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## MOTHER BATTLING BREAST CANCERTRIES TOSTAYPOSTHIVE



Nikki Brinkley, Nicole Clark and others at the Dollar General on Highway $\mathbf{9 0}$ in Pace donated more than $\mathbf{1 2 5}$ gifts for local children in foster care. [SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE]

## 'EVERYBODY can do something’

Nonprofit highlights how people help children in crisis


By Aaron Little
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JAY - My Father's Arrows, a nonprofit organization that supportsfoster and adoptive families, is recognizing those who help children in crisis and those who care for them through its 100 Families 100 Days foster parent recruitment campaign.
Every day since Aug. 8, MFA has shared a picture on its Facebook page of a foster or adoptive family, Guardian ad Litems, MFA dry or provided babysitting or donated to dry or provides.
"At MFA, we believe everyone can do
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Homeless
housing
program
faces
\$238,000 funding cut

By Aaron Little
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MILTON - Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen has nine months to find funding to support its Transitional Housing Program, which Escambia and Santa Rosa Escambia counties.
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has previously provided approximately \$235,000 in funding but due to a change in the kinds of housing programs it supports, HUD cut off Loaves and Fishes THP entirely.
"As it was explained to me, HUD (has) some programs that are called Housing First takes a more permanent housing (approach) than transitional housing," Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen President Rick Humphreys said.
Loaves and Fishes has received HUD funding for transitional housing for the last 15 years, according to Humphreys.
"Housing First is an approach to quickly and sucand families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements," according to HUD.
Loaves and Fishes offers a program toward selfsufficiency paired with accountability, according to Humphreys.
"We don't let people stay in the program doing drugs, or prostituting out of houses," he said. "As I read (about Housing First), it

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## United Way eyes thrift store opening

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MILTON - The United Way of Santa Rosa County is repurposing the Whiting Furniture building at 6447 Caroline St. in Milton into a thrift store. Due to the search for the best price for remodeling, UWSR had to push back its projected December opening to March.
The purpose of the store is two-fold, according to UWSR Executive Director

Guy Thompson. The first goal is to reduce the burden on Interfaith Ministries' work in the Milton and Pace work in the Milton and Pace
area. The second is to keep more thrift store dollars in Santa Rosa County.
"(Interfaith has) been spending approximately 58 percent of their total budget for helping people up in this end of the county," Thompson said.
Interfaith receives support from UWSR through funding and office space fo those case managers are
reaching ages where they can no longer continue as case managers, according to Thompson.
So, UWSR can recruit volunteer case managers ocally and reduce Interfaith costs, staff needs and travel time.
Thompson is also concerned about where earnings from other thrift tores in the area go, saying the My Father's Arrows hrift store may be the only ne focusing on supporting

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The United Way of Santa Rosa County wants to open a thrift store around March in the old Whiting Furniture Company building at 6447 Caroline St. in Milton. [AARON LITTLE | PRESS GAZETTE]

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## COMMUNITY



Navarre resident Chuck Pohlmann took this photo from his father's boat in 1965 as they headed through Navarre Pass. The Pohlmann family used the pass almost every day for the two months it was open. [SPECIAL TO DAILY NEWS]

## Impasse over the Navarre Pass

By Tom McLaughlin 315-4435 |@TomMnwfdn

Sen. Bill Nelson and th Sen. Bill County Commis sion appear to have reached an impasse over Navarr Pass.
Commissioners say they would never vote to build Navarre Pass without the full support of the U.S. military but they'd like to have the option to consider construct ing one if Eglin Air Force Bas ever decided Nelson,
Nelson, however, has taken a stand against the pass and has used the issue to block passage of a federal bill that would allow private ownership of land on Navarre Beach.
Presently, homeowners pay lease fees. Florida' senior senator, a Democrat, is standing in the way of a proposal to allow Navarre Beach residents to own thei property.
U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, has introduced legislation to take ownership of Navarr Beach from Escambia County. For a time, Nelson supported the legislation as well.
But Nelson has stepped back from the bill, which he cosponsored, because he said more needs to be done to ensure no pass is built
The Air Force has made it clear that digging of Navarre Passwary mission and harm national security - and I'm not going to let that happen.
'm not going to let Eglin's military testing and training mission be impaired," issued Thursday.
The fee simple legislation oesn't go far enough to prevent the counties from reopening the pass, Nelson spokesman Ryan Brown said Monday in an email.
"Before Congress acts on any legislation, he wants the counties to approve resolutions that make clear they would oppose any attempt to reopen the paid said in an email
The senator's profollowed a public he issue ollowed a public hearing, Santa Rosa County whic missioners resolved never to even consider building a pass connecting Santa Rosa Sound and the Gulf of Mexico without military support for the project.
"Unless the military comes forward and says it won't have an impact, I will vote no to the pass," said Co r Don Salter
Commissioners did grumstance, with Cout Nelson's senator and his staff have failed to even speak to him regarding the Navarre Pass/ fee simple issue
The Board of Commissioners declined to take action on a resolution until they get more information from Nel son's office.
Commissioner Rob Wilthat if Nelson was not using his status on the Armed Services Committee to apply
pressure, he believed Eglin might change its stance on the idea of a Navarre Pass. "I would be very interested to hear what the military would say if we had a Gov. Scott sitting on that committee," Williamson said alluding to Scott's likely run next year to replace Nelson. Not that the Air Force ha ever wavered on the issue. In October, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force issued a statement firmly underlining its stance.
"Reopening Navarre Pass would interfere with current and future Air Force and DOD missions," Gen David Goldfein, wrote in a
letter to Nelson. "The Air Force opposes reopening that pass."
Air Force officials have said traffic moving in and out of a pass in the Navarre area would restrict testing and training in the area. For a few months back in 1965 , the Navarre Pass was chere the Navarre Beach Where is now. It was sa It was said to have been 18-20 feet deep.
Hurricane Betsy has been blamed with closing the pass two months after it was completed.
Santa Rosa's commission ers envision a new Navarre Pass in a different location. Those who favor a new pass say it could mean a boon and it is theorized, might and, it improve the environ mental health of the waters around the pass.

## Milton subdivision participates in home decorating contest

Press Gazette contributor
MILTON - The Jaimee's Ridge subdivision in Milton is showing its Christma spirit this year with its first Holiday Home Decorating contest.
The first-place winne will receive $\$ 100$, second place receives $\$ 75$, and

"The pic is of our home (on Ribault Lane in Milton)," Vincent Sachar writes. "Since my wife, Gwen, proposed the idea of the contest to the (Jaimee's Ridge) board of directors, we excluded ourselves from the contest. Judges are residents of the community, The results are all coming in now!

## Sharing Santa Rosa’s Christmas spirit


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## OBITUARY

FRED AND SHIRL KOPPEN


With the passing of both Fred and Shirl Koppen, we can never express the gratitude and the love we feel to the hospital staff, hosfor their constant outreach and the family members' prayerful peace support. Asport.
surrounded by away, they were those who loved them.
My mother said, prior to her passing, "I hate to leave them but I know they'll be okay."

## Santa Rosa family takes three beach volleyball wins

## Press Gazette contributo

MILTON - Dr. Scott Arnold, a local chiropractor, has a family of accomplished sand v
The Arnolds exp
rienced a number of wins this week during
the Tropics Volleyball tournaments.
Their youngest son, Nate, took second place in hall tournament
Jackson won first place in his Ul6 diviplace in his Ul6 divitook second place in the
whole tournament; she also won a bid to play in California this summer a sand volleyball club based in Spanish Fort based it has coed quad Ala. It has coed quads ments and a juniors club according to its website.


Coach Susan Wachob is pictured with Jackson, Nate and Lily Arnold [SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE]


Pace Walmart sets blood drive for Dec. 29 and 30

Highway 90, Pace.
All donors may receive a All donors may receive a
wellness check-up of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count, along with a cholesterol screening.
Participants then may receive a \$10 Walmart gift card.

## School District: Student falsely accused Navarre staffer of misconduct

By Press Gazette staff
NAVARRE - A Navarre High School staff member did not engage in misconduc
toward a student, accordin toward a student, according
to an investigation's findings to an investigation's findings. Schools investigated student allegations of inappropriate contact between a student and an NHS staffer. Upon initial report of the allegation, the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's

Office, through a school resource officer, received Evidence collected during the investigation, including witness statements from other students present during the alleged incidents, discredit the student's allegations, according to the release.
The school district, which did not release the teacher or student's name, will pursue disciplinary action in
accordance with the Code of Student Conduct for a student gations about a school board gations about The code The code states, "...any false accusation which jeopardizes the professional reputation, employment, or certification of any member of the school staff" could be punished with disciplinary action 'up to and including alternative placement or expulsion."


Navarre High School in Santa Rosa County.

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Berryhill students don't forget the dogs

"Our second-grade class at Berryhill (Elementary) made homemade treats for the dogs at the Santa Rosa County Animal Shelter," Shelly McLean Adascheck said in a message to the Press Gazette. "Everyone deserves a merry Christmas." [SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE]


Adam Koppin and Katherine Powell
BLUES ANGEL MUSIC FOUNDATION

## Escambia, Santa Rosa's music educators of the year recognized

By Press Gazette contributor Blues Angel Music Foun dation, a nonprof organization support ing music education and therapy, has announced recipients of the 2017 Music Educator of the Year awards for Escambia and Santa Rosa counties The recipient for EscamPowell of Ransom Middle School in Cantonment. For Santa Rosa County, the recipient is Adam Koppin of W.H. Rhodes Elementary School in Milton. These teachers will each receive $\$ 1,000$ to use in their music programs.
ABOUT KATHERINE POWELL

Powell is the choir director at Ransom Middle School. Throughout the year, she has worked to
grow and improve the school's choir program. In 2016, Powell was named one of Escambia County School District's Champions of the Arts for her technology-based curriculum in elementary general music. Addi tionally, Powell is the
assistant director of the Pensacola Children's Chorus' elementary and middle school choir Of music educatio Powell said, "Teachers should want to teach and be willing to put in

## CAMPUSKUDOS

Santa Rosa County students recognized

By News Bulletin staff
MILTON - Here are highlights involving area students
William Carey University has announced the president's and dean's list scholars for the fall trimester.
Area students earning recognition are list: Kathleen - dean's Woods Woods - Gulf Breeze Elisabeth Edwards, Emily Grace Edwards

- Milton - president's list: Julie Elizabeth Jackson - Pensacola - president's list: Adrianna Noelle Bonelli; dean's list: Jonathan Richard Bonelli Farrah Dawn Nicholas have a perfect 40 cholar point average and dean's list scholars must have at least a 3.5 grade point average.
-•• Breeze qualified for the fall 2017 dean's list at

Contact Dan Fugate, dan@ bluesangelmusic.com, to recommend a West Florida of the Year, or to recommend a program that could use some help.
the incredible amount of work it takes to be a good teacher.

ABOUT ADAM KOPPIN

Koppin transferred to W.H. Rhodes Elementary from a school in Escambia County. Since then, he has worked tirelessly to bring a richer music program to the school. Most recently, Koppin held a fundraiser to bring a ukulele program to
W.H. Rhodes Elementary W.H. Rhodes Elementary. leaders because they inspire ordinary people to do extraordinary things," Koppin said. "Other people are leaders because they managed to get in front of extraordinary people already doing the second the second one." educators dese music praise for the work ther doing to continue to bring music education to the students in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties," said Dan Fugate, administrative director of the Blues Angel Music Foundation.

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## CHILDREN

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something," Executive Director Sarah Ellis said. "For years we've heard, 'We can't foster or adopt because,' and the reasons
 from time limitations to money to feeling too old
or their home isn't nic isn't nice enough or whatever is continued the conversation by asking 'What can you do?'"
It's a way MFA found to recognize how the community supports children in crisis situations.
"We wanted to say, wey, Santa Rosa county, occasion,'" she said. The recruitment part the campaign addresses what happens to children who enter the foster care system.
"It's a huge problem," Ellis said. "The kids in our county are sent out of the area because there are not enough licensed foster homes. Not only are they being sent out of the area but they're also divided from their sibling
groups. That's where our focus has always been: the kids that are hardest to get homes for. (Children) over 10 years old, minority children, large groups and children with disabilities are the hardest to place."
On day 34, Sept. 8, MFA shared a picture of foster parents John and Sherri.
"We foster because as empty nesters, the house accompanying quote read. ${ }^{\text {We're constantly }}$ trying to recruit empty nesters because (they're) bored," Sherri, who preferred to not give her last name, said.
Sherri and her husband started in traditional foster care and then, after three years, switched to
medical foster care, she medic.
"We kept getting the sick babies anyway," Sherri said.
Sherri, as a counselor, met a young woman in Northwest Floridawhom she felt was not represented well in court. Her parents were deceased and came from a long line of drug abusers. The parental rights despite Sherri thinking she was making good personal making good "My husband and I started talking," she said. "Are there other young moms out there who hit rock bottom and because of horrible choices they don't have anybody? Our desire to get into foster care was to come alongside other help them. That's what started us."
Sherri and John have since adopted three children and have fostered 20 children.
"Ten have been reunited with their families and ten have been adopted," Sherri said. "Our only regret is we didn't start younger ... It's hands down the I've ever done and also at moments the most stressful, unnerving thing I've ever done. That's why I love what Sarah's doing.
"Not everybody's cut out to be a foster parent ... but everybody can do something."


From top left are Doyce, Diana, Raven and Daniel Aldridge. Raven said she wanted to give foster children stuffed animals and toys this Christmas. ISPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE


JR Peaden Septic Service replaced My Father's Arrows' entire commercial septic system just for the cost of materials, which saved MFA about $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 0 0 0}$ after discovering the unexpected need to replace it. "Their donation has allowed us to create more licensed beds in our county," MFA Executive Director Sarah Ellis said. [SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE]


Mitch and Deanna Lambeth are foster parents. [SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE]

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## OPINION

## What's in a word? Consider 'Youthquake' <br> 

Arthur I.Cyr

" $Y$outhquake" arrives. The learned lexicographers at the Oxford English Dictionary have now selected this word as official Word of the Year 2017. "The august organization defines this odd term as, "a significant cultural, political, or social change aris ing from the actions or influence of young people." This word is what those who study and analyze language terma "portmanteau," meaning a word forme from the combination or compression of two other motor and hotel "smos" combined from smoke and fog, and "brunch" derived from breakfast and lunch. The word portmanteau also traditionally refers to a large suitcase divided into equal sections, as your grandparents or perhaps great-grandparents, or at least early 20th-century travelers, likely would be aware. This word derives from the French "porte-manteau," which combines the verb for "to carry" (porter) and the noun for "cloak." Young people in Britain registered and voted in exceptionally large numbers in the general election held on June 8. Their powerful support for the Labour Party upended the plans of the ruling Conservative Party for Brexit, a servatives anticipated expanding their narrow House of servatives anticipated expanding their narrow House of Prime Minister Theresa May is beleaguered, on the defensive politically and her days in office are probably numbered. She governs only with the support of the small Democratic Unionist Party of Northern Ireland, which complicates policy. Also, because of the election, the Labour Party is on a rise, and party leader Jeremy Corbyn - who is 68 years old - has become something of a celebrity, especially among the young. Ashley May writing about the OED Word of the Year in "USA Today" announces, "No, we haven't the president of Oxford Dictionaries to the effect that "the word was not an obvious choice" but th researchers at his institution determined that usage of the word has increased "fivefold," which is a lot even if measurement methods remain obscure The website Inews.co.uk further quotes Grathwohl to the effect that the word has positive con notations: "At atime when our language is reflecting our deepening unrest and exhausted nerves, it is a rare political word that sounds a hopeful note." May (the journalist, not the prime minister) is part of larger good company. For example, the headline of a column in The Washington Post by Jennifer Hassan reads, The Oxford Dictionaries
Hassan has also done due diligence Horthy in today's done due diligence, especially praisecoined in 1965 by Diana Vreeland, editor of the fashionable and influential Vogue magazine. She was using the word to underscore the important and rapidly changing impact the enormous, at the time young, Baby Boomer generation was having on music, the arts generally, style in fashion and the wider society, and other matters.
Tremendous political as well as social unrest also characterized the 1960s, followed by long-term high inflation combined with high unemployment that lasted through the 1970s. In the United States, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy presaged years of domestic Crime rates nationwide remained high throughout these years. The Vietnam War was intensely divisive these years. The Vietnam War was intensely divisive violent. Youthquake describes voting trends, not blood literally in the streets.

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## ANOTHER VIEW



## My ADD Christmas wish list



Editor's Note: Here, guest columnist Ron Hart share Items are as follows: Items are as follows:
Thope Judge Roy Moor rides away on his horse "Sassy." It is Christmas, and he can hang around the mall until the kiosks close. (I think malls there still have a place to tie up your horse.) Or he'll continue to be a leader in Alabama; he currently leads the state in most proms attended. Moore losing was the best news for Demo sion of Viagra came out
I hope this rash of sexual harassment claims calms down and men and women can be less tense toward each other. Back in the day Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) left a woman for dead at the Chappaquiddick bridge, and President Clinton had cred ible evidence against him for rape. Both became leaders in their party. Now, if a her number, you are expected to resign I think the lesson here is that there was a tim and place for everything. They half-heartedly trie to get Bill Clinton on sex charges - close, but no cigar. Liberals continue to grandstand on sexual misconduct foes, which is at odds with their secular, Darwinian view of man's origins They can't have it both from apes or we didn't My wish is the Muelle would clarify what is going on in his "Russian collusion" probe. Keep in mind,
he and James Comey are good friends dating back to factured studied Manuthe NYU theater program As fingers start to point to Hillary, she has even said she hopes the investigation wraps up soon, or is deleted, or BleachBit-washed away, or smashed with a hamthinks is most plausible thinks is most plausible. bickering behind us. Maybe the left will stop protesting the president. Trump has done more to get overweigh Americans out walking than Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" program ever did. Washington D.C. will again be named by Men's Health magazine as the "fittest city." Of course it is. Governme dodging subpoenas, walking dock statements, hopping into bed, dancing around issues and jumping to conclusions - all good cardio. Battles between pro-life and pro-choice activists and how to deal with terrorism will hopefully subside after the Alabama Senate race. No outside person should hold sway over whether an American lives or dies. That is the sole provinct or wou while you are driving I hope the tensions. North Korea subside. Trump and Kim Jung Un have such tension, which can only mean one thing: they once dated. I hope that, as more states legalize pot, millennials don't become less productive than they already are. Right now city limit signs in Denver say, "Welcome to Denver, A Work-Free Drug Zone. rainful Omplosment afte being fired as Trump's poin being fired as Trump's poin person on the Africanwill find a less daunting
job, like heading up black outreach for NASCAR. I hope Melania Trump decides to use the Reagan china for this year's Christmas dinner in the White House. The Obamas used the Clinton china las year, and you could see where each piece had been glued back together. ding goes well for Princed Harry and his American Harry and his American brid
so millennials might start marrying. These kids are h ing a hard time determining just which person they want to stare at their iPhones with for the rest of their lives. With all the sexual misconduct casualties, men in power will continue to be scared in 2018. They are all about as scared as a Karcashian wit battery life. Thope Congres will be able to get a quorum I hope the sex rehab clinics have plenty of space. I noticed that most are nea either wine country or La Vegas, maybe so that patients can keep their options open. I wish late-night comics would start being funny again. The main casualty of Trump's presidency is that we have lost all the once funny late-night conics to vitriol polm wishing Al Franke well. Things are so bad fo him that Harvey Weinstein just un-friended him on Facebook
I hope Trump's next move is to cut the deep state bureaucrats. They are like Christmas lights: frustrat ingly intertwined, not very bright and half don't work.

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## Pine Terrace ‘Giving Wall' offers holiday help

MILTON - Pine Terrace Baptist Church for the past few weeks organized The designed to help armer in tough situations and provide them Christmas gifts.
"This year, we part nered with several different schools, including Berryhill Elementary, TR Jackson, Rhodes Elementary, East Milton and Bagdad Elementary," Karlyn Waters said in a message to the Press Gazette
"The Giving Wall is up in our church typically for three to four weeks with small cards [that] are kept anonymous, only providing information about the child's age and Christmas.
"After all the gifts are collected, we host a free dinner for the parents and guardians of these children to attend to explain why we started The Giving Wall in the first place - to reach into our community and help those during the holiday season that need it."

## CALENDAR

By Press Gazette staff
MILTON - Here is a list of cheduled faith-based ser vices and events.

## JPCOMING

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PACE: These events take place at 4540 humuckla Highway, Pace unless otherwise noted: aturday, Dec. 23-11 a.m with the homeless
Sunday, Dec. 24 - 9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages :45 a.m. coffee fellowship; 10:10 a.m. worship service - nursery provided for all services; 5 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve ommunion service; and 7 p.m. candlelight Christma ve communion service - office , Dosed 25 Jan : office closed
Sunday, Dec. $31-9$ a.m. 9:45 a.m. coffee fellowship and 10:10 a.m. worship service - nursery provided for all services.
Contact 994-5608 or church@ pacefumc.org to learn about more FUMC events.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MILTON: FUMC of Milton will hold three worhip services on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24. At 10 a.m., there will be a Fourth sunday in Advent Service with pastor M. Kathryn Knight giving the sermon using scriptur Luke $1: 26-38$ At 3 pm and 5 pm there will candlelight Communion Services with the sermon titled, "What Child is This?" using scripture Luke 2: 1-20. There is also a Handbell Preude 30 minutes before both afternoon services. On New Year 's Eve, there will only be one service, at 10 a.m. Details: 623-6683. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MILTON: Wor Ship services are a.m. social at 10 a $m$ and Sunday chool at $10: 30$ am. at 5203 Elmira St., Milton. FPC Milon's Open Hearts Ministry, a ible study group for adults with special needs, meets 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

DESTINY BIBLE CHURCH:
Worship service is 10 a.m. Sundays. Wednesday's

Reflect, Share, Study is 7 m. at 4867 W. Spencer Field Road, Pace. PLEASANT GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Events include 10 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. men's and women's studies and 7 p.m. worship service. Wednesday night Building are at 7 pm . The church is located at 11130 Highway 87 N., Milton. MILTON FI
OF GOD: Worshipembly Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednes days at 6163 Dogwood Drive, Milton. Details: 623-2854. BAGDAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 8:30 a.m. contemporary worship service, 10 a.m. traditional worship service at 4540 Forsyth St., Bagdad.
SHEPHERD'S HOUSE MIN ISTRIES INC. OUTREACH CHURCH: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; and Wednesday night Bible study, 7 p.m. at 5739 Stewart St., Milton. Bishop Cecil Downing is the founder and senior pastor. Details: 530-4011.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Anglican

Trinity by the Fields, 4980 W. Spencer Field Road, Pace

## Apostolic

First Apostolic Church, 5574 Highway 90, Milton

Pace Apostolic Church, 476 Old Guernsey Road, Pace

## Assembly of God

Bagdad First Assembly of God, 4513 Forsyth St., Bagdad

East Milton Assembly of God 5174 Ward Basin Road, Milton Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 8080 S. Airport Road, Milton

First Assembly of God, 6163 Dogwood Drive, Milton
The Harbor at Holley Assembly of God Church, 4006 State Road 87, Navarre

Harold Assembly of God, 10495 Goodrange Drive, Milton

Jay First Assembly of God,
14047 Alabama St., Jay
McLelian Assembly of God,
New Harvest Fellowship Assembly of God, East Highway 90, Pace

New Hope Assembly of God, 9550 Chumuckla Highway, Jay

Pace Assembly of God, 3948 Highway 90, Pace

Springhill Assembly of God, 9190 Munson Highway, Milton

True Worship Assembly of God,
13297 Highway 87 N., Jay
Welcome Assembly of God, 8581 Welcome Church Road, Milton

Whitfield Assembly of God, 12391 Highway 87 N., Milton

Celebration Baptist Church, P.O. Box 4047, Milton

Eastside Baptist Church, 6731 Dixon St., Milton
Faith Baptist Church, 6423 Hamilton Bridge Road, Milton

Iglesia Bautista Libertad, 5536 Highway 90, Milton

Liberty Baptist, 6763 Margaret St., Milton

Lighthouse Baptist Church,
13050 Highway 89, Jay
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church,

5103 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Milton

Oak Grove Baptist Church, 917 Lakewood Road, Milton

## Baptist - ABA

Berryhill Road Baptist, 3095 Berryhill Road, Milton

Bethel Baptist Church, 6178 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton

Fellowship Baptist Church, 5223 Highway 90, Pace

First Baptist Church of East Milton

First Missionary Baptist Church of Pace, 3925 Pace Road, Pace
Galilee Missionary Baptist, Highway 90, Milton
Baptist - Independent
Bible Baptist Church, 4001 Vern St., Pace
ible Way Baptist Church, 5976 Dogwood Drive, Milton

Brownsdale Baptist Church, Chumuckla Highway, Jay

Fil-Am Baptist Church, 5240 Dogwood Drive, Milton
oy Bible Baptist Church, 8613 Highway 90, Milton
t. Calvary Baptist Church 4636 Highway 90, Pace

Pine Grove Baptist Church,
7280 Pine Grove Road, Jay
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist, 5550 Econfina St., Milton

Solid Rock Baptist Church, 6760 Eastgate Road, Milton
Trinity Baptist Church, 5301 Highway 90, Pace
ictory Baptist Church, 4000 Avalon Blvd., Milton
est Florida Baptist Church, 5621 Highway 90, Milton

Baptist - Missionary
Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, 175 Limit St., Milton
New Macedonia Baptis hurch, 4751 Chumuckla High way, Pac

New Providence Missionary Baptist Church, 4175 Popcorn Road, Milton

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 11130 Highway 87 N., Milton
t. John Divine Missionary

Church, 5363 Saint Johns St.

## Baptist - Primitive

Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 5339 Zero Lane, Milton

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist, 6930 Chaffin St., Milton
Baptist - Southern
Avalon Baptist Church, 4316 Avalon Blvd., Milton

Berrydale Baptist Church, 6703 Highway 4, Jay

Billory First Baptist of Holley Navarre, Highway 87 S., Navarre

Blackwater Baptist Church, 11689 Munson Highway, Milton
Calvary Baptist Church, 5405 Calvary Church Road, Milton

Cora Baptist Church, 12953 Chumuckla Highway, Jay

East Side Baptist Church, 4884 Ward Basin Road, Milton

Ferris Hill Baptist Church, 6848 Chaffin St., Milton

First Baptist Church of Bagdad, 4529 Forsyth St., Bagdad
First Baptist Church of Milton, 6797 Caroline St., Milton

First Baptist Church of Pace, 3949 Pace Road, Pace
irst Baptist of Garcon Poin 17820 Garcon Point Road, Milton

Floridatown Baptist Church, 3851 Diamond St., Pace
Friendship Baptist Church, 5300 Berryhill Road, Milton

Harmony Ridge Baptist Church, 5536 Highway 90, Pace

Harold First Baptist Church,
10585 Goodrange Drive, Milton
Hickory Hammock Baptist mock Road, Milton

Immanuel Baptist Church, 4187 Highway 90, Pace

James Street Baptist Church, 6658 James St., Milton

Jay First Baptist Church, 214 S. Alabama St., Jay

Living Truth Church, 8897 Byrom Campbell Road, Pace, FL 32571

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church P.O. Box 4812, Milton

New Bethel Baptist Church 10995 Chumuckla Highway, Jay

New Life Baptist Church, 6380 Bayberry St., Milton
Olivet Baptist Church, 5240 Dogwood Drive, Milton
Pine Level Baptist Church, 3300 Pine Level Church Road, Jay

Pine Terrace Baptist Church, 6212 Pine Blossom Road, Milton

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, 8500 Pleasant Home, Munson

Santa Rosa Baptist Association, 6820 Highway 87 N., Milton

Spring Hill Baptist Church, 9214 Munson Highway, Milton
Wallace Baptist Church, 6601 Chumuckla Highway, Pace

Woodbine Baptist Church, 4912 Woodbine Road, Pace

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 6451 Park Ave., Milton

## Charismatic

New Hope Community Church of Milton, 5283 Goshawk Drive Milton
Shepherd House Ministries, 5739 N. Stewart St., Milton

Church of Christ
Bagdad Church of Christ, 4413 Garcon Point Road, Bagdad

Berryhill Church of Christ, 3679 Berryhill Road, Pace

Church of Christ, 4034 Highway 4, Jay
Margaret Street Church-Christ, 6745 Margaret St., Milton

McLellan Church of Christ, 6285 Three Notch Trail, Milton

Pace Church of Christ, 4075 Berryhill Road, Pace

Pea Ridge Church of Christ,
4400 Bell Lane, Pea Ridge
Susan Street Church of Christ, 600 Susan St., Milton
West Milton Church of Christ, 5300 Highway 90, Pace

## Church of God

Church of God of Prophecy
Bible Place, 600 Glover Lane Milton

Covenant Church of God, 4645 School Lane, Pace

Christ, 5583 Alabama St., Milton

## hurch of God in Christ

 Christ Church of Pace, 5536 Highway 90, PaceChurch of God at Milton, 4645


## [SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE]

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Tagging antlerless deer, planting a food plot among FWC incidents

## By Press Gazette contributor <br> citations for possession

MILTON - The Florid Fish and Wildlife Con servation Commission filed these cases between Dec. 8 and 14 in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties: ESCAMBIA COUNTY
Officer Allgood worke fisheries enforcement in the Pensacola Bay area and diduals in violation. ssued notice-to-appea of red snapper in a closed season and possession of undersized scamp and good also documented license and boating safety violations.
Officer Allgood entered a hunt camp and noticed the remains of a doe deer hanging on a skinning rack. The deer had been cleaned and appeared to be antlerless. Antlerless and to take an antlerless deer legally, the animal must be tagged before moving it from the field. When the two hunters noticed Allgood, they attempted to tag the ant lerless deer. The deer was killed several hours prior and had not been tagged. Allgood issued a citation for failing to tag an anterless deer

FEDERAL WATERS
Officers Cushing, Land and Wilkenson were on water patrol in federal waters aboard the offshore patrol vessel NW Fincat. While patrolling approximately 30 miles south of Perdido Key in the Gulf of Mexico, they approached a large charter vessel and observed items
being thrown overboard being thrown overboard.
Once they were onboard, Land and
onboard, Land and See REPORT, A9


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SANTA ROSA SHERIFF'S ARRESTS: DEC. 19-21

By Press Gazette staff
The Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office provided these felony arrest reports for Dec. 19-21. Defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Daphne Ann Alexandrov, 32, Pace, probation violation
James Brandon Bell, 39, Jay, probacarlation, fleeing police, assault Cala marijuana possession sacola, marijuan drug possession
Jacola, probation violl, 35, Pe David Allen Driggers, 39 , Mil failure to appear, amphetamine trafficking
Jordan Lawson Etheridge, 24, Pensacola, sex offender violation Tony Randell Nelson, 44, Pace, moving traffic violation
Amanda Lorine Norton, 35,


Bell


Warren


Riley
 Norton


Bumgarner


Williams


Posey

Milton, drug possession Charles Jefferson Posey, 38, Kenderrick Devone Riley, 22, Mobile, larceny
Lavontia Samuel, 23, Brewton, Ala., probation violation Jamison Whittaker Scheibe, 34, Topeka, Kansas, drug possession Kati Anne Spencer, 34, Cantonment, probation violation
Novarre burglary Navarre, burglary
Jordan Kirby Warren, 24, Gulf Sean Russell Weekley, 33, Pensacola, failure to appear Andrew Marcel Williams, 23, Pensacola, failure to appear


Scheibe


Claywell


Spencer

## REPORT

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occupants, the officer learned that one of them had killed a doe deer which was in a cooler in the bed of the truck. regarding differed sion where the deer was killed and the shooter could not remember where it was taken. The subject who killed the deer claimed he killed it in Alabama but had not checked it in as required by Alabama regulations. Lewis contacted an Alabama game warden, and met him at the state line. The suspect showed in Alers the deer carcass that hecould not rememthat he could not remem The Alabama office charged the subject for not filling out his harvest report.

Officer Land was on the Escambia River when he observed three sub jects on a boat heading under power toward a lock of coots. When the boat flushed the coots at them before the boat stopped moving.
Land contacted Lieu tenant Hahr, wholocated the hunters as they were leaving a nearby boat amp. The subjects admitted to trying to shoot the coots from the moving boat
Upon inspection fficers found that th subject observed shootand a shotgun capable of
holding more than three shells.
The one subject eceived a citation for attempting to take waterfowl from a vesse lead shot.

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Lieutenant Berryman was patrolling the scribano Point Wildife Me encountered four individuals camping at the Bayou Campground. While speaking with these individuals, he earned that they did no ossess a camping permit or the campground and bserved several beer cans that had been dis arded on the ground and open containers of bee ithin their vehicles. Adationally, it was four individuals possessed a valid driver's icense and that one vehicle's registration tag expired and was court ordered to be seized.
All four subjects appeared to be nerous and were acting suspiciously.
Land arrived to assist nd requested a K-9 County Sheriff's Office The sheriff's deputy arrived and worked his police canine around the vehicles and the subjects ent that had been se p in a non-designated camping area.
The canine showed a positive alert on both vehicles and the tent for arcotics.
A search of both vehies revealed marijuana nethamphetamines an
Land arrested t
owners of both vehicles and the tent and transported them to county jail. Both vehicles were towed and the tent was seized for safekeeping until a search warrant could be obtained.
The other two individuals received a ride to a local motel.
Officers responded to a distress call from three a distress call from three their boat while preparing to duck hunt in Escambia Bay.
The three young hunters ran out of gas about 4 miles from the boat ramp and drifted away from the shoreline. They had a friend bring them gas, but they were unable to start the motor once they filled the tank.
By this time, they had drifted out into the bay had created a stiff chop They attempted to anchor the boat using a heavy lead anchor, but improperly tied the rope off to the stern. The boat quickly took on water and swamped.
The three young adults donned their life jackets and began to swim to shore in the freezing of them hature. One proof case on his phone and called 911 while swimming.
Avalon Fire Rescue located the hunters and pulled them from the water. Officers located the boat and recovered it along with the hunters' shotguns and most of their belongings treated at the here for hypothermia and released.

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## Mother battling breast cancer tries to stay positive

By Annie Blanks
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NAVARRE - Carylle Quinn is a normal, busy mother who spends most days caring for he old Mykelti 4 -year-old Hadley and 2-year-old Rory. wakes up at midnigh and delivers newspaper in Navarre until 7 a.m. before going back home which is when her day truly starts. Between caring for three children and managing her household, Carylle usually doesn't get to bed until up again at midnight and doing it all over again. For $41 / 2$ years, Ca ylle's routine remaine unchanged. But one day in October whil delivering papers, he eyes flashed across Northwest Florida Daily News article about local women who had battled breast cancer.
"One day (the Daily News) was running th awareness," Carylle said. "One of the other carriers has cancer right now, and she was like, 'You need to go to the doctor.
Carylle said she had been "ignoring" severa symptoms mostly due to her busy lifestyle and the fact that she was between insurance policies. In addition to swellin under her arms, Carylle, son seven months prior
was experiencing heavy at, or if they got it all. All lactation and chronic it takes is one cell and fatigue. An initial diagnosis and treatment fo mastitis did little to alleviate her symptoms. But after being rejected by several local clinic ance, Carylle finally go an appointment with an urgent care doctor, who she said immediately found problems.
"He said I either woul be a rock star in the 1800 because I could have bee a wet nurse, or some
thing is very wrong, thing is very wrong," Carylle recalled. "H gave me a hand exam and immediately found fiv tumors. Two days late imaging; the following Monday I was having biopsy and the following Thursday I had my right breast removed. It wa that quick; it was under a week."
Doctors found 1 tumors in Carylle's breast and diagnosed her with late stage breast cancer. She had both ductal and lobular cancer, and though he
breast and tumors wer breast and tumors were remained. She said she was rejected by several doctors due to her lack of insurance until she met Dr. Mauri Lunderman, Fort Walton Beach sur geon she described a an "angel on earth" who gave her lifesaving surgery at a reduced cost. "The ductal tumor are gone, but lobular is the issue," Carylle said
it can go everywhere. Every second counts is what (the doctor) told me, which is a little scary 'cause I'm waiting for the first of the year." band, Scott, was hus put her on his insurance put her on his insurance
but it won't begin unti Jan. 1. She said she wil an. 1. She saidely start chemotherapy and radiation at Sacred Heart Hospital in Santa Rosa Beach when her insurance kicks in. Until then, she lives day by day with her three kids, trying to make the best out of her situation. Doctors told the young mother she has a 17 perCarylle said she wants to Carylle said she wants to children and tells them every day that though her physical being might change, "my spiritual being will stay the same." She also wants other women to know the signs of breast cance and to know they're no invincible
"I want mothers to keeding, they breast feeding, they should not wait until age 40 to get checked for breast "If it's in your genes, if your family members had cancer, don't wait until you're 40 years old. I'm a really active person, I like horseback riding, I like kayaking I have three kids, I jus thought I was invincible but I guess not."

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Paula Ernest, right, a home community educator, helps 4-H member Grace English learn to sew. Santa Rosa's 4-H is offering a series of quilting workshops in January. ISPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE]

## Santa Rosa County 4-H sets quilting workshops

By Press Gazette contributor $\quad$ 4-H is the non-formal educational youth development program and Agricultural Sciences and the Florida Extension Service.
$4-\mathrm{H}$ is the nation's largest youth development program annually reaching approximately 6.5 million young people, and the only one that is university-based. tive members of socity tolp youths become produc help youths develop inquiring minds ald practical skills, strengthen decision-making abilities, develop youth-adult partnerships, improve communications and interpersonal relationships, and ultimately share their skills and experience in leadership roles. Through hands-on, learn-by-doing activities, youths establish real-life goals and develop life skills.

March 10, 2018 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) - sewing it up

April 14, 2018 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) - put ting it all together
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All classes are held at All classes are held at Extension Office, 6263 Dogwood Drive in Milton. For more information, contact Prudence Caskey or Jasmin Bradford at 623-3868.


The Avalon Baptist Church Christmas display includes these miniatures. [AARON LITTLE PRESS GAZETTE]

[AARON LITTLE | PRESS GAZETTE]

## Milton church lights up Avalon Boulevard

By Aaron Little
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MILTON - For the third year now, Avalon Baptist Church, at 4316 Avalon Blvd., in Milton, has decorated its premises for Christmas and held a holiday event moved the decor church behind the church, offering visitors a drive-through and walk-through experience. The display contains all donated lights, according to church pastor, the Rev. Matt Cotten.
"All of those lights are donated from church members and community people," Cotten said. We called it Lignt Up Avalon because ... That's why we did it."
Dec. 16, the church held a special event for Light Up Milton with live music, crafts for children, free food, a prayer tent and a live manger scene.
The church's Christmas Eve services will be at 8:45 a.m. with cookies and milk at 9:45 and then a repeat of the service at 10:45 a.m. "We made the decision years ago as memors to


This blue archway is at the head of the Avalon Baptist Church Christmas display. [AARON LITTLE | PRESS GAZETTE]

[AARON LITTLE | PRESS GAZETTE] waid "sir families," Cotten Sunday we ve given up Christm night ... but the New Year's Eve will have normal Sunday morning service with the Naval Air Station's Roy Fondren. "That evening at 6 p.m. we'll have Pray and Play," to midnight, there won't be a structured service but an opportunity to pray for the new year.
The emphasis this year is on families and community," Cotten said. "One thing we say is if you want to reach the community you can't always be in the church "You have to go out."


During Avalon Baptist Church's
Light Up Avalon Light Up Avalon event, there was a live nativity scene Tammy Stanfield played the angel.
Savannah Cline played Mary. played Mary.
Dustin Perry playe Dustin Perry play Joseph. Audrey
Raben and Tanner Lunsford played the shepherds and Joshua Soares and Tyler Perry played the wise men. [SPECIAL TO THE PRESS GAZETTE]


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## OPENING

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Santa Rosa County. "It's time money quits flowing across the river to another county andstays in Santa Ros County to help the people of Santa Rosa County," Thompson said. "That's not been happening."
The focus of the store will be on serving the senior citi zen community, according to Completed its senior citize survey as part of its contract with Milton to complete a Community Lifecycle Plan. "We found seniors living on social security, some livin out of cars, homeless, living month to month and deciding between food or medicine," he said.
In addition to the store, Thompson wants to keep a volunteer case manager mainly to assist people in they're behind on their bills or rent or facing a crisis situation like a sick child.


United Way of Santa Rosa County Major Gifts Manager Kyle Holley, left, and Executive Director Guy Thompson stand at the doorway of UWSR's upcoming thrift store in Milton. [AARON LITTLE | PRESS GAZETTE]

Thompson also wants to UWSR will need volunteer helpto sort clothes, stockitems
and train to be case managers Thompson said, and he's "We need churches to be
involved," he said. "I think churches of Santa Ros County need to stand up and be counted. There are som
doing a tremendous job but some stay isolated "Their mission should be out there serving.'

## HOUSING

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seems that those are not criteria for disqualification necessarily."

Escarosa Coalition on the
 Homeless
operates as operates as
the umbrella organization that regulates distribution of federal and state funding to provid ers that are working to alleviate homelessness in both counties John Johnson said helieve
in the Housing First model. "It's a proven practice that we are now implementing," Johnson said.
The ECOH program I-Care is based on the Housing First model.
"We've housed 26 home"Ss men and women," you don't have go through treatment program. There are no conditions other programs require. Of that 26, 24 are still housed."
One of the twowho left the program went to jail, Johnson said, and the other refused to sign a lease.
"One requirement we do have is we want them to have wnership of the apartmen and the landlords require
they sign a lease," Johnson said.
Johnson described one Housing First resident who might not have made it into a home in a transitional hous ing program.
"He epitomizes the word 'obnoxious,'" Johnson said enforcement is called to move him on. He's loud...You turn the other way when you see him coming."
ECOH put him into a home "Everybody else rejected him," Johnson said. "This guy is thriving. We've seen a miraculous change in his attitude. He's more calm and collected."
Johnson attributes it to getting into a home
"There is a change," he said. "You house somebody first (and) you give them new sense of purpose." Fourteen churches support the Loaves and Fishes tran sill be homes but more help what HUD gave the program. "We believe God is i control of it all anyway," Humphreys said. "He's got to work a miracle to keep the program going."
Loaves and Fishes is considering alternatives, Humphreys said, from a sliding scale for rent to adding those homes to their threeweek emergency shelters for families in crisis instead of "Ritional homes
"Really not anything is
definite at this point in time," Humphreys said.
Family Promise of Santa Rosa County also provides transitional housing, serving only families in the county. However, the program is munity and is unaffected by HUD, according to Executive Director Shane Nation. Criteria to get into one of the 13 Family Promise homes includes not being a sex offender or convicted of a violent felony and having at least one child under 18 "For us 100 percent have graduated out of transitional housing into permanent housing," Nation said. "It till to get to that point" "


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# 'Competition was intense' 

NAS Whiting rield named Navy's best small base
By Press Gazette contributor On Dec. 18, the Naval Installations Command' Air Station Whiting Field as the Installation Excellence Award's recipient.
The award recognizes to Navy commands at shore for their installation manage ment, program excellence environmental stewardship, mission successes and com munity outreach.
This is NAS Whiting Field's third win over the past four years.
Installations are graded across 13 key areas includ ing facilities management,
mission support, quality of mission support, quality of life, environment, energy property stewardship, com-
munication, safety and health, among others. Each entry is limited to a four-page write-up of accomplishments with supporting documenta tion and photographs.
Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander of the Navy Region Southeast, highlighted ing Field's successes during Capt. Todd Bahlau's change of command ceremony on


Capt. Todd Bahlau receives the Legion of Merit award from Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, United States Navy commander of the Navy Region Southeast. Bolivar recognized Bahlau's achievements during his change of command ceremony Dec. 18. [AARON LITTLE | PRESS GAZETTE]

Dec. 18.
Bolivar praised the entire eam: "Mighty Whiting, Team Whiting Field's dediperformance consistent with CNIC's strategic goals and Office of the Secretary of

Defense criteria, are unparalleled and absolutely worthy of praiseworthy recognition," she said. "Earning such prestigious recognition is a
significant accomplishment and a testament to support ing the fleet, family, fighte
and community! CNIC is the Naval command tasked with overseeing the 69 U.S. Navy shore instal Whiting Field was selected as the winner in the small base category (less than 500
"Mighty Whiting, Team Whiting Field's dedication and outstanding performance, consistent with CNIC's strategic goals and Office of the Secretary of Defense criteria, are unparalleled praiseworthy recognition,"
-Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar commander of the Navy Region Southeast
personnel) from a field of 32 installations.
Vice Adm. Mary Jackson, commander of the Naval Installations Command landed troring the high level of professionalism evident in each of the nomination packages. "This year's competition was iners represent the very best of the best within the shore enterprise!" she said. "I want to personally thank each of your superb teams for their stellar work."
"To achieve this honor three of the last four years accomplished without the support of the local community," Bahlau said.

## BUSINESS

Gulf Power to end wallk-in payments, lays off personnel


Gulf Power will no longer accept in-person payments at its office after Dec. 29. Nearly 50 people were also recently laid off in the Panhandle. [NICK TOMECEK/DAILY NEWS]

By Tony Judnich 315-4438 |@Tonyinwfdn

PENSACOLA - To help streamline its operations, Gulf streamline its operations, Gulf
Power will nolonger accept inperson payments at its offices after Dec. 29.
The company's offices include those in Fort Walton Beach, Niceville, Crestview Milton and DeFuniak Springs. As part of the streamlining of its operations, Gulf Power recently laid off some Beach office and other office Beach office and other
in Northwest Florida.
Gulf Power spokesman Jeff Rogers said Mondaysaid a total of less than 50 employees were laid off.
"Just like any company,
we are working on becomin more efficient and streamlined while looking forwar our customers," Rogers said. "Customers have been asking us for more options on how to pay. Part of that listening to them was closing our payment offices, so instead of custom ers coming to us, we're going out to them."
He said Gulf Power has part nered with Western Union and CheckFreePay to offer more than 200 authorized payFlorida They include Publix Walgreens, Piggly Wiggly, Winn-Dixie, Dodge's stores Regions Bank, Coastal Bank \& Trust, Walmart and Kmart Customers who pay their powerbill at one of the payment
locations are charged a $\$ 1.50$ service fee.
At the start of this year, about 15 percent of customers' payments were made in-person at Gulf Power's offices, but by October, that rate had fallen to 10 percent, and it continues dropping, Rogers said.
More customers have been paying their bills online or at the payment locations at the various businesses, he said. Customers can text GULFPAY to 40500 to find the nearest payment location.
"No decisions have been made on closing any offices," Rogers said.
Gulf Power serves about half a million people and employs more than 1,300 people in o company information.

## J.D. Power ranks Gulf Power in top 3 for customer satisfaction

PENSACOLA - Gulf Power ranks among the highest ranks among the highest satisfaction among electric utilities, according to a recent J.D. Power survey of electric utility customers
The
2017 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study ranked utilities in groups separated by region third out of 10 in the South Region Midsize Utility Group Region Midsize Utility Group highest of all 118 investorowned and municipal utilities included in the study. Midsize energy companies are those with 100,000 to 499,000 residential customers.
"This ranking reflects the dedication of our team and the benefits of continued investment in our grid infrastructure to deliver reliable communities" said Stan communities, said Stan and CEO of Gulf Power "We are honored by this feedback and ranking, but we will also identify ways to better serve our customers.
The Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction


Gulf Pow
Study, now in its 19th year, ranks customers' opinions in six categories from power quality and reliability, price, and billing and payment, to corporate citizenship, communications and customer service.
JD Power calculated customer satisfaction on a 1,ooo-point scale with the average score at 719. Gulf Power earned a score of 749 , raising the energy company from fourth place in its category a year ago
The study showed that
an increase in power outage
communication, along with improved price satisfaction were top drivers of the sixth consecutive year of improved customer satisfaction with residential electric utility companies.
The study goes on to show that more utility customers (66 percent vs. 59 percent in information during a powe information during a power of the outage, number of customers affected and estimates on when power will be restored.
Other key findings included

The J.D. Power 2017 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study focuses on responses from 99,145 online interviews conducted from among residential customers of the 138 largest electric utility brands across the United States, which collectively represent more than 98 million households. Gulf Power garnered the eighth spot from a pool of 100 inves-tor-owned utilities evaluat across the country by the
Wired Group and second Wired Group and second place in Florida. The Colorado
based consulting firm used an internet-based Utility Evaluator that calculates customer value rankings based on a variety
that customers believe their utility infrastructure is bein updated, electronic bill-pay is increasing, paperless com munications are on the ris and web mobile.

Last October, Gulf Power rolled out "Service to Fit Your Life," a program aimed at improving the customer experience, including additional customer-focused initiatives, such as a ne website, improved mobile
of metrics, including effciency of spending on capital nvestments, operations and atisfaction ratings. The energy company was also recently named as one of the Top 40 Utility Power Brands for 2017. Gulf Power ranked in the top five, garnering the No. 4 spot as one of the best investor-owned electric utility brands. The ranking was a result of a comprehensive 200 measures of utility brand strength, categorized among four dimensions: customer four dimensions: customer rience, brand identity and corporate narrative.
platforms, "live chat" as well as making it more convenient for customers to pay their energy bill at one of more than 200 authorized Northwest Florida. Gulf Power also offers payment options like budget billing, options like budget billing, tomer payments by using a 12-month average that helps customers avoid the higher bills that come from extreme weather months

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## - From dip-dyed

 wall hangings to simple plant hangers, macramé is coming back in a big way. Macrame offers an easy way an artistic touch to your home.- The blazing orange walls of the -70s may not be back anytime soon but homeowners are again using more dynamic colors to define the insides of their home. In fact, Sherwin-william has named a bold, jewel-toned blue-green color 6496, as its 2018 color of the year.

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- Around pipes and vents

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To preserve your deck's iuster, start a warm, soapy a warm, soapy soft-bristle brush. Remove all dirt and debris from the surface as well as in between the boards to improve ventilation.
If mold is present: wash the deck with a mild oxysen
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## Tips to help a new agent provide exceptional service



Richard Montgomery estate license. I am 22 years old, and I want to leverage my time to build solid foundation. Resi to me as an excellent segment to start my career. What advice would you have for me on the best path?

Monty's answer: There are activities you can embrace that provide an upper hand when you are competing
for the loyalty of home sellers and buyers. As you your contacts, the status you want to achieve migh sound like a client telling a friend this; "<you name> is honest and will listen to you and work tirelessly to help you reach your goals. He /she knows more about real estate and homes and the market than agents in the business for years. We will use him/
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on all real estate activity in specific neighborhoods, or subdivisions. You can learn this factual data to clients in ways many agents do not. Utilizing the MLS will make you more efficient, better educate your clients, and allow you to stand out from the pack. Many real estate agents have not mastered their MLS system. - Learn the fundamental aspects of real estate not taught in the pre-license sure Take classes on new construction, residential real estate appraisals, land surveying, the geology of the region, the city's history, the source of your water, the political structure, the neighbor hoods, the demographics
and more. Become the total real estate expert. out your awareness. Carnegie's "How To Win Friends and Influence People," and "Gettin More," a book about how to negotiate by Stuart Diamond will help advance your career. Join the closest Toastmasters Club and learn to speak effectively in public. Put a presenta tion together about a subect that area service clubs sign up for the speakr's bureau at the local Chamb of Commerce Be opento learning, and as your success grows - stay humble.

Send Richard Montgomery questions a DearMonty.com

## SANTA ROSA SCENE

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

MILTON - Upcoming Santa Rosa County event and activities are as follows.

## UPCOMING

holiday closures: The Santa Rosa County South Services office will be closed Christmas week, Dec. 25 through Jan. 1, reopening Jan 2 . The Veterans Services office in Milton will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 along with othe county offices, reopening Dec. 27.
Also: The following Santa Rosa County offices will be for the Christmas holiday.

- Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners, includ ing the library system and animal shelter.
- Santa Rosa County Clerk hof the Court
- Santa Rosa County Prop erty Appraiser - Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections - Santa Rosa County Tax

The Central Landfill will be open Dec. 26 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Santa Rosa County 9-1-1 dispatch, Lifeguard Ambulance Service and fire departments are open Santa Rosa County South Service Center Veterans Service office will be mas and reopen Jan. 2.


RECURRING
TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY: TOPS meets Tuesdays at 4709 Keyser Lane, Pace. Weigh in 8:30-9:45 a.m. 983-0178.
SANTA ROSA COUNTY WRITER'S GUILD: 3:45-5:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Guy Thompson Community Center, 5629 Byrom St Milton Poet Laureate

Marc Livanos' poetry night includes open-mic, ree verse workshops, prizes, author events and refreshments. CENTRAL SANTA ROSA REPUBLICAN CLUB: 5:30 .m. meal and 6:30 p.m. meeting first Thursdays at Grover T's Restaurant, Highway 90, Pace. Visitors are welcome. Call 377976 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays for more
information. SANTA ROSA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION: 7 p.m. third Thursdays at the Bay Area Vineyard Church, 5163 Dogare welcome. Details: Bill Blankenship, president, 232-6005, or Clarence Prater vice president, 623-776-7018.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

1:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays at the Navarre Library, 8484

James M. Harvell Road. All materials are provided; there's no charge to attend GULF COAST CALLIGRAPH GUILD: 9:30 a.m. second Saturdays at the Courts of Praise Church on the corn Davis Highway, Pensacol A presentation and practice follow each meeting. Details: 995-7056. FLORIDA TRAIL ASSO chapter's
to participate in except as noted. See more details a www.meetup.com PUBLIC MEETINGS

SANTA ROSA MEETINGS: The following meetings are held in the County Adminis trative Center boardroom, uns Caroline St., in Mito

- Bagdad Architectural Advisory Board, Dec. 27, 8:30 a.m., Public Services Conference Room, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milto - Parks and Recreation, Dec 27, 5:30 p.m.

MILTON MEETINGS:

- Sundial Utilities Board of Directors - Executive Session, Jan. 2, 2018, beginChambers of City Hall, 6738 Dixon St.
- Community Redevelopment Agency, Jan. 9, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Counc Chambers of City Hall - Milton Council regular sessin, Jan. 9,2018 , at 5:45 p.m. in Counci
of City Hall. of City Hall Whole, Jan. 18, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Council Cham bers of City Hall.


## REPUBLICAN CLUB OF

 SANTA ROSA MEETING AND DUTCH TREAT DINNER: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 at The Club At Hidden Creek 7030 PGA Blvd Navarre.
## LIBRARY EVENTS

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MILTON - These library events are scheduled throughout Santa Ros County.

## RECURRING

UF-IFAS EXTENSION: 10 a.m. every third Friday at the Gulf Breeze Library, 1060 Shoreline Drive. The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences presents a monthly series on a variety of topics including agriculture, the environment, sustainable living, disaster preparation and recovery, 4-H youth development, family and consumer issues, and lawn and garden problems. LIBRARY BOARD MEETING 10 a.m. second Mondays of each month at the Navarre Library, 8484 James M. Harvell Road, Navarre REFRESHING READS BOOK CLUB: 3 p.m. first Tuesdays at the Jay Library, 5259 Booker Lane. See a staff person to sign up. THE INKLINGS: 5 p.m second Tuesdays of th month at the Milton

Library, 5541 Alabama St. Students in sixth through 10th grade may discuss the book of the month. Speak with a library staff member to sign up. FRIENDS OF THE GULF BREEZE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 5:30 p.m. second Tuesdays 1060 Shoreline Drive. FRIENDS OF THE PAC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING 5:30 p.m.second Tuesday: of every other month at the Pace Library, 4750 Pace Patriot Blvd. Details: www.friendsofpacelibrary. org.
ANIMANGA CLUB: 4 p.m. third Tuesdays of each month, Gulf Breeze Library, 1060 Shoreline Drive. Bring your art; drawing, cartooning, anime and manga as as your favorite titles and artists in those genres. Open to sixth- through eighth-graders. GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: 5 p.m. third Tues days at the Milton Library, 5541 Alabama St. Members can suggest reading ideas, interests and discuss the world of the graphic novel.

Bibliobabblers teen BOOK CLUB: 6 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every other month in the Gulf Breeze Library's meeting room, 1060 Shoreline Drive Ninth- through 12th-graders who are 14 to 18 years old can discuss the read-of-the-month with friends. Dragoneye Reborn" by Alison Goodman COFFEE TALK BOOK CLUB: 6:30 p.m. second Wednesdays at the Gulf Breeze Library, 1060 Shoreline Drive. Call the library, 981 7323, to sign up. PAGE TURNERS: 10:30 a.m. second Fridays of every other month at the Gulf Breeze Library, 1060 Shoreline Drive. There is a limit of 20 participants, so library to sign up. BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m second and fourth Fridays, Navarre Library, 8484 James M. Harvell Road. FICTION FANATICS BOOK LUB: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., ourth Saturdays except May and November, a the Navarre Library, 8484 James M. Harvell Roa Sign-up is required.


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Gulf Islands National Seashore's fall (November through December) ranger programs are as follows.

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-Fort Barrancas: Bastions on the Bluffs - Saturdays and Sundays at $1: 30$ p.m. meet at the Fort Barrancas Visitor Center.


Gulf Islands National Seashore, which includes Fort Pickens, regularly schedules events. [PIXABAY.COM]

There is an entrance fee to Contact the national the Fort Pickens and Fort seashore, 934-2600, for additional information.

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## ASK THE DOCTORS

by Eve Glazier, M.D., and Elizabeth Ko, M.D

## YOU'RE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TO CATCH

 THE SAME COLD TWICEDear Doctor: My wife had a bad cold, and then I unfortunately caught it. Then, just as I was recovering, she got it again. What's going on? I didn't think it was possible to get the same cold twice.

Dear Reader: It's tempting, and even logical, to think that your wife's cold has ricocheted between the two of you. However, viruses are abundant and opportunistic, so who was infected with which bug, and at what point in time, is up for grabs.

It's entirely possible that you became infected with the same virus that caused your wife's cold. But it's equally likely that you brought home another virus of your own. If so, then on her next go-round, she may have actually caught your cold.

If she did indeed pass along her virus to you, then the second cold she caught was most likely a new and different virus. That's because, thanks to the marvels of our immune systems, it's extremely unlikely to catch the same cold twice. Even if you do manage to become reinfected, thanks to the antibodies provided by your immune system, the new cold takes a significantly milder form.

However, cold and flu viruses mutate readily. When that occurs, despite having developed antibodies to fight off the original cold, the altered virus can indeed make you sick again. Whether your family's ilnesses were the result of one, two or even three different viruses, there are simple and effective steps you can take to limit their spread These precautions are worth implementing at home, at work and while out in public.

Viruses can survive for up to three days on surfaces and inanimat objects. When caring for someone who is ill, don't share food, drink, dishes, glasses or cutlery. Wash everything used by the cold sufferer in hot, soapy water as soon as possible.

Be aware that the books, pens, remote controls, telephones, electronic gadgets and doorknobs that the sick person touches can harbor the virus. A spritz with a bleach solution or a disinfectant cleaner is a good idea. Making sure the sick person frequently washes or disinfects their hands is important. Ditto for the caregivers and all others in the house.

Do what you can to build up your own immune system. Eat well, drink plenty of fluids, take part in regular exercise and get enough sleep. Avoid rubbing your eyes, touching your nose or putting your hands to your mouth after touching public spaces where viruses may linger. And don't forget your annual flu shot.

If you do get sick, please don't try to power through. If your employer offers sick leave, take it. Your co-workers will be grateful. If you have no choice but to go to work, don't try to be a hero. Take advantage of the many over-the-counter remedies that can lower fever and reduce the symptoms that make colds so miserable. And follow good cold hygiene by taking every precaution possible: Sneeze and cough into a tissue, wash your hands often, and don't share food, phones or any objects that may harbor germs, so as not to spread the virus.
(Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an

## ASTROGRAPH by Eugenia Last

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with someone will lead to confusion and uncertainty about your future. Ask questions and offer solutions to avoid a misunderstanding. Don't let outsiders meddle in your affairs.
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## by Danny Seo

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