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Fundraising Efforts Continue at Walton County Tax Collector’s Office
Cedar Chest Donated by Katie’s Uncle to Be Auctioned

DeFuniak Springs, FL (February 12, 2008) – Fundraising efforts continue for the Cosson family at the Tax Collector’s Office. A beautiful, handcrafted cedar chest made and donated by Katie’s uncle, Tyrone Cosson, will be auctioned off to the highest bidder during a silent auction taking place today through February 29 at 3 pm.

The cedar chest will be on display in the Tax Collector’s DeFuniak Springs office tomorrow through February 29th. Citizens are encouraged to come in and bid on the item.

The silent auction is one of many fundraisers the employees of the Tax Collector’s Office are hosting to help raise money for the Cossons. Other fundraisers include a Valentine’s Day Bake Sale, an Intranet auction site, donation jars, and proceeds from an employee-run snack bar.

“Support from the community has been fantastic,” said Kaye Hutchinson, fundraiser coordinator and employee of the Tax Collector’s Office. “We have had individuals donate baked goods for the Bake Sale, items have been donated from county employees for our Intranet auction site “Katiebay”, and many local residents have generously donated money.”

“The Cossons have been overwhelmed and sincerely appreciative of the fundraising efforts,” said Hutchinson.

In addition, other local businesses and offices are joining in the fundraising efforts. The employees of the Clerk of the Court are selling tickets for a drawing for a “Fun in the Sun” basket, full of items to enjoy in the upcoming months. The Crazy Patch quilt store is also selling tickets for a quilt drawing with all proceeds being donated to the Cossons.

All donations are appreciated and can be made at both the DeFuniak Springs and Santa Rosa Beach offices.

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