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Josh Bush, Hunter Grace Jernigan and Brady Edwards replacing a roof in Oak Grove. In the past three years alone, Auburn students have replaced 35 roofs. [PHOTOS BY TIM CROFT | THE STAR]

Investing in community – and each other

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In any survey gauging investment in the community over the past dozen years, the students from Auburn University would take a back seat to no one.

Oh, maybe the monetary outlay would pale in comparison to some, though an expenditure each spring break of \$35,000-\$40,000, for lodging, fuel, food, incidentals, is nothing to sneer at.

But, toss in those volunteer hours spent on home repairs, roof replacements, constructing handicap ramps, painting and good old fashioned yard work and investment numbers spin.

Mix in the Christian Community Development Fund, which provides the materials and, in general, the



Auburn students Frank McEwen and Autumn Meredith with Diana Burkett, executive director of the Christian Community Development Fund.

equipment needed to complete all that work and the wheel continues to spin.

And none of that counts the relationships, within and without and renewed each year, the goodwill, the sure for the soul, the sustenance in faith and humanity,

emanating from more than 300 students.

Who have chosen Port St. Joe, labor and the calling of their faith over Panama City Beach or Cancun and associated nonsense for spring

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Parking limits, fines considered for Reid Ave.

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The woman walked into the newspaper office Monday afternoon wondering, almost pleading, if office supplies were sold here.

No, just check out Ramsey's in the 200 block of Reid Ave.

She frowned. "I can't find a place to park," she said. "I have circled three or four times."

Though tossed out in jest, she seemed almost willing to follow the suggestion of someone riding with her

back downtown to carve her out a parking space.

A long-time nemesis for the city, parking availability along Reid Ave. has become even more problematic as the storefronts along the main business corridor fill.

"Reid Ave. is really starting to rock and roll," said Bill Kennedy, executive director of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency.

"We need to stop talking about (the parking) and do something."

Kennedy floated the concept of a time limit for parking on Reid,

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Gulf improves slightly in health rankings

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In this year's list ranking the healthiest counties in Florida, Gulf County inched up a bit but remains right in the middle of the pack.

Of Florida's 67 counties, Gulf ranked 31st for health outcomes in the annual Health Rankings and Roadmaps report issued by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin.

The county's was ranked

33rd last year.

The rankings are compiled in each state and county and offer annual statistical comparisons on a county-by-county level across a range of factors, including socio-economics, demographics and access to health care.

They are a snapshot of the health of counties and emphasize that health is not a singular effort but a combined work in progress across community partners,

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County bed taxes continue upward climb

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The adage holds that all winning streaks ultimately come to an end.

Don't tell that to the Gulf County Tourist Development Council which continues a

winning run that began more than four years ago.

Once again, bed tax collections for a month, in this latest report, January, climbed compared to the same month the year before, with TDC revenue now tracking nearly 7 percent ahead of the prior fiscal year.

So far, in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, every month since October has realized a gain year-over-year; in the just five of the past 16 months have bed taxes dipped compared to the prior year.

Only one of those dips was by double figures.

Bed tax collections in

January were up 1.6 percent, an increase of \$952, a month not unlike October during which the rise was .5 percent, or \$625.

But an increase colors black on the bottom line, which his now up 6.7 percent above the prior fiscal year.

"It is right on target,"

said Kelli Godwin, executive director of the TDC. "It is what we are hoping for, steady and responsible growth."

"We are chugging right along."

As most can observe, the

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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Star Staff Report

A few ideas for the coming days.

Counting Down to Plein Air. Forgotten Coast en Plein Air kicks off with an event for potential volunteers 6:30 p.m. ET tonight, at The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe. The public is cordially invited to come and learn what is new with Forgotten Coast en Plein Air this year and about 2018 volunteer opportunities. Stay afterward and enjoy good food, great conversation, and view the Our Stories exhibit still showing at The Joe.

Forgotten Coast en Plein Air will be held from May 4-13, all along the Forgotten Coast: Carabelle, Eastpoint, St. George Island, Apalachicola, Indian Pass, Cape San Blas, Port St. Joe and Mexico Beach. Most events are free and open to the public throughout the 10-day event. To learn more, please visit www.forgottencoastenpleinair.org.

A Night on Broadway' at WHS. Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School is proud to announce its third annual fine arts show entitled A Night on Broadway. The program will be held 6:30 p.m. CT tonight in the WHS gymnasium. Featuring performances by the band, chorus, dance, drama, guitar and piano classes there is something of interest for any aficionado of the arts. Best of all, admission is free to everyone. So, for those looking for some great entertainment, come on out to Wewahitchka High School on March 15 for a night of



SaltAir Farmers Market Saturday. [FILE PHOTO]



St. Joseph's Catholic Church annual St. Patty's dinner Saturday [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

fine arts and fun!

Fundraiser benefits Coats for Kids. The Coats for Kids committee members and volunteers will be meeting at the Frank Pate Park in

Port St. Joe Friday to raise funds to purchase winter clothing for needy students in grades 9-12. The committee will be accepting new clothing items, gloves, scarfs, and hoodies.

They will also be selling hot dogs and chili dogs, plus taking renewal membership fees. There will be delicious baked goods for sale to enjoy. Donations are needed to make this fund raising a success. The committee will be selling goods and hot dogs from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET. We thank the city of Port St. Joe and the Public Works for assisting.

Climb the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. Venture down to George Core Park in Port St. Joe and climb to the top of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse, nearly 100 feet high. The lighthouse is open 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. ET Thursday through Saturday. For adults 13 and over, the cost to climb is \$5 and for children under 12, but at least 44-inches tall, the cost for the climb is \$3. Please, no flip-flops – climbers need sturdy shoes. In addition, the lighthouse is open, by appointment, for groups of 5 or more. The minimum charge is \$25. Contact 229-8261 to book an appointment for a group.

Shop the SaltAir Farmers Market. The Port St. Joe Salt Air Farmers Market has just kicked off its



Plein Air volunteer kickoff tonight. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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.

Feast on a St. Patrick's Irish Dinner. The St. Joseph Catholic Church of Port St. Joe will hold its Annual St. Patrick's Irish Dinner Saturday.

The dinner will take place in the Church Hall, at 304 20th Street in Port St. Joe.

The dinner includes corn beef, cabbage, new potatoes, carrots, onions, homemade soda bread, dessert and tea/coffee/lemonade. The Irish Pub Donation Bar will be serving Irish coffee, Irish beer and red or white wine. There will be two seatings, 5 p.m. EST and 6:30 p.m. ET. The first seating is usually sold out so folks are urged to get tickets early for preferred seating. Tickets for the dinner are \$12.

Take-out dinners will be available; pick-up is at the front door during either seating - just look for the "Take-Out" signs.

In addition to dinner, there will be drawings for a painting by a local award-winning artist and handmade jewelry. A 50/50 drawing will take place at each seating. You don't have to be present to win any of the drawings.

Purchase tickets at the church or No Name Café Books and More on Reid Ave. Tickets remaining will be sold at the door.

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Climb the lighthouse Thursday through Saturday. [FILE PHOTO]

Easter Egg Hunt March 31

Special to The Star

The Junior Service League of Port St. Joe will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. ET Saturday, March 31 at George Core Park, located off U.S. 98 in Port St. Joe by the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. All

kids ages 11 and under are welcome to attend this FREE event.

This fun filled egg hunt will be a great time with prizes in every egg. There will be photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny, as well as face painting, so don't forget to

bring your camera. Come enjoy this community wide event that is open to everyone. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket!

Please arrive early/on time to ensure your child gets to join in the fun! The eggs go pretty quickly once the hunt begins!

NPSJ plan moves to Commission

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A plan to put in place the building blocks and structure for renewing the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe cleared a significant milestone last week.

The board of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency (PSJRA) approved a plan to rezone Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., advancing the plan to the City Commission and the city's planner for the next step toward adoption.

The PSJRA board, comprised of city commissioners and two at-large members, entertained a presentation of the plan late last year.

In 2006, most of North Port St. Joe was included in an expansion of the redevelopment agency's boundaries, making the PSJRA's approval critical to advancing the plan.

The zoning plan emerged from a process initiated over a year ago by the North Port St. Joe Project Area Committee (or NPSJ-PAC) to update the master plan for the area adopted when it was folded into the redevelopment area.

During a series of public workshops elements of the update took shape, with a focus on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. as the springboard for change.

"The continued blight of Martin Luther King Blvd. is not only affecting the lives of the hundreds of people living in North Port St. Joe," said PAC consultant John Hendry. "It is also costing the wider community tens of thousands of dollars every year in lost tax revenues."

Based on the tax increment financing structure currently



Rezoning Martin Luther King Blvd. is seen as critical to redevelopment of North Port St. Joe. [COURTESY OF COREY WILLIAMS]

in place, Hendry estimated the county loses nearly \$80,000 a year in ad valorem taxes that should be coming from along Martin Luther King.

The PAC has long contended that the mixed use zoning along Martin Luther King does not work and needs to be updated.

Height limitations constrain redevelopment.

Sidewalks must be replaced and expanded and the consultants produced a detailed map and technical documents to facilitate folding the plan into the city's comprehensive plan and land use regulations.

"The complicated thing will be the comp plan, rezoning and the LDRs," said Commissioner Rex Buzzett.

The new zoning plan also proposes more flexibility and a more tailored approach to zoning density rules.

The plan includes widely-accepted code to help adapt the city's LDRs specifically for the corridor, Hendry said.

And, maybe most critically

for the success of redevelopment, Hendry noted that a range of real estate and economic development incentives have been identified as part of the rezoning plan.

"Nothing is set in stone," Hendry said when asked by Buzzett whether there was flexibility in the overall proposal. "This is an initial attempt to keep things moving ahead by providing a host of proposals."

"My job was to get you something sufficiently detailed to get in front of and approved by the city and the PSJRA."

Hendry added the plan next needs the more detailed examination coming from the city and its planner.

The plan's importance, Hendry said, is that it outlines needed infrastructure improvements and information necessary to amend the city's comp plan and LDRs to attract investment and economic development along

Martin Luther King.

"The plan matches a theme we are trying to do on Reid Ave.," said Bill Kennedy, executive director of the PSJRA. "It is very consistent in its elements and direction."

Finally, but significantly, the plan is central as the PAC seeks outside funding for infrastructure improvements.

The PAC has an application for more than \$5 million in front of the Triumph Gulf Coast board.

Triumph staff rejected as ineligible a pre-application, but the zoning plan and other documents critical to the application were not completed or available at the time of pre-application.

The PAC has pressed ahead with a full application.

Hendry said with the PSJRA approval, which was unanimous last week, other outside funding will be pursued.

"This shows we are serious about this," Hendry said. "And it shows the community has the PSJRA support behind it."

Another outside driver is the forward momentum of work at the Port of Port St. Joe.

North Port St. Joe is the immediate neighbor to the port planning area and as the area must be ready to reap any benefits, with training, jobs, affordable workforce housing and more commercial businesses nearby, Hendry said.

Chester Davis of the PAC noted that when motorists are coming over the Tapper Bridge the first thing they see is North Port St. Joe.

That neighborhood needs to be a gateway to the wider community.

"It needs to be beautiful," Davis said. "We want it so people will want to come down there and invest."

Hendry also cited changes for the better along Reid Ave., changes at WindMark, with homebuilder D. R. Horton purchasing large portions and continued robust tourism as economic drivers that North Port St. Joe could, and should, be a part of.

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Registration books are now open at the office of John Hanlon, Gulf County Supervisor of Elections and will remain open thru Monday April 9, 2018, at 5:00 P.M., ET.

Candidate qualifying begins Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 12:00 Noon Eastern Time and ends on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at Noon Eastern Time. The following offices will be up for election: Commissioner Group I for a 1 year term; Commissioner Group III, and Commissioner Group IV.

Beginning April 28, 2018 – May 5, 2018, (includes Saturdays of April 28th and May 5th), Early Voting will be held at the Supervisor of Elections office located at 401 Long Avenue from 9:00 A.M., ET to 5:00 P.M., ET. There will be no Sunday voting on April 29, 2018. Also, Absentee Ballots may be requested now but will be mailed after received from printer.

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OPINION

IU Survey: In polarized political climate, public looks to Congress for compromise

Special to The Star

BLOOMINGTON, IN— Politicians in Washington may say they are doing the public's bidding in Congress, but the people lean towards the view that Congress is more polarized than the citizenry, according to a survey of public attitudes about Congress and public affairs conducted by the Indiana University Center on Representative Government.

"Only 18 percent of those we surveyed felt the public is more polarized than Congress," said Edward G. Carmines, Distinguished Professor, Warner O. Chapman Professor of Political Science and Rudy Professor at IU. "Twenty-six percent felt the public is less polarized; the rest say it's pretty equal." Polarization is defined as the movement of members of the two parties to the ideological extremes.

Indiana University has been conducting its public survey for more than a decade; the annual effort is overseen by Professor Carmines.

Another key finding in the latest survey, Carmines reports, is that "a decisive majority — 60 percent — say that members of Congress 'should compromise with their opponents to get something done,' rather than 'stand up for their principles no matter what,' a view endorsed by 40 percent of the public.

"The public really does expect and want Congress to find a way to get things done through the art of compromise, which is of course under assault every day in our modern Congress," said Carmines.

Given a choice between the paths of cooperation or legislative gridlock, "the public wants to encourage members of Congress to compromise, so that they can get the government to move forward and deal with some of the major challenges facing the country," said Michael M. Sample, IU vice president for public affairs and government relations and director of the Center on Representative Government.

The 2017 survey also asked respondents to rate the relative importance of five principles and practices of our representative government, gauging the public's support for: an independent judiciary; a free and independent press; a Bill of Rights that guarantees the rights of a political minority; a Congress with power equal to that of the president; and checks and balances in the exercise of power by the Congress, the President, and the Supreme Court.

"There doesn't seem to be in our survey any erosion of public support for these principles and practices of representative government," said Carmines. Given the tenor of the times, that should be reassuring to the American people.

"For instance, despite all the talk of 'fake news,' a very solid 58 percent majority think that having a free and independent press is 'very important' to the functioning of American democracy. Fifty-two percent regard an independent judiciary as 'very important.' Almost 50 percent see the Bill of Rights as 'very important,' and another 38 percent rate it as 'important.' Sixty-one percent regard checks and balances between the branches of government as 'very important' to the proper functioning of government.

"And even though Congress's performance gets an extremely low rating from the public — only 23 percent rated Congress as 'very' or even 'moderately' responsive to people like them — the poll still found 38 percent saying that it is 'very important' for Congress to have power equal to the president."

State legislatures came out way ahead of Congress in several survey questions that posed a comparison between state and

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HUNKER DOWN

Where have you gone Captain Kangaroo?



Kesley Colbert

I wonder how well Arnold Palmer and Fred Rogers got along in high school. Fred was one year older than the Hall of Fame golfer, graduating from Latrobe (Pennsylvania) High School in 1946. I hope he asked Arnie how to grip a golf club. Maybe got some driving or short game tips.....surely he wouldn't have missed such a perfect opportunity to improve his game.

And one would think Arnold certainly noticed how polite, concerned and genuinely nice Fred was to one and all. I'm thinking they both learned from each other. I don't know how much Arnie helped Fred's golf game. But history records that Mr. Palmer was quite possibly the kindest, nicest and most considerate "famous" person to ever come down the pike!

I spoke to him once. Arnold, not Fred. He was coming off the 13th green after making a remarkable putt at the 1972 Walt Disney Tournament in Orlando. I said, "Nice putt, Mr. Palmer" as he walked to the next tee. He paused, looked right at me, nodded politely and said, "Thank you, son."

It wasn't a perfunctory retort. It was heartfelt and sincere. He had been paid a compliment and he replied in kind. He had no clue who I was but he was not going to be rude or inconsiderate to anyone. It wasn't the way he was raised. And it was not the way he lived.

Obviously, Fred's message of

goodness and "doing right," back in their formative years at Latrobe High, resonated in Arnold Palmer's life. And listen, this was way before Fred put on a sweater and strolled into a generation of young hearts and young minds via national televisions' "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

Fred Rogers came on TV every weekday morning for over thirty years. He wore sneakers and looked so relaxed.....and friendly. He'd take us on field trips. He'd explore how a giant bulldozer worked or explain how color crayons were made. There were other characters on the show. But we all knew and understood.....the real deal here was Mister Rogers!

He never raised his voice. He never got mad. He never fussed at us. He quietly and consistently told us how good we were. How significant our lives were! He gave us rules to live by. They included being kind to your parents and each other. He carefully outlined the many rights and privileges we had as young boys and girls.....but he always reminded us that other boys and girls enjoyed those same rights. We had to respect ourselves AND each other!

He wouldn't let us get mad. Or angry. Or do something foolish. He never wanted us to feel alone. He told us if we felt threatened or in danger to seek out a responsible adult immediately. Most of all, he liked us. It was something every child automatically detected in him. He was on our side!

And if you think Mister Rogers was just a children's show, I remember to this day him singing about "being a good neighbor." I remember him saying how lucky we were to have a brother or a sister to share life with. I remember him telling us that friends

were important.....and to choose them wisely.

He didn't just help Arnold Palmer!

Captain Kangaroo was another great guy who befriended every kid in America.....in a style that was all his own. He'd unlock the door to the Treasure House and pull something out of one of his big pockets and show it to us. He had a Dancing Bear who didn't talk. And a Grandfather Clock that did. He had a Moose who wouldn't shut up and a sidekick with the extraordinary name of Mister Green Jeans. They were all loads of fun.

The Captain and the gang mostly bungled their way through the show. They might not have been as quiet and thoughtful as Mister Rogers but the message was ultimately the same. The silliness led to a point. Or a sound moral lesson. Or an example of right triumphing over wrong.

Captain Kangaroo couldn't hide his love for us even with all the zany antics, crazy gadgets and wild shenanigans. He'd talk to us and laugh with us and expect us to be the best boys and girls we could be. He never stopped telling us how important we were. How worthy each one of us were. How smart we were. How much he appreciated each one of us.

People all over America are searching for solutions to the many problems besetting our society, and especially our schools, today. Those types of answers are way above my pay grade.

But it could be Mister Rogers and Captain Kangaroo left the building.

And we never replaced them.....

Respectfully,

Kes

CRANKS MY TRACTOR

Back in time to the Joe



BN Heard

Standing there reading the sign, I found it quite interesting. Somewhere not too far from where I was standing, the Yankee vessel Kingfisher bombarded the saltworks at St. Joseph Bay, then they came on in and tore it apart. I'm not going to discuss the War Between the States or how important salt was. I just found it interesting.

I was staying in one of the cabins at the Old Saltworks near Port St. Joe, Florida. It was around 3 p.m. on a Friday when I showed up. The temperature was perfect, so was the scenery and everything about the place. The only issue I had was that there wasn't anyone there to let me in yet (and I had been driving in my car for quite a while). In other words, I needed to go to the bathroom.

The folks there were very nice to me when I called a week earlier and had told me if there was no one in the office when I got there, to just give them a call. There was one problem... The cell towers or whatever causes cell phones to not work.... Was causing them to not work.

Honestly, no cell phones and no way of communicating is probably a very good thing. It gives you less to worry about, unless you really need to go. Yes, I considered the fact that I was in the woods, but I wasn't sure of which cabins were occupied and which

were not and I didn't want to get put in jail or accused of doing damage to this important historical Confederate site....

So I started walking around to see if I could find someone to help me.... Eventually, I ended up down close to the water, probably close to where the Yankees came ashore. I found two nice women sunbathing on the second day of March. You have to love that. You also have to love the fact that they wanted to help me.

One lady, who said to just call her, "Mrs. Kravitz," was extremely helpful, trying doors and unlocking cabins, until she found one for me... She wasn't in charge, she just helped out when the folks who were in charge were in town. You remember Mrs. Kravitz? You know Gladys, on the show, "Bewitched." She was always peeking through windows and spying on the Stephens' family and was convinced that something was going on (which of course it was).

I don't believe for a minute that her name was really Mrs. Kravitz, I think she just probably has a reputation to uphold, much like the folks in my neighborhood call me "Mr. Wilson," for my willingness to look after everybody, their children and their homes.

We figured out the right cabin, she let me in, I did what I needed to do, then I headed to Port St. Joe for the evening where I was part of a storytelling show, which I honestly loved.

With no cell phone and no internet, I had nothing to worry about other than what my wife thought I was doing. So I had a seat on a stool at the place where the show would be later that

evening. And I simply talked to folks. And that's the good stuff! Just sitting and talking to folks who either lived in Port St. Joe year round or for a few weeks each year. A gentleman came in and sat down next to me. I introduced myself and asked him where he was from.

He explained to me that he was from Missouri, close to St. Louis and that he and his wife had been coming to Port St. Joe for a few weeks per year for some time. He was "kind of retired," but still working. He was in the funeral home business and we talked about funeral homes and junkyards. You know what they say about the people who own those don't you?

Of course, he had heard all of the jokes before.

Then we talked about dogs and he explained that he was waiting on his wife to get her hair done. He told me that his wife had recently broken her hip and had informed her doctors back in Missouri that there was no way that she was going to miss her trip to Port St. Joe. So they figured out a place with a doctor and the care she needed in the area.

She just wasn't going to miss her trip to Port St. Joe.

After spending a few hours with the folks here, I understand how people are going "to get back to the Joe" every chance they can. It's another world with great people, sunsets and conversation.

Please note that I would like all the cell towers to be shut down the next time I come back. I kind of like that too.

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Recess recommendations

Dear Editor,
Directly from The American Academy of Pediatrics “The American Academy of Pediatrics believes that recess is a crucial and necessary component of a child’s development and, as such, it should not be withheld for punitive or academic reasons.”

Directly from ShapeAmerica an the CDC “Recess is a necessary break in the day for optimizing a child’s social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. In essence, recess should be considered a child’s personal time, and it should not be withheld for academic or punitive reasons.”

Why wait for the state to make a law about recess? A law that will still allow recess to be withheld as punishment going against expert advice?

How fantastic would it be if Gulf County school board would recognize the validity of the research, including that of over

66,000 pediatricians, and lead the way for so many other districts by saying YES we will be the leaders in making policy for the good of all children!

The district is already almost there by offering daily recess so why not take it all the way and follow expert advice? If what Mr. Norton says it true, that recess is taken away on a very limited basis, than is shouldn’t be a problem not taking it away at all.

Mr. Norton was quoted as saying “We have a great school district here with a small town mentality.” To me, a small town is where people say hello at the grocery store, look out for each other, shop at local stores, talk to our neighbors, and live life at a slower pace. Small towns will continue to thrive when we put the wellness of children first, open our hearts to change, and recognize that new policies/ideas can turn great into exceptional!

Thank you,

Susan Kotelman

Accessory buildings

Dear Editor,
I'd like to comment on the article in last weeks paper on accessory buildings. I feel it's not unreasonable to limit the height and size of pole barns. A 12 foot height limit is plenty. That allows for 8 foot clearance and storage overhead. Limiting size to 75 percent of the primary building is generous, maybe even too generous. I feel that 50 percent

is plenty, allowing enough room for a boat, a car and a mower.

Possibly more important would be to restrict a building to three solid walls, and a roof with the open wall being visible to Code Enforcement. That way it can be determined if it is being lived in. We don't want our city becoming a Shanty Town.

Dennis Maulding, Port Saint Joe

A raw deal

Dear Editor,
I recently read in The Star where the County Commission was thinking of purchasing the lower landing in Howard Creek.

The more I think about it the more I feel the taxpayers of Gulf County are fixing to get a raw deal. First, almost a million dollars for swamp land. In my lifetime I have seen that the land in question has been completely under water to the point you could run a boat from the pavement to the river it self.

Second, the boat ramp itself is in dire need of some serious work. If someone is not familiar with the ramp you can get fouled up. If it wasn't for Mr. Charles helping people launch or load their boat no telling what might happen. I have seen many times he had to get over board to help people load or launch their boat.

Third, every structure would have to be demolished and hauled off, including the restrooms. All new restrooms and bath house would have to be built handicap accessible. Think of the cost for all

these items to take place, Why not take that money and upgrade the exiting parks in the county, like putting bulbs in the lights that are out and adding new lights to the White City Park?

I guess my biggest question would be if each commissioner was given a million dollars that they had to invest it, how many would invest it in the landing? I know I wouldn't. Personally, I smell another good old boy ploy, to put money in someones pocket. It sure wouldn't be the first time, just a couple years ago the county purchased a piece of property off Charles Street in White City for a ridiculous price, and far as I can tell it is still in the same shape as when purchased in other words it's not being used, Another good old boy making money at the taxpayers' expense. In closing I just want to say that the county can use the money to improve the county to help a larger group of the taxpayers not just a few. I am sure the Sheriff could use the money they are under staffed and underpaid.

James L. Myrick, Gulf County



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Cross Shores Corner

By Shelly Cain

Cross Shores Care
Special to The Star

I had the opportunity, years ago, to take care of one of my teachers in the nursing home of my home town, St. James, MO. She was THAT teacher for me and our friendship continued through my adult life until her passing. I was sad about the teacher I had lost to Alzheimer’s Disease, but I learned so much more about her life than I had ever known before.

We had a ritual we started every day at 2pm. We would drink hot tea together and eat dark chocolate. It wasn’t long before I ran out of stories I knew from when I was in high school (she was only half listening to me talk anyway) and I realized I wanted to know more about her younger years.

Her children brought in her college year book. We started looking through it together. We never got through more than a few pages before she would remember a story. Oh, the things I learned! Her nick

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In the first few years we would attend high school events together. It was a small town, much like Port St. Joe, so before, during, and after each event all her students would make sure to stop by and say hi. When she saw someone approach, she would elbow me and ask me who it was.

I would whisper it in her ear and with just the mention of their name she would say “oh yeah” and sometimes she would ask about a sibling or their parents. She didn’t know who they were most of the time but she

enjoyed being the center of attention!

Later on, it became more confusing and difficult for her to go out into the community so the community started coming to visit her.

Alzheimer’s is a fatal disease. It’s devastating for all involved. But, it’s also beautiful and meaningful, and someone with this disease has so much left to give.

There is so much value to their stories. When she could no longer talk I told her life stories back to her. Her smile would light up a room.

If you have any questions we would love to help. Call us at 229-8244 or you can email me at scain@Cross-SeniorCare.com, or, even better, stop by for a visit. We are taking care of your teachers too. Remember, treat everyone with importance and always be kind.

Recognizing the importance of SNAP in rural America

By Jordan Rasmussen

Center for Rural Affairs
Special to The Star

In the nation’s rural communities, where the food that feeds the world is grown, food insecurity is endured by millions of children, seniors, and hardworking Americans. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps stave off hunger in one in six rural households.

Yet, the president’s budget for 2019 outlines a nearly \$214 million budget cut to SNAP over the next decade.

A cut of this magnitude would undoubtedly impact rural Americans.

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Given the broader socio-economics of rural America, the importance of SNAP is

heightened.

SNAP exists as a resource to help negate concerns of food security for seniors with limited incomes as they care for themselves and balance expenses. The program is also a resource for families with children under the age of 18, providing nutrition that is essential for childhood development. A greater percentage of rural households among both of these demographic groups participate in SNAP than do nationally.

As policymakers deliberate the funding and future of SNAP in the 2018 farm bill and broader entitlement reforms, SNAP must be recognized as an investment in rural communities.

SNAP is, and needs to be, maintained as a critical safeguard against food insecurity and poverty for rural residents.

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federal government.

Asked “How responsive do you think that your state legislature is to the concerns of people like you?” 52 percent said “very” or “moderately” responsive.

When asked, “Should the federal government or state governments exercise

more power in terms of policymaking?” 61 percent preferred state governments. To the question, “In general, do you believe that members of state legislatures or members of the U.S. Congress are more ethical in conducting their official duties?” 71 percent chose state legislators.

And when asked, “If you had a problem, are you more likely to seek assistance in solving the problem from

your state or the federal government?” 76 percent said state government.

The public’s more favorable view of state governments runs parallel with survey data showing that Americans pay comparatively less attention to state government than to happenings in Washington.

When asked, “Do you pay more attention to news about the federal government or your state government?”

only 30 percent said they follow state government news more than news about the federal government.

“This finding raises a question that merits further study: Would public attitudes about state government change if state legislatures received the kind of media scrutiny that Congress and the national government get?” said Lee Hamilton, who served 34 years in the U.S. House

and is now a distinguished scholar at IU and a senior advisor to the Center on Representative Government.

The findings are based on a nationwide survey of 1000 people conducted in November and December 2017 by the internet polling firm YouGov Polimetrix.

To see the survey questions and results, go to <https://corg.indiana.edu/2017-public-opinion-survey-data>.

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BREAKING NEWS...

CoQ10's Failure Leaves Millions Wanting

Use this pill to supercharge your brain and think better than ever.

BREAKING NEWS: Millions of Americans take the supplement CoQ10. It's the "jet fuel" that supercharges your cells' power generators, known as mitochondria.

As you age, your mitochondria begin to die. In fact, by age 67, you lose 80% of the mitochondria you had at age 25.1 But if you're taking CoQ10, there's something important you should know.

As powerful as CoQ10 is, there is a critical thing it fails to do. It can't create new mitochondria in your cells.

Taking CoQ10 is not enough

"There's a little-known NASA nutrient that multiplies the number of new power generators in your cells by up to 55%," says Dr. Al Sears, owner of the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine in Royal Palm Beach, Florida. "Science once thought this was impossible. But now you can make your heart, brain and body young again."

"I tell my patients the most important thing I can do is increase their 'health span.' This is the length of time you can live free of disease and with all your youthful abilities and faculties intact."

Medical first: Multiply the "power generators" in your cells

Al Sears, M.D., recently released an energy-boosting supplement based on this NASA nutrient that has become so popular, he's having trouble keeping it in stock.

Dr. Sears is the author of over 500 scientific papers on anti-aging and recently spoke at the WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival featuring Dr. Oz and special guest Suzanne Somers. Thousands of people listened to Dr. Sears speak on his anti-aging breakthroughs and attended his book signing at the event.

Now, Dr. Sears has come up with what his peers consider his greatest contribution to anti-aging medicine yet — a newly discovered nutrient that multiplies the number of tiny, energy-producing "engines" located inside the body's cells, shattering the limitations of traditional CoQ10 supplements.

Why mitochondria matter

A single cell in your body can contain between 200 to 2,000 mitochondria, with the largest number found in the most metabolically active cells, like those in your brain, heart and skeletal muscles.

But because of changes in cells, stress and poor diet, most people's power generators begin to malfunction and die off as they age. In fact, the Mitochondria Research Society reports 50 million U.S. adults are suffering from health problems because of mitochondrial dysfunction.

Common ailments often associated with aging — such as memory problems, heart issues, blood sugar concerns and vision and hearing difficulties — can all be connected to a decrease in mitochondria.

Birth of new mitochondria

Dr. Sears and his researchers combined the most powerful form of CoQ10 available — called ubiquinol — with a unique, newly discovered natural compound called PQQ that has the remarkable ability to grow new mitochondria. Together, the two powerhouses are now available in a supplement called Ultra Accel II.

Discovered by a NASA probe in space dust, PQQ (Pyrroloquinoline quinone) stimulates something called "mitochondrial biogenesis" — a unique process that actually boosts the number of healthy mitochondria in your cells.

In a study published in the Journal of Nutrition, mice fed PQQ grew a staggering number of new mitochondria, showing an increase of more than 55% in just eight weeks.

The mice with the strongest mitochondria showed no signs of aging — even when they were the equivalent of 80 years old.



Dr. Al Sears with fellow physician Dr. Oz at the WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Science stands behind the power of PQQ

Biochemical Pharmacology reports that PQQ is up to 5,000 times more efficient in sustaining energy production than common antioxidants.

"Imagine 5,000 times more efficient energy," says Dr. Sears. "PQQ has been a game changer for my patients."

"With the PQQ in Ultra Accel, I have energy I never thought possible," says Colleen R., one of Dr. Sears' patients. "I am in my 70s but feel 40 again. I think clearer, move with real energy and sleep like a baby."

It works right away

Along with an abundance of newfound energy, users also report a sharper, more focused mind and memory, and even younger-looking skin and hair. Jerry M. from Wellington, Florida, used Ultra Accel and was amazed at the effect.

"I noticed a difference within a few days," says Jerry. "My endurance almost doubled. But it's not just in your body. You can feel it mentally, too," says Jerry. "Not only do I feel a difference, but the way it protects my cells is great insurance against a health disaster as I get older."

Increase your health span today

The demand for this supplement is so high, Dr. Sears is having trouble keeping it in stock. "My patients tell me they feel better than they have in years. This is ideal for people who are feeling or looking older than their age... or for those who are tired or growing more forgetful."

"My favorite part of practicing anti-aging medicine is watching my patients get the joy back in their lives. Ultra Accel sends a wake-up call to every cell in their bodies... and they actually feel young again."

Where to find Ultra Accel II

Right now, the only way to get this potent combination of PQQ and super-powered CoQ10 is with Dr. Sears' breakthrough Ultra Accel II formula.

To secure bottles of this hot, new supplement, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at 1-877-353-0593 within the next 48 hours. "It takes time to get bottles shipped out to drug stores," said Dr. Sears. "The Hotline allows us to ship the product directly to the customer."

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about this product, he offers a 100%, money-back guarantee on every order. "Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days, and I'll send you your money back," said Dr. Sears.

The Hotline will be taking orders for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will be shut down to allow them to restock.

Call 1-877-353-0593 to secure your limited supply of Ultra Accel II. You don't need a prescription, and those who call in the first 24 hours qualify for a significant discount. **To take advantage of this great offer use Promo Code NPUAFEB18297 when you call in.**

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according to a release from the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County.

"We all have a role to play in improving the health in our communities," said Marsha Lindeman, Administrator for the Department of Health in Gulf and Franklin Counties.

"In public health, our role is to orchestrate the collaborations among community partners to improve health outcomes."

As far as neighboring counties, Gulf was ahead in the rankings of both Bay (No. 46), Franklin (43) and Calhoun (39).

The highest-ranked county in Northwest Florida was Santa Rosa at No. 12.

St. Johns County again topped the rankings in Florida followed by Collier and Martin counties.

The overall Health Factors summary score is a weighted composite of four components: health behaviors (30 percent), clinical care (20 percent), social and economic factors (40 percent) and physical environment (10 percent).

Health behaviors are a drag to the county's progress in health rankings, with Gulf ranking No. 42 in the state for health factors, which encompass a range of health behaviors and environmental issues,

According to the Rankings and Roadmaps report, Gulf County has particular problems with adult smoking and obesity as well as physical inactivity and excessive drinking.

In all areas, the county ranks below the state average.

It is also a county with an above average number of uninsured residents and well behind state averages for access to primary care physicians, dentists and medical specialists.

For example, there are 2,650 residents for every primary care physician in the county; that is almost exactly double the state average.

There are 8,000 residents for every dentist in the county; the state average is 1,730 residents per dentist.

As for mental health providers, there are 1,600 residents for every provider in Gulf County; the state average is 700.

The county is also well above the state average for the percentage of children living in poverty.

The FDOH in Gulf County, along with its stakeholders, crafted the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) two years ago to address specific opportunities for improving health care identified in a community survey.

The CHIP partners meet regularly and collaborate to track progress, an effort, in part, to also address factors cited in the annual Johnson

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In less than two years forward strides have been made in project implementation and partnership growth.

The partnership, for example, created and printed a mental health and substance abuse resource guide for Gulf and Franklin counties.

In addition, health screenings in more localized settings are being made more widely available through coalitions with civic and faith-based partners.

The CHIP partners have also created strategies to increase awareness of and access to Women, Infants and Children (WIC) services, specifically trying to reach pregnant women in their first trimester.

In addition to the mental health and substance abuse guide, CHIP partners also attended recent training to learn about a program that builds on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families and communities to achieve abstinence and improved health, wellness and quality of life for those with or at risk of alcohol or drug problems.

"As a CHIP partner, it is my role to ensure the plan stays off the shelf and into the community's hands," said Minnie Likely, a community advocate. "Each CHIP meeting brings new faces to the table and new ideas to enhance priority areas.

"You know there is true potential in what you are doing when citizens are interested in CHIP projects in their neighborhood."

Progress was also reflected in the annual health rankings in diabetes monitoring and mammography screenings.

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three-hours was the suggestion, with violations drawing a fine, \$50-\$100 on first offense and rising for subsequent violations.

Kennedy said that was how a coastal town of similar size in Central Florida addressed the issue and said his conversations with community folks indicated it had worked as hoped.

City Commissioner Rex Buzzett, like all commissioners also a PSJRA board member, supported floating the idea in front of the Commission with an eye toward drafting an ordinance.

As the summer months approach, commissioners agreed the problem would only worsen.

Parking along Reid has long been a thorn.

More than a year ago, Kennedy and Roni Coppick, then the director of the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, met with business owners face-to-face to urge employees and employers to park off Reid.

The results, Kennedy said, were mixed at best.

Some businesses changed their ways short-term but reverted to status quo when it was apparent two or three resistant holdouts would not comply with the request.

Despite three downtown parking lots off Reid, one, granted, in need of upkeep, and parking across U.S. 98, too many spaces along Reid are being occupied, much of a given weekday, by business owners or their employees, city officials have long complained.

The PSJRA is considering the potential of buying a lot between Half Hitch Tackle and Sand Dollar Café but Buzzett said he would prefer to

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Bill Kennedy, executive director of the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency

seek other solutions before spending \$150,000 for the land for more parking.

The issue is compounded by the need to repave much of Reid Ave., particularly the area between Second and Fourth streets, where the road and parking areas have deep indentations and ruts.

"Reid has to be fixed," Kennedy said. "The street is in terrible shape."

Kennedy is seeking costs estimates for addressing the paving, potentially in phases, due to the expense and upheaval the work could cause.

His "pie-in-the-sky" goal would be to undertake repaving First to Fifth in one swoop, but fiscal reality is likely to intervene, he said.

The most problematic areas would be addressed first, then the next areas in priority and then a final phase.

Once cost estimates are in hand, city officials can consider a scope and timeline.

Kennedy also seeks to put other steps in place to bolster the look along Reid.

One, blow off the street each morning before the business community begins to arrive to enhance cleanliness and aesthetics.

A public restroom on a parcel next to the Chamber offices, leased from Bob Kerigan for a \$1 a year, is a priority and Kennedy also hopes to add pet stations along sidewalks.

Kennedy also hopes to upgrade plants beds, replacing some with pavers in areas of high foot traffic and clean up the Dr. Joe parking lot, which would enhance available parking downtown.

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break. "I am having a blast right here," said Zachary Bell as he helped clean a backyard.

These are young men and women have gone wild over a community hundreds of miles from campus or First Baptist Church of Opelika, the home church for the overwhelming number of the students.

And have done so like clockwork over 12 years through a partnership with the Christian Community Development Fund.

"I don't like to describe any people as machines, but that is what it has become, a machine," said Diana Burkett, who heads up the CCDF. "This community of kids has become such a part of our community."

"What a wonderful thing for our community. What an investment they have made. That for 12 years things have worked this nicely is remarkable. I just think it is one of those things that is meant to be."

The numbers, no matter the angle, skew toward the incredible. There are now roughly 340 Auburn students living in the area; actually staying in more than two dozen beach rental units for those keeping fiscal tab at home.

Groups are working from Apalachicola to Port St. Joe, with crews locally spread from Jones Homestead and Oak Grove to Port St. Joe and the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe.

Again, a reminder, these are students, from freshman to fifth-year seniors, on spring break.

"It is a blessing to get to do this," said Brady Edwards, who was part of a crew replacing a roof in Oak Grove.

(Just an aside for that numbers column, in just the past three years the students have replaced 35 roofs) Hunter Grace Jernigan, making her first venture to Port St. Joe, added, also from atop a roof, "This is a productive way to spend spring break. It is a lot of work but it is worth it."

Working from Monday morning through Wednesday night, the student throng will complete nearly 30 individual jobs, including a near home makeover in North Port St. Joe. That, as stated, is this year.

Over the years, the projects have climbed past 500 and the investment in just those repairs and volunteer hours, Burkett estimated, was certainly equal to six figures in greenbacks.

The impact of the students has



Painting in North Port St. Joe; over the past 12 years students have completed hundreds of projects. (PHOTOS BY TIM CROFT | THE STAR)



Yard work in Port St. Joe was one of the major projects undertaken over two days by students from Auburn.

become so pronounced that some of the veterans could point out any number of previous jobs to the newbies while driving through town.

"This is something that is foundational," said Allison Bailey, in her first year. "I love seeing the community and how they've (those who have come before) impacted the community. It is like a second home."

"It is cool to be part of what has already been done. It's a perfect combination of doing what we love and being able to do it with this community."

The community is a multi-dimensional being.

Yes, there is a Port St. Joe and the folks the students have interacted or become friends with, impacted.

And there is also the community of First Baptist of Opelika, or FOB, a village of fellowship, faith and personal growth.

"The main thing about this trip is being with the people I came here with," said Bethany Keel, spending her fourth spring break here. "These people have made me what I am today."

"This trip every year has helped me grow as a person and in my faith. It is cool to be part of something bigger than myself."

That, college minister Trace Hamiter said, is an integral aspect to his college ministry at FOB.

He and Burkett began this partnership a dozen years ago, the number of students rising from 60 in that first year to more than 300.

The goal from the outset, Hamiter said, was to facilitate spiritual, mental and emotional growth in students through good works, what several students called, a "sacrificial" kind of love.

Hamiter can drive down many streets in Port St. Joe and see the handiwork of his students.

One former student is now married, a father and heads the construction aspect of the FOB work.

"We call this a family," Hamiter said of his college students. "This is two communities coming together for one. It is an ongoing investment in a community we love."

"We set out to make a true investment in a community and that is what's happened."

TAXES

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spring break season, particularly for Georgia and Alabama schools, is currently increasing the number of visitors and Godwin noted that with Atlanta schools taking the break beginning with Easter, more is likely to come.

In addition, the booking of The Brothers Osborne for a concert to celebrate their second record, "Port Saint Joe", has driven interest in the area and provided the kind of national exposure the TDC could scarcely hope to duplicate.

"We are hoping for a boost just from the publicity and awareness," Godwin said, noting that the 500 tickets for the show, sold online, were gobbled up in a matter of minutes.

There are a host of other areas where the going is quick for the TDC.

The spring campaign, based on the Instagram hashtag #InGulf, has been a roaring success.

The campaign, which urges folks to show how they engulf themselves in adventure and recreation, has already more than 2,000 submissions less than a month into the campaign.

Weekly prizes have already been won by two people from northern climes, including Pennsylvania.

"There are some awesome photos," she said.

The grand prize to the campaign is a vacation stay along the Forgotten Coast.

A new visitor's guide has also quickly gained traction.

Godwin said feedback is positive that the TDC returned to a single volume, as opposed to the dual volumes directed to outside and inside the market, which was deemed a tad confusing.

Over the past month, the number of guides distributed to state welcome stations, airports and other outlets has topped 18,000.

"That is a great number," Godwin said.

The winter campaign and calendar draws to a close this morning as the TDC hosts a "Farewell Breakfast" for snowbirds at 9 a.m. ET at the Sand Dollar Café.

Godwin said the Welcome Center in Port St. Joe has welcomed more than 700 visitors during the month of February alone and planned activities for winter guests, from discussions about archaeology to a tour of homes to a book club, were well-attended.

Another positive, Godwin said, is the establishment of dates for the 2018 bay scallop season, with the season moved back to an early August start with a late September close.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission set the later season in significant measure due feedback from local stakeholders.

Real Estate Picks

Best Values on the Forgotten Coast

<p>MLS 261323 • OVERSTREET, FL • \$279,900</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-45deg); display: inline-block;">CANAL FRONT</p> <p>Unique Canal front home in Overstreet. Nestled at the end of north Canal St. and adjacent to Deseret Ranch land, this setting offers a generous size lot with privacy. The grounds are gated and are full of mature fruit, shrubs, and many other seasonal botanical delights. The parcel with the home is roughly .76 acres and has 156' of canal frontage and a portion has a permitted seawall and dock. The home and grounds have been well maintained and features; separate living/dining room, spacious kitchen, large den overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway with custom handmade fireplace, large breeze way, large master bedroom with en suite bath, 2 bd on the opposite side of the house with full bath, dbl garage with storage, and more. The grounds have been beautifully landscaped and have two irrigation wells. The adjacent property is available for \$109,900.</p>	<p>MLS 261325 Cape San Blas, FL \$499,000</p> <p>This property is a rare find in Gulf Pines subdivision. Newly constructed home(2016) with a small lounge pool and great Gulf views. This property is in new condition with great amenities at an affordable price! It is located on a quiet cul-de-sac directly across the street from the beach. The home has granite counter tops, cortex flooring, a whole home water filtration system, irrigation system, fenced yard, lounge pool, exterior lift, metal roof, Hardi-plank siding, concrete slab under home parking, deeded beach access and a voluntary HOA at only \$200 per year! unique in that a 2nd rear entrance is optional for easy boat storage directly into the back yard. Pet friendly beach and only 15 minutes away from shopping/dining in Apalachicola or Port St. Joe. FEMA is available and the home is on public sewer! This home is must see!!</p>	<p>MLS: 261396 • Cape San Blas • \$695,000</p> <p>Inviting and comfy classic gulf front cottage on the west-facing peninsula with spectacular sunsets & emerald green waters. House is in X zone so lender won't require flood insurance. Being sold turn-key w/all you and your guests will need for a great beach vacation. 2 bedrooms on main level & a colorful loft room with twin beds & 2 dressers. Bedroom 1 has gulf view & king bed. Bedroom 2 has queen bed & full bath. Bright and sunny interior with soaring ceilings that lend an air of spaciousness. Lots of comfort & utility tucked onto roughly 1,000 SqFt. Enjoy casual outdoor dining or sipping your morning coffee or sunset wine on the deck outfitted w/dining set, bar w/stools and comfy chairs for lazing. Over 1,100 SqFt of decks & walkways. New roof & siding 3 years ago. New septic system.</p>
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Robert Ward,
Associated Health Press

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Perhaps more impressive, it also targets the tiny muscles around the bladder, which helps the bladder to create a tighter seal.

This would explain why the average *UriVarx™* user in clinical trials experiences a 66% reduction in urinary incontinence symptoms, such as day and night leaking and sudden urges to urinate.

NEW DISCOVERY IN BLADDER CONTROL

Until now, doctors believed it was impossible to strengthen the muscles that control the bladder. They are amazed to see that it can now be done with the non-prescription *UriVarx™* pill.

“As you get older, and the involuntary muscles around your bladder weaken, you lose urinary control. With your bladder wall unable to properly seal, you constantly leak and feel pressure to urinate” explains Dr. Bassam Damaj of Innovus Pharmaceuticals.

“*UriVarx™* targets the bladder muscles and help restores vital kidney health, reducing urgency and frequency. It also helps you “hold it” for hours so you never have to worry about embarrassing accidents ever again!”

FREEDOM FROM SUDDEN URGES AND LEAKS

Since hitting the market, sales for the patented *UriVarx™* pill have soared and there are some very good reasons why.

To begin with, the double blind large clinical studies published in the clinicaltrials.gov have been impressive. Participants taking *UriVarx™* saw a **stunning reduction** in urinary frequency, which resulted in fewer bathroom trips both day and night.

They also experienced a **dramatic decrease** in incontinence episodes, such as leaking and bed wetting.

The active ingredients in *UriVarx™* comes from a patented formula. It is both safe and healthy. There are also no known serious side effects in its history of use.

Scientists believe that the ingredients target the muscles of the bladder to grow stronger. These muscles are responsible for keeping the bladder tightly sealed. They also help the bladder to completely empty, allowing bacteria to be flushed from the urinary tract.

Research has shown that as you get older, certain hormonal changes in the body cause these muscles to shrink and become lose. This is what causes the bladder to be over active and the resulting urine accidents and why *UriVarx™* seems to be so effective in the published clinical trials.

EXCITING RESULTS FROM URIVARX USERS

Many *UriVarx™* users say their bladders have never been stronger. For the first time in years, they are confident and in complete



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control. Adult pads and diapers are no longer a big worry.

“After my third child, I couldn’t control my bladder. I was running to the bathroom all the time! And once I hit my 60s it became so unpredictable I needed to wear adult pads every day” explained Marie L. of Danbury, CT.

“I was embarrassed so before going to my doctor I decided to try *UriVarx* and I’m so glad I did! The urgency is gone and I no longer feel like my bladder is about to explode. I can also “hold it” when I need to so I’m no longer living in constant fear of finding a bathroom.”

IMPRESSIVE CLINICAL RESULTS

The exciting clinical results published on the government clinical website clinicaltrials.gov show that *UriVarx™* can strengthen your bladder fast, significantly reducing the urine urgency and leaks.

In a new double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical study, 142 men and women with bladder control issues were separated into two groups. The first group was given a placebo while the other received *UriVarx™*.

The results were **incredible**. The participants who received *UriVarx™* saw major improvements in leaking, pressure, and the urgency to go – all without the usual side effects seen in prescription drugs! They also reported fewer trips to the bathroom both day and night.

Overall, the *UriVarx™* group experienced:

- 56% Reduction in Urge Incontinence
- 66% Reduction in Stress Incontinence
- 61% Reduction in Urgency
- 33% Reduction in Frequency
- 46% Reduction in Nighttime Bathroom Trips

Additionally, at the end of clinical trial and after seeing the results, **84% of the participants taking *UriVarx™* said it significantly improved their quality of life.**

“The clinical findings are incredible, but people still wonder if it will really work” explains Dr. Bassam Damaj. “It’s normal to be skeptical, but we’ve seen

thousands of *UriVarx™* users get results exactly like the participants in the study. It’s an amazing product.”

HOW IT WORKS

UriVarx™ is a pill that’s taken just once daily. It does not require a prescription.

The active ingredients are patented natural extracts.

Research shows that as we get older, the muscles which surround the bladder weaken. This is caused by hormonal changes in the body that causes the muscles to atrophy and weaken.

When they become too small and weak, they cannot seal your bladder shut, which causes leaking, accidents, among other incontinence symptoms.

It also prevents your bladder from fully emptying, which can result in persistent bacterial infections and UTIs.

UriVarx’s™ active ingredient targets the muscles around the bladder, making them stronger. Supporting ingredients in *UriVarx™* support kidney function and overall urinary health.

BLADDER PROBLEMS GONE

With daily use, *UriVarx™* can restore strong bladder control and help users overcome leakage without the negative side effects or interactions associated with drugs.

Leakage sufferers can now put an end to the uncontrollable urges, the embarrassing accidents, and enjoy an entirely new level of comfort and confidence.

HOW TO GET URIVARX IN FLORIDA

This is the official release of *UriVarx™* in Florida. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to anyone suffering from bladder issues who calls within the next 48 hours.

A special hotline number and discounted pricing has been created for all Florida residents. Discounts will be available starting today at 6:00AM and will automatically be applied to all callers.

Your Toll-Free Hotline number is 1-800-551-7311 and will only be open for the next 48 hours. Only a limited discounted supply of *UriVarx™* is currently available in your region.

Florida Friendly Landscaping follow-up workshop at library

By Ray Bodrey
Gulf County Extension Director
UF/IFAS
Special to The Star

Want to learn more about gardening in Gulf County?

Come join the Gulf County Master Gardeners for a question and answer workshop Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. ET at the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe.

There will be information on Florida Friendly Landscaping, soil sampling, native plants and suggestions on plants that grow well in the sandy Gulf County soil. Bring your landscape ideas

and plans, questions and garden-related problems to share. The Master Gardeners will bring websites, reference materials and their knowledge to help you find answers to problems you may be encountering.

The recent Florida Friendly Landscaping program offered ideas and also generated lots of questions. This workshop will answer some of those questions and share more information for Gulf County gardeners.

The nine Florida Friendly Landscaping principles are:

- Right plant, right

- place
- Water efficiently
- Fertilize appropriately
- Mulch
- Attract wildlife
- Manage yard pests responsibly
- Recycle
- Manage stormwater runoff

- Protect the waterfront.

Now is a great time to get growing in Gulf! The Gulf County Master Gardeners are a group of trained volunteers who work with the Gulf County Extension Director to provide horticulture information to county homeowners. For more information, give the Gulf County Extension Office a call at 639-3200.

Upcoming events at the Wewahitchka Library

Special to The Star

The Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka (314 North Second Street) offers many events for children and adults. Here is a look at some of the reoccurring programs as well as the currently scheduled programs through the month of March. Please contact us at 639-2419 for additional information.

Programs for Children:
Mondays at 11 a.m. CT: Budding Bookworms, beginning March 19

A different theme will be introduced each week, to include stories, songs, finger plays, activities and

crafts. These events are recommended for children aged 3-6, however siblings are welcome.

Programs for Adults:
Thursdays-Capital Area Community Action Agency Assistance with utility and gas on Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. CT. Must call for an 850-674-5067 for an appointment.

Thursdays at 10 a.m. CT: Family Tree Classes
Learn to build and research your family tree online.

4th Thursday of each month 1-4 p.m. CT - Gulf Coast Career Source, Veterans Representative

Assistance for veterans with job search, resumes,

employment counseling, job development, referrals to VA/State/County Support Services, Labor Market Information

Friday, March 29 at 2 p.m. Florida Public Archaeology Network, University of West Florida

“Pirates! The Last Scourge of the Gulf.”

Learn about the massive wave of piracy that struck the Gulf of Mexico and terrorized shipping along the Gulf Coast over two decades ago.

Adult coloring and puzzle tables are available during all open hours.

Our annual book sale has been extended. All items are half price.



Ross Florence. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Port (St. Lucie) to Port (St. Joe) move exciting for new Buffer employee

Special to The Star

He has been trying to move to our area for some time so . . . when a job became available at the St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve, Ross Florence was excited for the opportunity to interview. He was even more excited when told he had secured the job. The family moved from Port to Port, Port St. Lucie to Port St. Joe, that is. Moving to the area was a dream come true for the Florence family. Originally from Mobile, AL the move locates them a little closer to family.

Florence’s job responsibilities include facility and equipment maintenance, upkeep of roads and fire lines. He is willing to help wherever needed and in any capacity. He has already experienced his first Bay Day helping to make it a great success.

One important aspect of Florence’s duties is assisting with prescribed burns. He has three years experience with prescribed burning. While helping

at the Buffer is a priority, the crew is also available (whenever possible) to help with prescribed burning with the nearby state parks and other agencies in our area.

Lucky to locate housing without any delays was very fortunate for the family. Florence and his wife, Kimberly have two lovely daughters, Ava and Libby, who have adjusted quite well to their new home.

You might run into Florence in the Pig or Library with one or both daughters after work. Trips to the beach are planned when weather permits. Florence is a dedicated Dad spending time with his daughters after working at the Preserve all day. Weekends are always a special time for the family.

Preserve Manager, Dylan Shoemaker said, “Ross is a great asset to the team at the Preserve. He has fit right in and added his expertise to our already competent crew. We are proud to have him and look forward to years

of working together to make the Preserve the best it can be.”

If you are in the Simmons Bayou area we would invite you to stop in the Preserve Visitor Center.

There are artifacts, displays and educational materials to enjoy. It is not very likely that you will see Ross, or Dylan, Allix, or Abby as they are almost always “in the field” in some capacity. If you walk the trails, you might run into them. If you attend one of the Tram Tours (second Friday of each month, except February and October) you will interact with at least one of them. While on the tour you will see evidence of their hard work on the trails, burn zones, rare plants, and the like. In other areas in the Preserve that you will not see on a tour there is much work done by the crew. It is extremely evident that the crew is doing all they can as the Preserve is an outstanding Buffer Preserve.

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March fishing picks up across the Panhandle

By Frank Sargeant
Special to The Star

With temperatures in the 60's by day and 50's by night, the first part of March should provide ideal fishing conditions for many coastal species across the Panhandle—and after St. Patrick's Day, the arrival of the migratory species will really pump up the volume for anglers.

Cobia action

March is the classic month for arrival of cobia in the Panhandle, and with the water temperature off the beaches already in the low 70's, they should be right on schedule this year.

The brown torpedoes typically travel anywhere from just outside the second bar to a mile offshore, usually moving

east to west in spring. They often swim just below the surface, making them exciting sight-fishing targets.

Cobia are sometimes called "crab eaters", and they of course readily grab a small blue crab. But the best bait is often a live eel about 10 to 12 inches long—they're often available at area bait shops during the cobia season in March and April. Live pinfish and finger mullet also do well, and soft plastics that imitate all these also catch fish, though live bait is usually king.

One lure that's as good as the real thing at times is the pre-rigged Savage Lures Real Eel, which has an amazing swimming action and is available in 8, 12 and 16-inch sizes—all are deadly. The LiveTarget Mullet and Pinfish, both



Whopper kings will also be on the agenda by mid-month as schools arrive from the south to stay the summer.

[PHOTO CREDIT CAPTAIN JUSTIN MOORE]



Cobia often cruise Panhandle beaches just below the surface in March and April, making them great sight-fishing targets.

[CAPTAIN TROY FRADY]

soft plastics, also do well. They're available at Half-Hitch tackle stores, the Bass Pro Shop in Destin and other outlets.

The most common tactic for boaters is to get out on the water at day-break and motor slowly off the beach east to west. This puts the sun at the back of the captain, who usually operates from an elevated command post that allows him to see into the water. When a cobia is spotted, the boat is run in a wide arc around the fish and then allowed to drift as the target swims into casting range.

In the afternoons, the boats usually ease along from west to east, again putting the sun behind the anglers for best visibility.

Cobia can get huge—the state record, over 130 pounds—was caught off Destin, and though these giants are rarely seen these days due to fishing pressure, the fish grow fast, and cobia over 40 pounds are not uncommon. For that reason, stout gear is the ticket—an 8-foot medium-heavy spinning rod will provide lots of distance when paired with a 4000-sized spinning reel and 40- to 50-pound-test braid. Most anglers add a couple feet of 50-pound-test mono to stiffen the presentation and prevent the flexible braid from folding back on itself as the bait swims—it's tied in with a double Uni-knot rather than a swivel for ease of casting.

The boat limit on cobia in the Gulf has been reduced to two, total, this year in an effort to help the populations rebound after a slump in recent years. Minimum size is 33 inches to the fork, bag

limit one per angler.

Kings & Spanish

Right after the cobia arrive, or sometimes concurrently, Spanish and king mackerel start to show up in area waters. While the cobia tend to travel in pairs or schools of 3 to 5, the mackerels often come in schools of hundreds—or thousands! And since that's a lot of mouths to feed, they don't show up until the migrating bait schools arrive—they follow the bait all the way from the Keys as spring progresses up the peninsula. There are usually bluefish mixed in with them early, but the blues thin out as the water warms.

For Spanish and blues, a Clark Spoon with red bead head in size 0 or size 1 pretty much tells the tale—put several of these out a couple feet behind a 1-ounce bead chain sinker and troll at a fast walk and you usually don't need anything else—the fish show up around the inlets first, then move into the larger bays and out along the beaches. Number 1 or 2 wire prevents cutoffs. Anglers who specialize in catching larger Spanish often get them with king mackerel live bait tactics, which we'll see below.

School kings can be caught on an upsized version of the Clark, a size 4, with enough weight to put it down a few feet at 6 knots. Some hook it up behind a number 1 or 2 planer, especially after the morning bite at the surface.

A 2-ounce hair jig with a long strip of bonito or mullet belly also does the job for schoolies—it can be cast into breaking fish, or trolled rapidly. Or, for



Sheepshead spawn and March and April, making them easy targets for anyone who finds a spawning aggregation.

[[FRANK SARGEANT PHOTO]]

some real excitement, try tossing a big topwater chugger into breaking fish and working it hard—with luck, you'll see a big king skyrocket higher than your head with the lure in its jaws!

Anglers who are after kings over 20 pounds, usually tournament fishermen, rely on live bait slow-trolled around inlets, nearshore buoys and other gathering points. Cigar minnows, menhaden, ladyfish and mullet all are good kingfish fodder, with baits 8 to 12 inches long preferred by most. Most fish them on "stinger" rigs, with a single 5/8 or larger hook in the lips, a second 3X strong size 4 or 6 treble hooked just under the skin in the back to prevent cutoffs. The hooks are attached with Number 6 wire, and a foot or so of number 6 is also used to create a leader to a swivel.

These baits are trolled at 2 to 3 knots along the color breaks at the inlets, shoals and over offshore ledges where jumbo kings often roam.

At the piers

March and April can bring some of the best pier fishing action of the year during a warm spring, with cobia, kings and Spanish all within reach early, and maybe a few tarpon around late if there's some 80-degree weather.

Most pier pro's rely on live bait, which can be sabiki-rigged off the piers. The live baits are immediately hooked up on larger rigs and put back over the rail, with best action usually at the far end of the span.

When cobia are on the move, the elevated position of the piers gives anglers a great location for spotting the fish and getting a bait in front of them. It's a bit more problematic when it comes to landing them, however—stout 7 to 8 foot spinners, 5000-series reels and 60 to 80 pound test braid gives a good shot at handling even the larger fish. A pier net or bridge gaff will also come in handy—someone on the piers usually has one handy and will be

happy to help.

Spanish and small kings, also readily caught on live bait captured with sabiki's, can be derricked up with the heavy gear without netting, but larger kings will require net or gaff, or walking them all the way back to the beach.

The Half-Hitch Piers and tackle shops across the Panhandle provide all the gear you need for this action, and keep their finger on the pulse of the fishery—they know what's biting when and how to catch 'em. Check for the latest at www.halfhitch.com.

Sheepshead action

Sheepshead spawn in March and April, and it's an opportunity to collect a cooler full of these very tasty fish. While most sheepshead caught the rest of the year will be only a pound or two, those caught during the spawn are sometimes 5 pounds and up, and they have some beautiful filets on them when they get to this size and larger.

The fish spawn on hard structure, typically rock-piles, ledges and artificial reefs in 15 to as much as 100 feet of water. Some also show up to pick at the barnacles on area piers, docks and bridge pilings—they can be seen from the surface in many areas.

Fiddler crabs are a can't miss bait, but for those who don't want to go bait-wrangling, fresh-cut shrimp usually does the job. A size 1/2 to 3/4 hook and a chunk of shrimp tail about an inch long is right for fish to 3 or 4 pounds—larger ones can gulp down a whole shrimp tail. They usually bite on bottom, so the bait is weighted. Some anglers do well with a bare jig head with a cut shrimp tail on the hook—1/4 ounce for inshore and bays, heavier for deeper water or more current.

The length limit is 12 inches, but that's really too small to get much meat—those 14 inches and up produce a lot more. The bag limit is a generous 15 per person per day.

Sheepshead eat mostly shellfish, shrimp and crabs, and this gives their meat a light, flaky texture that's delicious any way you want to cook it. The big issue with them is their abundance of needle-like spines—they can be like trying to clean a pincushion.

One easy solution is to use kitchen shears to nip all the spines off before starting to fillet—this takes the pain out of the job. Like most fish, they're best if filleted, then skinned. The delicate flavor is great baked—just spray with olive oil, add fresh lemon slices and bake until a fork readily penetrates.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, March 15	66	50°	0%
Fri, March 16	75°	59°	0%
Sat, March 17	73°	61°	20%
Sun, March 18	75°	62°	20%
Mon, March 19	76°	65°	20%
Tues, March 20	76°	54°	20%
Wed, March 21	72°	57°	10%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
15	Th	10:01p 1.0		6:02a -0.1	
16	Fr	11:02p 1.0		6:23a 0.0	
17	Sa	12:54p 0.4		6:34a 0.2	3:57p 0.3
18	Su	12:06a 0.9	12:15p 0.6	6:28a 0.3	5:42p 0.2
19	Mo	1:24a 0.7	12:12p 0.8	5:54a 0.6	7:15p 0.1
20	Tu	12:30p 1.0		8:54p 0.0	
21	We	1:02p 1.1		10:40p -0.1	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
15	Th	1:19a 2.1	3:14p 2.1	8:03a 0.0	8:02p 1.0
16	Fr	2:11a 2.1	3:31p 2.1	8:33a 0.0	8:34p 0.8
17	Sa	3:00a 2.2	3:47p 2.1	8:59a 0.2	9:04p 0.6
18	Su	3:47a 2.2	4:03p 2.1	9:24a 0.5	9:36p 0.3
19	Mo	4:37a 2.2	4:23p 2.2	9:50a 0.6	10:11p 0.2
20	Tu	5:31a 2.1	4:46p 2.2	10:16a 1.0	10:53p 0.0
21	We	6:32a 1.9	5:14p 2.4	10:45a 1.1	11:45p 0.0

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FISHING REPORT



Spanish Mackerel was the main game along the Forgotten Coast this last week and at times you needed to elbow your way in at the sea wall along the St. Joe Marina. Clark Spoon Mackerel trees seemed to be the most effective bait for the week with double and triple hook-ups for some anglers. These are normally viewed as a trolling rig but with a little weight on the end clip they are very castable from the shore. I tried a Gotcha Plug as well along the wall but was out done by the Clark Spoon rig.

There is also another lure that is doing fairly well and it's called the Coho Killer. All of these lures and rigs are available at Bluewater Outriggers. Consult with the sales staff at Bluewater for these and other rigs that will help you have a successful day on the water. As a reminder the Bluewater Outriggers annual tent sale is just a few weeks away April 6-7 and is not to be missed. So plan now to join us for shopping, fun, fishing tips, major vendors and food. Until next week Happy Fishing!

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SPORTS

Lady Gators rolling into form

Star Staff Report

With the offense picking up a tick and Brianna Bailey continuing to dominate on the mound, the Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School softball team has won four straight since going 2-2 at the USA-Florida Softball Challenge.

The Lady Gators are 11-4 overall, 5-0 in district play.

They host Union County 12 p.m. CT Saturday.

Wewahitchka 11, Liberty County 1

The Lady Gators broke the game open with a six-run fifth inning Tuesday night, Gracie Price, Katie Shealy, Aleah Wooten and Haley Guffey all providing RBI hits during the inning.

Bailey started and tossed four shutout innings, allowing one hit and walking one while striking out seven.

Savannah Lister tossed the final inning of the game, shortened due to the run rule.

Bailey, Lister and Price all hit home runs, Bailey and Lister going deep during a four-run fourth inning and Price during the fifth.

It was another game of double-digit hits for the Lady Gators, who had 10.

Price doubled, homered, scored twice and drove in two, Bailey homered, singled, drove in two and scored twice and Lister hit a home run, scored twice and drove in two.

Angela Long singled, Shealy singled in a run, Cyrina Madrid singled and scored and Anna Setterich singled in two at-bats.

Wewahitchka 14, Port St. Joe 0

Bailey and Lister combined on a three-hitter and the host Lady Gators put up 10 runs in the first two innings of a game ended in the middle of the fifth based on the run rule.

The Lady Gators finished with 14 hits, their best offensive output of the season.

Bailey, who started, helped her cause with an RBI double in the first and Shealy, Wooten, Bailey, Kristen Thompson and Setterich drove in runs during a seven-run second inning.

Bailey pitched three shut-out, hitless innings, walking one and striking out seven.

She also led the Lady Gators at the plate with a pair of doubles and four RBIs in three at-bats.

Lister pitched the final two innings, giving up three hits while striking out three.

Price was 2 for 2 at the plate with a double and single, driving in two and scoring three times.

Shealy had an RBI double and scored, Wooten also had an RBI double and scored three times and Long was singled, scored and drove in a run.

Thompson drove in a run.

The Lady Gators stole seven bases, three by Kristen Nichols.

For Port St. Joe, Georgia Lee started and pitched two innings, allowing six hits and 10 runs while striking out one.

Brooke Zinker pitched the final two innings.

Brooklyn Quinn, Erica Ramsey and Hagen Parrish provided the hits for Port St. Joe.

Wewahitchka 6, North Florida Christian 1

Bailey tossed a three-hitter, allowing one unearned run, and struck out 11.

The Lady Gators jumped on host NFC with four runs in the first inning, with Price providing an RBI single to spark the rally, and added two more in the second frame.

Price was 2 for 4 with a double, scored a run and drove in a run and Bailey was 1 for 4 as Wewahitchka finished with eight hits.

Thompson was 1 for 3 with a run scored and RBI, Madrid was 1 for 4 and scored twice, Shealy singled and scored and Setterich doubled.



Celeste Chiles signs a scholarship with family and coaches looking on. [TIM CROFT | THE STAR]

PSJ's Chiles signs with Polk State

By Tim Croft

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Celeste Chiles is, to her core, a coach's daughter.

From a young age, she was at her the side of her daddy, Keith Chiles, as he coached Port St. Joe pole vaulters.

So, there should not be much surprise that Celeste would grow to be a multi-dimensional athlete, competing in track and field, softball, volleyball and soccer at various junctures during her years at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

And in this context it is important to stress that junior/senior dynamic because Celeste was a six-year letterman on the soccer pitch, starting in goal as an eighth-grader.

In hewing to our theme, therefore, it should also be less than a stunning revelation that Chiles aspires, like her father, to become a teacher at the elementary level.

The final point to make: all that has gone before surely directed Celeste to where she was last week, in the high school media center putting her autograph to a college scholarship.

She will attend Polk State, a two-year college in Lakeland, and play soccer, of course, protecting the net.

"Soccer has always been my favorite," Celeste said. "It (goalkeeper) is one of those things where one person can win or lose the game."

"I enjoy the pressure."



Chiles

That has been fairly obvious since middle school, when not only was Celeste in goal on the pitch but

was also vaulting into the air on the track.

She has since added shot put and discus, qualifying for state in all three events, one season or another, over the past several years.

Celeste was also the Florida Athletic Coaches Association district soccer player of the year for the 2017-18 season and twice named to the Florida High School Athletics Association Class 1A All-State soccer team.

She holds all the major goalkeeping records in the school's history, including those for saves, shutouts and goal-against average.

"A lot of time and effort goes into something like this," said Don Maples, her goalkeeper coach in summer leagues the past six years.

"For somebody to set a goal and work so hard to get there, that's impressive. She epitomizes facing obstacles and she had dealt with every one."

Celeste is just the second Port St. Joe soccer athlete, male or female, to earn a college scholarship on the pitch, following Elizabeth Gibson over a decade ago.

And, that kind of performance was not exclusive to the field, Principal Josh Dailey noted of a

popular senior, among the highest ranks in her class and a member of the Homecoming Court.

"Celeste is a very special student," Dailey said. "She excels in the classroom and on the field."

"She is what you think of when you think student-athlete."

Polk State was hardly Celeste's sole opportunity.

Several two- and four-year schools were in contact, but the trip to Polk, the opportunity to scrimmage with the team, closed the deal.

"I just loved the coach, the girls, the environment," Celeste said. "Bigger schools kind of intimidated me."

"Polk is still small, homey. And it's close, just a six-hour drive."

And provides the springboard to a four-year school in two years.

"The coach said that every year his sophomores get three or four offers," Celeste said.

And, though it has been part of her life for so long, track and field will be put on pause after she advances the season underway: she vaulted at Panama City Beach Arnold last weekend.

But not for long.

"I want to come back and be a track coach like my dad," Celeste said. "I want to be an elementary school teacher. There is nothing more I want to do."

A point she tearfully emphasized after signing her scholarship last week, saying, "This is everything I could have hoped for."

Cheerleading tryouts

Special to The Star

Cheerleading tryouts for anyone who will be enrolled in Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School during the 2018-2019 school year will be held during the week of April 16-20. A mandatory parent meeting will be held 6 p.m. ET March 26 in the school cafeteria. All interested in trying

out must be there along with a parent or guardian in order to tryout. Informational packets are available in the offices at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School and Port St. Joe Elementary School, as well as Faith Christian School. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Payne (Varsity Cheerleading Coach at 229-8251)

Tiger Sharks baseball team climbs to 5-2

Star Staff Report

Seasons don't play out that way, but take away two tough innings and the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School baseball team could be looking at a unbeaten season thus far.

A bad late inning against Bay High two weeks ago and a tough final inning against Vernon last Friday represent the two pivotal innings for a Tiger Shark squad sitting at 5-2.

Port St. Joe is back home tonight against Wakulla Christian and then travels to Bozeman Friday.

But that trip to Bozeman is the last road district game of the season for Port St. Joe, which is already finished with Wewahitchka and has Franklin County, Liberty

County, Vernon and Bozeman all coming to Port St. Joe the final weeks of the season.

Port St. Joe 10, Franklin County 3

The Tiger Sharks bounced back from a loss to string together 10 runs on seven hits with four stolen bases to win another road game Tuesday.

Chris Stockton started on the mound for Port St. Joe and went 5 1/3 innings, allowing three earned runs while walking four and striking out seven.

Bryce Register got the final five outs in relief, all on strikeouts.

"Our pitching staff has really carried us," said Port St. Joe coach Ashley Summerlin. "Hitting, we have a

ways to go ... but our pitching staff has done such a good job."

Caden Turrell and Jaden Grantland at the top of the batting order sparked the offense, Turrell reaching base twice and scoring two runs while Grantland had two hits, drove in two and scored twice.

"When they get on base we can do what we need to do offensively," Summerlin said.

John Austin Gee walked twice, singled and got a five-run second inning started and Kelvin Griffin was solid behind the plate and singled, Summerlin said.

And, yes, the game included two more times Caleb Butts was hit by a pitch.

Butts barely has 10 at-bats on the season, Summerlin

said, due to the walks he has earned combined with the number of times he been hit at the plate.

Vernon 5, Port St. Joe 2

Port St. Joe fought back to the tie the game 2-2 in sixth only to have host Vernon push across three runs in the bottom of the frame last Friday.

"We just didn't play very well," Summerlin said.

Elijah Hester started for Port St. Joe and pitched the distance, allowing six hits and five runs, just two earned, over six innings while walking one and striking out eight.

"He pitched well enough to win," Summerlin said. "We couldn't get enough offense going. It was a learning experience."

Port St. Joe 10, Liberty County 5

Summerlin said this was just a weird game overall.

Cancelled from last Tuesday due to rain, the game was moved to last Wednesday and began in Liberty County at 3:45 p.m. ET.

"The whole timing was kind of off," Summerlin said. "We kind of sleep-walked through the start. We played okay. We've done better."

Stockton started for Port St. Joe, tossing four innings, walking four and allowing two unearned runs while striking out two. Hester pitched 2 1/3 innings, allowing a hit and three runs, two earned, and Register earned the save by getting the final two outs, striking out one while allowing a hit.

SCENE AROUND



Having a splash in the pond at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse
[COURTESY OF JAN MASICA]



Bayou bliss. [COURTESY OF SANDIE KENNEDY]

Sandie/Port Cottages



A wet eagle drying in the sunset. [COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH]



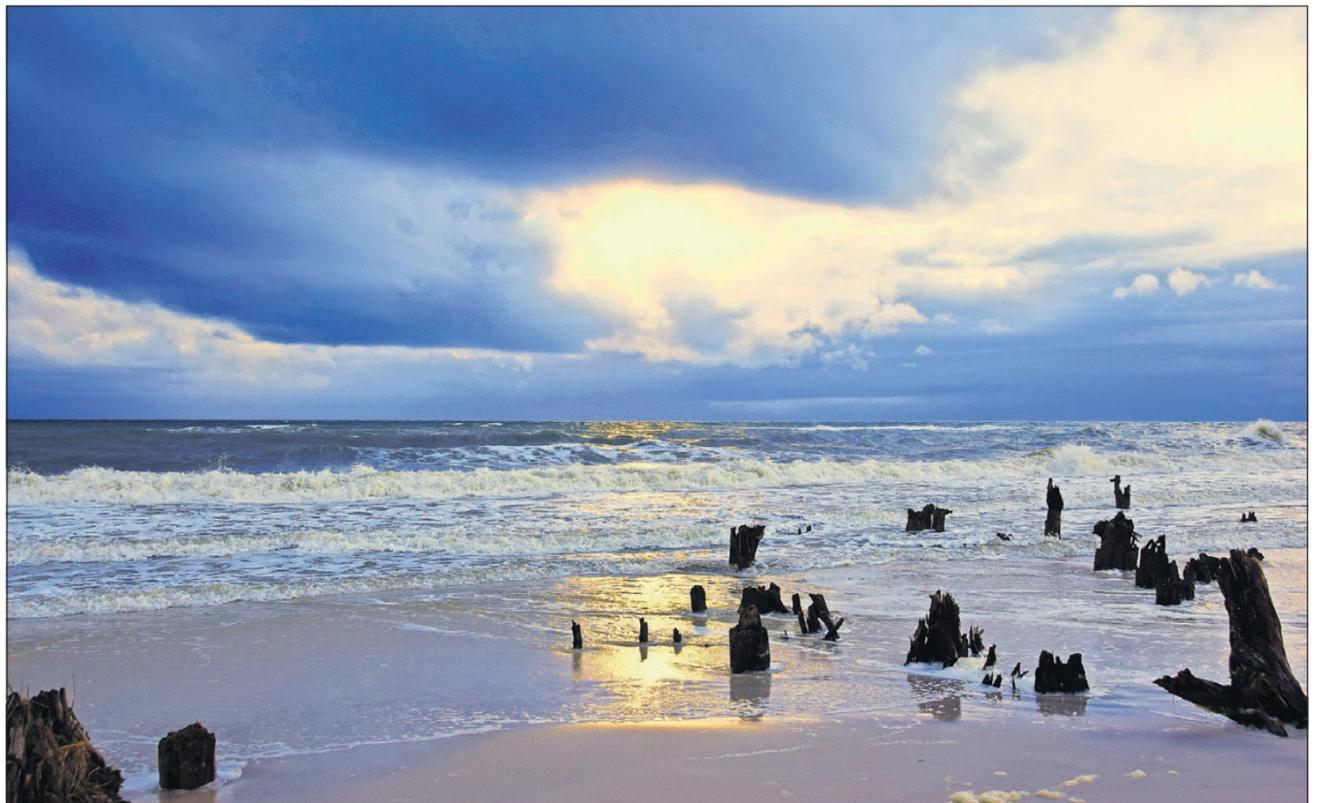
Surf's up. [COURTESY OF BILL KRAUSS]



A Saturday night glow over the Gulf. [COURTESY OF BECKY BLOCK]



Good morning, sunrise. [COURTESY OF CAROL BUIKEMA]



Stormy seas at the Stump Hole. [COURTESY OF DAVE EVANS]

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COMMUNITY

Elections finding shape

By **Tim Croft**

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With candidate qualifying for the city of Port St. Joe arriving next week, what could be a busy election season is gaining context.

Candidate qualifying for the Port St. Joe election begins 12 p.m. ET March 21 and continues until 12 p.m. ET March 28.

There are three seats in play.

Commissioner Brett Lowry is seeking his second term in Group 3 and Commissioner Eric Langston has announced he will run for the Group 1 seat.

The Group 1 campaign is for a one-year term.

Langston was appointed by the other commissioners to fill the seat forfeited

by William Thursbay, which forced the seat into play in the next general city election cycle, this year.

The seat will return to its normal rotation in 2019.

Three candidates have filed to run for the District 4 seat.

The seat is currently held by Commissioner Rex Buzzett. Buzzett said this week he had not made a decision on running again.

Qualifying week will tell.

Scott Hoffman, Rosemary Brown Lewis and James Sickels have all filed to run.

They would make it official beginning next Wednesday.

For city voters, the voter registration deadline is 5 p.m. ET April 9.

Voters must have a valid registration on file with the Supervisor of Elections in order to vote.

Early voting in the city

will begin April 28 and continue through May 5, save for Sunday.

The election is May 8 with voting 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. ET at the city Fire Station.

County qualifying arrives in June, with three seats on the Board of County Commissioners, two Gulf County School Board seats and the position of County Judge on the ballot.

Danny Little has already announced he will not seek re-election to the District 1 school board seat.

John Wright in the District 5 seat is the other incumbent up for re-election to the school board.

On the BOCC, Commissioners David Rich, Ward McDaniel and Sandy Quinn, Jr. are up for re-election for the District 1, 2 and 4 seats, respectively.

All have announced they will run this year.

One challenger, former commissioner Tan Smiley, has expressed publicly he would run for the District 4 seat, having spoken to the county Democratic Party recently.

As opposed to the typical four-year term for county commissioners, the District 1 campaign is for a two-year term.

Rich was appointed by the governor last year to replace the late Freddie Whitfield following his sudden passing.

Much like the city Group 1 seat, due to the timing of Whitfield's passing, the seat was forced onto the next general election ballot, this year.

The District 1 seat will return to its normal rotation in 2020.

Food Bank/ Easter Basket drive down to wire

By **Pat Hardman**

Special to The Star

I am getting worried we aren't going to make our goal of providing food for the elderly and needy through the Gulf County Food Bank and Easter Baskets for the deserving children through the Sheriff's Office Easter Basket Drive. We are way behind and only have 10 days to go to meet our goal. We can't do it without you and your generosity.

Our goal is to raise enough to provide 250 baskets for the kids at approximately \$15 each and/or through baskets and stuffed toys dropped off at different locations. The amount we hope to raise is \$3,750. To date we have \$2,936 in personal donations including a \$1,000 match from Cindy and Brenden Murphy and donations from the Lions Club, Gulf 2 Bay Construction and what was raised by the Lion's Challenge and donations collected at St Joseph

We have approximately 50 Easter Baskets and stuffed toys from drop off donations and the Liar's Challenge. Durens Piggly Wiggly is giving us discounts.

We are close but not quite there.

See **DRIVE, B7**

Brothers Osborne album release concert in Port Saint Joe



The Brothers Osborne will play April 7 at WindMark Beach. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Sold out in minutes on Monday

By **Tim Croft**

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From the moment of last month's announcement that The Brothers Osborne had named their new record after the town it was recorded in, Port Saint Joe, it seemed a fine idea to many readers to have the album release right here.

And, amazingly, it is happening.

In a partnership with The St. Joe Company and D. R.

Ticket raffle

Log onto iHeart Radio for a chance to win two tickets to The Brothers Osborne concert along with a two-night stay at the MainStay Suites in Port St. Joe. The drawing is open to iHeart Radio listeners throughout the Southeast.

Horton, which is building homes at WindMark Beach, The Brothers Osborne will play on the WindMark green in a show scheduled to start at 4 p.m. ET on Saturday, April 7.

Kendell Marvel will be the opening act, which is how the shows will play when The Brothers Osborne and Marvel head overseas in

early May as the brothers begin to tour in support of "Port Saint Joe", which will be officially released April 20. And, early April, as most around here are aware, typically offers some mighty nice weather for the outdoor concert.

"We have been working on this for about six weeks," said Kelli Godwin, executive

director of the TDC.

Social media joined the fray, with several commenters on Facebook noting the April 20 release date for the brothers' second album and the symmetry of opening up a tour in Port Saint Joe.

The publicist for the band hinted earlier this month that a concert of some fashion was in the works, though nothing was official.

Tickets for the concert are \$50 and went onsale 10 a.m. ET Monday; the tickets, only 500, sold out within minutes.

See **BROTHERS, B7**



Andrew Smith from Invisible Fence; Val Holman from the South Gulf County Fire and Rescue; and Sadie. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Protecting pets

Star Staff Report

Project Breathe, a nationwide program sponsored by Invisible Fence Corporation donates pet oxygen masks to fire departments. Recently the South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue received two new sets of these masks to carry on its fire apparatus. Over 40,000 pets perish per year in fires, most due to smoke inhalation. So far this Project Breathe program has saved 10,000 pets nation-wide from fire and smoke.

"Pets are an integral part of many families. These masks are one more tool for us in the fire service to use. We are in the life saving business, be it two legs or four," said Mike Barrett of the SGCVFD.

TRIVIA FUN



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

1. What did the "SC" stand for regarding Canadian SCTV, the sketch comedy show that ran from 1976 to 1984?

Sounds Cute, Second City, South Camp, Satch Cold

2. How long did Englishman Roger Bannister hold the world title in running a sub-four-minute mile (1954)?

6 hours, 46 days, 4 years, 6 years

3. Whose most popular tourist destination is Machu Picchu?

Ecuador, Shetland Islands, Peru, Taiwan

4. What's a small-headed cobra of Australia and New Guinea?

Taipan, Stanley, Tartu, Sidon

5. Of what sport is Lydwina the patron saint?

Soccer, Ice skating, Fishing, Lacrosse

6. What's a pig's gruntle?

Hoof, Belly, Tail, Snout

ANSWERS: 1. Second City, 2. 46 days, 3. Peru, 4. Taipan, 5. Ice skating, 6. Snout

SOCIETY



U.S. Air Force Airman Isaac J. Scott [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Isaac Scott graduates from basic training

Special to The Star

U.S. Air Force Airman Isaac J. Scott graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

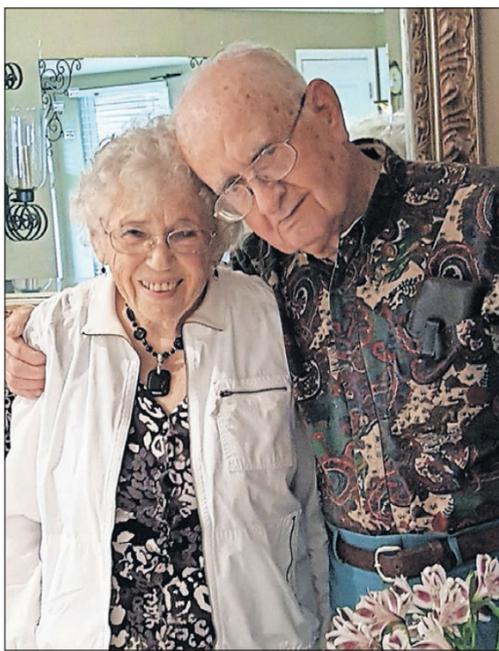
The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and

skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Scott is the son of Connie and Charles Brake of Port St. Joe and brother of Josh Scott of Madisen, Maine.

He is a 2017 graduate of Port St. Joe Junior/Senior High School.



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Griffins celebrate 71 years of marriage

Congratulations to Buford and Ruth Griffin on their 71st Wedding Anniversary!



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Gabbrielle Morningstar and Hunter Algueseva to wed

Gabbrielle Morningstar and Hunter Algueseva of Wewahitchka, Florida, have announced their engagement.

The bride is the daughter of Michael Morningstar of Cleveland, Tennessee and Ann Morningstar of Wewahitchka, Florida.;

The groom is the son of Michael Algueseva of Panama City Beach, Florida and Rhonda Alderman of Wewahitchka, Florida.

Gabby is a 2015 graduate of Wewahitchka High, Hunter is a 2016 graduate of FLVS.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 19, 2019.

Dangerous Food explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The possible dangers of some foods on supermarket shelves will be discussed at 7 p.m. CT Monday, March 19 at Lifetree Café.

The program, titled "Dangerous Food: Is Your Supermarket Killing You?" features a filmed interview with Joel Salatin, author of Everything I Want to Do Is Illegal: War Stories From the Local Food Front and Holy Cows and Hog Heaven: The Food Buyer's Guide to Farm Friendly Food. In the interview Salatin explains America's lack of concern regarding the source of food is causing issues with health and well-being.

"The level of personal involvement in food is at an-all time low," Salatin said. "Around 25 percent of America's food is consumed in automobiles.

Around 70 percent of Americans have no clue what they are going to have for dinner at 4 p.m. We are really disconnected."

During the session Lifetree participants will have an opportunity to discuss the role the government should play in deciding food choices and discover strategies for healthier eating.

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



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Coralye Ovalyn Hall is born

Coralye Ovalyn Hall was born Feb. 8, 2018 and arrived weighing 5 pounds, 5 ounces, and measuring 19 inches.

Her parents are Samantha Carroll Hall and Dustin Hall, who reside

in Savannah, GA.

This is the first grandchild for Phillip and Renee Carroll of Port St. Joe; Dustin's parents are Dennis and Sandy Hall of Panama City.

American Legion news

Special to The Star

The Willis V. Rowan American Legion Post 116 announces they will host their annual Fish Fry/Chicken BBQ Good Friday, March 30 from 11 a.m. ET till the food runs out.

Meals are available for \$8 a plate. The event will be held at the redesigned Veterans Memorial Park in Beacon Hill.

Dine at the Park or take it home.

All proceeds will benefit the Forgotten Coast Warrior Weekend.

Join Piecemakers Quilt Club

Special to The Star

Do you quilt? Are you advanced...or interested in learning?

The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Club would like to invite you to check us out.

We meet each 2nd

and 4th Thursday of the month at the St. James Episcopal Church - 800 22nd Street in Port St. Joe.

Our Meeting begins at 6 p.m. ET.

We have all levels of mastery, so come out and join the fun.

PET OF THE WEEK
St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

Meet Ellie, a 3 year old chiweenie. She is very sweet and loves people. Ellie gets along well with other dogs, big and small. She enjoys being by your side, or in your lap. Fetch is her favorite game and she loves squeaky toys. Come by and meet her. She will steal your heart just like she has ours!

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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SOCIETY



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Wewahitchka Woman's Club news

Special to The Star

Our annual GFWC District 2 Arts and Crafts Show and meeting was held on March 3. It was hosted by GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club. We had 78 entries from nine clubs in over 25 different categories for the Arts and Crafts Show. There were red-and-white-and-blue ribbons

abound. What great talent we have in GFWC District 2! The blue ribbon winners will be entered in the competition at the GFWC Florida Spring Convention in May.

There were 103 volunteers attending this event with Incoming District 2 Director, Jane Powell who gave 22 first-time attendees a rose and bag of homemade cookies.

All were fed breakfast and lunch prepared by the club members from Wewahitchka.

One of the highlights of the event was honoring outgoing District 2 Director Patty Fisher who was given a bouquet of flowers and announcing our District 2 Volunteer of the year, Rhonda Alderman who was honored with roses and a beautiful

award. A great time was had by all!

At every district meeting the Host Club chooses a charity that they would like all the clubs in the district to help them by bringing donated items to the meetings.

For this meeting the GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club asked the clubs in the district to please help them with

Coats for Kids. Our sister clubs outdid themselves and we are so grateful for their generosity of coats, jackets, hats, gloves, blankets, handmade blankets, socks, shoes, pants, pajamas and shirts. Thank you all for the 634 items, that will help keep our students warm in Gulf County Elementary Schools.

If you would like to

learn more about all the exciting programs and projects the GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club does in support of our community come to a meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

More information about our club and what we do can be found at on Facebook at GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club.



Blossoms from the Large-flowered Silverbell Magnolia. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

PSJ Garden Club news

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe Garden Club visited the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences ("UF/IFAS") Research Facility in Quincy, Florida, a small town twenty miles west of Tallahassee, for a day of learning, walking and fun. The mission of UF/IFAS is to "invent, discover and develop knowledge to enhance the agriculture and natural resources of Florida". The site has over 1,500 acres devoted to research in an agricultural setting.

The Port St. Joe Garden Club toured a small section of this acreage. Mr. Barron Riddle, a biologist/food scientist at UF/IFAS Research and Education Center in Quincy conducted an informative walk through demonstration gardens that featured succulents, roses, camellias, magnolias and much more.

Many species of

magnolia including Moonlight, Fairy Magnolia Blush, Silverbell, Royal Crown, and Golden Sun were in bloom. Of particular interest is the Ashe magnolia, a threatened native plant found in the wild in only eight counties in the Florida Panhandle and nowhere else in the world.

The Ashe magnolia is a relatively small tree with leaves that can span up to two feet in length and flowers that reach up to twelve inches in diameter.

After the tour the members headed to lunch at Damfinos Café & Market which showcases ingredients sourced within 100 miles of Quincy.

The meal was delicious. Did you know that the town of Quincy was named for John Quincy Adams, the sixth President of the United States? Some of the members then headed to the Native Nursery in Tallahassee where a number of shrubs and trees were purchased for installation in the Garden Club

grounds.

Although the day was chilly, the members attending had a wonderful time.

The Port St. Joe Garden Club will meet 11:45 a.m. ET April 12 for a presentation by three Garden Club members who are Master Gardeners, Ms. Jill Bebee, Ms. Patty Dunlap, and Ms. Carol Weber.

The program, "Learn About the Florida Master Gardener Program," will focus on the experiences and opportunities gained from being a certified Florida Master Gardener.

The Master Gardener Program is sponsored by the Gulf County UF/IFAS Extension Office. And don't forget to drop by the Plant Sale 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET April 14.

Anyone interested in joining the Port St. Joe Garden Club, in attending a program, or renting the Garden Center at 216 8th Street, a national and historical site, may email psjgardenclub@gmail.

Local GOP meeting

Special to The Star

The Gulf County Republican Executive Committee will meet March 19, at the Garden Club of Port St. Joe, 216 8th Street. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. ET.

Our speaker this month is Gulf County Property Appraiser, Mitch Burke. He will bring us up-to-date on 2017 and advise on 2018 as well.

Republicans are revved up for the 2018 elections

- Drive For Five!

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Mexico Beach hosting 4th annual Vow Renewal ceremony

Special to The Star

Wedding bells are ringing again in Mexico Beach! The Mexico Beach Community Development Council will be hosting the 4th Annual Vow Renewal Ceremony on Saturday, April 14, at

Sunset Park.

Couples are invited to come and renew your 'I Do's' on the white sandy beaches of Mexico Beach while the sun sets and dips beneath the horizon on the Gulf of Mexico.

The Vow Renewal Ceremony is complimentary

for those who wish to participate.

We ask that you kindly RSVP at www.mexicobeach.com if you would like to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mexico Beach Welcome Center at 648-8196.

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FAITH

SISTER CLEO J. BESS

Sister Cleo J. Bess, the fourth of nine siblings, was born of Frank Bowles and Carrie Cody Bowles, December 21, 1916, in Douglas, Coffee County, GA.

The family relocated to Florida in June, 1929. She received her formal education in the public schools of Duval County. She accepted the Lord as Lord of her life at age 16, was baptized and accepted as a member of St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church under the Pastorate of the late Rev. C.C. Brown of Jacksonville, Florida, where she was elected as Secretary and served for 7 years. Mrs. Bess was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. Will Bess on June 29, 1935;

he departed January 2, 1997. Mrs. Bess and her husband relocated to Port St. Joe, Florida, in 1942. In 1944, she chose Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church as the church of her choice under the Pastorate of the late Rev. Syplin.

Sister Bess preceded in death by her mother and father, three brothers, Arsula Bowles, Wade Bowles, Olin Bowles; and three sisters, Ms. Eddie B. Newton, Ms. Venus B. Hill and Ms. Anease Burns.

Leaving to remember with love, one sister, Ms. Ruby B. Monds of Jacksonville, Florida; a beloved niece whom she raised as a God-given daughter, Ms. Carolyn B. Pinckney; Kimberly

D. Brown (Michael), and Keisha M. Pinckney, as well as two loving grandchildren Briana and Michael Brown;

Nieces are Dr. Edna B. Henderson, Elizabeth Brinson, Irma L. Holston, Margie Moore, Karen O'Sulke, Linda King, Valerie A. Avery, Dorothy J. James, Ruby Nell Bowles, Pearl Davis, Leola Davis, Geraldine Leslie (Ronald), Essie Bess (John), Wanda Smiley (Mitchell), Judy Newman;

Nephews are Elder Willie C. Newton, Samuel Hill, Jr., Eddie L. Hill (Ollie Mae), and Maurice Newton, Wayne Bowles (Bernice), Dennis V. Burnes; Nephews Johnny Bess Jr. (Edith), Noah Bess (Evelyn),

William Bess, Samuel Bess (Shelly), Ulysee Bess (Jeanetta), George Davis, Clarence Davis - deceased (Barbara), and Eric Davis;

God-children are Beverly "Baby Sister" Daniels (James), Angela L. Harris (William), Adrian Gant Jr. - deceased (Gloria), Charles Underwood, Donald Underwood, Teleshi Monroe, Michael Leslie (Pamela) and my special little girl Hayden Hamilton;

Special Friends are Edith G. Bess, Dorothy Mills, Patricia O. Jones, Minnie J. Likely, Granny Era Buie, Willie James McNair, Sedra Barnes and Linda Gant; friend, pastor and son, Rawlis D. Leslie, Sr. (Sharion), and a host of community and friends.

Do you honor God?

How can you honor God in the course of your daily life?

One good way to practice is at home with your husband and wife.

If you don't happen to be married, a brother or sister will do.

A son, or daughter, or maybe a friend will be good practice too.

We know life is filled with conflict, but it's how we react that'll count.

If we don't have a positive attitude, our

conflict will can really mount.

We need to be close to God, read the Word and stay prayed up.

He says in the Word if we do this, He'll overflow our cup.

We need to honor God in conflict, be humble, and look out for others.

The stronger our relationship with God is, the better it'll be with our brothers.

Billy Johnson

FAITH BRIEFS

Annie Armstrong fundraiser at Beach Baptist

The Annie Armstrong

fundraising fish fry will be held 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET Saturday, March 17 at Beach Baptist Chapel, 311 Columbus Street in St.

Joe Beach. Special thanks to the gentlemen heading up the Fish Fry.

Men's Day at New Bethel

Please join the men of New Bethel AME Church, located at 146 Avenue C in Port St. Joe, this Sunday, March 18, at 11 a.m. for the annual Men's Day service.

Pastor James Chambers and the men of the church look forward to your attendance. We are planning for a spirit-filled day in the Lord; what a day of rejoicing it will be.

The morning speaker will be one of our own, Rev. Dontae McGee of Macedonia Baptist in Panama City.

Passion Week at Victory Temple

Victory Temple First Born Holiness Church Seasoned Women Department will host Passion Week March 26-30, 7:30 p.m. ET nightly.

Speakers to be announced. It's not about us, but it's about Jesus. Come, be blessed.

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Join us for an Easter Family Event!

Who? Everyone!!
What? Luncheon in the Great Hall and Egg Hunt for children to follow.
When? Sunday, March 25th (After 11:00am service)
Where? First United Methodist Church
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 Wednesday Evening Service6 p.m.

WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

The gift of food, good gab and hearty laughter



Stephanie Hill-Frazier

It's nearly St. Patrick's Day, a day where we focus on proclaiming blessings and, of course, wearing green, so as not to get pinched by one's friends. The blessings are my favorite part, though. The Irish have always been so clever with a rhyme, painting such lovely word pictures.

Here are a few of my favorite Irish blessings:

"May the good saints protect you and bless you today, And may trouble ignore you each step of the way."

"May the frost never afflict your spuds.

May the outside leaves of your cabbage be free from worms.

May the crows never pick at your haystack.

And may your donkey always be in foal."

"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more,

And nothing but happiness come through your door."

Unlike the blessings, Irish food is a bit of a challenge. Let's face it, when you think of Irish cuisine, what comes to mind? Potatoes. Guinness. Lamb. Oh, and more potatoes.

Not that there's anything wrong with potatoes, of course. They are affordable, and they lend themselves to many uses, such as soups, casseroles, and numerous side dishes.

My favorite use of potatoes, though, may just be potatoes in stew. Because potatoes absorb the flavor of anything they're cooked with, they are a delightful addition to most stews. We Southerners tend to lean on beef stew most of the time, and the small red potatoes often used in that stew are indeed flavorful and tender after a long time simmering in the gravy.

In honor of St. Patrick's



Ingredients for tender lamb stew with dill and peas. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Day, though, I'll share with you my favorite Irish stew. It's quite easy to make, and if you can't find tender lamb to use, you can certainly use a small pork tenderloin in its place in the recipe. Some grocers do carry lamb during the spring, however, for dishes just like this one.

Some folks think they won't like lamb, and balk at eating it. That's fine, too. However, keep in mind that my husband thought he'd hate lamb, but when I served this stew at home, he asked for seconds, he enjoyed it so much!

Tender lamb stew with dill and peas

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons canola or olive oil
- 2 pounds boneless lamb from shoulder, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks (or substitute raw pork tenderloin chunks)
- 8 shallots, peeled, or one medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 8 to 12 very small new potatoes, washed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 carrots, peeled and diced small
- 1 cup green peas (fresh or frozen)



Tender lamb stew with dill and peas. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

- 8 green onions, trimmed and cut into 2-inch sections (optional)
- 1/2 cup snipped dill leaves, or more to taste (found with other

fresh herbs in produce section)

- Juice of 1/2 fresh lemon

Method:

1. Put oil in a Dutch oven or

large, deep-sided skillet over medium-high heat, swirling to coat bottom of pan, then quickly add the chunks of meat. Let the meat sear for about two minutes, until browned. Stir, and add shallots and potatoes. Cook a couple of minutes longer, and add salt, pepper and a cup of water. Stir, scraping bottom if necessary, to loosen any meat bits that are sticking.

2. Turn heat to low, cover and simmer about 45 minutes, stirring several times to ensure stew isn't sticking on bottom of pan.

3. Uncover and add carrots; stir, re-cover and let simmer about 15 minutes more, until lamb and potatoes are tender.

4. Uncover, and add peas, lemon juice, and green onions. If there is too much broth for your liking, raise the heat and allow broth to evaporate somewhat.

5. Taste and add a bit of salt, if needed. Serve garnished with dill sprigs, if desired.

Yield: 4 servings.

Can you stand another blessing from some clever Irishman? This one makes me smile.

"May you have food and raiment,

A soft pillow for your head, May you be forty years in heaven

Before the devil knows you're dead."

And just one more that I really do hope for you and yours, as well as for me and mine:

"Bless us with good food, the gift of gab, and hearty laughter,

And may the love and joy we share be with us ever after. Amen"

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 young adult sons who share her love for Irish blessings and food. You can find more of her recipes at what-southernfolkseat.com.

GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY MARCH 5-11

On March 5, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on State 71 South, near the intersection of Old Transfer Road. During the course of the traffic stop, investigators learned that the registration tag currently on the vehicle was not registered to the vehicle. The driver, Gary Wayne Purswell (47), was placed under arrest and charged with Attaching Tag Not Assigned and having an expired tag.

On March 5, the GCSO received three calls from the Cape San Blas area in reference to burglaries on Haven Road and Seagrass Circle. One residence on Haven Road had a vehicle and a storage room burglarized. Fishing equipment and tools were stolen. The vehicle and storage room under the house were left unlocked. An unlocked vehicle was rummaged though on Seagrass Lane but nothing was reported stolen.

On March 5, Deputy P. Young was dispatched to the Dollar General, located at 309 N. State 71, in reference to a possible retail theft. Deputy Young arrived and met with the store manager who advised him that a suspect currently in the store was putting items in her purse. Deputy Young waited for the suspect to check out and contacted her outside the store. It was determined that the suspect, who was identified as Cleatha Ann Simmons

(46), had store items in her purse that she did not pay for. Simmons was placed under arrest and charged with Retail Theft.

On March 5, Deputy P. Young and Sgt. R. Burkett were dispatched to the Dixie Dandy in Wewahitchka in reference to a verbal disturbance in the parking lot. When deputies arrived, they encountered a white male subject in the parking lot, acting erratically and concealing his hands. The subject, later identified as Austin R. Hysmith (32), refused to calm down and continued to cause a disturbance. Hysmith was taken into custody and charged with Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Law Enforcement with Violence.

On March 6, the Gulf County Sheriff's Office received more reports of thefts on Haven Road and Court Street. The thefts occurred during the string of burglaries that occurred last week. The subjects responsible for those thefts last week were apprehended in Walton County and property stolen during those thefts have been recovered. Local charges are pending against the suspects.

On March 6, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams arrested Donna Yvonne Dennis (51) on Avondale Street on a warrant for Burglary. The warrant came as a result of an investigation by

Deputy A. White that began on Feb. 21 on Crestwood Lane in Wewahitchka.

On March 7, SRO Sgt. S. Strickland responded to a disturbance in the Port St. High School commons area. A 12-year-old student was acting in a disorderly manner and became belligerent when school officials tried to calm and restrain him. When Sgt. Strickland became involved, the student became increasingly belligerent and made threats toward officials. The student began kicking Sgt. Strickland in an attempt to get away so he had to be physically restrained in handcuffs. The student was arrested and charged with Disruption of an Educational Institution, Resisting Law Enforcement with Violence and Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer.

On March 7, Deputy D. Sanders responded to a report of a disturbance in the 900 block of Old Panama Highway. The disturbance was a domestic dispute between two people in a relationship. It was determined that during the disturbance, Cody Duanne Harrelson (23) threw a brick at his significant other, who is pregnant, striking her in the leg. Harrelson was placed under arrest and charged with Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Person (Domestic) and Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon (Domestic).

On March 8, Robert

Dewayne Alderman (30), was transported from Bay Correctional Institution to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on a Violation of Probation warrant. Alderman is on probation for Burglary (x2) and Possession of a Controlled Substance (x2) and is currently being held without bond.

On March 9, Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell responded to a report of drug activity on a logging job site located off of Road 9 near Howard Creek. Witnesses on scene stated that a worker identified as Cameron Lamar Moore (30), was caught doing drugs on the job. Moore was located off-site and was found to be in possession of a synthetic form of marijuana. Moore was arrested and charged with Possession of a New Legend Drug and Violation of Probation.

On March 9, K-9 Deputy M. Peek received a call about a reckless driver in the Highland View area. Deputy Peek located the vehicle and observed traffic violations. He stopped the vehicle near the intersection of U.S. 98 and Avenue C in Port St. Joe. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Candace Nichole Cosby (34). During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Peek found Cosby to be in possession of Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Cosby was placed under arrest and

charged accordingly. On March 9, Jackie Lee Cox (53) was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility from Dade City, Florida, to be booked on charges of Grand Theft Auto.

On March 10, Nicole M. Gushue (20) turned herself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility after failing to appear in court on the following charges: Sale of a Controlled Substance (x2), Sale of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On March 10, Investigator P. Baxley conducted a traffic stop on Lake Grove Road near Canning Drive. While speaking with the driver, who was identified as Victoria Elaine Smith (20), Inv. Baxley could smell marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a personal amount of marijuana so Smith was placed under arrest. A subsequent search of her clothing revealed drug paraphernalia and a small plastic baggie containing cocaine. Smith was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Students of the Month at WES

Special to The Star

At the end of February, each grade selected a Student of the Month.

The students selected have demonstrated excellence by giving 100 percent in class, and by being respectful and kind in words and in actions.

As a reward, each Student of the Month received a certificate, a Chick-Fil-A gift card, and a treat bag full of special treats.

We are proud of each student selected, and the positive impact they are making at WES.

They are simply the best!



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Those who S.O.A.R.-ed at PSJES

S.O.A.R. students for the week of March 9 at Port St. Joe Elementary School



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

On to state for WES OM team

Special to The Star

Wewahitchka Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind team is going to state! WES placed 2nd out of 11 teams at

regional.

The state competition will be held in Orlando on April 14.

We are hoping they will bring home "the gold!"

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Stacy Kirvin, Florida School Board Association Consultant, left, and Cindy Belin. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Belin earns Certified Board Member distinction

Special to The Star

Gulf County School Board Member Cindy Belin was recognized for earning the Certified Board Member distinction by the Florida School Boards Association at the Gulf County School Board meeting last week.

To earn this distinction, members must complete 96 hours of training in four different content areas.

The bulk of this training falls under Boardmanship, School Finance, Policy Governance, Personnel and Bargaining, Curriculum and

Instruction, State/Federal Legislative Processes, and School Law.

"The Certified Board Member distinction recognizes individual school board members who have developed a high level of boardmanship skills and knowledge.

The program's 96 hours of training are designed to help board members develop valuable leadership skills," said FSBA Executive Director and former CBM recipient, Andrea Messina.

"We expect school board members who earn the CBM distinction to have a positive

and lasting impact on their school boards."

The Certified Board Member (CBM) Distinction is one of several professional development programs offered by the Florida School Boards Association to ensure board members obtain well-rounded and thorough understanding of his or her policy-making job responsibilities.

More information about all FSBA professional development offerings and recipients can be found at <http://fsba.org/professional-development>.



2018 DAR Essay Winners and their families. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

DAR Essay winners

Star Staff Report

The local chapter of the DAR recently honored the winners of its annual essay contest. Over the coming weeks we will print those essays.

This week we offer John Cullen, a sixth-grader at Faith Christian School, and his essay:

"World War I: Remembering the War to End all Wars."
By John Cullen

The war that seemed endless is finally over. I am finally home! My name is Paul Juarez Indi, and I am a soldier who is very happy that the Great War has come to an end. After the war ended, I boarded a boat and sailed to my home in Indiana. When I arrived in Indianapolis, I found out that not all my friends would be coming home. I am very sad that I will not be able to see them ever again.

My brother has lost his leg, so I have to help him get around in the house. His loss reminds me of the battlefield: blood, death, trench foot (which is a nasty fungus caused by wet boots), and shell shock. You can hardly sleep at all, and when you hear the order that no man wants to hear, "go over", you know it is time to climb into no-man's-land: a blown up, tortured wasteland full of dead bodies and barbed wire.

You race across it falling into potholes. Some men drown in mud that is deep enough to swallow them whole. For example, one British commander named Sir Douglas Haig bombed the German lines for 10 days straight. Then he sent his men out into no-man's-land. In deep mud holes created by the bombs, soldiers would sink and drown, never to be seen again. One way the men got across no-man's-land was by using creeping barrages where a gunner would shell the ground in front of them and keep moving, but they were hard to control. Once I was in one, and I almost got blown up by my own men.

War is very dangerous with all this new technology. Planes, machine guns, gas bombs, mines, submarines, and tanks were used for the first time during this war. I was a tank driver myself and almost fell off a cliff. The enemy had planted a mine by the cliff edge, and I drove over it. It blasted a hole in the bottom of the tank, almost flipping it off the cliff. One man was standing right on the spot of the tank where it blew up, and his legs were no more.

I heard about how many people back home helped us during this war. They made war gardens for us, sang patriotic songs, gave money to the Red Cross, and the government encouraged them to eat less. The National

Food Administrator Herbert Hoover demanded for, "One meatless, two days without wheat, and two days without pork." Even women went to work making bombs, tanks, submarines, weapons, and ammunition for us! Some African-Americans went to work too. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts sold war bonds to raise money for the war.

I hear that our President Woodrow Wilson has a peace plan called the 14 points. Some people do not like his plan and want to punish the Germans. I think they should pay, but not too badly. President Wilson wants world peace as much as everyone else does. He wants for there to be a League of Nations which he says would "operate as the organized moral force of men throughout the world..."

I am hoping no more wars like this will ever occur again, for if they do, I will not join the army again. I've seen too many dreaded things implanted in my mind that I will never forget. The death, the blood, and the diseases will keep me scarred for the rest of my days.

During this war technology has advanced, countries have become smaller, and the Germans suffered for being a nasty country. I hope Germany does not fall and turn into smaller countries, and I hope Germany won't try to fight again.

Bannister, Disney and future economic visions



Margaret McDowell

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

Walt Disney

May 6th, 1954, dawned cool and breezy at Oxford's Iffley Road Sports Ground, less than ideal conditions for a runner to attempt a world record. But a local medical student knew that two other international athletes were capable of covering a mile in less than four minutes, and soon might, and he wanted the record held by his native England.

His accomplishment was stunning, almost like Chuck Yeager shattering the sound barrier, or Neal Armstrong's moon walk. Many experts thought, that like the sound barrier, the four-minute mile was a mark that couldn't be broken by a human being. But the barrier was simply psychological.

In the 64 years since young Roger Bannister ran the first sub-four-minute mile, his record has been bettered thousands of times. The current mark is 17 seconds faster than Bannister's. My husband loves track and field, and I will occasionally watch a televised event with him and marvel at the power and grace of my fellow humans. The son of a college friend competed in the Olympic trials in the 400 meter run a while back, and watching

him compete was especially exciting. That Bannister, who died recently of Parkinson's disease at 88, became a respected neurological consultant and admired and eventually knighted citizen of Great Britain, adds luster to his accomplishment.

Finance imposes psychological barriers as well. The Dow Jones Industrial Average hit 1,000 in 1972. The average investor could not have predicted a DJIA ticking along at 25,000. I stumbled across an article recently about the important psychological barrier that existed when the DJIA was at 10,000. This occurred in March of 1999, 19 years ago.

The advent of the IRA in 1974, which allowed Americans to shelter income annually in a tax-deferred investment account, was a Roger Bannister moment.

Who could have envisioned that our investments could grow untaxed for decades? Another barrier was broken when 401(k) plans were introduced four years later, permitting employees to avoid immediate taxation on a portion of their income. Roth IRA's, profit sharing plans, defined benefit plans and other individual and corporate investment vehicles all represent watershed thinking on the part of economists.

Business innovation is also commensurate with benchmark achievements. If you're reading this on a personal computer or iPhone, you are utilizing technology that was once considered impossible and impractical, like the four-minute mile. Who could have conceived 30 years ago that a small Seattle coffee

company would eventually own 27,000 stores worldwide? Investors, entrepreneurs and start-up founders in our ever-evolving economy are dreaming, like Roger Bannister, of breaking barriers that the current business climate assures them cannot be bettered.

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DRIVE

From Page B1

Without your help some of the kids won't have a visit from the Easter Bunny. Our second goal was to provide \$3,500 worth of food for Easter Dinner for around 690 recipients at the Gulf County Food Bank. To date we have \$2,536 in personal donations including a \$1,000 match from Cindy and Brenden Murphy and donations from the Lions Club, Gulf 2 Bay Construction and what was raised by the Lion's Challenge and donations collected at St Joseph Bay Golf Club. We have approximately 10 bags of food which has been dropped off.

We got a long way to go and a short time to get there, folks. You can make a difference. Please consider dropping off Easter Baskets and/or non-perishable food items at any of these locations: Duren's Piggly Wiggly and South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department.

Or, if you prefer, make a tax-deductible donation and we will do the shopping for you. Checks should be made to Coastal Community Initiatives and mailed or dropped off at 1934 SR 30 A, Port St Joe, Fla. 32456. Thank you in advance for your caring and generosity.



And the GCSO Easter Basket Drive for children. (SPECIAL TO THE STAR)

BROTHERS

From Page B1

"We know our proud local residents will come out in appreciation to the duo for naming their album Port Saint Joe, but we also look forward to welcoming many out of town guests to visit the town that inspired Brothers Osborne," said Kristy Grove, the TDC's

marketing director.

The Brothers Osborne packed their equipment, hopped on their tour bus, and traveled from Nashville to Port Saint Joe last year to record at the beach house of producer Jay Joyce.

They arrived with the songs, but all arranging and recording was done in Joyce's beach house over a two-week period.

"It felt great, it was awesome," said TJ Osborne. "It's 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 the brothers produced was recorded live, a listener can hear the waves as a greeting to the opening song on the record.

"That was a cool part of it, it was like playing in a garage," TJ said. "We were staying in the moment."

Naming the record for the town of its origins started as a wordplay for an album title.

"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.'"

Gates for their concert here will open at 3 p.m. ET April 7 at WindMark Beach and the

music will begin at 4 p.m. on the lawn.

Shuttles will bring ticketed guests to the concert area in WindMark Beach where attendees will be able to purchase food and beverage and enjoy the beach breeze while listening to The Brothers Osborne.

Godwin noted that the concert will bring folks from around the region to Port Saint Joe, advertising difficult to replicate



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Application #2017-21 Tax Sale Certificate #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 Wewahatchka, 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.

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
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

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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, 2018

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE

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FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 18-09PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN B. SCOGGINS, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of John B. Scoggins, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was January 18, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OR 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO(2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is March 8, 2018.

Personal Representative: Michael W. Scoggins
118 Pine St.
Mexico Beach, FL 32456

Attorney for Personal Representative: Mel C. Magidson Jr.
FL Bar No.: 261629
528 6th St.
P.O. Box 340
Port St. Joe, FL 32457
Phone: (850)227-7800
Fax: (850)227-7878
E-Mail: mmagidson@fairpoint.net
Pub: March 8, 15, 2018

19544S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT David Pete Windham, DMD 401K PSP and Caroline Windham, 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 #2017-25 Tax Sale Certificate #2015-900
Name in which assessed: CQ Developments LLC
AGENT: James A. Cox, Jr.
R.E. No. 05015-002R
Date of Issuance: May 29, 2015

Description of Property:

Lot 13, Block 45, of Re-Subdivision of Block 45, in Unit Number Three of Saint Joseph's Addition of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the Plat as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 34, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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, 11th day of April, 2018.

Dated: March 5, 2018

REBECCA L. NORRIS
GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk
Pub: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

19546S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT David Pete Windham, DMD 401K PSP and Caroline Windham, 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 #2017-26 Tax Sale Certificate #2015-899
Name in which assessed: CQ Developments LLC
AGENT: James A. Cox, Jr.
R.E. No. 05015-001R
Date of Issuance: May 29, 2015

Description of Property:

Lot 12, Block 45, of Re-Subdivision of Block 45, in Unit Number Three of Saint Joseph's Addition of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the Plat as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 34, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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, 11th day of April, 2018.

Dated: March 5, 2018

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

BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk
Pub: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

19622S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2008-CA-000071

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., Plaintiff,

VS.

BARBARA J. PALMER A/K/A BARBARA JO PALMER; et. al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on February 23, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000071, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Gulf County, Florida, wherein, HSBC BANK USA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and BARBARA J. PALMER A/K/A BARBARA JO PALMER, JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NA; KAY EUBANKS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; CENTENNIAL BANK, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BAYSIDE SAVING BANK; AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, FSB; CADENCE BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH SUPERIOR BANK; CENTENNIAL BANK, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH VISION BANK; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Rebecca L. Norris will sell to the highest bidder for cash in the front lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse located at 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, on April 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM EST the

following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7 AND 9, BLOCK 7, PORT ST. JOE BEACH UNIT 1, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 6, 2018.

Rebecca L. Norris
Clerk of the Court

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ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 6, 2018.

Rebecca L. Norris
Clerk of the Court

By: BA Baxter
Deputy Clerk

ALDRIDGE | PITE, LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
1615 S. Congress Ave.
Suite 200
Delray Beach, FL 33445

Phone: (844) 470-8804
Fax: (561) 392-6965
Primary E-Mail: Service
File No.: 1271-1281B

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1089, Panama City, FL 32402 or by phone at (850) 747-5338 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 711 or email ADARquest@jud14.flcourts.org. March 15, 22, 2018

19650S
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, JUVENILE DIVISION, FOR THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GULF COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2016-DP-009-ABC

IN THE INTEREST OF: Z. H.
DOB: 04/18/2008
N.A.,
Plaintiff,
Z. K.
DOB: 03/12/2010
W. K.
DOB: 02/12/2011
MINOR CHILDREN

NOTICE OF ACTION (SEC. 39.801 (b) FS)

The State of Florida to KAYLA HESTER, mother of the child, Z.H., whose last known residence and address is Unknown.

You are hereby notified that a Petition under oath has been filed in the above styled Court concerning Termination of Parental Rights in the case of Z.H., child, for placement with licensed child placing agency or the Department for the purposes of subsequent adoption.

You are hereby notified that an Advisory Hearing will be held before the Honorable James J. Goodman, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, at the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil Costin Boulevard, Port St. Joe, Florida 32457, on 26th day of April 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., E.T.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THE ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION.

Dated: March 7, 2018
REBECCA NORRIS,
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: B. McGee-Collins
Deputy Clerk
Pub: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2018

19652S
CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS
RFP 2018-07
FIRE TRUCK EQUIP-

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MENT

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for a "Fire Truck Equipment" will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 3:00 PM EST, Friday, April 13, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday, April 13, 2018, at 3:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for "RFP 2018-07 Fire Truck Equipment".

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Direct Purchase of a Fire Truck Equipment is further described in the bid description document. The bid description document is available at www.cityofportstjoe.com.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Chief John Ford at 850-227-8958.

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Statements of Bids in whole or in part, to waive informalities in the process, to obtain new Statements of Bids, or to postpone the opening pursuant to the City's purchasing policies. Each Statement of Bid shall be valid to the City of Port St. Joe for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening.

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer
March 15, 22, 2018

19656S
CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS
RFP 2018-06
FIRE TRUCK

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for a "Fire Truck" will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 3:00 PM EST, Friday, April 13, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday, April 13, 2018, at 3:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Chambers.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and bid number for "RFP 2018-06 Fire Truck".

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Direct Purchase of a Fire Truck is further described in the bid description document. The bid description document is available at www.cityofportstjoe.com.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Chief John Ford at 850-227-8958.

The City of Port St. Joe reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Statements of Bids in whole or in part, to waive informalities in the process, to obtain new Statements of Bids, or to postpone the opening pursuant to the City's purchasing policies. Each Statement of Bid shall be valid to the City of Port St. Joe for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening.

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity Employer
March 15, 22, 2018

19676S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Capital One Ctrtl Assignee of FIG 2241, LLC, 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 #2017-27 Tax Sale Certificate #2015-1071
Name in which assessed: Marion O. Laney
R.E. No. 06290-285R
Date of Issuance: May 29, 2015

Description of Property:

Lot 19, Block 3, Surfside Estates, per plat Book 2, Page 18, in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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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, 18th day of April, 2018.

Dated: March 12, 2018

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

BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk
Pub: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2018



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3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
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JOB NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe (pop. 3,567) is accepting applications for the following position:

Operator Trainee or Licensed Operator, Surface Water Treatment Plant

Please submit an application, cover letter, and five references to The City of Port St. Joe, Attn. Charlotte Pierce, POB 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457. Applications and a full job description can be found on our website cityofportstjoe.com. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Pierce at (850) 229-8261. The Position will close on April 6, 2018. The entry level salary for an Operator Trainee will be \$12.08 per hour and requires that a Class C Water License be obtained within two (2) years of hire. All other licensed operators will be based on qualifications.

The City of Port St. Joe is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

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4130 - Employment Information

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Pursuant to Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners intends to designate the positions of Human Resources Director and Planner as Senior Management Class under the Florida Retirement System, effective February 19th, 2018.

/s/ Sandy Quinn, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk

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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 Armory 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. PH: 850-643-5690



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