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## A rainbow connection OVER MEXICO BEACH



RON RUDOLPH | Special to The Star

Vacationer Ron Rudolph snapped this rainbow after a brief storm in Mexico Beach during a recent stay along the Forgotten Coast. Photos contributed by locals and visitors alike illuminate our Scene Around page, found on **Page A10** of this edition. Thanks for all who contribute to this community page.

## Recount complete; Wooten elected to school board

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BROOKE WOOTEN

A winner has been named.

Brooke Wooten will serve the next four years on the Gulf County School Board.

After primary voting Aug. 26, the nonpartisan race for the District 2 seat on the Gulf County School Board was still up in the air.

Only two votes separated Wooten, who received 50.18 percent of the vote, and fellow candidate James Taunton, who received 49.82 percent.

According to Supervisor

of Elections John Hanlon, anytime a margin is less than one-half of 1 percent, a recount is mandatory.

As for the numbers, Wooten's 276 votes just edged Taunton's 274.

Last Friday's recount upheld that ultra-slim margin, and Wooten was officially declared the winner.

"This recount is a testament to the accuracy of the Florida voting system," Hanlon said. "It also stresses how important every vote is."

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## Circuit Court denies Jackson appeal

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A Circuit Court judge has denied a motion for post-conviction relief filed by convicted murderer Random Jackson.

Jackson, 22 at the time he was arrested on the murder charge in 2008, was convicted two years later in the slaying of Justin Curcie.

Both men hailed from Wewahitchka.

Curcie disappeared from the home he shared with his disabled father in June 2005. His remains, only bones and skull showing a single gunshot wound, were found three months later in a wooded area near Wewahitchka.

Though the remains were believed to Curcie's, it took seven months for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to confirm it.

Curcie's murder remained unsolved for three years until Jackson, who had been a person of interest early in the investigation, according to then-Sheriff Joe Nugent, was arrested and charged with first degree murder.

At the time of his arrest in the Curcie case, Jackson was already in jail on drug charges.

He was convicted of first-degree murder in 2010 and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Jackson filed a motion

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## Mexico Beach council starts over on city hall

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At the August regular meeting of the Mexico Beach city council, members decided to cancel the agreement with Cathey Construction to build a new city hall.

After a three-year insurance battle over the historic Parker House property that began after the building caught fire in 2011 just days after being purchased by the city, a settlement was reached that totaled \$834,000 over three years.

Design fees on remodeling the building and later for a new structure paired with rent costs on a temporary city hall left the city with \$485,000 and short of the million-dollar goal it had in mind for construction of a new building.

Upon receiving the settlement funds, the city also received an invoice from Cathey Construction for \$42,825 for three years of consulting work.

The invoice wasn't delivered with a line-item breakdown, and council members said they were not sure what they were paying for.

Interim city administrator Mar-

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**Mexico Beach Councilwoman Mary Blackburn**

cus Collins reached out to other construction companies to verify the quote. While one company agreed with the price, another called the invoice "excessive."

At a workshop last week Councilwoman Tanya Castro said she wanted a more detailed invoice from Cathey Construction to better understand what the city had tasked them to do and how long it took.

"There's no backup ... there's no documentation," Councilman Jeff Tendler said, agreeing with Castro.

To date, the city has paid Cathey Construction \$150,500 for costs associated with the city hall project, including demolition on the Parker House.

"I don't understand how the company can say that after everything's been paid, submits a \$42,000 invoice," Councilwoman Mary Blackburn said. "I don't see any justification to pay this."

The council decided to pass the invoice to city attorney Paul Komarek to see if the city is legally obligated to pay it.

Castro moved to schedule a special meeting where the council could discuss how to move forward on the project, and Blackburn brought up the idea of forming a citizen input group to ensure the city builds something that would benefit the community.

"(City Hall) is a big deal for citizens," Blackburn said. "I would love to see citizens involved in coming up with ideas."

At a special meeting scheduled for this week, council members will bring the names of five to seven citizens who would form the group. Collins said the meetings should be chaired by a member of the council, and Castro wanted to provide the group with "marching orders" to work with.

"Let's go, let's start this process," Blackburn said.

## Budgets to be finalized next week

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Governing bodies will begin the process of finalizing budgets next week with public hearings.

The Gulf County School Board will have its final budget hearing Tuesday followed in successive days by the Board of County Commissioners and the city of Port St. Joe.

Each hearing begins after 5:01 p.m. ET.

Port St. Joe city commissioners examined their proposed balanced budget last week while receiving final numbers for employee health insurance.

The city will maintain the same millage rate of

almost six years, 3.5914, seeing an uptick in revenue of roughly \$2,500 due to a slight increase in property values.

That revenue increase was more than offset by increases in Florida retirement contributions and employee health insurance.

The city budget also includes a 3.5 percent increase in utility rates that will take effect next month.

This is the fourth year in a five-year program of raising utility rates. The rates, which emerged from a rate study, are linked to the city's long-term debt, which was significantly bumped by construction of a new water plant and

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# PSJ Commission leases lighthouse to historical society

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During the Port St. Joe city commission meeting on Tuesday commissioners unanimously approved a temporary lease of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, now located in George Core Park, to the St. Joseph Historical Society for \$1 dollar.

Though there were questions about the lease, which controlled the lighthouse, keepers' quarters and Maddox House for five years, the board recognized the importance of having the structure open during the Florida Scallop and Music Festival next weekend to allow visitors to the city to enjoy the lighthouse as part of the festivities.

Mayor Mel Magidson had concerns regarding operation of the lighthouse when it came to paying potential employees and where the funds raised from paying lighthouse visitors would go.

"We have to come up with some management method to operate it," said Magidson. "If (the lighthouse) does produce excess funds, they need to be used for beautification and upkeep of the grounds."

"Because of the funds expended to get it here, we need an agreement for any excess funds."

While Magidson focused on the issue of excess funds,

St. Joseph Historical Society President Charlotte Pierce said excess funds had never been an issue.

Magidson replied that he hoped it will be a problem with the lighthouse's new location.

"We need a plan for what we want to do in the future," Magidson said. "Right now, we need to get that thing open and people up and down it."

City attorney Tom Gibson warned commissioners to protect themselves legally in case someone were to fall while on the park premises but Magidson acknowledged that an insurance policy was already in place.

Pierce told commissioners that the lease is the same as the one approved for the Maddox House property from which the lighthouse gift shop currently operates.

Commissioner Rex Buzzett asked the agreement to be reworked to factor in hours of operation and any expenses the property may incur.

Commissioner Phil McCroan agreed on the importance of having economic development be factored into the agreement.

"I'm 100 percent for leasing the lighthouse to the historical society," Buzzett said. "I think we need to."

Until details of a permanent lease are finalized, the commission granted the historical society the temporary lease with hours of operation

for the structure at the group's discretion.

Gibson said that during the Scallop Festival the keepers' quarters would need to be fenced off as they are not yet secure.

"We're closer than what we have been," Pierce said about securing a lease, if only temporary. "It will be awesome to have the lighthouse open for the festival."

The St. Joseph Historical Society operated the lighthouse while on Cape San Blas under a lease with the Board of County Commissioners. The Society has also been the major fundraiser for renovating the lighthouse and keepers' quarters while on Cape San Blas.

## GAS TAX

Buzzett brought up the 5 cents in additional local gas tax currently in the budget for the Board of County Commissioners.

The tax would bring a projected \$338,000 into the county in 2015 and the city would see 27 percent of each nickel collected in Port St. Joe.

Funds collected through the tax must be used for road improvement projects and commissioners agreed it might be a way to repave artery roads Long Avenue and Garrison Avenue.

"I'm not saying that I'm for it or against it at this time," Buzzett said. "We could use the revenue

and the folks from outside who visit here can help pay."

Magidson expressed concern that residents would drive to Panama City where they could fill their tanks for 12 cents less per gallon.

"I've heard that folks really don't like it," Magidson said. "I'm not excited."

For the tax to be added, it will require four votes on the BOCC which will hold a second public hearing Tuesday.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Moving closer to bringing affordable housing to Port St. Joe, commissioners passed an ordinance to re-zone some 40 acres North Port St. Joe off of Clifford Sims Blvd. to high density residential.

The action is in preparation for the Paces Foundation, a Georgia-based non-profit which recently received some \$6 million in federal dollars to construct 50 affordable housing units in Port St. Joe.

The existing Future Land Use design had the 42 acre parcel split into 39 acres of open space and 3 acres as industrial use.

Original plans sought 530 residential units; however, the new amendment will limit the number of units built to 150 with the possibility of expansion in the future.

## SOLID WASTE

Once again commissioners delayed a final decision on a new

solid waste contract beginning Oct. 1, when the current contract with Waste Pro is open for renegotiation.

Commissioners have spent more than two months discussing competing proposals from Waste Pro and Waste Management which emerged from bidding by the BOCC for solid waste services.

Commissioners have considered updated proposals at several meetings and discussed the issue during at least five meetings with the recommendation from Gibson that, at this point, the contract should be bid.

That recommendation was voted down.

The last time the issue was raised, two weeks ago, Commissioner Bo Patterson asked to see contracts from both haulers that could be examined to get the best deal for Port St. Joe residents.

The contracts arrived last Friday and with limited time to review them, commissioners once again put off a decision.

## FRANK PATE PARK BOAT RAMP

Fees collected for use of the Frank Pate Park boat ramp totaled \$12,000 for the months of July and August.

Those funds will pay for maintenance and upkeep on the ramp.

Star News Editor Tim Croft contributed to this story.

## Free Florida DEO seminar offered

Special to The Star

**PANAMA CITY** - Officials from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will be in Panama City Tuesday, Sept. 9, to help employers who need assistance dealing with the Re-employment Assistance appeals process. The session is aimed at providing enhanced business support to the local

community. The one-hour "Reemployment Assistance Appeals" seminar is set for 1 p.m. CT Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the CareerSource Gulf Coast Job Center, 625 Highway 231. There is no charge to attend, however, please RSVP by calling 872-4340 8 a.m.-5 p.m. CT Monday-Friday. CareerSource Gulf Coast works to meet the business needs of both job seekers and employers.

## Planning council meeting

Special to The Star

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces the annual public hearing and the quarterly meeting of the Gulf County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

The public is encouraged to attend both meetings. The public hearing will begin at 1:45 p.m. and the board meeting will begin at 2 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Gulf County Transportation Office, 122 Water Plant Road, Port St. Joe, Florida. In addition to its regular business, the board meeting agenda will include the adoption of the

Bylaws, Grievance Procedures, and Annual Operating Report.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

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# Mexico Beach explores alternate water source

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During a workshop last week, the Mexico Beach city council heard from Elizabeth Moore of Preble-Rish Engineers on a plan to explore an alternate water supply for the city.

Although conversations on the topic have taken place for years, there now is an appropriations grant in hand to cover the \$102,550 project.

Moore presented what phase one of the project might look like.

Mexico Beach is currently tied into Bay County for water service but the grant was awarded for an emergency water source.

"We're going to find

out what it takes to get drinkable water to Mexico Beach," Moore said.

After a meeting between city officials, landowners and Preble-Rish a test well would be installed to sample water from an area north of Mexico Beach.

The test well would tap into the upper and lower aquifer to find quality water after which geophysical monitoring and water quality tests would be conducted.

Fluoride levels are naturally higher along the coast with a spike in Mexico Beach and Moore said that finding a source that doesn't require blending or heavy treatments is the best option the city can hope for.

"A lot more chemical

reactions happen when you blend water sources," said Moore.

If good water is found, the cost to the city will be \$1.6 million for drilling and running the water to the city which can be covered by funds received earlier in the year from Natural Resource Damage Assessment.

If the test well doesn't find quality water, there will be no additional cost to the city.

Phase one is expected to take six months to complete and will be discussed further at the council's regular meeting in September.

## LAWSUIT

Later in the workshop Councilwoman Tanya

Castro asked about the possibility of holding an executive session with legal counsel to discuss litigation against the city by UniFirst, a uniform company.

After being disappointed with the quality of service the city canceled the contract. UniFirst filed a suit claiming an unlawful cancellation of the contract and the company is seeking damages from the city.

A mediation meeting will be Sept. 15 in Tallahassee. Interim city administrator Marcus Collins volunteered to attend the mediation in Mayor Al Cathey's stead and bring more information back to share with the council.

## PARKING PROBLEMS

Castro and Councilwoman Mary Blackburn told Police Chief Glenn Norris they had both received calls about parking on the right-of-way on the opposite side of the beaches, which led to limited or zero visibility for drivers pulling out of side streets onto U.S. Highway 98 across Mexico Beach.

Norris said officers were out giving verbal warnings, but he wasn't sure how to fully combat the issue.

Citizens called for public education of visitors to the area, requesting a campaign that would team up the Community Development Council with area lodging partners to help spread the word.

Norris attributed the problem to a lack of parking throughout the city.

The council decided against speaking with the Florida Department of Transportation about signs since it was likely it would prevent parking on the beach side, leading to additional parking issues.

Collins suggested the city investigate applying for a grant that would fully cover construction of a two-tier parking garage. He said that by charging visitors to park, the structure could increase safety around Mexico Beach and also raise revenue for the city.

In the meantime, Norris said he would enforce the parking issues appropriately.

## Sacred Heart Medical Group hosts open house

Special to The Star

Sacred Heart Medical Group is hosting a community open house to welcome family medicine physician, Dr. Rachel Bixler, back home to Port St. Joe.

The open house will be from 5 to 7 p.m. EST Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf at 3801 E. Highway 98 in Port St. Joe.

Guests will have the opportunity to tour Dr. Bixler's office, meet the staff



DR. RACHEL BIXLER

and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Free health screenings will also be conducted for blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index (BMI) scores.

For more information about the community open house, call Dr. Bixler's office at 850-229-5661.

## Oyster industry eyes \$6.3 million federal grant

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**APALACHICOLA** — It wasn't long ago when Apalachicola Bay oyster boats could fill the daily catch limit of 20 10-gallon buckets easily.

Today, they struggle to fill two buckets.

"It's bad ... It's really bad out there," said Shannon Hartsfield, president of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association. "We should be on the upper end getting better."

At a selling point of \$44 per bag, minus the cost of fuel, two bags of oysters per day is not enough, Hartsfield said. In 2012, the industry saw its lowest harvest in more than two decades.

Now the small fishing community hopes a \$6.3 million federal grant might help restore what was lost.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), between 2007 and 2011 Apala-

chicola Bay oyster landings accounted for 92 percent of the state's oyster landings and 8 percent of all U.S. landings. The number is considerably less now.

The grant, released last week by the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration, will be used to fund oyster restoration and job training for out-of-work anglers through a series of programs administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The bulk of the funding, about \$4.5 million, will go toward restoration through shelling, a process that involves placing oyster shells in the shallow bay areas to improve habitat. About \$2.8 million will go toward hand shelling by local oystermen, while the remainder will fund shelling conducted by barge through the FWC and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The grant also includes \$770,000 to upgrade oyster-processing facilities, \$540,000 for vocational education and training and \$415,000 for bay

monitoring.

The DEO will work locally with CareerSource Gulf Coast for the hand shelling and vocational components to try to get those displaced by fishery failure in Franklin County back to work.

"We remain dedicated to helping folks in the region revitalize the fishery, while providing support for their transition to other career fields," said CSGC Executive Director Kim Bodine. "Developing workforce options for some of our oystermen and assisting with the shelling program contributes greatly to the economic vitality of the area."

Bodine said CSGC will enlist between 150 and 200 people to conduct the hand shelling, a process that will begin in four to six weeks. Although barge shelling may be quicker, it doesn't put people back to work, she said.

"The local people know what needs to be done," Hartsfield said. "The industry, we know what we need. Give us a chance at it."

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## Why government openness matters

By Lee Hamilton  
Special to the Star

One of the fundamental lessons of the 9/11 tragedy was that our government carried a share of blame for the failure to stop the attacks. Not because it was asleep at the switch or ignorant of the dangers Al Qaeda posed, but because the agencies charged with our safety did not share what they knew, either up and down the chain of command or with each other. The attacks were preventable with shared information.

This insight was highlighted in the report of the 9/11 Commission — on which I served — and became a key driver of the reforms instituted by the U.S. intelligence community over the last dozen years. Within the government, there are plenty of people who now understand that sharing information and using it to inform planning and debate produces better policy: rooted in facts, well-vetted, and more robust.

So it's worrisome that today it seems harder than ever to know what our government is doing, and not just when it comes to national security. Secrecy and a widespread failure to share information both within government and with the American people remain major barriers to the effective operation of representative democracy.

This unwillingness to be open often arises for the wrong reasons. In many cases, officials claim they're trying to prevent harm to the national security, but actually want to avoid embarrassing themselves or to sidestep the checks and balances created by our Constitution. So secretiveness infiltrates government culture. The White House has become remarkably adept at making sure the President rarely faces an unscripted or uncomfortable moment. The government classifies far too many documents at too high a cost, to the point where vital information is inadequately protected because of the sheer volume of needlessly classified information.

Federal agencies often keep information from inspectors general, our nation's appointed watchdogs. They do their best to put strict limits on what Congress finds out; I often get the impression that the executive branch would prefer an uninformed Congress to one knowledgeable enough to press high-ranking officials, including the President, on their understanding of policy challenges, the steps they're taking to address them, and the articulation

of the policy. Congress — ostensibly the people's branch of government — all too often lets the Executive get away with it.

Failing to share information makes us weaker. It enfeebles congressional oversight, which is one of the cornerstones of representative democracy and which, when aggressively carried out by fully informed legislators, can strengthen policy-making. It makes it far more difficult to maintain our system of checks and balances. It exacerbates mistrust between branches of government and between the government and the American people. And it chips away at the foundation of our system, which rests on a public that is well-informed about what government is doing and why.

Without that information, we are poorer in our ability to exercise discriminating judgment on the conduct of policy and of politicians, and we lose our advantage over authoritarian societies: the spread of knowledge to people searching for a solution to our society's challenges and problems.

In fact, if you look at the public discussion of any number of recent controversies — Benghazi, NSA surveillance, the IRS rulings, reform of the VA, the subsidies going to solar manufacturer Solyndra — what's clear is that as more information became available, resolving the problem became more straightforward. And failing to share information can ensnare an administration in worse problems than it was trying to avoid. Iran-contra, Watergate, the Pentagon Papers: each of these had a major impact on our constitutional system, and each was characterized by efforts to suppress information.

In short, on most issues we're better off if the American people know what's going on. Full disclosure doesn't produce good government by itself, but it makes it more likely.

To be sure, on occasion secrecy is legitimate and necessary, but representative government cannot function properly without openness and the presumption should always be in its favor. If officials want to keep information secret, they should bear the burden of explaining why. I hope you'll join me in pushing for an era of openness in government.

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## Eenie, Meenie, Minie, Moe...

I'm beginning to think this political season thing is like breathing. We somehow manage to live through a barrage of road signs, TV commercials and newspaper inserts; but before we can find out how bad this round of characters have hurt us ... they're back nailing up more signs, "approving this message" and asking us to renew their contracts. It's like those swallows returning to San Juan Capistrano; that snapping turtle grabbing a hold of your finger with no thunder in sight; or ole Duke locking onto a giant hambone.

I am aware of the growing "let's kick'em all out" movement. I think that is a bit harsh, short-sighted and not very smart. For goodness sakes, if we can actually elect a person that is dead perfect honest and has our best interest at heart, let's not do anything to jeopardize that career! Maybe instead of criticizing the current list of office holders, we ought to be honing up on our voting skills.

The first election that I raised my hand in came the opening weeks of the seventh grade. We were voting on who ought to be president of our junior high. Mrs. Bryant said it was a very serious matter and we should study the candidates, weigh our options and vote for the person we thought was best qualified to lead us in the upcoming year.

I voted for Kay King. She was tall and skinny and good looking. And I really liked her daddy. He was always smiling and he had a rifle range in his basement. If you asked him just right, he'd take you down there and let you shoot one of his guns. I didn't realize he'd survived Pearl Harbor until years later. Had I known that, I would have voted for her twice!

I don't remember any of the other candidates. And I certainly didn't know what a junior high president did. Mrs. Bryant said vote, and we did. I would love to report that Kay served with honor and distinction and lead our classes to heights never before achieved in the annals of junior high school. The fact is I don't remember anything about her tenure in office. I was too busy trying to survive class changes, football



**HUNKER DOWN**  
Kesley Colbert

practice and seventh grade science.

The school didn't burn down, nobody got run over in the parking lot and I didn't get lost but a couple of times winding my way form the cafeteria back to fourth period math. Kay must'a been doing something right!

My second-ever vote was not long in coming. Coach Rogers had us elect captains the day before the first junior high football game. We were supposed to pick two guys who best exemplified the hard work and dedication necessary to win games. I voted for Scotty McCullar and big Bob Edwards because they had run over me every day for four weeks!

I didn't cast these votes lightly. I knew everyone on the team. I'd grown up with most of them. I was aware of the ones who looked for short cuts at practice, the ones who mumbled under their breaths when we had to run extra for messing up on the punt return drills and the ones whose heart really wasn't in their work. I knew the intimate thoughts and desires of each player. I knew who I could count on when the going got tough. It was the easiest "selecting" I've ever done.

My first opportunity to vote on a national level was the presidential election in 1968.

I was a twenty-one year old college senior. My choices were Richard Nixon, Hubert Humphrey or George Wallace. Several things worked against me in the selection process here. I was concentrating so hard on graduating that I was mostly oblivious to what was going on in the "outside" world.

I didn't know the political philosophy, mental capability or the "heart" condition of any of the candidates. I didn't figure one vote was going to make much difference and, let's face it, there wasn't exactly an Abraham Lincoln type on the ballot!

Pretty hard to cast an intelligent, informed and learned vote with the meager facts before me. If they debated on TV, I missed it. And I didn't think to ask if any of them had been at Pearl Harbor.....

I would love to say that I got much better at it as the years, and campaigns, rolled by. But the truth is, I didn't! I was a little too selfish about work, family and play to get all the facts on everyone that was asking for my vote. I relied on the other guy here. I just assumed somebody in my district or state was watching these fellows.

Sometimes you get what you ask for. I'm not philosophizing here; or getting on anybody; or trying to save the world. I'm just thinking out loud. Maybe we ought to have been paying more attention. You've got to dig past the pretty smile and the slick campaign. Sort out the good ones. If it is the lesser of two evils, find out which is the lesser!

Of course, if I could play football for a couple of weeks with each and every candidate ... I could tell you exactly who to vote for!

Respectfully,  
Kes

## Playing cards in the airport

Airports are wonderful places to study people, shoes and languages. Most of the people in the Atlanta airport were in a hurry on this Sunday afternoon. It seemed there was no rhyme or reason to the shoes — how people walk in shoes with pointy toes or heels five or six inches in the air puzzles me, particularly when they are in such a hurry. I did not understand most of the languages.

I was waiting on a flight north and Delta Airlines seemed to have overbooked the flight by four passengers. People get frustrated, more in a hurry and start to panic.

It was looking like a fun experiment and I needed to be a part of it.

My Daddy always said, "Whether you are playing cards or dealing with a difficult situation, don't get in a hurry." I had a confirmed seat, so I had nothing to lose and everything to gain.

The folks behind the check-in counter started by offering 500 "Delta dollars" to anyone who would give up their seat. I did not know what a "Delta dollar" was, but I was interested and walked up to the counter to ask.

Before I could get there, a fellow had sold his seat for "500 Delta dollars."

The folks behind the counter explained to me that these Delta dollars could be used on any published rate to buy airline tickets. They also said they would provide a place for me to stay the night and a ticket to fly out in the morning. I've always wanted to go to Iceland, but I wasn't sure I was ready to go yet — but I knew a ticket was about \$1,000.

So in my mind and on my bucket list — I was "playing" for a trip to Iceland (and for the fun of it).

Asking the nice fellow behind the counter if the offer would go up, he replied, "I need three more takers, just wait."



**CRANKS MY TRACTOR**  
BN Heard

I sat back down and started talking to a pilot who was waiting for his plane to fly/pilot. He was a nice fellow and sounded like he spoke with a "Southern tongue." I asked him where he was from and how long he had been flying and how many children he had. I like talking to folks.

He was from south of Atlanta, down toward Juliette, Georgia — you know where "The Whistle Stop Café" is and where they made the movie "Fried Green Tomatoes." I've been there; I love the place and the folks, and had my picture taken with members of a motorcycle gang, ate fried green tomatoes and listened to the cicadas.

As a matter of fact, I liked the little town and restaurant so much, I've considered putting, "He loved Juliette" on my tombstone, but I'm afraid folks would get it confused with the wrong love story.

The pilot and I talked about how he had been flying planes since he was a teenager and his parents had both been pilots of small aircraft as a hobby. I asked him if he or his parents were "crop-dusters." This was a legitimate question because he did live in the rural South. He said they weren't and honestly noted he would be afraid of all those chemicals getting on him and the dangers involved with flying crop-dusting planes.

We talked about the Delta Dollars, Iceland, my Daddy's advice of not getting in a hurry and Juliette, Georgia. The pilot agreed that I should hold out a while longer.

The nice man behind the counter raised his bid to 600 Delta dollars and looked at me. I gave him a smirk and shook my head and pointed up.

There were no more takers and they still needed three passengers to give up their seats. I was holding all the good cards.

About this time, a manager (I

assumed) in a red coat showed up with the other folks behind the counter. They seemed to be studying the passenger list and talking about their overbooking problem. I'm sure this is something that happens all the time.

After they huddled, the man came back on the microphone and upped his offer to 800. Again, he looked at me.

I shook my head no and gave him the universal hand signals for 1000 (a pointer finger followed by three fists). He laughed.

Knowing the lady in the red jacket probably had the ability to surrender to me, I walked up to the counter and said, "I know you guys are in a bind and I'm willing to help. Although, I probably won't get to Iceland, I will take 1000 Delta dollars for my ticket."

The lady in the red jacket smiled and surrendered and said, "Sold." About this time, a couple was eavesdropping on my bargaining. They jumped up and said, "If you're giving him 1000, we'll take 1000."

They had their problem solved.

The couple thanked me for "negotiating for them." I said, "Don't thank me, thank my Daddy, Iceland and the cicadas in Juliette, Georgia." They looked at me really strange; the best I could figure they were from the west coast and didn't understand about cicadas or the reasons not to get in a hurry. They still gained their 2000 Delta dollars.

I was happy for them.

After they left, I bargained with the red jacketed lady for a meal voucher and an extra "Overnight Survival Kit" that had neat things in it like a folding hair brush and a toothbrush that breaks the first time you use it.

My flight the next morning was fine, my meal voucher was enough to get me a Cobb salad and the complimentary hotel room was average.

I doubt I'll get to Iceland, but I had a good time.

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## Record Tourism, Laurence Shames and Jimmy Buffett

*"He looked...to the beach, blessed every... lounge chair of the state of Florida...a patient and forgiving state where lives could be rethought, revised, perhaps even repaired."*  
— Tropical Depression by Laurence Shames

The next sound you hear is an entire state exhaling at the conclusion of the Labor Day holiday. Jimmy Buffet had it right in "When The Coast Is Clear" (see lyrics below).

Let's start with the bottom line. Florida may yet host a hundred million visitors in 2014. According to Visit Florida, 24 million out-of-state tourists visited Florida during the three month period of April through June, most of whom seemed to be driving in my neighborhood. Just kidding. This new record eclipsed the second quarter mark by 3 percent, set last year during this time period.

Of these 24 million second quarter visitors, 2.8 million were from overseas and a million were from Canada. More out-of-state Americans came to see us, too: 2.6 percent more than last year's record setting numbers. We don't have the third quarter statistics yet (July through September), but these numbers are likely to establish new records, also.

Tourism is a job creator. Some 1.1 million Florida jobs are directly tied to it, including 76,000 new ones in 2013. The hotel industry thrives. Fattened bed tax revenues subsequently help fund schools, roads and building projects. Realtors sell second homes and condos. Small businesses flourish.

Charter boat fishermen earn a sweat-stained living guiding sunburned tourists into schools of amberjack, snapper and mingo. Visitors throw coins ad nauseam into the plastic netting at the entrance to Florida toll roads, money that helps pay down the debt issued to build those roads.

Speaking of coins, there's a flip side, too. The roads that our visitors help pay for? They're deteriorating faster than we can rebuild them, partly because of so many out-of-state cars. The population in tourist destinations swells to twenty-five and fifty times the actual number of permanent residents. The strain on infrastructure is enormous. Locals shop depleted grocery store shelves, stand in interminable lines, and motor behind excited, erratic drivers. Roads are clogged, and safety and rescue vehicles can often make little more progress in negotiating them than the rest of us. Our water resources, with an aquifer already stressed by commercial development, must sustain not only our permanent residents, but thirsty visitors as well. Gently expressed, the quality of life suffers.

Many visitors eventually themselves become permanent residents. And pay property taxes and contribute to communities. And as such, it doesn't take them long to join the debate over the mixed blessing of unbridled tourism. As Kurt Vonnegut said, "And so it goes."

"That's where it always happens...  
Same place every year;  
I come down to talk to me...  
When the coast is clear."

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Dear Editor,  
My keyboard has been silent for a while but today I must speak out regarding the planned five cent per gallon fuel tax for Gulf County. I have listened to the arguments in favor of the tax but cannot understand how this gas tax increase is in the best interest of the low income and fixed income residents of the county.

The projected revenue stream from this gas tax is about \$120,000. I do not believe this amount will be collected as residents who have the ability to purchase their gas outside Gulf County will do so. Gasoline in Gulf County is already higher than Bay County by .17 to .25 per gallon. Proponents of the tax say it is "only a nickel per gallon". I say it's a nickel on top of \$3.45 that the low and fixed income residents of Gulf County should not be asked to pay.

According to information obtained from the U. S. Census Bureau the latest available numbers lists the per capita income for Gulf County at \$17,975. The median household income for Gulf County is \$39,535 – meaning half the households in Gulf County have an income of less than \$39,535 and the other half of Gulf County households have an income more than \$39,535. Also, according to the census information, 18.8 percent of Gulf County residents live below the poverty level. Veterans comprise approximately 10 percent of our population and residents over 65 are 17.4 percent. Times are difficult for many in Gulf County.

### Gas tax not best interest

Prices for food, clothing, utilities, homeowners insurance, medical costs and other essential goods and services continue to increase. So let's take another "nickel per gallon" bite out of the household budget because we think the tourists should help pay for coming here.

The tourists already contribute a great deal to our economy. The Tourist Development Council's budget last year was just over one million dollars. The TDC gets four pennies per dollar (soon to be 5 pennies per dollar) in bed taxes collected. In order to generate one million dollars for the TDC — twenty six million dollars must be spent for lodging in Gulf County. This is just for lodging. By the way, the total tax for lodging in Gulf County is 11 percent — soon to be 12 percent. This does not include money spent for food at local stores. This does not include money spent for meals enjoyed in local restaurants. This does not include money spent for fishing trips. This does not include purchases made at local merchants in Port St. Joe and throughout Gulf County. Tourists spend a lot of money in Gulf County. This keeps businesses in business. This keeps people employed in Gulf County.

TDC funds are used to rake the beaches as needed, remove trash from the beaches (100,000 pounds of trash was removed this season), maintain pet stations, and provide information kiosks throughout the county. TDC funds promote Gulf County in order to get tourists here. We are a tourist community and we

cannot survive without our tourists. The locals are the bread and butter – the tourists are the gravy. I see the tourists as a good thing. I'm concerned that some in our county see them as nothing more than a cash cow ready to be milked. Vacationers plan all year for a trip to our little piece of paradise and many are on a budget – keep adding taxes – there will be a tipping point and the cash cow will run dry.

Currently the 2014-2015 budget includes the gas tax increase plus a millage increase in ad valorem tax. I hope everyone will take the time to review their TRIM notice. How much will your tax bill increase with the new millage rate? I believe the gas tax increase can be avoided with a reduction in the proposed 2014-2015 budget. There are a number of areas where line items can be cut. The second reading of the gas tax ordinance will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 9, 2014 at the regular BOCC meeting. The BOCC will also vote on this ordinance at that meeting. I realize for many in the workplace it is extremely inconvenient to attend meetings during business hours – but I want to encourage everyone who can possibly make it to be there.

The following day (Sept. 10 at 5 p.m.) there is a budget meeting in the commission board room. I would also like to encourage citizens to attend this meeting as well. We the people, need to let our voices be heard. I sincerely believe we can make a difference.

Barbara Radcliff  
Gulf County Resident and Business Owner

### Grover thanks supporters

hospitality and grace.

Many people are asking me if I intend to seek office again. The answer is yes! I thoroughly enjoyed campaigning and believe that I have much to offer as a public servant. For those of you who supported me, I hope I can gain your support again.

For those of you who were unable to support me, I respect your decision and hope I can gain your support in the future. In the meantime, I will continue to operate my law office and serve the needs of our local communities. Thanks again for your support.

Shalene Grover

### My special dog

When I married into the Parrish family I soon realized their great love for dogs. It must have been a contagious malady as I soon became a dog lover also.

We had several dogs that were special to me, but the most special dog to me was a Tibetan spaniel named Trampus that my son brought to me from his home in South Florida. This little dog came to his house looking for a home,

but my son already had a dog and he felt that I would treasure this little doggie.

He was right! As soon as I got him I was very proud of him, taking him out walking up and down the street. One of my neighbors asked me if I was showing my little dog off. He was sure right.

Then I called the editor of the local paper describing my doggie. He said he'd be right out to take a picture of him as



well as writing an article in the paper on how Trampus had been brought to Port St. Joe to be my special little doggie.  
By Audrey Parrish

## A perfect storm of problems plagues U.S. health care system

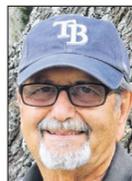
The causes of our health care system's meltdown are many and they're complex.

Are there too few doctors? Are health insurance companies ineffective? Are there too many people without health insurance? Are the drugs too expensive? Are there too many demands on hospitals' staff? Are government regulations too onerous? All of the above? Yes!

It's a perfect storm of problems.

A reader contends that anesthesiologists are working 70 to 80 hours a week because of Obamacare. It's true that hospital-based specialists often work long hours because of health insurer contracts and emergency room responsibilities.

For example, if a physician contracts to provide a specialty



MARC YACHT  
Special to The Star

service like anesthesiology, he/she is required to meet hospital obligations. These obligations are spelled out in contracts and government regulations that hospitals must comply with for accreditation.

Doctors, unlike nurses, are not on shifts. They must respond whenever they are called. Surgeons, radiologists, pathologists, obstetricians, cardiologists, anesthesiologists cannot escape hospital requirements. Hospitals can drop physicians not meeting those requirements. The loss of hospital privileges can end a doctor's career. Also, physicians can face serious sanctions if they fail to respond adequately to patient medical needs.

Certain rare physician specialties have refused

hospital call and have limited their practices. It is more about a sane workload than liability. However, liability cannot be dismissed and adds pressure to the doctor's workday.

The reader who complained that anesthesiologists work too many hours addressed one the serious flaws in health care today. Medical care is unfair to patients and unfair to doctors.

Our nation has 50 million uninsured people. That grim number alone describes a dysfunctional system. In Florida, thirty percent of the population under 65 has no health insurance — 4.5 million people.

The nation's health-care system broke down decades ago as the number of uninsured Americans climbed. President Bill Clinton faced 33 million uninsured. Each year political conflict thwarts health-care

solutions and the problem expands. Citizens feel the effects in costs of care and skyrocketing insurance rates. Health-care workers are overburdened, especially doctors.

Long-term solutions require graduating more medical students to meet growing demand, expanding community health centers, allowing the expansion of practice parameters for physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, opticians, pharmacists and psychologists.

The goal should be universal health-care coverage. Most industrialized nations have solved their health-care problem. The U.S. must fix theirs.

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# Halliburton reaches \$1B spill settlement

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Halliburton's agreement to pay more than \$1 billion to settle numerous claims involving the 2010 BP Gulf of Mexico oil spill could be a way for the company and victims of the spill to avoid years of costly litigation — if all the pieces fall into place.

A federal judge still has to approve the settlement. That same judge has rulings pending on the extent to which parties, including Halliburton, were negligent in the deadly explosion of the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil rig. Those rulings could affect plaintiffs' decisions on whether to participate in the settlement, which was announced Tuesday.

Pending action by the Supreme Court over interpretations of an earlier BP settlement with businesses also comes into play.

Joe Rice, of the law firm Motley Rice, which has been working for the plaintiffs, doesn't see those as major barriers to the settlement.

"They're not extremely complicated pieces," Rice said. "The litigation would be extremely complicated."

The settlement involves commercial or subsistence fishermen or hunt-

ers whose catches were affected by the spill, and businesses and property owners, including local government entities, who had property touched by the oil. They would be able to collect punitive damages from Halliburton through a fund to be administered by a court-appointed representative. The agreement also would settle claims for a separate class of businesses and individuals who were deemed to have causes of action against Halliburton under BP's 2012 settlement with businesses affected by the spill.

Rice said the settlement, if approved by U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier, would settle most major claims against Halliburton, except those filed by state governments affected by the spill.

Halliburton declined comment on the settlement, other than what was in its brief official statement, which noted that the company had a \$1.3 billion loss-contingency provision related to the spill litigation.

RBC Capital Markets analyst Kurt Hallead said Tuesday that, given Halliburton's loss contingency, the settlement shouldn't have a major effect on profits or losses.

## BP: OUST CLAIMS CHIEF FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — BP PLC has asked a federal judge to remove the administrator of damage claims from its 2010 oil spill, saying he failed to disclose a major conflict of interest and spends too much on administration: \$1 billion during two years, or \$1 for every \$5 sent to claimants.

Patrick Juneau is not the neutral person required for the job because he represented Louisiana in talks setting up the claims process and pushed for favorable terms for those with claims, attorneys for BP said in a 43-page motion filed Tuesday with U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier.

In a written statement, Juneau said Tuesday that he will respond in court to the issues BP raised.

Juneau's quarterly reviews have found error rates of 12 percent or more on claims, despite a budget "equal to more than 7 percent of the annual budget of the entire federal judiciary," BP argued. It said the error rate "should be unacceptable to any reasonable and prudent claims administrator."

## APPEAL from page A1

in December 2012 citing five grounds for post-conviction relief, claiming ineffectiveness of counsel and seeking a new trial.

Three of those grounds had previously been denied in circuit court.

One remaining count, seeking relief based on cumulative error, was reserved by the court pending an evidentiary hearing on the final ground.

The evidentiary hearing was held last month with the remaining ground for appeal in which Jackson asserted ineffectiveness on the part of Paul Komarek, Jackson's attorney, for interfering with Jackson's right to testify.

Jackson argued that though he initially told Komarek he did not want to testify, he changed his mind in order to refute the testimony from two prosecution witnesses relating to statements Jackson allegedly made admitting to the killing over a drug deal gone sour as well as the testimony of Investigator Paul Beasley.

On the stand, Beasley testified regarding the murder investigation, interviews with five witnesses who implicated Jackson and a taped telephone conversation with one witness during which Jackson implicated himself in the shooting death of Curcie.

Jackson appealed that Komarek did not call him to the stand nor notify the court that Jackson wished to testify. Further, Jackson argued the court never made an on-the-record inquiry about his desire to testify.

Jackson argued his testimony would undercut the prosecution witnesses and bring in, through testimony about his statement to Beasley, evidence that would point to his innocence.

Circuit Court Judge John L. Fishel II, however, denied the motion based on the hearing, taking into account the demeanor and testimony of witnesses heard during the hearing.

Komarek testified that Jackson told him, "I don't think I ought to take the stand" during preparation for the trial, and Komarek made specific note of the statement, according to Fishel's motion filed Aug. 29.

Jackson testified that after the state rested its case, he changed his mind and returning to the courtroom told Komarek he wanted to testify.

While testifying, Komarek said the conversation never took place, that a defendant testifying is a major event in any case, and while he would have tried to talk Jackson out of testifying if told he wanted to, the final decision would be Jackson's, according to Fishel's motion.

During cross examination in the hearing, the prosecution, Fishel wrote, established that had Jackson testified he would have been subjected to cross examination "that likely would have presented more damaging evidence to the jury," Fishel wrote.

Fishel found that Jackson knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to trial, whether or not the court made an official inquiry.

Further, Fishel found Jackson did not establish that his failure to testify was prejudicial to the defense, denied the motion and further denied the final grounds for relief based on cumulative error.

## BUDGETS from page A1

citywide improvements to the water distribution system.

The first year, the increase was over 20 percent, and each year, the amount of increase has declined. Next year, the scheduled increase is another 3 percent.

Health insurance for city employees went up by just under 5 percent, said the city's broker, Dwight Van Lierop, though the city will realize a savings of 5 percent in property and liability insurance.

The increase in health insurance costs to the city, which subsidizes \$700 per month for all employees, will be \$17,461.

The new fee structure raised premiums for employee-only in-

surance — carried by 47 of the 53 employees on the city's plan — to \$650.15.

"You are still under the cap (of \$700)," city manager Jim Anderson said.

The city is also creating a position within Public Works to address parks and recreation.

The city has contracted out recreation costs — primarily upkeep of city parks and ball fields — the past five years, but the contract had grown to a projected \$45,000 for the coming year.

That, Public Works supervisor John Grantland said, is enough to capture salary and benefits for a full-time employee, at a savings

to the city, and staff had recommended bringing the work back in-house.

Grantland said programs the city wished to establish could be put in place.

"We will be able to improve the area where there have been shortfalls the past five years," Grantland said.

Commissioners could also realize some unexpected revenue during the coming year with Gulf Pines Hospital.

The vacant property is free and clear of title liens, and commissioners hope to raze the building and finalize a plat with a projected six single-family home sites and

sell the land in the coming year.

At the very least, commissioners will need to pay for survey and determine a layout — items not in the budget — before advertising to sell the land.

Another potential variable is solid waste. It remains unclear what the city will pay in tipping fees in the coming fiscal year. The tipping fees will depend on several factors, including the outcome of negotiations on a new contract with Waste Pro and the speed with which Waste Pro constructs a transfer station as Five Points Landfill, which is scheduled to be closed by the county at the end of the year.

## RECOUNT from page A1

Wooten and Taunton embraced after the final tally.

"I ran for the seat and not against James," Wooten said. "It feels good anytime you strive for something and accomplish it."

"It's time to go to work for the children, teachers and voters of Gulf County."

Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton was on hand at the recount to welcome the newest member of the Gulf County School Board.

"Both of these young professionals know the community well, and the close vote shows the respect the community has for each," Norton said. "I congratulate Brooke for his win."

"Having known him, I know Brooke can be an exemplary member of the school board and work hard on behalf of the school, the children and the taxpayers of Gulf County."

Wooten will be sworn in at the Gulf County school board meeting on Sept. 17.

Wooten will replace George Cox, who announced his retirement this year after more than 50 years serving the public schools.

The total voter turnout for the primary was just 27 percent across the county. Of the 550 total ballots cast, 105 were by absentee, 180 through early voting and the remaining 265 at the polls.

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# Gulf County SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUMMARY

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On Monday, Aug. 25, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office traveled to Walton and Washington Correctional Institution to execute orders to transport. John T. M. Tiller (23) and Random M. Jackson (27) were transported to Gulf County for their scheduled appearances in circuit court on Tuesday. Both inmates were returned to their respective facilities on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

On Aug. 25, Deputy S. Willis took a report of a stolen tag at the GCSO Wewahitchka Substation. The offense occurred in the 600 block of Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka. The tag was stolen off of a utility trailer.

On Aug. 25, Deputy P. Williams responded to the Dalkeith Fire Department on County Road 381 in reference the theft of fuel. The complainant reported that approximately six gallons of gas was stolen from a fuel tank which was stored on one of the trucks.

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, Deputy J. Brock took the report of a theft which occurred in the 100 block of Warmouth Drive. The complainant reported the theft of a prop from an outboard motor. The prop was described as a fourteen pitch stainless steel prop. The prop is valued at approximately \$350.

On Aug. 27, Capt. C.

Buchanan served Jonathan F. Sapp (30) with a warrant for violation of probation. Sapp was already in custody at the Gulf County Detention Facility. He is on probation for the Threat of Unlawful Harm and Littering. This is the third VOP served on Sapp by the GCSO. He remains in custody.

On Thursday, Aug. 28, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a physical disturbance in the 100 block of Amy Circle, in Wewahitchka. Sgt. J. Williams was dispatched and arrived at the scene. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Cindy D. Mann (55). Mann was transported to the GCDF and charged with Battery on a Person 65 years of Age or Older. She was first appeared the same day and given a conditional release.

On Aug. 28, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 200 block of Johnson Lane in Wewahitchka regarding a phone scam. The complainant reported he had received a telephone call from an unknown individual who stated he won \$890,000. The caller advised the complainant that all he needed to do is to travel to a Wal-Mart and purchase \$90 money card and mail it to an address which would be revealed after the purchase was made. While Deputy Brock was at the residence the individual phoned again, but disconnect the

call after they learned law enforcement was involved.

On Aug. 28, the GCSO received a complaint regarding a residential burglary in the 200 block of Canning Drive in Red Bull Island. Deputy J. Brock responded to the call. The complainant discovered the screen and a window to the residence knocked out. The residence was described to be in "disarray." The GCSO continues to investigate.

On Friday evening, Aug. 29, Deputy P. Williams was on patrol in the area of the Seven Springs Subdivision and located a vehicle parked in the roadway of Hammock Court without lights on. Contact was made with the occupants of the vehicle. The GCSO had arrested several subjects for drug possession in the area. Deputy P. Williams obtained consent to search the vehicle. The search resulted in the discovery of a small bag containing marijuana and a set of digital scales. Deputy Williams arrested Ryan M. Carver (23) and transported him to the GCDF. Carver was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was first appeared the following day and released on a \$2,500 bond.

On Saturday, Aug. 30, Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the 300 block of West Lakeview Drive in



Wewahitchka after the GCSO received a 911 call regarding a domestic disturbance. At the conclusion of the investigation, Deputy Ferrell arrested Charles R. Hanlon (71) and charged him with Domestic Battery. Hanlon was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released

on a \$1,500 bond. On Aug. 30, Deputy P. Williams arrested Gary L. Hudson (45) in the 8200 block of West U.S. Highway 98 in St. Joe Beach. Hudson was charged with Violation of a Conditional Release on his original charge of Harassing Phone Calls. He was transported to the

GCDF and is held without bond.

On Sunday, Aug. 31, Deputy S. Ferrell responded to the 300 block of Gary Rowell Road, north of Wewahitchka, regarding the theft of a bicycle. A description of the bicycle was provided to Deputy Ferrell by the complainant. The bicycle was later located and recovered. Criminal charges are forthcoming.

On Aug. 31, the GCSO received a 911 call regarding an unknown disturbance in the 100 block of Woodmere Drive, in Honeyville, involving a knife. Deputy P. Williams responded to the call.

When he arrived he observed Norman L. Griggs Jr. (42) with a knife assaulting the victim. Griggs was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF.

## The City of Wewahitchka Board of City Commissioners will hold a PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-1172L

on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:45 pm central time to consider adoption of an ordinance with the following title, to wit:

### ORDINANCE NO. 2014-1172L AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA RESTRICTING THE PRESENCE OF HORSES ON CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY WITHOUT A PERMIT, PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

*A Public Hearing will be held at the Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 8:45 a.m. EST, and at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. EST. Both public hearings will be held in the BOCC Meeting Room at the Robert M. Moore Administration Building, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. The public hearings will be to discuss and act on the following:*

1. *Variance - Ronald M. Jenne, Trustee - Parcel ID #06365-001R - Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 12 West - Gulf side White Sands Drive (Cape San Blas Shores) - 10' road setback to meet DEP.*
2. *Variance - Charles & Mary Dinatale - Parcel ID #06287-125R - Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 11 West - Jubilation Subdivision - 6' setback for new stairs.*
3. *Variance - Seawaters, LLC. - Parcel ID #06345-820R - Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 12 West - Secluded Dunes Drive - Request a 6' boardwalk within beach access easement.*
4. *Variance - Brian Reilly - Parcel ID #06364-004R - Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 12 West - Gulf side White Sands Drive (Cape San Blas Shores) - 10' road setback to meet DEP.*
5. *County Development Regulations and Policies*
  - A. *RV Ordinance discussion*
  - B. *Zoning discussion*
6. *Staff, Public and Open Discussion*

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

Variance - Ronald Jenne

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Variance - Brian Kelly

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## Drift algae comes in many different forms

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You're scalloping, either wading or snorkeling along looking at all the sea life in and around the grass flats. You encounter tan or brown tumbleweed-sized mounds that you push away. The mounds feel rough. If snorkeling, take a break from hunting scallops and closely investigate some of the brown mounds. You will find a world of life in or under those mounds that you might never have seen before.

Those tan mounds are mostly species of *Laurencia*, a genus of red algae. The red algae are a diverse group found from polar seas to the tropics. Many red algae have been used by humans for centuries. Nori, a red algae, is used in sushi. Irish moss (*Chondrus crispus*), was made into a pudding on both sides of the Atlantic. And

carrageenan, a thickening agent, is an additive in many of our processed foods and in cosmetics. Some species of red algae are calcareous and help cement coral reefs together.

If you look closely at a piece of *Laurencia*, you will see that it is somewhat knobby, which accounts for the rough feel. Another red algae species often found in the bay is *Gracilaria*, which is often dark red and feels slippery. It is easy to tell these two algae apart by feel. But these are only two species.

Eight to 65 different species of drift algae have been found in the sea grass beds of the Gulf coast of Florida. Drift algae are found where water currents are slow and the algae can get caught on the blades of turtle grass. The relative shelter of St. Joseph Bay makes for ideal *Laurencia* habitat — plenty of shallow areas for light

penetration, clear water, and slow currents.

The drift algae also account for the complexity and abundance of sea life in the bay. Those mounds of drift algae are either a food source or a habitat, a temporary place of refuge, or a substrate to grow on depending on the organism. Many small invertebrates are found in the drift algae. Tiny hermit crabs can be seen feeding along the fronds of algae picking off bits of smaller algae and debris. Snails, tiny crabs, and hydroids can be spotted with a little patience. As the algae are carried by the currents, the invertebrates are transported from place to place and often distributed to new habitats. Vertebrates that take refuge in the algae are sea horses, pipefish, sea robins, blennies, and gobies, and many a tiny fish can be observed darting into the shelter of the algae when chased by a larger predator. Schools of Pinfish are easily observed grazing on bits of debris and organic matter on the surface of the algae lobes.

Many larger organisms hide beneath the mounds

of algae. Gently lift part of an algae clump aside and you may be rewarded by the sight of a bottom-dwelling fish like a toadfish or possibly a blue crab hiding.

Although drift algae adds to the diversity of the bay, it also can have an adverse effect on the turtle grass. If currents aren't sufficient to move the algae along, the turtle grass does not get sufficient sunlight to grow and occasionally bare areas will be formed. In shallow areas the cellular respiration of the algae can reduce the oxygen content of the water and decaying algae will further reduce oxygen levels.

There is a delicate balancing act between grazers, algae and the sea grass. Herbivores are vital to sea grass growth because they feed on the drift algae and keep it in check. However, the balance can be easily thrown off by the simple addition of too many nutrients into the water.

Algae are simple plants and they respond to fertilizers the same way your garden does. Fertilizer run-off from lawns and farms gets into the bay either by



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direct run-off from lawns on the bay or washed downstream from a distance. Even if your lawn is not directly on the bay, drainage ditches next to roadways carry fertilizer runoff to the bay. Nutrients from septic systems leach into the bay. Human activities have a huge effect on near-shore aquatic systems, and once the system is out of balance there is a cascade effect of overgrowth, algal die-off, depleted oxygen in the water from decomposition, cloudy water that hampers sea grass growth and so on. It takes a long time for the system to get back in balance.

Take a moment to explore the algae clumps while you snorkel. You will be rewarded by some interesting sights and gain some insight into the diversity of

life in St. Joseph Bay.

*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.*

### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sept. 4	86°	76°	50 %
Fri, Sept. 5	86°	76°	50 %
Sat, Sept. 6	86°	76°	50 %
Sun, Sept. 7	86°	76°	60 %
Mon, Sept. 8	87°	77°	30 %
Tues, Sept. 9	87°	78°	30 %
Wed, Sept. 10	87°	78°	40 %

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

### ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
4	Th	5:53am 2.0		4:19pm 0.1	
5	Fr	7:07am 2.0		5:07pm 0.1	
6	Sa	8:23am 1.9		5:51pm 0.3	
7	Su	9:38am 1.8		6:29pm 0.4	
8	Mo	10:53am 1.7		6:52pm 0.8	
9	Tu	12:16am 0.9	12:11pm 1.4	3:20am 0.8	6:41pm 1.0
10	We	1:48pm 1.2	1:38pm 1.3	5:28am 0.7	5:38pm 1.1
11	Th			7:14am 0.7	
12	Fr	12:10am 1.6		9:01am 0.6	
13	Sa	12:52am 1.8		10:53am 0.4	

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
4	Th	2:07am 1.3	10:23am 1.6	4:59am 1.4	7:25pm 0.2
5	Fr	2:48am 1.4	11:45am 1.6	6:44am 1.4	8:21pm 0.2
6	Sa	3:19am 1.4	10:6pm 1.6	7:54am 1.3	9:09pm 0.2
7	Su	3:44am 1.4	2:18pm 1.6	8:48am 1.1	9:52pm 0.3
8	Mo	4:07am 1.4	3:23pm 1.6	9:36am 0.9	10:31pm 0.4
9	Tu	4:28am 1.4	4:22pm 1.6	10:23am 0.8	11:06pm 0.6
10	We	4:48am 1.5	5:19pm 1.6	11:09am 0.6	11:37pm 0.8
11	Th	5:10am 1.5	6:16pm 1.6	11:56am 0.5	
12	Fr	5:35am 1.6	7:15pm 1.4	12:05am 0.9	12:47pm 0.4
13	Sa	6:04am 1.6	8:22pm 1.3	12:32am 1.1	1:44pm 0.4

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#### Inshore/Bay

Inshore fishing is slowing down this week due to school activities and football season, however, we are seeing large schools of red fish this week in and around the Crooked Island area and running the beaches near Shell Island.

These fish are very spooky, so stealth is the best approach for a hook up. Top water action is the best way to land a trout in St. Joe Bay this week as the water temperatures continue to hold around the high 80s.

Get out early as you can, even at day break for the best action and chance at a trophy trout.

#### Offshore/Bottom

Offshore action is still going strong with the exception of Amberjack, which closed on the 25TH, and many anglers are still catching kingfish around the buoys and channel markers in Mexico Beach. Gag grouper is still open in our waters east of Idian pass and many anglers are catching nice fish in the 100-180ft range due south of Cape San Blas.

### LABOR DAY LANDING



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Joey Romanelli spent a good chunk of his holiday weekend laboring to bring in this "really" big red fish. After a photo by his wife, Marie, Joey returned the red fish to the waters of Indian Pass.

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### SNAGGING A SAILFISH



PHILLIP ROBINSON | Special to The Star

Jamie and Phillip Robinson hold a 62-inch sailfish recently caught by Dana Miller at the buoy line off Port St. Joe. They were fishing with duster and cigar minnows and the fish was released shortly after the photo was taken.


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The Tiger Shark defense limited the Gators to 162 yards of offense and forced an interception on this first quarter play.

# Port St. Joe blitzes Wewahitchka

By TIM CROFT

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**PORT ST. JOE** — Jarkeice Davis and Port St. Joe sprinted into the new football season last Friday at Shark Field.

Davis, a senior fullback, rushed for 237 yards and five touchdowns — in the first half — and the Tiger Sharks cruised to a 41-7 victory over county rival Wewahitchka.

Davis finished with 248 yards and scored all six Port St. Joe touchdowns; on just 14 carries, exploiting a combination of excellent blocking up front and spotty tackling by the Gators.

Davis added two receptions for 15 yards and the Tiger Sharks finished with 462 total yards of offense.

About the only ding one could apply to the Tiger Sharks' performance was 80 penalty yards on eight yellow flags.

"I thought the offensive line came out and played hard and did a great job opening holes," said Port St. Joe coach John Palmer. "We didn't execute as crisply as I would have liked, but this is the first game.

"I didn't like the penalties and we are going to have to clean that up. We just have some things to work on."

While the Gators played better in the second half, allowing Port St. Joe just 130 yards of offense and scored a touchdown, the first half avalanche was too much to overcome.

"We are better than we played tonight," said Wewahitchka coach Loren Tillman. "We talked about it at halftime, that they wear that (Gators) on their jerseys not for themselves, but for their school and their community.

"There were many people to play hard for and I thought we came out and played better in the second half, especially our tackling."

After the Gators deferred and kicked off to start the game the Davis show was on.

He completed a 56-yard opening drive with a 23-yard run on the sixth play and Cole Cryderman, who missed just one of six extra points, made it 7-0.

The Gators opened with a new formation, Taylor Flowers at quarterback and Rashard Ranie in the backfield.

It seemed to flummox the Tiger Sharks a bit as Wewahitchka moved into Port St. Joe territory, but Flowers, under pressure, threw short for an interception by Jak Riley at the Tiger Shark 30, and Ranie would return to quarter-

back the rest of the way.

One play after the pick Davis took a pitch right got around the defense and was gone for a touchdown.

Port St. Joe held Wewahitchka to three-and-out and Davis finished a 45-yard drive with a 9-yard touchdown run through two tacklers.

The Gators, with the help of an unsportsmanlike penalty, managed to hold the ball for most of the next seven minutes, moving to the Tiger Shark 40 before faltering and being forced to punt.

Three plays later Davis went 84 yards, busting over right tackle and leaving two tacklers grasping air with a nifty fake at the point of attack before finding nothing but open field.

The first half blitz was completed with an 18-yard touchdown run from Davis and Port St. Joe was up 34-0 at halftime.

After forcing the Gators to punt on the opening drive of the second half Port St. Joe took over at its 44 and needed just seven plays to score and make it 41-0 on a 5-yard run by Davis.

At that point Palmer began substituting liberally.

Brett Satterfield busted over left guard and rumbled 69 yards on the ensuing drive, Peter Setterich adding the extra point to complete the scoring.

## PSJHS soccer numbers up

By TIM CROFT

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The interest in soccer at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School continues to climb.

Coach Gary Hindley held a preseason meeting with prospective players last week with 58 athletes attending as prelude to the start of practice next month.

"The numbers and interest in soccer grows every year at Port St. Joe and in the area," said Hindley, who is entering his sixth season with the program. "The excitement of this summer's World Cup has probably been a huge factor in raising interest in the game locally and nationally."

Hindley's staff include Eli Duarte, who will spend his fifth season as assistant coach.

Eighteen girls showed up for the preseason meeting, eight of them returning players.

The Lady Tiger Sharks return three all-district players in sophomore forward Kathleen Rish, senior midfielder Hayley Wood and freshman goalkeeper Celeste Chiles.

"We have lost five seniors which will be very hard to replace but we should still be able to field a competitive team," Hindley said.

The girls were 9-5-3 overall and 3-1-2 in district play last year. They begin practice Monday, Oct. 6. The season opens with a

preseason Jamboree Saturday, Oct. 25.

Interest in the boys' team brought out 40 athletes for the preseason meeting last week, 18 returning players from a team that went 10-8-2 overall, 3-1-0 in district play last season.

"We lost two very good senior players from last year's squad, but with some talented returnees and a good bit of athleticism in some of the new players, we should be fine," Hindley said. "We look forward to getting started with training on Oct 13."

The Tiger Sharks will host a preseason Jamboree on Saturday, Nov. 1, to kick off the 2014 campaign.

### Soccer goalkeeper camp

Special to The Star

ALL-Pro Soccer, in conjunction with Callaway Youth Soccer, will be hosting a Middle School/High School, preseason goalkeeper camp for all those interested. The four-session camp will run from Thursday, Oct. 2 through Saturday, Oct. 4. There will be two levels of instruction, one for keepers preparing for area school-level soccer, that have had little or no previous training at that position, and a second group of those players with previous positional training. Coaches Gary Hindley of Port St. Joe High School and Coach Don Maples of Knoxville, Tenn., will be the instructors. Only 30 keepers will be registered.

The sessions will be at the Callaway Sports Complex, off State 22 in Callaway.

The Thursday and Friday sessions will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (CST) and the double session on Saturday will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For further questions or to register, call Coach Gary Hindley at 850-276-6353 or gjhallpro@aol.com.

## Golf tournament funds HSHT internships

Special to The Star

High School High Tech at Port St. Joe High School kicked off this school year this past week with a meeting of the returning members. New members will be recruited in the coming weeks. All members of HSHT are students with disabilities who are quite capable of gaining the degrees and training necessary to go into the High Tech fields. The HSHT program is not a public school program but is offered at Port St. Joe High School. It is partially funded by a grant from the ABLE Trust and Florida Vocational Rehabilitation and run by Dyslexia Research Institute. Dr. Patricia Hardman is the director and Melissa Behee is the program coordinator in Port St. Joe.

During the school year the HSHT members are engaged in activities to learn about future employment opportunities, particularly in the High Tech fields. They also participate in community activities, helping others throughout the year. They will have training in what is expected of an employee in the work force, how to learn about the fields that they have interest in and what degrees or training is required, have mentoring days to see their choices in action, go on field trips to learn about employment opportunities and the requirements for the different jobs that are available here in Gulf County and in the world. They also have "fun" at their meetings.

In the summer, those who qualify by having earned points for participation in all the events throughout the year are offered "summer paid internships" to have hands on experience in the work force. The "paid internships" are not funded through the grant, but how can a teenager learn work skills without being paid?

So Dyslexia Research Institute holds the annual Autumn Action golf tournament each year to raise the

stipends for the internships. The Autumn Action is Oct. 5 at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club. Sponsorships for the golf tournament are what pays the stipends, so we need our community leaders and businesses to help out.

Brenden and Cindy Murphy have offered a challenge for sponsors by being willing to match up to \$1500 in dona-

tions or sponsorships. They must raise about \$6,000-\$7,000 to cover all the students who will want summer internships.

Sponsorships range from \$100 for a hole sponsor to \$1,000 for a tournament sponsor. You also can help by bringing a team out to play in the Autumn Action Scramble. Call Dr. Pat at 229-7799.

## Register for the Beach Blast triathlon

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On Sept. 13, athletes from all over the world travel to Veteran's Memorial Park in Beacon Hill to run, bike and swim in this U.S. triathlon sanctioned event.

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volunteers who love the sport.

Following the race, athletes and their friends and family celebrate the accomplishments of the day with great food at the Veteran's Memorial Park.

Learn more about the bi-annual Beach Blast or register for the event online by visiting the website at [www.beachblast.com](http://www.beachblast.com).

## Athletic banner renewal at PSJHS

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School team is taking banner renewals for banners hanging at Shark Stadium.

The cost to renew your banner on the football field is \$100; if the banner will need to be moved to the

R. Marion Craig Coliseum during basketball season add \$100.

New banners, full color and 3-feet by 5-feet, will cost \$150. Select your logo, layout and colors and the banner will be displayed in a highly visible area around the football field and in the gym.

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# Scene around

Staff Report

This page features photos submitted to The Star by readers. Thanks to all who help make this page happen each week. This is intended to highlight the gorgeous, the interesting, weird, fun or just plain best that Gulf County offers. Please submit your photos to [tcroft@starfl.com](mailto:tcroft@starfl.com).



COURTESY OF BILL FAUTH

Star trails frame the Cape San Blas Lighthouse in George Core Park during a recent evening.



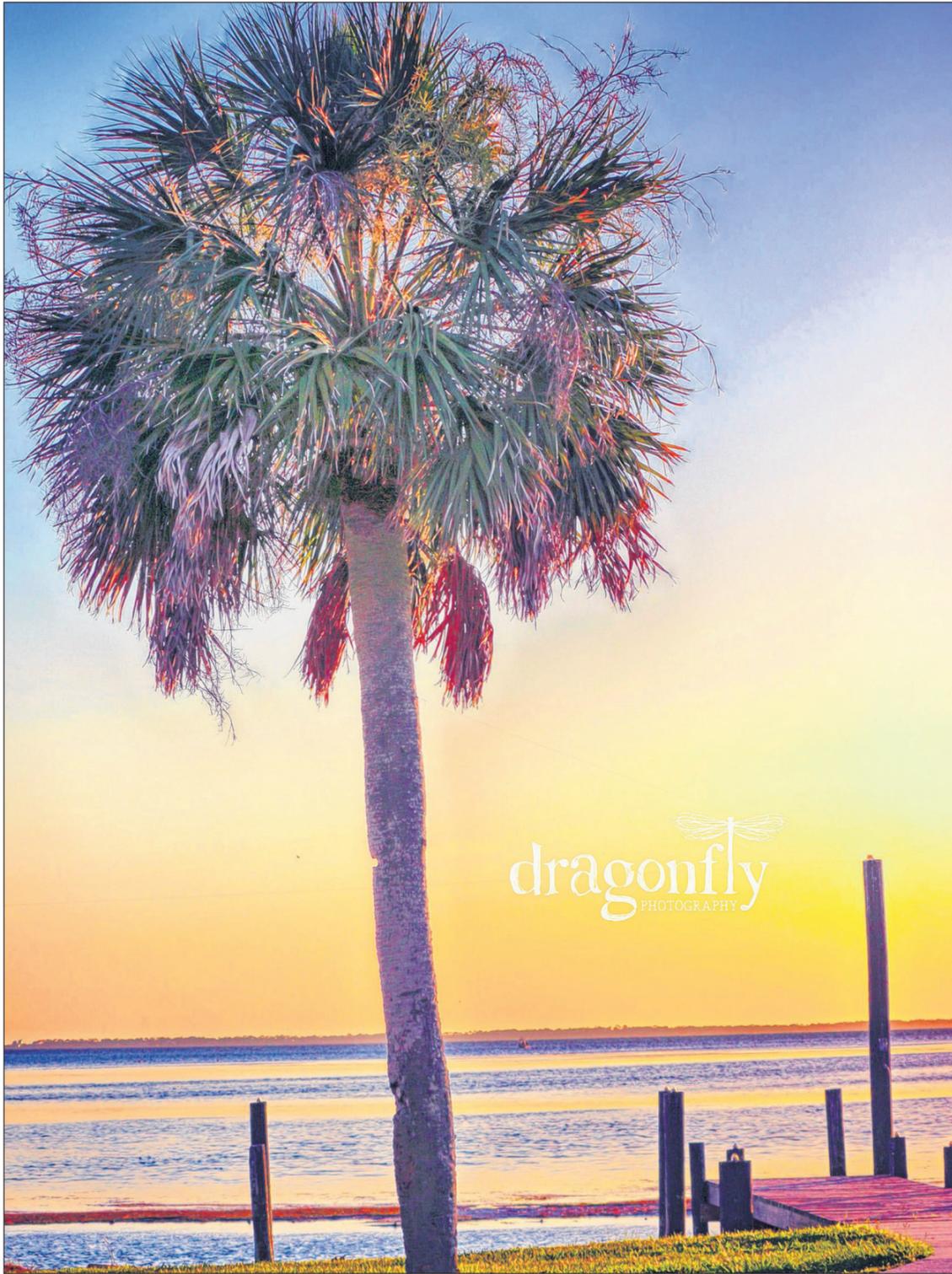
COURTESY OF AN ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTOR

A bride and her mother share photo time on Cape San Blas prior to the wedding.



COURTESY OF SANDRA WARD

A shower darkens the sky over St. Joe Beach.



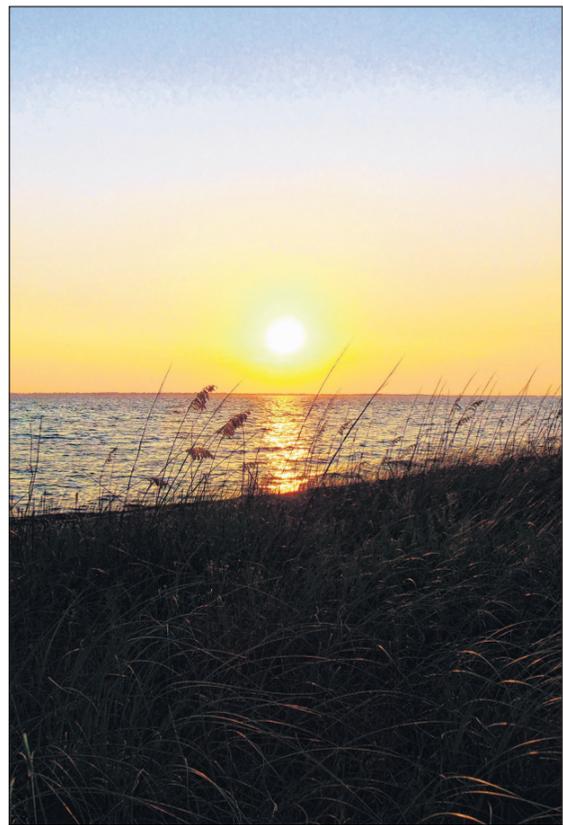
COURTESY OF LAURA AT DRAGONFLY PHOTOGRAPHY

Sunset and St. Joseph Bay – hard to beat.



COURTESY OF BRUCE CRAIN

Vacationer Karsyn Crain shows off a starfish found while exploring St. Joseph Bay.



COURTESY OF SAMANTHA LAYFIELD

A blazing sun sets off St. Joe Beach



COURTESY OF MELINA ELUM

A heron at St. Joe Beach scours the beach.



COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH

A sea gull takes a breather along Jetty Park in Port St. Joe.



COURTESY OF STEVE AT KAYAK DOG ADVENTURES

Let's swim.

## You can help clean up the beaches

By **TIM CROFT**

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A busier beach means, unfortunately, a bit messier beach.

As the summer season comes to a close with Labor Day, volunteers are gearing to spruce up St. Joe Beach.

The inaugural St. Joe Beach cleanup, being held in conjunction

with the annual Mexico Beach cleanup sponsored by The Ocean Conservancy, will be Saturday, Sept. 20.

Volunteers will meet at the corner of U.S. 98 and Coronado Street in St. Joe Beach at 8:30 a.m. ET and continue their cleanup through 10:30 a.m. ET.

Snacks, water, trash bags and gloves will be provided by coordinators of the event.

Please note, if you own a

pickup truck, help the volunteers gather and haul canopies/canopy frames and larger stuff because "volunteers are going after that, too."

"Our beach is getting more use every year, and trash is happening everywhere," said Melina Elum, coordinator for the St. Joe Beach cleanup. "So let's clean it up together."

See **CLEAN UP B6**



Two events Sept. 20 will aim to clean trash from area beaches.

COURTESY OF MELINA ELUM | Special to The Star

## 'Let's have fun'

### Joe Diffie to headline Scallop Fest

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The countdown to the 2014 Florida Scallop and Music Festival is in the homestretch.

With the festival just one week away, one of the major draws for attendees — more than the crafts, the shopping and even the scallop itself — is the music.

Over the course of the two-day festival taking place Sept. 12-13, the air at George Core Park will be filled with music featuring regional favorites along with headliner and country music star Joe Diffie.

Diffie, whose star rose in the '90s with hits like "Pickup Man," "Third Rock from the Sun" and "John Deere Green," will perform Sept. 13.

On his list of country music credentials are Diffie's 13 albums and more than 20 Top 10 singles.

Earlier this year, when fellow country star Jason Aldean

released his hit song "1994," he name-checked many of Joe Diffie's 12 hits, and Diffie found himself thrust back in the spotlight.

"Honestly, I thought it was a bit odd when I first heard the song," Diffie said of Aldean's tune. "I appreciated it, though."

Diffie said he didn't know Aldean before the song was released but recently had the opportunity to meet and thank him. Diffie returned the favor, dropping Aldean's name in his new song "Girl Ridin' Shotgun," a tune for which he teamed up with D-Thrash of the hick-hop group Jawga Boyz.

The Jawga Boyz used YouTube to not only achieve quick success, but kick off a whole subculture of music.

Diffie said his manager showed him a clip of the group's unique style of country music and suggested collaborating between the artists. Several days later, Diffie found himself in the studio with Jawga Boyz vocalist D-Thrash and Nashville

songwriter/producer Philbilly.

The hit quickly came together and soon after was exported to country radio stations across the U.S.

"I've been doing this so long that some younger people haven't heard of me, but I've seen a lot of newer, younger fans at my recent shows," said Diffie, who's currently touring with a five-piece band. "It's an interesting social study."

With the music industry in constant state of flux as downloads, MP3s and digital music players take over the markets, Diffie expressed gratitude at achieving success before the industry changed.

See **DIFFIE B6**



### FARMER'S MARKET SATURDAY



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The next Salt Air Farmer's Market will be Saturday, Sept. 6, at City Commons Park in Port St. Joe. Farmers from around North Florida and Georgia will have fresh produce for purchase, and vendors will sell homemade crafts and jewelry. The Salt Air Farmer's Market promotes a sustainable food system on Florida's Forgotten Coast. The Market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET.

### Music in the Park series begins tonight

By **WES LOCHER**

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Every September for the past nine years, the Mexico Beach Community Development Council has hosted Music in the Park every Thursday of the month.

This year is no different, and the festivities will commence at 6 p.m. CT today at Sunset Park next to the El Governor Motel. To kick off the event, Panama City-based Heat & the Zydeco Gents will take the stage for the first free concert of the season.

"Each band performing this year has its own flavor," said Mexico Beach CDC executive director Kimberly Shoaf. "There's something everyone can enjoy."

Attendees of the family-friendly event are welcome to



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Mexico Beach's Music in the Park event brings live music to Sunset Park each Thursday in September.

bring their lawn chairs, beach blankets and coolers to enjoy the festivities.

No food? No problem. Each week, the Mexico Beach Police Department will serve up hamburgers and hot dogs to raise funds

for the organization.

"The concerts are a great reason to come into town and unwind," Shoaf said. "You can't beat the view, and it's a nice break from the hustle and

See **MUSIC 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) Where is it illegal to stick your tongue out at a fisherman who's caught a bigger fish than you?

Alaska, Maine, Utah, Hawaii

2) In the product WD-40 what does "WD" stand for?

Without drudgery, Water distilled, Without density, Water displacement

3) How many seasons were older TV's "Beverly Hillbillies" filmed in black and white before color?

0, 1, 2, 3

4) Which American city grew up around the colonial Sutter's Fort?

Oklahoma City, Sacramento, Anchorage, Richmond

5) Whose original name was Mission Dolores?

San Francisco, Tina Turner, Miami Beach, Cyndi Lauper

6) What famous work's first line is, "1801- I have just returned from a visit to my landlord"?

War and Peace, Wuthering Heights, Dracula, Walden

7) What was called "No Man's Land"

before its area's statehood?

Montana, Oklahoma Panhandle, Colorado, NW Territory

8) Vog is a Hawaiian word for a fog made up of?

Car pollution, Volcanic ash, Freezing rain, Graffiti

9) How many children did George Washington biologically father?

0, 2, 4, 6

10) Generally speaking what percentage larger is the average male brain over the average

female's?

3, 7, 9, 14

11) Whose production company was named "Shamley"?

Susan Hayward, Richard Boone, Denver Pyle, Alfred Hitchcock

12) Which year marked the deaths of Jim Croce, J R Tolkien, Lyndon Johnson, and Pablo Picasso?

1973, 1975, 1977, 1979

13) Who was America's first woman to win five Olympic gold medals?

Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Bonnie Blair, Wilma Rudolph, Babe Didrikson

14) What state, according to its official name, is technically a plantation?

Rhode Island, Kentucky, Virginia, Illinois

#### ANSWERS

1) Alaska. 2) Water displacement. 3) 3. 4) Sacramento. 5) San Francisco. 6) Wuthering Heights. 7) Oklahoma Panhandle. 8) Volcanic ash. 9) 0. 10) 14. 11) Alfred Hitchcock. 12) 1973. 13) Bonnie Blair. 14) Rhode Island.

# Boy Scout Troop 347 news

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe First Methodist Church sponsored Boy Scout Troop 347 has been busy since June 22 when they introduced the new troop to church members. In the short period of just over two months, the leaders and the boys have gone to summer camp at Gulf Coast Council's Spanish Trails scout reservation in Defuniak Springs. The troop earned an honor troop ribbon for their spirit and team work in multiple camp challenges. The boys also earned merit badges in weather, finger printing, radio, game design, standup paddle boarding, leather working and kayaking.

The troop has had an opportunity to learn how to handle, sink, and UN sink their canoes right here in our own backyard in St. Joe bay. The boys in troop 347 are a great bunch of kids and want to learn and experience new and exciting activities. They are also driven to become an Eagle Scout, proven by the decision of the troop to attend Eagle Scout required merit Badge University in Niceville on Aug. 16 where scouts Sean Farnsley, Christian Quaranta, Corey Phelps, Tyler Guthrie, Noah Perea and Canaan Goddin



earned their environmental science merit badge. The boys have collectively earned 30 merit badges in the past two months as well as other awards including two scouts Tyler Guthrie and Corey Phelps who have advanced to Tenderfoot and Hunter Van Der Tulip who has advanced to Life scout, a

great start for a young troop.

If you would like your son to get involved in the fun and he is between the ages of 11-17, we meet every Monday at 6 p.m. ET at the First United Methodist Church. Come on down check us out and ask us any questions you might have. Or contact Scoutmaster Bill at 247-9091.



## Anniversary



### Yeagers celebrate 60 years of marriage

Warren Yeager, Sr. and Jimmie Yeager married Aug. 18, 1954, at Oak Grove Assembly and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with "a great celebration" at Wakulla Springs Lodge and State Park with sons, Warren Yeager, Jr., and his wife Jacque, and Timothy Yeager and his wife Linda.

Warren Yeager, Jr.'s children, grandchildren of the anniversary couple, are Kelli Combs and Ryan Yeager. Timothy

Yeager's children, also grandchildren to Warren, Sr. and Jimmie, are Savannah and Shae Yeager.

Jacob Cy Combs, Jackson Combs, R.J. Yeager and Drew Yeager are grandchildren of Warren, Jr., great-grandchildren to the anniversary couple.

Jacob Cy Combs has a daughter, Mattie, who is a great-great-grandchild to Warren, Sr. and Jimmie.

Also enjoying the celebration was Robert Combs, Kelli's husband, Brigitte Yeager, Ryan's wife and Jessie Combs, wife of Jacob Cy.

## Society BRIEFS

### 'Hot Dogs for Dogs' fundraiser

The Port St. Joe Marina again is hosting the "Hot Dogs for Dogs" fundraiser 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sept. 6. For a \$5 donation, you will get two hot dogs, a cold drink and chips. All the money raised will go to the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society here in Gulf County. Seahorse Water Safari will supply the hot dogs; the Marina will supply the hot dog buns, condiments, soft drinks, chips, and the workers to grill them.

Volunteers from the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society will be there to answer any questions that you might have about adopting an animal or volunteering to help our animals. A few puppies and/or kittens will be there looking for forever homes.

Please come join us for a couple of hot dogs and help the Humane Society raise needed funds to help our Gulf County animals.

### Tuesday tales storytime at the library

Parents of children ages 0-36 are urged to enjoy Tuesday Tales

Storytime at the Corrine Costin Gibson Memorial Library in Port St. Joe.

Tuesday Tales will begin at 10:30 a.m. ET each Tuesday beginning Sept. 9.

There will be stories, songs and fingerplay for children up to age 3 with their parents.

The library is located at 110 Library Drive. For more information call 229-8879.

### Commissioner Thursbay fundraiser

Let's all pull together as a community to help our neighbor.

Port St. Joe city commissioner William Thursbay is in need of our financial support as he battles verrucous carcinoma of the bladder.

To raise funds, food will be sold at the Centennial Building from noon until 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. Complete chicken or pork dinners will be available with baked beans, coleslaw, roll, drink and a dessert for \$10.

Advance tickets are recommended and will be sold throughout the community at City Hall, Pristine Pools, Haughty

Heron, Mexico Beach CDC, Fish House Restaurant, Mexico Beach Post Office, Beachwalk, Shoreline Salon and Spa, Graba Java and El Governor Motel.

To donate, please call Paula at 227-6128 or Carol at 227-6831.

### Hunger exists all year; help us stock the pantry!

The Gulf County Republican Party is once again teaming up with the folks at the Piggly Wiggly to make sure no one in our community goes hungry this fall from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET at the Port St. Joe Piggly Wiggly.

Pre-bagged groceries in the amounts of \$5 and \$10 will be available for your convenience. Or you make your own selections of non-perishable grocery items. Or you could make a cash donation to convert to gift cards for perishable items.

The grocery donations will help fill the shelves at the Gulf County Senior Center, the Gulf Coast Hope Center and the Food Pantry in the WIG building.

Together we can make a difference. Thank you for your generosity!

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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](mailto:townsend.hsdirector@gmail.com) or [adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com](mailto:adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com) or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Online applications and pet photos are available at [www.sjbhumaneociety.org](http://www.sjbhumaneociety.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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*You're Invited!*

Sacred Heart Medical Group is hosting a community open house to welcome family medicine physician, **Dr. Rachel Bixler**, back home to Port St. Joe. Come tour her office, meet the staff and enjoy refreshments while learning more about Dr. Bixler and Sacred Heart Medical Group.

*Tuesday, September 16, 2014*  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

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For more information about the community open house, please call Dr. Bixler's office at 850-229-5661.

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**OPEN HOUSE AT WES**



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Wewahitchka Elementary School Parents crowded into the Commons Area for the 2014-2015 Open House. Principal Tracy Bowers spoke to the parents about the importance of excellent attendance, school nurturing, campus safety and what it means to be a Title I School. Faculty and staff were introduced and parents enjoyed visiting the classrooms. Ms. Bowers, teachers and staff are excited to begin the 2014-2015 school year and look forward to leading our students into a year of academic excellence!

**SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP** PSJES science teacher Cindy Phillips spends a week learning in Colorado

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While many Gulf County educators take time from students and books during the summer months, fifth-grade teacher at Port St. Joe Elementary School Cindy Phillips spent a week of her July in Colorado experiencing what could only be called science summer camp.

Phillips spent a week at the Keystone Key Institute located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains participating in environmental science-based workshops with teachers from across the U.S.

She was nominated for the trip by the Duke Energy Education Foundation and with the help of a teacher training grant, Phillips' travel, lodging and program costs were covered.

When approached about the workshop by Bobby Pickels, President of the Education Foundation, Phillips said that the decision to participate was a no-brainer. She had always wanted to visit Colorado and she has a lifelong love of science. "I had visited her classroom and saw the excitement she brought as an instructor," Pickels said. "When the opportunity came to select a teacher to participate, it was easy."

Six teachers from the North Florida region joined the training program during which teachers spent six hours each day learning how to identify and solve environmental issues.

The sessions included lab activities, role play and conflict resolution. During one scenario the teachers, all representing grades 5-9, tried to figure out why people within a fake town were getting sick.

They had to identify possible sources, eventually agreeing on the cause and presenting solutions.

The goal of the program is for educators to return to their schools and help students identify key environmental issues in their communities and apply the strategies used in the Key Issues program.

For Phillips, she said these long-form situations were right in her wheelhouse. She said her dream job is to focus just on special sciences, conducting year-long projects that would allow students to experience results over time.

In her 17 years at Port St. Joe Elementary she's conducted several long-form projects, including a recycling project during which students collected over one ton of plastics and aluminum.

"I'd teach science the way it should be taught," Phillips said. "I want to see students collecting and following data and making predictions."

"The thought with the



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At left, joined by teachers from all over the U.S., Phillips and five other educators at the event were sponsored by the Duke Energy Foundation. At right, Cindy Phillips, a fifth grade science teacher at Port St. Joe Elementary, spent a week studying environmental science in Colorado in July.



When not attending daily classes, Phillips enjoyed life in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

recycling program was, if we educate our children to do it, we'll get parents and the community doing it to."

During another project students visited the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve to explore the area's water and biological diversity.

When Phillips was trying to start a dedicated science lab at the elementary school eight years ago, Duke provided a \$5,000 grant to get the project started.

"At the time, I only had

eight test tubes, and I guarded them with my life," Phillips said. "Duke Energy has been wonderful."

Not strictly tied to the classroom, teachers at the Keystone Key Institute experienced science in the outside world, visiting a working gold mine in Breckenridge and a sunrise hike to the Continental Divide, which extends from the Bering Strait to the Strait of Magellan, and separates the watersheds that drain into the Pacific Ocean from those river systems that drain into the

Atlantic.

Phillips said she enjoyed her time working with other teachers and hearing about the lessons they teach in the classroom. The Key Institute offers classes for students as well, and Phillips said she hoped to explore the possibility of taking a future class to study in Colorado.

"Key Issues is an awesome, thought-provoking program that can be easily applied to our community," Phillips said. "We all enjoy the natural beauty of Gulf County and

it is vital that our children learn to appreciate and care for it."

Not one to slow down, Phillips also received a \$15,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to implement a LEGO Robotics curriculum. The goal of the program is to build interest and engagement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields through creative play and innovation.

The contribution from Duke Energy will also be used to apply for a

matching grant from the State of Florida.

Though the grant will help with the purchase of specially-designed LEGO educational packs, Phillips welcomes any donation of LEGOS to the school in anticipation of the upcoming project.

"They're not just playing with LEGOS, there's a curriculum," Phillips said. "Kids love LEGOS, but we can use them to do math, volume, engineering and now robotics."

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## OBITUARY

### Kathryn Glass Oliver

Kathryn Glass Oliver, 80, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014, in her home in Wewahitchka, Fla.

Kathryn was born on Aug. 9, 1934, at Buckhorn in Wewahitchka, to the late Cecil Glass and Sallie Mae Pitts Glass. She was one of thirteen children with a twin brother.

Her faith, family and friends were most important in her life. She kept the nursery in the church for many years and watched many children grow up and have children of their own and kept them too. All her little ones were very special to her.

She is survived by her children, Charles Oliver Jr. of Panama City, Doris M. Burrell, of Wewahitchka. Jonathan W. Oliver and wife Jan of Atlanta, Ga., Tim W. Oliver "Skip" and wife Tanja of Wewahitchka, Stacy C. Oliver and wife Candy of Panama City; along with her seven grandchildren, Stephanie Burkett, Stanley Burkett, Kelly Scott, Dusty

Jenkins, William Jenkins, Ginny Brock and Bryan Oliver. Kathryn had 10 great-grandchildren.

Kathryn is also survived by her brothers, James Carl Glass and Joseph Glass; her sisters, Louise Keith and Betty Ruth Williams; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, Charles B. Oliver "Shorty," and her daughter, Iris Kathryn Burkett.

Kathryn will lay in state at the home of Donald Cox, 141 Lister Dr. in Wewahitchka. The family received visitors Friday from 6-8 p.m. CDT. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. CDT on Saturday, Aug. 30 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God with Bro. Joey Smith officiating. Interment followed at Jehu Cemetery.

All services are under the direction of the Comforter Funeral Home, Wewahitchka Branch Chapel.

### Victory through Jesus

Jesus is very much alive and well.

He won the victory, over death and hell.

The Bible says Pilate, let a murderer go free.

That Jesus might die, for you and for me.

The soldiers abused Him, as they led Him to the cross.

His disciples and friends grieved, at such a great loss.

Someone crowned Him with thorns, till blood flowed from His brow.

Yet He loved them still, though I don't know how.

God put His son, through suffering and shame, that we might have victory, if we believe in His name.

Since the veil was torn, we can go to God in prayer.

Are you doing this Christian, do you really care?

Many of us, as Peter did, falter in many things we do.

But if we give it all to Jesus we can have victory, too.

Billy Johnson

## Tips for avoiding charity scams revealed At Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

How to avoid being fooled by fake charities will be discussed at 7 p.m. CT Monday, Sept. 8 at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "How to Sniff Out a Scam: Practical Tips for Giving Wisely," features a recorded interview with a woman who rallied her community to raise money for a friend

who lied about needing cash for cancer treatment.

"When I learned I'd been lied to, it was like getting hit in the gut with a baseball bat," says Michele Beck.

Lifetree participants will get tools that will help them tell which charitable appeals are legitimate and feel comfortable giving to worthy causes.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Snacks

and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located at 1602 U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach across from El Governor Motel.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffee-house-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Gary Grubb at 334-806-5667 or lwclifetree-cafe@fairpoint.net.



The Lion's Tale

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**New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church**

Sunday	Wednesday
Sunday School ..... 9:00 am	Dinner.....5:00 - 6:00 pm
Worship Service..... 10:30 am	AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm
Choir..... 6:00 pm	Surrender Student Ministry.....6:15 - 7:30 pm
	Prayer/Bible Study.....6:15 - 7:30 pm
	Nursery.....6:00 - 7:30 pm

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**First United Methodist Church**  
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**Attention: Nursery Position**  
or P.O. Box 266 Port St. Joe, FL 32457  
**Attention: Bobbi Lassiter**

**Highland View Baptist Homecoming**  
The Highland View Baptist Church will hold its 34th annual Homecoming at 10:30 a.m. ET on Sept. 14. We will be celebrating 63 years of ministry and would like to extend an invitation to members, past members and anyone in our community to join us on this special day. Our former interim pastor, Bro. Larry DeMoss, will be our guest speaker and we will

## FAITH BRIEFS

have several special music presentations. There will be a covered dish lunch in the Church Fellowship Hall following the service. The church is at 310 Ling Street in Highland View.

**Annual Women Day celebration**  
The annual Women Day celebration will be held at 3 p.m. ET on Sept. 14 at Victory Temple. Colors for the event are orange, white and silver and the speaker

for the event will be Apostle Kilpatrick. Come out and be blessed with Pastor Elden Charles Gathers.

**Beach Baptist fish fry**  
The Beach Baptist Chapel will hold a fish fry fundraiser from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. Proceeds help purchase of new playground equipment for the church grounds. Tickets are on sale for \$6, meals will include fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw and a cake.

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# CR & Son's returns to Gulf County

By WES LOCHER  
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CR & Son's is a name with a rich history in Port St. Joe.

After a six-year absence, the business will soon be re-born in Highland View in early September.

Owner Renee Smith will open C&R's Feed & Seed Lawn & Garden on Trout Street where she believes she will bring something new to the city of Port St. Joe.

"Once I decided I was going to open my own business, I tried to think of something that's not here," said Smith. "I'm really big on local stuff and I wanted the people who live here to be able to stay here if they wanted."

Smith's goal was to create a business that sells feed for horses, dogs, catfish and chickens along with grass and bird seed and even a dash of plants added. Additionally, Smith will sell dog and horse supplies and have a gift shop.

CR & Son's, founded in 1976 was well-known for its work in the heavy construction, hauling, septic tank installation and

land clearing arenas. Owned by Smith's grandfather, Charles R. Smith, Jr. and father, Donnie Smith, the business ran until the economy forced the doors in 2008.

Smith's family has deep roots in Gulf County. She was born and raised in Highland View and graduated from Port St. Joe High School, as did her parents before her. A third generation native of Port St. Joe, Smith's grandfather worked days at the paper mill and her grandmother sold tickets at the movie theater on Reid Ave.

With no boys in the family, Smith often found herself watching her father and grandfather work as they cleared the Hess Plant where Port St. Joe Marina now sits, took away contaminated soil from the paper mill site after its demolition and cleared other local landmarks including Linda's Restaurant.

"My father and grandfather instilled a tremendous work ethic in me," said Smith. "I owe my dad a huge debt of gratitude for showing me how important it is to work hard, be fair and be honest."

In 2002 Smith purchased the CR & Son's to keep the family

name going and was named Small Businessperson of the year in 2005 by the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, which also led to a feature article in a 2006 edition of Pumper Magazine.

After CR & Son's closed, Smith worked at other local establishments but knew she ultimately wanted to go into business for herself. She wasn't sure what type of business she would open until one day while driving she saw a man feeding his dog alongside the road and wondered where he bought his large bag of dog food.

She said she realized that while people could buy dog food at the local grocery store, many people have hunting dogs, which requires a larger supply, and the owners more than likely had to travel to nearby Panama City to pick up food. She also became aware of the many horses in the area and thought it might help the community if she could provide those items in town.

"I'm offering a service to the community," said Smith. "Gas is expensive and sometimes it's nice just to be able to run down the street and pick something up."

C&R's Feed & Seed Lawn & Garden will open in September in Highland View.



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Smith aims to pass her work ethic to her son, Canaan, an 8th grader at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School. He will work in the store after schools and on weekends.

More than simply being another store in the community, Smith said her goal is take things back to the way they used to be: simple and slow.

"I want people to come into the store and feel welcome," said Smith. "I want a casual atmosphere where people can come in, have some coffee and talk. Loitering will be allowed."

"Everyone is in too big of a hurry and almost no one knows their neighbors and I don't want anyone to feel rushed."

Smith already owned the

Highland View property where CR & Son's relocated after selling its property along U.S. 98 but it hasn't played home to a business in many years. Smith said it was the perfect place to reopen the family business, even if it was something a little bit different.

"I came home," said Smith. "I didn't realize how much I missed it."

Smith said she desires to sell what the local market needs and encourages those who buy in bulk to reach out to her.

C&R's Feed and Seed Lawn and Garden will open in early September next to the John C. Gainous VFW Post 10069. Smith encourages those with feed and seed needs to call her at 227-3322.

# Understanding the Florida fertilizer label

You can judge fertilizer by appearance. Fortunately, state law requires each fertilizer label to include specific content facts. However, these can be confusing.

To obtain the proper types of fertilizers for various applications, you must understand the label. At the top you'll find the identification of the manufacturer or distributor. Of course, this doesn't tell how well the fertilizer will help your lawn, ornamentals, or vegetables.

Next, if the term "organic" is used, these will be a statement identifying the type of material, as well as how much is natural, and how much is synthetic. This is an important indication of how the fertilizer will react in your soil. For example, natural, natural organic nitrogen is released slowly. A fertilizer containing a high percentage of this material would be good for lawns, helping them stay green, without causing spurts of extra fast growth.

The key information is found in the guaranteed analysis section of the label. A series of numbers, such as 8-8-8 or 10-10-10, tell you which, and how much, of the primary



ROY LEE CARTER  
County extension director

plant nutrients the fertilizer contains. That is, the numbers show the guaranteed amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. For example, a fertilizer labeled 10-10-10 contains ten percent

nitrogen, ten percent phosphorous, and ten percent potassium. Thus, a hundred pounds of this analysis contain 30 pounds of plant food. The other 70 pounds is accounted for by conditioners and fillers, require for even spreading. These may include some incidental trace elements. If the fertilizer contains significant amounts of secondary plant foods, such as calcium, magnesium, copper and other, they will be listed near the bottom of the tag.

The most difficult part of the label to understand is the information listed right after the total nitrogen figure, in the guaranteed analysis section. In addition to the total amount, the label gives percentages of each of several types of nitrogen in the mix. This tells you a lot about how the fertilizer works.

You'll see the terms nitrate nitrogen, ammoniacal nitrogen, water soluble organic nitrogen, urea nitrogen, and

water insoluble nitrogen. Plants use nitrate, water soluble organic, and urea nitrogen fairly quickly. They might work well in a vegetable garden.

But, they won't last very long, because they're rapidly leached out of the soil by rain and irrigation water. On the other hand, ammoniacal and water insoluble nitrogen will last longer in sandy Florida soils.

Following the basic analysis, is a statement of the maximum amount of chlorine the fertilizer contains. Excess chlorine may be injurious to certain plants, both vegetables and ornamentals species. Small amounts can be beneficial under some condition.

Unfortunately, I can't fully explain anything this complicated in one short article. I hope I've clarified a few of the basic points. To obtain the proper fertilizer for your specific vegetable and ornamental gardening needs, you must understand the information on fertilizer labels when in doubt; we suggest you check with your County Extension Agent.

For more information on Florida fertilizer label contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit our website: <http://gulf.ifas.ufl.edu> or [www.http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu).

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- Sept. 16**, Tips to use whether you are starting with seeds or transplants;
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## DIFFIE from page B1

"I'm just thankful I got in when I did because it's very difficult for new artists," Diffie said.

The singer-songwriter said whereas an album used to contain an average of four singles that could be promoted leading up to and after an album's release, the new business model offers many newer artists just one chance to hit the big time rather than stick with an artist to help them develop a long-term career.

Business aside, Diffie said his love of music comes from performing live for his fans and "making something out of thin air" in the studio.

"I'm always looking for something new and fresh," which was a driving factor behind the collaboration with the Jawga Boyz, Diffie said.

Just because Diffie was

out of the spotlight doesn't mean he slowed down at all.

He spent the last few years writing hits for fellow country artists like Tim McGraw, Conway Twitty and Jo Dee Messina.

He has been touring and recording a number of projects including the 2010 bluegrass album "Homecoming," followed by a recent "Roots and Boots" acoustic tour and collaborative album called "All in the Same Boat,"

which paired him with fellow country artists Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin.

Diffie also plans to release a new album of original songs before the end of the year.

Though the Scallop Festival will bring him to Port St. Joe for the first time, Diffie expressed a love for the Florida Panhandle and cited it

as a favorite vacation spot for him and his family.

He said those who come to see him at this year's festival will enjoy his many hits as well as newer material.

"My basic philosophy is, let's have fun on stage and they'll have fun in the audience," Diffie said. "It usually works out pretty well."

On Friday night of the Scallop Festival, Dread Clampitt will bring its blend of bluegrass, rock and roll, blues, jazz and Louisiana Bayou funk from Santa Rosa to the stage at George Core Park starting at 7 p.m. ET.

On Saturday evening, Tallahassee four-piece Tobacco Road will open the night at 7 p.m. with Diffie to follow at 9 p.m. ET.

Access to the live music concerts is included with festival admission.

## MUSIC from page B1

bustle of school.

"September is a breather month and a good time just to sit down and relax."

Back by popular demand,

the Boyer Band will perform on Sept. 11, the Bo Spring Band on Sept. 18 and first-timers Konkrete Soul on Sept. 25.

Each concert begins at 6 p.m. CT and lasts until 8 p.m. Parking is available at the El Governor Motel on U.S. Highway 98.

## MEXICO BEACH CLEANUP

The annual Mexico Beach cleanup will take place from 8:30-10:30 a.m. CT Sept. 20. Volunteers should meet at Sunset Park at U.S. 98 and 19th Street. For more information, email Jane Mathis at janemathis@mchsi.com.

The Mexico Beach cleanup is held in conjunction with the 29th annual Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. Each year, hundreds of thousands of volunteers from around the world spend a few hours removing trash and debris from beaches, lakes and rivers, keeping track of every piece of trash they find. The Ocean Conservancy uses that information to produce an annual snapshot of the problem of marine debris.

Last year globally, 648,015 volunteers picked up more than 12.3 million pounds of trash along 12,914 miles of shoreline.

In Florida, 24,924 volunteers found over 322,500 pounds of trash in 2013. In Mexico Beach alone, 39 volunteers picked up almost over 500 pounds of trash on the 3.1 miles of beach.

## CLEAN UP from page B1

Elum said the event is a great Saturday morning activity and a good way to meet new people.

"It's also an excellent learning activity for kids to teach them about marine trash and ocean health, and we'll supply free educational materials," Elum said. "And most of all, it's something tangible and positive you can do for our community."

Elum is spreading the word, asking volunteers to tell their friends, neighbors and coworkers

and any and all permanent or part-time residents of Gulf County.

In addition, organizers seek to get an idea how many people will be helping out Sept. 20 and are asking anyone interested in participating to email Elum at melina33@earthlink.net so they can better arrange to have enough snacks, water and bags on hand.

"Together we can make a difference," Elum said. "Please volunteer for this very important activity."



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335295  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 863  
Application No. 2014-34  
Date of Issuance: May 31, 2012  
R.E. No: 03426-530R

Description of Property:

COMMENCE at a concrete monument marking the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, and thence go North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes 30 Seconds East along the North boundary of said Section 33, for 670.00 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 40 Seconds East for 67.60 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way line of a County Road (right of way as per field monumentation); thence continue South 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 40 Seconds East for 420.00 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, go North 89 Degrees 30 Minutes 30 Seconds East for 210.00 feet; thence go South 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 40 Seconds East for 105.00 feet, thence go South 89 Degrees 30 Minutes 30 Seconds West for 210.00 feet; thence go North 00 Degrees 07 Minutes 40 Seconds West for 105.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel of land lying and being in the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, and having an area of 0.51 acre, more or less. ALSO, known as Lot 5.

Name in which assessed: Glenn Earl Haney, III and Gail L. Haney

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 24th day of September, 2014. Dated this 19th day of August, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,  
Deputy Clerk  
August 21, 28,  
September 4, 11, 2014

**33545S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 10-352-CA

WELLS FARGO BANK, as successor by merger to WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MONICA E. EWING, HERBERT C. EWING, WINDMARK BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, and SECOND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, the undersigned Clerk will offer for sale the following real and personal property more particularly described as:

Lot 5, Block "4", FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE NORTH AT WINDMARK BEACH, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 16-19, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, TOGETHER WITH: all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property.

The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Civil Action No. 2010-CA-000352 now pending in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 15th day of August, 2014.

BECKY NORRIS  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Gulf County, Florida

By: B. McGhee-Collins  
As Deputy Clerk  
August 28,  
September 4, 2014

**33583S**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 1071  
Application No. 2014-37  
Date of Issuance: May 31, 2012  
R.E. No: 04154-000R

Description of Property:

Lots Two (2) and Four (4), Block Thirty-Two (32), Port St. Joe Beach Unit No. Two (2), as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 6 in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Gulf County, Florida, same being located in Tract Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 11 West.

Name in which assessed: Kenneth James Todd Gould, ET AL

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 24th day of September, 2014. Dated this 19th day of August, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,  
Deputy Clerk  
August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2014

**33585S**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 710  
Application No. 2014-35  
Date of Issuance: May 31, 2012  
R.E. No: 03130-005R

Description of Property:

Lot 9, Block "D", Money Bayou Subdivision, a subdivision as per plat or map thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 49, of the Public Records of Gulf

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County, Florida.

Name in which assessed: Kevin Strickland

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 1st day of October, 2014. Dated this 25th day of August, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,  
Deputy Clerk  
August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2014

**33587S**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

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

Tax Sale Certificate No. 266  
Application No. 2014-36  
Date of Issuance: May 31, 2012  
R.E. No: 01369-110R

Description of Property:

BEGINNING at a St. Joe Paper Company Monument marking the SE Corner of Section 35, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, and thence run South 86 Degrees 39 Minutes 48 Seconds West, along the South boundary line of said Section 35, for 228.13 feet to a point on the Easterly R/W line of State Road No. 71; then turn right along said R/W line along the arc of a curve to the left which has a radius of 4384.04 feet and a central angle of 05 Degrees 10 Minutes 23 Seconds, for an arc length of 395.82 feet; thence leaving said R/W line run North 85 Degrees 55 Minutes 02 Seconds East for 634.98 feet; thence South 03 Degrees 21 Minutes 05 Seconds East for 390.04 feet; thence South 85 Degrees 55 Minutes 02 Seconds West for 484.24 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land lying and being in Sections 35 and 36, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, Gulf County, Florida, and having an area of 261,338.22 square feet or 6.00 acres, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT that Deeded to Ladora L. Mombi, as per Deed recorded in O.R. Book 237, Page 267, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida

Name in which assessed: Donna K. Nickell

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.T., Wednesday, the 1st day of October, 2014. Dated this 25th day of August, 2014.

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

By: Donna L. Ray,  
Deputy Clerk  
August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2014

**33601S**  
IN THE CIRCUIT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION

By: Donna L. Ray,  
Deputy Clerk  
August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2014

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MAMIE P. HARPER, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of MAMIE P. HARPER, Deceased, File Number 14-45PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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marsh; thence Northwesterly along edge of said marsh for 150.00 feet, more or less, to a point on a line that bears South 14°04'40" East from the point of beginning; thence North 14°04'40" West for 504.59 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Containing 1.3 acres, more or less.

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, ditches, and water stock and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future be part of the real estate described above.

pursuant to the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure (in rem only) in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM G. CLAYTON; VALERIE S. CLAYTON; JUBILATION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

and the docket number of which is: 2014 CA 00034

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

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 ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADArequest@jud14.flcourts.org

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the Honorable Court this 25th day of August, 2014.

REBECCA L. NORRIS  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Gulf County, Florida

By: B. McGee-Collins  
Deputy Clerk  
September 4, 11, 2014

**33611S**  
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NORTHFLORIDA PANAMA CITY DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 5:13-cv-00162

CADENCE BANK, N.A., as successor-in-interest by merger to Superior Bank, N.A., as successor-in-interest to Superior Bank, FSB, by asset acquisition from the FDIC as receiver for Superior Bank, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

APEX DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a limited liability company, GEORGE STEPHENS NEWMAN, JR., an individual, JOSEPH PATRICK FERRELL, an individual, JOHN Z. FERRELL, an individual CARRAWAY BAY PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Florida non-profit corporation, OCEAN PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, HIDE-A-WAY AT LAKE POWELL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A Florida non-profit corporation, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF U.S. MARSHAL'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Amended Final Default and Summary Judgment directed to me by the U.S. District Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned United States Marshal or any of his duly authorized deputies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 2001, et seq., will sell the property having the legal description of:

EXHIBIT "A"

**Newman-Ferrell Property:**  
A parcel of land lying and being in Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

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