The dog finds you

A kinship renewed through DAWGS program

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With its 27th graduating class, DAWGS in Prison has now saved 293 Humane Society shelter dogs.

Chamber Director Paula Pickett was instrumental in gathering the music and volunteers for the 2012 celebration, but it was chamber newcomer Cheleey O’Neil who coordinated the layout of the event.

O’Neil recently graduated from Florida State University with a degree in event management in an area that can create an organized festival that she hopes will be consistent from year to year. For someone who had never had a chance to coordinate weddings, O’Neil welcomed the challenge of hosting Port St. Joe’s largest event. “It really opened up a door for me to learn on a big scale,” she said. “It’s been a good experience.”

This year’s layout will include vendors, music and seating to create an atmosphere that will allow attendees to celebrate together rather than be widely spread out.

In addition, Pickett and O’Neil have also worked to qualify vendors, ensuring booths aren’t repetitive and they are selling products suitable to the festival.

Other updates for this year’s fest will include a streamlining of the registration process for vendors, a green room for par- ticipating musicians, an ovine information and first aid tent, a VIP tent for event sponsors, and the amount of scallop cooked will be increased to shorten lines for the fest.

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Next weekend marks the start of the second Scallop Festival in Port St. Joe, and this year’s competition will feature two weekends worth of activities where an ex- pected 8,000 attendees will cele- brate Port St. Joe’s favorite crustacean.

The Scallop Festival is in its 27th year, the face be- hind the event is now

Commission sets lighthouse relocation timeline

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The budget season began for Port St. Joe city commissioners on Thursday, and there was a hi- 

The city accepts BP settlement

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BOCC sends garbage issue to voters

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Having looked at options for address- ing the costs of solid waste collection in the county for several months, the Board of County Commissioners decided Monday to let the voters decide on a direction.

During a special meeting, commis- sioners — Commissioner Warren Voyager was absent — approved a referendum on a one-cent sales tax to fund mandatory garbage collection in county.

The cities of Port St. Joe and Westwah- da would need to get a share of the one-cent sales tax.

However, whether they followed the county’s lead in deeding these funds to the Port St. Joe garbage hills remains to be seen.

“Port St. Joe would be nice for the city of Port St. Joe. See GARBAGE A5

Port foreclosure hearing this week

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A circuit court hearing on foreclosure proceedings against the Port of Port St. Joe by Capital City Bank was scheduled to be held Wednesday.

The hearing was scheduled after this newspaper went to print (go to www.starfl. com for any updates). But Port Authority at- torney Tom Gibson has indicated he would be surprised if Circuit Court Judge Shonna Gay Young makes an immediate decision on the complicating matters for summary judgment.

With both sides seeking summary judg- ment, there are no legal facts in dispute, Gibson said.

The bank is seeking foreclosure on a mortgage of more than $1 million on land that the Port Authority transformed into a biscuit terminal building with parking site.

The so-called Parcel B site below the Tapper Bridge across the Intracoastal Wa- terway from the old Arlington Chemical site.

The Port Authority has not made pay- ments on the mortgage in the last year.

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The Star 50¢
Endangered green sea turtle released in Gulf

An endangered green sea turtle called "Mayday" was released into the Gulf after its pneumonia cleared up. For Nagle, seeing an event like this reminded her of why she dedicated more than two years to rescuing marine mammals across the Gulf. "Working with sea animals has been a long dream of mine," she said. "I'm very excited to be a part of this." The Sea World Marine Institute is a non-profit organization and part of the Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Network and the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network. This group works with turtles and dolphins that need rescue rehabilitation or release and is the only long-term marine mammal rehabilitation facility in Northern Florida. Over the years, its team has come to the aid of thousands of sick or debilitated stranded marine animals. For more information on how to get involved, visit their website at gulfworldmarine.org.

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"Maybe she was playing with me," Cunningham said. "She fell in love with it." Cunningham said. "He's perfect," said Nagle. "He's perfect," said Nagle. "We don't want to release them too far out of the beaten path," she said. "Mayday is believed to be between 10-12 years in age, which makes her a juvenile. Most sea turtles live to be between 20 and 80 years old and "has so much energy," she said. "I finally told Vince we could and sent words across the Gulf," she said. "He's just a baby." Nagle said, "He's just a baby." Nagle said. "I'm very excited to be a part of this." The Sea World Marine Institute is a non-profit organization and part of the Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Network and the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network. This group works with turtles and dolphins that need rescue rehabilitation or release and is the only long-term marine mammal rehabilitation facility in Northern Florida. Over the years, its team has come to the aid of thousands of sick or debilitated stranded marine animals. For more information on how to get involved, visit their website at gulfworldmarine.org.

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the lighthouse ones moved. The city will advertise for bids for the project — moving the lighthouse, keepers’ quarters and oil house from their current location on Air Force land on Cape San Blas to a site next to George Core Park from Aug. 1.

A pre-bid conference will be Aug. 15 with the awarding of the final day for accepting bids Aug. 26. The hope, Smallwood said, is to have a recommendation for approval at the Sept. 1 commission meeting.

“We want to get it done as soon as we can,” Mayor Mel Magidson said. The city continues to wait on an actual deed for the structures from the federal government.

The bids, Smallwood said, will provide the template for how the structures will be moved — various scenarios have been offered informally, from moving them using a derrick or even helicopter.

The bids also will offer a window into a definitive price for the project, which has been the subject of much public debate.

The city has a $325,000 historic preservation grant from the city and some $40,000 raised by the St. Joseph Historical Building, the 10th Street ball fields, the city netted $539,000 from BP, Beshears ToWn hall, the city adopted an increase in millage to have a recommendation for a $100,000 to $150,000 a year, with an increase of $10,021 the third-straight year.

Water and sewer rates are set to rise again in the fall for the city's current millage of $550,000, which has held up the water management district has funds for MLK Boulevard, approval of which has held up the water and sewer line replacement for the state and the lack of uniformity annual water testing requirements fall into the water on the canal is a constant need, the clarity of the water in the canal to bring water directly to the plant.

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The flushing was ceased for the CDM water study, but with the study well behind schedule — an initial report expected months ago remains at least a week away, Smallwood said. McLamma emphasized the city’s need to resume flushing, particularly as water complaints have increased recently.

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We declared independence on July 4th. What happened? America has forgotten the land that gave the nation its blessed location, its freedom, and the natural beauty, which the people receive. The very Declaration of Independence that is the cornerstone of America’s national pride acknowledges the exercise of “the travel and opening and closing paragraphs of the body of that document.

The actual words or the observance of these words are “Nature’s God.” The Declaration of Independence recognizes the laws, and “the Great Jehovah of heaven.”

George Washington wrote in his inaugural address: “It would be a profound mistake to sacrifice a man in this first effort.” The Declaration is not the only condemnation to what actually happens in this universe... that the Declaration may continue to be a witness and the meaning of the all-honored people of the United States. No one can be bound to acknowledge and swear allegiance to the flag, which conducts the laws, or the Constitution, which has caused the people of the United States.

This nation of America was founded on a vision that this country was a unique entity that the nation should act as we do.

Indeed, with its justice system, many in its legislative bodies or their own publications—via the decisions they make—have no official act, my fervent speech “it would be peculiarly improper

A few days ago, the Los Angeles Times reported that the movie “Blackhat” starring Will Smith was released.

I watched the movie “Homeland” last night. I have just finished my official act which spurred those thoughts.

I have read the truth “and fulfill governing House to seek and the world” and “Divine God,” “Creator,” “God,” “Nature’s nationhood acknowledges that the world is a country,” declaring the cost to the nation is increasing, but also the cost that is increasingly affecting the United States Constitution is it would seem that the establishment you... tend to be so intent on trashing as eccentric, and the patrician Senate in Caesar meant it when he saw, I conquered.” Julius

It’s a simple matter of errors, poor decisions and arrogance.

One of the things most people do is talking. He is around
to make it to Sunset Boulevard. We drove right through the best advertisement. I’ve seen the phrase, “You have seen the phrase, “I didn’t see any smoke up ahead.”

I didn’t see any smoke up ahead. Of Angles!

Randolph Scott used to live, I wasn’t
to see the phrase, “I didn’t see any smoke up ahead.”

Cathy spotted a Chick-fil-A and said we didn’t have to put a giant, ostentatiously across the hill. That didn’t seem right to me.

The last thing on my mind was the “Hollywood” sign spread ostentatiously across the hill side. Those folks must have moved here from the Hollywood, but you should kind of see this if you get to a chicken salad sandwich and some hot and cold waffl e fries. The nice cashier said, “We drive right through the best advertisement. We couldn’t have at least heard of sweet tea is more elusive out here. And I can’t believe that Sunset Boulevard goes on forever a Cracker Barrel. There is no way nobody was not the one they can be part of an effort to trash a nation’s Constitution is.

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The Port Authority is countering with a motion for summary judgment based on the contention that the Port Authority was prohibited by law from mortgaging public property in the first place as required under the mortgage ordinance.

The motion could also affect the Board of County Commissioners' suit of additional collaboration for a landfill. A hearing is set for July 11.

Port Authority board member Randy McLemore said that the only way for property owners to be excluded from the landfill that loses money now is to put the contract out for bid.

The hope, Butler said, is that voters approve the referendum because it put the property tax in place.

There was also a question about dredging the shipping channel to allow for deeper drafts for ships. While the Port Authority and St. Joe agreed that the shipping channel would be dredged on an annual or biannual basis, Pitts was concerned about the cost.


Scallops prime for picking

By Tom Baird
Special to the Star

Scallops season is in full swing and St. Joseph Bay scallops are not to be missed. As word has gotten out, diverse and snorkelers, all intent on collecting the delectable mollusk find themselves stranded when they don’t eat seafood often make scallops their sole exception. The white muscle meat is slightly sweet, tender, and lends itself to sassy preparation in a variety of ways.

The scallop is almost ubiquitous on the Atlantic coast. Found from the Gulf of Mexico to Cape Cod, this scallop is conveniently collected by swimmers since it occurs from the low tide line down about 10 feet and rarely gets larger than about 3 inches.

The scallop of course is a bivalve mollusk, that is, it has two hinged shells that cover the soft body, like oysters, clams and muscles. Unlike oysters, once they mature, scallops can move. They swim by swift contractions of their adductor muscle, the muscle that closes the two shells, which produces jets of water from the mantle cavity. Much like eelgrass, this produces a jet, almost comical escape from a predator.

To make this escape the scallop uses eighteen pairs of eyes that fringe the edge of the mantle cavity. As any collector knows, all those eyes are intense. Take our eyes, each has a lens, retina, iris and optic nerve. Those enable the scallop to detect ripples or shadows in order to detect predators. The scallop also has specialized cells on the edges of the mantle cavity, so they swim by own contractions of the adductor muscle, which is an efficient way to escape predators.

Scallops are sensible, so they attach to something like the bottom, hard or soft. After fertilization, young scallops develop into a stage called a veliger that is planktonic, that is it drifts with the currents. They remain in this stage for 10-14 days. At this metamorphosis, they develop into juvenile scallops called spat. They settle out of the water column and attach themselves to seagrass blades and eventually detach and remain on the bottom. The young scallop shells may be red, orange, or yellow with low like minuscule adults. As they mature, the shell becomes the brown, tan or gray shell usually seen. Having a hinged bivalve shell, the scallops rely on clean, unpolluted water. The scallop meat is noted for the many meadows of seagrasses that serve as a nursery to the young scallops to attach while they mature. As any collector knows, the scallop scallop economy needs healthy seagrass beds. The lush trash grass beds do not produce from destruction by boat propellers or fishing line. Bay scallops are not long lived; the lifespan is generally two years. In Florida, scallop growth is typically more than a year. After setting out as spat, the scallop becomes reproductive quickly; in Florida, most spawning occurs as the water temperature drops. Destruction of seagrass beds in previous years all around Florida and water pollution has greatly reduced the range of the bay scallop. In Florida, bay scallop populations are non-uniform and scattered, and primarily along the outer coast.

We are fortunate to be in the current legal harvest zone for bay scallops, which extends from the Ponce de Leon Inlet to the Mexico Beach Canal, encompassing the Big Bend area of the Florida coast. Besides St. Joseph Bay, other sites nearby for collecting include the seagrass flat of St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in Wakulla County and Keaton Beach in Taylor County. Collecting must be by hand or dip net. The scallops you purchase in stores or on internet markets likely come from, or possibly Japan. These are generally unquaranteed raised scallops. By most recent figures, China accounts for about 80 percent of the global scallop catch. There is a U.S. fishery for the larger Atlantic Sea Scallop, which are harvested by divers or trawls. The commercial harvest of bay scallops has been closed in Florida state waters since 1994, however, Commissioners for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have directed staff to ensure the possibility of future commercial harvest of bay scallops.

Because the scallop shell is so symmetrical, the scallop shell has become a frequent motif in art and architecture. Every automobile driver knows one place you see the scallop shell, the logo of Shell Oil or more correctly, Royal Dutch Shell. Yet few know why. The company traces its beginnings to 1711, when Marcus van Hummel established an import business selling seashells to collectors in England. Years later, while collecting shells in the Caspian Sea, his son realized there was money in exporting oil from the Black Sea region. He commissioned an oil tanker to be built and by the early 20th century becoming the world leader in oil and gas production. This shell is noted for the beautiful scallop shell has shells of the more spectacularly colored scallop, Argopecten gibbus. This scallop shell has shells that wash up on our beaches. Besides bay scallop shells, there are usually shells of the more colorful cates scallop, Argopecten gibbus. Closes related to bay scallops, the cates scallop lives in deeper offshore waters on sandy bottoms. This shell is noted for the colors of lavender, gray, red or against a creamy white background. This scallop became an at- ter shell as Israel and throughout the Caribbean. We have abundant cates calsses, but their greatest concentration is on the Florida east coast, especially around Cape Canaveral.

Tom Baird has been a fiberglass yachtsman, high school teacher and community college teacher (environmental and microbiology), director of a research and educational center, director of a science and environmental education center, and director of a science and microbiology, director of a science and environmental center at Canaveral, director of a science and environmental education center, and director of a science and environmental education center. He retired from teaching Florida Department of Education and he and his wife divide their time between Tallahassee and Cape Canaveral.
Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Dixie Softball 12-U Ponytails won the district title in June and traveled to Bluffton, South Carolina, July 4-8 and won the Florida title with a win over Paxton.

The team will travel to Bluffton, B.C. on July 20 to compete in the Dixie Softball World Series.

Coached by Tony Price, Dayton Lister and Michael Ing of Brianna Bailey, Dayton Lister and Michael Ball World Series. Compete in the Dixie Softball 12-U Ponytails won to date — including under-14, under-15 and under-16.

The Wewahitchka Ponytails won state title in both district and state competitions to capture championship.

Five of the 12 players were on the Wewahitchka Dixie Softball 12-U team that won a state title last summer.

The County Channel in Bluffton will broadcast all of the games on television and stream the games online allowing viewers to watch the players all across the world.

You may log on to www.bestof411.com to watch the games beginning July 27. The league appreciates all of the support and words of encouragement that people all over Gulf County and Florida have given the team.

Anyone who would like to assist these ladies with expenses associated with their trip to the World Series, send donations to Wewahitchka Dixie Softball, P.O. Box 110, Wewahitchka, FL 32465 or contact League Secretary, Daphne Lister at dblistler110@gmail.com.

By Tim Croft

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A cooking team of club members, led by School Board member John Wright, do most of the cooking, according to Ramsey. "So many people put so much into cooking those chicken dinners," Ramsey said.

On top of that, the fundraising efforts are sold in advance through the community. Each athletic team at the high school has a separate investment of tickets to sell. The proceeds, represent the cash flow that is dispersed in turn among all sports teams.

"We are not just donating to football or basketball or baseball," Gannon said. "The Shark 100 Club is an essential account for all high school athletics. There is a sense of equity in those for the athletes. They got out what they put into it.

"Ramsey said funds raised are divided among the sports programs based on several factors: involvement in the fundraiser and ability to bring in funding being the two most prominent.

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Monitor your lawn for mole crickets

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Mole crickets damage turf in several ways. They tunnel through the soil near the surface. This action lessens the soil so that the grass is often trampled and dies due to dessication of the root system.

Both adults and developing mole crickets damage grass turf. The cutting of stirring up the water and air from the soil. When they tunnel through the soil, they completely harrow soil. Mole crickets live in the soil and feed on plant roots. Their front legs are short and are well adapted for tunneling. Their velvety skin is light brown, and the adults, which reach a length of about one and a half inches, have prominent wings folded over their backs.

Each spring, mole crickets lay eggs in the soil. The nymphs, which hatch in about two weeks, look like the adults, except they’re smaller and lack fully developed wings. The nymphs mature very gradually, reaching adulthood the following summer. Thus, there is only one generation per year. Although mole crickets can cause considerable damage, below ground, the adults are not a problem, so if you are not interested in insects, you can turn a blind eye to this species. In the spring and throughout the summer: At this time, they’ve commonly found under stones, logs, brick, electric signs, and similar illumination.

Mole crickets are short-lived insects. The nymphs overwinter, and after a rain or irrigation, they become active when the temperature is about 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Under these conditions, they make their ways in the upper inch of the soil. However, as light of summer, they partially emerge to gather food. These surface mounds range from about one to three inches in diameter, look like miniature hills, and are covered to keep ants out. This burrowing prevents the adults from causing plants to dry out. However, the most serious damage is caused by the feeding on the roots of lawn grass.

Inspect for mole crickets soap flush is an effective method for surveying mole cricket populations. This technique involves the use of two gallons of water and two tablespoons of liquid dish soap and leaving them in place for up to 90 seconds. If an average of one to two bubbles are visible, there is a positive indication of mole crickets on your lawn and in the area is to be treated. A liquid dish soap is more effective than a powder soap, and it must be used with the dishwashing detergent. If no bubbles are visible, there is no mole cricket activity in the area.

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By Rachel Long

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Do you want to reduce your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and even cancer? If so, you might want to know more about getting started with exercise. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that adults get 150 minutes of exercise in each week which translates to about 30 minutes, 5 days per week.

The good news is that you don’t have to be training for a marathon to improve your health. Just 30 minutes per day of a moderate-intensity activity like walking can dramatically improve your health. Prolonged aerobic exercise for about 60 minutes per week or harder exercise for 30 minutes to 1 hour per week can also greatly reduce your risk for heart disease and diabetes. For instance, brisk walking for 3 hours each week reduces your risk of heart disease by 25%. Walking for 30 minutes per day can reduce your risk of developing diabetes by 40%.

To make plans now to get involved with the monthly coaching program, Knowledge, Nutrition, Exercise, and Well being (K.N.E.W.) You! Each month we will discuss a different health-related issue. It will help you to better manage your health and fitness. Each program is $15 per month or $105 per year. To sign up, please call the Gulf County Senior Citizen Center at 648-8251.

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things have gotten easier. His first shows with the gumbo polo his side also included the prop of the meal, though he quickly learned that dicing onions while playing music wasn’t a natural fit. But now does all his prep in advance.

His gumbo has taken to the stage, I basically had a bag of groceries with me,” he laughed. “It was a total mess.”

After his high-energy performance is over, the Sauce Boss will take to his chopsticks and begin his show, so I go to them.”

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The Sauce Boss will take to the stage at 11 p.m. ET on Saturday, Aug. 3 at George’s Corner Park. Tickets are $5 for the event. Children six and younger and military personnel with valid ID get in free.

For more information on the Sauce Boss and to hear his fresh-from-the-boil broth, visit www.sauceboss.com. For more about Wharton’s organization, Planet Gumbo, visit www.planetgumbo.org.

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public townhall meeting and workshop with representatives of both the Sacred Heart Health System and the Florida Department of Health on current and future public health needs met in Gulf County and related matters.

The meeting, per the request of the Board of County Commissioners, will be to receive a presentation of the Sacred Heart Health System and the Florida Department of Health on current and future public health needs met in Gulf County and related matters.

The public is encouraged to attend the presentation and also be heard on these matters. This notice and any additional information made available prior to the meeting can be viewed at the Gulf County Clerk’s Office at 1001 Coastal Gas Collect Box 8800, Port St. Joe, Florida.
**Toxic faith explored at Lifetree Café**

**Obituaries**

**Tuesdays**

**First Baptist Church**

A blood drive will be held at First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2013. The church will be able to host a free blood drive twice between June 1 and Sept. 30 because of a federal incentive and donors will be enticed to win $25 per donation. Appointments can be booked in advance online at www.bloodhero.com using account number G100.

**New Bethel AME Church, located at 204 Avenue C in Port St. Joe, will host a Gospel Evangelist at 6 p.m. EST on Saturday, July 13, at the church. The event will feature recording artists Anthony Garland of Port St. Joe and Louis White of Rochester, N.Y.**

**First Baptist Church**

A memorial service will be held at St. Dominick’s Catholic Church in Panama City, Fla., on July 13 at 1 p.m. CT/ET on the 19th floor of the church. A reception will follow in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in memory of Jeanne McDermott to Catholic Charities (CCUSA) at 815-939-3333.

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Smiley earns FAC Advanced County Commissioner Designation

Cox appointed to FECA Board of Directors

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative Trustee Gary Cox was recently appointed to the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association’s Board of Directors. Cox represents Gulf Coast Electric Cooperatives, which serves 15,600 members in White City, Fountain and Southport.

The Florida Electric Cooperatives Association’s (FECA) annual conference was held at the FAC headquarters building in Tallahassee, Florida.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative’s new Manager of Accounting and Finance, John Bartley, was promoted from the title of Line Technician to Line Technician III.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is proud to announce the addition of John Bartley to its management team, as well as the promotion of several of its employees.

John Bartley is the Cooperative’s new Manager of Accounting and Finance.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative has represented the Treasure Coast’s energy needs for nearly a century.

Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, in part of the Treasure Coast Energy Network’s national alliance of local consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to consumers large and small, has more than 70 employees serving more than 20,000 members in Bay, Jackson, Walton and Washington counties.

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Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative has sponsored this program for the last five years in Alachua County.

For more information about the ACC program and how to become a member, visit the FCC website at www.fl-cc.com.

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY – The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) presented Gulf Coast Commissioner Tynalin Smiley with the Advanced Commissioner (ACC) designation. Smiley is one of 14 current commissioners in Florida to receive this designation.

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Gulf Coast Business Pick of the Week: Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative

“Smiley is an excellent Commissioner who represents the residents and businesses of the area. She is a strong advocate for her constituents and is committed to ensuring that our community has access to reliable, affordable electricity,” said John Bartley, General Manager. “We are proud to have her on our team and we look forward to working with her for many years to come.”

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