids together.

"It takes hundreds of people to make this camp happen," Roberts said. "The smiles make it all worth it."

KIDS from page B1

On Friday, Aug. 1, registered contestants can pick up their fishing equipment at the Port St. Joe Marina between 4-6 p.m. ET.

Participants will also enjoy a kick-off 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 to ensure they have a fun and active day of catching fish instead of remembering the one that got away.

Following the kickoff, the official rules meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Marina.

The tournament will begin at 7 a.m. ET Saturday morning with weigh-in beginning at 10 a.m.

Fishing ends at noon with trophy presentations to follow.

Children can 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."

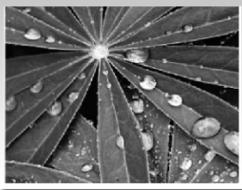
Registration is free and is open until the end day on Thursday, July 31.

More than 200 kids have already registered for the event. Those interested in volunteering for the fishing tournament should call the Port St. Joe Marina at 227-9393.

Originally scheduled for June, the event was canceled because of bad weather.

"We didn't want to put people in jeopardy," Carrie said. "This time, short of a hurricane, Kid's Win will go on."

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CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS
RFP 2014-06
Reid Avenue Sidewalk Cleaning

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for Reid Avenue sidewalks, crosswalks and curbing will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 3:00 PM EST, Friday August 15, 2014. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday August 15, 2014, at 3:30 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and RFP number for "Reid Avenue Sidewalk Cleaning".

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Bid shall be for the cleaning of all sidewalks, crosswalks and curbing along the East and West sides of Reid Avenue. Specifications are listed in the Base Bid Documents which may be obtained on the City's website at www.cityofportstjoe.com.

For questions concerning this Bid, please contact John Grantland at 850-229-8247.

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

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99739S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 23-2009-CA-000112
DIVISION:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR JPAL 2006-S2, Plaintiff,

vs.
LUANN M. QUARANTA, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 15, 2014 and entered in Case No. 23-2009-CA-000112 of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for GULF County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR JPAL 2006-S2, is the Plaintiff and LUANN M. QUARANTA; WILLIAM C. QUARANTA, SR.; CAPITAL CITY BANK, are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at LOBBY OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT TWENTY-SIX (26), BLOCK ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (130), UNIT NUMBER TWELVE (12), OF THE ST. JOSEPH'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 13, 1992 IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 27 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2005 MARVIN AVENUE, PORT ST JOE, FL 324560000

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 16, 2014.

Rebecca L. Norris
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Bridgette McGhee-Collins
Deputy Clerk

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Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711. July 24, 31, 2014

99771S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 12-000153-CA

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs.
KIM L. MCDANIEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KIM L. MCDANIEL; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gulf County, Florida, will on the 14th day of August, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, sell for sale and offer to public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Gulf County, Florida:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, UNIT NO. 1, RISH'S ADDITION TO WEWAHITCHKA, Gulf County, Florida, according to an official plat thereof on file in the Office of the Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida, in Plat Book 2, Page 16.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 17th day of July, 2014.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA

Coordinator by mail at P. O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711. Bill Kinsaid, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Bridgette McGhee-Collins
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B&H # 292975
July 24, 31, 2014

99773S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 14th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
Case No.: 2009-CA-000454
Division #:

CitiMortgage, Inc. Plaintiff,

vs.
John R. Hoats, a/k/a John Hoats; CGL Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a CGL Enterprises (Georgia), Inc.; Beth A. Hoats; George T. Peacock, Individually and as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Glenn Peacock, Deceased; Sarah Jackson, Individually and as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Glenn Peacock, Deceased; CitiBank, N.A., as Successor in Interest to CitiBank, Federal Savings Bank; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000454 of the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff and John R. Hoats a/k/a John Hoats are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best

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bidder for cash AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 1000 5TH STREET, PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on November 13, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 10 AND ALL OF LOT 12, BLOCK "0", INDIAN PASS BEACH GROUP ONE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "1", AT PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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.

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Gulf County, Florida

Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP
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File #09-148494
July 24, 31, 2014

99797S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
Case No. 13-149-CA

LINDA WILLIAMS
168 Annie Avenue
Wewahitchka, FL 32465
Plaintiff,

vs.
BETTY CELEDONIA,
414 Church Street
Wewahitchka, FL 32465
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 1, 2014, and entered in Civil Case No. 13-149-CA of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida wherein BETTY WILLIAMS is the Plaintiff and BETTY CELEDONIA is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., E.T., on the 7th day of August, 2014, the following described property situated in Gulf County, Florida and set forth in the Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 10 Meeks Lake Subdivision as per Plat Book 2, Page 11, Gulf County Circuit Court filing parcel Tax ID# 01590-000

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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), disabled persons who, because of their disabilities need special accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 or Telephone (850)229-6113 prior to such proceedings.

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Witness my hand and the official seal of this Honorable Court, on this 21st day of July, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Bridgette McGhee-Collins
Deputy Clerk

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July 24, 31, 2014

ADOPTIONS
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3100-3350
MERCHANDISE

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)

COLLECTIBLES
3170

Drop me a Line....
Dolls & Doll Magazines For Sale
Doll Lady, P.O. Box 56, PSJ, FL 32457

GARAGE/YARD SALES
3230

NEW TODAY
Port St. Joe-2022
Marvin Ave., Fri: 6pm-8pm EST, Sat: 7am-10am EST
Yard Sale
Various Household Items Including Small Kitchen Appliances, Men's Dress Clothing, Women's Dresses, Professional & Casual Wear
txt FL95730 to 56654

GUNS
3240

GUN SHOW
TALLAHASSEE FAIRGROUNDS
July 19th and 20th
SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4
FREE PARKING
Info: (407) 275-7233
floridaGUNSHOW.com
Text FL94099 to 56654

Wanted Hunt Club Member
on 2000 Acres Near Port St. Joe, Still Hunt Fee \$443/Per Year. Call John Miller @227-5052

HELP WANTED
4100

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Hospitality
Housekeeping
Part Time weekend help needed for all positions, apply in person, 4693 Cape San Blas Rd or 1200 Hwy 98 Mexico Beach
Web ID 34291811

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4100

Food Service/Hosp.

Best Western Front Desk Breakfast Attendant
Weekends a must. Apply in person to 249 Hwy 98 Apalachicola, FL, from 9am-2pm No phone calls!!
Web ID 34293798

Dockside Seafood & Raw Bar @ PSJ Marina
NOW HIRING EXPERIENCED:

- Hostesses
- Bartenders
- Servers/Busser's

APPLY 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ONLY MON. THRU FRI.
steamersdocksidefood@yahoo.com

Hospitality

Housekeeping Inspector
PT weekend position. Apply in person Thurs -Mon 4693 Cape San Blas Rd
Web ID 34291812

Logistics/Transport

JOB NOTICE
The City of Port St. Joe (pop. 3445) is accepting applications for the following positions:

Operator Trainee or Licensed Operator, Surface Water Treatment Plant

Please submit an application, cover letter and five references to The City of Port St. Joe, Attn. Charlotte Pierce, POB 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457. Applications and a full job description can be found on our website cityofportstjoe.com. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Pierce at (850) 229-8261. The Position will close on August 1, 2014. The entry level salary for Operator Trainee will be \$12.08 per hour. All other licensed operators will be based on qualifications. The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.
Web ID#: 34294621
Text FL94621 to 56654

Travel/Transportation
Pilot Needed in Destin
Private equity firm in Destin area is seeking a contract pilot to fly its refurbished Piper PA-31T1. Pilot must hold a commercial pilot certificate with multi-engine land and instrument ratings, have logged at least 4,000 hours total time, including at least 2,000 hours multi-engine land and at least 1,000 hours in multi-engine turbo prop aircraft, of which at least 200 hour being logged in Cheyenne I model aircraft, and who has attended and successfully completed ground and flight (or simulator) training for the Cheyenne I conducted by FLIGHTSAFETY or SIMCOM within the last 12 calendar months. Send resume and cover letter to info@pcpaviation.com.
Web ID#: 34293919

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Medical/Health
Weekend RN Supervisor
Send resume to hr.baystjoe@signature-healthcarellc.com or mail to 220 9th St, PSJ FL 32456.
Web ID 34295696

Medical/Health
Business Office Manager
Medical Billing experience a must. Send resume to hr.baystjoe@signature-healthcarellc.com or mail to 220 9th St, PSJ FL 32456.
Web ID 34295698

Medical/Health
CNA's
Looking for a little more creativity, challenge, and growth opportunity in your workday? Didn't think it was possible? Might be time to reconsider.

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HOUSE RENTALS
6140

Port St Joe: 3/4 br, 1 ba, den, office, sunny, bright, and super clean! Bayview, very convenient, available now! Only \$895 monthly + deposit terms negotiable w/ long term lease. references call or text 850-258-6874 or 206-799-9167

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
5100-5110

5100 - Business Opportunities
5110 - Money to Lend

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
5100

Owner Retiring - 138
unit facility in PSJ, good cash flow, possible owner financing. \$499k. Call Scott 850-866-0958
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REAL ESTATE FOR RENT
6100-6200

6100 - Commercial
6110 - Apartments
6120 - Beach Rentals
6130 - Condo/Townhouse
6140 - House Rentals
6150 - Roommate Wanted
6160 - Rooms for Rent
6170 - Mobile Home/Lot
6180 - Out-of-Town Rentals
6190 - Timeshare Rentals
6200 - Vacation Rentals

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

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Carrabelle, Florida
The Forgotten Coast

1. 25-2 Pine St., Lanark, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, furnished \$550.00 mo.
2. 2626 Craig St. 3 bedroom, 2 baths \$1000.00 mo.
3. The Landings, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, furnished, utilities included \$910.00 mo.
4. Picketts Landing, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, boatslip, pool \$1600.00 mo.
5. 234 Peggy Lane, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, garage, close to beach \$1400.00 mo.

Please call 850-697-5300 to set up an appointment to let our friendly staff show you these properties!!!

APARTMENT RENTALS
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NEW TODAY
Port St Joe Commercial/ Residential Rental 2bd 1.5Ba Efficiency; short term 6 Mo. \$1500 incl util or long term 12 Mo. @ \$1,100 plus utilities Location! 2 minutes to St. Joe Bay, beaches, river and down town Port St. Joe 850-229-8014 or 850-258-4691 Call Text FL95271 to 56654

NEW TODAY
PSJ: 116 Hunter Circle 3br/1ba, separate dining room, CH&A, \$800/mo Call (850) 899-3283 or 227-5272

NEW TODAY
White City corner lot, 3 br, 2 ba, kitchen/dine-in combo, carport, \$650 mo. Call (850) 899-3283 or 227-5272

7100-7200
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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/