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BOCC moves toward Leave No Trace

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One audience member gave the motion an "Amen."

The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday morning took the first step toward the implementation by next spring of a Leave No Trace ordinance for the county's beaches.

Commissioner Warren Yea-

ger, as part of comments about appointments to the Tourist Development Council advisory board, said county and tourism officials have watched problems with debris on the beach grow exponentially as tourist volume has also increased.

Though the success the TDC has had in marketing Gulf County has been a boon for tourism, it has also meant problems with trash on the beaches.

The evidence seemed particularly abundant this year, despite an ambassador program aimed at providing education and hospitality outreach on the beaches.

A beach maintenance team has taken tens of thousands of pounds of trash off the beach this summer.

Reporting of debris, including tents, pylons, tables and chairs, as well as incidences of campfire residue left be-

hind and huge holes dug in the sand and left unfilled have been on the rise.

The problems have not only been visited upon many part- and full-time residents of South Gulf County, but also their neighbors, nesting sea turtles.

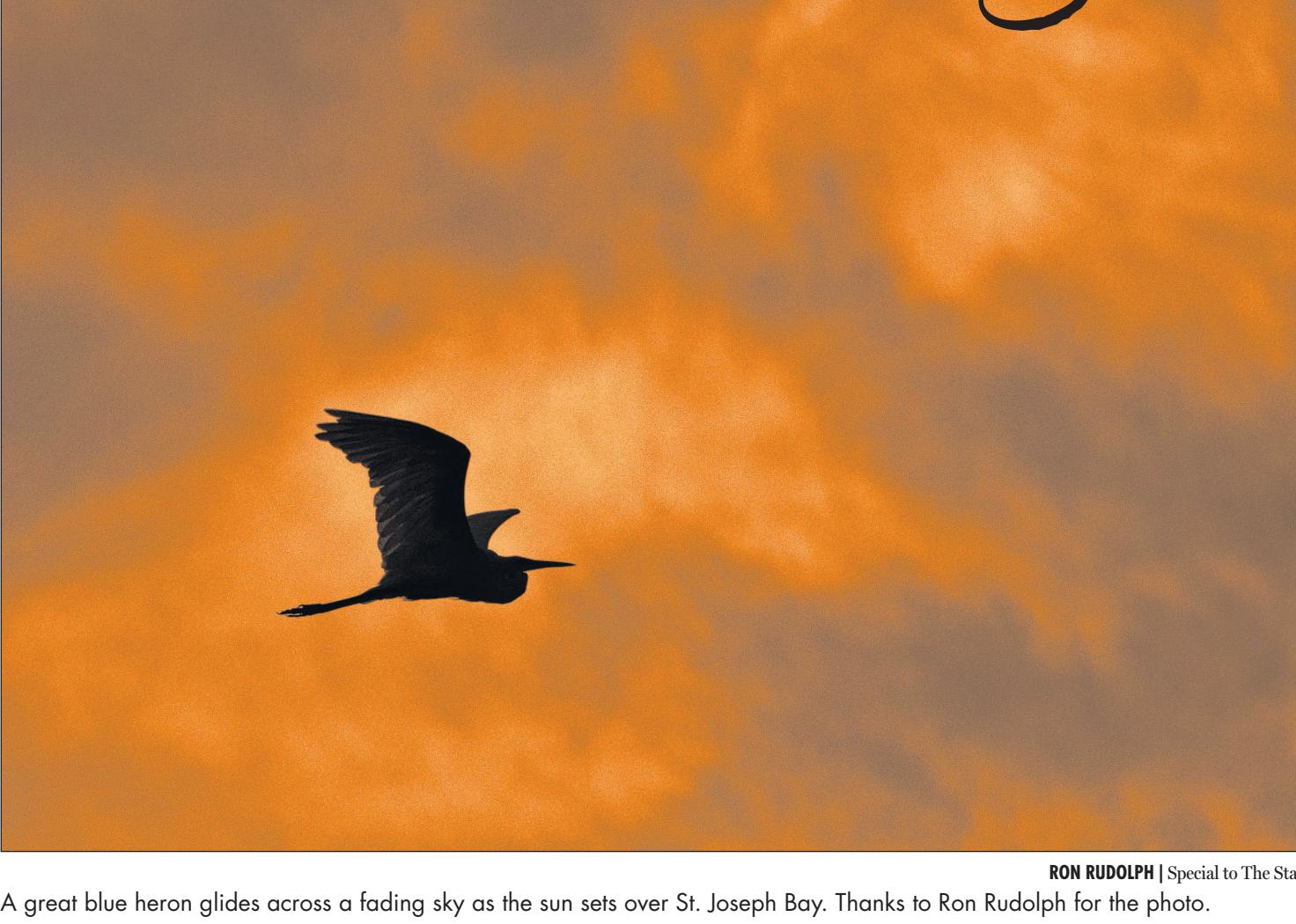
This newspaper has seen a sharp rise, including again this week, of Letters to the

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"The TDC has done a great job of bringing people to Gulf County, but they leave a lot of things behind. It has become a real problem for the turtles and for people who live on the beach."

Warren Yeager, county commissioner

Sunset sailing



RON RUDOLPH | Special to The Star

A great blue heron glides across a fading sky as the sun sets over St. Joseph Bay. Thanks to Ron Rudolph for the photo.

Mexico Beach and St. Joe Beach get a good scrubbing

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The beaches are sparkling. Last Saturday, 82 volunteers took to both St. Joe Beach and Mexico Beach for a series of community cleanup events.

Volunteers spent the early morning hours walking the beaches and cleaning up trash from the shore, through the dunes and all the way to U.S. Highway 98.

The cleanup was in conjunction with the 29th annual Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, during which volunteers clean up the shores of beaches, lakes and rivers across the world.

In 2013, an estimated 648,015 volunteers picked up more than 12.3 million pounds of trash along 12,914 miles of shoreline.

In St. Joe Beach, the inaugural cleanup was led by resident Melina Elum.

Her crew consisted of 30 volunteers, 16 of whom were NJROTC students from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School joined by leader Marty Jarosz. The remaining volunteers were concerned resi-



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ABOVE: Volunteers keep an eye out for trash on St. Joe Beach during a cleanup Saturday. **RIGHT:** Almost 900 cigarette butts were pulled from the shore, dunes and shoulder of St. Joe Beach.

dents and visitors to the area.

Elum's crew collected about 315 pounds of trash, filling 21 bags.



"I was really pleased," Elum said. "It was a big success."

Elum has owned property in St. Joe Beach since 1990 and

visited a half dozen times each year before settling permanently in Gulf County. She said the beaches are what bring both residents and visitors to the area, and it's important to keep them beautiful.

"I'm ready to see something happen with a Leave no Trace ordinance," Elum said. "Something with teeth that will solve the problem."

"It's about the beach aesthetic. The only thing you should leave on the beach is your footprints."

Elum broke her volunteers into groups of two across 10 zones, each responsible for two city blocks worth of beach. One person picked up refuse while the other identified the trash and tallied it on a card.

The information is collected and sent to the Ocean Conservancy offices, where it can be further analyzed.

Among the trash collected were 894 cigarette butts, car parts and even a wooden door to a ship, found rotting in the dunes.

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BOCC adopts budget, tax increase

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The Board of County Commissioners took a little from all to balance its budget.

Commissioners closed the final gap in the 2014-2015 budget by implementing an across-the-board 1 percent cut for departments and constitutional officers and adopted a final budget Monday night.

By the end of the second public hearing Monday, commissioners finished the work of cutting to reach the tentative millage rate of 6.9936, up more than four-tenths of a mill from last year, and to finalize a spending plan for the next year that includes a nearly 8 percent increase in taxes, translating to just over \$800,000.

A mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable property value.

Commissioners entered September's public hearings needing to slice roughly \$115,000 from the budget after a proposal to institute a 5-cent increase in the local option gas tax was voted down by commissioners last month.

That revenue was counted in the tentative budget on which the tentative millage rate was set. Once set, commissioners were locked into that tentative rate as a ceiling.

During the first budget meeting, commissioners chopped \$40,000 that was earmarked for work toward countywide voting and debated proposals from Commissioner Joanna Bryan that looked more closely at individual line items and departments.

Commissioners tabled action and recommended the budget review committee look at areas of a budget document County Administrator Don Butler said was in need of "maintenance" and that commissioners questioned repeatedly concerning accuracy of the numbers.

They borrowed money from a restricted fund for the general fund and pledged answers by Monday's second public hearing.

And stemming from that first meeting was a recommendation from Commissioner Carmen McLemore that took hold to cut all budgets by 1 percent in order to completely close the gap.

That gap, with motions to rescind cuts to several outside agencies, including the Gulf County Library, folded in, amounted to roughly \$100,000, Butler said Monday.

Some budgets carried restric-

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SETTING IT STRAIGHT

Star Staff Report

Last week The Star reported that in the vote on the sale of the Highland View Elementary School property, Gulf County School Board members George Cox and Danny Little voted not to sell the property for \$650,000. During the 3-2 vote, Danny Little and Billy Quinn Jr. dissented while Cox was in support of the sale.

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tions, Butler noted, that would not allow for cuts. There were already commitments on the books that were factored, but cutting departments and constitutional officers 1 percent would bring an additional \$125,512 to the revenue side, he said.

McLemore motioned and commissioners agreed to funnel the roughly \$25,000 over what was needed into the budget of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

Bryan opposed the cuts, arguing that in sweeping all departments and officers up in the same dictate, commissioners were "penalizing" department heads producing from the start a "clean" budget.

"What I don't like is we are cutting across-the-board ... instead of looking at individual line items," said Bryan, who reiterated the stance she has held from the outset that there was room to cut in the budget.

Bryan and Commissioner Ward McDaniel voted against the budget; the two also voted against the millage rate.

Other notes from the second public budget hearing:

- **Several factors** are at work for at least a portion of the increase in spending, and Clerk of Courts Becky Norris noted several Monday.

One was a \$200,000 reduction in projected revenues from EMS, and another was increases to the Florida Retirement System.

Additionally, commissioners are increasing their commitment to economic development, now a county department, by more than \$100,000.

- **Butler recommended** during Tues-

County legislative delegation meeting set for Monday

Star Staff Report

State Sen. Bill Montford and Rep. Halsey Beashers will hold a public hearing of the Gulf County Legislative Delegation at 5 p.m. ET Monday, Sept. 29, at the Board of County Commissioners meeting room in the Robert M. Moore Building courthouse annex.

All residents and elected officials are invited to attend. This hearing is intended to allow citizens the opportunity to meet their legislators, discuss concerns, ask questions and offer comments for the upcoming 2015 Legislative Session.

The Robert Moore Building is at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd. in Port St. Joe.

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day's regular BOCC meeting that commissioners reject the sole bid received on proposals for a private company to take over EMS.

Butler said changes in the operations of EMS — most notably making director Houston Whitfield a salaried employee and an ongoing effort to reduce overtime — would help manage the EMS budget, which already took a \$200,000 hit with the estimated reduction in revenue.

- **The decision** to eliminate funding for outside contractors to assist in redistricting and, ultimately, a decision on countywide voting continued to roil the podium during Tuesday's meeting.

Wewahitchka resident and commission candidate Tom Semmes asked about the specifics of the needed services, specifically GIS mapping and any legal leg work, and how the county would save.

Specifically, while Semmes agreed with McLemore that the in-house GIS director could perform the required GIS work, he wondered if the legal work would be outside the scope of county attorney Jeremy Novak's contract with the county.

Novak said he would adhere to directions from the board as the BOCC prepares to undertake redistricting next year as prescribed by law. He said much of that work would likely fall outside the scope of his basic contract, but he was open to negotiate.

The discussion expanded when Port St. Joe resident Tom Graney took the podium to argue that the case to overturn the federal decree under which county government op-

erates was a "slam dunk," according to statements made a decade ago by the county's Tallahassee attorney on the issue.

He said the priority should be overturning the federal decree to allow the county to operate as 64 others in Florida do and decide what form of government to operate under — single-member, countywide or charter.

Redistricting should not be such a big deal, Graney said.

The issue of counting prisoners in districting, which the county does not do contrary to state law and was therefore recommended by the outside attorney, should be a no-brainer.

"They don't move," Graney said. "Count the prisoners, and draw the lines."

But while bogging down in such thickets, commissioners, he argued, were hiding behind the federal judge and the decree instead of addressing what voters long ago expressed a desire for, to the extent that a private citizen offered to fund the county's legal bills to go to federal court.

The debate had been "muddied" over the past 10 years by commissioners, and other issues were peripheral to the central goal of overturning a federal decree that has been in place since the 1980s and meant a federal court believed the county "racist and crazy," Graney said.

Novak said the issue is "complex," and the county is following the directions from the same attorney Graney cited to provide "the county the best possible case" when entering federal court.

LEAVE NO TRACE

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Editor from residents bemoaning the impact debris has had on the beaches.

"We have watched it for the past couple of years, and we've had beach ambassadors out there this year, and we have an issue," Yeager said. "The TDC has done a great job of bringing people to Gulf County, but they leave a lot of things behind."

"It has become a real problem for the turtles and for people who live on the beach."

Yeager said there were a variety of models out there for a Leave No Trace Ordinance — several counties to the west have such ordinances in various forms — but said commissioners need to take the step toward putting an ordinance in place by the arrival of the busier summer season in 2015.

The motion was approved unanimously.

"The last couple of years, there is becoming more and more junk left on the beach," Commissioner Joanna Bryan said.

TDC appointments

A proposal for a Leave No Trace ordinance emerged from a contentious debate over appointments to the TDC advisory board.

The debate became heated enough for Commission Chairman Ward McDaniel to gavel for a 5-minute recess before Bryan could respond to Commissioner Carmen McLemore regarding McLemore's questioning of her job performance.

As of Oct. 1, the TDC advisory board has four members rotating off, though one reappointed and was accepted because the individual was not term-limited under BOCC policy.

Three members, however, are term-limited, and during its prior meeting, the BOCC rejected a request from the TDC to consider waiving board policy limiting members of volunteer boards to two consecutive terms.

County administrator Don Butler presented the recommendations of executive director Jennifer Jenkins on filling the three seats with candidates identified after vetting of all applications.

Butler recommended accepting Jenkins' recommendation, but Bryan objected to being asked to consider the list when it had just been presented during the meeting and she had been told by Jenkins that a final vote would come the first meeting of October.

She cited it as another example of the BOCC making decisions without ability to fully review the required information and recommendations.

"I can not review this, but I'm supposed to review it and vote on it during a meeting?" Bryan said. "This is ridiculous. Mr. Chairman, is this appropriate?"

Before McDaniel could respond, Yeager, the BOCC representative on the TDC, said he'd seen the list, they were all good names and he had no problem proceeding.

Though agreeing with the quality of the pool of candidates, Bryan repeated that the information should have been provided in a more timely manner.

"I disagree with the procedure we have followed," Bryan said.

Butler said he presented the information when it was provided, and he was operating under the "rules" commissioners had established.

He also noted the terms would expire before the BOCC met again.

At that point, McLemore said Bryan needed to "be more involved," and she preferred to reach out and "cut somebody down" when "it is half your fault."

Bryan was not allowed to respond as McDaniel gavelled the meeting.

When commissioners came back in session, Julia Cunningham approached the board and asked that they consider putting a person who actually lives on Cape San Blas on the TDC board.

That, she said, would bring more balance to the TDC board and an agency that affects not just tourists, but the residents of Cape San Blas.

"I hope you pick a candidate who has their toes in the sand," Cunningham said.

She noted that three Cape residents had applied to the TDC board, and all brought excellent qualifications. She said any of the candidates from the Cape would fulfill requirements of being a bed-tax collector and heavily involved with issues relating to tourism.

And she noted that of the candidates recommended by Jenkins, one was not technically a bed-tax collector and another did not submit the application by the advertised deadline.

The motion to accept the nominations was tabled and the three members whose terms end Oct. 1 had their terms extended for one month.

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"They'll be back next year, and there will be more of them," Elum said. "Their awareness has been raised as to what's out there and the damage it can cause."

The Mexico Beach cleanup, led by Jane Mathis, welcomed 52 volunteers, a new record for the cleanup that has happened annually for the past 10 years.

Mathis' volunteers, who worked four to a zone across 15 zones cleaning the 3-mile stretch of beach, brought in about 1,185 pounds of trash, filling 79 bags.

"They worked so hard, and I'm so grateful to all of those volunteers for showing up," Mathis said. "It was the perfect morning for a beach cleanup."

In addition to the regulars who attend each year, Mathis said she saw a lot of new faces and said one woman drove from Atlanta specifically for the event.

Like St. Joe Beach, Mexico Beach also had its share of common litter. Mathis said the volunteers picked up thousands of cigarette butts. Other common offenders included plastic water bottle labels and firework debris.

"It's so gratifying. I'm so proud of our community," Mathis said. "It was amazing looking at those faces ready to launch out and clean up."

"It was a record year, and I hope we do this well in the future."

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Sacred Heart's Bixler receives hometown welcome

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It was a hometown welcome.

During an open house held last Tuesday at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, Suite 203 was packed with members of the community who made the trek to welcome family medicine physician, Dr. Rachel Bixler, MD back home.

Bixler was born and raised in Port St. Joe, graduated from Port St. Joe High School in 2004, and set out with a goal to learn medicine and then come back home to ply her trade.

"It's a dream come true," Bixler said. "This was the plan from day one."

Bixler received her medical degree from Florida State University College of Medicine in

Tallahassee and subsequently completed her residency training in family medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In her final year of the program, Bixler claimed the title of chief resident from 2013 to 2014, a position designed to honor the hard work and achievements of the top performing residents.

Bixler said she finished her residency June 30 of this year and by July 1 she had all of her belongings packed in her car and was on the road home to Port St. Joe.

"I am excited about returning home as a family medicine physician with Sacred Heart Medical Group," Bixler said. "I love this community and cannot wait to serve as one of their doctors."

Volunteers, members of

the community and her fellow medical practitioners gave Bixler a warm welcome and were treated to refreshments and conversation.

Bixler said she has a special medical interest in women's health along with dermatology and child health from infancy through adolescence. She will work from the medical center on the Sacred Heart Campus where she will accept same-day appointments and new patients. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call her office at 229-5661.

Bixler said she hoped that her experiences would inspire other graduates of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School to pursue their dreams.

"If it's your dream and you're passionate about it, don't let anyone tell you no," Bixler said.



WES LOCHER | The Star

An open house to welcome Dr. Rachel Bixler, MD, back to Port St. Joe was held at the Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf medical center last week.

GCSC to hold law enforcement open house in October

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Coming soon to the Gulf/Franklin Campus of Gulf Coast State College is the law enforcement training academy, poised to roll out in January 2015.

To provide more information to the community an open house will be 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Gulf/Franklin campus.

The purpose of the program, which will be eight months in length, is to prepare students for employment as a municipal, county, or state law enforcement officer. The program includes courses mandated for law enforcement certification with the state of Florida.

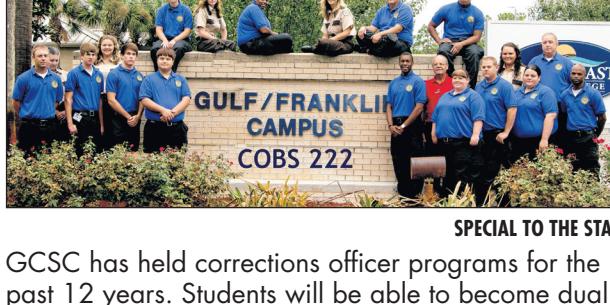
The program is being overseen by Douglas Boortz, corrections coordinator for GCSC Gulf/Franklin cam-

pus, a position he's held for the past two years. Boortz said that when people started asking about a law enforcement program several months ago, he knew it was something to consider.

"We tried in the past, but there was never enough interest," Boortz said. "Now, we have more and more interest and that encouraged us to give it a shot."

Boortz is bringing 25 years of law enforcement expertise to the program and teachers for the classes will be certified instructors from the Gulf County Sheriff's Office and the Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach Police Departments.

"With the economic issues that are surrounding the fishing and oyster industries, people are looking for other career options," Boortz said. "People love (TV shows like) C.S.I and



GCSC has held corrections officer programs for the past 12 years. Students will be able to become dual certified.

they find it intriguing.

"We're holding this open house so people who are interested can get a feel for what life as a law enforcer is like."

To help Boortz in giving attendees a peek behind the curtain, several officers from each local law enforcement branch will be on hand at the open house to show off their equipment,

including the latest gadgets and technologies, and give those who attend a real idea of what life on the force is like.

Classes in the program will include the legal process of law enforcement, human issues, communications, vehicle operation, first-aid for criminal justice officers, firearms, defensive tactics, patrol, crime scene investigation and more.

Once students conclude the program, credits can be used toward additional degrees at the school, and students will be eligible to take their state certification test through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to work at police agencies or sheriff's departments from Pensacola to the Florida Keys.

"It's a huge opportunity," Boortz said. "We're trying to do our best to give out more opportunities in the public safety divisions. We want people to come out, poke around and ask questions.

"We'll be showing them first-hand the subjects that will be introduced and the instructors who will show them how the courses are presented and what to expect."

GCSC's corrections officer program has run for 12 years, and Boortz said the law enforcement program

is a natural extension, and it's possible for students to become dual certified. Job placement rates for program graduates average 96 percent for the past two years, a feat Boortz hopes to duplicate with the law enforcement program.

"We really want to encourage people in the community to come out and learn more about the career options," said Loretta Costin, director of the Gulf/Franklin Campus. "We'll also be celebrating local law enforcement officers and the important role they play in the community."

Those who attend the open house and are interested in enrolling in the program will have the opportunity to learn more about the admissions requirements and pricing and sit down with a financial aid adviser. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided at the open house.



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The Governing Board of George E. Weems Memorial Hospital will hold a public meeting for comments and to review the plan to file an application with the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct & Guaranteed Loans program.

The public meeting will be held at 5pm on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 in the Franklin County Courthouse Annex located at 34 Forbes Street, Apalachicola.

One or more Franklin County Commissioners may be present at the meeting.



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Kuwjt Bugs and Reflections

The other morning, I was on the shore of a large creek. The "creek" was large enough for big pleasure boats and the manmade beach I was standing on had sand on it. The temperature was perfect – the morning was beautiful, so I took a few pictures of the water.

After getting home, I studied the pictures I had made with my cellphone and found one that I really liked. It was a picture of the water, the boats, the clouds and a perfect reflection of the clouds into the water.

While taking the pictures, I didn't notice the beauty of the scene. It happens that way a lot with folks taking pictures. Haven't you ever seen parents at a sporting event or dance recital taking so many pictures that they can't even enjoy what's going on?

I had my picture and I guess you could say the reflection of the clouds in the water of the creek caused me to "reflect." Albeit a day later, I still had reason to ponder my lack of appreciating the scenery at the time.

Looking back on our slipups and what we miss is very easy. Someone once said, "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." It makes a lot of sense, but I think we often are in such a hurry that we fail to appreciate the scene we are in.

There is a sign on the road close to where I work that notes, "Slow Down – It's not a Race, It's a Life." Yes, I know they are talking about speeding and cars and such, but the same applies to life in general.

It is "a life" and it's the only one we have here. The technology bugs, the hurry bugs and the "Kuwjt" bugs are always biting at us and flying into our eyes such that we can't enjoy the beauty of where we are right now.

What is a Kuwtj bug? It is a word I invented and is pronounced "coot-age." It is the "Keeping Up With The Jones'" bug and it will sting you, blind you and send you running places

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you don't need to go. A recent sermon at our church had to do with the importance of rest, specifically sleep. It was a sermon I needed to hear, because I am always trying to cheat the hours in a day and it can't be done on a regular basis.

I'm pretty sure my son listened to the sermon closely because he continues to take two-hour naps in the afternoon and insists on staying in the bed until the last possible minute to make it to school on time. Perhaps, it is just the regimen of a teenaged boy.

On my drive back from the water, I noticed a van pulling a trailer. On the trailer, it noted that it was a Cub Scout troop or pack. The van was going slow and the fellow driving – honestly, looked a little scary.

The driver had on a leather hat that looked like something you would wear in the Australian outback with some sort of pins or buttons stuck in it everywhere you could stick them. He had a big bushy mustache that seemed to be hiding the lower part of his face. It just didn't fit his seemingly boney looking stature. I was making this observation while driving in the car and passing the van full of Cub Scouts.

As I passed on by and got on down the road, I thought about how unfair it was to think the fellow driving was "scary looking." He was going slowly, surely on a camping trip with a van-load of little boys. As for his looks, would you want your leader to look boring?

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You would want to see roasted marshmallows dripping off of that Teddy Roosevelt mustache and those little boys probably know about the adventure that every one of those pins or buttons on the Australian outback hat represent.

Now that I think about it, perhaps my "reflection" is not too bad.

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If The World Had His Heart...

I once sent Leon \$348.00. He was attending Sothern College of Optometry in Memphis. I had just started a teaching career in Port St. Joe. This was back in 1970.....or 71. He had never, in his whole life, asked me for anything. He musta been pretty hard up. Leon was married, with two beautiful daughters by the time he decided to go back to college to become an eye doctor.

I was not married at the time; didn't even have a girl friend or any extra bad vises to waste my money on. And I was holding down a pretty steady job. The cash was easy to send. Leon said it was for a spectrometer or spectroscope or something like that. I don't remember for sure, but it sounded like a tool he might need to peer into someone's eyes.

Let me tell you what I got back in return for those 348 bucks. Over the next forty years Leon has given me, my immediate family, my wife's family, friends I sent to him or folks I found on the street that looked like they needed a little eye care approximately one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars worth of exams, glasses, contacts, etc! And I'm telling you with my hand up, that's a conservative estimate! He never took one dime from me.

You couldn't pay him. Even in the early days. He'd mail my contact lenses to me, three or four sets at a time. If I squinted up at the sun, he'd have me a pair of prescription sunglasses before you could say "Roy Orbison". The day after the new "soft contacts" came out, he was calling me to come try on a pair. I'd go visit on the week-ends. He'd say, "Let's run down to the office, it's been a while since we checked your

eyes."

I pointed out to Leon along about 1985 that he'd outfitted me, Cathy, Josh and Jesse for years with whatever eye products we needed, wanted or could think of.... and that I ought to pay him something! He looked at me like I had insulted him, then he gave me that million dollar smile that he'd been lighting up the world with all of his life.....and he moved the conversation on to something else.

He discovered the cataracts in my eyes early. "KC, we're going to have to do something about them." He knew the best cataract man in Nashville. He scheduled the hospital. He scheduled "the best doctor". He and Paula took the day off and accompanied me to the surgery. They were standing by the operating door when I went in and they were standing over me when I woke up. I spent the "recovery" days at their house. When I got ready to pay, I didn't owe nobody nothing.

Let me tell you something, you get into a giving contest with my older brother and you are going to lose every time!

When we were growing up he gave me the shirt off his back. Literally! He got the new stuff, me and David Mark got the hand-me-downs. He modeled near 'bout everything I wore for years. I can still remember telling him to take good care of the Roy Rodgers shirt with the western yoke and the tie strings on the front. And to this day, I think I looked better in those black loafers with the white lightening streak down the sides than he did!

He was giving when we didn't have any money. He spent hours getting me to hold the baseball

KC



HUNKER DOWN
Kesley Colbert

KC

across the seams. "Get your elbow up," I can hear him like it was yesterday, "nobody in this family is going to throw like a girl!"

For a long time, me and David could only go to the Saturday afternoon picture show if Leon walked with us. We could only go swimming if Leon took us. We couldn't go down to the big ditch unless he went to look after us.

Shoot, he was out-giving me.....before I was even old enough to realize it!

Both of my sons attended Belmont University in Nashville. That's five hundred miles from the house. It was across the city for Leon. I feared for their lives. Leon went to every baseball game Josh's freshman year. I don't think he ever played but Leon was there. He'd take him to eat after the game and encourage him. When Jesse got there, it was the same thing. As a matter of fact, Jess moved in with Leon there for a while.

This went way beyond giving. "Lon," I actually set him down, so he'd know I was serious, "I can't live long enough to repay you and Paula for what ya'll have done for my boys."

He looked at me kinda befuddled like, then gave me the smile and said, "Are we keeping score?"

Just this past April, during my regular check-up, he pointed out the gyroscope or spectrometer or whatever he called that thing I bought him those many years ago. It was on a small table in his examination room. "You know, I still use it on occasion."

He was thanking me!

I don't need to buy a lottery ticket, I hit the jackpot the moment I fell into Dr. Holmes' hands.

Love you,

Making smart Medicare choices in 2015

As we head into autumn, people with Medicare once again need to consider their options for next year. Even if you like the coverage you have now, you should spend at least a few minutes making sure it will still meet your needs next year. Here are some key questions that people with Medicare should ask.

When is the enrollment period?

Medicare's open enrollment period runs, as usual, from October 15 to December 7. During this time, you can make changes in your Part D prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage plan, or, if you don't have one, you can select one for the first time.

How is this different from the open enrollment period for the health insurance marketplaces?

If you have Medicare, the health insurance marketplace is not for you. Medicare coverage and its open enrollment period are completely different from those of the health insurance marketplaces (which are also known as exchanges).

The health insurance marketplace offers coverage and financial assistance for people who do not qualify for Medicare—usually, people under age 65 who do not have permanent disabilities. The marketplace open enrollment period starts and ends later than Medicare's. But if you have friends or loved ones who need coverage and do not qualify for Medicare, encourage them to check out www.healthcare.gov.

Medicare Advantage plan for the first time.

If you currently have original Medicare and a supplemental plan (either a private Medigap plan or a plan with a former employer), be very careful before dropping your supplemental plan. You may not be able to get that plan back later.



RON POLLACK
Director,
Families USA

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How should I prepare for open enrollment?

If you have a Part D or Medicare Advantage plan, find out how your plan will be changing for 2015. Your current plan should mail you an Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) <http://www.medicareinteractive.org/page2.php?topic=counselor&page=glossary#ANOC> and/or an Evidence of Coverage (EOC) notice in September. These notices will highlight any changes in the plan's costs, benefits, and rules for the upcoming year.

Use these resources to find out whether your plan will cover the same services, drugs, doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies. Are premiums changing? What about copayments?

Once you know what your current plan will cover next year, you can start making comparisons. To compare your current plan to other plans, visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

If I like my current plan, do I need to do anything?

Even if you like your current Part D or Medicare Advantage plan, it could still be changing next year. You should always check to see what your plan will be covering next year and make sure it still fits your needs.

What if someone tells me I must buy a particular plan?

You should never believe any high-pressure sales pitch for a Medicare plan.

Private plans do sometimes decide to drop out of Medicare or change their coverage significantly. If this happens to your plan, take your time to learn about your options and make an informed choice.

You will never be left without coverage—you will always have the option of taking original Medicare.

How can I get more information?

You can get a lot of information about your options on the Medicare website, www.medicare.gov, or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

But the best way to get personalized help is to get individual counseling from your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Every state has a program, and they offer free, unbiased advice. You can call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask for a referral, or go to www.Medicare.gov and click on "Find someone to talk to."

You can also visit [https://shipnpr.shiptalk.org/shipprofile.aspx](http://shipnpr.shiptalk.org/shipprofile.aspx) to find your local SHIP. SHIP offices get very busy during open enrollment, so try to call early to make an appointment.

What if I need financial help?

If you have limited income and resources, additional financial help is available. For more information, go to the Social Security website www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp, or call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask for a referral to your local SHIP.

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Roosevelt, Guthrie and The Color of Money



"From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters... This land was made for you and me."

— "This Land is Your Land"

written by Woody Guthrie

Have you watched any of the PBS documentary series by Ken Burns on the Roosevelt family? The historic, grainy film of Theodore Roosevelt traversing the countryside on horseback, inspecting a steam shovel in the Panama Canal and gesturing emphatically in political speeches is remarkable. Yosemite's towering redwoods and giant sequoias and the vistas of the Grand Canyon are accessible today because of Roosevelt's desire that future generations be allowed to enjoy such natural grandeur.

Inserting the federal government into the role of arbiter in the 1902 coal strike, however, was a much more controversial use of executive power. Anthracite coal miners had not enjoyed a pay raise in some 20 years, and mine owners steadfastly refused to negotiate with the miners' union.

With the country facing the prospect of a long winter without adequate coal supplies to heat businesses and homes, Roosevelt intervened, first by threatening to nationalize the mining companies. Eventually a 10% pay increase (the miners had lobbied for 20%) and a nine-hour day (the miners had lobbied for an eight-hour, six-day work week) was negotiated.

Roosevelt's use of executive authority was historic and his actions established a precedent whose shock waves are still being felt today. How so? Six years ago markets were floundering in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The government actively entered the crisis, saving some corporations but not others; creating a bond-buying program that influenced markets; and holding interest rates at a sustained, low level in an attempt to reinflate the stock market and to encourage mortgage lending.

Today it's not just the executive branch, but other governmental bodies whose actions cause markets to react. Whether we agree or disagree with particular uses of executive authority or actions by, say, the Federal Reserve vis-a-vis the economy, is immaterial. Indeed, government may indeed be too much with us. But to ignore the far reaching implications of government actions designed to influence the economy is to do so at one's own economic peril, regardless of one's politics. It's not blue states or red, as in votes. It's green, as in the color of money.

When Federal Reserve Chair Yellen attempts to establish a consensus on how best to wean ourselves from Quantitative Easing, markets are impacted. Analyzing these actions intelligently and applying this knowledge to investment accounts is what matters. Astute portfolio managers see Shinzo Abe in the early stages of the Japanese version of Quantitative Easing and consider the possibility that the Japanese "Fed" will drive markets in the same fashion that they have been influenced here.

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Dear Editor,
We've been coming to the Cape for over two decades and have observed the damage caused by the hurricanes along with the loss and replenishment of the beachfront. Nothing prepared us for the wholesale ruin caused by the staggering misuse of the beach we experienced.

Our dream two-week beachfront rental quickly turned sour when we found ourselves staring at an encampment of stuff piled directly in front of the house, none of which was moved until the owners departed at the end of week one. Our beachfront view included half a dozen beach chairs, a large blowup bright pink beach shelter and a large blue kiddie pool, assorted toys, buckets, fishing gear, nets, a variety of unknown canvas items lying here and there, beer cans, and other debris. The beach looked like an end of summer sidewalk sale at a big box store.

Rather than setting up in front

To anyone who still cares,

of the vacant lot next door, this mountainous mess required a longer trek from their off-beach rental. Despite a visit from the Turtle Patrol and the fact that many days no one visited the beach at all, nothing budged until the day that group departed. That's when our beachfront rental turned into a "parking lot" front accommodation. Every day, there was a new vehicle, pickup truck, or SUV parked in front of the house. Even walking across the sand became difficult with row after row of tire tracks to be negotiated.

One day, a middle-aged couple brought blankets and pillows and proceeded to camp out in front of the house all night. They left in the next morning, leaving the beach littered with dead fish and cigarette butts. My wife called the Sheriff and was told there are no rules on camping on the beach.

On a moonless night near the end of August, there was a crawl

from a nearby turtle nest. The next morning, I followed the turtle tracks up the beach a good distance following a deep rut from truck tire; until one by one, they disappeared. None went into the Gulf, and I presume the hatchlings had been picked off by predators. There is no way the beaches on St. Joe Peninsula can withstand this constant flow of vehicles. You can't drive on the beach without damaging it and the life it supports. Security is also compromised, and property values will certainly drop as a result.

Why rent a beachfront accommodation when one can bring all the gear imaginable, leave it on the beach, and then drive back and forth as needed? The worst blow of all came when my wife told me that for her, the magic had been drained from the Cape.

Sincerely,

Louis Prosterman

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Editor,
I read, with interest the letter from Jim Clements of Carrabelle, in the September 11, 2014, issue of The Star.

Mr. Clements calls out Rep. Steve Southerland for stating that he support of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. As Mr. Clements stated, "he voted for the earlier watered-down version of the act but voted against the final bill."

I have no interest in calling Mr. Clements to task for his statements because I don't know what changes/riders were attached to the final bill that were not in the first version. Many times, hundreds of additions which have nothing to do with the subject at hand are included in the subsequent versions of any bill. In addition, I don't believe that Mr. Clements would be my "go to guy" for information on any Violence Against Women initiatives as I am certain that being a commercial fisherman in Carrabelle does not qualify as expertise in the area. I rather suspect that Mr. Clements has some other issue with Rep. Southerland in the area of fishing regulation rather than his stated

A master of spin indeed!

concern for VIOW issues.

On the subject of Rep. Southerland's challenger (Gwen Graham), I have questions about her effectiveness for those of us in Gulf County and Northwest Florida. Since she broadly boasts that she is the daughter of former Gov. and U.S. Sen. Bob Graham, I think that she must bear his record.

I was born, raised and educated in Florida. Because of the limited employment opportunities in Florida, I was forced to leave to provide for my family. I worked and lived in eight states, before I could finally return to Florida. We chose Cape San Blas as our final destination, in retirement. The place we purchased was 15 feet above sea level and did not require flood insurance, and it had not flooded in the 25 years since it was built.

Well, FEMA changed the designation for my home requiring \$6,000/year (non federal) flood insurance. Federal flood insurance would have cost 90 percent less. I, and others, fought the re-designation for 2 years, but in the end, I on fixed income, we had to sell. During that time, I contacted Sen. Graham asking

for help, support, or just suggestions.

I thought that he would be a wealth of information and help since he had a home on St. George Island (which had been exempted from the COBRA designation). Bob Graham wouldn't even write a letter for us in Gulf County and others in North Florida. He wouldn't return phone calls and nothing even from "staffers." On the other hand, Rep. Allen Boyd (also a Democrat) made visits to the area; held meetings with officials in Washington; answered every letter. Sen. Graham's position seemed to be an indifferent "let them eat cake!"

In another, but related, issue, we solicited Sen. Graham's help to get some of the sand being removed from the Apalachicola river basin to help replenish the erosion in Indian Pass and Cape San Blas. Sen. Graham added his support to the transporting of that local sand to the southern Florida beaches, from where he received most of his political support.

Do we need more of the Graham indifference to North Florida?

James McKenzie
St. Joe Beach

Dear Editor,
Quite obviously the medical marijuana drive has little to do with medical use and more to do with recreational use. The medical use is the ability of using THC, which is in marijuana, to help relieve pain and stimulate appetites.

This pill has been available in the synthetic form for over 15 years. This is not about helping the sick; this is a smoke screen to legalize the drug. If you have 20 percent of Floridians hooked on marijuana at the present time, maybe three million, and you legalize it and you double that amount, you have six million marijuana users in the

Marijuana referendum

state. Who is going to support all these people who have difficulty functioning in society?

So let's make the November vote easy. If you have a member of your family or a friend who is a user of marijuana and/or alcoholic, and their whole life is wasted, then vote no. You have seen what this drug does to people. Constant use causes brain damage.

How could you vote yes? Most of us have seen the results of individuals who, due to the continued use of marijuana and alcohol, live off relatives or the government. They can't work because they don't have the focus to hold a job, they steal to

buy drugs and you can't trust them period.

So the bottom line is if you have never seen anyone's life destroyed by marijuana and alcohol, vote yes with a clear conscience. Be honest with yourself. This is your state and your country.

If you want to argue about alcohol versus marijuana, go ahead and waste everyone's time, and while you are trying to confuse the issue some more kids will get hooked on drugs and alcohol and their lives will be gone. Does it really matter which drug it is?

Bart Cassidy
Madison, Florida

As I think about growing up, I am proud to say that I had parents who taught me to be honest in every way.

My dad died when I was very young, I was just getting old enough to read, but I still remember relatives who told me that my dad made sure that everything that was

promised to any of the family came to be what happened.

When I started growing up, I followed my parents' example and I rest assured that I am setting the right example for my family as they are growing up.

As I am getting older, I can realize

more about how much it pays to set a good example for others on how to live an honest, caring life because I can see how the results of this are very good and it proves the saying in the Bible that we will reap what we sow.

Audrey Parrish
Port St. Joe

Beyond Buy Local, Invest Local

By Brian Depew
Center for Rural Affairs
Special to The Star

Buy local. It's a well known strategy for small towns. Keeping your grocery money close to home keeps the grocery store close to home.

Economists tell us that every dollar spent at a locally owned business generates two to four times the economic benefit. But what if we take it to the next level? What if we "invest local" too?

The concept is an extension of "buy local" campaigns that urge us to capture the multiplier effect of commerce by keeping our spending money close to home. You already see it all around you in small towns. Often it takes local citizens to see opportunity where an outsider would overlook it.

In our hometown of Lyons, Nebraska, a new hardware and feed store went up on Main Street this summer. The owner and his family have run independent businesses in

Lyons for two generations. It's not a Menards, or a Bomgaars. Those companies would never build here.

My hometown of Laurens, Iowa, took it upon themselves to build a broadband network that delivers high-speed internet to every house and business in town. They didn't wait for Comcast or Verizon to build a network. If they had, they might still be waiting.

Local residents, rooted in place, are often willing to take a financial risk to

make their small town a better place. Imagine if more of us joined them, investing locally. Creating a vibrant future for your small town really is in your hands.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

2 fishing tourneys offer big fun, prizes

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Florida Catfish Classic

The 16th annual Florida catfish classic tournament will begin Friday at Gaskin Park Landing in Wewahitchka.

The tournament will benefit Wewahitchka Search and Rescue. Registration for the event is \$55 per boat. For children ages 14 and under, registration for freshwater catfish is \$20 and \$55 for flathead.

The tournament begins at 4 p.m. CT Friday, Sept. 26, and ends at noon Saturday. The award ceremony will take place at city hall immediately after.

Participants may launch their boats from Gaskin Park

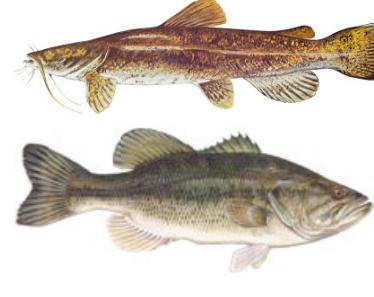
Landing, Bristol Landing, Estifanulga Landing or Owl Creek-Hickory.

Door prizes will be given away during the award ceremony, and cash prizes will be awarded for the largest catch, including \$2,500 for first place, \$1,500 for second, \$1,000 for third, \$750 for fourth and \$500 for fifth.

The individual with the most poundage of flatheads will receive \$250.

All catfish submitted in the tournament must be at least 14 inches long and alive.

An additional \$800 cash prize will be awarded to the fisherman with the most combined individual flathead poundage from the following 2014 tournaments: The Liberty



County Senior Citizens Catfish Tournament, The Florida Catfish Classic, Gator Classic Catfish Tournament, and Choctawhatchee Catfish round-up. To be eligible, fishermen must have participated in three of four tournaments.

Participants must register at the tournament site between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. CT Friday. Registration forms

are available at Wewahitchka city annex or online at www.FloridaCatfishClassic.com.

For questions, call tournament organizers Angie Minchew at 814-1346 or Tracy Minchew at 630-9049.

GCSO bass tournament

The annual Gulf County Sheriff's Office bass fishing tournament is set to begin Saturday at the White City Landing.

Fishing for the tournament will begin at daylight Saturday, Sept. 27, and end at 3 p.m. CT Sunday, Sept. 28.

Registration will be open the morning of the event for \$175 per boat, and the tournament will be limited to 200 boats.

Teams may only have one of two people per boat. First place will take home \$10,000, based on 100 entries.

One team member must check in the morning of the tournament, and a pre-meeting will take place one hour before the official sunrise.

Largemouth, spotted or shoal bass will be scored with a five-fish limit. Any frozen or iced fish presented for weigh-in will result in immediate disqualification. Winners are subject to a polygraph test.

Boy Scout Troop 347 of Port St. Joe will serve breakfast and lunch both days of the tournament to raise funds.

For official rules and registration forms, visit [www.gesotournament.com](http://gesotournament.com).

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Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, Sept. 25	85°	71°	20 %
Fri, Sept. 26	84°	73°	20 %
Sat, Sept. 27	84°	74°	60 %
Sun, Sept. 28	83°	74°	60 %
Mon, Sept. 29	83°	74°	60 %
Tues, Sept. 30	84°	73°	80 %
Wed, Oct. 01	85°	73°	20 %

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST.JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
25	Th	1117pm	1.6	614am	0.8
26	Fr	1144pm	1.7	725am	0.7
27	Sa			842am	0.6
28	Su	1218am	1.8	1007am	0.4
29	Mo	1258am	1.9	1129am	0.3
30	Tu	147am	1.9	1241pm	0.2
1	We	244am	2.0	142pm	0.2
2	Th	356am	1.9	236pm	0.2
3	Fr	523am	1.8	323pm	0.3
4	Sa	701am	1.7	403pm	0.6

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
25	Th	411am	1.6	522pm	1.5
26	Fr	432am	1.6	608pm	1.5
27	Sa	457am	1.6	701pm	1.4
28	Su	526am	1.6	802pm	1.4
29	Mo	601am	1.6	915pm	1.3
30	Tu	643am	1.6	1040pm	1.3
1	We	735am	1.6	1156am	1.5
2	Th	1204am	1.3	845am	1.6
3	Fr	102am	1.4	1017am	1.5
4	Sa	141am	1.4	1156am	1.5

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Bridge and pier fishing is producing good redfish and some smaller Spanish mackerel in the early hours of the day.

Inshore/Bay

Inshore fishing is almost at a peak this week. With better weather conditions, we should see an improvement for the rest of the month. Top-water trout catches are almost the norm with good redfish in the mix. St. Joe Bay is recovering very well after a long, hot summer filled with scallop hunters. Many of our shallow water spots or flats are producing great fish such as trout, redfish and flounder.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Donna Bradley and her husband, who live off County Road 30 in Indian Pass, woke up over the weekend to find this sight in their backyard, caused by what has been determined to be wild boar. According to law enforcement dispatchers, a bit of time has elapsed since the last reported incident of boars. All the Bradleys know for sure is their backyard took a beating, or boaring, as it were.



COURTESY OF JOHN FAIRCLOTH | Special to The Star

Jacob Lynn caught a 26-inch flounder at the Indian Pass Lagoon that weighed in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Scallop season closed

Star Staff Report

The 2014 recreational season for bay scallops will close today, Sept. 25. The final day of harvesting was Wednesday.

FWC scallop researchers will conduct underwater surveys after the season closes to reassess the scallop population.

While the season is open, scallop harvesters can assist researchers by completing an online survey at <http://svy.mk/bayscallops>, indicating where they harvest scallops, how many they collect and how long it takes to harvest them. Participants can email BayScallops@MyFWC.com to ask questions or send additional information.

Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops" to learn more.

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38, 41: and more sports new math

Last Friday night was certainly a first, and I can only hope a last.

I covered the Port St. Joe High School football game against Jefferson County and returned to The Star office to write my story to appear in the next day's Panama City News Herald.

I enjoy this kind of coverage for two reasons: a larger platform for local teams and I get a huge jump on the next print edition of The Star.

I captured the action and rounded up the night as best I could, which is typically well short of Pulitzer material, gave it several more reads and then passed it to Panama City, my work done.

Until, say, about 3:15 a.m.

About that time, fitfully seeking Sandman for the better part of an hour, I started replaying the game in my brain.

Or what I thought was my brain because I was to discover, certain synapses must not have been working last Friday.

No matter how hard my brain tried, it could not fit five touchdowns, five extra points and as field goal, 38 points, into a 41-point hole which I had written.

The 41 points was a perfect for the lead I had concocted in my mind as the game played out to the end and somehow, I suppose, my mind decided not to let the facts come between me and a good introductory paragraph.

But, of course, arriving at that conclusion at 3:15 a.m. does not help at all.

The presses had long since stopped rolling and outside of driving door-to-door to find and change all delivered and machine-bought, copies of the paper, I was left to figure out how I managed to turn 38 into 41.

I have always been poor at math — Calculus is the language of Calcutta is it not? — but this was worthy of Dumb and Dumber: The Sequel.

Needless to say, Sandman departed and the sports editor at the News Herald was greeted the next morning with a phone message from Tim, berating Tim, and alerting him to the incorrect score and that it was high time to not only get out of sports but maybe this writing thing altogether.

I have made some doozies.

But the score? Of a football game? With a new scoreboard, five times the size of its predecessor, highlighting the score into the night air?

That, friends, is the journalistic equivalent of a goal-line fumble. But the more I seethed and marinated in my juices, I came up with an alternative theory to my faux pas which, I now told myself was no faux pas.

What I had done, inadvertently, was create a new scoring system and given the state of football, off the field and on these days, maybe a new wrinkle was just the tonic.

Actually, considering the state of football I was glad this was a high school game over which I made the bloopers of all bloopers.

If it was college or the NFL, think of the gamblers giving 39 and Port St. Joe who would be fit to be tied the next morning. In any case, this new system, I decided, should take a page from ice skating and award style points.

That, in part, is what I yelled at my editor — I was awarding six points to Cole Cryderman after his booming 28-yard field goal to finish the scoring last Friday.

The kick that would have cleared from 40 yards and was, therefore, equal to basketball's 3-point shot.

Follow my thinking here.

Upon further reflection (which would have come in handy writing down the right score in the first place) I could tweak that scoring system to give Cryderman 1 extra point.

The Tiger Shark offensive line, which has been punching holes in defenses this season — give them an extra point for style. And since Port St. Joe pitched a shutout and held Jefferson County to fewer than 50 yards while the action still mattered — hand them a point on me.

Before you know it, a lopsided Port St. Joe 38-point win is even more impressive with three additional style points and a total of 41.

The system could be applied to any football game and apply to all phases of the game, even the cheerleaders' pyramid-building ability.

So I have transitioned from applying a mental whip to my back to considering a more thorough vetting and codifying of my new scoring system.

And make sure to read next week's Port St. Joe coverage as I provide all statistics in meters rather than those humdrum yards.

Lady Tiger Sharks win 2

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The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School volleyball team won its notched its first regular season win of the season last week and before the week was out the Lady Tiger Sharks added win No. 2.

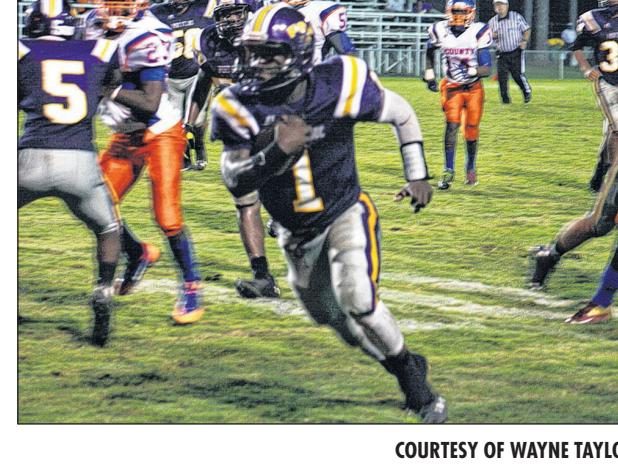
The Lady Tiger Sharks traveled to Wewahitchka last Monday and came away with a win in three straight sets, 25-15, 26-24, 25-12. The team was led by Addison Rice who had eight kills, four service aces, a solo block and 10 digs.

The following day Franklin County visited Port St.

Joe and the Lady Tiger Sharks overpowered the Lady Seahawks, winning in four sets by scores of 25-17, 25-19, 15-25 and 25-17.

Haley Wood had five aces on 20 serves and was 100 percent from the serving line. Callie Fleshren led the team in kills with 10.

The sixth annual "Pink Out" will be played Oct. 14 against Wewahitchka. As always, proceeds go to the Side-Out Foundation for Breast Cancer Research. Email Coach Taylor at wtyaylor@gulf.k12.fl.us to get your T-shirt and let's Pink Out the Dome.



COURTESY OF WAYNE TAYLOR

Jarkeice Davis (1) had 86 rushing yards and scored three touchdowns for Port St. Joe.

Port St. Joe romps past Jefferson Co.

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The Port St. Joe Tiger Sharks are making themselves right at home in the 40-point neighborhood.

The host Tiger Sharks (3-1) just missed scoring 40 points for the third time in four games, all wins, and tossed in a throttling of Jefferson County's offense while rolling to a 38-0 victory Friday night.

And as they crafted their latest dominating performance, the Tiger Sharks showed a couple of new ingredients to their winning recipe.

While senior fullback Jarkeice Davis, who had rushed for more than 200 yards twice this season, had a solid game with 86 yards and three touchdowns rushing, senior wingback Aaron Paul provided the big plays with 121 total yards, 102 rushing on just five carries.

Senior quarterback T. J. Williams completed just three passes in five attempts, but those completions went for more than 18 yards a shot.

"We are not a feature offense, we don't feature any one player," Port St. Joe coach John Palmer said. "We have a team concept and an important part of that is the offensive line and they played very well."

On defense, Port St. Joe was commanding, holding the Tigers (1-2) to fewer than 50 total yards through the first three quarters before Jefferson County nearly doubled its output on the final drive with the clock running and Port St. Joe liberally substituting.

"Jefferson County has improved this year and they had some guys out injured, but we really challenged the kids this week and I thought they responded," Palmer said. "I thought we executed very well early. I liked our focus. And I thought we played extremely hard."

The Tiger Sharks set the tone of the game with a methodical 15-play, 59-yard drive on their first possession of the game.

Nothing fancy, just mixing runs inside and out before Davis bulled over from the 5.

Cole Cryderman made it 7-0.

Cryderman, who rushed for 21 yards in the second half, was perfect on extra points for the night and closed the scoring with a 28-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

Port St. Joe forced a Tiger punt on the following possession and took over at the Tiger Shark 18.

On first down Paul took a jet sweep left and easily outflanked the Jefferson County defense, which was keying on a Davis inside dive that was faked.

Paul was finally dragged down at the Tiger 16 and three plays later, with the second quarter just underway, he scored on a sweep left from the 12 and Port St. Joe went up 14-0.

Davis' pooch on the ensuing kickoff was juggled and fumbled by Jefferson County, Deontae George recovering for Port St. Joe at the Tiger 28.

Williams hit tight end Marquez Johnson, open on a route down the left seam, for the touchdown on a perfectly executed flea flicker and it was 21-0.

The rest of the half was a mixed bag as Port St. Joe put the ball on the ground three times, losing one, while stifling any attempt at offensive momentum from Jefferson County, which finished the half with just 32 total yards.

"We got a little sloppy there, we kind of lost our focus, and we have to improve on that," Palmer said. "The defensive play tonight was just outstanding."

Port St. Joe reasserted itself from the opening kickoff of the second half.

The Tiger Sharks moved 70 yards in just six plays, the big one an out route between defenders from Williams to Paul. Davis finished off the drive when he slipped outside left on a sweep from the 22, picked up a block from Paul and snaked past a tackler before finding the pylon.

After forcing a three-and-out, the Tiger Sharks got a short field and sprinted 45 yards to score, Paul setting up a 4-yard touchdown run by Davis with a 20-yard run to the 6.

At that point, just more than three minutes left in the third quarter the clock began to continuously run and Cryderman added his field goal just after the final period began.

Gators drop district tilt to Graceville

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interceptions on the night, helped seal the Gators' fate.

Ranie finished with 90 yards and two touchdowns rushing, but needed 29 carries to do it. He passed for another 59 yards.

Kaleb Shiver was the maxpreps.com offensive player of the game for the Gators with 57 yards rushing on 11 carries, two pass receptions for 13 yards and four kick returns totaling 87 yards.

"We moved the ball well," Tillman said. "We made some good plays. They just had more."

The loss was the first in district play for Wewahitchka and makes an upcoming tilt against Sneads in the next district game crucial to maintain playoff hopes.

"We talked a lot last week that Graceville wasn't a 'die' game, but it was a 'do' game," Tillman said. "If we lost to Graceville we were still alive, but if we beat them it would really set up our season."

"We just need to win the next district game and see where it goes from there."

This week, the Gators have a bye before preparing to travel to North Bay Haven in Panama City Oct. 3.

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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.



COURTESY OF SAMANTHA LAYFIELD

A gorgeous sunset over the gazebo at Frank Pate Park in Port St. Joe



COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH

Clouds dot the sky over the Dead Lakes in Wewahitchka



COURTESY OF MELINA ELUM

A crab on St. Joe Beach.



COURTESY OF MR. AND MRS. TONY SMITH

A pair of wild boars spotted along the beach near the Stump Hole on St. Joseph Peninsula



COURTESY OF BILL FAUTH

An aerial of the old Butler's property and adjacent WindMark Beach in Port St. Joe



COURTESY OF GRETCHEN MAYES

Sea oats frame a beautiful sunset over St. Joe Beach

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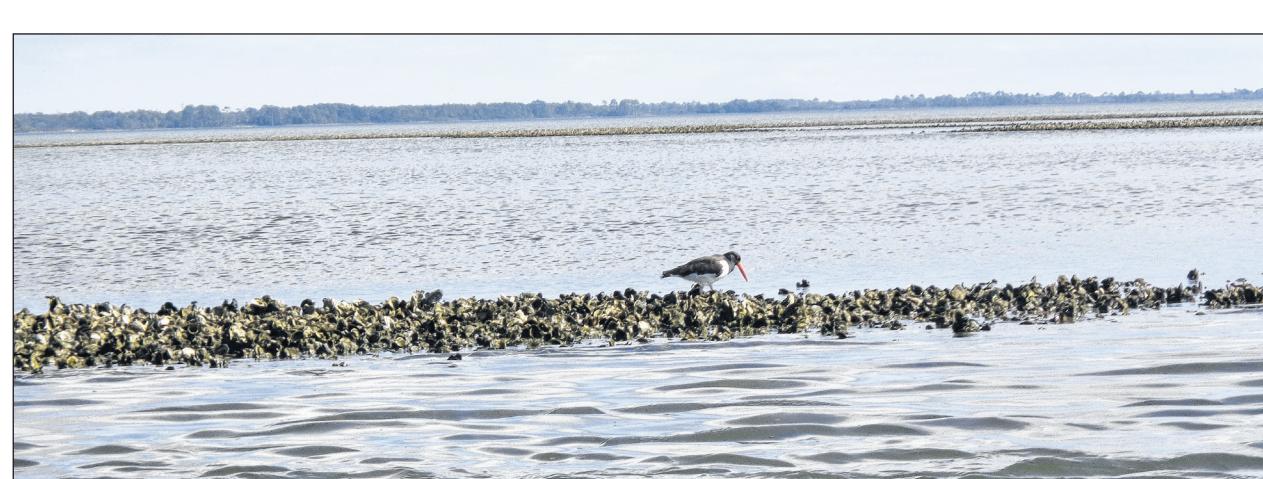
COURTESY OF LAURA AT DRAGONFLY PHOTOGRAPHY

A crab hides in its shell in the surf at St. Joe Beach



COURTESY OF HERMAN JONES

A Florida black bear helps himself to a bag of Pam Jones' bird seed on Gulf Street in St. Joe Beach



COURTESY OF TERRY LIND

A shorebird scours for food along St. Joseph Bay

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BLAST ON THE BAY

Songwriters' fest returns in October



FILE PHOTO

The annual Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival returns in October with Nashville talent who have written for country music stars George Strait, Faith Hill and Garth Brooks.

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Like an old reliable pickup truck from a country song, the annual Blast on the Bay Songwriters' Festival will return to the Forgotten Coast on Oct. 16.

Back for its sixth year, the event will feature three days of free concerts at area venues from Mexico Beach to Indian Pass. Even if you don't know the faces of the songwriters, chances are

you've heard the music.

The 30 visiting artists make their living in the songwriting business and have had at least one hit (if not many, many more) on country radio stations. Participating writers have penned tunes for the likes of superstars Faith Hill, Jason Aldean and Garth Brooks and countless others.

In order to bring a little piece of Nashville to town the concerts are presented in a "writer's round" format, a performance method

invented and perfected in the country music capital of the world.

Four songwriters will appear at each concert during the festival and will trade off playing the songs that became number one hits. The other songwriters may choose to join in with harmony, rhythm, additional guitar riffs or they may just sit back and enjoy the performance.

While listeners may recognize the hits, they may be surprised to hear them played in their original

forms by multiple talents, potentially on different instruments. The combination of rawness and spontaneity leads to a truly unique and one-of-a-kind experience for listeners.

For event organizer Jason Bogan, this year's event has proved a unique challenge.

Shortly after last year's festival Bogan moved from Port St. Joe to Santa Cruz, C.A. but still wanted to play

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DAWGS in Prison graduates class 35

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This was no barking matter. Last Wednesday the Developing Adoptable dogs With Good Sociability (DAWGS) program graduated class 35 during a ceremony held at its headquarters at the Gulf Forestry Camp in White City.

The program is a partnership between the Florida Department of Corrections, the Board of County Commissioners and the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

It provides inmates of the camp an opportunity to work as trainers for the rescued dogs, teaching the animals basic obedience skills and transforming them into adoptable animals.

In the five years since the program's inception, 367 dogs have graduated the program and 411 inmates have learned the skills of compassion, patience, tolerance and teamwork.

DAWGS not only helps save the lives of animals in need of a good home, but it focuses on providing inmates with vital skills that will help them secure employment upon release.

"In the last five years at DAWGS, we have witnessed many miracles made from mistakes," said program co-director Sandi Christy. "None of us are perfect and we all have made many mistakes in our lives."

"Here at DAWGS, we learn that a negative past does not disqualify us from a positive future. We don't look for perfect people or dogs in our program...we look for a good heart and a focus on the future."

Throughout the eight-week program, profiles of the pups are posted online and those looking for a new best friend can apply to meet and potentially adopt the canines.

Each application is thoroughly screened by Christy whose five years of experience taught her that the dogs and adopters must be compatible with one another. Some



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Joey, a male foxhound, was chosen as Top Dog program and was adopted by a family in New York. TOP: The DAWGS in Prison program graduated class 35 last week during a ceremony at the Gulf Forestry Camp.

Dogs may not do well with children, others may be nervous around cats and these details, which may appear small on paper, directly affect the type of training the dog will get during the program.

Graduates from class 35 headed to New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and one even stayed locally in Port St. Joe.

Adopters often make the trek to the forestry camp to see their pets

graduate after which they receive an overview of basic commands from the trainers before heading home to start their new lives.

"Our dogs are obviously the victims of mistakes, but look at them now," Christy said. "They're happy, well trained, healthy companions, who look forward to a better life with our adopters."

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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) What happened to Mt. Vernon, Washington's home, during the U.S. Civil

War?

Confederate hospital, Left alone, Union stockade, Southern storage depot

2) What was the first animal successfully cloned?

Rabbit, Mouse, Sheep, Guinea pig

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\$0.02, \$0.98, \$1.98, \$1.99

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911, 924, 944, 959

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COURTESY OF CHARLOTTE PIERCE

Dave Maddox and Calvin Clingan hold Maddox's copy of a photo the two had taken with a third friend while serving in the Pacific during World War II.

Photographic memories

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Dave Maddox of Port St. Joe and Calvin Clingan of West Virginia met on an island in the South Pacific.

They spent nine months working side-by-side at a U.S. Navy station before they each went their separate ways in the summer of 1945.

Maddox was in charge of 300 men tasked with loading and unloading ships at one of the Navy's major shipping stations during the War in the Pacific.

The vast majority if not all of the men had been convicted in a general court martial of largely minor offenses

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State Park Appreciation day on Saturday

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The Friends of St. Joseph Peninsula State Park will host the annual Park Appreciation Event this Saturday, Sept. 27 at Eagle Harbor.

The event will coincide with National Public Lands Day and will begin at 10 a.m. ET with a shore cleanup that will last until noon. Free sack lunches and beverages will be available to those who participate.

Live music from the Bo Spring Band will begin at 2 p.m. and registration will begin for the sand castle contest. Judging for the competition will begin at 4 p.m. with prizes awarded.

Eagle Harbor will be filled with area organizations handing out information and the Friends of St. Joseph

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Rocking for Randall Benefit

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Please join us with you support and donations, Saturday Oct. 4,

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We are asking for a \$10 donation to attend.

Barbecue and fish with all the trimmings will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. and the music will begin about 8 p.m. All proceeds raised are to assist Randall for medical expenses as he battles cancer. Anyone not able to attend or for those who would like to donate more may do so, checks are to be made payable to Randall Cowart.

Drop off at the Mexico Beach

Marina, 3904 U.S. 98 Mexico Beach, or mail to: Mexico Beach Marina, P.O. Box 13117 Mexico Beach, FL 32410

Anyone that would like to volunteer to help make this event a huge success can call the Marina at 648-8900.

Living on the "Not So Forgotten Coast" is such a blessing, knowing that we all pull together in a time of need for a friend. Randall has blessed us all with his music and his great personality. All donations, whatever the amount, are greatly appreciated and needed!

Gulf County Library News

Special to The Star

Your libraries are busy with Storytimes and other events. Tuesday Tales is held for children birth to three years old each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. ET at the Corrine Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe.

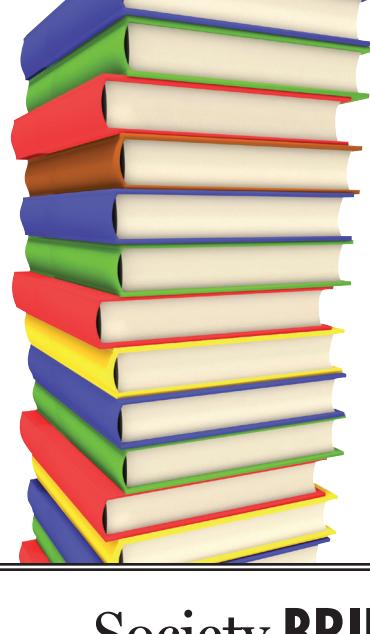
The Charles Whitehead Library in Wewahitchka holds its Wee Read Storytime each Monday at 11 a.m. CT. These inquisitive groups enjoy sharing songs, poems and stories each week. Come join us!

Adults, come meet New York Times bestselling author Tim Dorsey at the Port St. Joe branch at 4:30 p.m. ET on Monday, Sept. 30. A prize package of goodies including a copy of Dorsey's

"Tiger Shrimp Tango" will be given away to one lucky attendee, so be sure to be part of this opportunity.

The Red Cross will be at the Port St. Joe branch on Saturday, Oct. 4 to present two readiness classes: Chest compression CPR and Disaster Preparation. The CPR session starts at 9 a.m. with the Disaster Prep class following at 9:45 a.m. ET. Information about how to volunteer with the Red Cross will also be available.

In celebration of Banned Books Week, we invite you to come have your mug shot made with your favorite banned book. We will be posting these in a library display, unless you are interested in posting on our Facebook page as well!



Society BRIEFS

Walk with ease class offered at senior center

Gulf County Senior Citizens and the Arthritis Foundation are offering a Walk with Ease Class at the Port St. Joe Senior Center beginning Oct. 7.

This program was developed to help people with or without arthritis form walking groups whose goals are safety and success. If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, you can probably participate successfully, and the program can be modified to fit your needs.

Groups meet for six weeks, three times per week. Sessions will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 9 a.m. ET. Each session lasts about one hour.

Enrollment is limited to 12 people and is free. For more information, or to enroll, call Mary Clayton or Debbie Sumner at Port St. Joe

Senior Center at 229-8466.

Thanks from the Senior Citizens Center

On behalf of the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association, we would like to thank Duren's Piggly Wiggly, members of the Republican Party and all who donated food, time and money. Your commitment to helping the local seniors in our community is sincerely appreciated. Each year the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association continues to advance its mission of administering a wide range of programs that provide seniors with the assistance they need to remain in their own homes as long as possible. Thank you again for your generous support. Any donations can be mail or dropped off to the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association at 120 Library Drive Port St. Joe 32456.

It's here at last, for you it's took so long

Birthday

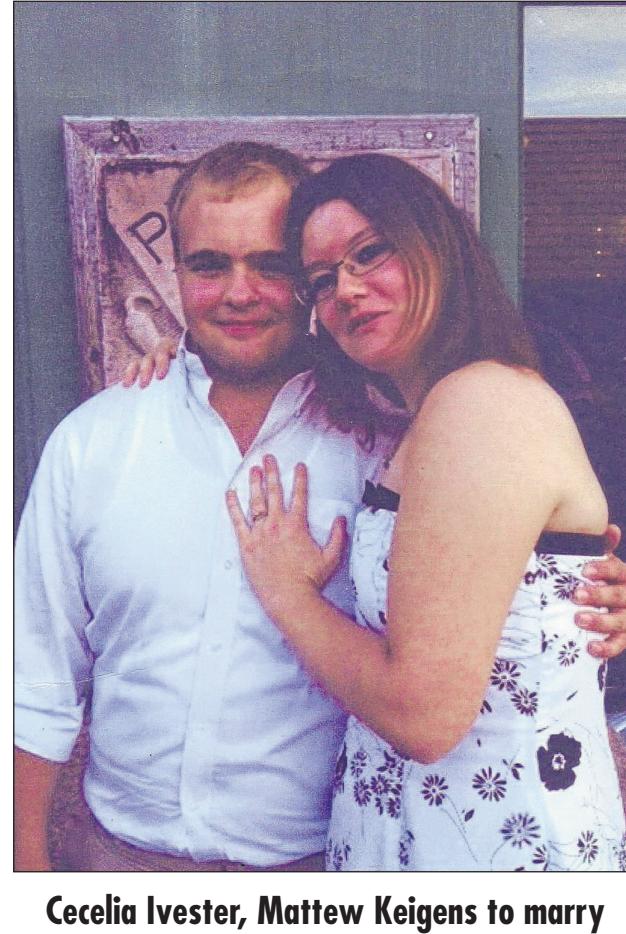


Happy birthday!

For me, I just do not know where 10 years have gone!!

Happy "Double Digits" Skylar Clayton! We love you! Dad, Mom, Christina and Callie

Engagement



Cecelia Ivester, Mattew Keigens to marry

Dennis and Connie Ivester would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cecelia Ivester to Mattew Keigens of Port St. Joe.

Mattew is the son of Bill and Pam Keigens and mother Bonnie Keigens also of Port St. Joe.

The couple is planning a December 2015 wedding.

Birthday

Lily is 3!

Heather Henderson and Dakota Massey have their hands full with a beautiful, smart three year old! On Sept. 6 Lily celebrated with her friends and family at a Dora the Explorer party at the park. Lily is the granddaughter of Donna and Donnie Harcus of White City, Michael Henderson of Apalachicola, and Nita and Rod Massey of Carrabelle. She is the great granddaughter of Edna and the late Bill Henderson of Eastpoint. We love our Lily bug so much! Thank you for making our lives and hearts so full of joy!



Londono graduates from basic

Special to The Star

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Jorge L. Londono graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.



The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through

the Community College of the Air Force.

Londono is the son of Betty Jean Baker of Port St. Joe.

He is a 2006 graduate of Pensacola State High School.

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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 or adoptbaystjoe@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103 and ask for Melody or Debbie! Online applications and pet photos are available at www.sjbhumane.org

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

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Hunter Chason (Altha School) and Lindsay Furr (Port St. Joe High School) patiently record the time as anesthetized fruit flies wake from their slumber.

STEM Scholars Explore STEM Careers through UF Immersion Experience

Special to The Star

Through the FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Project, talented and gifted high school students from small and rural districts across Florida participated in the 2014 STEM Immersion experience. This opportunity was made possible through a partnership with the University of Florida's Center for Precollegiate Education and Training.

In the PAEC-served area, 29 STEM Scholars and five teachers participated in a variety of experiences at the University of Florida and STEM Scholars were exposed to a variety of STEM career preparatory programs available at the university. For a realistic college experience, University officials assigned students to dorm rooms as well as their work groups for the week.

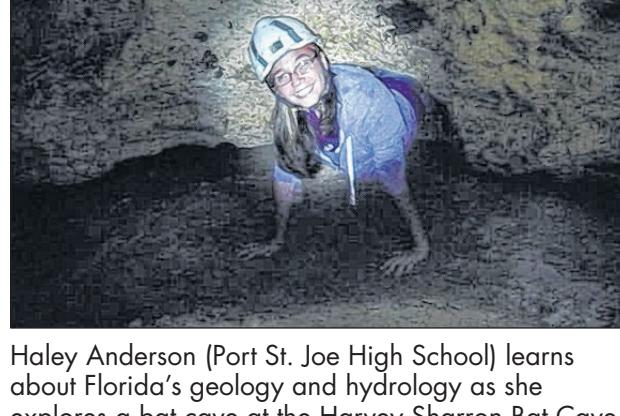
One of the STEM Scholars first experiences included a STEM Health Science Professions forum. This took place in the Health Science Center where STEM Scholars interacted with university faculty and students from the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, and the Biology Department. The students then visited various Biomedical Research Laboratories housed in the center.

The Chemistry Department shared information about career options in their specific field and provided students hands-on activities working with nanotechnology. The students also visited the Computer Science Department where they "constructed" a Virtual Patient and practiced with diagnosing that patient's illness.

The STEM Scholars' experiences included extracting DNA from plants, running a PCR



Maura Mahan (Port St. Joe High School) shared the sample she collected at the Stormwater Ecological Enhancement Project Wetlands teaching laboratory.



Haley Anderson (Port St. Joe High School) learns about Florida's geology and hydrology as she explores a bat cave at the Harvey Sharron Bat Cave Field Laboratory.

and completing gel electrophoresis in the Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research. Data was used to construct morphological and molecular phylogenies.

STEM Scholars also completed a scientific research activity at the Entomology and Nematology Department by collecting data on fruit flies (*Drosophila*) that were in a cold-induced coma.

Students took advantage of this department's outside classroom as they waded through the Stormwater Ecological Enhancement Project Wetlands teaching

laboratory and worked with university faculty and graduate students to explore this Florida ecosystem.

Students finished their week of activities by exploring a cave at the Harvey Sharron Bat Cave Field Laboratory to get an authentic picture of the Floridian Aquifer and visiting Blue Springs to see one point where the water emerges from the aquifer.

The week was packed full of fun experiences and the students went home with new friends and an expanded outlook on their future careers.

them in B pod, room 205) and then they will be given to a local individual who wants to increase his chicken flock.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if a few of our students got a passion for the poultry/livestock business from these classroom efforts?" Lamberson said.

Key Club proudly announces the addition of thirty-one new members for the 2014-2015 school year.

Yearbooks for 2014-15 school year are now on sale for \$40. As always, books must be ordered and paid for in advance. No extras are orders. The \$40 price is only available until Sept. 30. You can order from the school or online at www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1039206-2015-Yearbook

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Dig Pink fundraiser underway. T-shirt sales are ongoing, see Coach Taylor. A Facebook challenge has been issued. See our Facebook page for more details - www.facebook.com/TigerSharkVolleyball

Homecoming Parade: Port St. Joe Junior-Senior High School will be holding its annual Homecoming Parade through downtown Port St. Joe, on Friday, Oct. 17. Step-off time is 3:30 p.m. ET. Any organizations, businesses, groups or individuals interested in participating in this year's event, please contact LCDR Marty Jarosz at 29-6177 or e-mail mjarosz@gulf.k12.fl.us. All entries are due no later than Tuesday, Oct. 14. Thanks for supporting Gulf County Schools.

SHARK TALK

Special to The Star

Eggs are hatching: Scott Lamberson's science classes enjoyed the chicken egg hatching process last week as they had 15 eggs hatch on Tuesday and Wednesday. "It's an amazing process and most of these students haven't lived on a farm so it's something they wouldn't have the opportunity to see if we didn't provide it," Lamberson said. Fertile eggs were given to Lamberson and were incubated for three weeks prior to the hatch. The chicks will spend another week on display to all students (they can see

BLUE DAZZLERS



SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Blue Dazzlers for the week of Sept. 15



The Lion's Tale

Special to The Star

What is Apologetics? Simply defined, Apologetics is the defense of the Christian faith. The word "apologetics" derives from the Greek word *apologia* which was originally used as a speech of defense or an answer given in reply. In ancient Athens it referred to a defense made in the courtroom as part of the normal judicial process.

In short, Apologetics give us a defense of our faith and actions with reason and logic. "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you..." 1 Peter 3:15

Faith Christian School is thrilled to introduce this year an Apologetics



science curriculum from Apologia Educational Ministries for our upper elementary students. We have selected Apologia's Young Explorer series. In this curriculum, our students experience conversationally-written instruction, hands on activities, and interactive notebooking with an inquisitiveness into God's Creation. From the tiniest microbe to greatest galaxy, all of creation declares His glory (Psalm 19:1), and if we study God's creation with intent to glorify Him,

then we will soon learn to be in awe of Him and the works of His hand.

This truly is an incredible science curriculum and we are so blessed to introduce it to our students this year. If you are looking for a place to give your young explorer a great biblical and academic foundation, FCS is the place for you. A place where Jesus is the center and love is the theme. Call our office today at 229-6707 for more information on this wonderful program.

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Panama City Area Seminole Club board members pictured with FSU Panama City Associate Dean Dr. Gary Bliss.

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

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'My Son Is Gay' film shown at Lifetree

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A couple's journey with their son's announced homosexuality will be examined at 7 p.m. CT Monday, Sept. 29 at Lifetree Café.

This Lifetree event features exclusive filmed interviews with a couple who faced various challenges from family, friends, and church after their college-aged son announced his gay lifestyle.

According to Lifetree Café representative Craig Cable, "This is one family's story of a situation with all

sorts of questions and consequences. We'll have a chance to talk about family, faith, values, and love."

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

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

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Schedule of Worship Services

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

Nursery provided for all services

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Obituaries

Benjamin Franklin Causey

Benjamin Franklin Causey, 77, of Wewahitchka, passed away in his home from a lengthy illness on Sept. 18, 2014.

He is survived by his sister Sarah Sweet of Tallahassee; his brother Billy McDaniel of Edison, Ga.; his children, David Causey and wife Marilyn, Stevie Causey, Buddy

Causey, Alice Herrell and husband Scotty, Debra Brown and husband Bill, all from Wewahitchka, and Marie Piland and husband Mike from Winter Park; his grandchildren, Amanda Simpson and husband Brandon of Houston,



**BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN
CAUSEY**

Chipley; many nephews,

nieces and cousins.

Ben was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired from the Gulf County School System in 2002 after 30 years of serving in the maintenance department. Services will be held graveside at Holy Hill Cemetery in Port St. Joe. Please contact Brock's Funeral Home in Panama City for details.

William Terrace

William Terrace, 85, of St. Joe Beach passed away Friday, Sept. 19, 2014. William lived in St. Joe Beach since 1970

after retiring from the United States Military. He was a life member of the Marine Corps League, the American Legion and life member of John C.

Gainous Post 10069 VFW. He enjoyed music and playing guitar.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Barbara Terrace of St. Joe Beach; his daughter and son-in-law, Sheri Martin and Kevin of St. Joe Beach; four step-children (spouses), Jimmy Taylor of Niagara

Falls, NY, Terry Taylor (Pam) of Panama City, FL, Sharon Wilkens (Bill) of Charlotte, NC, and David Taylor (Carlene) of Niagara Falls, NY. William had numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Beach Baptist Chapel, 311 Columbus

Street St. Joe Beach, at 11 a.m. EDT on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014. Interment followed in Holly Hill Cemetery.

Flowers are accepted or contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice.

Funeral services were under the directions of Comforter Funeral Home

Jeanine Dykes Peterson

Jeanine Dykes Peterson, 55, of Apalachicola, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014, in Panama City. A native and lifelong resident of Apalachicola, she worked in the seafood industry. She was a loving wife and mother, and was a member of Living Waters Assembly of God Church where she

sang on the Worship Team.

She was preceded in death by her dad, Willie Dykes, and her siblings, G. W. Dykes, Marvin Dykes and Glenn Dykes.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Peterson of Apalachicola; her son, Stephen W. Peterson of Apalachicola;

two sisters, Willie Lee Collie of Georgia, and Dora Coulter (Arthur) of Apalachicola; her mother, Johnnie M. Dykes of Apalachicola; sister-in-law Ruby Dykes; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, at Living

Waters Assembly of God Church in Apalachicola. Interment followed in Holly Hill Cemetery in Port St. Joe. The visitation was at Living Waters Assembly of God Church 6-8 p.m. EDT on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014.

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

Faith BRIEFS

7TH ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER

A Fabulous Spaghetti Dinner, entertainment, sing-along fun, door prizes, and a cash bar featuring Italian beer and wine await you at the 7th Annual SJCC Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner will be held on 5-7 p.m. ET Saturday, Oct. 4 at the church hall. The hall is just east of the church (20th Street and Monument Avenue) on 20th Street in Port St. Joe.

In addition to the Spaghetti Dinner, you will get a salad, garlic bread and delicious desserts. You will enjoy Italian Accordionist Tony Minichello

and vocalist and sign-along leader Marty Jarosz. You can win one of the many door prizes as well.

The ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5-12. Four-year-olds and younger are free.

Tickets will be \$10 and \$5 if purchased the date of the event at the door.

Get your tickets from any Men's Club Member, by stopping by the church hall office (227-1417), at Hannon Insurance, the No Name Cafe Books & More, or by calling Men's Club President Dan Van Treese at 227-8138.

Get your tickets early — only 200 will be sold. You can also get spaghetti dinners to go, if you wish.

HOLY LAND JOURNEY

First United Methodist Church of Mexico Beach is inviting those interested to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land spiritually directed by Pastor Jerry Arhelger.

The journey, "In the Footsteps of the Bible", will be May 11-21, 2015 and will be led by Catherine Klein of Journey's Travel. For more information and an itinerary, call Catherine at 387-4221.

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New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church

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Worship Service 10:30 am

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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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The staff of the Health Department's dental clinic.

County commissioner welcomes new dentist in Wewahitchka

Special to The Star

Last week, County Commissioner Ward McDaniel welcomed Dr. Renee B. Parrish, DMD to the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County Dental team.

Dr. Parrish is a Doctor of Medical Dentistry graduate of the Georgia Health University and a Bachelor of Science undergraduate of Valdosta State College. She brings experience working in community health centers to provide oral health care services to underserved populations. Dr. Parrish looks forward to developing a strong partnership with Gulf County families, and strives to deliver a pleasant and positive dental experience.

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County Commissioner Ward McDaniel and new dentist Dr. Renee B. Parrish

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For the Port St. Joe location at 2475 Garrison Avenue, call 227-1276, x160.

The Florida Department of Health in Gulf County accepts Prestige and Staywell Medicaid, Medicare

and most other third party insurances.

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New Lister novel set in Gulf County

Special to The Star

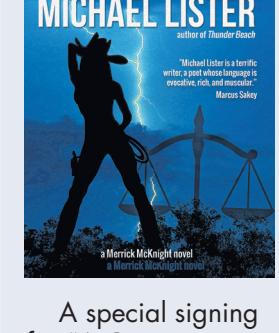
This year is a big year for local author Michael Lister. It's his 20th anniversary as a writer and will see the publication of three new novels—one from each of his three main series characters: John Jordan, Jimmy "Soldier" Riley, and Merrick McKnight. The last, "A Certain Retribution," featuring ex-reporter Merrick McKnight, is the first in his twenty-year career to be set in Gulf County where he lives.

"I'm so excited to finally have a book set in the community and county where I live," Lister said. "It was so much fun to write, using real places and even honoring a few close friends along the way by putting fictitious versions of them in the book."

Lister's new novel, "A Certain Retribution," is a sequel to 2010's "Thunder Beach."

For his twentieth anniversary as a novelist, Michael Lister is doing something he's never done before—setting a novel in his hometown.

And not just any novel. A Merrick McKnight novel that introduces Reggie Summers. A mystery. A



A special signing for "A Certain Retribution" will take place at the No Name Cafe, (which is mentioned in the book), from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. EDT this Saturday, Sept. 27. Everyone is invited.

thriller. A love story

Merrick McKnight and Michael Lister share many things — chief among them the same small North Florida town of Wewahitchka. Wewa to locals.

Wewahitchka, which means "water eyes," because of the two nearly perfectly round lakes in the center of town, is a wild, untamed region—backwoods,

dirt roads, untouched, unspoiled, in some ways unwelcoming. This brutally beautiful place is home to the legendary Dead Lakes, world famous Tupelo honey, and now "A Certain Retribution."

In keeping with the novel's twenty-year theme, it opens with these words: I see her for the first time in over twenty years the night before she'll be arrested.

Reggie meets Merrick and a thrilling adventure begins. Mystery. Romance. Suspense. All in a small town. Welcome to Wewa.

This anniversary year follows a year in which Lister won his second Florida Book Award.

The Florida Book Review says, "Lister's ability to masterfully combine dark, vivid settings with tough yet fallible characters rivals that of Michael Koryta and Dennis Lehane," while Florida Weekly writes, "Michael Lister is a giant talent with a unique vision. His landmark John Jordan Mystery series is a treasure of contemporary literature – suspenseful, provocative and unsettling."

For more about Michael Lister and his books, visit his website: www.MichaelLister.com.

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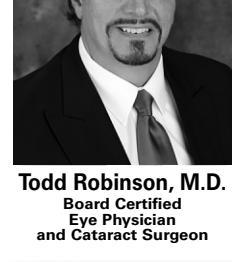
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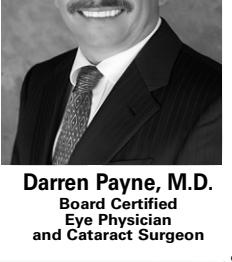
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Chrysanthemums

The blooming of Chrysanthemums is a sure sign of fall. These attractive and versatile flowers are showing up in nurseries, garden and florist shops, supermarkets, around home, and of course at the football games. We thought you might like to grow some of these hardy plants for your own enjoyment.

Commonly called "mums" chrysanthemums are available in a wide range of flower colors, shapes, and sizes.

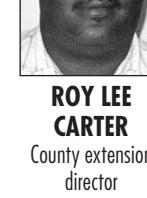
There are two types of chrysanthemums

garden mums, and florist or pot mums. Those in the latter group are sold primarily as corsages and cut flowers, or as gift plants for indoor growth.

They are not suited to garden culture. For outdoor plantings, you should purchase garden mum varieties from a nursery or garden center.

If you want to start a fall bed of chrysanthemums, buy full grown garden mums to plant now. These will probably already be in bloom.

With proper care and a little luck you may enjoy their flowers from now through December and for years to come, because chrysanthemums



ROY LEE CARTER

County extension director

are grown as perennials here in Florida, providing a new burst of color each fall.

Next spring, you could add to your chrysanthemum

plantings with cuttings, which you could root

yourself from present stock. If they are available, you could purchase some young plants that are already started.

Chrysanthemums will grow in almost any well-drained soil, as long as it contains plenty of organic materials.

If your landscape is low in organic matter, thoroughly work in a three or four inch layer of peat prior to planting.

Apply an 8-8-8 fertilizer, at the rate of one pound per 100 square feet of garden bed, three times a year in spring, early summer and late summer

be careful to keep the fertilizer off the foliage, make sure the soil is moist before you fertilize, to avoid root burn, the water thoroughly after fertilizing, to distribute the material throughout the root zone.

Your chrysanthemums should be pinched periodically during spring and summer, to develop compact plants with many flowers. When

chrysanthemums reach six to eight inches in height, remove about half the stem, leaving three sets of leaves. This will

cause lateral branches to form. When these

reach six to eight inches in length, pinch again.

Continue pinching back until about the first week in August, when flower buds begin to form. Any later pinching will limit the number of blooms.

Several diseases and pests can damage chrysanthemums.

Fungus ailments, such as septoria leaf spot, mildew, botrytis, and ray blight, discolor leaves and blooms. Certain

nematodes are a threat to both leaves and roots. Aphids, spider mites, thrips, and some caterpillars may also

feast on chrysanthemum foliage and flowers. At the first sign of trouble, check with your garden center operator, or your County Extension Agent for control.

As I said at the beginning, Chrysanthemums are hardy plants that produce a variety of beautiful fall and winter blooms. Try some, in your garden.

For more information on daylilies contact the Gulf County Extension Service at 639-3200 or visit our website: gulf.ifas.ufl.edu and see FPS 171.

Save the Cape (Beach Restoration Meeting)

Hosted by the Coastal Association of South Gulf County

Who:

Steve Southerland (U.S. Representative)

Warren Yeager (Gulf County Commissioner)

Michael Dombroski (MRD Engineering)

What:

CBRA & FEMA issues; Gulf County efforts; U.S. FWL lack of progress; and the MAJOR impact (economic and environmental) Beach Restoration has on all Gulf County.

When:

October 6, 2014 @ 5:00pm EST

Where:

St. Joseph Bay Golf Club

This could be the most important meeting in Gulf County this year. This information impacts every resident and landowner in South Gulf County - businesses, realtors, rental agencies, and the environment.

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!

GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Sept. 15-21

On Monday, Sept. 15, Deputy J. Oquendo took the report of a theft from a complainant in the 500 block of Dolphin Street in Highland View. A red 150psi air hose, with brass fittings, was stolen out of the back of a vehicle parked at the residence. The theft occurred during the late evening of September 13th.

On Tuesday, Sept. 16, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) executed an order to transport by traveling to the Bay County Jail to transport Nicholas A. Pierce (36) back to Gulf County. Pierce was due to appear in circuit court. He was returned to Bay County the same day.

On Sept. 16, four warrants for Contempt of County Court were served to Carrie Kathleen Strain (28) at the Gulf County Detention Facility (GCDF). Strain was already in custody.

On Sept. 16, the GCSO received two complaints regarding a possible impaired driver in the area of State Road (SR) 71 and SR 22 in Wewahitchka. Sgt. J. Williams was able to locate the vehicle. After observing the vehicle on the roadway, Sgt. Williams conducted a traffic stop to investigate. At the conclusion of the investigation the driver, Alfred W. Liesinger, III (58) was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and transported to the GCDF. Liesinger was first appeared the following day and released on a \$1,000 bond.

On Wednesday, Sept. 17, Deputy P. Williams responded to the Wewahitchka Substation to take the report of a burglary. The complainant reported the theft of two firearms from his residence in the 100 block of Armstrong Road in Wewahitchka. It was reported the guns were noticed missing two to three weeks prior to notifying law enforcement.

One gun is described as a black double action .22 caliber pistol and the other as a Remington .22 caliber rifle.

On Sept. 17, Anthony L. Turner (30) was arrested in the 200 block of Woodbrook Drive in Wewahitchka by Sgt. M. Herring and Deputy J. Hanson. Turner had an active warrant for his arrest out of Calhoun County for Contempt of Court. Turner was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF. He was later released.

On Sept. 17, Deputy M. Layfield served Arthur T. Addison, III (38) with a warrant for Violation of Probation on his original charge of Possession of Cocaine. Addison turned himself in. He was booked into the GCDF and released on a \$5,000 bond.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, Jodie J. Hopper (37) turned herself in at the GCDF. Hopper was wanted by the Bay County Sheriff's Office for Public Assistance Fraud.

On Sept. 18, the GCSO traveled to the Bay County Jail to transport Ernest L. Mace (41) back to the GCDF. Mace



returned to Gulf County after completing his court proceedings in Bay County. He currently is charged with Burglary and Dealing in Stolen Property. He remains in custody.

On Sept. 18, Deputy B. Smith was dispatched to the Family Dollar in Wewahitchka. The manager reported the theft of merchandise valued at \$80. A suspect was developed in the case and criminal charges are forthcoming.

On Friday, Sept. 19, Sgt. S. Strickland arrested Tyler D. Flora (19) at Port St. Joe Jr. Sr. High School for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and released on his own recognizance.

On Sept. 19, Deputy J. Oquendo conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 98 east of Port St. Joe near Depot Creek. Deputy Oquendo clocked the vehicle, using radar, traveling 94 mph in a posted 60 mph zone. Contact was made with the driver, Lataska V. Harris (33), who operated the vehicle

on a suspended license. Harris was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (DWLS/R) and transported to the GCDF. A citation for speed was also issued, which required a mandatory court appearance. He was released on a \$500 bond.

On Sept. 19, Deputy J. Brock responded to the 1700 block of Grouper Avenue in Highland View to an unknown disturbance. The caller reported a female could be heard screaming. The call resulted in the arrest of Karen A. Mancham (47) for Disorderly Intoxication, Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer without Violence and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was transported to the GCDF where she was later first appeared and released on her own recognizance.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, Deputy J. Oquendo conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 98 near Depot Creek. The vehicle was stopped for speed, 79 mph in a posted 60 mph zone. The driver, Melissa W. Thomas (42), had an active warrant for Failure to Appear in Court out of Liberty County. She was taken into custody and transported to the GCDF, where she was later posted a \$2,500 bond. A citation for speed was issued.

On Sept. 21, the GCSO received a 911 call from the 1300 block of Stonemill Creek Road regarding domestic disturbance.

The caller requested an ambulance and a deputy. Sgt. J. Murnan responded to the call and conducted an investigation. The case resulted in the arrest of Arthur E. Lanier (21) for Domestic Battery. He was transported to the GCDF where he was later first appeared and conditionally released.

From Sept. 15-21 the Communications Division at the GCSO logged a total of 31 calls for the Port St. Joe Police Department, 35 calls for EMS, 23 calls for other departments/agencies and 14 calls for Gulf County Animal Control.

From September 15th through September 21st the GCSO logged the following department activity: Security/Zone Checks, 271; Traffic Stop, 29; Field Contacts, 26; Civil Paper Service, 20; Suspicious Person, 7; Traffic Accident, 7; Special Detail, 6; Domestic Disturbance, 5; Information, 5; Suspicious Vehicle, 5; Welfare Check, 5; Prisoner Transport, 4; Request for Security Check, 4; Warrant Arrest, 4; Unknown Disturbance, 3; Verbal Disturbance, 3; Abandoned Vehicle, 2; Alarm, 2; Battery, 2; Physical Disturbance, 2; Harassing Phone Calls, 2; Theft/Shoplifting, 2; Animal Call, 1; Burglary, 1; DUI, 1; Disabled Motor Vehicle, 1; Noise Disturbance, 1; Funeral Escort, 1; Fire, 1; Fraud, 1; Identity Theft, 1; Mentally Ill, 1; Trespass, 1; Reckless Driver, 1; and Stolen Tag, 1.



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Knights of Pythias members David Lewis, Raymond Rogers, Bonnie Bell and Clarence Monette prepare bikes for delivery to Salvage Santa.



Pythians deliver bikes to Salvage Santa

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The R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge 77, Knights of Pythias, a 501 (c)(3) organization, organized July 18, 1929, continues to function as a catalyst for the community through a wide range of social and service activities. Please join us in our effort to provide bicycles for the boys and girls of Gulf County this Christmas.

We are expanding our bike program countywide to provide 100-plus bicycles this year. Members of the Knights of Pythias are purchasing new and collecting old and used bikes for restoration and distribution. The program will provide bikes for boys and girls ages 6-12 who would normally receive a bike at Christmas.

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Lodge 77 relies heavily upon the generosity of our friends and neighbors to support the mission of our Order each year. Your philanthropic support for our Bikes for Boys and Girls Program will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to R.A. Driesbach, Sr. Lodge #77. For additional information, visit www.knightsofpythiasfl.com or call Clarence Monette, Chancellor Commander, at 899-1479 or any member of the Knights of Pythias.

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Astronomy Night at the Buffer Preserve

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Start celebrating Bay Day early.

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. ET on the evening of Friday Oct. 3, Dr. Cliff Harris of Gulf Coast State College in Panama City will take visitors of the St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve on a free astronomy stroll through the planets of the solar system.

This is an easy and entertaining walk that is especially suited for families with children. Children should be able to walk two

mile round-trip.

No advance registration is required for the event and signup is available on site. Attendees should meet at the Buffer Preserve visitor's center at 3915 State Road 30-A in Port St. Joe.

Be amazed at the massive size of our solar system as you walk it out to scale.

Learn fascinating facts, scientific principles and explore the mysteries of the universe.

Learn about the constellations, hear intriguing

stories and search for distant planets. Guests are encouraged to bring a flashlight and bug spray.

Guests will have an opportunity to use the telescope located in the Buffer Preserve tower and are encouraged to bring their own. Telescopes will also be provided on site.

The road guests will walk is unpaved and sandy so athletic or tennis shoes are recommended.

For more information on the Astronomy Walk, call the preserve at 229-1787, ext. 1.

Senior Citizens Association presents Trick or Trot

Special to The Star

The Gulf County Senior Citizens Association will hold the first annual Trick or Trot at 8 a.m. ET on Nov. 1.

The 5K and 10K run/walk will start and finish on the beautiful Port City Trail located on U.S. 71 between Emerald Coast Credit Union and the U.S. Post Office.

The first 50 runners are guaranteed a Trick or Trot shirt. This race is designed to grow awareness for the seniors in our community.

The Gulf County Senior Citizens As-

sociation, Inc. is a non-profit organization that administers a wide range of programs, ranging from congregate Meals and nutrition, disaster preparedness, elder abuse prevention programs, emergency home energy assistance, senior companion programs and transportation.

Preregistration is \$25 for the 5k and \$35 for the 10k through Oct. 3. Those interested in registering can do so online at www.active.com/port-st-joe-fl/races/trick-or-trot-2014?int=72-2-A6 or contact Mary Clayton at 229-8466 or at fiscalgulf@aaanfleads.org.



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Port St Joe, Florida has tentatively adopted a budget for

2014-2015.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:
September 30, 2014
6:00 P.M. EST
At
City Hall located at 305
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BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF PORT ST. JOE - FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Millage Per \$1,000
General Fund 3.5914

	GENERAL FUND	WATER FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND	WASTEWATER FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	\$1,294,789	\$19,855	\$21,969	\$72,413	\$1,409,026
ESTIMATED REVENUES:					
TAXES:	Millage Per \$1000				
Ad Valorum Taxes	3.5914	\$994,724			\$994,724
Earned Interest		\$6,988	\$675	\$0	\$8,263
Fines and Forfeitures		\$6,978			\$6,978
Franchise & Utility Taxes		\$812,818			\$812,818
Licenses and Permits		\$25,345			\$25,345
Grants/Loans/Bonds		\$1,119,200	\$900,000	\$0	\$2,019,200
Intragovernmental Revenue		\$282,732			\$282,732
Depreciation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues		\$138,203	\$22,114	\$21,081	\$644,711
Rents and Royalties		\$100,960			\$104,274
Garbage Fees				\$758,274	\$758,274
Water Department					\$2,366,627
Wastewater Treatment Services					\$2,203,046
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	\$4,782,737	\$3,309,271	\$801,324	\$2,742,687	\$11,636,019
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets					
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$4,782,737	\$3,309,271	\$801,324	\$2,742,687	\$11,636,019
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES					
	GENERAL FUND	WATER FUND	SOLID WASTE FUND	WASTEWATER FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
City Commission	\$70,164				\$70,164
Administration	\$353,139				\$353,139
City Attorney	\$21,600	\$8,079		\$2,000	\$31,679
Public Works Administration	\$36,927				\$36,927
Municipal Building	\$32,286				\$32,286
Police Department	\$682,298				\$682,298
Fire Department	\$113,948				\$113,948
Operations	\$679,758				\$679,758
Parks and Recreation	\$1,276,581				\$1,276,581
Maintenance Shop	\$82,651				\$82,651
Non-Departmental	\$118,597				\$118,597
Water Distribution		\$1,359,005			\$1,359,005
Water Plant		\$1,229,278			\$1,229,278
Water Administration		\$299,314			\$299,314
Trash Collection/Disposal			\$266,566		\$266,566
Garbage Collection/Disposal			\$534,758		\$534,758
Wastewater Treatment				\$793,824	\$793,824
Sewer Collection				\$716,894	\$716,894
WW Administration				\$439,076	\$439,076
Long-Term Debt	\$20,000	\$413,594		\$790,894	\$1,224,488
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,487,948	\$3,309,271	\$801,324	\$2,742,687	\$10,341,230
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets					
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$4,782,737	\$3,309,271	\$801,324	\$2,742,687	\$11,636,019

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

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Dudley received the award for most improved dog and was adopted by a local family in Port St. Joe.

DAWGS from page B1

"So dogs and men who lost their way come together here to rescue each other."

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

"It's an amazing privilege for us to part of these miracles," Christy said. "And now our adopters get to take home and cherish the result of this partnership."

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BLAST from page B1

a role in an event he believes in.

"I thought it would be easy," Bogan said. "I'm still adapting to the 10-hour California work day and the one hour commutes."

Bogan said that with a little bit of delegation, planning has been smooth and relatively stress-free.

Despite the festival's growth pattern in the past, Bogan said he wanted to "hold the line" when it came to the amount of invited writers to keep a feeling of exclusivity.

"The structure will be very same to last year," Bogan said. "We had pretty solid growth in the amount of songwriters and added a bunch of new venues. We didn't want to go too crazy this year."

The first event in 2008 brought just five artists to town and it has steadily built from there. Last year's festival featured 27 writers but as tradition keeps bringing it back, more and more songwriters in Nashville have heard about the big music party in the little coastal town and want in.

Even with the amount of songwriters booked to take part in the festival Bogan and fellow talent scout, songwriter Will Rambeaux, made room for a half dozen new artists to share with them the Blast on the Bay experience.

The songwriters' festival is designed as a "listening event" rather than a rock concert. The artists have traveled from Nashville to Gulf County to not only play their music, but to

share the stories behind them and give listeners a peek into the songwriting process and organizers ask that attendees respect the songwriter and the craft. Once the concert is complete, writers stick around for meet and greets with the audience.

"I want to get people out there to have a good time," Bogan said. "I want these writers to feel like they came to Port St. Joe for a reason, and I want to show them a certain civility."

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Coastal Songwriters Education Coalition Inc. The Blast on the Bay Songwriter's Festival runs from Oct. 16-19. For more information and schedules visit www.blastonthebay.com.

MEMORIES from page B1

and were working to keep their noses clean to have the blot on their record expunged.

"They were generally good men, but there were some rough characters," Maddox said. "Mostly they just had done something like going out and getting drunk and getting in trouble. They weren't bad fellows."

Clingan was the mailman for the outfit, in charge of handling and delivering letters to the men. As such he and Maddox worked in close proximity.

One day they had a photo snapped with buddy Earl "Red" Taylor, the three young men jauntily standing alongside a Jeep outside the tent that passed as their office.

Each man received a copy of the photo and each inscribed his name and hometown on the back of each copy.

Maddox's copy hangs in a room of his Port St. Joe home devoted to his maritime memories and photographs.

"I see it almost every day and I think of (Calvin) often," Maddox said. "But I hadn't heard from him since the Pacific. We just sort of went our own way."

The two never spoke or had contact over the ensuing 70 years.

So, when Clingan, out of the blue, rang up Maddox recently it was a jolt from the past.

Clingan had asked a daughter to use her computer skills to see if she couldn't find a trace of Maddox and Taylor; those smiling faces of long ago in his copy of the photograph.

Taylor, it turned out, passed away years ago but the daughter found a trove of information about Maddox, who turned 93 Sept. 12.

"She found a bunch of junk that had to do with me," Maddox said.

And Clingan decided to give Maddox a phone call.

Clingan told Maddox he was coming this way from his Ohio home en route to South Florida and would love to get together with Maddox for an afternoon.

He suggested meeting at a local restaurant.

"I said how about the living room of my house," the ever-succinct Maddox countered.

Clingan came in Sept. 9 and the two spent the afternoon talking and rewinding memories of 70 years ago when both served in the U.S. Navy.

"Mostly we talked about things that happened in the Pacific because we didn't really know each other beyond that," Maddox said. "It was real nice."

PARK from page B1

Peninsula State Park will host a membership drive. Individuals can sign up for an annual fee of \$15 or \$25 per year for families. Perks of the membership include 12 free entrees to the park.

Businesses can become a friend for \$100 annually and receive a free pavilion rental each year.

A low country boil begins at 3 p.m. with plates and drinks available for a \$5 donation. Scallop Cove will provide free ice cream for children.

Funds raised during the event allow the Friends organization to financially support the park with needed purchases and maintenance projects.

"Members get to be part of what happens at park and many volunteer to help at events," said park manager Mark Knapke. "Lots of people enjoy the park and it's their opportunity to be directly involved."

For more information on the Park Appreciation event contact the park office at 227-1327.



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St. Joseph Peninsula State Park will host its annual Park Appreciation Event this Saturday, Sept. 27 at Eagle Harbor.

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No. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29 (Initiative)

Ballot Title:
Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions

Ballot Summary:
Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.

Financial Impact Statement:

Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action.

Full Text:
ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS
SECTION 29. Medical marijuana production, possession and use.

(a) **PUBLIC POLICY.**

(1) The medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver is not subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law except as provided in this section.

(2) A physician licensed in Florida shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law for issuing a physician certification to a person diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition in a manner consistent with this section.

(3) Actions and conduct by a medical marijuana treatment center registered with the Department, or its employees, as permitted by this section, and in compliance with Department regulations, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law except as provided in this section.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings.

(1) "Debilitating Medical Condition" means cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other conditions for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Health or its successor agency.

(3) "Identification card" means a document issued by the Department that identifies a person who has a physician certification or a personal caregiver who is at least twenty-one (21) years old and has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana.

(4) "Marijuana" has the meaning given cannabis in Section 893.02(3), Florida Statutes (2013).

(5) "Medical Marijuana Treatment Center" means an entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers and is registered by the Department.

(6) "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, use, delivery, transfer, or administration of marijuana or related supplies by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver for use by a qualifying patient for the treatment of a debilitating medical condition.

(7) "Personal caregiver" means a person who is at least twenty-one (21) years old who has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana and has a caregiver identification card issued by the Department. A personal caregiver may assist no

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more than five (5) qualifying patients at one time. An employee of a hospice provider, nursing, or medical facility may serve as a personal caregiver to more than five (5) qualifying patients as permitted by the Department. Personal caregivers are prohibited from consuming marijuana obtained for the personal medical use by the qualifying patient.

(8) "Physician" means a physician who is licensed in Florida.

(9) "Professional certification" means a written document signed by a physician, stating that in the physician's professional opinion, the patient suffers from a debilitating medical condition, that the potential benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the patient, and for how long the physician recommends the medical use of marijuana for the patient. A physician certification may only be provided after the physician has conducted a physical examination of the patient and a full assessment of the patient's medical history.

(10) "Qualifying patient" means a person who has been diagnosed to have a debilitating medical condition, who has a physician certification and a valid qualifying patient identification card. If the Department does not begin issuing identification cards within nine (9) months after the effective date of this section, then a valid physician certification will serve as a patient identification card in order to allow a person to become a "qualifying patient" until the Department begins issuing identification cards.

(c) **LIMITATIONS.**

(1) Nothing in this section shall affect laws relating to non-medical use, possession, production or sale of marijuana.

(2) Nothing in this section authorizes the use of medical marijuana by anyone other than a qualifying patient.

(3) Nothing in this section allows the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana.

(4) Nothing in this law section requires the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law.

(5) Nothing in this section shall require any accommodation of any on-site medical use of marijuana in any place of education or employment, or of smoking medical marijuana in any public place.

(6) Nothing in this section shall require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the medical use of marijuana.

(d) **DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT.** The Department shall issue reasonable regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section. The purpose of the regulations is to ensure the availability and safe use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients. It is the duty of the Department to promulgate regulations in a timely fashion.

(1) **Implementing Regulations.** In order to allow the Department sufficient time after passage of this section, the following regulations shall be promulgated no later than six (6) months after the effective date of this section:

a. Procedures for the issuance of qualifying patient identification cards to people with physician certifications, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.

b. Procedures for the issuance of personal caregiver identification cards to persons qualified to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.

c. Procedures for the registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers that include procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of registration, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.

d. A regulation that defines the amount of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be an adequate supply for qualifying patients' medical use, based on the best available evidence. This presumption as to quantity may be overcome with evidence of a particular qualifying patient's appropriate medical use.

(2) **Issuance of identification cards and registrations.** The Department shall begin issuing qualifying patient and personal caregiver identification cards, as well as begin registering Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers no later than nine months (9) after the effective date of this section.

(3) If the Department does not issue regulations, or if the Department does not begin issuing identification cards and registering Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers within the time limits set in this section, any

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Florida citizen shall have standing to seek judicial relief to compel compliance with the Department's constitutional duties.

(4) The Department shall protect the confidentiality of all qualifying patients. All records containing the identity of qualifying patients shall be confidential and kept from public disclosure other than for valid medical or law enforcement purposes.

(e) **LEGISLATION.**

Nothing in this section shall limit the legislature from enacting laws consistent with this provision.

(f) **SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this section are severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

No. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11 (Legislature)

Ballot Title:

Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies

Ballot Summary:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(2) Whenever a prospective vacancy occurs in a judicial office for which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the prospective vacancy by appointing a justice or judge from among at least three persons but not more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(a) **ARTICULO PUBLICA.**

(1) The uso médico de marihuana por parte de un paciente calificado o un cuidador personal no está sujeto a responsabilidad ni a sanciones penales o civiles conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección.

(2) Un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida no estará sujeto a responsabilidad penal ni a sanciones, conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección.

(3) Las acciones y el comportamiento de un centro de tratamiento de marihuana con fines médicos inscrito ante el Departamento, o sus empleados, según se contempla en esta sección, y en cumplimiento de las reglamentaciones del Departamento, no estarán sujetos a responsabilidad ni a sanciones penales o civiles conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección.

(4) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección afectará a las leyes referidas al uso no médico, posesión, producción o venta de marihuana.

(5) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección permitirá la operación de un vehículo de motor, embarcación o aeronave mientras se esté bajo la influencia de la marihuana.

(6) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requiere que se infrinjan las leyes federales o pretenda otorgar inmunidad conforme a las leyes federales.

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Mexico Beach photography contest winners announced

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Winners were announced on Monday in Mexico Beach's annual photography contest which welcomes residents and visitors to submit their best shots from around the city.

More than 200 entries were submitted in this year's contest, hosted by the Mexico Beach Community Development Council.

For the duration of the contest, which started in April, beach-based paparazzi had four months to capture their subjects and submit their photos across six different categories.

Around Mexico Beach: 1st place, Gloria Sanchez of Mexico Beach; 2nd place, Katrin Seidel of Mexico Beach; 3rd place, Carol Senecal of Madison, T.N.

Sunrise & Sunset: 1st place, Marty Moore of Belpre, O.H.; 2nd place, Sean Donofro of Marianna; and 3rd place, Saralyn Fulbright of Mexico Beach.

The Beaches: 1st place, Bill Fauth of Mexico Beach; 2nd place, Regan Kerns of Garner, N.C.; 3rd place, Whit Perry of Lagrange, G.A.

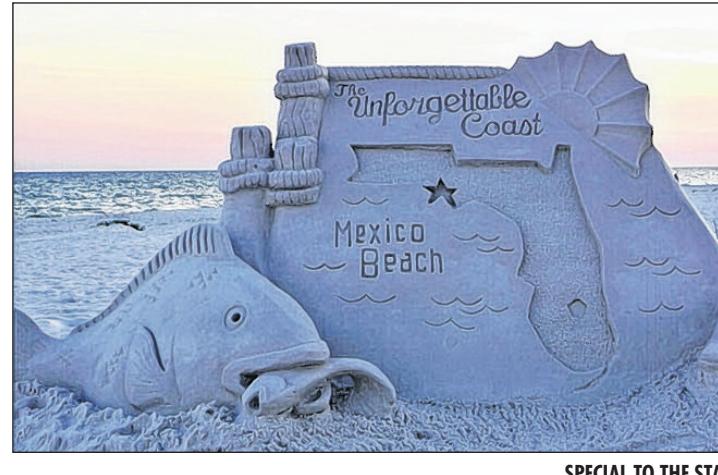
Fishing & Boating: 1st place, Dragonfly Photography of Stone Mountain, G.A.; 2nd place, Lisa Gaines of Richmond Hill, G.A.; 3rd place, Rosie Gammell of Inverness, FL.

Flora & Fauna: 1st place, Bill Fauth of Mexico Beach; 2nd place, Saralyn Fulbright of Mexico Beach; 3rd place, Peggy Hanson of Osage, I.A.

People: 1st place, Sean Donofro of Marianna; 2nd place, Joyce Schehl of Cincinnati, O.H.; 3rd place, Priscilla Hightower of Brandon, M.S.

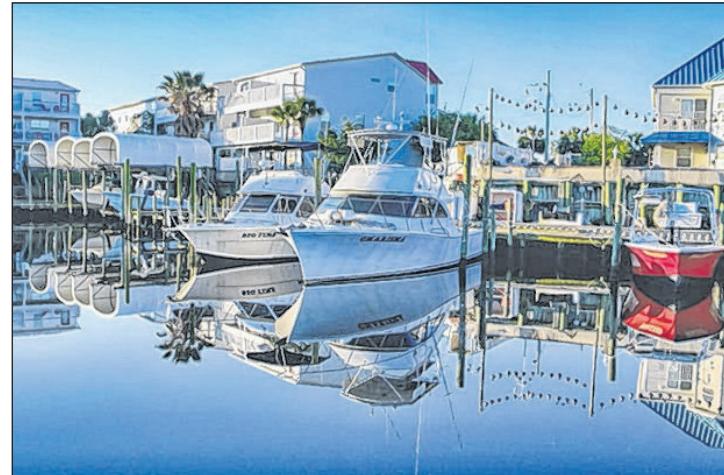
All winning photos may be viewed at www.MexicoBeach.com, along with the archive of winners from years past. Additionally, all winning photographs will also be on display in the Mexico Beach Welcome Center throughout 2015.

"Thank you to all of the photographers who entered this year," said Mexico Beach CDC executive director Kimberly Shoaf. "We hope you will continue to capture Mexico Beach through the lenses and enter again next time."



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Gloria Sanchez of Mexico Beach won first place in the Around Mexico Beach category.



Dragonfly Photography in Stone Mountain, G.A. took first place in the Fishing & Boating category.



In the Sunrise & Sunset category, first place went to Marty Moore of Belpre, O.H.



Bill Fauth picked up another win in the Flora & Fauna category.



First place in The Beaches category went to Bill Fauth of Mexico Beach.



Sean Donofro of Marianna claimed first place in the People category.

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Kenny Strange
Scallop Festival
Sunset Coastal Grill
Brett Martina
Fisherman's Choice Youth Tournament
Seller's Tile
Design By Dorann

Third Place

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Bay Breeze Antiques
Bowery Art Gallery
Thai Chef
Charles Costin
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Emerald Coast FCU
Indian Pass Raw Bar
Mason Dixon
Island Adventures
Turtle Beach Inn
Joseph's Cottage
Sunset Coastal Grill
Lee Jones
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Sister's Restaurant
Galloway
Sunset Coastal Grill
Andrew Sapp
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- Italian
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- Local Band / Musician
- Lodging
- Marina
- Mexican
- Most Influential
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- Outdoor / Sporting Goods
- Oysters
- Pharmacy
- Photographer
- Pizza
- Plumbing
- Pools
- Realtor
- Salad
- Salon / Stylist / Make-Up
- Seafood
- Seafood Market
- Skin Care
- Steak / Prime Rib
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- Wedding Planner
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- St. Joseph Bay
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- Port Inn
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- Bill Cramer GMC
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- Indian Pass Raw Bar
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- Williams Plumbing
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- Salon Lux
- Killer Seafood
- 13 Mile Brand Seafood
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- Blue Water Outriggers
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- Beachcombers III
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