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## Eastern projects in flux as Triumph board debates awards

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The board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., emerged from last week's meeting in Niceville still debating the issue of whether awards could be offered to private entities.

The board's attorney took a layered view and

his opinion casts projects involving Eastern Shipbuilding with shades of doubt.

Yes, the legislation that established Triumph Gulf Coast, which is charged with awarding more than \$1 billion in eight Northwest Florida counties over the next 15 years, provides the flexibility for awards to private companies.

However, amendments approved, unanimously, in 2017, as well as comments from legislative leaders indicated that such awards would not be received positively in Tallahassee, including by the state Auditor General.

"While there is a liberal manner in which to interpret the statute to allow the Board to develop and

create a mechanism to fund private economic development projects, the risk of an adverse opinion from the Auditor General or difference of opinion with the Legislature suggest the Board should proceed with extreme caution in doing so," wrote the board's General Counsel Scott

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## Tuesday is PSJ Election Day

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The final face on the Port St. Joe City Commission will be determined Tuesday.

Tuesday is Election Day in the city and voting will take place 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. ET the Fire Station on Williams Ave.

Early voting continues through Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET each day at the Supervisor of Elections Office at 401 Long Ave.

Early voters should enter via the Fourth Street entrance.

When voting, either early or on Tuesday, please have a photo ID ready and turn cell phones to mute.

The election is to determine

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## Fire in Salinas Park, vandalism at schools



The fire was located between the South Gulf Fire Station and State 30A. [COURTESY OF JOHN SELLERS]

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Fire scorched several acres at Salinas Park Monday night before brought under control by multiple local and state fire units.

The fire was reported at around 8 p.m. ET and by the time crews arrived acreage near the inland playground area was in flames.

The fire was concentrated on the area between the South Gulf County Fire Station on State 30E and the roadway of State 30A, along the turn heading toward Indian Pass.

In all, roughly 3-4 acres were burned, said Capt. Mike Barrett with the South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to the South Gulf fire units, responding units arrived from the city of Port St. Joe, The Beaches and Highland View volunteer fire

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The production of a Dodge commercial became an opportunity to upgrade the front of the historic Port Theatre. [PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

## A commercial for Dodge, facelift for the theater



New neon was installed to the signage and marquee.

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The year is turning into one of firsts for Port St. Joe.

Must be what happens when a major album release is carrying the name.

The ripple from the The Brothers Osborne decision to name their new album "Port Saint Joe" continued last week with the filming of a national Dodge Ram commercial which featured the brothers and the community.

And in addition to the profile the commercial brought to the band and city, the impacts were most obvious at the Port Theatre, which received a significant facelift in advance of last Wednesday's filming.

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## Tip leads to arrest on sex abuse charges

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A Wewahitchka man was arrested Wednesday on sex abuse charges after a tip from a third-party alerted authorities.

Dylan James Houbler, 23, was arrested and changed with 10 counts of lewd or lascivious battery on a person 12 or older but younger than 16, according to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation began April 24 after a tip to the SO

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City Commission, Group 4

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The SaltAir Farmers Market returns Saturday. [FILE PHOTOS]

**THINGS TO DO**

Star Staff Report

Some worthy efforts are included in this week's options.

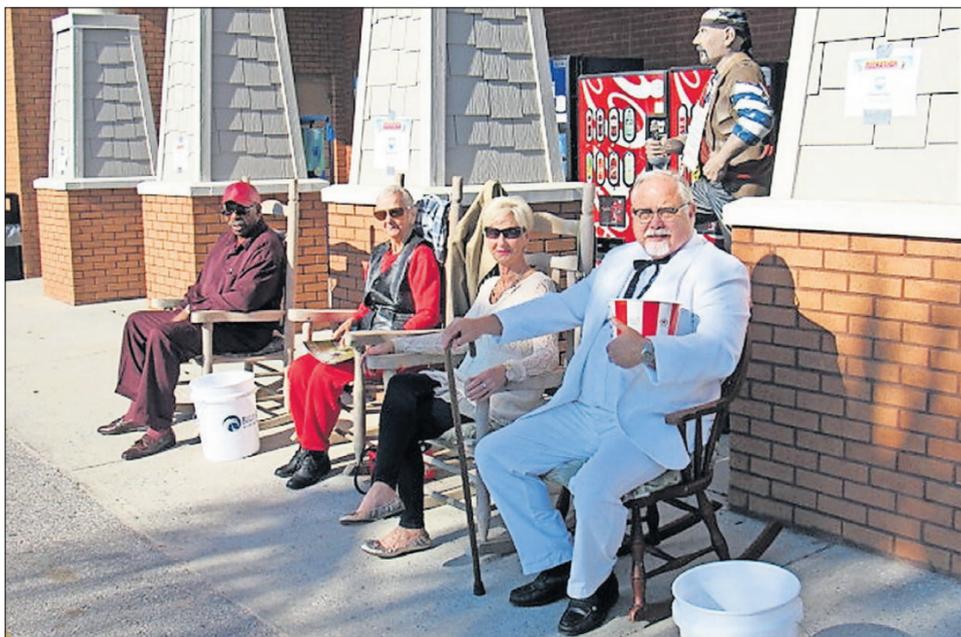
Here are some suggestions.

**"Honor Walk" groundbreaking this morning.** The public is invited as the county breaks ground for the "Honor Walk" to be constructed at Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill. The ceremony will be held 10 a.m. ET today. The groundbreaking is aimed at raising awareness to the fundraising campaign underway. The goal is \$300,000. The "Honor Walk" would fill an 80-foot-by-140-foot area between the park's new amphitheater and the highway, situated along the bluff overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. The area would be anchored by an American flag on a pole of 70-80 feet within a pentagon, the American flag surrounded by flag poles and flags honoring the branches of the military. At each point of the pentagon around the American flag would be five 8-foot-by-3-foot monuments for each branch of the

military, each inscribed with the Gulf County veterans who "paid the ultimate sacrifice," in battle. There will be seating behind the flags and several areas for quiet reflection and brick and concrete walkways thread through the memorial.

The entire area would be surrounded by a 4-foot high fence with pillars spaced along the length of the fence. Walkways will extend 20 feet from the center of a monument in opposite directions. Commemorative paver bricks on the walkways, inside the center circle of the memorial and along both outer circles will be engraved in the honor of or in memory of individual veterans. To learn more go to: <http://www.VeteransParkHonorWalk.org>.

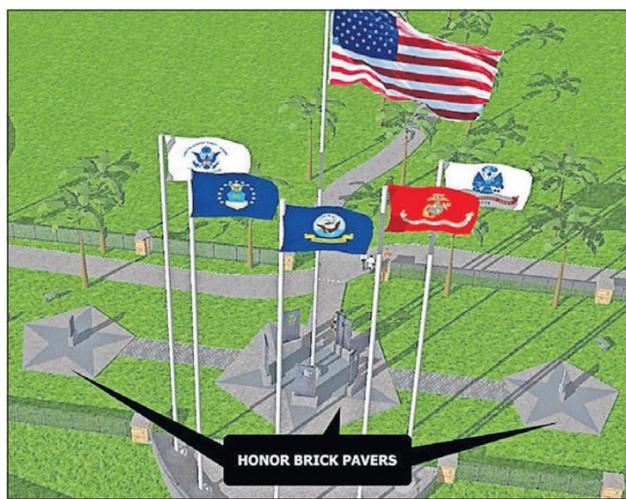
**Join the Senior Center's "Rockathon."** May is fundraising month for the Gulf County Senior Citizens Centers and the events kick-off this weekend with the annual "Rockathon" on May 5 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET in Port St. Joe and 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT in Wewahitchka. Volunteers will be "rocking" at



The Rockathon will benefit Gulf County Senior Citizens is Saturday.

four locations, the Piggly Wiggly, Ace Hardware and Famers Market in Port St. Joe and at the IGA Market in Wewahitchka. Come out and support our seniors with donations and pledges. Organizers are also still seeking folks that would like to sit and rock for an hour or more to help us fill our rocking chairs. If you would like to volunteer please contact the center at Port St. Joe at 229-8466.

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



Ground-breaking for the Honor Walk at Veterans Memorial Park in Beacon Hill is this morning.

hosting the Rockathon for Seniors and the Gulf County Library during Children's Book Week.

**Celebrate Tourism Day.** With National Tourism Day on Sunday, the Gulf County Tourist Development Council will celebrate tourism in Gulf County

5-7 p.m. ET Monday at the Welcome Center adjacent to George Core Park in Port St. Joe. Centennial Bank will be providing grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and there will be photo-ops and yard games. The event is free and visitors, stakeholders and partners are encouraged to join the celebration.



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**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

**Purpose and Effect:** The Gulf County School Board proposes to amend and adopt policies, as provided for in the Administrative Procedures Act, for the purpose of bringing said policies into compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules.

**Summary:** The following is a brief description of each proposed change.

- 2.26 School Improvement
- 2.95 Wellness Program
- 3.90 Charter Schools
- 4.10 The Curriculum
- 5.20 Student Assignment
- 5.201 Student Out of Zone Transfers / CHOICE
- 5.202 Postsecondary Enrollment Programs
- 5.321 Bullying and Harassment
- 6.41 Instructional Employee Performance Criteria
- 6.70 Staff Training

**Economic Impact:** These proposals may result in direct costs associated with implementation.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT:

Time: 10:00 AM EST  
 Date: May 8, 2018  
 Place: Gulf County School Board Room  
 150 Middle School Road  
 Port St. Joe, FL 32456

The entire text of the proposed rules can be inspected during regular office hours at the Gulf County School Board Office, 150 Middle School Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Special legal authority under which the adoption is authorized and the law being implemented and interpreted is made specific.

The addition and changes are proposed by Bill Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services and approved for consideration by Jim Norton, Superintendent.

**Amendments:** See above

# ARREST

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from a third party.

Sgt. Larry Dickey contacted the alleged victim who confirmed the information from the complaint, according to the SO.

The Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) assisted with the investigation, interviewing the victim.

The forensic interview revealed the sexual abuse had

**"The information that started this investigation was obtained from a third party who was brave enough to step forward. The information ultimately resulted in an arrest and ended the further abuse of the victim."**

Mike Harrison, Gulf County sheriff

occurred multiple times over the last three months, according to the SO.

Houbler was taken

into custody and admitted to the unlawful conduct disclosed by the victim. Houbler was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and first appeared. He remains in custody.

"The information that started this investigation was obtained from a third party who was brave enough to step forward," said Gulf County Sheriff Mike Harrison. "The information ultimately resulted in an arrest and ended the further abuse of the victim."

# MB company chasing world record

Star Staff Report

A Mexico Beach company is after a world record.

Barefoot Kayak & Paddle Board Rentals in Mexico Beach will attempt to break a Guinness World Record for most surfboards/paddle boards lined up on the beach at 11 a.m. CT May 19.

The current record for the most surfboards or paddle boards lined

up on the beach is 608 boards which was achieved in Nobbys Beach, Australia.

The record attempt is all onshore and there will be extra boards for those without.

Participants are asked to register on at the company's website for a \$5 donation in order to have a formal count for the record.

All donations for the attempt will go to the Sea Turtle Conservancy

in Gainesville.

Registration also includes a t-shirt.

For questions contact Kelly Simpson at 850-541-8161.

View the record attempt information at <https://www.mexicobeachsup.com/world-record-attempt>.

Barefoot Kayak & Paddle Board will also host a paddle board race that morning prior to the attempt to break the world record.

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Raised two children in PSJ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Former Director of Upward Basketball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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# OPINION

## We're all in this together

By Lee H. Hamilton

Our republic is under stress. So much so, in fact, that if you're not worried about its future, you probably haven't been paying attention.

What makes me say this? Our public discourse has become uncivil and shrill. Corruption and unethical actions by prominent politicians headline the daily news. Too many politicians make their mark by fueling division, exploiting frustration and casting doubt on our democratic institutions — and too many Americans respond by agreeing with them.

On the whole, Americans' regard for our political institutions and the people who run them is scraping rock bottom. By two-to-one margins, parents urge their children not to go into politics.

And who can blame them? These days, it's far easier to enumerate the things that are wrong with our republic than what is right. It's marked by a proliferation of special interests, an avalanche of money, disregard for facts, gridlock, partisan gerrymandering, excessive partisanship, and indifference to the common good among political leaders.

So it's not surprising that many Americans have tuned out. They understand our republic only vaguely and participate in it less. Voting rates are depressing, and a disturbing number of young Americans reject politics in all its forms.

While political engagement — as measured by people taking to the streets — may be on the rise, that's not necessarily a sign of good civic health. In fact, we appear to be caught in a dangerous downward cycle. Government is seen as dysfunctional and corrupt; this causes the ablest people to stay out of government and politics; and this, in turn, hobbles politics and government.

The risk in all this is that as Americans disengage, we place the entire American democratic enterprise in jeopardy. Lincoln's burning question at Gettysburg — "Whether a nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure" — was apt then; it is disturbingly so today.

So what do we do? There are plenty of steps we could take to strengthen our democratic institutions and make government more efficient, effective, and responsive. But what we need most of all is for our citizens — that's you and me — to appreciate this democracy we've inherited, and to step up to the responsibilities it asks of us.

Our republic, despite its many challenges, is at its core a monumental achievement. It is marked by strong, independent branches of government, entrusted to exercise limited and defined powers within the bounds of the Constitution. It enshrines checks and balances, separation of powers, equal individual rights and opportunity, and the rule of law.

It provides fair, free elections — mostly free from fraud and manipulation. Most remarkably of all, it is constructed to allow us to seek a more perfect union — to improve it as the nation evolves. This is its great strength.

But we can only take advantage of its strength when we act as though we're all in this republic together — when we work cooperatively to secure a country where all people have the opportunity to enjoy the promise of America by living a life of honor, excellence...and responsibility.

Because democracy places demanding responsibilities on its citizens — to cast an informed vote, to engage in the dialogue of democracy with civility and a willingness to learn, to make discriminating judgments about politics and politicians, to work with others to strengthen the institutions of

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## HUNKER DOWN

## Millicent dropped me like a hot rock!



Kesley Colbert

Front porch sitting in the Old South is remembered today much like sweet tea and fried green tomatoes. It's one of our "staples" when it comes to describing the myriad of fond memories from those remarkable summer days of yesteryear. We picture close knit families and friends enjoying lemonade and ice tea as the sun sets over the Magnolia trees. Charm drips from the wisteria. It's nostalgia on steroids!

We speak in tones of reverence for the hallowed porch of this wonderful bygone era. It has become the epitome of Southern custom, an institution, an idyllic portrait of an endearing place from an appealing time..... But the plain truth here is by early summer, it was too hot to be inside! We were not so much "carrying on an old family tradition" as we were trying to find a practical way to beat the heat.

Plus, you had a much better vantage point to check on Mr. Brooks' cotton. And we could get an early peep at who was coming down the road. It also gave us a ringside seat if the neighbors were a'fussing.

Mr. Manley would stop by, make himself at home on the top step, and pass around his award winning strawberries. Pete Joiner would pull over and talk trucks and motor stuff with Dad. Mr. Archie Moore would sit a spell when he came by looking for one of his dogs.

Aunt Jessie would show up and just talk.

But for the life of me, I don't ever remember Scarlett O'Hara sashaying up to our porch and reminding us that "Tomorrow is another day." I've never had a mint julep in my life. And in all my years of front porch sitting, I never one time heard "Theme from a Summer Place" playing somehow mysteriously out of the air!

I also don't remember any talk about pecan pie recipes, hem lines being shorter, Brother Hatcher's latest sermon or the price of gasoline going up to twenty-five cents a gallon. Now, I'm sure some of that was discussed from time to time. But mostly I remember talking about how hot it was. Everyone was a fledgling meteorologist! We'd peer down the lane beside the house hoping for enough wind to kick up a little dust. Or we'd stare at the high passing clouds and pray for a shower to cool things down a mite.

Air conditioning might have been invented by the early 1950's in New York City or Tyler, Texas. But it sure hadn't made its way out to the end of Stonewall Street.....or most anywhere else in town. The Park Theatre was the only air conditioned building I can remember.....which explains why so many of our parents joined us for the Saturday matinee in the sweltering summer months.

And this lack of air conditioning was the reason we had quit the house for the porch in the first place. The mere possibility of a breeze was way better than collecting sweat beads in the parlor. Mom cooked three meals a day—everyday—which sent heat cascading from the

kitchen to every room in the house. There were nights when I'd near 'bout drown in my own bed sheet. The cats wouldn't even come inside to eat.

The front porch wasn't a luxury for us. It was a necessity! And we adapted to it. Daddy set the radio against the wall next to the screen door leading to the porch. We listened to "The Great Gildersleeve", "Amos 'n' Andy" and "Fibber McGee and Molly" out under the stars. I was sitting on that porch Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1954, when Stan Musial hit five homeruns in a double-header against the Giants.

We'd take a sling shot and shoot at ole Duke as he scampered across the yard. If Duke was chasing rabbits, we'd talk David into taking his place. We'd spin a top and see who could get the closest to the edge. We played Rook by the hours out there. We'd make gunpowder and blow plastic army men off that old porch.

I brought Millicent Blackburn over one evening. The plan was for us to sit quietly by ourselves in the porch swing and hopefully I could sneak my arm around her shoulders. Before we could settle in, Leon came out to get some fresh air and immediately launched into the story of how he was abducted by aliens. Mom followed right after him. David hopped into the swing BETWEEN me and Millicent. And Dad got to quizzing her so much as to how her grandfather was doing with his hogs that I couldn't get a word in edgewise.

If you want to call that nostalgia, have at it.....

Respectfully,

Kes

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BN Heard

So you want to be a scientist or an engineer? There are many reasons people want to go into science and engineering. They sometimes involve childhood games and hobbies such as model airplanes, building things with Legos, robotics or a special science project.

High school students see that the scientific community generally get paid well coming out of college and that is often a motivator. Other students have teachers who have noted they are good in math or physics or another area of science and recommend a career in engineering or research.

Then when the student gets to college, or perhaps before, they have to choose the area of science or engineering they wish to pursue. Specialties such electrical, mechanical, materials, computer and aerospace engineering are just a handful of the types of folks I get to work with on a daily basis. You also have to throw various other mathematics and physics folks into the mix. Add to that the fact that most of these people don't just have one degree, they generally have at least two.

With these advanced scientific and engineering degrees, you get this wonderful mix

of experts who often mistakenly think they are the best at everything they do. Honestly, sometimes you might get a few without good walking around sense and more than a few without the social skills to survive outside the world they work and thrive in.

Then, you let them have clubs amongst themselves...

You have the obvious things like tennis, volleyball, golf and softball. Then you have the more job specific clubs like the "Skywatchers" and the Amateur Radio Club.

Being a mathematical type fellow, I have chosen to participate in what I like to call the "1000 Square Feet of Madness." That is what you have, when you let these nerdy scientists have a 50 by 20 foot plot to plant and grow anything they want to grow. Not literally anything — it of course has to be legal. At this point in my life, it seems like just about everything is legal, but I honestly am shooting for bumper crops of tomatoes, squash, peppers and eggplant.

Having been a substitute or "relief gardener" for a friend last year, I felt it was necessary to give it a go myself and see what I could do with my own 1000 square feet. After doing a little politicking and begging, I managed to get one of the coveted lots with better dirt and kind of in the middle of the plots.

You want to be in the middle because the outside plots are much more likely get attacked by the deer and little varmints like rabbits and raccoons. Yes,

we put up fences and cages, but I have been told that they don't work really well.

So, here I am in them in the middle of 30 or so "experts," some of whom have retired and others who are "after-work/sneak over at lunch" farmers. I'm not real sure how to explain what it's like here in our community garden, but I know I like it.

First of all, there was the "staking party" that took place in early April, where they invited all of the "Garden Club Members" to come out and help them mark off the 50x20 plots for all of the members. Talking to a couple of fellows in my building, I found out that they rarely go to the staking party. I asked them why... They both noted that they were not needed.

I still had to go and see if I could help. Within about five minutes, I understood why my building buddies and even I, were "not needed." The three or four folks that stake out the plots, have always staked out the plots and for that matter, will stake out the plots until their ashes are mixed with the dirt of their primo plots.

You don't mess with the "Staking Committee." Not a problem, my lot may have been a little less than 1000 square feet, but it was plenty.

It's been about four weeks now and I have my garden about 75 percent complete or planted. I have learned that in this garden club of experts that I will get many differing

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## LOCAL

## Protecting the environment

By Tim Croft

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Rotary International established 2018 as the year to plant a tree.

To resume a call from 1990 to protect the environment, to plant a tree for every Rotary member, 1.2 million in all.

Last week, as part of the celebration of National Arbor Day on April 27, the Port St. Joe Rotary Club and students in one class at Port St. Joe Elementary School partnered to add four saplings to that growing list of millions.

Planting four fruit trees, two pear and two apple, along a straight, well, relatively straight, line next to the school's Butterfly Garden, which, with the arrival of spring, is bursting with ripening greens and other vegetables.

"This year for Rotary, it's about planting trees," said local member Lorinda Ginggell. "A couple of years from now, the students here will be able to enjoy some apples and pears."

With assistance from retired extension director, and all around good egg, Roy Lee Carter, the Rotarians and students labored, digging the holes, lining up the trees, adding the compost and water.

Ian H.S. Riseley, president of Rotary International, issued the call for tree planting this year, renewing a pledge made during a 1990 international convention by then-president Paulo Costa.



**The Port St. Joe Rotary Club and Port St. Joe Elementary students planted trees last week.** [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Costa issued his proclamation as a call to arms for Rotary to take a leadership role in "protecting our natural resources."

That drive, to plant more than 1 million trees, one per Rotary member, resulted in the planting of more than 35 million trees, "absorbing carbon from the environment, releasing oxygen, cooling the air, improving soil quality, providing habitat and food for birds, animals and insects, and yielding a host of other benefits," Riseley wrote to Rotary members.

But, Riseley added, while the trees flourished Rotary "has not carried its environmental commitment forward."

The aim of 2018 is to put back on the agenda, front and center, "the state of our planet."

The planet, Riseley noted, is being stressed: the oceans by 2050 will contain more weight in plastics than fish; global

temperatures are on the rise; and 80 percent of those living in urban areas breath unsafe air (the number is 98 percent in low- and middle-income countries).

"That this change was caused by humans is not a subject of scientific debate," Riseley wrote to the Rotary membership. "Nor is the likelihood of vast economic and human disruption if the trend continues unchecked."

"The need for action is greater than ever; and so is our ability to have a real impact."

Father Tommy Dwyer of the Port St. Joe Rotary said the goal of one tree for every member is being exceeded across the globe, with some chapters going far beyond the one-to-one ratio.

Performing the planting with the youngsters fulfills another emphasis for Riseley.

"Our planet belongs to all of us, and to our children, and to their children," he wrote. "It is for all of us to protect."

## Bed taxes boomed in March

By Tim Croft

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An unusually busy spring is resulting in some unusually strong numbers for the Gulf County Tourist Development Council.

Bed tax collections for the month of March, the most recent available, spiked 38 percent compared to the same month in 2017, bringing the year's collections 17.3 percent above the same period last year.

The TDC is now six months into the fiscal year.

In two of those months, bed tax revenue climbed by 1-2 percent, in another growth was 4.5 percent.

But in the other three months, December, February and March, bed taxes have climbed 27 percent, 22 percent and 38 percent, respectively.

"It seems like the (marketing) we've been doing is working," said TDC executive director Kelli Godwin. "So far, so good."

"We had a great spring break and our spring campaign also impacted March."

That spring campaign, centered on Instagram and the

hashtag #InGulf, was a roaring success.

In the span of just four weeks, 3,200 posts were submitted.

As a comparison, the TDC had used #GCFLNoFilter for some four years and the number of posts to that hashtag has been 3,900.

Another factor in the spring bustout was certainly the Brothers Osborne and their new album "Port Saint Joe."

Godwin said the press release announcing their release concert at WindMark on April 7 lured some 82 million impressions across media platforms and the area's exposure through dozens of stories in scores of publications was "free advertising we could not afford to buy," Godwin said.

The TDC partnered with D.R. Horton and the St. Joe Company to bring the release concert to Port St. Joe.

That weekend highlighted the impact, Godwin said, noting an informal survey of short-term rental companies and local eateries.

"There were people in town paying bed tax, the restaurants were packed" for the concert, Godwin said. "It was

well worth our investment."

And to underscore the impact of tourism in a community where it is the primary economic engine, Godwin discussed numbers from a Visit Florida survey.

In 2016, direct visitor spending in Gulf County totaled \$66.8 million; \$22.9 million from lodging; \$14.5 million for food; \$11.9 million on retail; and \$8.1 million on recreation.

The tourism sector accounted for nearly one job in four in the county.

## Tax software

The advisory board of the TDC approved Tuesday spending \$24,000 in each of the next two fiscal years to partner with the Gulf County Tax Collector's Office on new software for bed tax collection.

The new software would assist in cutting down on non-compliance and would bring more efficiency to the collection and bookkeeping of bed taxes.

There would also be a component allowing for online submission of bed taxes by collectors.

## CRANKS

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opinions and bits of advice every time I go. The conversations are always good, but there is a lot of critiquing of how I'm planting, what I'm planting and when I'm planting.

It's OK, I have worked with this type of person/gardener for over 30 years and I have seen the really wonderful things they have "planted" in the sky, so I listen intently

to their advice, but continue with my own decisions.

To throw them a curve, this last week, I started staking my tomatoes with odds and ends from my garage. There are several golf clubs, a baseball bat and hockey stick scattered around my garden now.

For whatever reason, my fellow garden club members seemed to have thought that my innovative staves made a lot of sense and have stopped telling me what I am doing wrong.

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## HAMILTON

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democracy and improve our part of the world.

We will disagree with one another about all kinds of issues — but also know that we need to accept and tolerate those differences, because we are far stronger when we seek to reconcile them rather than ignore or exacerbate them.

Let's not deny it: the trends these days are

## Reid Ave. to receive its makeover this summer

By Tim Croft

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A long-sought project to repave Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe took shape Tuesday night during consecutive meetings.

The Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency and the City Commission, the five members of which are also five of the seven PSJRA board members, approved a proposal which will bring a complete repaving of Reid by August.

No performing the work on specific sections, no spot improvements to the road bed.

Instead, the project will bring repaving of Reid from First to Fifth Streets.

In effect, the city would be paying for the road work through road bond money, roughly \$200,000, via a loan and payback agreement with the PSJRA.

The agreement accomplishes two goals.

For the PSJRA, Reid Ave. and its bumpy and indented pavement has been a thorn to an agency charged with improving the aesthetics of downtown.

And as the downtown sector, as PSJRA executive director Bill Kennedy said, is "rockin' and rollin'", and traffic and parking issues increase, the road issues are compounded.

For the city, the pressing need to spend nearly a \$1 million in road bond funding, having it encumbered by the end of June, will be aided by using nearly a quarter of those dollars to resolve a major headache.

In essence, the city will be spending the money in the immediate, fulfilling its obligations on the road bond dollars, with the knowledge the funds will be back in its coffers down the road.

How much the city has in road bond funds arose when Commissioner Rex Buzzett noted the county had levied \$57,000 in "mobilization" fees against the city though the city had yet to use any road bond funding.

"We haven't done any mobilization, they haven't done any mobilization for us," Buzzett said.

"I thought we working on cooperation."

Kennedy said the repaving, which would include completely redoing the road bed, currently the crux of the problem, will be done at night and the work will take about two weeks.

Kennedy said the PSJRA will also embark on two other

major projects in the coming months.

One is to build a public restroom along Reid Ave.

The city, with a new attorney, is working on a lease agreement with attorney Bob Kerrigan for a lot near the Chamber of Commerce building in the 300 block of Reid.

The final details of the lease, which would entail a payment of \$1 per year, have yet to come before commissioners for a vote.

The other project is the PSJRA's matching grant to assist the Port Theatre Arts and Cultural Center organization with a state historic grant to renovate the theater.

The theater project was one spot short in the rankings for state funds this past legislative session and the application will be submitted for the next cycle.

The effort took at a greater profile with the recent façade improvements funded in significant measure through a grant from Dodge.

## Cinco de mayo

Two Reid Ave. restaurants, Peppers and Provisions, received tentative permission from commissioners to close off parking along Reid in front of their two restaurants as part of a Saturday celebration of Cinco de mayo.

The event, characterized as a "pilot" by a representative of Peppers, will include live music and a celebration of Hispanic heritage inside a tent between the two restaurants.

There will be alcohol, beer and wine outside, served.

Commissioners approved the request, pending proper permitting by staff.

But, Mayor Bo Patterson, in that spirit of cooperation asked that representatives from Peppers help the city address parking issues along Reid.

Patterson noted that among Reid Ave. merchants approached about moving employee vehicles out of Reid parking spots, the employees of Peppers have been unresponsive.

Employees park along Reid and those spaces, in front of other merchants' storefronts, are occupied for hours, Patterson said.

The restaurant is repeatedly identified as the primary violator when the city attempts to correct parking issues along the main downtown thoroughfare.

"Cooperation works both ways," Patterson said.

that we, as citizens, can turn the republic around by shouldering our responsibilities to act, that's when we're truly sunk.

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# TRIUMPH

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Remington.

The board took no formal action regarding Remington's 14-page opinion during last week's meeting in Niceville.

Jason Shoaf, Gulf County's representative on the board, said the board would be looking at such proposals on a "case-by-case" basis.

Board comments, Shoaf added, indicated that members would be willing to risk the wrath of lawmakers or an audit provided proposals would lead to "truly transformational development, in the number of jobs, etc." as the legislation has emphasized.

During last week's meeting, the Triumph board approved moving into the final stages of a \$10 million award to the Port of Panama City.

On file, the board already has full project applications totaling more than \$300 million, equal to the first year allocation for Triumph funding and already in the bank.

The General Counsel's opinion was specifically sought regarding a proposal from Eastern Shipbuilding for \$20 million to facilitate expansion of its Bay County facilities.

Eastern submitted the pre-application for that

proposal and board members have debated it, including seeking opinions from leaders in the Florida Senate and House of Representatives, since February.

The Bay County proposal is subtly different than a proposal to construct a dry dock as part of Eastern's expansion into Gulf County.

The dry dock proposal was submitted by the Board of County Commissioners with Eastern playing the private company role in a public-private partnership, which the General Counsel's opinion indicated remained eligible, with caveats, for a Triumph award.

Under the general terms, the county would own the dry dock and lease it to Eastern, though county officials have stated that ownership of the dry dock remains fluid depending on total Eastern contribution.

Eastern, they added, is likely to own a stake in the dry dock.

The public-private partnership, which Eastern brought to the BOCC under a state statute, is seeking some \$28 million in Triumph funds and its pre-application was approved.

However, no formal application is currently on file with Triumph for either Bay or Gulf County projects.

At the time the Eastern project was presented to the BOCC, the timeline (operational in Gulf County sometime between summer

2019 and summer 2020) was entirely dependent on Triumph funding, according to the attorney representing the company.

The Eastern project is the BOCC's top priority; the board and both cities approved making it the county's sole authorized project.

The BOCC has already entered into a \$400,000-plus contract for engineering oversight services on the construction of the dry dock.

The final paragraph of Remington's legal opinion appeared to speak directly to consideration of a project such as the dry dock.

Remington pondered what restrictions or conditions should be applied to "awards to private entities or awards to public entities for construction of facilities, improvements, or acquisition of personal property or other services which will be located, in-whole or in-part, on private property?"

If the board should decide to make an award ... as part of a public-private partnership, "the Board should use strict scrutiny to ensure the program or project proposed serves a broader public purpose and squarely and fully meets the statutory requirements for recovery" (from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill).

In addition, the Triumph board should consider requiring a "significant

private sector match" for any public-private partnership.

Further, "claw back" provisions should be in place to ensure private sector partners meet or exceed "the obligations undertaken for the public good."

Remington's research found that while the initial 2013 Triumph legislation provided the board with broad powers regarding awards, one the region's House delegation believes remained, changes in 2017 to eligible awards worked to exclude most, if not all, private projects.

Further, the criteria for prioritizing projects was amended, four of the five areas specific to private economic development projects.

"These deletions make clear that the Legislature intended to curtail or severely limit the eligibility of private corporations to receive funds from Triumph," Remington wrote, while adding that as "partner" remained in the legislation which leaves open the possibility of a private entity as a partner in a public-private partnership.

Those, Remington added, should be reviewed on a "case by case basis."

Remington also cited the comments from House and Senate leaders and lawmakers about the intent that Triumph dollars not turn into a form of "corporate welfare."

# ELECTION

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the next occupant of the Group 4 currently held by Commissioner Rex Buzzett, who did not seek a seventh term.

The candidates, in alphabetical order, are Scott Hoffman, Rosemary Lewis, Aaron Little and Jim Sickels.

If no candidate receives 50 percent-plus one of the vote, the top two vote-getters will face each other in a runoff in four weeks.

Voting is already strong considering the single measure nature of the ballot with nearly 10 percent of eligible voters have cast their ballots as of Monday.

Of the more than 80 absentee ballots mailed out, the Supervisor of Elections office has already received 120.

And during the one day of early voting conducted as of Monday, 107 voters cast ballots.

"That is really pretty good," said Supervisor of Elections John Hanlon last Saturday. "Especially with just one race on the ballot."

There are also already two provisional ballots.

There are 2,607 eligible voters in the city.

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Fire scorched 3-4 acres at Salinas Park Monday night. [COURTESY OF JOHN SELLERS]

## FIRE

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departments.

The main concern was the fire came within roughly 75 feet of a residence, though the structure was never in danger, Barrett said.

"The first concerns are life and structures and there was no danger there so we just did the best we could to put the fire out," Barrett said.

"It was a very generic grass, woodland fire."

Crews from the Florida Division of Forestry arrived to clear a fire line which further isolated what was burning.

The fire was deemed 95 percent contained Tuesday morning, with crews acting on a couple of hot spots.

"It looked a lot bigger than it actually was," Barrett said.

The cause of the fire was not known at press time.



From a distance, it looked worse than it was. [COURTESY OF JIMMY MCNEIL]

## PSJ schools vandalized

Four juveniles were arrested and turned over to the Department of Juvenile Justice after surveillance cameras showed them inside and vandalizing Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School over the weekend.

There was evidence the group had also broken into Port St. Joe Elementary School, entering a first-grade classroom, and all the parking pylons in the front of the school had been dislodged.

The group apparently spent Saturday night

inside the Junior/Senior High School and damage, including discharging a fire extinguisher, was largely confined to one classroom, said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton.

At least one of the youths was apprehended when a football assistant coach and Principal Josh Dailey found them in the vicinity of an athletic department van on Sunday morning, Norton said.

He added that it appeared that the group had found a set of keys to the van and taken it on a "joy ride" on Sunday.

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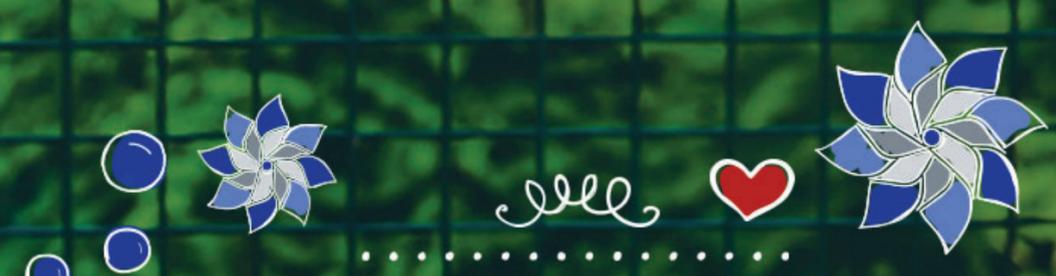
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## THEATER

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"It was just a series of fortunate events," said Natalie Shoaf, board member of the Port Theatre Arts and Cultural Center. "Everything just clicked into place."

"It was a really big thing for the Port Theatre."

Those events started, in a sense, with The Brothers Osborne and producer Jay Joyce deciding to move their gear to Joyce's Gulf County beach house to record "Port Saint Joe."

The album has boomed since its April 20 release, currently ranked No. 4 on iTunes top country albums.

The opening act on their upcoming headlining tour of Europe, Kendell Marvel, recently purchased a home in Gulf County.

"They love the area and they wanted to give something back," Shoaf said.

Enter Dodge and its planned commercial, which will air during the upcoming County Music Association awards show in June.

The decision to film in Gulf County was made the week before production crews would arrive.

One of the scenes imagined for the commercial, in addition to filming in Salinas Park, the beach at sunset and other local spots, was a "concert" at the Port Theatre.

Dodge provided a \$15,000 grant to the PTACC to render the theater ready for its close-up.

The PTACC also put in some funding.

Now, cue Windolf Construction, Delores and Bob, with extensive experience in restoration of historic structures.



The Brothers Osborne filmed a commercial in the theater after the renovation. [PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



The work included new front doors and a new ticket booth out front.

"Delores waived her fees and she called in all kinds of favors," Shoaf said. "The community really came together to help. Not another builder could have pulled this off."

"We had to do the whole project in less than a week."

Shoaf estimated the in-kind contributions locally likely equaled the Dodge donation.

And silence was essential as the film folks wanted as natural a setting, including the people of the community, as possible.

"The community has just jumped through hoops without knowing why they were doing it," Shoaf added. "The community just stepped up."

The result, a new façade to the theater, new marquee, new ticket booth, remade front doors and new neon for all the

lighting.

By Wednesday afternoon, at 5 p.m., with the Brothers Osborne on hand, the marquee beckoned those along Reid Ave. inside for a "concert" featuring The Brothers Osborne.

"Lots of locals got in it," Shoaf said of the filming.

The "concert" required a further above-and-beyond from the community.

The Brothers' guitars somehow failed to make the trip to Port St. Joe, so the word went out for anyone who might be willing to donate a guitar for the commercial.

Bo Spring stepped forward with one as did Zack McFarland, who managed to meet and have his guitar case signed by the Brothers.

"It was all just a neat experience," Shoaf said.

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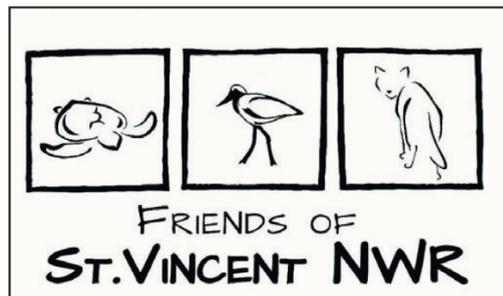
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## Adopt a turtle nest on St. Vincent

Star Staff Report

The Friends of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge and revving up their adopt a turtle nest fundraising effort. Adopt a sea turtle nest on St. Vincent Island and receive an adoption certificate, nest photo, the

chance to name the momma turtle, activity/hatchling reports and recognition in the Friends' newsletter. Adoption is a \$25 donation. For more information or to adopt visit [www.stvincent-friends.com](http://www.stvincent-friends.com) or email [stvincentisland-friends@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentisland-friends@gmail.com).



### DAY TRIP TRAVELOGUE



Econfina River looking north [COURTESY PHOTOS/NANCY AND JACK BLAKE]

## Econfina River State Park

By Nancy and Jack Blake  
Special to The Star

*Ed. note: This is the second in a series of four day trips from Port St. Joe, each covering a visit to a coastal Florida State Park on the eastern Panhandle. You can do all four in one trip with the furthest east being about a two-hour drive. Or, if time permits and you're of an exploratory, out-doorsy nature, then you might consider one park per trip, or two trips of two each. There's plenty to do in each park. Whichever combo you choose, we wish you happy and safe travels.*



Jack Blake with park volunteer workers

The remote and out-of-the-mainstream Econfina State Park is a hidden gem, especially for those who enjoy some time out on the water, be it for fishing, rowing, birding or just plain sightseeing.

If you head east on US 98 (following signs to Perry all the way), in a little more than 100 miles (108 to be somewhat precise) and about two hours, you'll come to the turn off south to Econfina. That'll be State Road 14. After about 5 miles or so on SR14 you'll enter the park. Admission is free! For reference, check out the accompanying map.

The first thing you'll see upon entering the park area, is a lovely lake on your right, on the far shore of which is situated a picture-perfect, wooded RV park and campground. This is not part of the park, per se, but it might as well be. We're told there's 75 RV sites. It's certainly an isolated and idyllic spot.

Continuing on, you'll

next pass a general store on the right and a few scattered cabins for rent on the left. At the very end of the short drive within the park you'll come to a quite large parking area which is part of, and adjacent to, the modern boat launching ramp. Here is where the real attraction of the park begins. Upon launching your craft, be it canoe, kayak or motor vessel, and heading south on

the Econfina River, in just two short and scenic miles, meandering through flatwoods, oaks, pines and palms, you'll come to a broad expanse of salt marsh where the river opens into the Gulf of Mexico. We hear this fishing is fantastic!!

In an interview with Econfina's head Park Ranger and he was asked: "If you only had an hour or two to spend in the park, what would

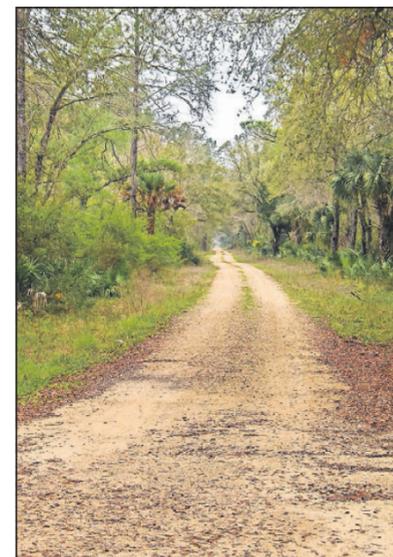
you do?" His answer: "I would take my kayak and I would launch and go in either direction. Either upstream on the river, where we have high bluffs and rocky outcroppings, or head down river to the Gulf."

And if you don't have a boat, again, the trail system within the park is diverse and easy to manage for folks of all ages.

Enjoy Econfina River State Park. We sure did!



Econfina River State Park boat ramp and launch facility



Snipe Island Road off SR 14

### WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, May 3	82°	64°	10%
Fri, May 4	83°	64°	10%
Sat, May 5	83°	66°	10%
Sun, May 6	84°	65°	20%
Mon, May 7	83°	63°	10%
Tues, May 8	84°	64°	0%
Wed, May 9	82°	65°	10%

### TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
3	Th	11:44a	1.7	10:23p	-0.2
4	Fr	12:17p	1.7	11:11p	-0.1
5	Sa	12:50p	1.7	11:55p	-0.1
6	Su	1:27p	1.6		
7	Mo	2:08p	1.4	12:35a	-0.1
8	Tu	2:57p	1.2	1:11a	0.0
9	We	4:21p	1.1	1:40a	0.1

### APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
3	Th	7:49a	1.2	4:58p	1.4
4	Fr	8:39a	1.2	5:36p	1.4
5	Sa	9:30a	1.2	6:19p	1.3
6	Su	10:22a	1.2	7:13p	1.2
7	Mo	11:09a	1.2	8:22p	1.1
8	Tu	11:51a	1.2	9:49p	1.0
9	We	12:26p	1.3	11:25p	1.0

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### FISHING REPORT



The Forgotten Coast has been slow to warm up this spring and we've been fighting the wind it seems for over a month. Even with the cool and the wind the fishing continues to be pretty good. Pompano are really hot right now along the beaches in Mexico Beach down to St. Joe Beach and you should be on the water early and late in the evening as the best bites seem to be during these times right now. As normal Pomp jigs, live or frozen Sand Fleas and Fishbites are producing fish. Several Folks I know the last few days have gotten their limit on Pomp's in a short period of time in the early A.M.. Let's move into St Joe Bay now and talk about Flounder, they are really picking up and if you fish the pot holes in the bay and use minnows or live shrimp or a grub soft bait you should be in business. Drag your bait in these holes with a slow retrieve and be ready for some fun. The waters along the beaches and St Joe Bay have been stunning the last week so try and get out and enjoy our beautiful waters and beaches. And if you need supplies for fishing or the beach, Bluewater Outriggers has you covered for all your needs. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

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# SPORTS

## Tiger Sharks reach baseball regionals

By **Tim Croft**

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Things seem to be congealing at the right time for the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School baseball team.

With a win Tuesday in the District 4-1A semifinals, the Tiger Sharks advanced to 13-12, one win better than last year, which was, Coach Ashley Summerlin as pointed out, two coaches ago.

That 8-4 victory over Liberty County also assured the Tiger Sharks of a chance to play for the district title tonight against Bozeman at Wewahitchka High School.

And the win means Port St. Joe is assured of a spot in the region playoffs that begin next week, most likely against either Freeport or Chipley.

Home field will be determined by the outcome of the district title game; beat Bozeman, the Tiger Sharks are at home; at minimum they hit the road.

"We are on a pretty good roll," Summerlin said, tossing in the final two games of the regular season, a win over North Bay Haven and a 1-0 loss to state-ranked Sneads on an unearned run in the final inning.

"It's coming together at the right time. The kids have bought into what we are trying to do and they have been focused."

Chris Stockton was a standout against Liberty County, starting on the mound and leaving with two outs in the seventh inning having allowed four

hits, four runs (just two earned), three walks and eight strikeouts.

That performance sends the Tiger Sharks into the district title game with a all but full pitching arsenal.

"We know we have all but one of our pitchers available," Summerlin said. "To know you have all those arms is real positive."

"Chris had a really good night and when I say really good, I mean really good."

In all likelihood, Elijah Hester will get the ball to start tonight's game, Summerlin said.

Josh Butts drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly and single against Liberty County and Kelvin Griffin continued to reach base, singling twice and walking twice.

Liberty County pitchers also did their share, walking six and hitting a batter.

"They gave us seven freebies," Summerlin said.

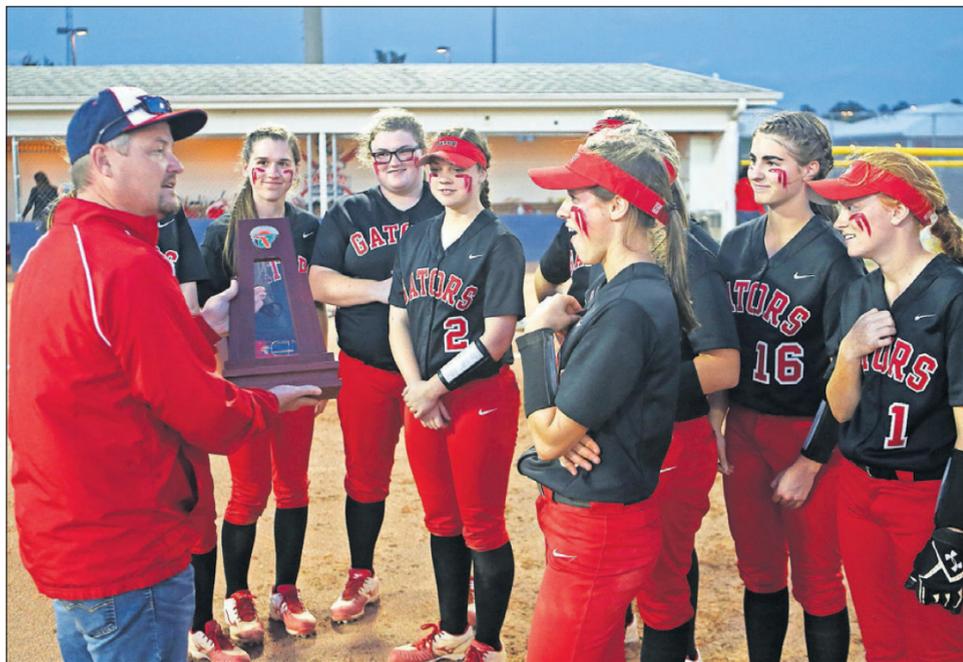
Summerlin was particularly pleased with the response after Liberty County scored a run to take the lead in the top of the third inning.

Port St. Joe answered with four runs in the bottom of the frame, adding two more in the fourth and two more in the sixth to enter the final inning with an 8-1 lead.

"The kids were up to the moment and that is very important this time of year," Summerlin said.

"We did a good job, we competed well, we were focused and dialed in."

"The kids answered the bell... I just wish we ended the game better."



Bozeman principal Josh Balkom presents Wewahitchka players the district championship trophy on Thursday night. (PATTI BLAKE/THE NEWS HERALD)

## Wewa victorious behind Bailey

By **Pat McCann**

The News Herald

SAND HILLS — Something had to give on Thursday with Bozeman coming into the game with a .336 team batting average and Wewahitchka flame thrower Brianna Bailey holding opponents to a puny .113 ratio.

Most in attendance at the District 4-1A championship softball game hosted by Bozeman probably were siding with Bailey's chances for success, regardless of which side of the bleachers they occupied.

The Florida Gulf Coast University signee didn't disappoint in that regard while shutting out the Bucks for the third time this season, 3-0.

The outcome means that Bozeman will travel in its region opener next week while Wewahitchka stays at home.

The Lady Gators, 22-4, are seeking their third consecutive trip to the 1A state tournament, but haven't won it all since going back to back in 2007 and 2008.

Bozeman, 19-6, is making just its second regional appearance in school history and looking for its first victory on that level.

The Lady Bucks should have a full complement in their semifinal, however, when three starters who were missing Thursday on a senior class cruise return early next week.

Bailey, who pitched a perfect game as Wewa advanced against Port St. Joe on Tuesday, was the story of the district tournament.

She allowed two hits while striking out 13 and not

walking or hitting a batter. If it's possible to have more impressive stat lines than 242 strikeouts in 129 innings or a 0.38 ERA, it could be that Bailey had allowed only 28 walks and hit just four while facing 448 batters coming into Thursday's final.

"I think it's mixing up my pitches," Bailey said of her strength. A fastball clocked between 60-63 mph gives her a strong foundation to do so.

"I've worked on my change-up a lot. I think it's one of my better pitches."

Her ball also appears to have good movement, but Bailey said that catcher Gracie Price would be a better judge of that.

Bozeman was the visiting team because of being the lower seed, and leadoff hitter Brooke Stanford opened the game with an opposite-field triple that rattled off the fence in foul ground down the left-field line.

Bailey stranded her there with a pair of strikeouts and a groundout to the right side. It didn't take the Lady Gators long to respond against Bozeman ace, sophomore Abby Jo Batton.

Cyrina Madrid had a scratch hit with one out, the first of her three singles. Madrid reached second when shortstop Hannah Tiller's throw got past first baseman Kaylan Paulk, and Price's smash went off the glove of second baseman Shelby Folmar and rolled into foul territory as Madrid scored.

Batton yielded 10 singles as Wewa verged on breaking open the game on numerous occasions, but the Lady Bucks excelled at damage control.

The finals runs of the game were scored in the third.

Madrid singled, stole second and scored on Price's second RBI single of the game. With two outs, Angela Long singled to right field scoring Price.

Stanford had both hits for Bozeman and was its lone baserunner. Savannah Lister matched Madrid with three singles for the Lady Gators.

Batton mentioned after Bozeman's semifinal win on Tuesday that the Lady Bucks were on somewhat of a mission to make the longest softball playoff run in school history.

Wewahitchka obviously also has some postseason motivation.

"Our community is really great in supporting us," Bailey said. "The past two years a lot of them have gone down to Vero. It's not only tough losing, but losing to the same team (Chiefland) two years in a row has been hard."

Bozeman 000 000 0 - 0 2 4  
Wewahitchka 102 000 x - 3 10 0  
Batton (L) and Bearden; Bailey (W) and Price.  
LOB: Bozeman 2, Wewahitchka 7. E: Tiller 2, Jones 2.  
SB: Madrid, Nichols. 3B: Stanford. RBIs: Wewahitchka, Price 2, Long.

### Bozeman AD

Bozeman Principal Josh Balkom announced earlier Thursday that longtime Bucks baseball coach Jeff Patton has been named the school's new athletic director.

Patton will succeed current athletic director Mike Memmen, who recently was named the new boys basketball coach at Mosley.

Memmen will continue at Bozeman until his contract expires in late June, and Patton is expected to assume his new role on July 1. Patton will remain the head baseball coach.

## PSJ's Wockenfuss qualifies for state

Star Staff Report

Lily Wockenfuss, an eighth-grader at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, was the lone county athlete to qualify last week for the upcoming state Class 1A track and field championships.

With a jump of 9-foot-10, Wockenfuss finished third in the pole vault at last week's Region 1-1A meet at Tallahassee Florida High School.

To qualify for state, an individual, relay team or school must finish among the top four to advance to the state meet.

There were some close calls among county

athletes.

For Port St. Joe, Celeste Chiles was fifth in the shot put, Lexie Fountain finished fifth in the 100 meters and ShaMario Cole was fifth in the 800 meters.

Jade Cothran ran sixth in the 100 meter hurdles and 12th in the 300 meter hurdles, London White was sixth in the pole vault and Te Te Croom sixth in the shot put.

Among Port St. Joe boys, Zack McFarland, eighth in the 3,200 meters, was the top finisher.

Among Wewahitchka competitors, Elijah Shackelford flirted with a state berth, finishing fifth in the discus.

## Clark, Johnson winners in golf tourney

Star Staff Report

Robbie Johnson and Don Clark were the winners over the weekend as St. Joseph Bay Golf Club hosted its Men's Club Championships. The tournament was open to club members.

"The weather was great and the course was in great shape," said Sylvester Jones, the tournament director.

More than 30 golfers competed over the two-day tournament.

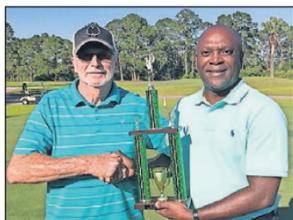
Robbie Johnson was the low



gross winner, carding scores of 79 and 81.

Bubba Harmon took second, Dale Piergiiovanni was third and Clint Moore fourth.

Don Clark was the low net



winner, which includes the golfer's handicap, with an 88 and 88 (which after handicap were actually a pair of 68s.)

Dan Elliott finished second, Gary Pridgett third and Barry Henson fourth.

## PSJHS football scramble is June 2

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School football program will be hosting a golf scramble tournament Saturday, June 2 at the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club.

The action begins at 11 a.m. ET.

The cost is \$60 per player, which includes golf, cart and lunch.

Prizes will be awarded

for first, second and third place, longest drive, closest to the pin and hole in one.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

For more information or to sign up contact the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club at 227-1751.

All proceeds from the tournament will be used to assist sending the Port St. Joe football team to football camp.

# SCENE AROUND



**At T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park visitors arrive by sea and air.** [COURTESY OF GREG MATNEY]



**The fish are jumpin' in St. Joseph Bay** [COURTESY OF CAROL AND PHIL DOHMEN]



**A curious Guinea fowl in Wewahitchka** [COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH]

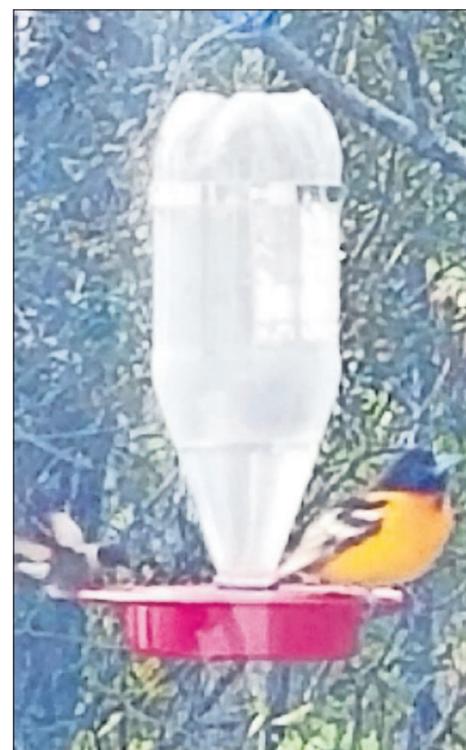


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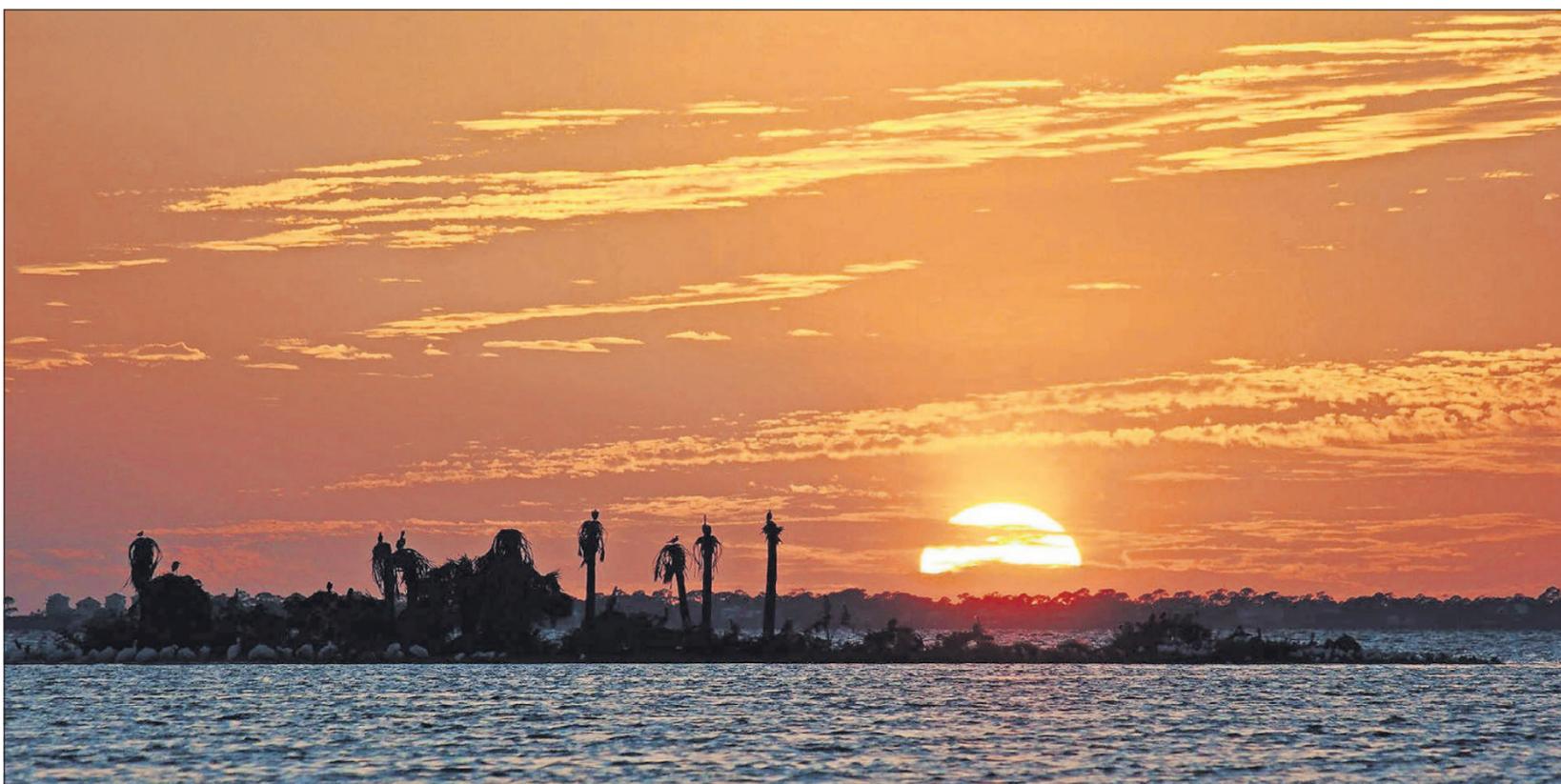
**Few more pretty sights than a Cape San Blas sunset.** [COURTESY OF VIC KEASLER]



**Strutting their stuff on St. Joe Beach.** [COURTESY OF NATALIE DOLAN]



**An oriole and a hummingbird share a backyard bird feeder on Cape San Blas.** [COURTESY OF LISSA DULANY]



**The sun sets over St. Joseph Bay.** [COURTESY OF CAROL BUIKEMA]

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# COMMUNITY

## DAWGS gone

**Off to Wisconsin, New Jersey, Virginia and others**

**By Tim Croft**

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A DAWGS graduation is always a fine time for some math.

The Developing Adoptable dogs With Good Sociability (DAWGS) in prison program is on the verge of its ninth birthday.

Which translates to some

63 dog years.

Multiply that by 10 to reach a number that is almost right on the snout for the number of dogs which have been rescued by this wildly-successful public-private partnership.

Recently, Class 58, numbering 10, graduated bringing to just shy of 600 (580 if one must be exact) the number of dogs transitioned from the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society shelter to forever homes.

Those dogs are now enjoying new lives in more than two dozen states.

**See DAWGS, B6**



**Riona has a new home helping care for retired or infirm Catholic nuns in New Jersey.** [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

## 'Oldies but Goodies' fundraiser for domestic violence awareness

**By Tim Croft**

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From Ladies Night to Family Fun Day to Oldies but Goodies, the names may change the goal does not.

The Gulf County and Mexico Beach Domestic Violence Task Force will hold its major fundraiser of the year May 18 at El Governor Motel.

The fun will go from 5-9 p.m. CT and cost of entry is \$10.

Pam Martin, executive director of the Gulf County and Mexico Beach Domestic Violence Task Force, noted that Ladies Night became a tad outdated simply because domestic violence is not strictly about ladies.

"Domestic violence knows no boundaries," Martin said. "Not age, not gender, not race, not social status; domestic violence has no boundaries."

"And it remains as prevalent, if not more prevalent, as ever."

So the event is now tailored to a more friendly affair, which resulted last year in the most prosperous event the Task Force has enjoyed.

There will be plenty of food, music from "Rockin' Randall" and Jerry Arhelger, raffles and a silent auction.

Neysa Wilkins from Channel 7 in Panama City will emcee a "thrift store fashion show" and will also be singing.

"We just want families to come and have a fun get-together," said Martin.

The mission of the task force is to encourage and support the involvement of local community agencies and concerned citizens to work together to put an end to domestic violence in Gulf County and Mexico Beach.

The annual event is aimed at raising proceeds to fund education and victim services provided by the task force.

Those services and programs run the gamut.

In the schools, for example, the task force provides programs in the elementary, middle and high schools concerning bullying and dating violence.

Victim services can include financial help, assistance getting placement in a shelter operated by the Salvation Army and, if nothing else, a shoulder to rely on while navigating the legal system to secure protective orders and injunctions.

"The officers of the task force, we have all had extensive training and can guide them through the process," Martin said.

**See VIOLENCE, B6**

# In fresh air

**Forgotten Coast Plein Air Paintout arrives Friday**

**By Tim Croft**

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Kathleen Hudson and Morgan Samuel Price will arrive at this year's Forgotten Coast en Plein Air from distinctly disparate points of view.

For Price, who lives in Central Florida, the Forgotten Coast event and painting in plein air, French for outdoors, is familiar ground.

She has been painting, and teaching, for 27 years and this will be her 10th consecutive appearance at Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, which this year offers events from Carrabelle to Mexico Beach May 4-13.

"I've done it all my life, almost," Price said, while ensuring the reporter is using the correct pronunciation for plein air (it is not "plane" but "plen" air).

"I've plein air painted since the 1960s."

Price can recall that plein air painting, which, of course, was practiced by the classic Impressionists, didn't really gain traction as an attraction in this country until the 1980s in Catalina, California.

"Since then it has grown and grown," Price said.

Plein air painting has been her income, helped her raise her children and "kept my head above water" while her paintings have been, literally, around the world.

"All the people I have met, the back stories I have heard," Price added.

In comparison, Hudson is a veritable rookie.

Until about four years ago, the Kentucky resident could be characterized as a painting hobbyist, her love of landscapes finding an outlet on canvas.



**The Forgotten Coast en Plein Air begins Friday and continues through May 13.** [FILE PHOTOS]

"I really just painted for myself for years," Hudson said.

After returning to live in Kentucky after college and several years in Boston, Hudson, a subscriber to an art magazine devoted to plein air painting, noticed ads for festivals not far from her, in Missouri and Indiana.

She traveled, she painted, she was hooked.

"I loved it right away," Hudson said. "I didn't know there was this whole world of artists interested in what I was interested in."

By 2017, Hudson won the grand prize at a prestigious plein air salon, work which was featured on the cover of PleinAirMagazine and during the same month was noted as an "Artist to Watch" by Southwest Art magazine.

Now, there is also plenty of commonality to Price and Hudson.

Both had notable achievement in post-secondary education and beyond.

Price attended the prestigious Ringling School of Art in Florida and became an illustrator for Hallmark.

**See AIR, B6**



**Artists will be out and painting from Carrabelle to Mexico Beach.**



**The Cape San Blas Lighthouse, Salinas Park, The Port Theatre and Joe Center for the Arts will all be the featured backdrop to events.**

### TRIVIA FUN

"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. As internationally awarded, what was runner-up to the Ford**

**Model T on being the world's most influential car of the 20th century?**

Willys Jeep, Volkswagen Beetle, Porsche 911, Morris/Austin Mini

**2. Which did not host one of the U.S. locations used as landing sites for the space shuttle system?**

Texas, Florida, California, New

Mexico

**3. By what score was Mudville defeated in the poem, "Casey at the Bat"?**

1-0, 9-1, 4-2, 6-3

**4. Where did "United we stand, divided we fall" get its origin?**

Bible, Aesop's Fables, Confucius, FDR

**5. In what sport is a participant concerned with "d.p.s."?**

Weightlifting, Rowing, Archery, Swimming

**6. What U.S. city has the famed Gateway Arch?**

Sacramento, St. Louis, Houston, Pittsburgh

ANSWERS: 1. Morris/Austin Mini, 2. Texas, 3. 4-2, 4. Aesop's Fables, 5. Swimming (distance per stroke), 6. St. Louis



**Wilson Casey**

**SOCIETY**



[COURTESY OF RACHEL BOLEN/THIRTEEN MOON PHOTOGRAPHY]

## Robert Warren Floyd, Lauren Nicole Pontius wed

Special to The Star

It is with great joy that the marriage of Robert Warren Floyd and Lauren Nicole Pontius is announced.

Warren and Lauren were married at the Duke Chapel in Durham, North Carolina on April 7, 2018.

Lauren is graduating from Duke Medical School this month and will begin her Dermatology training this summer

at Duke University Medical Center. Warren is a member of the Duke University Medical Scientist Training Program and is earning his M.D. as well as a Ph.D. in Molecular Cancer Biology. The couple will reside in Durham.

They are looking forward to their life together and appreciate all of the prayers and best wishes from their friends and family.

## Ag workshop

Special to The Star

The second Agriculture Workshop will be held Thursday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m. ET at the Gulf County Corrine Costin Library Conference Room.

The purpose of this workshop is to share available funding information to help with an interest in agriculture;

regarding farming, gardening, planting, and the fishing industry. We encourage individuals, churches, social, civics organizations to attend. We welcome the community to attend. For more information contact Amy Rogers, President, Gulf County United Community Development Corp., Inc., 227-4041.

## Joshua Kemp Family reunion

Special to The Star

The 58th Joshua Kemp Reunion will be Sunday, May 6. All friends and relatives please come for a day of fun and fellowship.

Remember, our reunion is always on the first Sunday of May.

Please bring old family pictures.

Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. CST. A drawing for gifts will be after lunch.

We will meet at Wetappo Community Fire House, located off of State 22, seven miles from Wewa. Turn onto Kemp Cemetary Road.

# PSJ Garden Club news

Special to The Star

In celebration of National Arbor Day which is held the last Friday in April the Port St. Joe Garden Club planted a Redbud tree on its grounds. This year National Arbor Day was celebrated on April 27.

The State of Nebraska held the first Arbor Day in

1872 when over one million trees were planted.

Today Arbor Day is celebrated in all fifty states.

In addition, to National Arbor Day, which became a national legal holiday in 1885, Florida celebrates Arbor Day on the third Friday in January.

So get out and celebrate National Arbor Day with us and plant a tree!

**The State of Nebraska held the first Arbor Day in 1872 when over one million trees were planted.**



Garden Club members Ms. Patty Dunlap and Ms. Sarah Darden. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

## Woman's Club plants a tree for Arbor Day

Special to The Star

On April 27 we celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Magnolia Ann tree on the grounds of Wewahitchka's new city hall. Carol Ann Childress informed everyone about the history of National Arbor Day and Joey Smith, Pastor from Glad Tidings Assembly of God, gave a devotion and prayer for our community and our tree. Thanks to all who came and celebrated with us.



From left to right, Mayor Phillip Gaskin, Chipper Wade, Ralph Fisher, Pastor Joey Smith, Rhonda Alderman, Marlyn Grawey, Pat Stripling, Barbie Russell, Carol Ann Childress, Catherine Adams, Wanda Colvin, Dawn Lister, Melanie Taylor and Billy Childress.

[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

## Legion hosts state commander

Special to The Star

The Willis V. Rowan Post 116 recently hosted State Commander Steve Shuga while he visited several posts in our region.

During Commander Shuga's visit, he spoke to members regarding Project VetRelief.

The project directly assists Veterans in Florida who are in need. Post 116 took this opportunity to present Commander

Shuga with a \$700 as a donation to the project. Proceeds from the Posts Good Friday Fish Fry/Chicken BBQ was used for this donation.

Again, we appreciate the communities support in assisting us with Veteran specific programs.

For more information regarding Project VetRelief, please visit the Florida American Legion web site at: floridalegion.com or pick up an informational flyer at the Post.



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

## May is FUNdraising month Senior Center

Special to The Star

May is our fundraising month for the Gulf County Senior Citizens Centers. We have several activities planned for the month of May. Our first event will be the "Rockathon" on May 5 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET in Port St. Joe and 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. CT in Wewahitchka. We

will be "rocking" at four locations. Folks will be rocking, rocking, rocking at the Piggly Wiggly, Ace Hardware and also at the Famers Market here in Port Saint Joe and at the IGA Market in Wewahitchka this year. Please come out and support our seniors with donations and pledges.

We are also looking for folks that would like to sit and rock for an hour or more to help us fill our rocking chairs.

Later this month we are going to be at the Tupelo Festival in Wewahitchka on May 19 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. CT. We will be raffling off a couple of crocheted bed scarfs and a quilt.

We will have more events this month so keep an eye out for FUNdraising events to follow.

If you would like to volunteer at any of these events, please contact the center at Port Saint Joe at 229-8466. If you would like to donate to help out our senior citizens, Please call and donate!

**PET OF THE WEEK**  
St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



Say hello to Barney and Wilma. They are brother and sister corgi/hound mix puppies. They weigh about 15 lbs right now and are around 3 months old. They have shorter legs with a longer body; both are so adorable and very sweet and loving. Barney and Wilma get along great with the other dogs and do not mind the cats. They love to sunbathe outside and play with each other. They are still learning to walk on a leash, and love to earn treats and affection. Come meet them today and all of the other adoptable animals here at the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society.

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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## SCHOOL NEWS



The ranks of 2018 for the PSJHS NJROTC unit. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

# NJROTC Change of Command and Awards Dinner

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe NJROTC Change of Command and Awards Dinner was held on April 18.

This ceremony is held each year, with the purpose of honoring cadet achievements and commitment to the unit. In addition, the leadership team for the following year is named at this event.

At this year's ceremony, three of our seniors who have enlisted in the military were honored for their commitment and patriotism. Cadets Jonathan Love and Brooks Kennington have chosen to join the United States Marine Corps and Cadet James Giles has chosen to join the United States Air Force. Cadet Love has also been relieved of his position as Commanding Officer of the Port St Joe NJROTC unit and assuming his position is Cadet Kaylee Leonard.

Each year we invite military affiliated organizations to present awards to top-performing cadets.

These awards include: The Stephen Decatur award from the Surface Navy Association, The Amvets award, and awards from The Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.



Military recruits. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



The ranks with the Executive Officer. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



The unit's new command staff. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

# Summer Enrichment registration open

Special to The Star

Your child is invited to join the 21st Century Summer Enrichment Program.

This program is for children in grades 1-6 and is accepting 45 students.

The program will be June 4 through July 13 (off July 4).

\*Monday thru Thursday each week 8 a.m. until 12 noon ET

\*Transportation to some areas may be provided

\*Days of field trips will be extended to accommodate travel time



to project based learning. Field Trips will be announced at a later date. You must have good attendance and behavior to go on field trips.

Current 21st Century After-School Enrichment Students will fill positions first, and then we will open it to school-wide enrollment.

If you have questions, please call or email Mrs. Joni White, site director for Port St. Joe Elementary School, for more information. Email any questions at [jwhite@gulf.k12.fl.us](mailto:jwhite@gulf.k12.fl.us).

# Kindergarten registration at PSJES

Special to The Star

Kindergarten registration will be held at Port St. Joe Elementary School on Monday, May 14, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET for children who will be 5 years old or before Sept. 1. Parents and children should enter

through the Kindergarten gate and then proceed to the Kindergarten building. The Kindergarten gate is located behind the school off of 22nd Street and beside the soccer fields. Parking is available at this gate. Parents need to bring a copy of the birth certificate, proof of

Florida immunizations, the Social Security card, and proof of a physical within the last 12 months. Registration forms may be picked up in the school office prior to May 14. For more information you may call Port St. Joe Elementary School at 227-1221.

# Signing on for Relay



For students at Port St. Joe Elementary, a poster in the hallway, "I Relay for," provided a chance for students who wished to jot personal messages about the fight against cancer. The poster was taken down by some fifth-grade students last week to be presented as decoration at Shark Field for last Friday's Relay. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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## Doubts about God discussed at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The effects of hard times on religious faith will be explored 7 p.m. CT Monday, May 7 at Lifetree Café.

The program—titled “Where Is God When Life Turns Tough?”—features a filmed interview with John Stumbo, a former pastor and marathon runner who suffered a sudden, life-threatening illness that attacked his entire muscular system.

“I was discovering the faith I had come to claim as a child was now being tested,” Stumbo said. “It happened in a venue I never expected, an ICU ward where the threat of death was very

real.”

During the program, Lifetree participants will have an opportunity to discuss times in their own lives when they’ve doubted God.

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

### JESS MAMORAN

Mr. Jess Mamoran, 88, of Wewahitchka, FL, passed away on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at his home. He was born on August 21, 1929 in Boomer, West Virginia. He graduated from East Bank High School in Kanawha County, West Virginia. After moving to Florida, he worked and retired from St. Joe Paper Company and was a member of the First

Church of the Nazarene in Port St. Joe.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ethel Hanna Mamoran and Jess Mamoran; sister, Barbarann; son, James Mamoran; and a daughter, Sharon Mamoran.

Mr. Mamoran is survived by his wife Delores W. Mamoran, to whom he would have been married to 67 years on April 26, 2018; seven

children, Margaret Brock (Danny) of Cottondale; Larry Mamoran (Sandi) of Blountstown; Anita Mamoran of Miami; Tammy Walden of Panama City; Ricky Mamoran (Vina) of Jamestown, TN; James “Jimmy” Mamoran (Patricia) of Wewahitchka; Teri Reeder of Apalachicola; 12 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren;

eight step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., EST, Friday, April 27, 2018 at First Church of the Nazarene in Port St. Joe. Interment followed in the Pines Cemetery, Hwy. 71 in Blountstown. Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted at [www.southerlandfamily.com](http://www.southerlandfamily.com).

### DAVID WORSTER

After a long battle with Multiple Myeloma, David Worster, 75, of Port St. Joe, passed away on Sunday morning April 29, 2018. Born September 1, 1942 in Tampa, Florida and was raised in Waycross, Georgia. David served in the U.S. Navy. After his service

he graduated from Jacksonville State College and began his career as a band director. He continued on as a musical instrument repairman until his retirement. David enjoyed fishing, golfing and music. His most endearing quality was his sense of humor and

telling of corny jokes.

David is survived by his wife Nina of 49 years, his son Michael (Shelley), daughter Margaret (Andrew), daughter Sunny (Blake) and his loving grandchildren.

Memorialization will be by cremation. In lieu of flowers please

make donations at: <http://winshipcancer.emory.edu/give> (Winship Multiple Myeloma Fund) Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted at [www.southerlandfamily.com](http://www.southerlandfamily.com). Southerland Family Funeral Home Panama City, FL

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We're not here to please people, but we should show the way, that leads the lost to Jesus and eternal life one day.

Billy Johnson

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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**New Service Schedule for First Baptist Church**

**Sunday Morning Schedule**  
 Blended Worship with Choir/Praise Team...8:30 AM  
 Great Commission Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 Contemporary Worship w/Band.....10:45 AM

**Wednesday**  
 Dinner.....5:00 - 6:00 pm  
 AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm  
 Surrender Student Ministry...6:15 - 7:30 pm  
 Prayer/Bible Study.....6:15 - 7:30 pm  
 Nursery.....6:00 - 7:30 pm

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### FAITH BRIEFS

#### Ties and Tiaras, father/daughter dance

First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe will host, “Ties and Tiaras: A Father, Daughter Dance” 7-10 p.m. ET May 4 in the church’s Great Hall.

The cost is \$25 per

family and tickets are available for purchase at First United Methodist Church, Anchored South, Port St. Joe Elementary School (Liz Lentz), Faith Christian School (Patty Horton) and Coastal Food and Ankle Clinic in Apalachicola.

### LOCAL AA MEETINGS

Special to The Star

Port St. Joe Serenity at First United Methodist Church, located at U.S. 98 and Monument Ave., 8 p.m. ET Tuesday and Thursday.

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

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

The local AA Hotline is 850-653-2000.

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 Family Dinner - 5:30  
 Prayer Meeting - 6:30  
 Student Ministry - 6:30  
 Children's Ministry / Choir - 6:30  
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1601 Long Ave Port St Joe, FL 32456  
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[www.faithbiblepsj.net](http://www.faithbiblepsj.net)  
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 11 a.m.....Worship service

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 9:00AM EST Worship on the Water overlooking St. Joseph Bay with Special Children's Time  
 10:00AM EST Sunday School  
 11:00AM EST Sanctuary Service with Special Children's Time

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## WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

## Your cool, colorful springtime table



Stephanie Hill-Frazier

**"Let food be thy medicine, and medicine be thy food."**  
— Hippocrates

James Beard once said that food is our common ground, a universal experience. All fall and winter long, we enjoy bonding over warm pumpkin or pecan pies, recreating our grandmother's holiday caramel cake, and filling our pots with thick, hearty stews. Those rich foods anchor us in the seasons of life; they are a part of the fabric of our human experience, linking us to relatives and celebrations past.

However, when springtime rolls around again, we often feel the need to lighten up a bit. Spring the perfect time to head to the farmers market or enjoy the first fruits of our own gardens. Not only because those delightful greens, squash, peas or green tomatoes are abundant in the South, but also because it heats up early here, and no one really wants to stand over a pot of hot stew in the kitchen all day.

I remember well those times when it'd start to warm up on St. Joe Beach, and our little kitchen would get rather hot and humid in a hurry. Mom would say, "I just don't feel like turning on that oven tonight and heating up the house!" You see, our oven was an avocado green gas model, and it worked very well. But it didn't take long for the kitchen to become overly hot, even in cool weather, when it was in use.

On those kinds of nights when the oven was not going to be lit, I enjoyed helping mom and dad assemble a big salad, full of lettuce, boiled egg, chopped bacon, fresh tomatoes, crisp cucumbers and, perhaps, a sprinkling of freshly grated cheese. Sometimes dad would light the smoker early in the day outside, and smoke several chickens. That hot, smoked meat was the absolute perfect accompaniment for the salad, in my opinion. The leftover meat made the best chicken salad I've had, to this day, too.

Now that I'm a bit older, I have begun thinking of ways to use food to "feed" my brain and protect my heart... and more importantly to me,



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those of my family, as well. It makes good sense to take preventative measures to fight the health issues that plague so many of us, especially as we reach our mid- and later years. We should teach our children to eat this way, as well; the younger, the better!

I have begun, in that quest, creating recipes featuring heart- and brain-healthy foods like fish, avocados, and nuts. After reading how the healthy fats found in those foods can protect not only the brain and heart, but also the eyes, I wrote this recipe for a tomato-avocado salad. I guess that sounds a bit plain at first, but honestly, the combination of several simple, fresh ingredients yields a super-flavorful salad that I think you'll love. It's full of healthy fats from the nuts, olive oil and avocado, and many nutrients, as well as fiber, from the vegetables.

Of course, with a salad, it's easy to play with amounts and ingredients, so you can add more of your favorite things, and leave out what you don't care for to make it your own.

#### Tomato-avocado salad with walnuts

**Ingredients:**  
• 4 Roma tomatoes, chopped

- 2 avocados, cubed
- 1/2 medium red onion, sliced or chopped
- 1 cucumber, peeled and chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- one small zucchini, chopped (may use raw or sauteed zucchini that you have leftover)
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- Gently toss all ingredients in a serving bowl.

#### For the dressing:

- Juice of one lime
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Combine dressing ingredients in a shaker, or in a bowl using a whisk. Pour over salad, and gently toss.

Serve salad with your favorite meat, such as chicken or fish, or add cheese for a non-meat protein source, if desired. Here's another delicious, nutritious salad, featuring sweet watermelon and berries, basil, and soft cheeses. This is incredibly refreshing on a warm day!

#### Melon-berry salad with fresh mozzarella

**Ingredients**  
• 4-5 cups watermelon chunks  
• 1 cups sliced strawberries

- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 package soft fresh mozzarella, cubed
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, torn into small pieces
- salt and pepper, to taste

#### Method:

In a large serving bowl, combine the watermelon and the strawberries. Add the cheeses and the basil, and toss well. Sprinkle the olive oil and vinegar over the salad, and toss again to distribute the dressing throughout the salad. Sprinkle with a teaspoon of salt and half teaspoon of pepper, and toss gently to distribute. Chill for an hour or so while you make the rest of your meal, and serve!

Note: Best served day it's prepared, but I will use it again one day later if there are leftovers. After that, however, the melon and berries release too much juice and the consistency is no longer optimal.

Now, all of us who grew up, or who currently live, along the Gulf Coast know that fish is delicious and usually plentiful. It's also good for us, since it is

high in healthy fat and good-quality protein. How lucky are we?

I know that you have your favorite way already in mind to prepare your catch of the day, whether it be grilling, broiling or frying. However, I would like to share a simple way to cook your fish that even the most inexperienced cook can easily do: inside a foil packet! It's delicious, easy, and ready in no time flat. It can be done inside the oven or on the grill. Also, if you don't have any white wine, you can use chicken broth, or even water, to replace it in this recipe.

#### Foil packet dinner: Red Snapper and vegetables in white wine sauce

- 6 grape or cherry tomatoes cut in half
- 4 or 5 slices of zucchini squash
- 4 slices of lemon
- Red snapper (or whatever fish you have on hand) filet, sprinkled lightly with Cajun or other preferred seasoning blend
- Shredded carrots
- 3 tablespoons of white wine
- 3 tablespoons of chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil

Place above ingredients in foil pouch

Tent the foil to allow to steam to rise in the packet and cook the food, making sure to completely seal the edges. Bake at 350 degrees in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes (When opening the foil packet to test for doneness and serve, be careful not to get burned by the steam!)

This recipe is easily adaptable, once you learn the method. You can use shrimp or scallops instead of a fish filet, for example, and you can switch out the vegetables to use your favorites. Asparagus, yellow squash, or mushrooms would be nice to try in this recipe.

I hope these recipes get you excited to expand your healthy eating, too. Happily, it doesn't have to be boring to get great nutrition!

*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 are considerably taller than she is. You can find more of her recipes at [whatsouthernfolkseat.com](http://whatsouthernfolkseat.com).*

## Gulf County Master Gardeners second plant workshop

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

The Gulf County Master Gardeners will hold another question and answer workshop on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. ET at the Extension Service Satellite Office, 502 E. 4th St. in Port St. Joe.

In addition to discussing how to implement Florida Friendly Landscaping, the team will answer questions about native plants, working with sandy soil, and other topics that come up when planning a garden or dealing with garden pests and problems.

Bring your landscape ideas and plans, questions and garden-related problems to share. The Master Gardeners will explore University web resources, reference materials and their knowledge to help you find answers to problems you may be encountering.

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 UF County Extension Director to provide horticulture information to county homeowners.

For more information, give the Gulf County Extension Service office a call at 639-3200.

## Joe Center for the Arts: Call for entries

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The Joe invites two- and three-dimensional artists working in all mediums to submit original artworks for jury consideration for the 2018 Turtles and Trash Show.

Entries must be submitted online at <http://TheJoeCenter.org/call-for-entries> by Tuesday, June 12. The Joe's summer exhibit "Turtles and Trash" focuses on endangered sea turtles and the impact of marine debris on the health of St. Joseph Bay.

This exhibition is a partnership between The Joe Center for the Arts and environmental organizations such as The Florida Coastal Conservancy.

Participation by local artists will provide support for these organizations and will help raise awareness about this issue.

The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue, is a



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community based non-profit art center. Our mission is to

educate, exhibit, partner and inspire through the Arts.

**FORGOTTEN COAST EN PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE**

**Galleries/Exhibits**

**“Shrimpers” Residency Exhibit: Highlighting the work of Morgan Samuel Price**  
 May 4-11, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily  
 Port Inn, 501 Monument Ave. (on Hwy. 98), Port St. Joe

**“Ripples” Boat Builders Residency Exhibit: Highlighting the work of John P. Lasater IV**  
 May 4-11, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily  
 Eastpoint Visitors Center, 730 Highway 98, Eastpoint

**“Built on Faith” Residency Exhibit: Highlighting the work of James Richards**  
 May 4-11, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily  
 Berkshire Hathaway, 140 West 1st Street, St. George Island

**The Wetroom: Art Fresh Off the Easel**  
 May 4-13, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Florida’s Finest en Plein Air Exhibition: A Tribute to Florida’s Plein Air Talent**  
 May 4-13, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily  
 Center for History, Culture and Arts, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola

**Quickdraw Exhibit: The Best of the 2018 Quickdraw Competition**  
 May 4-13, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily  
 Center for History, Culture and Art, 86 Water St., Apalachicola

**Founder’s Collection: Exhibition presented as an Artists’ Tribute**  
 May 4-13, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily  
 Sacred Heart Hospital, 3801 East Highway 98, Port St. Joe

**The Judge’s Collection: Exhibition featuring the art of Lori Putnam**  
 May 4-13, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily  
 Mexico Beach Visitor’s Center, 102 Canal Pkwy, Mexico Beach, FL

**Events**

**A Mini-Workshop with Ken DeWaard**  
**A Working Waterfront, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 4, 9-11 a.m., Riverfront Park, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola

**Opening Luncheon**  
 May 4, 12 p.m.  
 The Joe, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Reid Avenue Streetscapes, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 4, 2-4 p.m.  
 The Joe, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**First Friday Reception**  
 May 4, 6 p.m.  
 Port Inn, 501 Monument Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Shrimpers Residency Presentation by Morgan Samuel Price**  
 May 4, 6:30 p.m.  
 Port Inn, 501 Monument Avenue (on Hwy. 98), Port St. Joe

**Cape San Blas Quickdraw**  
 May 5, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
 Salinas Park, Cape San Blas

**Salinas Park Vistas, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 5, 2-4 p.m.  
 Salinas Park, 240 Cape San Blas Road, Cape San Blas

**The Judge’s Perspective - Featuring Lori Putnam**  
 May 5, 2-4 p.m.  
 Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Arts (HCA), 86 Water Street, Apalachicola

**A Working Waterfront, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 5, 2-4 p.m.  
 Riverfront Park, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola

**Salinas Park Artists’ Reception**  
 May 5, 4-6 p.m.  
 Salinas Park, 240 Cape San Blas Road, Cape San Blas

**Florida’s Finest and Quickdraw**

**Gallery Reception**  
 May 5, 7-9 p.m.  
 Center for History, Culture and Arts, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola

**Plein Church, Gospel en Plein Air, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 6, 9-11 a.m.  
 Riverfront Park, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola

**How the Landscape Elevates Us with Kathleen Hudson**  
 May 6, 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.  
 Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola, FL

**Lunch and Learn - Reflections with Ray Roberts**  
 May 7, 12-2 p.m.  
 Port Theatre, 314 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**The View Across Apalachicola Bay, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 7, 2-4 p.m.  
 Lynn’s Quality Oysters, 402 Highway 98, Eastpoint

**Eastpoint Artists Reception**  
 May 7, 4-6 p.m.  
 Lynn’s Quality Oysters, 402 Highway 98, Eastpoint

**Nocturne Paint in Apalachicola, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 7, 8-10 p.m.  
 Riverfront Park, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola

**Nocturne Paint at the Port St. Joe Marina, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 7, 8-10 p.m.  
 Port St. Joe Marina, 200 Miss Zola’s Drive, Port St. Joe

**Lunch and Learn - No Shame in Being Different with Charlie Hunter**  
 May 8, 12-2 p.m.  
 Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art, 86 Water St., Apalachicola, FL

**Marine Avenue Panoramas, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 8, 2-4 p.m.  
 Marine Street Pavilion, Marine Avenue Riverwalk, Carrabelle

**Rio Carrabelle Artists’ Reception**  
 May 8, 4-6 p.m.  
 Rio Carrabelle Gallery, 102 St. James Avenue, Carrabelle

**“Ripples” Boat Builders Residency Presentation by John P. Lasater, IV**

May 8, 6:30 p.m.  
 Eastpoint Visitor Center, 731 US Hwy. 98, Eastpoint, FL

**Student Art Day**  
 May 9, 10:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
 Mill Pond, 479 Market Street, Apalachicola

**The Lighthouse Silhouette, St. George Island, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 9, 2-4 p.m.  
 Lighthouse Park, 2 E Gulf Beach Dr., St. George Island

**St. George Island Artists Reception**  
 May 9, 4-6 p.m.  
 St. George Island Lighthouse, 2 E Gulf Beach Dr., St. George Island

**“Built on Faith” Residency Presentation: Presenting the work of James Richards**  
 May 9, 6:30 p.m.  
 Berkshire Hathaway HomeCenter, 140 W. 1st St., St. George Island

**Lunch and Learn - Art Up with Mark Shasha**  
 May 10, 12-2 p.m.  
 Port Theatre, 314 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Mexico Beach Tableaus, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 10, 2-4 p.m.  
 Mexico Beach Welcome Center, 102 Canal Parkway, Mexico Beach

**Mexico Beach Tableaus Reception**  
 May 10, 4-6 p.m.  
 Mexico Beach Welcome Center, 102 Canal Parkway, Mexico Beach

**Local Color, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 11, 9-11 a.m.  
 Cape San Blas Lighthouse, 200 Miss Zola’s Drive, Port St. Joe

**Masters’ Gallery Tour - Featuring Lori Putnam**  
 May 11, 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Ave., Port St. Joe, FL

**Lunch and Learn - What’s Cool about Watercolor with Brienne Brown**  
 May 11, 12-2 p.m.  
 Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art, 86 Water St., Apalachicola, FL

**Artists Roundtable Discussion**

**- Moderated by Lori Putnam**  
 May 11, 2-4 p.m.  
 Center for History, Culture and Arts, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola, FL

**Collectors’ Gala**  
 May 11, 7-10 p.m.  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**A Working Waterfront, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 12, 9-11 a.m.  
 Riverfront Park, 86 Water Street, Apalachicola

**Reid Avenue Streetscapes, Artist Demonstrations**  
 May 12, 9-11 a.m.  
 The Joe, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Open House at the Wetroom**  
 May 12, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Lunch and Learn - Bringing Animals to Life with William A. “Bill” Suys**  
 May 12, 12-2 p.m.  
 Port Theatre, 314 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Collector’s Consultations with Lori Putnam**  
 May 12, 1-4 p.m.  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Ave., Port St. Joe, FL

**Artists’ Choice Wet Room Artist Demonstration**  
 May 12, 2-4 p.m.  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Color: Warm or Cool Presentation with Vicki Norman**  
 May 13, 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Ave., Port St. Joe

**Small Painting Sunday**  
 May 13, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Wet Room Artist Demonstration by Ray Roberts**  
 May 13, 1-3 p.m.  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe

**Paint Stations**  
 May 4-13

**Various times and locations along the Forgotten Coast**  
 Plein Air South  
 May 14-17  
 The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe, FL

**AIR**

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Hudson, after graduating from Harvard, was selected to Boston’s Copley Society of Art, the oldest non-profit art organization in America.

Both can also quickly identify what attracts them about painting en plein air, identifications that dovetailed.

“It’s fun, great people and it’s never boring,” Price said. “To stand outside on a beautiful day and paint a beautiful scene, what is better than that?”

Hudson said, “I like painting outside for a number of reasons. You can see the colors a camera can’t capture. It focuses me, helps me with clarity for my paintings.”

Further, the attraction of plein air painting, which has almost this traveling troubadour vibe, serves as elixir.

“You have more of a sense of camaraderie than competition,” Hudson said. “You know people are working really hard, so there is a lot of inspiration.”

Price said, “The cool people you meet is part of it. You meet wonderful people who are there because they love art.”

And, as a final connection, Hudson and Price will each offer featured shows during Forgotten Coast en Plein Air.

Price will show a residency



**The Quickdraw will be on Cape San Blas Sunday.** [FILE PHOTO]

exhibit honoring the marine, and the boats, shrimpers and others, that ply their trade on the water.

“Painting boats brings so many things together,” Price said. “Paintings take on a life of their own.”

Hudson will provide a presentation Sunday on landscapes and how they can elevate a painting, and vice versa.

“The water, the colors, the atmospherics, there is just so much to see and understand (in a landscape),” Hudson said.

And as Forgotten Coast en Plein Air moves into its teen years with this year’s edition, what draws the artists, this year some two dozen, Hudson and Price join in a celebration and festival that has become a staple of the calendar.

“There is plenty to paint there,” Price said of the Forgotten Coast. “It is beautiful.”

opportunities for a portion of the event or food.

“We need everybody’s help if we are going to make this event successful,” Martin said. “We’d like everybody to come out and enjoy themselves.”

To donate or for more information contact Martin at 229-2901.

**DAWGS**

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If math doesn’t work, let’s try some humanity, or poochanity. The numbers don’t do much, the humanity will.

**Presenting Riona**

A chocolate lab, and a bit out of the norm for DAWGS as she is already five years old, Riona has found a special, calling, literally.

Father Jim McDonald, a Catholic priest whose ministry plays out on a 10-acre compound along the Hudson River, was in search of a dog, one who could replace a beloved pet and fill a void.

McDonald’s ministry is caring for and housing retired and infirm nuns.

“They had adopted a dog named Charlie from a prison program in Ohio years ago,” said Sandi Christy, co-director of the DAWGS in Prison program. “He was a yellow lab, but he passed away last year.

“(McDonald) wanted another lab, somebody for the Sisters to love on.”

And via the worldwide web, Father McDonald located DAWGS in Prison and Riona.

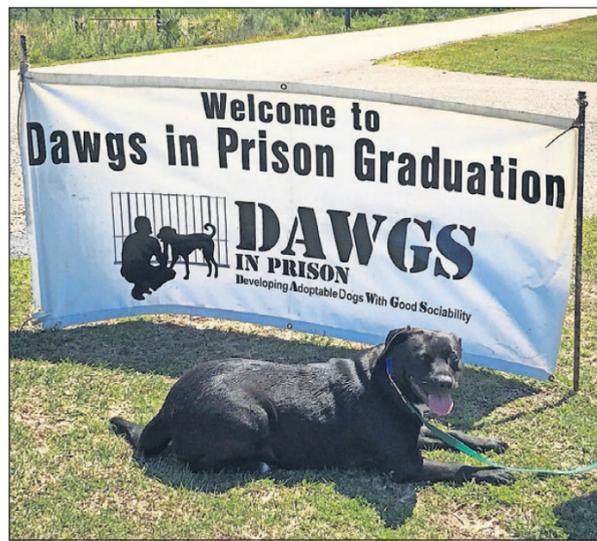
Christy spent hours on the phone with McDonald, as she does with most every adoption candidate, ensuring a perfect match of dog and home.

The more she heard, the more she knew Riona and McDonald were bound to come together.

McDonald was seeking a more mature dog, a mellow, loving dog, for the special care needed at his compound.

The Sisters didn’t need a hyper young dog; they needed a dog that had, they needed, experienced life as they had.

Riona has fit the bill since



**Ruby, Top Dog in Class 58, is one her way to Wisconsin, one of 26 states now home to DAWGS in Prison dogs.**[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

graduation.

“Riona is fitting right in,” Father McDonald said in an email. “She has met about 60 people since arriving and she is loving to each one of them. She is already attached to my hip and the bonding process has gone very well.

“I took her over to the gym and went through all her commands. They did a great job at DAWGS. My best to the guys.”

Those “guys” are a sampling of the nearly 600 inmates who have worked through the program, applying for entry with the hope of earning a caretaker spot and advancing to trainer.

More than a few of those inmates, upon release, have found employment on the outside thanks to the skills, discipline, empathy, patience, learned in DAWGS.

So, let us now consider Ruby, another chocolate lab that captured the title of Top Dog in Class 58, bestowed on the canine that progresses the most during the eight-weeks of training.

Mary Freitag splits her time between Wisconsin and Port St. Joe and volunteers at the

SJBHS.

A friend of Freitag’s in Wisconsin fell hard for a dog Freitag adopted out of the DAWGS program.

Freitag made some introductions to Christy and in time the friend met Ruby.

She was smitten.

And after graduation, Freitag was carrying Ruby to a forever home in the Badger State.

“That’s a very powerful word-of-mouth recommendation,” Christy noted.

Sticking to our numbers theme, we shall note that Wisconsin became state No. 26 in the list of destinations for DAWGS graduates: Class 58’s 10 dogs went off to New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Virginia and Wisconsin.

And given that reach and disbursement, while the majority of referrals for adoption still come through the DAWGS website or Pet-Finders, word-of-mouth has become a strong recruiting tool in finding forever homes.

Now, onto the Class of 59, already in training and destined for homes and the steady approach of 600, in nine years. The math astounds.

**VIOLENCE**

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Donations of both money and items for the silent auction during the event are still being sought.

There are also sponsorship

**GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

**April 23-29**

• On April 24, Bobby Briggs Hill (37), William Woodrow Bryan (52) and Cullen Durant Wilson (34) were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on Gulf County Warrants. Hill was wanted for Violation of Injunction. Bryan was wanted for Failure to Pay Fines and Wilson was wanted for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Heroin and Possession of Methamphetamine.

• On April 24, Fredrick Lecks Crutchfield III (27) was arrested at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office on a Violation of Probation warrant. Crutchfield was on probation of Sale of Methamphetamine (x3).

• On April 24, Sgt. L. Dickey was assigned to investigate allegations of sex crimes against a minor child. Dylan James Houbler (23) was identified as the suspect. During Sgt. Dickey's investigation, the allegations were verified, resulting in Houbler being charged with ten counts of Lewd and Lascivious Battery on person twelve years of age or older but less than sixteen years old.

• On April 25, Deputy M. Manley observed a vehicle traveling in a reckless manner on U.S.98, southbound, near Industrial Road. Deputy Manley attempted to catch up to the vehicle to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle, which was speeding as well, turned left onto 1st Street at such a speed, that items in the back of the truck were slung out into the roadway. Deputy Manley cleared the road and continued after the vehicle. Deputy Manley

caught up to the vehicle as it was turning into the parking lot leading up to the Robert M. Moore Administrative Building at the Gulf County Courthouse. He then observed the driver stop in the middle of the parking lot, exit the vehicle with a stick and run toward the front door of the Sheriff's Office. The man, who was later identified as Robert Phillip Pyne (38), approached another man and attacked him with the stick. Deputy Manley quickly intervened and placed Pyne under arrest, charging him with Aggravated Battery. The man he attacked was identified as Paul Lee Potts (52). Potts was attacked as a result of an incident that occurred moments earlier involving Potts and a female that has a domestic violence injunction against him. As a result of that incident Potts was placed under arrest and charged with Violation of a Domestic Violence Injunction.

• On April 25, Kimberly Ann Clarkson (34) turned herself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a warrant for Violation of an Injunction for Protection Against Stalking.

• On April 25, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell went to a residence on Crestwood Lane to locate Megan Leigh Lincoln (27) and arrest her on a Violation of Probation warrant. Lincoln was on probation for Sale of Methamphetamine. Lincoln was located and placed under arrest.

• On April 25, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell executed an arrest warrant in the 5000 block of South State 71 in Wewahitchka, by arresting Elijah Earl Spencer (33). Spencer was

wanted for failing to appear in court on the charges of Retail Theft.

• On April 25, Investigators P. Williams and S. Ferrell went to West Creekview Drive, in Wewahitchka, to serve an arrest warrant on Tyler Jacob Nichols (19) for failing to appear in court on the charge of Grand Theft. Nichols was located and placed under arrest.

• On April 26, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on State 22 near the Dixie Dandy. During the course of the traffic stop, Deputy Peek deployed K-9 Brix to conduct a free air around the vehicle. Brix alerted on the vehicle, which led to a probable cause search. Deputy Peek found marijuana inside the vehicle. The vehicle's only occupant, Chester Henry Quick (19) was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Marijuana.

• On April 26, Deputy G. Desrosier, went to the 500 block of South 4th Street in Wewahitchka and arrested Michael Deane Ward (50) on a warrant for failure to appear in court on the original charges of Felony Battery.

• On April 26, Deputy L. Greenwood was dispatched to the Scallop Cove convenience store on Cape San Blas in reference to a theft. It was reported that a subject had entered the store, opened a box of condoms, and put one in his pocket. The subject purchased two drinks and a tube of Chapstick and left the store. Video surveillance was acquired and attempts are being made to identify the suspect.

• On April 26, Deputy M. Peek and Deputy S. Sheline conducted a

traffic stop near the intersection of State 71 and Chipola Avenue in Wewahitchka. During their encounter with the driver, who was identified as Wesley James Johnson IV (31), they could smell an odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. They also saw in plain view a bag of marijuana in the back seat. Johnson was placed under arrest and charged with possession of more than twenty grams of marijuana, which constitutes a felony.

• On April 27, Sgt. J. Williams and Deputy C. Harvey located Aaron Shane Whitehurst (34) in the 2000 block of South State 71 in Wewahitchka. Whitehurst was wanted on a warrant for Grand Theft and Burglary of an occupied dwelling. The warrant stemmed from a burglary that was reported on April 19 in the Overstreet area.

• On April 27, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of State 71 and Church Street in Wewahitchka. The driver was identified as Darien Nathen Hutcheson (40) and it was revealed that his driver's license was suspended. Hutcheson was placed under arrest and charged with driving with a suspended license.

• On April 26, Deputy Harvey travelled to the Bay County Jail to arrest Krystal Dawn Easter (30) and Jasmine Nicole Woullard (25) on Gulf County warrants and transport them back to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Easter was wanted for failing to appear in court on charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence. Woullard was wanted for violation of probation

on the original charges of Sale of a Controlled Substance (x2) and Possession of a Controlled Substance (x2).

• On April 28, Deputy D. House responded to a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of Dolphin Street. Deputy House encountered a white female who he identified as Jennifer Ann Clark (42). Clark was actively engaged in a verbal dispute with another subject. During the investigation into Clark's actions, it was discovered that Clark had been acting in such of a disturbing manor, that she awoke neighbors in the area. Clark was placed under arrest and charged with Disorderly Conduct. Clark was on probation out of Bay County so she was additionally charged with violation of probation.

• On April 28, Deputy D. House conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of CR 386 and Shell Road. Deputy House identified the driver, and sole occupant of the vehicle, as Derek Lee Skipper (31). During Skipper's contact with Deputy House, he told him that he had been getting "high" all day long and produced a glass pipe with methamphetamine residue inside it. A search of the vehicle revealed a cigarette box with methamphetamine inside it. Skipper was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine 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.*

## Teacher Strikes: 'Blowin' in the Wind'

By Margaret R. McDowell

**"There once was a teacher of great renown..."**

"The Teacher" as performed by Paul Simon

Teachers in West Virginia have returned to the classroom after a nine-day wage strike. Teachers in Oklahoma staged a walkout earlier this month. At this writing, teacher walkouts in Arizona and Colorado are planned for the next few days. There's a sense that these public employees have been dissatisfied for some time now. Why these protests are

coalescing simultaneously is anyone's guess. Perhaps it's, thank you Robert Zimmerman, "Blowin' in the Wind."

Oklahoma's minimum teacher salary starts at \$31,600 and can range up to \$46,000. Granted, it costs far less to live in rural Oklahoma than in New York, a state whose teachers are compensated better than any other. So, some argue that teachers in states like Oklahoma should be paid far less. But \$31,000, even in Oklahoma, doesn't afford a lavish lifestyle.

How much should we pay those who educate our young people? If we really care

about the quality of education our kids are receiving, should we demonstrate that concern by reallocating funds in state budget sessions?

Many people say, "What's in it for me? I don't have kids," or, "My kids are grown. Why do I care about teacher salaries and school funding?" And it's an understandable stance. But here's a thought: even if we don't currently have children in school, we can all appreciate living in better communities. A better educated population saves us money. It's a good economic decision. Investing in teacher salaries and schools means less unemployment,

less crime, more productive taxpayers, more educated decisions being made about health care choices. These are all issues which end up costing us taxpayers a huge amount of money.

So is increasing teacher pay the only answer? No, of course not. Education, like all industries, faces a myriad of challenges beyond compensation. Difficult, complicated issues hound our educational institutions at every level. But one wonders what caliber of instructor could be recruited if starting salaries approached, say, \$75,000 a year? How would our young people be

impacted? In what ways would it reshape our culture?

In many countries, teachers are widely respected, and it is understood that their calling is an indispensable and valuable one.

Here, we ask quite a lot of our teachers, including serving as bullet proof warriors and oftentimes funding their own materials when school supplies aren't available, but we don't compensate them particularly well.

Paying teachers more is like funding public libraries. They don't normally turn a profit. But who wants to live in a community without one?



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**20178S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Linda Gant, 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 #2017-23 Tax Sale Certificate #2014-1027**  
**Name in which assessed:** Edward Mitchell, Waldo Thomas, and Mrs. Eliza Dawson  
**R.E. No.** 05773-000R  
**Date of Issuance:** May 30, 2014

**Description of Property:**

Lot 11, Block 1005, of Millview Addition to the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the Official Map on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court 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, 23rd day of May, 2018.

Dated: April 16, 2018

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

BY: Elaine Bland,  
Deputy Clerk  
Pub: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2018



### 20182S FOUND PROPERTY NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE OWNER AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ATTACHED PROPERTY.

This property: A floating structure (green and white house boat) was abandoned on the waters of the Chipola River on Lockey Lake, in Gulf County, FL. To claim said property, contact the FWC Panama City Regional Office at 850-265-3676. Dated this 12th day of March 2018.  
FWNW18OFF002048  
Pub: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2018

### 20184S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Capital One Citri 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 #2017-28 Tax Sale Certificate #2015-1067**  
**Name in which assessed:** G P H Holdings LLC Assessee: Trent L. Coggins  
**R.E. No.** 06287-385R  
**Date of Issuance:** May 29, 2015

**Description of Property:**

Lot 57, Jubilation Phase II, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 12, 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, 23rd day of May, 2018.

Dated: April 16, 2018

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

BY: Elaine Bland,  
Deputy Clerk  
Pub: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2018

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BY: Elaine Bland,  
Deputy Clerk  
Pub: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2018

### 20264S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Capital One Citri 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 #2018-02 Tax Sale Certificate #2015-236**  
**Name in which assessed:** Raymond Lewis Syfrett and Ann S. Syfrett  
**R.E. No.** 01362-050R  
**Date of Issuance:** May 29, 2015

**Description of Property:**

That portion of Gov't Lot 1, Designated as Parcel #1362, by the Property Appraiser for Gulf County, which lies West and South of Linson Road, being a portion of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 10 West.

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, 30th day of May, 2018.

Dated: April 23, 2018

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

BY: Elaine Bland,  
Deputy Clerk  
Pub: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2018

### 20328S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No: 18-22-CA

**SABRINA CHRISTINA HARPER,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**SEAGRASS PROPERTIES, LLC,** a dissolved, inactive Florida limited liability company, et al,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

**T O : S T E V E N DELONGA,** individually and as Managing Member of Core Development Group, LLC, as one of the two last known managing members of Seagrass Properties, LLC, a dissolved, inactive Florida limited liability company - address unknown

and as to each of said persons against the unknown husband or wife, as the case may be, of any or either of them, if alive; and if dead, then against their and each of their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and grantees and all other parties or persons claiming interest by, through, under or against them, and against all persons having any right, title or interest in and to the following described lands.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** That an action to quiet title on the following described property in GULF County, Florida:

**LOT 13, BLOCK D, SEAGRASS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 1, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it upon MICHAEL J. COOPER, Plaintiff's attorney whose address is 321 Northwest Third Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. BY NOT LATER THAN: May 25th,

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2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this the 13th day of April, 2018

**REBECCA L. (BECKY) NORRIS**  
Clerk of the Court  
**BA Baxter**  
Deputy Clerk  
Pub April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2018

### 20338S NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that Bayou RV Supplies & Storage, LLC., Pursuant to FS83.806, will dispose of or offer for sale after May 10, 2018 the miscellaneous items belonging to the following tenants: Janah Strickland, Unit 212 and Amanda Baez, Unit 025. Unit contents may be redeemed by owner prior to May 10, 2018, for cash only. Pub April 26, May 3, 2018

### 20358S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Capital One Citri 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 #2018-03 Tax Sale Certificate #2015-451**  
**Name in which assessed:** Willie O. Riley  
**R.E. No.** 02555-000R  
**Date of Issuance:** May 29, 2015

**Description of Property:**

Lot 12, Block 4, of Pine Ridge Addition to Wewahitchka, Florida, according to the Official Map or Plat thereof on file in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, 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, 30th day of May, 2018.

Dated: April 23, 2018

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

BY: Elaine Bland,  
Deputy Clerk  
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### 20424S POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTER'S NOTICE

The Gulf County Supervisor of Elections has received information the person(s) listed below is potentially ineligible to be registered to vote. Failure to contact this office within 30 days after this notice is published may result in a determination of ineligibility by the supervisor of elections and removal of the registered voters' name from the statewide voter registration system. You should contact this office by calling 850-229-6117 to receive information regarding the basis for the potential ineligibility and instructions on how to resolve the matter, or request additional assistance if needed.

An administrative hearing will be held regarding the potential ineligibility of these persons on June 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM EST in the Supervisor of Elections Office - 401 Long Ave, Port St Joe, FL 32456.

The Supervisor of Elections will make a determination no less than 30 days after this published notice and will notify the voter of the determination and action taken.

Paul J. Causey  
175 Reynolds Rd  
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Royce M. Chancey  
620 S. 3rd St.  
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Kelly Diane Evans  
P.O. Box 763  
Port St. Joe, FL 32457

Cecil H. Lyons, III  
204 16th Street  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Bruce Edward Parker  
181 Shell Rd  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Jessika L. Turner  
2448 Victoria Ave.  
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Charles M. Gable  
197 Meadowview Rd  
Wewahitchka, FL 32465

**This notice published May 3, 2018**  
John M. Hanlon  
Gulf County Supervisor of Elections

### 20452S NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

**Sizemore's Sugar Bears**

located at 377 Lakeview Dr., in the County of Gulf in the City of Wewahitchka, Florida, 32465 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Wewahitchka, Florida, this 26th day of April, 2018.

**ARLO AND WILA LLC**  
Pub: May 3, 2018

### 20454S CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2018-12 Port St. Joe Downtown Water Improvements Bores

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe Downtown Water Improvements Bores will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 3:00 PM EST, Friday, May 25, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday, May 25, 2018, at 3:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Conference Room.

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 2018-12 Port St. Joe Downtown Water Improvements Bores".

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The City of Port St. Joe is accepting bids for underground bore work as part of our Downtown water improvement project. The work shall consist of twelve (12) inch, six (6) inch, two (2) inch and service bores. A complete bid package is available at [www.cityofportstjoe.com](http://www.cityofportstjoe.com)

For questions concerning this project, please contact John Grantland at 850-229-8247.

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.

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### 20468S CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2018-11 Port St. Joe Downtown Water Improvements Materials Purchase

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe Downtown Water Improvements Materials Purchase will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 3:00 PM EST, Friday, May 25, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday, May 25, 2018, at 3:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Conference Room.

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 2018-11 Port St. Joe Downtown

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Water Improvements Materials Purchase".

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** Direct Purchase of materials as listed in the Base Bid sheet that are required to complete the replacement of various water main and service connections throughout the distribution system. A complete bid package is available at [www.cityofportstjoe.com](http://www.cityofportstjoe.com)

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### 20470S CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2018-10 (REBID OF RFP 2017-11) Long Avenue Water Project Bores

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for Long Avenue Water Project Bores will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 3:00 PM EST, Friday, May 25, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday, May 25, 2018, at 3:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Conference Room.

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 2018-10 (REBID OF RFP 2017-11) Long Avenue Water Project Bores".

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The City of Port St. Joe is accepting bids for underground bore work as part of our Long Avenue water line project. The work shall consist of twelve (12) inch, eight (8) inch, three (3) inch and service bores. A complete bid package is available at [www.cityofportstjoe.com](http://www.cityofportstjoe.com)

For questions concerning this project, please contact John Grantland at 850-229-8247.

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### 20476S CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2018-09 (REBID OF RFP 2017-10) Long Avenue Water Project Materials Purchase

Sealed bids for City of Port St. Joe for Long Avenue Water Project Materials Purchase will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 3:00 PM EST, Friday, May 25, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Friday, May 25, 2018, at 3:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Conference Room.

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 2018-09 (REBID OF RFP 2017-10) Long Avenue Water Project Materials Purchase".

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** Direct Purchase of materials as listed in the Base Bid sheet that are required to complete the replacement of various water main and service connections throughout the distribution system. A complete bid package is available at

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**Marketing RFQ**  
The Mexico Beach Community Development Council, Inc. (MBCDC) is seeking submissions from advertising agencies with expertise in marketing, creative services in advertising and marketing, and media buying to promote the tourism industry of Mexico Beach, Florida. Complete details and guidelines for submission on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) can be located at <http://mexicobeach.com/mexico-beach/about-the-cdc/marketing-resources/>. The RFQ must be submitted to the MBCDC by May 31, 2018. Questions should be addressed to Kimberly Shoaf, President, MBCDC, [kimberly@mexicobeach.com](mailto:kimberly@mexicobeach.com).

### Visitor Guide RFQ

The Mexico Beach Community Development Council, Inc. (MBCDC) is requesting qualifications from firms for Developing and Printing of the Mexico Beach Visitor Guide. Complete details and guidelines for submission on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) can be located at <http://mexicobeach.com/mexico-beach/about-the-cdc/marketing-resources/>. The RFQ must be submitted to the MBCDC by May 24, 2018. Respondents must file their responses as instructed by the RFQ guidelines. Questions should be addressed to Kimberly Shoaf, President, MBCDC, [kimberly@mexicobeach.com](mailto:kimberly@mexicobeach.com).

### Water Plant Operator

The City of Mexico Beach is currently accepting applications for the full time position of **Water Plant Operator**. The position's primary responsibilities include reading meters, service line repair and overall operation of the City Water Plant. Qualified candidates will have a minimum of a Class "C" Operators Certificate in Water as issued by the State of Florida and be proficient with Microsoft Office. The position is Full time with full City benefits including retirement, health, vision, dental and life insurance. Applications will be accepted at Mexico Beach City Hall, 201 Paradise Path or [a.welle@mexicobeachgov.com](mailto:a.welle@mexicobeachgov.com) for more information please email [p.hall@mexicobeachgov.com](mailto:p.hall@mexicobeachgov.com) until May 10, 2018 at 2pm.

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