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Some clarity brought to Eastern project

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The outlines of Eastern Shipbuilding Group's plans in Gulf County began to be filled in during a presentation Tuesday to the Board of County Commissioners.

Attorney William Harrison sketched out additional details, including the timeline for the design and construction of a floating dry dock at

the bulkhead on the former paper mill site as well as job projections.

That timeline, he qualified, is contingent on funding from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., and permitting.

If the rest of the portrait fills in as projected, sometime between June 2019 and June 2020 the dry dock would be up and operational in Port St. Joe, en route to creating 120 permanent jobs and 314 indirect jobs, based on accepted

maritime economic projections, Harrison said.

The component parts of the dry dock, 120-feet by 425-feet, would be constructed in Eastern's Allenton yard in Bay County and shipped to Port St. Joe for assembly.

The dry dock will be designed by Hager Dry Dock, the design contract, worth \$440,000, approved Tuesday by the BOCC.

The county would own the facility and enter a lease

agreement with Eastern, under the unsolicited proposal brought to the county late last year.

For Eastern a primary goal is to establish an efficient quality production process as it enters the initial phases of a contract with the U.S. Coast Guard to build offshore patrol vessels.

The contract is potentially worth \$10.5 billion for 25 vessels, Harrison said.

However, the contract

contains language that it could be re-opened and rebid after nine vessels, Harrison noted.

In addition, he said the contract, as with most major contracts in shipbuilding, contains significant monetary damages for non-performance.

"It is a risk for Eastern to come here due to the liquidated damages," Harrison

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A good beach soiled?

Commission room packed over dogs on the beach

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The agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was a long one and included key items regarding economic development, road abandonment and historic preservation.

So, it was little surprise that the Don Butler Commission Meeting Room was packed, standing-room-only, spilling out in the hallway, as full as it has been in months.

A little more than two hours into what became a four-hour marathon, it became clear that the vast majority of folks in attendance were there for action that was never broached by commissioners.

Dwayne Piergiiovanni, a resident and businessman in South Gulf County, sought to press commissioners to increase enforcement of the county's leash laws.

By the time the meeting rolled around, that plea had been conflated online and social media into an attempt to ban dogs from the beach.

And in this pet-friendly county, those were clearly tussling words.

Piergiiovanni, with a power point presentation, said the incidence of unleashed nuisance dogs, either those soiling the beaches or jumping at or attacking others, were on the rise.

Too many people were not cleaning up after their dogs, he said, and too many were ignoring the county's ordinance that requires all dogs to be leashed or otherwise under the control of their owners.

Piergiiovanni offered several options for bolstering funding for enforcement of the leash laws and suggested the Gulf County Tourist Development Council should be more circumspect in how

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[COURTESY PHOTOS/WAYNE TAYLOR]

A glorious season

Star Staff Report

The end of a superb basketball season came, painfully, to an end Tuesday in Lakeland for the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School girls with a 54-45 loss to Wildwood in the state Class 1A title game. The Lady Tiger Sharks finished 28-3, Wildwood the only Class 1A team to beat them after Port St. Joe routed Paxton 57-41 in Monday's semifinals. The trophy was not the one they sought, but the Lady Tiger Sharks can console themselves with a battle well-fought.



BOCC hears bid protest

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The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday declined action on a protest of one of the first contracts awarded for the Eastern Shipbuilding dry dock.

Technology Associates, Inc., based out of New Orleans, filed a formal protest of the award of a contract to Dewberry for engineering oversight services.

In effect, to be the engineering inspector for the design and construction of the floating dry dock; the county awarded the contract for the design as part of Tuesday's consent agenda.

After more than an hour of discussion concerning the scoring of the proposals from Dewberry and TAI, commissioners, with little discussion moved ahead with awarding the contract to Dewberry.

But, that might not be the end of the matter.

A release the day before the meeting hinted that if the BOCC did not remedy the award, which the release contended, was based on the familiarity between county and Dewberry, litigation could follow.

Company representative Myles Thomas said Tuesday at the conclusion of the meeting that next steps would be up to company officials.

The county has no policy or ordinance covering a process for a bid protest, county attorney Jeremy Novak said.

That left it to commissioners, with wide latitude, to decide which of four paths Novak suggested to follow.

One, would be to agree to TAI's request to submit all the paperwork to a third party for its assessment of the proposals; two, start the Request for Proposal over; three, accept TAI's presentation and award

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Call for Entries for the first annual The Joe Member Show

Special to The Star

The Joe Center for the Arts invites Forgotten Coast two- and three-dimensional artists working in all mediums to submit original artworks for jury consideration for the first annual 2018 Member Show to be held in April.

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THINGS TO DO

Star Staff Report

How about a "Worm Moon" or some baubles from the market?

Or just watch the best of lying.

Here are some choices for the coming days.

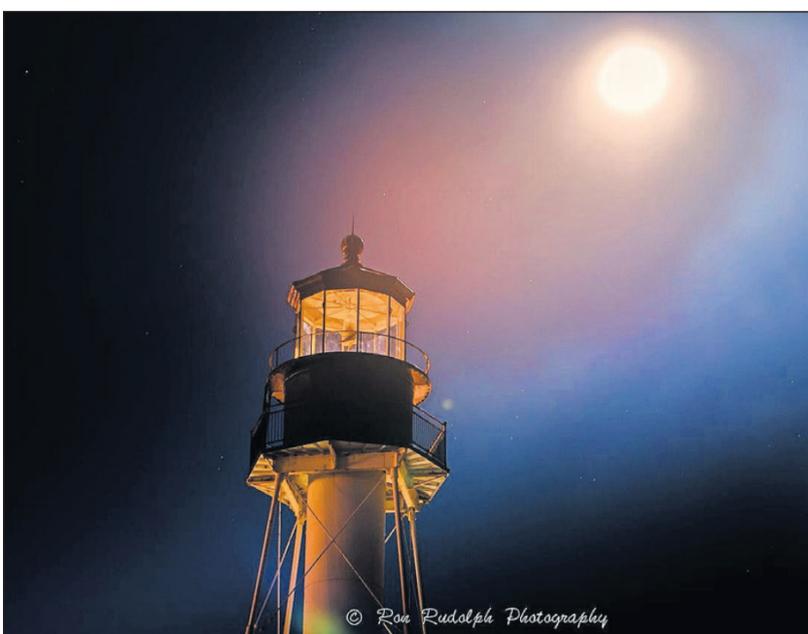
Check out the "Worm Moon" at the Climb the Cape San Blas Lighthouse.

The latest full moon climb is tonight, 7-8:30 p.m. ET in George Core Park in Port St. Joe. The cost of the climb is \$5 and no one under 44-inches tall may climb. Please wear sturdy shoes. As of today, Lighthouse Gift Shop hours change to 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. ET. The "Worm Moon" is the full moon that occurs in March, marking the end of winter as the last full moon prior to the spring equinox, around March 20. It is named after the earthworms that begin to emerge this time of year. It also known as the Lent Moon, derived from the Germanic languages, meaning spring, providing a name for Christian Lent prior to Easter.

Watch the liars and give.

The annual "Liar's Challenge" fundraiser, which benefits the Gulf County Sheriff's Office Easter basket drive and local food bank, will be 6-7:30 p.m. Friday at the Haughty Heron in Port St. Joe. Fish tales, tall tales, bear tales, any and all are welcome during this 90-minute storytelling throwdown.

In addition to the title as "Best Liar" the



The "Worm Moon" is the feature in tonight's lighthouse climb. [FILE PHOTOS]

storytellers are also after a small bit of cash: \$75 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. Emcee for the "Liar's Challenge" will be Southern storyteller Robyn Renick and the night will include a special guest appearance by Pat Nease, "State Champion Liar" as named by the Florida Storytelling Association. Entry to the event is an Easter basket item for the kids; a non-perishable food item for the food bank; or a cash donation to help the "bunny" helpers fill in the gaps.

Shop the SaltAir Farmers Market.

The Port St. Joe SaltAir Farmers Market has just kicked off its 11th year and the market is back Saturday at City Commons adjacent to Port St. Joe City Hall, at the intersection of Reid Ave. and Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd.. The market is held 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET the first and third Saturdays of every month in the park. At the market you may find fresh seasonal produce, jewelry, tie dye, carved woodwork and much more.



The Liar's Challenge, benefiting Easter drives and the food bank, is Friday at the Haughty Heron.



The SaltAir Farmers Market returns Saturday.

Coats for Kids fundraiser set for March 16

Star Staff Report

Coats for Kids will be holding a Bake Sale/Sale on March 16. The City of Port St. Joe and Our home on Beacon Hill have agreed to help support this effort. The sale will be held in the Frank Pate Park from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET. The dinner will consist of a delicious hot dog, water, and chips. The cost will be \$2.50 for a hot dog and \$3 for a chili dog.

The funds raised will be used to purchase winter hoodies and gloves for school children. Guidance counselors for the Port St. Joe and

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Wewahitchka high schools will be the contact for children in need.

Memberships to sponsor a child will be \$10 and will be available at the sale.

Baked goods i.e. cakes (no icing) brownies and cookies are requested from the community. Please call Jerry Stokoe at 899-0541 if you need information or would like to volunteer to provide some baked goods of your choice.

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All members attending will receive a gift at the door. Once the business meeting is concluded, we will have drawings for several cash prizes given by the credit union. We hope to see you there!

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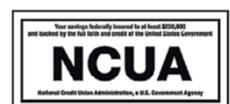
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Wewahitchka student arrested for bomb threat

A Wewahitchka elementary student who threatened to “blow up” the school and “tie up” a teacher before it “blew up” was arrested late last week on charges of threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction.

The 12-year-old was booked into the Gulf County Detention Facility and then turned over to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice where he will be held for 21 days. Gulf County Sheriff’s Office investigators said he did not possess, or

have access to, explosive materials or devices. According to the SO, faculty members at Wewahitchka Elementary School reported that several students heard the boy making the threats. Investigators in turn

interviewed those witnesses and followed with the arrest. “We have to take these incidents seriously,” said Sheriff Mike Harrison, adding that since the Broward County school shooting two weeks ago any threat to schools

carry more import. Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton said much the same thing in a statement Wednesday. (See page A5). In a separate incident this week, authorities are pressing trespass charges against the father of a

Port St. Joe high school student after he entered the school through an unauthorized entrance in order to discipline his child. “You can not just walk in a school for negative purposes,” Norton said. —*Tim Croft*

BEACH

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the pet-friendly beaches are marketed.

“We do have a leash law and the majority of people abide by it,” said Commissioner Phil McCroan to loud applause. “We are never going to get 100 percent (compliance), but the majority of people do the right thing.”

With one animal control officer and constrained funding, McCroan said, the county is doing the best it can to address any issues.

Kelli Godwin, TDC executive director, added that the county consistently ranks at the top of lists of pet-friendly destinations and that the TDC emphasizes the leash laws when dealing with visitors.

Resident Kim Miller suggested additional signage and cleaning stations along the beach would at least be a start.

The question of outlawing dogs from the beach never arose. And, while the vast majority in attendance exited the meeting after the discussion, satisfied, several walked up to Piergiorganni

and thanked him for raising the subject, no matter the blowback from the majority in the room.

Wewahitchka courthouse

The county is moving ahead with conveying the historic Wewahitchka Courthouse to North Florida Child Development, adding proviso language that would allow the conveyance to include a foundation formed by local pioneer families in order to pursue historic preservation efforts and grant funding.

Road abandonment

Commissioners halted any action to abandon Miscogee or Rish Harbor roads on the north end of the county.

The request to abandon had come from Deseret, but due to the presence of two historic cemeteries and another historical site, those two roads will remain county roads.

As part of an overall transaction with Deseret pertaining to other roads abandoned by the county, the county this week took formal possession of the Odena Boat landing and access road. The conveyance will allow the county

to pursue improvements to the landing.

Waste Pro amnesty day

Waste Pro will hold its annual Amnesty Day, during which people may dispose of items such as batteries, paint, oil and other items, the last Saturday in April at the Five Points Transfer Station.

County administrator Don Butler said the company was targeting that Saturday as the static date for the annual event.

Blooming spring



Spring, at least officially, is still a few weeks away, but as this photo from Ron Rudolph demonstrates, recent warming temperatures have activated the flowery colors of spring.

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OPINION

Signs of Hope

By Lee H. Hamilton

Special to The Star

Call me a contrarian. Or even a Pollyanna. But when everyone around me is filled with gloom and despair, seeing dire portents in every political headline, I try to find trends that encourage me.

And I'm finding them. It could be that my hopes outrun the realities. But I'm guardedly optimistic that's not the case.

If there's a single theme that ties them together, it seems to me that many people are beginning to view government with greater realism as to what it can do about improving the quality of life of our people. Don't get me wrong — there are still plenty of Americans who believe that government is best which governs least, and many others who reflexively turn to government to solve our problems. Including some who profess to dislike government.

Still, amidst all of the past year's political turmoil — in fact, in no small part because of it — there's been a renewed understanding that this country is a work in progress; that it's not yet finished creating itself. And so Americans of all ideological stripes are determined to question and challenge features of the political environment that concern them.

They're looking at divisive issues like immigration with a dose of realism — an assessment of what should and can be accomplished — that hasn't always been evident before. They're standing up for better treatment of women and confronting the costs of past assumptions. They're marching and protesting. They're running for office. They're scrutinizing public figures more carefully than in the past. In other words, there's an energy and a vitality in the system that were hard to glimpse before.

Because politicians are pretty good at adjusting to the public mood, they're becoming a shade less divisive, less polarized, less partisan, and maybe even less intolerant of different opinions. I've even seen some strike a note of humility. It's possible I'm reading too much into this, but I think a growing number of Americans are tired of rancor, and are reasserting their respect for a nation founded on the principles of “out of many, one” and “freedom and justice for all.”

And so there are signs of more flexibility in political life — of politicians and ordinary Americans shying away from implacable positions. They recognize that it's a big country and we have to make it work. They are beginning to see, I hope, what it means to be an American citizen: that you can't be too dogmatic, that we need to accept differences and extend to everyone the opportunity to become the best they can be.

This is crucial, because the United States is changing in dramatic ways — becoming less white, less rural and suburban, more urban, more racially diverse, possibly a bit less religious. In many parts of the country there's an understanding that whether we like it or not, our daily lives are affected by globalization and by forces exerted from far outside our immediate communities.

Now, there are plenty of counter-trends to everything I just said, and these get a lot of attention — indeed, they dominate our view of where the country stands right now. But as I survey the country and speak to different groups, I keep getting glimpses of the more hopeful trends I outline. So the question I come away with is, can they be sustained, nurtured, and enhanced?

And there, I'm afraid, I'm less hopeful. Because the answer depends upon the quality of our political leadership. For the most part, I don't see our most prominent leaders stepping forward with the determination to move the country in a more unified direction. We've always risen to the challenge of deep-seated, fundamental change in the past, but that doesn't mean we always will.

So where does that leave us as citizens? I think it falls to us to push the hopeful trends forward, to make them so obvious that they

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HUNKER DOWN

We didn't give a hoot about the gold



Kesley Colbert

Ed Perkins was the official starter of our Winter Olympic Games. Most school mornings Mom had to dynamite us out of bed. We'd crawl under the covers and hide. We'd moan real low like we had mononucleosis or diphtheria. We'd close our eyes extra hard and pretend the world was way off on the other side of Paducah. All of this changed if a few flakes of snow had fallen on Stone-wall Street during the night.

We leaped out of bed! We raced across the hardwood floor and slid to a halt in front of our old Zenith “stand up” radio. Leon would twist the dial to 1440. WHDM was the local station and Mr. Ed was the morning announcer.

We didn't get enormous amounts of snow in West Tennessee in the middle '50's. But it didn't take much. An inch, maybe two and the roads became icy. You know you can't take a chance on one of those school buses sliding off the highway. And what if it kept snowing and everybody got trapped at school.....Mr. W. O. Warren and the school board had to err on the side of caution.

We held our collective breaths through the Nat King Cole song and the McKenzie Tire Company commercial. We never heard the end of Mr. Ed's statement, “All Carroll County schools are closed today due to the inclem—”

We were pulling our shoes on as we leaped off the back steps. It was still dark outside. All the better! David Mark wouldn't see my attack coming until

The Ice Skating events took place over on Mr. Archie Moore's pond. It was small enough to freeze over pretty quickly. We skated across that thing in our brogans. We'd do belly flops and see who could slide the furthest.

the first snowball pelted into him! Mom would come rushing out with three coats in her hand. But she was too late. Our Winter Olympics had already started!

Leon was the oldest brother. By five years. Our family was interrupted by World War II. It meant he was the biggest and strongest by far. And he always won the Snowball Throwing event. He used his size advantage. And he also cheated. He'd stick a rock in the middle of his snowballs. It added weight and consistency that Dave and I couldn't match.

At first full light, we started the bobsled runs down the slope above the big ditch. We, of course, didn't have the means to procure a real sled. But an upside down metal garbage can lid worked pretty well once you'd beaten the handle flat with a ball ping hammer.

Leon lost the advantage here. His extra weight dug through the snow and into the ground and slowed him down considerably. David, the lightest, fairly flew down that hill!

The Ice Skating events took place over on Mr. Archie Moore's pond. It was small enough to freeze over pretty quickly. We skated across that thing in our brogans. We'd do belly flops and see who could slide the furthest.

We'd find some appropriate size sticks and play ice hockey using an old Pet Milk can as a puck. Of course, true to form, about two minutes into the game the fight broke out. We forgot all about the milk can

and just went to flailing away at each other with the sticks! We fought till someone got knocked unconscious or somebody fell through the ice.

Our Olympic Games weren't hampered by referees, foreign officials or international rules.

The Tree Toss was Leon's favorite event. He'd tie some hay bailing string to the top of a young, but sturdy, tree and pull it right down to the ground. He'd have me or Dave lay down on the pulled over top and he'd let go of the rope. The object was to hurl us over the big ditch. When David and I complained about crash landing into the far side of the ditch, Leon comforted us with, “The snow will break your fall.”

Our Olympic Games matured as we grew older. Ricky Hale somehow came up with a real sled. We'd gather on Forrest Avenue at the top of the hill where the road curved down to Main Street. We'd hop aboard and take off on that ice slick road like all of America was depending on us! It dawned on me about the time our speed burst out of control that if a car was rumbling along Main Street.....we might be in a bit of trouble!

And that wasn't our most dangerous Olympic Game. Leon got almost old enough to drive. He'd take a long rope and tie a 1956 Chevrolet car hood behind Mr. Luther Purvis' pickup truck. Me and Dave would pile onto the hood and he'd take off down the Como Road like Robert Mitchum in “Thunder Road.” We'd be holding on for dear life and bouncing from one ditch to the other!

If you LIVED through our Olympic Games, a gold medal was near 'bout superfluous.....

Respectfully,

Kes

CRANKS MY TRACTOR

Stinky and purple



BN Heard

Many folks seem to be addicted to trying different sorts of diets. I won't profess to be one of those diet addicts, however I do experiment with what I'm eating from time to time. This is mainly just to see if I feel better, sleep better or have some sort of miraculous increase in vitality.

First of all, let me tell you that I have not found any secret diet or drink, so don't go skimming to the end. I don't want you to order anything either; I'm against those kinds of deals. However, I will hold out for something like magic water they have down at the Fountain of Youth in Saint Augustine, Florida. For the record, I did try it and it didn't work.

Lately, I've been eating a lot of beets and drinking a lot of soy milk. I've been fond of beets for quite some time. I think it is the color purple and the overall versatility of beets. Recently I have been mixing them with various things making what I thought was an original creation of “Beet Jerky.”

After getting excited, I later

found out that others have made beet, rather than beef jerky, so I was kind of let down. My latest batches were labeled “PBJ” and “Purple Power.” The PBJ was just beets and plantains which I cooked into a concoction that I later dried in my dehydrator. Purple Power was beets and dates, which I did similarly. Both were good and as normal beets do, they cause one to do all bathroom things in a “purplish manner.”

With all the purple, they have to be good for you. I really do like them. Making such things reminds me of the chemistry set I got for Christmas about 45 years ago. Mama always let me play in the kitchen, I probably always will.

The soy milk is something that I wasn't that crazy about trying again. I like the taste of milk and honestly, I have not been diagnosed to have any issues with milk or other dairy products where I have to drink something else. Cheese will always be something I can't live without.

But, I've been eating my bowl of cereal with soy milk every morning and putting soy milk in my coffee. Does it help? I'm not really sure that I have any issues, thus I can't say that it is helping or hurting. Like many things I do, I do it for memories sake.

I remember lunch in the first grade. I remember my short roundish first grade teacher

who I loved so dearly. Why did I love her? We all loved our first grade teachers, but I particularly loved mine because she was quick to stop the meanness I always faced when I opened my GI Joe thermos of milk at lunch.

For whatever reason, allergies I would suppose, I could not drink regular milk in the first grade. I had to drink this stinky soy milk that came in a can. It didn't taste bad, but it did stink. First graders are going to let you know when something smells bad and they are going to say it loud and in some cases sing about your stinky milk.

So while eating my breakfast, I don't hear the stinky milk song, I feel the love of very short and very round lady who always was there to fend off the wolves.

After reading about the history of soy milk, I found out that I was just a little too early. It seems that up until the 1960s the major problem with soy milk was its unpleasant “beany” smell and taste. Some researchers figured this out and started producing a less smelly version in the 1970s. The best I can figure, I missed it by a year or two.

As Mama used to say, “Life goes on.”

Stinky and purple? I'll take them both.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The passing of Billy Graham

Dear St. Joe Community,
The recent passing of Rev. Billy Graham has resonated within me so. This devoutly Roman Catholic girl encountered Billy Graham as a high school teenager in Tallahassee and lost her heart to "America's Pastor." I was so taken by his gift for effortlessly navigating Christian denominations, for focusing clearly and precisely on the Christ we all share, and for turning my focus toward Him, too. Throughout my college years, I read Billy Graham's books and watched him on television as both my Catholic Christianity and my respect for Mr. Graham simultaneously deepened.

A decade after my Billy Graham crusade, I fell in love with a St. Joe-born boy who had moved to my home town of Tallahassee. Not long after we met, we traveled to St. Joe to meet my future Williams/Peak inlaws. On that same trip, I also met a pastor who struck me so similarly to the way Mr. Graham had during my teen years.

Brother Dave Fernandez is another Billy Graham to my heart. He, too, effortlessly navigates denominations. Christians of all backgrounds, as well as people who do not consider themselves church-goers, are drawn to him and to the precious gift he has for shepherding hearts. Christ, Himself, is palpable in Brother Dave's presence.

About two years after I first met Brother Dave, my husband Jimmy and I learned we were expecting our first child and that there were some complications threatening the pregnancy. The very first person I instinctively wanted to pray for our unborn son was Brother Dave and I called my sister-in-law and asked her to ask him for his prayers. A few months later, when the pregnancy was more stable, we traveled to St. Joe where my husband and Brother



Rev. Billy Graham [PIXABAY]

Dave both laid hands on the unborn son within my growing belly and prayed for him together. What a precious memory I have to keep tucked in my heart! (That baby boy is now a 19 year-old Freshman at Florida State University!)

It is so very easy to take the treasures in our midst for granted. Brother Dave is indeed a heavenly treasure. I do not live in St. Joe but I sincerely hope Brother Dave is mentoring some young pastor in his precious ways of "community pastoring." His authentic gift for reaching people regardless of church backgrounds or denomination boundaries is one that desperately needs to be passed on to future generations. We need Billy Grahams and Brother Daves in our world more than ever.

Faithfully,

Anne-Elizabeth Williams,
(Mrs. James A. "Jimmy" Williams, II)

Sand or no sand

Dear Editor,
In reference to the great "Sand Grab of 2018." This is the most outrageous proposal on record. Not able to vote in the referendum for beach renourishment of

the Cape San Blas beaches I did voice my approval, a mistake. I was a property owner but not a resident. Now I am able to vote and that mistake will not be repeated.

Building community was one of the reasons

given for approval of the proposal. Well, that goal has been destroyed. Community cannot be built on disrespect or distrust.

We paid for sand, and we should get sand.

Sam Paschal, Gulf County

Mother Nature will win

Dear Editor,
You can't beat Mother Nature. No matter what man does, it only changes Mother Nature's plan temporarily. Like the sand on the Cape....

It's obvious nature wants to break through at the Stump Hole and the sand wants to build at the point

till it meets the shoreline over by Tyndall property.

It's a shame some people didn't have enough common sense not to build on shifting sand. This should be the cheapest land in the state. One good Category 3 hurricane will accelerate the shift. You could find the State Park as an island for a few years till the point makes its way to

shore.

It's insane that the county has to come up with all that money every seven or eight years to try to correct something that's not really wrong. It's nature.

Build an overpass now, at the stump hole, before its necessary.

Dennis Maulding, Port St. Joe

Sand for All or Sand for None movement

Dear Editor,
First, I want to thank the County Staff, County Commissioners, Pat Hardman and the CCA Membership for the enormous amount of hours and energies they have expended to make Beach Restoration a reality. They have had to overcome too many obstacles, including the loss of the DOT's three million dollar commitment to the restoration project, in their efforts to bring this project to fruition. Many thanks are warranted.

Over the past four years, I have attended most of the county meetings where beach restoration was a part of the agenda. I was a member of the "Save the Cape" campaign to promote passage of the most recent MSTU. I had the opportunity to join Mr. Hammond and Mr. Yeager in Tallahassee to find any additional financial avenues to offset the above mentioned loss of DOT's three million dollar commitment. Sadly, we were unsuccessful in this effort.

I received a letter from the "Sand for All or Sand for None Movement."

When I first read it, my initial reaction was who sent it to me. The letter didn't contain any names or signatures, so I checked the envelope only to discover there wasn't a return address. It was mailed anonymously. Upon reading the letter a second time, I decided the movement was based on partial facts and selected information. It reminded me of games played on playgrounds. If the game isn't played per your rules, you picked up your ball and went home. I struggle to take seriously letters and emails sent anonymously.

Here's a fact, the last MSTU was approved overwhelmingly by the interior and bay side home owners. It is my belief, these votes were cast based on their individual desires to help Save the Cape, and not based on how much sand their homes would receive from the restoration process.

Here's another fact, many areas of the beach north of Rish Park have been accreting (growing) at the rate of 1-2 feet per year over the past 4-5 years.

An additional fact, several members of this movement are out-of-state

residents, who own rental income property on the Cape. In January, The county commissioners held a Public Workshop, soliciting (almost pleading) for your ideas, optional solutions and even additional financial avenues to explore. You made a conscious decision not to drive the 4-6 hours necessary to share your thoughts and ideas. You didn't even take advantage of all the addition avenues of communication to express your thoughts. I know this to be fact because I attended this meeting. Now you want to pick up your ball and go home.

If you decide to step out of the shadows, into the daylight, I am willing to meet with you individually and provide you with a complete set of facts and information which will allow you to make a well informed opinion. If you feel safer stepping into the daylight as a group, I am sure I can arrange one or two county officials to be a part of the group conversation.

Unlike your emails and letters, my contact information is listed below.

Butch Kline, 229-1184.

Statement from Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton

Ed. Note: In the wake of an incident involving a Wewa-hitchka student last week, and the trespassing of a Port St. Joe father this week, Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton issued the following statement on Wednesday.

There but for the grace of God go I...

It is difficult to turn our minds from the unconscionable tragedy that took place in Broward County nearly two weeks ago. As we continue to lift those closest to this tragedy up in prayer, we cannot help but wonder what if. What if it were our community, our schools, our students?

While we fully understand that our schools are not immune to such a tragedy, it is important to note that on several levels there were multiple opportunities to prevent that particular incident.

The person responsible was on the radar of several agencies and seemed to suffer from an untreated (perhaps undiagnosed) mental illness. Regrettably, he slipped through the cracks, did not receive the interventions he needed, and ultimately created a scenario of unspeakable heartbreak and destruction. Put plainly, the system failed, and failed to keep safe those most vulnerable among us.

Sometimes it feels like school districts are under a gag order. There has been much discussion throughout the state and the nation since this tragedy regarding how to best address current laws and restrictions pertaining to confidentiality and individual rights while at the same time protecting the basic rights of our students and employees to feel and be safe in our schools.

As I have often said, there are many advantages to living and working in a small, tightly knit community. Not least among them is the ability to more easily see our students as individuals, to know their specific circumstances, home lives, needs, and temperaments. Tragedies cannot always be prevented, but had this young man been in Gulf County, I am confident the outcome would have been different. I can't help but to believe someone would have noticed much earlier, and someone would have acted to intervene.

As the nation looks back on this tragedy, theories will be formed and opinions proffered. In truth, it is unlikely that we will ever truly understand the "why" of this tragedy, and without understanding the complex causes, solutions will not be easily developed. This is not a Second Amendment debate! The gun was merely the means to the end. Instead, it is a question of

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how do we best detect the quietly smoldering hatred lurking in the shadows and intervene before it manifests itself in bloodshed and loss of precious life.

Just as the problem and its causes are multifaceted, so must be the solution. Schools are a soft target to those with an agenda. While no one wants our schools to develop a prison-like atmosphere, there are measures that can be put in place to ensure the safety of those within.

Additional man-power in the form of armed resource officers, the legal option to arm qualified school district employees, access to well-trained mental health professionals, and more secure facilities are a start. Limited financial resources, however, make implementing such enhancements extremely difficult. I encourage each of you to contact your legislators, and please encourage them not to support any unfunded safe school mandates, while demanding that they make school safety a top priority. We, at Gulf District Schools, certainly will not limit our effort to be vigilant in securing and protecting our schools at all costs!

Recently, Gulf District Schools has experienced its own threats; threats that weeks ago may have been handled differently, but in the aftermath of the Broward County tragedy, these matters were squelched and immediately turned over to law enforcement to be handled as criminal matters.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to personally thank our Gulf School District teachers, support staff, and administrators for being strong, caring, and proactive. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions, because often personnel on our school campuses and concerned citizens have unique insight and perspective and can offer good suggestions to make improvements for our campuses. This will be particularly important as we take steps to enhance the security in and around the schools.

Chance favors the prepared mind. We will prepare. We will prevail. And we will give God the glory.

Most Sincerely,

Jim Norton, Superintendent
Gulf District Schools

HAMILTON

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can't be ignored. If we're not at a crossroads, we're certainly not far from one, and in the end, it's up to each of us which direction we'll take as a nation.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

EASTERN

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said. “We have been working on this for five or six years. It has been a long, tortuous process.”

A key, though was the Coast Guard contract, which Eastern won over companies in Maine, Louisiana and Mississippi, all of them larger in workforce and bottom line, Harrison noted, making it something of “David vs. Goliath.”

The Port St. Joe “yard” is seen as serving multiple purposes for Eastern, Harrison said.

Language in the Coast Guard contract requires a vessel, after initial launch, can not be in the water more than 365 days if not already delivered.

Those vessels would be taken out of the water via the dry dock.

“(Port St. Joe) would serve as a haul-out location and for vessel repairs,” Harrison

said. For every direct job the dry dock would create, Harrison said, using a widely-accepted measurement of maritime economics, another 2.62 indirect jobs could be expected, primarily in the services sector, but also wholesale and retail trade, finance, insurance and real estate and manufacturing.

Port St. Joe would also become the lone dry dock facility between Tampa and Mobile, AL, which would open the facility for ship repair.

“We have a great opportunity here to do (ship repair) here in Port St. Joe,” Harrison said.

The BOCC is seeking nearly \$30 million in BP fine dollars from Triumph Gulf Coast to facilitate the design and construction of the dry dock.

The pre-application for the project was deemed eligible in January by the Triumph board and the process has moved to a full application.

Much of the discussion on the dry dock hinges on that funding.

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- Dry Dock Creates Ship Repair Capability for ESG in Gulf County
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 - \$1.3B annually nationwide
- Sustainable Panhandle Jobs

Estimated capital expenditure to construct dry dock- \$25M

Port St. Joe Deep Water Site

In the short-term, a \$6 million state appropriation in 2017, \$1 million of that for dredging around the bulkhead, is to be used to create an “outfitting yard” on which Eastern will outfit a vessel which will arrive in Port St. Joe as mostly hull and motors and whatever is needed to sail, Harrison said.

The company has a contract with New York City for three 300-foot long ferrys, with the first hull under construction and potentially arriving in Port

St. Joe the middle of next year, Harrison said.

Outfitting could take as long as 18 months, Harrison said.

The primary challenge, Harrison noted, is related to the workforce.

Nearly five years ago Eastern, with a contract out of Brazil, sought to lure the workforce needed to jump start an expansion to Port St. Joe with less-than-ideal results.

The county is pursuing a

\$625,000 state appropriation to be used for workforce training, even the establishment of a training facility in Gulf County.

The county is also using RESTORE Act funding to create a welding program at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School.

Harrison said it was not possible to Eastern to require subcontractors and vendors to use Gulf County employees, the hope being that between building a workforce and sheer convenience, some of Eastern’s 150-odd vendors would ultimately set up shop in Port St. Joe.

The overall goal, Harrison said, was to “prime the pump and get things going here.”

Eastern has leased 20 acres of the former paper mill site from the St. Joe Company for five years with an option to lease 20 more acres, Harrison said.

Eastern, St. Joe and the BOCC are partners in a joint agreement for the \$6 million state appropriation and St. Joe is working with Eastern on its expansion plans.

BOCC

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the contract to TAI; or, four, award the contract, as recommended by county staff, to Dewberry.

The basis of TAI’s protest was its experience with floating dry docks, which Thomas contended Dewberry, while a large and highly-qualified civil engineering firm, lacked.

TAI, meanwhile, has extensive knowledge and experience with the exact sort of facility to be constructed off the bulkhead at the former paper mill site in Port St. Joe, Thomas said.

“We have the expertise,”

Thomas said. “That’s the basis of our protest.”

Over 40 minutes county administrator Don Butler reviewed his review and scoring of the proposals.

The only written documentation is a page of notes Butler jotted down while going through the proposals.

Butler emphasized several times that he was not addressing an initial eight-page response from TAI or a 30-page follow-up document.

Thomas’ presentation, that 30-page document based on both proposals after a public record request for all county documents on the RFP, was in stark contrast to Butler’s summation.

Where Butler characterized

as overly complex and dense responses to some areas about project approach and scope, TAI contended they provided a recitation of its expertise.

Several times Butler said the county was “not trying to build a rocket ship” but Thomas noted that a floating dry dock, which will have to lift as much as 10,000 long tons out of the water, is an animal all its own.

Butler also faulted TAI on various aspects of how the project would begin, play out and communications between stakeholders and the county, questioned conflicting statements in different sections of the proposal and said sections appeared to be “cut and paste” from other

proposals.

Thomas, over 20 minutes, said Dewberry was unresponsive to several requests for explanations of expertise and experience in “analogous” projects, therefore disqualifying the proposal.

Instead it received higher scores.

“This demonstrates how the evaluation criteria was not applied objectively,” the presentation detailed in part.

Thomas’ final slides dealt with requests for key personnel on the project, and their relevant expertise in such a project as well as details of any related projects over the prior 10 years.

Dewberry’s key personnel lacked experience in floating dry docks, Thomas said, while

TAI’s key players came with experience on dry dock projects.

And, Dewberry listed not a single “analogous” project in the prior 10 years, while TAI listed at least five, though Butler discounted three due to questions about whether the lead on the project was with TAI.

Thomas assured the board she was.

In both sections, Butler scored Dewberry higher than TAI.

Commissioner Ward McDaniel was the lone commenter on the board, moving to approve Butler’s recommendation to award the contract to Dewberry.

Commissioner David Rich seconded; the vote was unanimous.

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Day Trip travelogue - north to the Georgia border, Part II

By Jack and Nancy Blake
Special to The Star

About 80 miles north of Port St. Joe lies a hidden gem of a state park known as Three Rivers Park. In Part One of this "Day Trip" feature, we hopefully showed you what to expect as you proceed north to the park area. This installment will feature not only Three Rivers Park, but a second hidden gem of a state park, only about 25 miles to the southeast, known as Torreya Park.

Three Rivers State Park is located along 2.5 miles of Lake Seminole shoreline a few miles north of the small town of Sneads. The park gets its name from the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers, which meet to form Lake Seminole above the nearby Woodruff Dam. Below the dam is the third of the three rivers, the Apalachicola, which then flows untamed until it pours into the Gulf of Mexico.

The park is a mecca for Torrey State Park,



Fishing at Three Rivers State Park. [COURTESY OF JACK AND NANCY BLAKE]

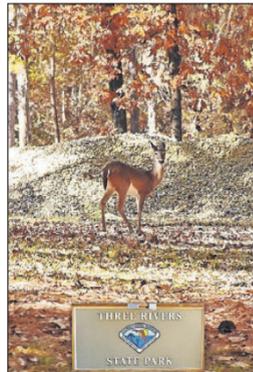
freshwater anglers, bird and botany enthusiasts, campers, hikers, boaters and picnickers. There are four educational, self-guided hiking trails and thirty family campsites for both tents and RV's. The state of Georgia is clearly visible across the waters of Lake Seminole.

located on the banks of the Apalachicola River, can be reached by traveling south from Chattahoochee (on the way back to Port St. Joe) for less than 20 miles along highways 269 and 270. It's 13 miles north of Bristol, 20 miles from Blountstown.

The park is named after the rare and endangered Torreya tree, a member of the nutmeg family and endemic to the local east bank of the Apalachicola River's limestone bluffs.

Like Three Rivers, Torreya offers camping (29 sites), hiking, picnicking, wildlife and bird watching. Among the main scenic features of the park are the high limestone bluffs overlooking the Apalachicola River.

The steep, heavily foliated bluffs rise more



Wildlife at Three Rivers State Park [COURTESY OF JACK AND NANCY BLAKE]

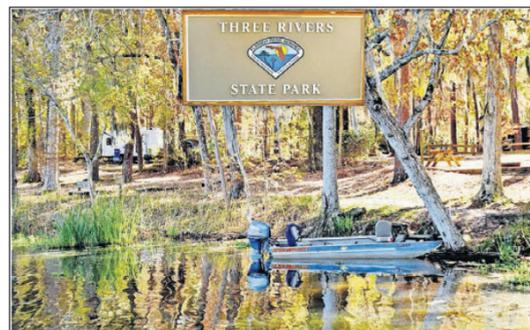
than 150 feet above the river. And the primary historic feature of the park is Gregory House, which dates to 1849. It is an old plantation home and is furnished with articles dating to the mid-1850s when the house was occupied by planter Jason Gregory and his family.



Gregory House at Torreya State Park [COURTESY OF JACK AND NANCY BLAKE]



Camping at Three Rivers State Park [COURTESY OF JACK AND NANCY BLAKE]



Three Rivers State Park [COURTESY OF JACK AND NANCY BLAKE]

In the back yard of the house is a magnificent view of the flowing but peaceful river below. We hope you enjoyed

both installments of our latest "Day Trip from PSJ." Hopefully they'll be more. Thanks for reading.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, March 1	77°	54°	50%
Fri, March 2	71°	48°	0%
Sat, March 3	71°	50°	0%
Sun, March 4	69°	54°	0%
Mon, March 5	69°	60°	10%
Tues, March 6	71°	57°	60%
Wed, March 7	67°	55°	50%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
1	Th	10:04p	1.1	6:23a	-0.3				
2	Fr	11:10p	0.9	6:52a	-0.1				
3	Sa	12:41p	0.2	6:58a	0.1	3:51p	0.1		
4	Su	12:20a	0.7	12:02p	0.4	6:25a	0.3	6:07p	0.1
5	Mo	1:52a	0.4	12:13p	0.7	4:58a	0.3	8:09p	0.1
6	Tu	12:42p	0.9			10:16p	0.0		
7	We	1:21p	1.0						

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
1	Th	12:56a	2.2	3:16p	1.9	7:57a	-0.5	7:38p	1.0
2	Fr	1:56a	2.2	3:33p	1.9	8:33a	-0.3	8:20p	0.6
3	Sa	2:51a	2.2	3:49p	1.9	9:04a	0.0	9:02p	0.5
4	Su	3:44a	2.1	4:06p	1.9	9:32a	0.3	9:45p	0.3
5	Mo	4:38a	2.1	4:25p	2.1	9:57a	0.6	10:31p	0.2
6	Tu	5:36a	1.8	4:49p	2.1	10:21a	0.8	11:24p	0.2
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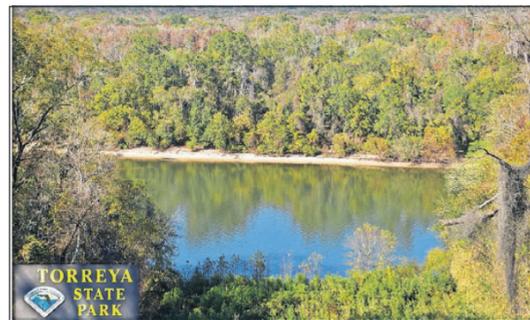
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FISHING REPORT



Wow, what a turn around for fishing on the Forgotten Coast, we had some monster bull Red's taken out at St. Joe beach near the concrete tower and then some nice Red's also taken up in the Canal. So Redfish has turned on and the bait of choice is live shrimp just flat lined with a large split shot about 2 or 3 feet above your bait. Now let me take what room I have left here to pass on some great news to all anglers in our area. Trigger Fish will open on March 1 in State and Federal waters! We could not be happier about the news but before you jump up and down here is the bad news. The bag limit is only ONE fish per angler per day and a 15 inch fork length. This has changed from 2 fish per day and 14 inch. fork length. But hey we'll take it for some nice Triggers. If you need further information regarding Trigger Fish contact MyFWC.com. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

Three Rivers State Park [COURTESY OF JACK AND NANCY BLAKE]



Apalachicola River at Torreya State Park [COURTESY OF JACK AND NANCY BLAKE]

Reinforcement of Stump Hole underway

By Patricia K. Hardman, PhD
President, Coastal Community Association.
Special to The Star

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has recognized for some time that the water breaking through the Stump Hole rock revetment is an access/egress and environmental issue for property owners and visitors and has done what it could to help protect the Cape San Blas Road and St. Joseph Bay.

The project has been carried out by the BOCC through grants.

In 1996, then-Commissioner Warren Yeager led the way to get 2,100



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linear feet of engineered rock abutment placed at the Stump Hole approved and permitted by Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Engineering was done by MRD Engineering.

This had to be done in stages to obtain grant

Hole over the life of this project.

This abutment gives as much protection as possible and the current work completes the project to the southern end of the Stump Hole. This portion of the project cost is \$1.4 million (and no this funding cannot be used for sand). The total project cost to date has been \$3.8 million.

IC Contractors has been contracted to do this portion of the project and the anticipated completion date is July 1.

Thanks once again for Yeager and the BOCC for rising to the challenge of Saving the Cape and Protecting our St. Joseph Bay.

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PSJ opens 2-1 on diamond

Star Staff Report

A 5-1 loss to Bay High Tuesday night is the lone blemish on the season for the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School baseball team.

Before running into Bay on the road, the Tiger Sharks opened with a pair of 7-1 victories, the lone run allowed in each game unearned.

Port St. Joe 7, Panama City Beach Arnold 1

Chris Stockton tossed a complete-game five-hitter and the middle of the Tiger Shark order had five hits and drove in three as Port St. Joe opened the regular season with a win.

Stockton walked one and struck out four; Arnold's lone run was unearned.

"He pitched really well," said Coach Ashley Summerlin.

The middle of the order of Stockton and Josh and Caleb Butts collected five hits, stole two bases and drove in three.

Jaden Grantland had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run and Caden Terrell walked and scored a run.

"Offensively we had a very good game, which is surprising since it was our first official game of the year," Summerlin said.

Port St. Joe 7, Wewahitchka 1

Another balanced performance by the Tiger Sharks and an effective start from Bryce Register keyed the win.

Port St. Joe broke the game open with a four-run fourth inning.

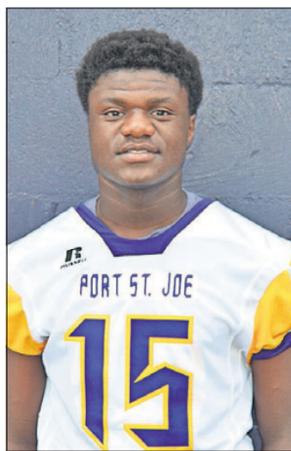
"We are doing a good job of getting on base," Summerlin said. "We like to be aggressive, put pressure on the other team."

"If you are going to beat somebody, put them away, you are going to do it on the bases."

Register pitched four innings, allowing two hits and walking four while striking out two and not allowing a run.

Elijah Hester, just joining the team after soccer season, pitched three innings allowing a hit and an unearned run.

Terrell had a hit, drove in a run, scored a run and stole two bases. Josh Butts singled, drove in a run and scored twice.



Clockwise from top left: Alvin Dempsey, Kendre Gant, Darius Townsend, Caleb Butts, Russell Russ, Bubba Ash, Khayyan Zacarro [FILE PHOTOS]

Tiger Sharks place 7 on all-state teams

Star Staff Report

A successful 2017 football campaign, including an 8-4 record and a trip to the state Class 1A semifinals, continued last week with the announcement of all-state teams.

Port St. Joe placed seven players on the various teams named by FloridaHsFootball.com.

Alvin Dempsey and Kendre Gant were named to the

first-team.

Dempsey, making it three consecutive years on the all-state first-team, was named as a defensive lineman after a season during which he recorded 76 tackles, including 29 solo, with a team-high 20 tackles for loss and nine sacks.

Gant was named as a utility player, combining his 48 tackles, blocked punt and interception on defense, with his 19 receptions for 434

yards and six touchdowns, all team-highs, as a wide receiver on offense.

Two Tiger Sharks, lineman Darius Townsend and linebacker Caleb Butts, were named to the second-team defense.

Townsend, a junior, had 62 tackles, 24 solo, nine tackles for loss and five sacks.

Butts recorded 52 tackles, 27 solo, along with 15 tackles for loss and nine sacks.

Honorable mention honors

went to linebacker Khayyan Zacarro and Bubba Ash and defensive back Russell Russ.

Zacarro led the Tiger Sharks in tackles with 157, 76 solo, with 10 tackles for loss and two sacks.

Ash was second on the team with 100 tackles, 37 solo, had an interception and six tackles for loss.

Russ recorded 79 tackles in the secondary, including 40 solo, with a sack and two tackles for loss.

Port St. Joe downs Rutherford

By Pat McCann
GateHouse Media

SPRINGFIELD — Port St. Joe had a freshman pitcher throwing to an eighth-grader catcher, and an eighth-grader playing third base on Tuesday night against Rutherford.

And it had the more experienced softball team.

It showed during an 11-4 victory that spoiled the Rams' home opener and improved the Tiger Sharks to 2-0. Rutherford is 1-4.

Freshman pitcher Brooke Zinker pitched a three-hitter with 11 strikeouts as Port St. Joe wasn't really threatened after scoring three runs in the top of the first inning.

The Tiger Sharks didn't hit the ball out of the infield against Rutherford freshman starting pitcher Kaitlyn Wollenzien while forging that cushion. It only figured that

more runs would follow once they did, and they soon were.

Five different players knocked in runs for Port St. Joe with senior Hannah Lee collecting four RBIs, three of them on a bases-loaded double off the base of the fence in center field.

Eighth-grade catcher Erica Ramsey had two hits, reached four times and scored four runs for the Tiger Sharks. She'll likely move to third base when last year's catcher Brooklyn Quinn returns from Lakeland, where she was playing for Port St. Joe in the Class 1A girls basketball state tournament this week.

"We've got a young team," Port St. Joe coach Jim Belin stated the obvious. "We're just trying to keep moving forward."

The Tiger Sharks had 10 hits off Wollenzien, a 14-year-old transfer from Wisconsin who also fit nicely into the evening's

youth movement theme. Wollenzien fanned seven and walked only two. The major setback was a defense that made 11 errors behind her on mostly routine plays.

"We've got four girls starting who have never played competitive softball at any level," Rutherford coach David Barron said. "That's what happens when you have no feeder program."

"For many of them this is their first experience and it's coming on the varsity."

Pharielle Koonce stroked an RBI single in the bottom of the first inning that scored Joydon Westinghouse to get the Rams within 3-1.

Koonce added a two-run double in the sixth that plated Westinghouse, who had walked, and Wollenzien, who reached on an infield single.

That also enabled the Rams to avoid the 10-run mercy

Capital City Bank Round Robin

The Capital City Bank Round Robin softball tournament will be held Saturday, March 3 at Lady Shark Field. The first game will begin at 10 a.m. with Tallahassee John Paul II against Port St. Joe. The second game will begin at 12 p.m. with Malone versus Port St. Joe. And the final game will begin at 2 with John Paul II versus Malone.

rule as they rallied within 11-3 after six innings and Tia Sharpe scored an unearned run in the seventh for the final.

Zinker added two hits and an RBI for the Tiger Sharks, Carley Fortner knocked in two runs, and Abby Todd, the other eighth-grader in the lineup, had two hits and scored a run.

Lady Gators rout Liberty County, Vernon

Star Staff Report

Two games, two wins, combined margin 28-0; the Lady Gators are warming up.

The Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School softball team moved to 4-2 on the season.

The Lady Gators will participate in the Florida Softball Challenge at Frank Brown Park this weekend and be back home to host Franklin County Tuesday.

Wewahitchka 12, Liberty County 0

Savannah Lister tossed a complete-game shutout, striking out 10, and the Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School softball team rolled over Liberty County 12-0.

Lister allowed just two hits and did not walk a batter.

Wewahitchka broke it open with a six-run fourth inning, with Gracie Price, Brianna Bailey, Haley Guffey

and Kristen Nichols all supplying RBI hits.

For the game, shortened after five innings on the run-rule, the Lady Gators pounded out 10 hits, with Kristen Thompson and Price each producing two hits.

The Lady Gators did not commit an error in the field.

Wewahitchka 16, Vernon 0

Brianna Bailey pitched three innings of one-hit ball,

striking out eight and not walking a batter in the game shortened by the run-rule.

The Lady Gators pounded out 13 hits, with Gracie Price, Haley Guffey, Bailey, and Katie Shealy each providing multiple hits; Price was 3 for 3 with a triple, Guffey and Morgan Mayhann doubled.

Guffey drove in three runs and Mayhann, Cyrina Madrid each drove in two runs.

The Lady Gators did not commit an error.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Port St. Joe falls to Chipley

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. boys basketball had their post-season abruptly halted last Thursday when the homes-tanding Tiger Sharks dropped a 58-47 decision to Chipley in the Region 2-1A semifinals.

Chipley advanced to the region final against Franklin County, a team Port St. Joe beat three times this past season, including for the District 4-1A title. Port St. Joe finished the season 20-8, a huge reversal from a five-win season a year ago.

SCENE AROUND



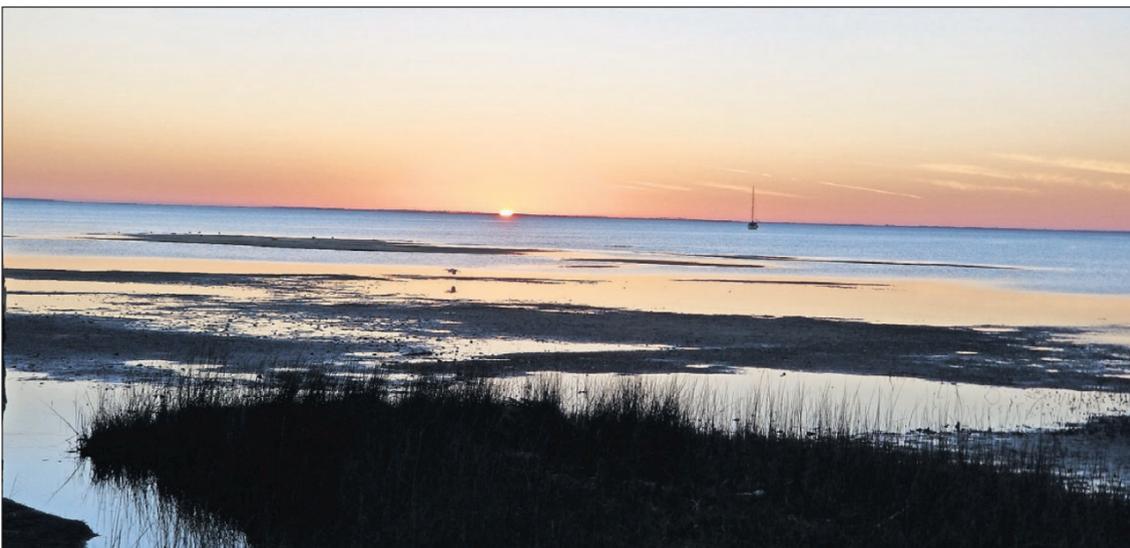
A female bald eagle sits in her nest. [COURTESY OF DEBORAH MAYS]



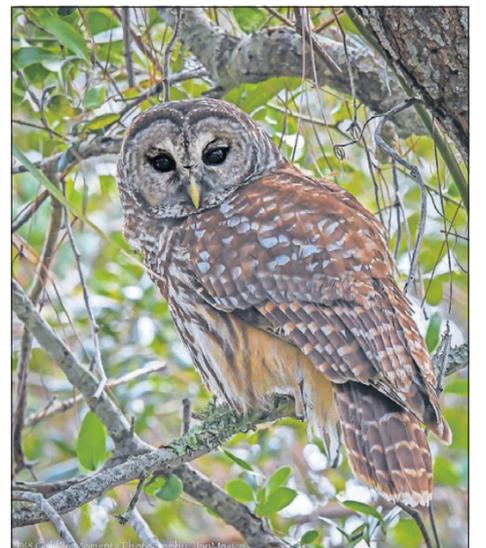
Tidal streams and pools carve a niche. [COURTESY OF JANET GRINZINGER]



Dusk falls on the Forgotten Coast. [COURTESY OF DAVE EVANS]



The sun dips below the horizon, ending another day on St. Joseph Bay. [COURTESY OF JADE MALOY]



Who you looking at? [COURTESY OF JAN MASICA]

Send us your photos that spotlight the best that Gulf Coast has to offer. This page is for photos submitted to The Star by readers. Please submit your photos to tcroft@starfl.com.



Right: A friendly grackle
[COURTESY OF CAROL BUIKEMA]



Always a beautiful view from the Sunset Coastal Grill. [COURTESY OF THOMAS KOCHER]

COMMUNITY

'Fun Day' fosters community, law enforcement ties

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The idea was to create an event that would not only offer youngsters a positive image of law enforcement, but help foster a positive relationship.

And, in this day and time, that is a mighty noble mission.

The third annual "Fun Day" sponsored by the Port St. Joe Police Department, and a growing number of partners, will be held 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET Saturday, March 10 in Frank Pate Park.

The freebies available to the youngsters, and their families, is rather lengthy, but here goes.

Free hot dogs, chips and drinks provided by Centennial Bank with free desserts coming from the folks at the Port St. Joe Church of the Nazarene.

Woodmen Life is bringing free popcorn and there will be

a free face painting and craft table, provided by the Methodist Learning Center.

Then, there are the free pony rides and a petting zoo, always a favorite, and, finally, but hardly leastly, a free 22-foot high bounce house, slide and, wait for it, Velcro wall.

The bounce house is large enough to kids of all ages.

That is a lot to pack into four hours.

The centerpiece of this carnival for the senses will be raffles to give away 20 new bikes. Free bike helmets, in the hundreds, will also be given away.

"When they hired me I wanted to create an event around children, their parents and families," said Port St. Joe Police Chief Matt Herring.

"What we want is to draw people in and give the kids something (positive) to do."

After some brainstorming with Officers David Graham and Jake Richards, "Fun Day" was born.

The day has expanded the fun from humble beginnings.

The first year, Centennial Bank signed on as a partner, as did Woodmen Life, and in addition to food and beverages, each also donated two new bikes.

The department had a handful of "gently used" bikes which were found, owners never identified or coming forward, and abandoned.

So, in that first year, 10 used bikes and four new ones were raffled off.

The Port St. Joe Lions Club donated the funds for 300 bike helmets.

For last year's episode two, seeking a bit more "carnival" atmosphere, Herring, through additional partners, was able to add a petting zoo, bouncy house, large enough for adults, and pony rides.

More than 300 helmets were given away and a dozen bikes raffled off.

See **FUN DAY**, B7



"Fun Day" arrives March 10 in Frank Pate Park. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

'It didn't feel like work'

The Brothers Osborne record 'Port Saint Joe'

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If seeking a spot for a memorably unique recording experience, why not Port Saint Joe?

So, even though Nashville producer Jay Joyce's recording studio sits "right out" the back door from TJ Osborne's home, The Brothers Osborne, John and TJ, "packed it all up" last year and came to Port Saint Joe to record the brothers' sophomore album.

The result is an album which TJ, speaking by phone from his Nashville home, described as near conceptual in content and freewheelingly live in recording, put down over two weeks while in Joyce's Port Saint Joe beach house.

Called, fittingly enough for those who live here or visit, "Port Saint Joe."

(And, yes, we will adhere to the formal spelling of the community for this tale).

"It felt great, it was awesome," TJ said of the recording sessions. "It didn't feel like work. This beautiful beach, the beautiful water and the wonderful community.

"Port Saint Joe, you don't think about palm trees, you think of a port town. But there is all that beach and blue water."

The album is to be released April 20 and to say it is anticipated would be trading in understatement.

The Brothers Osborne



TJ and John Osborne's sophomore release is titled "Port Saint Joe". [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

debut, "Pawn Shop," spawned chart hits and nominations from the Grammys, Country Music Association and Association of Country Music.

During last month's Grammy awards broadcast, the brothers shared the stage with Maran Morris and Eric Church to honor victims of concert shootings.

The announcement of the release of their next album was covered in media across a host of platforms, including just about every major entertainment/music magazine.

That they would name the release after a town, this town, is rendered more amazing by the fact that the decision to come to Port Saint Joe was at the outset, TJ said, "a joke."

See **BROTHERS**, B7



The Brothers recorded "Port Saint Joe" during a two-week stay at a beach house. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



[TIM CROFT | THE STAR]

Turning turnips

To say Bill Lynch possesses a green thumb is akin to asserting Elvis Presley could sing.

Lynch has been planting and harvesting from his Highland View plot for decades, all of it ending up on the tables of friends, family and just about anyone who enjoys fresh veggies.

"All these years I've been growing, I have never sold any," Lynch said. "I give it all away."

He'll be working for a bit to give away his latest bounty, more than two dozen "hybrid" turnips, some on the rather monstrous size.

"I just plant them, water them, use a little plant food and God does the growing," Lynch, who at 92 continues to get around his field just fine, thank you.

"I have slowed down, but my fingers, hands and feet still work fine," he said, then looking at his carload of turnips, added, "I have never grown anything quite like these."

— Tim Croft

TRIVIA FUN

1. Through which part of their bodies do crickets "hear" (feel vibrations)?

Legs, Antennae, Wings, Abdomen

2. From mythology, how many labors or deeds did Hercules perform to be free?

3, 7, 12, 20

3. The Tuscan dialect is the basis for what modern

language?

Italian, Portuguese, Indian, Mandarin

4. When a professional athlete has been dealt, he/she has been?

Retired, Scouted, Traded, Idolized

5. Whose nicknames include "Old North" and "Turpentine State"?

North Dakota, Massachusetts, Idaho, North Carolina

6. What's the liquor in a "Moscow Mule"?

Rum, Vodka, Whiskey, Gin

ANSWERS: 1. Legs, 2. 12, 3. Italian, 4. Traded, 5. North Carolina, 6. Vodka



Wilson Casey

"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 newspapers across the country. Comments, questions or suggestions? WC@TriviaGuy.com

SOCIETY

Spring is in the air at the senior center

Special to The Star

Come and join in with the seniors and enjoy the fun and festivities at the Gulf County Seniors Citizens Center.

We have such activities as tai chi every Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. Bingo every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:45 a.m., and Gospel singing every Monday at 10:45 a.m.

"Sew as you Please" is on Thursday at 9 a.m. and Arts & Crafts are on Wednesday at 11:15 a.m.

Also once a month, we have DJ Gina who puts a lot of dance in our steps on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Another monthly activity is a trip to WalMart on a Wednesday so everyone can do a little shopping.

We have other activities for our seniors as they come available. We look forward to you visiting us and seeing what

we can offer you.

Spring is around the corner and we are sprucing up the center for our seniors. We are doing a little refurbishing in our center and need donations to purchase some paint for the walls which has had some bumps and bruises this past year.

We are also looking at replacing some ceiling tiles that are damaged and ceiling fans that are in disrepair. Please help us with a donation to the center so we can refurbish the place.

Please contact us at the center at 229-8466. Your monetary contribution will help us keep the center in good shape for our seniors and they would deeply appreciate the contribution.

We are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET. We are located at 120 Library Drive in Port St. Joe, next to the library and the courthouse.

PSJ Garden Club news

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe Garden Club held a flower show design workshop Feb. 22 in preparation for its National Garden Club Flower Show on June 9.

Judith Williams, a National Garden Club-accredited lifetime judge for the State of Georgia, taught the workshop. She is a recent member to the Port St. Joe Garden Club and the club is thrilled to have her as a member.

Ms. Williams prepared three designs during the workshop: a petite size design, and a rhythmic and illuminary design. With each of the designs, different design principles were explained such as balance, proportion, scale and dominance. The workshop was fun and informative.

Next week the Garden



Judith Williams beside her illuminary design. (SPECIAL TO THE STAR)

Club will be on a field trip to Quincy, Florida, to the UF/IFAS research facility for a talk and tour. Anyone

interested in joining the PSJGC, in attending a program or renting the Garden Center at 216 8th

Street, a national and historical site, may email psjgardenclub@gmail.com.

Teens: Alert

Special to The Star

Are you in an abusive dating relationship?

Do you suspect a friend is?

You are not alone! One (1) in four (4) dating teens are in a relationship with a

Power hungry bully, abusive girlfriend or boyfriend. Yes, here in Gulf County.

Dating violence knows no culture, economic or educational boundaries. It can happen to anyone.

Here are some signs:

- Puts you (and others) down constantly.
- Always wants his/her way. To be in control.
- Often gets very jealous &/or angry. Irrationally.
- Abuses alcohol or uses drugs.
- Can be physically aggressive.
- Is possessive with you, keeping you from friends and activities.
- Is possessive of you

thru all types of electronic media.

- Apologies after being controlling and promises to never do it again.
- Yet, it happens again!

- Here's what you do:

- Take stock of your situation. Understand that you are not alone and that
- You are not to blame!
- Talk to a trusted friend or safe adult about what is going on.
- Seek professional guidance from school counselor and/or local services

before taking any action against abuser. Local abuse hotline: Local/229-2901 or 1-800-252-2597



Cub Scout Pack 347 cleans the beach

Special to The Star

The young men from the Bear Den of local Cub Scout Pack 347 went out on one of their meeting days and decided to perform a conservation project for our community.

The members of this Bear den decided they would like to clean the beach near Salinas Park and the park itself of all trash left on the ground. They were led by Cub Master Abby Cozine. Working diligently, they ended up with almost two black garbage bags of trash that had been left on the ground.

These young men also learned how to properly police an area the Boy Scout way so we would not miss any trash while performing our duty.

In Scouting it is required that Scouts perform three hours of community service and another three hours of a conservation project, and with that being said we should be proud to have these fine young men in Scouts and our community working hard to make our world a better place.



(SPECIAL TO THE STAR PHOTOS)

If you have a young man between the ages of 6 and 10 and would like for him to be a part of this program, you may contact Miss Abby Cozine at 340-0960 or Mr. Bill Van Der Tulip for Scouts ages 11 to 18.

This program is run by nationally certified leaders and look forward to working with your child.



PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



Meet Hershey, an 11 month old chocolate lab mix, weighing 49 pounds. He is wonderful with other dogs and loves to play outside. Tennis balls and ropes are his favorite toys. He is high spirited and loves to give kisses! He loves the water, and being outside. He came to us here at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society as a stray found by animal control.

He is friendly and loving. Come by and visit Hershey, he is waiting for his fur-ever home!

If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email j.stricklandsjbhs@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103. Online applications and pet photos are available at www.sjbhumanesociety.org

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The art of problem solving examined at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

Different approaches to problem solving will be explored at 7 p.m. CT Monday, March 5 at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "You've Got a Problem! Your One-Hour Guide to Making Better Decisions," features an exclusive film showing four strangers struggling to emerge from an escape room.

Escape rooms are themed rooms where players are locked inside and then must uncover clues and solve puzzles to escape the room before time runs out.

"Most people have just one or two styles of problem solving," said Lifetree representative Craig Cable.

"This Lifetree program

helps people identify their problem-solving style and discover the benefits of trying other techniques as well."

During the program, Lifetree participants will consider current problems they're facing and explore new strategies for solving those problems.

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

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



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SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Literacy Night at PSJES



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR PHOTOS]

Special to The Star

The 21st Century Enrichment Program at Port St. Joe Elementary School held Parent Literacy Night on Feb. 22. The event included “Midnight Train: Harriet Tubman on the Underground Railroad” with Mary J. Kelly portraying Harriet Tubman and retelling her life through stories and song. The evening was enjoyed by all, and 21st Century parents received a free book about the life of Harriet Tubman. The event was presented in collaboration with Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library and the Joe Center for the Arts. Marty Riley, our webmaster, will add this event to the 21st century website for public viewing.

NED at WES



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR PHOTOS]

Special to The Star

The students and staff of Wewahitchka Elementary enjoyed The NED Show, which was held at the school Feb. 21.

The performance used storytelling, humor, magic and yo-yo tricks to inspire and motivate the students to Never give up, Encourage others, and Do

your best (NED). The 45-minute character education assembly promotes positive attitudes and encourages students and staff to do their best every day.



‘Souper Bowl 2018’

Special to The Star

Franklin/Gulf Retired Educators sponsored its first canned food drive, the National Super Bowl Weekend, and this year’s winner was the food pantry located at the WIG building and sponsored by local Career Source staff. As usual, our community shoppers and Duren’s Piggly Wiggly were valuable players on this year’s Souper Bowl because of the food donations and the “collection station” that was located in the store for this project. On behalf of F/GRE members, thank you to the management and staff at Duren’s Piggly Wiggly.



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

S.O.A.R. students at PSJES



S.O.A.R. students for the week of Feb. 23 at Port St. Joe Elementary School. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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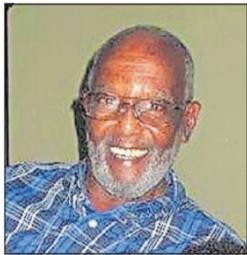
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EDWARD "BOBBY" LEE BOLDEN

Edward "Bobby" Lee Bolden, age 80, departed his home here on earth on February 21, 2018 surrounded by the love of his children. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan Edward Bolden, II and Iris Elizabeth Bolden, a baby daughter, and sisters, Irene Addison and Eva Mae Pittman.



children, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He leaves behind twelve loving and devoted children: Dannie (Gail), Ray (Clara), William (Amy), Barbara Bolden Watts, Nathaniel, Beverly (Willie Jr) Ash, Pinkie Paterson, Iris Bolden Gathers, Karen (Darin) Thomas, Sherry Bolden, Harlotte (Bennet) Wright, and Dan (Kelly) from his wife of 52 1/2 years the late Dorothy Estelle Bolden; close nieces/daughters, Brenda (Johnnie) King and Sandra Wyatt; wife, Marilyn; sister, Virgie (Joe) Nichols; in-laws, Emerson (Johnnie K) Addison Jr., Alice Griffin, and Mary Addison; goddaughters, Jackie Nickson, Betty Beslin, Sandra Sims, and Alicia Quinn; 26 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grand-

Wake Services will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Victory Temple First Holiness Church located at 315 MLK Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., EST.

Home Going Services will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, 2 p.m. EST at The Body of Christ Jesus Church located at 106 Harbor Street, PSJ, FL 32456. The repass will follow at Gulf County Senior Citizen Center located at 120 Library Drive, PSJ, FL 32456.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Richardson's Family Funeral Care, Inc. located at 5907 E. Hwy 22, Panama City, FL 32404 (850) 481-8762 funeralsbyrichardson@gmail.com

RUTH V. CLEMONS GATHERS

Ruth V. Clemons Gathers, 75, of Port Saint Joe, Florida passed away at 3:06 am at Bay Medical Center surrounded by her family. She leaves to cherish her memories her husband of 54 years, Mr. Eugene Gathers.



A celebration of life will be held Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 3 p.m. at The Body of Christ Jesus Church at 106 Harbor Street in Port Saint Joe, FL.

The viewing will be held Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Victory Temple First Born Holiness Church at 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at 315 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

CHARLES WALL KNOWN AS "DANNY WALL"

Danny Wall, 68, was welcomed into his heavenly home on February 20 feeling the full love of his wife and two daughters by his side as he started his next life. He brought joy to all who met him, and never met a stranger. Surviving is his wife of 38 years, Pam, two children and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday, February 23, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at

Culley's MeadowWood Chapel, 700 Timberlane Road Tallahassee, FL 32312. Funeral services were Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 1 p.m. in Deer Lake United Methodist Church 8013 Deerlake Rd S, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations are made to the Alzheimer's project, Alzheimer's Project, Inc. 301 East Tharpe Street Tallahassee, FL 32303.

LOCAL AA MEETINGS

Special to The Star

Port St. Joe Serenity at First United Methodist Church, located at U.S. 98 and Monument Ave., 8 p.m. ET Tuesday and Thursday. Surfside Serenity at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1500

15th Street in Mexico Beach; 7 p.m. CT Friday (closed discussion).

Wewahitchka Serenity Group at Wewahitchka Community Center, 314 N. 3rd Street. 7 p.m. CT Monday, 7 p.m. CT Wednesday.

The local AA Hotline is 850-653-2000.

FAITH BRIEFS

Beach Baptist Chapel Senior Festival

Beach Baptist Chapel's "Over 55 Bunch" will travel to a Senior Festival at Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center April 16-18. Gospel music, senior activities, Christian

humor and guest speakers. Cost is \$175 per person and includes room and six meals.

A \$50 per person deposit is required when you make your reservation. For more information contact Jackie King at 850-731-1197

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The standard of ethics in our country has gone to the dogs.

Movies portray people wallowing like hogs.

Rising divorce rates are getting out of hand.

Many just live together with no commitments, or even a golden band.

The church is not immune, commitments are broken there, too.

Many members don't keep their commitment when their tithe is due.

Many will pay for their booze, auto or boat.

But some of these won't pay their tithe to keep the church afloat.

Women with women and men with men.

He'll keep His promise to them too my friend.

To Christians who keep their commitments, heaven will be home one day.

To those who haven't received Jesus as Savior, the lake of fire will be your pay.

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WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

Lifelong Passion For Pasta



Stephanie Hill-Frazier

"Everything you see, I owe to spaghetti."
- Sophia Loren

Let's face it, pasta is easy to love. It has been happily embraced by many cultures, including our own Southern U.S. culture, where we enjoy the classics, obviously. Sometimes we also add our own Southern touch. Have you ever combined turnip greens and crumbled bacon with pasta? I have, and it was spectacular. Collard green soup with plump tortellini pasta floating in its broth? Yes, please. There's almost nothing pasta doesn't make better by its addition.

Though many believe Marco Polo introduced pasta to Italy by way of China, one expert says that is just not true. According to the vast research for the book "Encyclopedia of Pasta," food historian and author Oretta Zanini De Vita says dried pasta made with durum wheat was found in Italy beginning around A.D. 800, while Polo was credited with taking it to the country in the 13th century. He may have enjoyed pasta (who doesn't?) but he is not the person who introduced it to Italy, after all. It was there for many years before he lived.

Nonetheless, pasta was a rather big deal in Italy, but not just because of its taste. It was also prized for the shapes that home cooks created as they made their pasta from scratch. Zanini de Vita told the New York Times in 2009 that housewives were able to express themselves creatively with pasta when they could not in almost any other arena, creating shapes, even medallions with imprinted designs, from the pasta.

Well, I've never created a new pasta shape, but I've happily tried many types of pasta over the years. Remember eating alphabet soup? I do, and when mom served to to me, I'd try to make words with the letters instead of eating it right away, not caring that my food was getting cold. She also made



Mama Steph's pasta. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

spaghetti frequently, and dad made wonderful linguine with Italian sausage.

I love eating shell pasta, as the sauce works its way into the crevice of the shell, and bursts into your mouth as you bite into it. Large elbow pasta works well for making macaroni and cheese, but rotini does, too, as its curly ridges hold onto the cheese as it is scooped up onto the fork. There is a vast number of pasta shapes to enjoy, though our local stores typically only carry a dozen, at most, due to popularity and limited shelf space, of course. It's fun to explore the other options, though, and you can visit online stores to order unusual types that you can experiment with in your cooking.

Here are a couple of recipes I think you'll enjoy, and if you'd like even more recipes, please visit whatsouthernfolkseat.com to see them!

First, a perfect supper for a busy night when you want something that is not complicated, but is much better than anything from the freezer or the local drive-thru.

Weeknight skillet supper: Campanelle with sausage and arugula

- 1 2/3 cups dried Campanelle, Orichiette or rotini pasta
- 1 quart vegetable or chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 8 ounces ground Italian

sausage (or substitute ground turkey or beef)

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2/3 to 1 full cup torn baby arugula (or substitute baby spinach)
- 1/2 cup shaved or grated Parmesan cheese

Method:

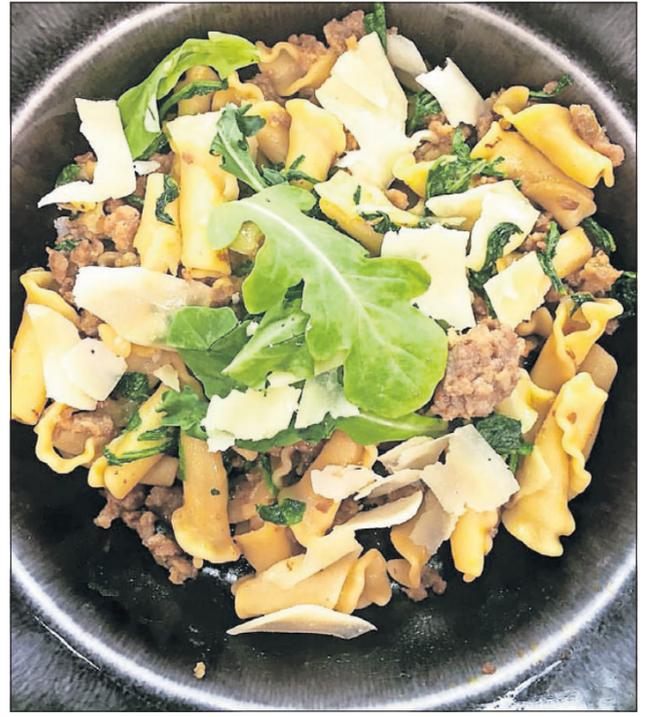
1. Brown ground meat and chopped onion in 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet or Dutch oven.
2. Add the broth, and bring to a boil.
3. Add the pasta and pepper flakes to the boiling broth, and stir frequently while maintaining boil. Don't allow the pan to dry. (add more broth or water as needed)
4. When pasta is done to your taste (10 minutes or so), remove from heat, and add the arugula. Stir in until wilted.
5. Serve in bowls and top with generous sprinkle of cheese. The following recipe is so easy to make it'll surprise you with its excellent flavor payoff. It's a great way to use up some of that leftover pasta you've got in boxes in your pantry!

'Pasta cake' with Parmesan and Fontina

(Based on a simple recipe by Giada de Laurentiis)

Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3/4 cup each fontina and Parmesan cheese
- salt and pepper
- 8 ounces of pasta, cooked
- 1/2 cup chopped sundried



Campanelle with sausage and arugula. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



Pasta shapes. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

tomatoes, drained

- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes

Method:

In a large bowl, toss the pasta with the tomatoes.

In a second bowl, whisk together the eggs, cheeses, and salt (1 teaspoon) and pepper (1/2 teaspoon). In a non-stick skillet (I used a 10-inch skillet), melt the butter and oil over medium heat. Meanwhile, pour the eggs over the pasta, and toss thoroughly, so all pasta is coated well. Put the pasta mixture into the skillet, and use a spatula to press down, so the pasta is compressed a bit. Cook on the burner for about 3 to 3 1/2 minutes, as you pre-heat your broiler. Then, move skillet to under the broiler, and cook about 5 minutes, until beginning to be

golden in color on top and eggs no longer bubble and look wet. Allow to cool in the pan, then invert onto a platter. Slice into triangular wedges, and serve with your favorite salad. Enjoy!

Stephanie Hill-Frazier is a writer, food blogger and regional television chef, whose on-air nickname is "Mama Steph". She grew up in Gulf County, on St. Joe Beach, a place she will forever call home. She is married and has three sons who are considerably taller than she is. You can find more of her recipes at WhatSouthernFolksEat.com, and she'd love to hear about your own favorite recipes via email at Steph@whatsouthernfolkseat.com.

Panhandle Players to spring 'Deathtrap' March 9-11

Special to The Star

There are so many beguiling twists and turns in the upcoming Panhandle Players' production of "Deathtrap" that you may get dizzy just watching.

Set for Friday through Sunday, March 9-11 at the Chapman Auditorium, the renowned comedy-thriller by Ira Levin, a huge hit on Broadway that ran four years, promises to weave an enthralling spell at the theatre.

Showtimes for "Deathtrap" are Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m. ET, and Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. ET at the Chapman Auditorium.

All general admission tickets are \$15. They are available online by visiting www.panhandleplayers.com or at the door. Box office opens one before show time.

The show, under the direction of Judy Loftus with Liz Sisung as stage manager, is



Myra and Sidney Bruhl (Megan Shiver and David Stedman) discuss their upcoming plans, in "Deathtrap." [DAVID ADLERSTEIN | THE TIMES]

set in the charming Connecticut home of famed playwright Sidney Bruhl (David Stedman), a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, who is struggling to overcome a string of flops and a shortage of funds.

A possible break in his fortunes occurs when he receives

a script from a student in the seminar he has been conducting at a nearby college, Clifford Anderson (Royce Rolstad).

Sidney recognizes the thriller immediately as a potential Broadway hit, and devises a plan, with the help of his wife Myra Bruhl



Young playwright Clifford Anderson (Royce Rolstad) climbs the stairs in "Deathtrap."

(Megan Shiver), to offer collaboration to the student, an idea which Anderson quickly accepts. Thereafter suspense mounts steadily as the plot begins to weave along with devilish cleverness, heightened by an unexpected visit



Psychic Helga Ten Dorp (Sally Crown) sees a vision in "Deathtrap."

from the psychic Helga Ten Dorp (Sally Crown), a minor celebrity who is staying with the Bruhls' neighbors, and attorney Porter Milgrim (Jerry Hurley).

For more information, call (850) 296-6952.

Spending some, saving some and Nick Drake



Margaret McDowell

“When the party’s through...seems very sad for you; Didn’t do the things you meant to do.”

“Day is Done” as performed by Nick Drake

Consumer debt is approaching levels not seen since before the Great Recession. And on the flip side, personal savings as a portion of disposable income is now at its lowest level in twelve years.

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Traditionally, Americans also feel more inclined to borrow when markets are on an uptick, as they were in 2017. People look at their balance sheet and see their assets climbing in value and say, “Hey, I’m worth more now. I can afford to borrow more, spend more and save less.” The net worth of American households rose by \$41 trillion in the third quarter of 2017

alone. This “wealth effect” impacts consumer behavior.

In late 2017, repayment schedules on new car loans reveal a fascinating story. Americans purchasing new autos signed on for an average repayment period of 69 months, or just under six years. The Wall Street Journal notes that “in the fourth quarter (of 2017), consumer debt, excluding mortgages and other home loans, rose 5.5 percent from a year earlier to \$3.82 trillion.” That’s the largest increase since 1999, the first year that statistic was recorded.

Meanwhile, Americans are saving less money than at any time since the end of 2007. Savings rates also remained low during the housing boom in the two previous years, 2005 and 2006.

Many Americans borrowed heavily as interest rates remained relatively low these last few years. We purchased

homes, plowed money into business opportunities, and increased our discretionary spending. But volatility in markets, dormant for almost 18 months, reared its head again in February. In addition, the Federal Reserve seems committed to raising interest rates. This combination, intertwined with other global forces, could portend an economic slowdown.

When a downturn occurs, and everyone retrenches simultaneously, that six-year car loan may not feel so comfortable. It’s certainly advisable to invest in valuable opportunities and fun to spend freely during healthy economic years, but it’s equally important to save money to see us through periods of economic slowdowns. Consuming and saving simultaneously may seem like an oxymoron, but truthfully, the two activities are not mutually exclusive. Spending and

borrowing is fine, but it’s equally important to prepare for periods when economic expansion is not occurring.

Folks eschewed personal savings while enjoying rising asset values twice in the last twenty years: just before the dot.com bubble in the late 90’s and again before the Great Recession nine years ago.

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Gulf County Sheriff’s Office law enforcement summary

Feb. 19-25

On Feb. 19, Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to the Dollar General located in St. Joe Beach to investigate a report of a theft. According to the manager, video surveillance had captured footage of a subject stealing a fishing rod and reel from the store. Deputy Peek, who had a good clothing description, located the suspect in the 7000 block of Americus Avenue. Michael Rashawn Gough (41) was arrested for retail theft. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Feb. 20, Jessica Nicole Brock (35) was arrested at the Gulf County Detention Facility for a Violation of Probation warrant. Brock was on probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Brock was also arrested for Failure to Appear in court on charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Feb. 21, Deputy G. Desrosier traveled to the Bay County Jail to arrest Tatiana

Nicole Davis (21) and Travis Irely Whitfield (31) on Gulf County warrants. Davis was wanted for Grand Theft, Dealing in Stolen Property and Criminal Mischief. Whitfield was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Sale of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Both subjects were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked.

On Feb. 22, Investigator S. Ferrell and K-9 Deputy M. Peek were patrolling the area of CR 381 and Burgess Creek Road when they observed a black Ford truck being driven on the roadway without a registration tag. Deputies attempted to stop the truck, but the driver increased its speed in an effort to elude being stopped. The truck eventually stopped, and the driver exited the vehicle and ran into a nearby

wooded area. Deputies pursued the subject and located him hiding in the woods. The man was identified as Phillip Eugene Allen (31). Deputies learned that Allen had a suspended driver’s license. He was arrested and charged with DWLSR (Driving While License Suspended or Revoked) and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence.

On Feb. 22, Deputy A. White was dispatched to the 300 block of Duval Street to answer a report of narcotics being found inside of a house. The complainant reported she found drugs in her 8-year-old child’s bed. Deputy White retrieved a plastic baggie containing a substance that tested positive for methamphetamine. The Florida Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) was notified of the event and will be investigating the safety of the home. The drugs recovered by Deputy White will be

sent for lab analysis.

On Feb. 23, Deputy L. Greenwood was dispatched to the 200 block of S. Hwy 71, in Wewahitchka, in reference to a trespassing. Deputy Greenwood learned that Harold Wade Small (66) was living a storage room that is connected to a vacant commercial building. Representatives of the owner of the building asked Small to leave the property, but Small refused. Small was placed under arrest and charged with Trespass of an Unoccupied Structure and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Feb. 23, Investigator P. Baxley responded to a report of a “bomb threat” at the Wewahitchka Elementary School. Inv. Baxley learned that a 12-year-old student had allegedly made statements to fellow students that he was going to “bomb the school.” Corroborating

statements from witnesses led Inv. Baxley to believe that suspect did make the alleged statements. The suspect student was arrested and charged with threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction against the Wewahitchka Elementary School. The suspect was transported to the Juvenile Detention Facility in Bay County.

On Feb. 24, Deputy P. Young went to the 300 block of 16th Street in Port St. Joe, to execute an arrest warrant on Paul Lee Potts (51). Potts was wanted for Violation of a Domestic Violence Injunction. Potts was located and placed under arrest for the warrant.

If you have any information regarding the aforementioned cases, please contact the Gulf County Sheriff’s Office at 227-1115, 639-5717, or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 785-TIPS.

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BROTHERS

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A thought, however, that upon listening to TJ, came to make total sense.

The brothers had their songs after taking a break from the road to write and record, and a direction for a record TJ said is "almost a concept album."

Additionally, he said, Joyce and sound engineer Jason Hall, "don't care about the traditional ways of recording."

"Recording out of the studio, I wouldn't say it doesn't happen," TJ said. "But it is really uncommon. It certainly creates more physical work."

"And in the studio, they want that sonic purity, which you don't get in a beach house."

Which, as it would evolve, part of the point.

The songs were ready, but it was hardly just pull-out-the-mikes and "1, 2, 3."

"You write as much as you can because you never know when that special song will arrive," TJ said. "We came with a lot of songs."

"We spent days figuring out how we wanted to go about the recording. We did all the arranging down there."

The beach house, with six men and equipment crammed together, lent itself to more fruitful, collaborative and efficient recording sessions.



The Brothers Osborne appeared with Maran Morris and Eric Church during the Grammy awards last month. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

"It was packed, it was the perfect size," TJ said of Joyce's house. "That was the cool part of it, it was like playing in a garage."

"You record in a studio and, yeah, you kind of clock in and clock out. You go home and you live your life, and then you come back in the morning and you have to flip that switch."

"Down there, (the switch) was just on the whole time. We were staying in the moment."

That mentality was aided by their environment, TJ said.

The Brothers Osborne grew up in an area of Maryland, along the Chesapeake Bay, that is not entirely unlike Port Saint Joe.

No, there are no long strips of sandy beaches, but the water is central to a community.

"It is very much a water community, and, like Port Saint Joe, blue collar," TJ said.

Port Saint Joe was also quiet, which in turn fed the creativity.

"Port Saint Joe is kind of this sleepy town," TJ said. "We weren't bothered by a lot

of crazy stuff. There weren't a lot of places to go at night, it was quiet and we spent a lot of time together, talking and playing."

"I think you can hear that on the record."

Which was recorded live, we should interject, with the sounds of a beach house in the background.

But, alas, they were not entirely hermits during those two weeks.

"When we had some down time, we cruised up to the (Indian Pass Raw Bar) for dinner and few beers," TJ said.

And, when it came to name what they had created, the brothers had some ideas, but nothing firm.

"We thought about it a lot," TJ said. "We didn't want to self-title the album and we didn't want to name it after one of the songs."

"We were just tossing around names one night, a lot of names, and John just said 'how about Port Saint Joe.'"

The name stuck. And, the result, almost certainly, is that The Brothers Osborne figure to have, as of April 20, the top-selling album in that very town.

FUN DAY

From Page B1

This year, the 20 new bikes to be raffled were mostly purchased with funds provided by the Port St. Joe Lions Club.

But the numbers were bolstered by individual donations from Clerk of Courts Becky Norris, the county Sexual Assault Team and a family who brought in an boxed-up bike after Christmas.

"The father said his son had gotten two bikes and could we give one away; I said sure," Herring said. The Florida Department of Health in Gulf County is providing some additional bike helmets.

All stemming from a desire to alter the image folks had of the department and its officers, to nurture community relations, particularly with the youngsters.

"When I first turned in my application for the job and started talking to people, the main thing I heard was that officers weren't friendly, weren't engaging, weren't involved," Herring said. "I've been involved in youth, through football, soccer, for 15 years. I want all kids to have not only a positive image of law enforcement, but a positive relationship."

The solution: bring on the fun.



The list of freebies is long and includes a bounce house that will accommodate adults. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



Twenty bikes will be raffled off and bike helmets given away.



A petting zoo, pony rides and a bounce house contribute to the carnival atmosphere sought during "Fun Day." [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



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Application #2017-21
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#2010-578
Name in which assessed: Debbie Ann Jackson
R.E. No. 02546-000R
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010

Description of Property:

Lot 5, of block 3, of Pine Ridge Addition to Wewahitchka, Florida, a Subdivision of part of Sections 23 and 26, Township 4 South, Range 10 West, according to the Official Map or Plat thereof on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, in and for Gulf County, Florida, as it appears in Plat Book 2, Page 8.

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All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. **Unless** such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 am E.T., **Wednesday, 4th day of April, 2018.**

Dated: February 19, 2018

REBECCA L. NORRIS
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BY: Elaine Bland,
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Pub: Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 2018

19402S
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Case No.
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Wells Fargo Financial System Florida, Inc. Plaintiff,

vs.

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NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: the Unknown Heirs, Divisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Viola Kemp a/k/a Viola L. Kemp a/k/a Viola Land Kemp, Deceased Last Known Address: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Gulf County, Florida:

COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 12, T4S, R11W, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THENCE GO N 89°28'07" E 558.48 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST R/W LINE OF KEMP CEMETERY ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 05°05'09" WEST FOR 205 FEET TO THE POB; FROM SAID POB THENCE NORTH

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89°28'07" EAST FOR 326 FEET; THENCE GO SOUTH 05°05'09" WEST FOR 161.95 FEET; THENCE GO SOUTH 89°28'07" WEST FOR 326 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST R/W LINE OF KEMP CEMETERY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 05°05'09" EAST FOR 161.95 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POB. LESS AND EXCEPT ANY PORTION THAT LIES WITHIN LEGAL DESCRIPTION RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 199, PAGE 900.

TOGETHER WITH MOBILE HOME VIN NO. ALCA0396270S30264

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Julie Anthousis, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC, the Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 33309, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on or before 2018 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on January 8, 2018.

Rebecca Norris
As Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter
As Deputy Clerk
File# 17-F02620
Pub: March 1, 8, 2018

19426S
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Gulf County School Board is entertaining the idea of replacing the electronic sign for the Wewahitchka Schools with a Ebsco LED sign. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on March 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. est.

A bid package may be picked up at the Gulf County School Board, Maintenance Department, 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. Bids may be e-mailed by contacting Woody Borders at wborders@gulf.k12.fl.us or faxed by calling 850-229-8369.
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19432S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 5T Wealth Partners, LP, the Certificate Holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate, has filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Tax Deed Application number, Real Estate number, Certificate number, Date of Issuance and Name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Application #2017-22
Tax Sale Certificate
#2010-649
Name in which assessed: Little River Camp, LLC.
Agent: Matthew D. Birmingham
R.E. No. 02627-490R
Date of Issuance: May 28, 2010

Description of Property:

Lot 23, Block C, Seven Springs Lake Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, as Plat Book 5, Pages 17 and 18.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. **Unless** such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida, at 11:00 am E.T., **Wednesday, 4th day of April, 2018.**

Dated: February 26,

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

BY: Elaine Bland,
Deputy Clerk
Pub: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

MISCELLANEOUS
3300

PETSAFE HIDDEN FENCE SYSTEM INSTALLED \$599 Call or text 740-390-0820 pettechusa@gmail.com

Keep your pet safe from the road or from bothering your neighbors w/ an underground Petsafe dog fence, once installed completely invisible & a fraction of the cost of a regular fence. Using top of the line Petsafe equipment, I can install a hidden fence system in your yard for \$599, this is anything under 1/3 acre (in town or subdivision size lot), comes w/ 1 collar \$699 for up to an acre/\$799 for up to 2 acres \$899 for up to 3 acres/\$999 for up to 4 acres Can do up to 25 acres Extra collars are \$80 (first collar provided w/system) Once installed I will spend some time with you and your pet to help introduce the new system, but there is no return pet training provided. Price above includes Equipment, Installation and Warranty. Heavily wooded lots may be extra. Concrete, Gravel and paved drives are no problem. I work out of Panama City area, but I will come to you anywhere on or near the Gulf Coast.

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3100-3350
MERCHANDISE

3100 - Antiques

3110 - Appliances

3120 - Arts & Crafts

3130 - Auctions

3140 - Baby Items

3150 - Building Supplies

3160 - Business Equipment

3170 - Collectibles

3180 - Computers

3190 - Electronics

3200 - Firewood

3210 - Free Pass It On

3220 - Furniture

3230 - Garage/Yard Sales

3240 - Guns

3250 - Good Things to Eat

3260 - Health & Fitness

3270 - Jewelry/Clothing

3280 - Machinery/Equipment

3290 - Medical Equipment

3300 - Miscellaneous

3310 - Musical Instruments

3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies

3330 - Restaurant/Hotel

3340 - Sporting Goods

3350 - Tickets (Buy & Sell)

MONEY MOVES!

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3230

Mexico Beach
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Friday & Saturday
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Starts at 7:30amCST
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Dishes, ladies clothes and shoes, many sewing fabrics, fishing gear, jewelry and too much to list!
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4100-4130
EMPLOYMENT

4100 - Help Wanted
4130 - Employment Information

DIRECT SERVICE

Liberty County Senior Citizens Association Inc. - Franklin County is currently seeking applicants for a 30-40 hour a week Direct Service position. The candidate must be able to pass a Level II Background Screening, possess a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and valid motor vehicle insurance. Job duties include light housekeeping and bathing assistance. Certified CNA or Home Health Aide preferred but not required. Salary will be based on experience.

Qualified applicants can obtain an employment application at Fort Combs Army 66 4th St. Apalachicola, FL 32320 or Franklin Senior Services 302 W Ave. F Carrabelle, FL 32322 or Fax Resume with cover letter to 850-643-5672. **Liberty County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
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COLLINS VACATION RENTALS
St. George Island FL.

Housekeeping Property Inspectors

Full time with benefits and part time seasonal positions available. Weekend work required. Personal vehicle, valid driver's license and automobile insurance needed. Competitive wages. Come by Collins Vacation Rentals, Inc. located at 60 East Gulf Beach Drive to apply in person or email Quentin Allen to request an application be emailed to you. quentin@collinsvacationrentals.com

Independent Contract Cleaners

Looking for extremely reliable and experienced cleaners for vacation rentals on St. George Island. Must be professional, have own transportation, and liability insurance. Weekend work is required.

Please come by 115 East Pine on St. George Island to fill out a cleaner application.

HELP WANTED
4100

Now Hiring
Scipio Creek Marina is seeking a certified experienced marine outboard mechanic to work in our family friendly marina. We will train individual as needed in order for them to become forklift certified. Applicant must be willing to work weekends. We are located at:
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6100-6200
REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

- 6100 - Business/Commercial
- 6110 - Apartments
- 6120 - Beach Rentals
- 6130 - Condo/Townhouse
- 6140 - House Rentals
- 6150 - Roommate Wanted
- 6160 - Rooms for Rent
- 6170 - Mobile Home/Lot
- 6180 - Out-of-Town Rentals
- 6190 - Timeshare Rentals
- 6200 - Vacation Rentals

APARTMENT RENTALS
6110

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HELP WANTED
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8100-8340
AUTOMOTIVE, MARINE RECREATIONAL

- 8100 - Antique & Collectibles
- 8110 - Cars
- 8115 - Muscle & Sport Vehicles
- 8120 - Sports Utility Vehicles
- 8130 - Trucks
- 8140 - Vans
- 8150 - Commercial
- 8160 - Motorcycles
- 8170 - Auto Parts & Accessories
- 8210 - Boats
- 8220 - Personal Watercraft
- 8230 - Sailboats
- 8240 - Boat & Marine Supplies
- 8310 - Aircraft/Aviation
- 8320 - ATV/Off Road Vehicles
- 8330 - Campers & Trailers
- 8340 - Motorhomes

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