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County submits Triumph application

Seeking funding for Eastern dry dock project

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Late Monday afternoon, roughly four months after a pre-application was deemed eligible, county staff

submitted to the board of Triumph Gulf Coast a full application for design and construction of dry dock in the turning basin of the authorized shipping channel.

The dry dock is aimed at facilitating the expansion of Eastern Shipbuilding into Gulf County, which was announced nearly five years ago.

"I hope that once we submit

our application, it will be approved ... and it will be a blessing to the county," said Commissioner Sandy Quinn, Jr.

The county is seeking \$28 million from Triumph, which is charged with disbursing some \$1.2 billion in BP fine dollars to eight Northwest Florida counties over the next 15 years.

The dry dock is the first

county project to have a full application submitted.

Legislation approved earlier this year allocates \$15 million to the county from \$300 million in first-year Triumph funding; over 15 years the county is earmarked \$63 million.

"Our money is safe," said county administrator Michael Hammond, emphasizing that legislative action to remove

future monies headed to Triumph is a long shot.

Hammond also emphasized that the county's governing bodies, including both cities and the Gulf County School Board, unanimously agreed to support the county's application for the dry dock project in the first year.

He added that those other

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Watch the sheepskins go out this weekend

High school graduations next two nights

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The graduations the next two days will be as much a celebration of community as the Classes of 2018.

The gyms, the R. Marion Craig Coliseum in Port St. Joe and the Wewahitchka High School gymnasium, are typically bulging with people, not just parents, friends and family of the graduates but also those counted as simply friends of the schools, friends of the community.

There are the local funds donated for scholarships each year, running well into six figures and providing a boost to the next stage in life for a wide demographic of students.

The line-up of presenters for those scholarships is as prodigious as the scholarship dollars, pushing ceremonies far beyond the stage stroll and diploma-handing, though no one is complaining.

And the night ends with a sense of community, with Project Graduation events to which, typically, much of the community, and beyond, has contributed.

Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School will get things started 7 p.m. ET tonight and Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High will complete the ceremonies 7 p.m. CT Friday.

We present, the Class of 2018 (see senior portraits pages A8-A9).

Port St. Joe High School graduates

Christopher Blake Adams, Claudia Grace Alcorn, Christopher Jacob Anderson, Morgan Amber Anderson, Alexandra Maria Arnold, Islord Joseph Lee Arroyo, Braden Chase Baumgardner, Avia Rose Bell, Haylee Marie Bonner, Grace Kellyann Bosstick, Christopher Brandon Brant, Maximus Leon Burgos-Harris;

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The Lady Gators finished the season on a 21-game winning streak. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

These ladies are CHAMPS

Wewahitchka wins state softball title

Brianna Bailey allowed a single unearned run in the postseason. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



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Webster's dictionary defines perseverance as "steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state, etc., especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles or discouragement."

May we present the 2018 Class 1A state softball champion Wewahitchka Lady Gators.

The Lady Gators capped a three-year pursuit of the state title Tuesday with a 2-1 victory over Trenton, scoring two unearned runs and seeing those hold up behind the redoubtable Brianna Bailey.

Wewahitchka, 26-4, finishes the season on a 21-game

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County sees possible 'light' on Coastal Barrier Resources Act

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After more than a decade of effort, the county's tussle with the local application of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) is near bearing results.

County attorney Jeremy Novak said Tuesday that he had received notification that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service was submitted a report recommending that 47 acres be removed from the CBRA zone.

Those acres sit between the Billy Joe Rish State Park and Ovation to the north.

The move, if taken by the federal government, would remove more than a 100 units from CBRA.

"That is good news," said Commissioner Phil McCroan.

The county has long argued

that some 940 South Gulf acres should have never been placed in a CBRA zone as an array of infrastructure was already in place, meaning the land should have not been available to CBRA.

The county has sought congressional action during the terms of former Congressmen Allen Boyd and Steve Southerland to no avail.

The county, which has also employed lobbyists over the

years, also examined legal action last year.

Being in a CBRA presents complications for homeowners regarding flood insurance.

Roughly 10 years ago, the CBRA designation led to the loss of some \$15 million in FEMA funding for the loss of peninsula beach, just restored beach at that, during Hurricane Gustav.

Novak said should the Fish and Wildlife report lead to

the removal of the 47 acres, it would provide several avenues for the county.

"Once across that threshold (the removal of 47 acres) it would give us an argument for (removing) the rest of the acreage," Novak said.

Additionally, the removal of the 47 acres, if not followed by congressional action to remove the whole 900-plus,

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THINGS TO DO OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Star Staff Report

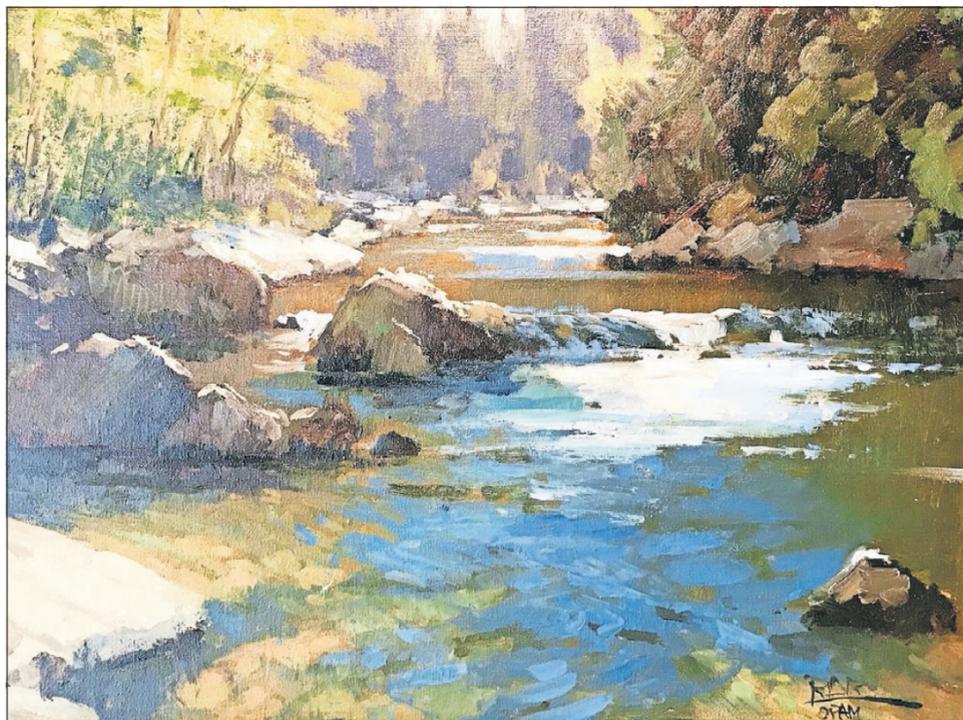
Memorial Day means barbecue and beach for many, but the calendar also provides its share of suggestions. Here are a few.

County dedicates playground to Whitfield. The county will formally dedicate the playground at Max Fleming Park in Howard Creek to the memory of former Commissioner Freddie Whitfield, who passed away suddenly last year. The dedication is 10 a.m. ET this morning at Max Fleming Park in Howard Creek. County Commissioner David Rich, who was appointed to succeed Whitfield, said dedication of the playground was a continuation of efforts Whitfield made before his death. "I am trying to finish what he started," Rich said. The public is invited to attend this free event.

"Plein Air South" exhibit at The Joe. The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Ave., will host an art exhibit by the members of the Plein Air South painters conference in May and June.

The exhibit features the work of artist Roger Dale Brown, a landscape artist of national renown who delivered the keynote address at the Plein Air South conference. The exhibit also includes paintings from life by more than 20 artists from Florida and other southern states.

The Plein Air South exhibit will be free and open to the public on Thursdays (10 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET), Fridays (10 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET) and Saturdays (10 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET) from May 24 until June 20.



This painting by Roger Dale Brown, "Mountain River," is part of the "Plein Air South" exhibit at The Joe Center for the Arts. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



The South Gulf County Volunteer Fire Department's annual Butts fundraiser will be held this weekend. Buy by the butt or the sandwich. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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Walk-up orders will depend on availability: first-come, first-served.

On Friday and Saturday, volunteers will also be selling pulled-pork sandwich meals for \$9, with each meal including sandwich, chips, coleslaw and drink.

Family-to-go boxes for four include one pound of shredded pork, four buns, four chips, pot of coleslaw, four drinks and barbecue sauce.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go to support the fire department's life saving and first aid equipment among other fire safety and education items.

Donations are always welcome; go to www.sgcfire.com any time.



Climb the Cape San Blas Lighthouse in George Core Park. [FILE PHOTO]



Memorial Day services will be held 11 a.m. ET Monday in Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Honor veterans on Memorial Day. The John C. Gainous VFW Post 10069 in Port St. Joe will host a Memorial Day service at 11 a.m. ET Monday at Veterans Memorial Park in Beachon Hill. The service will honor the county's and country's fallen veterans. Lunch will follow at the VFW Post home on Trout Ave. in Highland View. Everyone is invited to attend and honor our fallen heroes.

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

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Why Body & Soul?

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How does Body & Soul work?

Church members customize and run Body & Soul to fit the needs of their church. You can draw upon the many talents of your church members to nourish and sustain your congregation as they move toward a healthier "body and soul."

What are the benefits of Body & Soul?

Body & Soul congregations embrace and celebrate good health through healthy eating. By implementing Body & Soul, you congregation can help meet its health ministry goals:

- Learn how health and spirituality are connected
- Feel empowered to take charge of their health
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- Gain access to vital health information at the church

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OPINION

KEYBOARD KLATTERINGS

Never forgetting



Tim Croft

This will be a weekend of barbecues, family and good times.

For some it will mean an extra day in bed, at the beach, in front of the television.

According to forecasters, the weather outside will be delightful, with a small chance of rain and plenty of sunshine.

The beaches are inviting, the water intoxicating, with plenty to keep everybody busy.

Amid the hustle and bustle is time to pause to remember, to consider the price that was paid and continues to be paid for those bounty of choices.

From Lexington and Concord to Anbar Province, from the Chosin Reservoir to the Ardennes Forest, from Hamburger Hill to Hu Province, the price in American blood and lives is what affords us the ability to enjoy a "holiday" because it has surely been no holiday for the men and women of uniform.

Who have answered a call that some can't imagine answering, who have suffered injuries many of us could not possibly comprehend, who have sacrificed beyond the pale, beyond what many of us could fathom.

We read, watch and hear stories of battles in foreign lands, but we don't, we can't, fully appreciate the experience, the mindset, the motivation required to defend your country, to sacrifice all for your fellow American, fellow man.

Read "Where Men Win Glory" and the story of the late Pat Tillman for one story of that kind of sacrifice, from NFL to his death in a friendly fire incident.

Try a viewing of "Band of Brothers"; it is sobering and uplifting at the same time.

We, in this county, have also had the privilege, until this year, to welcome a yearly reminder of the costs during the Forgotten Coast Wounded Warrior Weekends each May.

We have seen the price paid by men and women and had the opportunity to offer a bit of thanks, a small gesture, a welcome to our piece of paradise, understanding that it will never be enough, that the bill will never be fully paid.

Those men and women fought and were seriously hurt – while many of their comrades have died – to provide the backbone to basic rights we enjoy, rights that seem under attack, the right to free speech, freedom to worship where we choose, a free press.

Memorial Day's meaning was driven home to me since I came to Port St. Joe, one of the first stories I wrote for The Star, about the death of Christopher Blaschum, a Lieutenant Commander and Navy pilot who died while on training exercises in the Mediterranean.

He was a graduate of Port St. Joe High School who was known for his infectious laugh, out-sized personality and among the first of what has become the thousands of those who died in the wars that followed 9/11.

His funeral was in large part a celebration of his life and mourning of his passing, but also a heart-rending testament to the sacrifices of the soldier. Once the uniform is donned, soldier cuts to the front of the line from adjectives such as son, father, husband, wife, sister, brother and mother.

The uniform wipes it all away.

Blaschum is now honored at Veterans

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HUNKER DOWN

Many are unknown, none are nameless



Kesley Colbert

By mid afternoon, July 2, 1863, the temperature had risen to a not unbearable 81 degrees. Few of the wool-suited soldiers of the Union's 20th Maine Regiment noticed. Nor did they glance skyward at the cumulostratus clouds that for the first time in two days began to drift apart. Most hunkered behind the makeshift breastworks. And waited.

And counted their ammunition. The first two charges from the 15th Alabama Infantry had failed. Barely. No one was assured they could withstand a third one. Colonel Joshua Chamberlain's instructions had been clear, "Hold the line at all cost." The "all cost" of course, without anyone saying it out loud, was the lives of the men squatting low in the afternoon shadows.

The situation could not be more tenuous. The Maine Regiment constituted the extreme south end of the entire Union defenses at Gettysburg. If the line was breached here and the Northern army flanked, the results would be catastrophic. Chamberlain, realizing his men were down to their last few rounds and could not withstand another assault, ordered them to "fix bayonets" and countercharged down Little Round Top right into the midst of the Alabamians.

His bold attack carried the day. It also catapulted Chamberlain to national fame. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions. He went on to be a four term Governor of Maine and president of prestigious Bowdoin

College. He was also a much sought after presence at subsequent Civil War reunions up until his death in 1914.

Joshua Chamberlain certainly earned the cheers and applause that followed him as a genuine war hero. No one would ever dispute that. But sometimes we forget to remember that 134 men of the 20th Maine died that afternoon "carrying the day." Another 19 were reported missing and presumed dead. I just wonder sometimes who's cheering for them.....

"In Flanders Fields" is way more than a distant poem about men who died fighting for us in some long ago war – it is a message spoken from poppy covered graves that exposes the hearts of soldiers down through the ages.

D-Day, June 6, 1944, is well celebrated as the greatest amphibious landing of all time. New books and fresh movies continue to come out detailing the epic story of Canadian, British and American troops storming the beaches at Normandy. It is heroic and we should remember! I just pray we understand the connection between the bravery and tenacity of those men and the freedoms we take for granted today.

Here's a D-Day fact that doesn't always shine forth in the books and movies. Approximately 2,500 American soldiers on that fateful day gave up all they would ever be – paid the ultimate sacrifice – before the folks "back home" sat down for their morning cup of coffee.

I wonder how many Americans remember Mike Strank, Franklin Sousley and Harlon Block. On February 23, 1945, these three men helped raise a flag on Iwo Jima. We've all seen the Pulitzer Prize winning photograph that so encapsulates the glory of the American Flag waving over a vanquished foe. Except the foe wasn't quite

vanquished this time.....

The fighting on Iwo Jima didn't end until March 26. Sergeant Strank died in combat six days after the iconic picture was taken. Corporal Block was killed by a Japanese mortar that same afternoon. Nineteen year old Private First Class Franklin Sousley was killed by sniper fire five days before the island was secured. I have wondered for years if any of them ever saw the photograph that made them famous.

Franklin D. Roosevelt is remembered for leading us out of the Great Depression and through the "great war." But here, to me, is his most revealing hour.....when the news came to the War Room that 6,821 young Americans, mostly U. S. Marines, had died on Iwo Jima, the President cried.

We watched the Vietnam War on our television sets each night – can you think of a lonelier place on earth to fall face down in the dirt and die for your country.

On Memorial Day back in the seventh grade Miss Velna Gray Paschall told us all of our fathers who fought in World War II were heroes. Daddy never ever mentioned the war. I was waiting when he got home that afternoon, "Dad, Miss Paschall said you are a hero....."

He stopped in his tracks, his eyes went up and over us as he stared off someplace I couldn't see. I think today he was back in New Guinea or maybe on Biak Island or wading ashore in the Philippines. After the longest pause, he looked down and said, "Son, the real heroes didn't come back."

I don't know about you. But this Memorial Day I'm going to get my mind off me for a second.....and do some heart-felt cheering!

Most Respectfully,

Kes

CRANKS MY TRACTOR

What the search for 'finagle-able' turned up



BN Heard

"I'm not real sure," was the answer I gave my son, who asked, "Is 'finagle-able' a word?" We were playing cards and he was noting the current situation of either the hand he was dealt or something else we were talking about. But the word, or the invented word had peaked my interest.

First, I wanted to see if it actually was a word; it was not according to the online dictionary I chose to use. As a matter of fact, the dictionary suggested that I was actually trying to spell one of five other words. The first being fungible, which I was not familiar with.

For the record, fungible has to do with the law, an adjective meaning "being of such nature or kind as to be freely exchangeable or replaceable, in whole or in part, for another of like nature or kind." To be honest it does sound like someone is trying to finagle something.

The next word it thought I might be trying to spell was "inoculable." The spell checker on my typing program told me I had spelled it wrong, so I double-checked. Inoculable means "capable of being inoculated."

Inoculated is a Barney Fife (Andy Griffith Show) word because he always mispronounced it "In-Narc-U-Lated." Anyway, inoculable means that something is capable of being treated with a shot of medicine delivered through some sort of needle or injection, which makes some people cry.

The last two words the dictionary thought I was trying to spell were noncallable and unquellable. Both were words that again my spellchecker thought were not real words. But they are. Noncallable is what I wish I was for the most part. You know these telemarketers are masking their numbers now trying to make you think it is someone you know calling you. The number is very similar to yours and feel like you have to answer it – then it's a sales call or robocall telling you that you have quite possibly won something.

All the more reason for me to be noncallable – not capable of being called. It probably has to do with money or loans, I really don't know. However, I really would like someone to do something about all of these annoying telemarketing calls I'm now getting on my cellphone.

Unquellable means that something can't be quelled, or stopped, or suppressed, put an end or extinguished.

The final word was finagle, which my son had finagled by putting "able" at the end of the

word. Finagle means "to trick, swindle, or cheat (a person) (often followed by out of)." I've never thought about it meaning to cheat... That was new on me. I just thought it meant to fiddle around with something. The only other form of the word I found was "finagler," which of course is one who finagles.

I like that my all of my children are now in their twenties and can teach me new words they bring home from college or perhaps just invent on the spur of the moment. We all need to keep our brains sharp with puzzles, games and learning new words.

Now in searching for this word "finagleable," I have learned some new words. Really good dictionaries always use the word or words in a sentence. Why should I be any different?

Telemarketers explain their deals as fungible because they want me to trade my money for their service, however I truly wish this telemarketing virus was inoculable and capable of being cured. These nuisance callers seem to be unquellable, making me want to be noncallable. What I need is a finagler to help me fix this situation if it is indeed finagleable.

It took me three sentences and I hope that my grammar teachers don't ever get their hands or eyes on this.

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LETTERS

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Gambling, State Coffers and a Paradigm Shift



Margaret McDowell

“Just like the gambler says, ‘Read ‘em and weep...’”

“It Makes No Difference” as performed by The Band

The only time I ever placed a bet was on the floor of a Las Vegas casino about 15 years ago. I was there for an investment conference and one night when no meetings were scheduled, I wandered down to a hotel lobby and threw a few quarters into a machine. I pulled the arm, saw only two lemons in the display, and strolled back outside into the warm night

air. Mostly I remember a large, stuffy, smoky room, awl with noise and garish colors. There are those besotted with gambling fever, but I am not one.

That said, the Supreme Court’s recent ruling striking down the ban on sports betting is a fascinating cultural paradigm shift. It recognizes that many people desire to bet on sports. Estimates are that just under \$5 billion was bet on the Super Bowl this past February, and only three percent of that betting occurred in Nevada. That’s a lot of money. Vermont’s total GDP in 2016 was only a little over five times that amount.

States with lingering financial problems, like my home state of Illinois, could reap significant financial tax revenue from the new law. And in many cases because of this predicament, some

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states will move faster than others to embrace legalized sports betting.

In New Jersey (which brought the suit against the federal prohibition) and Mississippi, sports betting will probably be approved almost immediately. That the former is one of the most highly taxed states and that the latter is one of our poorest in terms of state tax revenue speaks volumes about the relationship between state financial coffers and the passage of certain gaming legislation.

I don’t attend many sports events, so the idea of fans

around me pecking on their phones to place bets on the next play does not bother me.

That said, many new “fans” will attend sports events now for the express purpose of placing wagers while watching contests in person. Companies which own sports broadcasting rights will likely be beneficiaries of this new law, which potentially increases the value of sports leagues, franchises and venues. More people betting means more eyeballs on the games, more money for commercials, and bigger profits. Thus,

the intersection of publicly traded investments and public policy is very clear.

Like pebbles tossed into a still pond, new laws create ripple effects which touch many walks of life, and the investment world is not immune. Nothing happens in a vacuum. And this legislation proves that.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take guns away; save my Second Amendment rights

Dear Editor,
Harden our schools; let’s arm all the good guys in and out of schools. Maybe some of this should be done; however, the problem is not that simplistic. We have a culture of violence in this country. Many individuals do not know how to deal with feelings they experience. Children certainly do not know how to deal with all the feelings they experience. This is especially true with teenagers. Unfortunately, there is not enough positive adult role modeling. That is evidenced by the fact that many people have become accustomed to dealing with negative and intrusive feelings by taking drugs and alcohol. They have become accustomed to acting out with violence. They can harm others; or themselves by “cutting,” eating disorder and suicide.

We can change that right here in our school by acknowledging the reality of the problem. We can change that by acknowledging the reality of the poor coping skills utilized to address negative feelings. We can change that by acknowledging that we need to teach everyone about feelings. Universalize them and then teach positive coping skills. We need to teach our children that verbalizing

We can change that by acknowledging that we need to teach everyone about feelings. Universalize them and then teach positive coping skills. We need to teach our children that verbalizing their thoughts is positive.

their thoughts is positive. We need to take away the feeling of shame that we so freely impart with the judgments we make about specific children, families, and groups of families. We need to stop thinking that teachers can solve every social problem and realize that it does take a village. We need to lift our teachers high and support our educators; but we need to do our part as a community. There needs to be real dialogue about all of this. Then we need to identify solutions. Take all the taboos away and speak truth with honesty. Take our own political views out of the mix. We may not have learned how to deal with feelings of anger, shame, and being inadequate as children but we can sure do that for our children. We need to help our children to succeed. We can teach them math, science, English, Social Studies. All that is important. However, we also need to teach how to live with emotional intelligence.

Bernadette Hackett, District 1

Paved paradise

Dear Editor,
I took a ride out to Indian Pass today, I’ve been going out there quite often to check on two eagle’s nests, and it breaks my heart to see how much of the wetland, out by the Raw Bar, is just being filled in and sodded and having houses built on it.

What happened to protecting wildlife and wetlands. God only knows how much fertilizer is going into the water out there. I stopped to watch three otters come out of the ditch

and I can only imagine what they thought of the destruction of their homes.

There just doesn’t seem to be any laws enforced for the protection of our beautiful land. The people that have been here awhile are saddened by what is happening. Acres and acres of woodland destroyed. It is changing everything and the reason many of us fell in love with this area and moved here. and so it reminded me of a Joni Mitchell song.

Judie McCormick, Gulf County

CROSS SHORES CORNER

Celebrating with others creates lasting memories

By Shelly Cain
Special to The Star

As you are reading this it’s PJ Day at Cross Shores! Today is our comfort day to relax together! Monday was Hawaiian Day (I’m sitting at my desk with a grass skirt and flowers in my hair as I write this). Tuesday was Sports Day. Wednesday was Flower Power/Disco day. Friday we are wrapping up National Nursing Home Week with U.S.A. day to celebrate our armed forces. But, today, our whole building smells like movie popcorn!

This year’s theme for National Nursing Home Week is Share Your Life Stories. The stories I remember most vividly are the one’s I experienced during a celebration. Celebrate everything with your loved one. If it’s National



Chocolate Day, celebrate that! Bring in some chocolate for your loved one. Say, “It’s National Chocolate Day and I want to celebrate it with you!” If it’s national orange day, bring in a fresh orange. Peel it. Smell it. Share it. Close your eyes right now. Are you remembering what an orange smells like? Did you know there is a national puppy day? I’m going to leave that right here! Hint! Hint! We all love it when Port St. Joe Humane Society brings the puppy’s and kittens to visit.

Ask us how you can bring your pet to visit!

Recently, I completed an anonymous employee survey. I asked what kind of activities the staff would like to do to have more fun at work. Almost every one answered they would like to be able to participate in more activities that included our residents. What a beautiful response! That tells me how much our staff care about the people they are caring for. Having fun together helps us develop deeper, more meaningful relationships with our residents and each other. Personal relationships are so important.

Celebrate each other! I’m going to challenge everyone to find one thing to celebrate with someone within the next few days.

Remember to treat everyone with importance and always be kind.

CROFT

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Memorial Park in Beacon Hill.

The following “Motivational Analysis” was written by Lt. Colonel Richard T. Tallman and is contained within the file of Clifford S. Sims’ Congressional Medal of Honor file. Sims was awarded the Medal of Honor after throwing himself on a grenade to save his men in a far-off province in Vietnam.

He is the only man from Gulf County so awarded and if it does not capture what we should remember this weekend it is hard to know what would.

“Staff Sergeant Sims was not a man to act rashly; he made decisions with the firm belief that he was right, and he made them without counting the cost to himself. He was intensely loyal to his men, and never put his own interests above theirs. Just five days before he died he was assigned the task of

securing an LZ during heavy fighting. He assured that his men were properly positioned and behind suitable cover. And he made certain that the wounded were expeditiously evacuated. Yet he never considered cover for himself during a full six hour period during which he was under a harassing sniper fire. His devotion was to his duty and to his men.

And so I believe, as he never acted otherwise that I was aware of, did he consider the safety of his men on 21 February, fully aware of the sacrifice he was making, yet more poignantly concerned for the fate of his men were he to choose any other course. In simple fact, Staff Sergeant Sims knowingly and willingly laid down his life so that his comrades might live.”

Even having read that passage dozens of times, having read the testimony that was submitted recommending Sims – this man who rose from an impoverished, segregated life to marry, have a child and go off to war and not return due to his sense of honor and duty – for

the Medal of Honor, trying to understand his sacrifice under fire still clutches the throat.

And particularly in this day and age when too much of what we read, hear and experience derives from the impacts of men and women, at home and throughout the country, who carry with them a false sense of entitlement, that life owes them, that their community owes them.

Sims’ life and his sense of patriotism and courage shames them all and is a lesson all youngsters should be taught and understand, as some will walk the stage for graduation this weekend.

And this Memorial Day we pledge to have a fine time, spend the extra hour in bed if able, go to the beach, have a meal out, but do so remembering that for more than 200 years and still counting men and women have paid a price for this holiday in blood.

That such men and women have existed through the years is sufficient to remember; that they continue to walk among us is reason for celebratory awe.

County's April unemployment below state, US

By **Tim Croft**

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The downward fall of the county's unemployment rate continued during April, according to statistics from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The county's unemployment rate in April was 3.2 percent.

That was down from 3.7 percent in March, which was a drop of three-tenths from February.

The unemployment rate has fallen more than a percentage point from the 4.4 percent in January.

The county's unemployment rate in April 2017 was 3.7 percent.

The region, which also includes Bay and Franklin counties, saw unemployment fall to 3.2 percent overall, down from 3.9 in March and

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Kim Bodine, executive director for CareerSource Gulf Coast

well below the 3.9 percent of April 2017.

The state unemployment rate for April was 3.9 percent, unchanged from March, but down 0.4 percent from 2017.

There were 398,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 10.2 million.

The nation's unemployment rate in April was 3.9, unchanged from March.

Out of a regional labor force of 101,203, which was up 2.4 percent, or 2,328 from last year, there were 3,269 unemployed.

"We continue to have good job growth in many sectors," said Kim Bodine, Executive Director for CareerSource

Gulf Coast.

"The large year over year gains in hospitality and tourism bode well for a strong tourism season."

For the month of March, bed tax collections were up 47 percent from February in Gulf County and in Mexico Beach March bed tax collections were over 50 percent above February.

In Bay County, bed tax collections were up 54 percent compared to the same month in 2017, and 17.8 percent above February.

Franklin County bed tax numbers reflected a small decrease in February after a double-digit increase in

January.

In April, non-agricultural employment within Panama City MSA, which also includes Gulf County, was 86,900, up 2,900 jobs, or 3.5 percent, over the year.

The Panama City MSA had the second-fastest annual job growth in Florida in the professional and business services sector, up 8.3 percent in April.

That sector, along with the mining, logging and construction (7.8 percent), leisure and hospitality (6.8 percent), and trade, transportation, and utilities (2.5 percent) sectors also grew as fast or faster than in the Panama City MSA than statewide year over year.

Industries gaining jobs over the past year included professional and business services (up 900 jobs); education and health services (up 300 jobs); leisure and

hospitality (up 1,000 jobs); trades, transportation and utilities (up 400 jobs); government (up 100 jobs) and financial activities (up 100 jobs).

According to the DEO, the manufacturing (down 200 jobs), and information industries (down 100 jobs) lost jobs over the past year.

The other business sectors were unchanged.

The unemployment rate does not reflect those unemployed who are no longer receiving unemployment benefits nor does it include those who have stopped seeking employment.

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Author Tata talks thrillers at Port Inn



Star Staff Report

The Port Inn played host last week to Anthony J. Tata, a retired Brigadier General turned bestselling author.

Tata was in town to talk about his books, and the process of writing and how a general who led troops in Iraq and Afghanistan has reached the New York Times bestseller list.

Tata recalled a quote from horror author

Stephen King, who referred to his mind as a sieve for ideas, the largest ideas caught in the sieve pertaining to horror themes.

For Tata, those large items pertain to those things learned during a 28-year military career, lending his experience and a mindset of "what's the worst that can happen" to his writing.

His latest is "Reaper: Ghost Target" co-authored with a former military sniper.

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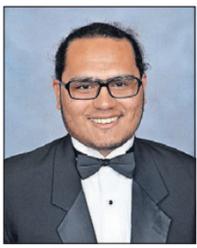
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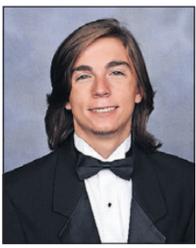
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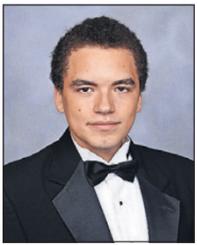
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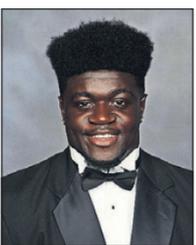
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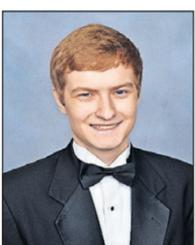
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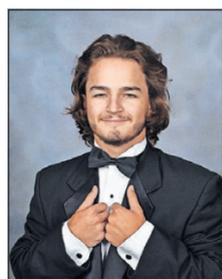
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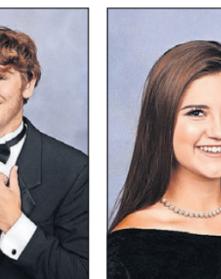
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GRADS

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Owen James, Aliyah Aurion Johnson;

Mason Lee Johnson, Thomas Brooks Kennington, Austin John Konorosky, Caleb Shawn Kyle, Dakarian Fidel Larry, Georgia Alexis Lee, Hannah Claire Lee, Lacey Nicole Linton, Jonathan Justin Love, Kanon Devalcio Martin, Lashavion Milakia McCloud, Sharavia Linda Nyshaun

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William Ashley Mullen, Breanna Michelle Murray, Sydnee Johannah O'Donnell, John Marios Pateritsas, Jake Stephen Paterson, Jaiva Javelle Patterson, Rowan Talis Paul, Marcella Danae Phelps, Zy'Keriah Shavon Pittman, Lexie Leann Plair, Brooklynn Chaunteya Quinn, Jarred Colby Quinn, Bryce Martin Register;

Matthew Jacob Renfro, Isaac Nicholas Rocha, De'Amber Marcella Rolack, Michael Wilson

Sherrill, Eden Alane Spring, Christopher Paul Stockton, Jasmin Jermaine Thomas, Jr., Cole Alan Thursby, Joshua Troy Tully, Machaela Elise Turrell, Adria Noelle Valenzuela, Hunter Matthew Ward, James Hayden White, Trent Joseph Wisner, Blake Elton Wood.

Wewahitchka High School graduates

Brandon Taylor Ake, Brianna Nichole Bailey, Sabra Cheyenne Baker, Alexis Kay Bass,

Jonah David Bidwell, Tia'sheunna Lattrell Black, Autumn Cheyenne Bragg, Caleb Allen Burrows, Takaylynn Queen Sekayi Carter, Chante' Yvonne Cummings, Kayla Maggie Cody; Malachi Austin Davenport, Jessica Hope Davis, Erica Beth Edmondson, Haley Lynn Edmondson, Scarlet Madison Estelle Falls, Austin Michael Garrett, Sharon Brianna Greene, Austin Brook Haddock, Garreth Craig Hamm, Savannah Michelle Harrison, Kaylee Marie Harvey;

Ashley Kirsten Hendrix, Michael Wayne Hensley, Riley Lewaine Hicks, Dakota Cheyenne Hornsby, Jacob Nathaniel Huft, Ennesia Shakina Hughes, Cheyenne Marie Hunt, Eddie RaSheed Hunter, Katelyn Brooke Hysmith, Jacobi Marquez Jones, Shannon Michael Jones; Zachary Adam Kemp, Jordan Elizabeth Konkol, Samantha Nichole Lanier, Garret James Leavens, Angela Marie Long, Lillian Kiana Maguadog, Brooke Elizabeth McMillian, Kristen Delaney

McMillion, Janna Marie Miles, Connor Vaughan Mills, Jocelyn Noelle Minchew; Alexis Marie Morrill, Jaylunn Sheapowell Obee;

Dustin Naomi Lenora Parker, Wesley Kaden Phillips, Alexandria Rose Pitts, Nyrone Keith Pray, Brandi Rene Purswell, Bayleigh Leann Reno, Brianna Marie Rhoades, Sarah Devin Rhoades, Emily Kay Roberts, Mya Baileigh Schram, Anna Katherine Setterich, Christian Levi Smith, Jonas Ian Shockley, Derik Siliezar, Rylee Grace Waters.

TRIUMPH

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entities could pursue Triumph funding and Quinn said the Board of County Commissioners would support those applications.

However, Hammond noted that proposed

applications from the school district were not "transformative", as the Triumph board has repeatedly stated is the benchmark for projects under consideration.

That transformation, Hammond said, would be felt region-wide, from Franklin to Calhoun and Liberty counties.

Hammond said county staff met with Triumph

staff last Thursday as the work continued to craft a full application.

"It was slightly complicated, but we were under no confusion where the process is," Hammond said. That application, he said, was signed off by the chairman of the Port St. Joe Port Authority late Monday afternoon and submitted to Triumph.

"We are glad we are able to assist in this project moving forward," said Guerry Magidson, Port Authority chair.

As part of the full application, the Port Authority and BOCC would retain ownership of the dry dock facility.

"The dry dock agreement with the Port Authority split ownership and ensures it will remain in public hands," Hammond said.

The aim is to lease the facility to Eastern.

However, Hammond said that if Eastern was required to pay "millions of dollars" as a match to Triumph funds, Eastern would likely be deemed a percentage ownership in the dry dock.

Hammond said after nearly two decades of effort to reopen and redevelop

the Port of Port St. Joe, the opportunity at the intersection of Triumph and Eastern had the county at the banging at the door.

"We've got low-hanging fruit," Hammond said. "Everybody agreed this would be a transformational project."

"We think we have a winning strategy."

Another key detail different from the pre-application is the number of jobs estimated to be created, not only by Eastern but ancillary activity around the dry dock facility.

The total number of direct jobs created is estimated at 240 with another 624 indirect jobs; Magidson noted those numbers significantly reduced the cost of the project as measured

in per-job created.

But, the dry dock project, as an Eastern representative outlined in February, is entirely dependent on receiving Triumph funding, so the final call will be the Triumph board's.

The next meeting of the Triumph board is June 12.

"We need jobs," said Commissioner Phil McCroan. "We can have 10 vocational programs in the high schools but without jobs what good are they?"

"We have beat this thing to death. We need to diversify our economy."

Eastern groundbreaking

The county and Eastern Shipbuilding officials will break ground on the former paper mill site 10 a.m. ET June 4.

With a \$6 million appropriation, Eastern, in advance of its full expansion into Gulf County, is establishing an outfitting facility along the paper mill site bulkhead.

The company has indicated it could begin outfitting vessels sometime in 2019.

RESTORE dollars

On another funding front stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Economic Development Coalition executive director Warren Yeager said the Gulf Coast Consortium had approved its statewide spending plan.

That plan now goes to the governor for approval. "Hopefully by the end of the year that money will start flowing," Yeager said.

The Consortium of 23 counties split some \$300 million in BP fine dollars; roughly \$12 million per county.

The Gulf County projects from the money, so-called Pot 3, would be for sewer projects in both cities and an erosion control project along St. Joseph Peninsula.

The money will be paid out over the next 12-15 years, Yeager said.

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NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

The City of Wewahitchka Regular Meeting for May 28, 2018 falls on Memorial Day. Therefore, the City Will be holding the meeting on May 29, 2018 @ 6:30 (CT)

Connie Parrish
City Clerk

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City of Port St. Joe 2018 Election Run-off Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City of Port St. Joe's Election Run-off will be held Tuesday, June 12, 2018, in the Fire Station located at 402 Williams Avenue. Polls open at 7:00 A.M., ET, and close 7:00 P.M., ET.

The following office will be up for election, Commissioner Group IV. On the ballot will be Scott Hoffman and Aaron D. Little.

Voters registered prior to May 14, 2018, will be eligible to vote on June 12, 2018.

The last day to request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed is June 6, 2018.

Beginning June 2, 2018 – June 9, 2018, (includes Saturdays of June 2nd and June 9th), Early Voting will be held at the Supervisor of Elections office located at 401 Long Avenue from 9:00 A.M., ET to 5:00 P.M., ET. There will be no Sunday voting. Also, Absentee Ballots may be requested now but will be mailed after received from printer.

The City of Port St. Joe
Charlotte M. Pierce
City Clerk

NF-4529255

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe Planning Development and Review Board (PDRB) will hold a Meeting to discuss a request for a Special Exception on **Tuesday June 12, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. EST.** The Public Hearings will be held in the City Commission Conference Room at City Hall, 305 Cecil Costin Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 for **James & Janis Tankersley** located at **125 Barbara Drive, Parcel # 03044-003R.** The reason for the request is **Per Section 3.01 (4) of the Land Development Regulations to build a pole barn impeding side and rear setbacks.** The proposed plans can be reviewed at the Building Department located at 1002 10th St. and can be reached for questions at 850-229-1093.

All persons are invited to attend this meeting. Interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearings or provide comments in writing to the Planning Development and Review Board, City of Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. Transactions of the public hearings will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the hearings will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons wishing to attend needing assistance and special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact Charlotte Pierce, City Clerk, at City Hall, (850) 229-8261.

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CHAMPS

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winning streak, not losing since mid-February.

But, my, what a trip to the Final Four in Vero Beach.

The state semifinals were postponed last week due to rain and the weather was, once again, a huge factor once the Lady Gators arrived for Monday's semifinal.

Of course, arriving was its own challenge as the charter bus carrying the team to Vero Beach broke down on I-75.

Coach Tony Price was called upon to diagnose the issue, the players were caravanned to a nearby stop to wait and the team arrived in Vero Beach just a tad behind schedule.

And then Wewahitchka survived a 1-0 pitcher's duel against Holmes County in the semifinals, Bailey pitching a shutout and supplying the only run of the game on a double that scored Cyrina Madrid.

Wewahitchka had four hits in each of the two games in Vero.

But on Tuesday, a steady, though light, rain, fell nearly the entire day and by afternoon just one of the four fields at the Vero Beach complex was playable.

The Class 1A championship game began more than four hours behind schedule.

Wewahitchka jumped on top early. Madrid put down a bunt with Aleah Wooten on first base and the sacrifice turned into a two runs when the throw from third base to first sailed down the right-field line allowing Madrid and

Wooten to score. Bailey made it all stand up, though she did allow a single run in the sixth inning after a single and error.

Bailey, destined for Florida Gulf Coast next season, finished 24-1, with numbers that seem out of a fantasy league: 0.33 ERA, 278 strikeouts against just 30 walks in 150 innings.

In the postseason alone, Bailey allowed a single unearned run on 14 hits over 28 playoff innings, walking two and striking out 40.

What made this title even sweeter was what had come before it the past two years as well as the past two weeks. Two years ago, rain forced the postponement of the state semifinals and the semis and finals were played on the same day.

Wewahitchka won a semifinal in extra innings but ran out of gas against two-time defending champion Chiefland.

One tough inning was the difference. Last year, with rain once again factoring in the scheduling, the Lady Gators lost to Chiefland, which would lose the title game to Union County, during the final at-bat.

Many players, including Bailey, Wooten, Madrid, Gracie Price, among others, were making their third consecutive trip to state, still searching for the school's first softball title since the 2007-2008 championship runs.

And, to add one more heartbreak to the list for this title run, the program lost its founder, its pioneer, the legendary Coach "Scootsie" Fortner during this postseason run, an emotional rallying point.

But, today, little of that is of consequence: the state softball championship trophy is returning to Gulf County.



The celebration begins. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

CBRA

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would provide an avenue for the county to pursue a legal remedy, which the Board of County Commissioners have debated in the past.

"This is great news," Novak said, noting all the county staff members who had worked on the issue through the years. "We are finally at the doorstep."

Novak said communications with the office of Congressman Neal Dunn (R-District 2) that he will file a new bill seeking removal of the CBRA designation for the full 940 acres.

Novak said it seemed to be the right time to move the bill forward and vote it out of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The bill, he added, will move on more solid ground with the "precedent" of the Fish and Wildlife recommendation to remove even a small portion of the 900-plus acres.

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE NOTICE OF HEARINGS FOR PURPOSES OF ISSUING A DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR JR & JR Holdings LLC & BGR 7 14 LLC, Parcel #03072-001R.

The Planning Development and Review Board, sitting as the local planning agency, will hold a hearing at 4:00 p.m., EDT, at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd. on June 12, 2018, to review the proposed development. A recommendation will be given to the Port St. Joe City Commissioners who will hold a meeting on June 19, 2018, 6:00 P.M. EDT at 2775 Garrison Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida for the purposes of issuing a Development Order.

A map showing Parcel #03072-001R is as follows:



Copies of the Development Order request with complete legal descriptions by metes and bounds are available for public inspection at the City of Port St. Joe City Hall, located at 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.

Interested persons may attend and be heard at the public hearing or provide comments in writing to the City Commissioners. City of Port St. Joe City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida. Transactions of the public hearing will not be recorded. Persons wishing to appeal any decision made during the hearing will need a record of the proceeding and should ensure a verbatim record is made, including the testimony on which the appeal is based.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk's Office at (850)229-8261, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing.

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- Executive Board Member and Committee Chairman for the Lions Club of Port St Joe, responsible for helping manage the Annual Banquet which raises funds to serve the Community and its people.
- Accounting Co-Chair for the Forgotten Coast Relay for Life, responsible for collecting and accurately reporting all proceeds collected during the annual event.

As you can see, I have a strong background in Banking and Finance which will be an asset to the Commission when it comes to matters of the City Budget. Much like my role with the Chamber of Commerce, I will support Local Businesses and encourage initiatives to bring more business into Port St Joe to provide jobs for the residents of our City. My commitment to Service of our Community will never waver, and I am excited to serve EVERY Citizen of Port St Joe.

I am my own man with my own independent ideas and thoughts, and I will ALWAYS stand up for EVERY person in this community. I would NEVER support any hidden agendas, and any previous suggestions by my opponent that I work for a select group of "Men in the Shadows" are outright lies and untruths. Port St Joe has always been my home, and the citizens here are my true friends and family. Let me serve you all!

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With the *Cialis* Patent About to Expire, a New Sex Pill Takes the Spotlight

A patented pill costing less than \$1 a dose stands to help millions of men with failing sex lives; no prescription will be required

By Ray Wilson
Associated Health Press

AHP – A new sex pill is set to take the spotlight with the *Cialis* patent expiring next month. But unlike the former, it won't require a prescription and is priced just under a \$1 a dose.

The new pill called *Vesele* is part of a new class of performance enhancers for men, which work instantaneously on the body and mind triggering arousal and firmer, harder erections.

Formulated with a special compound known as an "accelerator", *Vesele* can transport its active ingredients faster and more efficiently into the blood stream, where it begins to work its magic.

The patented ingredient blend initiates a process known as vasodilation, which causes arteries and vessels throughout the body to expand. This allows blood to flow directly to penis and genitals, resulting in harder erections which last longer. *Cialis* and *Viagra* are based around a similar concept.

But what makes *Vesele* so remarkable, and what these other sex pills can't do, is that also directs a small portion of this blood flow to the brain, which creates feelings of intense arousal. In laymen's terms, users become incredibly excited and turned on.

This is why the makers of *Vesele* say their pill has worked so effectively in clinical trials. It stimulates the two most important organs for great sex, the penis and the brain.

The Brain Erection Connection

Until now, medical researchers did not fully understand the brain-erection connection. It has now been made clear with *Vesele*. When both are supplied with a constant blood flow, men are harder and firmer for longer...and have unbelievable sex drives.

"Most of the research and treatment methods for men's sexual failures have focused on physiological factors and have neglected the emotional ones. For the leading sex drugs to work, like *Cialis* and *Viagra*, you need visual stimulation" explains Dr. Henry Esber, the creator of *Vesele*.

"And although they work for some men, the majority experience absolutely no fulfillment during sex.

According to research published by the National Institute of Health, 50% of men taking these drugs stop responding or can't tolerate their side effects...and on top of that they spend \$50 per pill and it doesn't even work half the time.

This is what makes *Vesele* so different and effective. It floods the blood stream with key ingredients which cause arteries all over the body to expand. The patented accelerator speeds up this process even more.

The result is a rush of blood flow to the penis and brain, helping to create an impressive



Expiring Patent Opens the Door to a New Sex Pill: *Vesele* is a new pill that cost just \$1 a dose does not require a prescription. It works on both body and mind to increase arousal and erection hardness.

erection and a surging desire for sex. Often, this is all men need to get going. And when taken regularly, many men say they are energized and aroused all day."

Great Sex At Any Age

With the conclusion of their latest human clinical use survey trial, Dr. Esber and his team are now offering *Vesele* in the US. And regardless of the market, its sales are exploding.

Men across the country are eager to get their hands on the new pill and according to the research, they should be.

In the trial above, as compared to baseline, men taking *Vesele* saw a staggering 85% improvement in erection hardness over a four-month period. Their erections also lasted twice as long.

These same men also experienced an astounding 82% increase in the desire for sex (libido/sex drive) and an even greater improvement in overall satisfaction and ability to satisfy their partners.

Many men taking *Vesele* described feeling horny and aroused through the day. The anticipation before sex was amazing. They were also easily turned on. Their moods were more upbeat and positive, too.

Faster Absorption into the Blood Stream

Vesele is made up of three specialized ingredients: two clinical strength vasodilators and a patented absorption enhancer often called an accelerator. According to an enormous amount of clinical data, each is very safe.

Research shows that with age, many men lose their desire and interest in sex. They also struggle to produce an erection firm enough for penetration.

And although there are many theories as to why this happens (including a loss in testosterone) one thing is certain, inadequate blood flow is virtually always to blame. That's why sex drug manufacturers focus on blood flow, it makes your erection hard.

But what's more surprising, and what these manufacturers have failed to consider, is that lack of blood flow can also kill your sex drive. That's because blood supplies energy for the brain. This energy is required for creating brainwaves that cause excitability and arousal.

Studies show the *Vesele* stimulates the entire car-

diovascular system, including the arteries that lead to both the brain and penis. The extreme concentration of the ingredients combined with the accelerator ensures that this process starts quickly.

The sexual benefits of *Vesele* are also multiplied as its ingredients build up in the system over time. This is why many men take it every single day.

Recent Studies Show Positive Effects on Women

In the same study referenced throughout, *Vesele* was also shown to have an amazing (and somewhat surprising) effect on women too. That's because the same arteries and vessels that carry blood and oxygen to the brain and genitals are the same in men and women.

"In our most recent study, women taking *Vesele* saw a stunning 52% improvement in arousal and sex drive. Perhaps more impressive, they also experienced a 57% improvement in lubrication.

You can imagine why some couples are taking *Vesele* together. Everything feels better. Everything works better. Everyone performs better. It's truly amazing."

A New Frontier of Non-Prescription Sex Pills

With daily use, *Vesele* is helping men (and women) restore failing sex lives and overcome sexual lets downs without side effect or expense.

Through a patented absorption enhancer, the *Vesele* formula hits the bloodstream quickly, resulting in phenomenal improvements in erection firmness and hardness. By boosting blood flow to the brain, users also experience sexual urges and arousal they often haven't felt in years.

Where to Find Vesele

This is the official release of *Vesele* in Florida. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to any memory loss sufferer who calls within the next 48 hours.

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

Your Toll-Free Hotline number is 1-800-768-7905 and will only be open for the next 48 hours. Only a limited discounted supply of *Vesele* is currently available in your region.

4-H Camp Timpoochee: Gulf County registration open

Camp to be held Monday, July 9 thru Friday, July 13

Special to The Star

Florida 4-H Camping uses a learn-by-doing approach to help youth gain the knowledge and skills they need to be responsible, productive citizens. Camp Timpoochee is a picturesque camping complex nestled on the shore of the Choctawhatchee Bay in Niceville.

The youth will "unplug" for the week, interacting face-to-face and learn communication skills. In the cabins, they room with 8 youth of similar age. They choose classes, participate in group and team activities, swim, play, kayak, and the list goes on. The class choices include archery, fishing, arts and crafts,

outdoor cooking, marine biology, snorkeling and several other challenging, skill developing opportunities. Throughout the week, we will also have ceremonies, campfires, and get acquainted activities. Space is limited!

Ages: Campers must be 8 - 13 (as of June 1); Counselors must be 14-18. (Counselors must complete an application and training process.)

Transportation: Provided from Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka on school buses.

Fee: Camper is \$125 and Counselors \$75 (*These prices are for Gulf County residents only.) Grants and donations have been secured to keep the price low, but other scholarship money may be available upon registration and request.

How to Register: Call the Gulf County Extension Office at 639-3200 for a registration packet.



WHS. Master Gardner 4-H Club Members were Donald Bronson, Thomas Hightower, Caleb Johnson, Case Johnson, James Kinney, Elexis Linton, Chase McKnight, Tyler Skipper, Hallie Vann. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

WHS Master Gardeners attain green thumb

By Ray Bodrey

UF/IFAS

Gulf County Extension Director

Special to The Star

Junior Master Gardener programs focusing on elementary and middle school students are a fixture in horticulture/4-H youth development education in many states. Statistics have shown that 4-H club retention in high school has become a struggled in some program areas, but a positive 4-H club experience can help a student find new interests and strengths. With that in mind, the Wewahitchka High School Master Gardener 4H Club was developed and implemented as a pilot program for spring semester. Primary objectives included planning, planting and managing the school garden, with a twist. Students also learned to use project management methods, which are recognized as standards worldwide.

The second year Agriculture Sciences class at Wewahitchka High School were the first to pilot this program. Instructor/Club Leaders were Ag Teacher Eric Bidwell, Gulf County Extension Director Ray Bodrey, 4H and Family & Consumer Science Agent Melanie Taylor and Gulf County Master Gardener's Jill Bebee and Patty Dunlap. Club activities and planned discussions were designed to complement/supplement the Ag Sciences curriculum and to offer high school level Master Gardener training.

Students worked in teams of two - each team planned, planted,

Students worked in teams of two - each team planned, planted, maintained a 10' x 10' garden plot on school grounds. When not working in the garden, the H.S. Master Gardeners learned about topics such as botany, soils, propagation, integrated pest management and native/invasive species that affect backyard gardening.

maintained a 10' x 10' garden plot on school grounds. When not working in the garden, the H.S. Master Gardeners learned about topics such as botany, soils, propagation, integrated pest management and native/invasive species that affect backyard gardening. Complimentary project management topics such as planning, scheduling, risk identification and record keeping were also instilled. Students participating in the club earned a certificate for their participation in this pilot activity.

This 4-H club program was developed and implemented to teach high school students the benefits of backyard gardening through horticulture techniques, project management and nutrition. Students participating in the club gained lifelong skills of setting and achieving goals.

For more information please contact the Gulf County Master Gardeners at gulfmng@ifas.ufl.edu.

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Inshore fishing action in May

By Frank Sargeant
Special to The Star

May is one of the best months of the year on the Panhandle Coast, with the weather near perfect, the spring break crowds all gone, and the water temperature just right for a wide variety of coastal fish species to be at or near prime feeding time.

Inshore action in May

Sea trout and redfish will both have great appetites and be easy to find this month—they're hungry after the chill of winter has passed, baitfish abound and the last of the cold fronts is long gone.

Trout action is likely to be best around marsh edges and creek outflows as well as off the ends of

deepwater boat docks in the backbays. It may take a bit of exploring to find productive locations, but once you find the fish, they will be there day after day on the same tide period.

Topwater lures are useful tools for finding trout, particularly in the first hour after dawn—the lures lead to big, noisy blow-ups that let you know the fish are there, even if they don't get hooked.

Walkin' the Dog type lures like the Zara Spook and the Sammy do very well on these fish, and the new Rapala Skitter V is a particularly effective and easy-to-use variation. The best action for trout is a slow, steady twitch with momentary hesitations between each zig and zag. Working the lure too fast may draw swirls without

solid strikes—hesitate a bit and the fish will usually latch on.

After the sun gets up, switching to a plastic shrimp under a popping cork is a good strategy—the classic is the DOA 3-inch shrimp, and also good is the Vudu Shrimp from Egret Lures. The lure is suspended 18 inches to 2 feet under the cork on a length of 20-pound-test mono. Pop the lure and the bait jumps, then settles back to depth—it's a very simply tactic, and it works great not only for expert anglers but for those new to fishing with artificial lures. (To make double sure of action, replace the plastic lures with the real thing—a tail-hooked live shrimp.)

Also good are the classic quarter-ounce plastic tailed jigs. The 4-inch DOA CAL in pearl color is a universal winner for this action. Lighter heads might be better in water under 3 feet deep, heavier in water more than 6 feet around docks. These are fished in the usual slow-hop motion.

The best areas to find trout usually have relatively clear water, baitfish action, and tidal movement. You may run miles of shoreline without seeing the right combination, then come on a quarter-mile that's absolutely loaded—keep moving until you find action.

Redfish might show up in any of the locations where you find trout, but if there's hard structure around like oyster bars, barnacled pilings, concrete rubble or rip-rap, the reds are much more likely to be there.

Reds will slam topwaters, but they're much more subsurface feeders. A jig with a dark plastic tail to imitate crabs or shrimp may be a better bet than the lighter shade of tails if you're after redfish.

And, reds sometimes just don't want artificials, particularly if they've seen a few too many of them. However, a live shrimp,



Docks, piers, riprap and oyster bars are all likely targets for trout and reds this month in Panhandle waters. [FRANK SARGEANT PHOTO]



Redfish readily grab soft plastic jerkbaits on the flats. This one, the Berkley Gulp!, is flavored, adding extra attraction. [FRANK SARGEANT PHOTO]



The Rapala Skitter V is among several topwater lures highly effective for trout in the shallows. [FRANK SARGEANT PHOTO]



Stinger rigs with live bait are a good bet for luring kings around the inlets this month. [FRANK SARGEANT PHOTO]

live pinfish or small crab will catch them every time, and if you don't want to mess with the real thing, Berkley's GULP crab is a close second. Cut mullet or pinfish also do well—fish the baits on 2/0 to 3/0 short shank Octopus style hooks for easy hookup.

If the reds don't show up in these locations, slow-trolling the bridge pilings over the major bays with large diving plugs will usually locate a school. Once you catch one of these guys, it's likely there are more on the same piling—anchor uptide and drift live or cut bait back near

bottom to get action. These fish tend to be big ones, well over the slot, but they're a lot of fun to catch. Larger hooks and gear are a good idea to get them away from the pilings.

By May, reds will also be prowling the shallow flats—anywhere there's

clear water and depths from 1 to 3 feet, there may be sight-fishing opportunities. Tides don't make as much difference here as they do in some parts of Florida because the range is minimal, but the fish are definitely more active when the water is moving, either in or out.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, May 24	85°	73°	30%
Fri, May 25	84°	73°	60%
Sat, May 26	82°	72°	80%
Sun, May 27	84°	74°	80%
Mon, May 28	84°	74°	50%
Tues, May 29	84°	74°	50%
Wed, May 30	83°	73°	50%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
24	Th	9:23a 0.9	8:30p 0.7	1:23a 0.4	3:34p 0.6
25	Fr	8:43a 1.1		12:25a 0.6	4:42p 0.3
26	Sa	8:41a 1.3		5:38p 0.1	
27	Su	8:56a 1.6		6:29p 0.0	
28	Mo	9:20a 1.7		7:16p -0.1	
29	Tu	9:47a 1.8		8:00p -0.2	
30	We	10:15a 1.8		8:41p -0.2	

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
24	Th	12:42p 1.2		6:31a 0.5	7:39p 0.4
25	Fr	1:36a 1.0	1:08p 1.3	7:23a 0.7	8:29p 0.2
26	Sa	3:01a 1.0	1:32p 1.3	8:09a 0.8	9:15p 0.0
27	Su	4:08a 1.1	1:55p 1.4	8:49a 1.0	9:57p -0.1
28	Mo	5:03a 1.2	2:20p 1.4	9:24a 1.1	10:35p -0.2
29	Tu	5:50a 1.2	2:46p 1.4	9:56a 1.2	11:11p -0.2
30	We	6:33a 1.2	3:16p 1.5	10:28a 1.2	11:44p -0.2

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FISHING REPORT



Well, Pompano has started to slow down but Trout, Redfish and Flounder are heating up to a fire. Good reports of Trout out around what we call Town Beach which is the area in front of the Methodist Church in St. Joe area. Live Shrimp and Paul Brown lures are taking nice fish worked in the shallow flats along the grass lines. Redfish has gotten hot as well in the St. Joe Bay, some really nice fish have been taken around the jetti at the mouth of the St. Joe Marina. Capt. Lee Thompson has told me his clients have been on some good fish around that area and taken on live shrimp and soft baits.

Now if your looking for Flounder head out to the far head of the bay and work the sandy bottoms and holes with Salt Water Assassin paddle tail shad in electric chicken we have been beating up the flounder with these. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

St. Vincent golden celebration

Star Staff Report

The Friends of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge will formally celebrate the 50th anniversary of the island's inclusion in the national wildlife refuge system on July 6.

The celebration will be held 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. ET on the island.

During the celebration, attendees will be able to

learn about local sea turtles, shells and birds and more and there will be special activities for children.

Attendees must pre-register at www.stvincentfriends.com.

Free transportation to the island will be provided during the celebration; a barge will depart every 30 minutes from the Indian Pass boat ramp.

Lunch will be on the grill.

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SPORTS

Tiger Sharks face Blountstown in state semifinals

Semifinal Friday

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Coach Ashley Summerlin could sense a corner turned.

Late April, a second matchup with Rutherford, the The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School baseball coach said, was when he noticed his team had begun to figure it out.

The 10-5 victory, coming a week after a 10-7 loss to Rams, ignited a run that has carried the Tiger Sharks (16-12) to the Class 1A state semifinals.

Port St. Joe will face Blountstown (18-10) at 1 p.m. ET Friday in Fort Myers.

For the winner the title game, against either Madison County or Trenton, is 4:05 p.m. ET Saturday.

That victory over Rutherford was followed by a road win over North Bay Haven and a road loss, but by just 1-0, to Sneads, then the top-ranked team in the state.

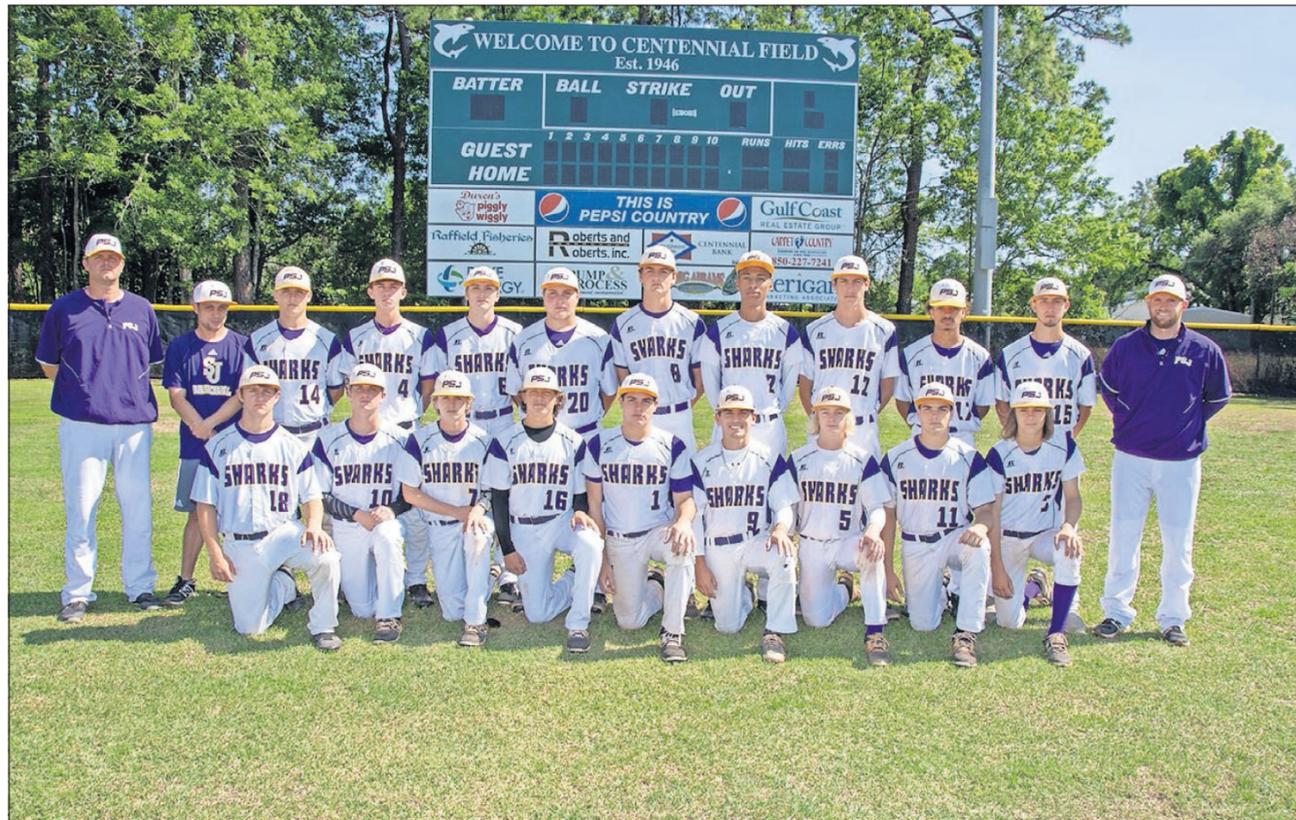
Up next was the district tournament and wins on a neutral field over Liberty County and Bozeman, which had assumed the No. 1 state ranking from Sneads.

The Bozeman victory, by run-rule, snapped a 19-game Buck winning streak and was followed by region victories over Freeport and, again, Bozeman, again by run-rule.

"The schedule we had, at one point losing six in a row, it was a good learning experience," Summerlin said. "We were humbled and that's not really a bad thing.

"Sometimes you need to be humbled to grow and improve. The turning point, I thought was the second Rutherford game and if I look back the difference has been pitching and defense."

The Tiger Sharks have two arms at the top of the rotation, Elijah Hester (7-4, 2.36 ERA)



The Tiger Sharks play Blountstown on Friday in the state Class 1A semifinals. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

and Chris Stockton (5-2), with a deep bullpen and four other pitchers who have made at least four appearances.

The defensive improvement was best illustrated by Cameron Harmon's strike from right field to the plate to cut down a Bozeman run in the region final last week, a play that seemed to turn the game conclusively for Port St. Joe.

In Blountstown, which has already appeared in the boys football and basketball state title games, the Tiger Sharks face a foe both familiar and unfamiliar.

The Tigers beat Port St. Joe 13-5 April 2, the last of those six-straight defeats at midseason.

However, Summerlin said, the teams that faced off that day are not the same heading toward the state semifinals.

"We are both completely different teams," Summerlin said. "We were both trying to find our identity. We are both pitching the ball, hitting and fielding and scoring runs.

"They have two good pitchers, they are solid."

Those pitchers will face a line-up that is scorching right now, having produced at least 10 hits in five-straight games.

Catcher Phillip Griffin leads the attack, batting .420 with a .495 on-base percentage and .506 slugging percentage, both team highs along with his 17 RBIs.

The Tiger Sharks have seven players in double digits with RBIs.

In addition, Port St. Joe has speed, with 50 stolen bases in 60 attempts; Caleb Butts has 12 steals in 14 attempts and Jaden Grantland eight in 10

attempts.

The layoff, just over a week by the time of first pitch Friday, is certainly not optimal for a team, such as Port St. Joe, on a winning streak.

"You have such a good rhythm, you don't want that kind of layoff, but the other team has to play under the same circumstances," Summerlin said. "It does give you a chance to get healthy, for the kids to get their bodies back under them.

"We don't really have a lot of bumps and bruises, but some of the kids are tired. We've played 28 games, and you get hot like we have... it is very emotional. That takes it out of you, too."

Maintaining those emotions, containing those emotions, will be key in Fort Myers, Summerlin said, playing with passion but under

control.

"You want to be emotional, to play with passion, but you have to be able to stay level-headed," Summerlin said. "Who is going to handle the situation. That is what we have been able to do over the last month."

And, Summerlin said, one is his responsibilities will be to ensure while taking care of business, the players also enjoy the privilege of playing for a state title, something "that does not happen every year."

"They are a fun group of kids," Summerlin said. "They are who they are. You don't want to rein them in.

"I am proud of the way we have and we know the path ahead. You know you are going down there on business, but you want them to have fun."

Tiger Sharks blanked in spring jamboree

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The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School football team finished up spring practice last week with a jamboree performance, Coach Greg Jordan said, that was emblematic of the 13 days of practice that preceded it.

The Tiger Sharks were shut-out by both Vernon and Holmes County, allowing Vernon a single touchdown and Holmes County two in a quarter of play against each.

"We performed about like we prepared," Jordan said. "We played about like we practiced.

"Overall, during the spring we put down a good foundation, the kids learned a lot. Maybe the most important thing we learned is we have to apply ourselves a little bit better."

There were certainly constraints from the outset of spring.

For starters, Jordan, who took Blountstown to the state Class 1A title game last season, was at the helm for the first time and bringing with him a new defensive scheme.

Further, the Tiger Sharks were without a handful of key players as the baseball team reached the state Final Four.

In particular, quarterback Josh Butts, whose absence forced Travis Roberson, who had not played football since

he was peewee age, into the starting role.

Toss in a couple of players sitting out the spring due to injury and the depth chart took a hit before practice began.

"We only had six or seven guys along the offensive line," Jordan said. "We didn't do a lot of physicality in the spring because of the numbers."

That reduced physicality of practice showed up in the jamboree.

"We played but we just didn't do it with intensity," Jordan said. "Do we have the potential to be a pretty good team, yes, if the kids buy-in and apply themselves better."

Against Vernon, the host school for the Jamboree, last Thursday, the lone score allowed came on a Roberson pass which hit the ground but was ruled a fumble and returned for a touchdown.

The offense was three-and-out twice and mounted a late drive that was halted by a turnover.

"We didn't make the plays when we needed it," Jordan said. "We need to get better on both lines."

Against Holmes County, turnovers proved costly.

The players have a week off before summer weight room workouts begin, with a camp for linemen later in June.

Conditioning and weight work continues, along with Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp, in July.

LGA awards luncheon

Special to The Star

The Ladies Golf Association of the St. Joseph Bay Golf Club closed its league season with an awards luncheon at the club. The weather didn't cooperate for a last season "play day," but everyone enjoyed themselves with a great lunch at the club.

Throughout the league season, Thursdays are the "Play Day" for the LGA. The members are grouped by handicaps into A, B, and C categories. Throughout the year, prizes are given each month for different types of games and a running tally is kept for the grand prizes at the awards luncheon.

The Most Games won during the season was captured by Ethel Bardsley-A, Natalie Dolan-B and Barb Van Treese-C. Most Birdies made was taken by Penelope Evanoff-A and Pat



Golfers Barbara Van Treese, Natalie Dolan and Ethel Bardsley were honored for most games won during the year in league play. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Hardman-B. Most Chip-ins made was won by Ethel Bardsley-A, Pat Hardman-B, and a tie between Barb Van Treese and Judy Sadler-C. The most improved player for the year was Natalie Dolan, dropping her handicap by 2 full points. Congratulations to all the winners.

The ladies from the LGA

would like to invite all the lady golfers to come out and joint us in the Fall. We have League Play on Thursday morning but also groups play on Tuesday and Saturday. If you are interested in playing with us, please call the Club and one of the Officers will get in touch with you. (We even play during the summer months).

PSJS 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.

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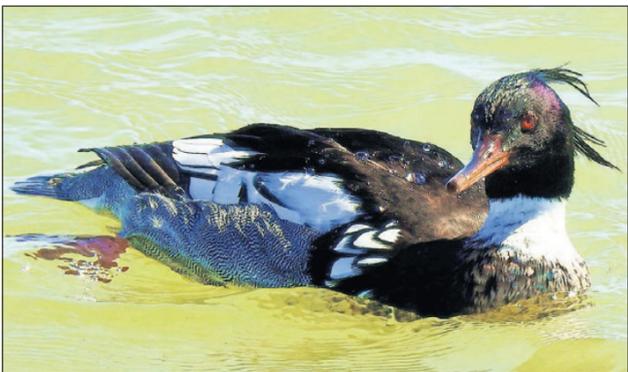
St. Joe Beach beauties. [COURTESY OF CHERYL FRICKE]



Wild lilies bloom at Three Rivers Park. [COURTESY OF DEBORAH MAYS]



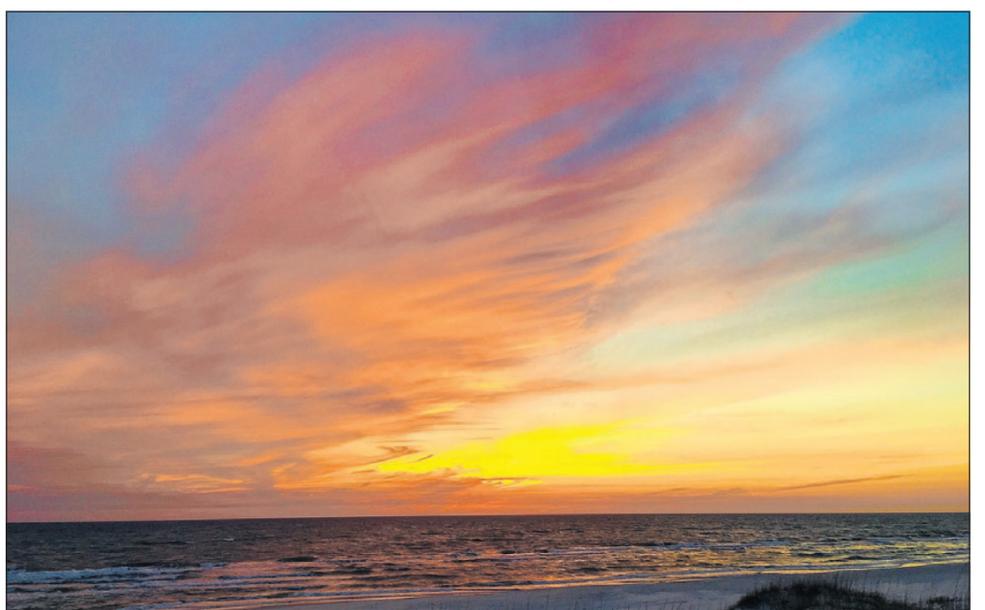
Watch out for these critters, a Portuguese man o' war. [COURTESY OF CAROL BUIKEMA]



A Merganser at Crooked Beach. [COURTESY OF BECKY BLOCK]



Sunday afternoon in Port St. Joe. [COURTESY OF LINDA SHEPHERD]



"God's plain air art on the Cape." [COURTESY OF CAROL AND PHIL DOHMEN]



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Morning fog. [COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH]

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COMMUNITY

Baton passed at health department

Sarah Hinds named new administrator

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Marsha Lindeman met Sarah Hinds about 10 years ago.

The vibe was positive from the outset.

"Her intelligence, her talent and her commitment to excellence was evident immediately," Lindeman told the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday.

Hinds, raised in Port St.

"It's been an incredible journey in public health. It is a true blessing to work with a staff that is dedicated to public health. Public health is my passion and their passion."

Sarah Hinds

Joe, a member of the Port St. Joe High School Band of Gold, she takes pride in noting, was formally approved to succeed Lindeman as administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Gulf and Franklin County.

While the Department of Health makes such staff decisions, the department seeks concurrence from the

BOCC as a continuation of the state/local partnership, via local health departments, written into Florida law.

The BOCC approved the recommendation unanimously.

"I believe Ms. Hinds will be an asset to the Florida Department of Health in Gulf County," wrote Florida Surgeon General Dr.

Celeste Philip in a letter to the BOCC.

"The Department has full confidence in Ms. Hinds as she possesses an excellent and diverse background in all aspects of public health and has demonstrated her ability as a skilled leader."

Hinds has been working in public health since returning to Port St. Joe after her 2008 graduation from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with a Bachelor's in Social Work.

"I have always loved this community," Hinds said.

See **HINDS, B5**

Summer events at the public libraries

Star Staff Report

"Libraries rock!"

That is the theme this summer as the Gulf County public libraries bring a host of reading, and other programs, to children of all ages.

The Corinne Costin Memorial Library in Port St. Joe and the Charles Whitehead Memorial Public Library in Wewahitchka are both offering a host of programs that "rock" this summer.

Activities include group games, musical crafts, art projects, science and engineering experiments, guest speakers and more.

The 2018 Summer Reading Program is open to youngsters preschool through age 12 with programs, storytimes, reading goals, and more.

Registration for "Libraries Rock" is open.

For more information, call the library at 229-8879 (Port St. Joe) or 639-2419 (Wewahitchka) or visit our website, www.nwrls.com.

And the price is always right: all programs are free of charge.

- **FLYP:** 6- to 10-year-olds will meet on Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. ET in PSJ and 3 p.m. CT in Wewahitchka.

- **Li'l FLYP:** 3- to 5-year-olds will meet on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. ET in Port St. Joe and at 11 a.m. CT in Wewahitchka.

The reading programs will be bookended by two events.

On June 2, at 1 p.m. the Gypsy Rhythm Dancers (Port St. Joe library) will provide a kickoff event.

The Multicultural Education Program through the Junior League of Panama City encourages global arts awareness. Explore traditions and customs from various countries through dance and music. Sponsored by the Junior League of Panama City.

And on June 30, at 11 a.m., the Atlantic Coast Theater Group presents **FLIGHT!** For grades K-8th. (Port St. Joe Library) as the summer programs wrap-up.

FLIGHT!

Mankind has always been fascinated with the skies, the stars, and reaching new heights. **FLIGHT!** combines creative staging, original music and audience participation into a theatrical production that explores the stories of flight including the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, The US/Soviet space race and NASA's many accomplishments.

Audiences are encouraged to think about the future of flight, and perhaps be inspired to become pioneers reaching for the stars themselves.

See **LIBRARY, B5**

FIELD DAY FROLICS



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR PHOTOS]



The rain, somehow dissipated, but the clouds remained to provide a cooling blanket.

The buses from Wewahitchka Elementary School pulled into the parking lot of Shark Field right on time.

The T-shirts, in a variety of colors and sporting a design created by a Port St. Joe Elementary third-grader, were donned. The burlap sacks, buckets of soap, sprinter lanes and

tug-of-war rope were primed and ready.

The kids, well, it was best to stay out of the way as they answered first call by flowing out of the stands. There were games to be played.

As the school year comes to a close the elementary schools joined together last year for Field Day 2018.

The ultimate winners? Need you really wonder? --- **Tim Croft**

TRIVIA FUN



Wilson Casey

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

1. What company used the advertising slogan, "You can trust your car to the man who wears the

star.?"

Esso, Texaco, Shell, Pure

2. Who/what was the real life "Edmund Fitzgerald" in a Gordon Lightfoot ballad?

New York governor, Freighter, Alpine skier, Locomotive

3. "We wish you love, peace, and soul" is/was whose famous sign-off line?

Quincy Jones, Don Cornelius, Flip Wilson, Henry Starr

4. By some sources, who became known as the "Turbulent Priest"?

Daniel Berrigan, Denis Diderot, Geoffrey Chaucer, Thomas Becket

5. What was the name of Custer's horse at the Battle of Little Bighorn?

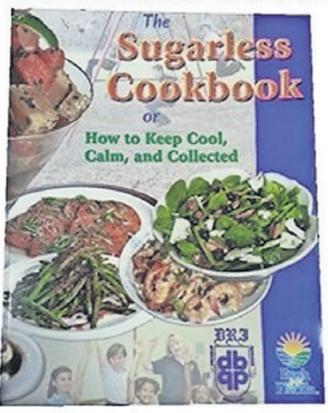
Vic, Courage, Fletch, Sam
6. Where is the Tongass National Forest?
California, Maine, Hawaii, Alaska

ANSWERS: 1. Texaco, 2. Freighter, 3. Don Cornelius ("Soul Train" host), 4. Thomas Becket, 5. Vic, 6. Alaska

SOCIETY

DAR news

How to Keep Cool, Calm, and Collected Cookbook



The St. Joseph Bay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is raising funds to assist in building **The Honor Walk for All Veterans at Beacon Hill and other veteran projects.**

Enjoy some great, healthy recipes for a **\$10 donation to DAR**

Special to The Star

The St. Joseph Bay Chapter of NSDAR will launch its money-making project for the Veterans Honor Walk at Beacon Hill, as well as other veteran projects, in front of the Piggly-Wiggly Store on May 26 from 9 a.m. until 4

p.m. ET. Please stop by and donate to the DAR for veterans projects.

Other businesses and places selling cookbooks for donations next week are: No Name Café, Cape Trading Post, Peoples Bank, Port Inn, Driftwood Inn, El Governor, and the Port St. Joe Library.

Double your chances of quitting tobacco

Special to The Star

Wewahitchka Medical Center is hosting a tobacco free program called "Tools to Quit" 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. CT on Tuesday, June 5. The class is offered by Big Bend AHEC's trained facilitator to guide participants as they identify triggers, explain withdrawal symptoms, and brainstorm ways to cope with them. Participating in Tobacco Free Florida's quit services such as this program can double your chances of quitting any form of tobacco for good.

The Tools to Quit Program is a 2-hour seminar where participants learn how to develop a successful quit plan. This program offers free nicotine replacement therapy (while supplies last and if medically appropriate), educational materials, goodies for their quit day, and follow-up support.

The classes are open to anyone. If interested in attending, please contact Wewahitchka Medical Center at 639-5825 to RSVP or visit the event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/367335287119139/>

Whitfield Family reunion

The annual Whitfield Family Reunion will be held 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. CT June 9 at the Honeyville Community Center in Wewahitchka.

Bring your family and your favorite covered dish. For questions call 527-4256. Or email Whitfieldwewa-reunion@yahoo.com.

PSJ Garden Club news

Blue Star Marker

Special to The Star

Monday is Memorial Day, a day set aside for remembering the people who died while serving in our Armed Forces. In commemoration of Memorial Day the Port St. Joe Garden Club has decorated the Gulf County Blue Star Marker with bows and flags for Memorial Day weekend. The marker, erected May 1, 1962, is located in Gulf County at the intersection of U.S. 98 and Gautier Road in Constitution Park in Port St. Joe.

The marker was originally sponsored by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. in cooperation with the State Road Department of Florida and the Port St. Joe Garden Club of Gulf County.

The Blue Star Marker program is a part of the Blue Star Memorial Highway program which began in 1945.

The Blue Star Marker



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

The Blue Star Marker program is a part of the Blue Star Memorial Highway program which began in 1945. The Blue Star Marker honors the men and women serving in the Armed Forces in defense of our country.

fifty years is in need of refurbishment. The Port St. Joe Garden Club plans on restoring the marker and enhancing the landscaping surrounding the marker.

Anyone wishing to donate toward restoration of the Blue Star Marker may do so by contacting the Port St. Joe Garden Club at psjgardenclub@gmail.com or mailing the donation to PSJGC POB 243 PSJ FL 32148. This weekend, please take a moment to remember those who died while serving in the armed forces and stop by Gulf County's Blue Star Marker.

honors the men and women serving in the Armed Forces in defense of our country. The "Blue Star" came from the blue stars depicted in service flags displayed in windows of homes where a family member was serving in the Armed Forces. The display of service flags became common during World War II when many men and women served in the Armed Services in defense of our country. The marker, in place now for more than

Tupelo Festival pageant

Star Staff Report

The annual Tupelo Pageant was held last week during the Tupelo Honey Festival in Wewahitchka.

The winners were: Miss Tupelo, Sara Burke; Junior Miss Tupelo, Madison Wood; Little Miss Tupelo, Logan Taylor; Tiny Miss Tupelo, Myla McGuffin; Teenie Miss Tupelo, Amelia Harrell; and Baby Miss Tupelo, Cerenity Thursby (not shown).



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Teen suicide discussed at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The growing number of teen suicides will be discussed at 7 p.m. CT Monday, May 28, at Lifetree Café.

The program "Exploring Teen Suicide: A Necessary Conversation" features a filmed interview with Shay Black, a woman whose son unexpectedly took his own life.

In the interview, Black discusses the aftermath of losing her son.

"The toughest thing about suicide is the person with all the answers takes them with him," she said. "The people who are left behind are left with overwhelming feelings that they have to deal with."

During the program, Lifetree participants will have an opportunity to discuss what could be contributing to the epidemic of teen suicide.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free.

Snacks and beverages will be 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@livingwaterat-thebeach.com

PET OF THE WEEK
St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



Meet Snowball, an exceptionally special kitten. She is a domestic short hair kitten about 8 weeks old who came to the shelter as a stray. Snowball has no use of her back legs, though that does not slow her down at all! She is constantly purring and needs a loving family to give her love to. It may be permanent paralysis, but a set of wheels would be fun for her. She loves to get baths in the sink, so that can be a daily bonding experience. Come meet Snowball, she is waiting for you!

If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a donation. All pets adopted from SJBHSS 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

Academic Rewards Day at WHS

Special to The Star

Mountainous water slides, crisp volleyball nets and challenging obstacle courses adorned the fields near the school as the sun rose on a beautiful Friday at Wewahitchka High. May 4 marked Academic Rewards Day and students were in for a special treat. Festivities began with an awards program in which students were recognized for special teacher awards, honor roll achievement, and perfect attendance.

After the ceremony, students were free to enjoy several exciting activities. In addition to the aforementioned water slides, volleyball games and obstacle courses, there was also a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, outdoor dodgeball, painting with a twist, karaoke, an escape room, a dance contest, nine square in the air, a photo booth and many more thrilling events.

The most exciting activity by far, however, was the laser tag game. Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High's circular hall was transformed into a post-apocalyptic, urban wasteland where teams of students could battle until one group's base was captured and neutralized by the opposing squad. Lines for laser tag snaked throughout the lunchroom as excited warriors awaited their turn in the arena. Tired participants were treated to free refreshments like nachos, fried cheese sticks, snow cones and more in the two concession stands



Volleyball. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



Figuring out some clues about the escaped mummy. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



Nine square, vertical version. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

located on campus.

Culminating the day was a prize drawing extravaganza which saw dozens of WHS students receive special gifts which were donated by businesses in the Wewahitchka, Port St. Joe, Panama City and Blounstown areas.

Ms. Vanecia Andrews, a junior, won the grand prize of a 10-foot kayak complete with a life jacket and paddles. Academic Rewards Day is always a big hit with students at WHS and 2018's iteration was the biggest and best to date.



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

WES Pre-K graduation

Star Staff Report

Caps and gowns aren't just for high school seniors, as demonstrated by the Darlene Ake's Pre-K at Wewahitchka Elementary School.

The kids recently took a graduation picture. Those in white gowns

are students returning to Ake's class next school year as they are not quite old enough for kindergarten.

In the back row, from left: Miranda E., Korvin P., Ella H., Bristol P., Alex S., Mason J., Chaston B.,

Carson R., Brooklyn S., Jaxon K., Logan S., Gunner B., Bailey B., Gunner G.

Row 3: Kolton P., Gemma W., Reva F., Tucker E., Braxton B., Garrett P., Emily L.

Front row: Tyler B., Jeremiah C., Jaxon P., Scarlett P., Roy S., Kyle P.

Lake graduates from MSU

Special to The Star

Sam Barrett Lake, son of Tommy and Jennie Lake graduated cum laude from Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. Barrett was a member of many organizations at Mississippi State including Omega Chi Epsilon - Chemical Engineering Honor Society. Barrett will be stationed in Charleston, SC as a Nuclear Engineering Propulsion Officer Candidate (NUPOC) in U.S. Navy.



Sam Barrett Lake. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

S.O.A.R.-ing at PSJES



S.O.A.R. students for the week of May 18 at Port St. Joe Elementary School. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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LINDA DIANE PACE

Linda Diane Pace, 53, of Port St. Joe, passed away at her home on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Linda was the daughter of the late Grace and Edward William McFarland.

She leaves behind her husband, Johnny Pace; children, John Pace (Ashley), Jessica Pace (Tommy Young), and Megan Fisher (Eddie); sister, Cindy Tomlin (Jim); grandchildren, EJ Fisher and Ashlynn Fisher; and nieces and nephews, Bryan Hobbs, Steven Odom, Jamie Reed, Jennifer Tomlin, and BJ Tomlin. She was preceded in death



by her parents, brother-Tony McFarland, and sister Suzanne McFarland.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. in Apalachicola at Kelley Funeral Home.

Kelley Funeral Home assisted the family.

LOUISE SETTERICH

Louise Setterich, 86, of Port St. Joe, passed away on Monday, May 14, 2018. She was born on August 3, 1931, in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, to Walter Kirschel and Anne Brady.

Louise was preceded in death by husband Bill, her son Bryan, brother

Wally and sister Zita.

She is survived by her sons, John Setterich and wife and Kelan Setterich and his wife Debbie; and grandchildren Megan Setterich, Peter Setterich, Anna Setterich and Gregory Barnett.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. CST, 11 a.m. EST

on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, graveside at Roberts Cemetery with Rev. Derrick Gerber, and Father Chris Winklejohn officiating.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may donate to Catholic Charities or Taunton Family Children's Home.

FAITH BRIEFS

Pastor anniversary at Zion Fair

The members of Zion Fair Missionary Baptist Church cordially invite the community to share with us as we celebrate our Pastor, Rev. Wilson Hall and First Lady Sister Margaret Hall sixth anniversary, on the 4th Sunday, May 27. Rev. Darrell Hill, assistant pastor of First Mount Moriah church of Panama City will be our morning speaker at 11 a.m. ET, and Rev. Dante McGee, assistant pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist church of Panama City will be our evening speaker at 5 p.m. EST.

A special program honoring our first lady Sister Margarete Hall will be held 2 p.m. ET Saturday, May 26 at the church. Minister Alma Pugh of Love Center Ministries, Apalachicola will be our guest speaker. We welcome everyone to attend.

VBS at FUMC

First United Methodist Church of Port St. Joe will host Vacation Bible School June 25-29. The program, "Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God" will be held 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.; each day. This is for children grades K4 through sixth. Register at www.cokesburyvbs.com/portstjoemc.

For more information, contact Krystal Terry at 227-1724 or krystal@psjumc.org.

VBS at Long Avenue Baptist

A summer kids event called "Shipwreck VBS" will be hosted at Long Avenue Baptist Church in Port St. Joe June 3-7. At Shipwrecked kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Kids at Shipwrecked VBS will join a mission's effort to help build houses in Guatemala

through the church's ongoing mission trips to the region. Shipwrecked is for kids age 4 through completed sixth-grade and will be held 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. ET each day. Pre-registration, which will close at noon May 31, is available online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/labc>. Registration will be available at the door. For more information call 229-8691.

20th anniversary at Victory Temple

The Pastor and members of the Victory Temple First Born Holiness Church would like to invite you to come and be a part of this glorious celebration of 20 years of service. Services will be held 7:30 p.m. ET June 14, 15 and 16 and 11:30 a.m. ET Sunday, June 17. Guest speakers to be announced. The church is located at 315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Port St. Joe.

ELBERT AJ TAYLOR Dec 30, 1928 - May 16, 2018

"Biggin" was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to catch bream and catfish, but his passion was Turkey hunting. In the Spring everyone knew where he would be, somewhere between Pool Hammock and Cotton Landing. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help anyone in need. He enjoyed spending time with his family, talking about history, politics and overseeing Bloody Bluff. He retired from Buckeye after more than thirty years of service and was a member of the Methodist faith.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Maxine, daughters Lucretia Taylor of Eastpoint, Karen Taylor and son Jay Taylor (Ranza) and David Summers all of Bristol.

He had nine grandchildren, Shaula Jerkins, Leah Shiver, Elbert Shiver, Tasha Gaskil, Schai Register, Swade Corley, Whitney Taylor, Jarrod Taylor and Chase Taylor, along with sixteen great-grandchildren. As well as one brother, Terry Faircloth of Bloody Bluff.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jewel Scott Faircloth and Upton Taylor, daughter Carlene Summers, one great-grandchild Seth Register, brothers, Lelmon "Tatter" Taylor, Hugh "Scrub" Taylor and sister Betty Jewel Butler.

Services were held at Friendship Fellowship Baptist Church May 18, 2018, at 11 a.m. under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home.

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Applying the Four-Way Test

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Rotary Club recently presented its Citizenship Award to Jarred Colby Quinn for his essay concerning the Four-Way Test.

Quinn, a senior at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School, wrote the essay as part of a program that not only provides scholarship dollars but also awareness of the test, created in the 1930s and adopted by Rotary International, has a template against which actions should be assessed.

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The local program is sponsored by George and Hilda Duren and Piggly Wiggly, Centennial Bank, Capital City Bank, Sunset Coastal Grill, Aaron Farnsley and Farnsley Wealth Management, Charles Costin and Costin and Costin, Dr. John Miller and Bay Implant and Periodontist Clinic in Panama City and Jim and Diane Lowry and the Lowry Scholarship Fund.

The Four-Way Test

By Jarred Colby Quinn

I think it is always important to demonstrate good character and moral values. Nothing in life will truly succeed without applying the principles embedded within the Four-Way Test. Whether it's business, marriage, or just simple things in your everyday life, you must always exhibit truth and goodwill while being fair and beneficial.

As people always say, you can never win when you play dirty. If Herbert J. Taylor didn't create and apply the Four-Way Test, his company would have gone under. I had to put the Four-Way Test to use in multiple situations in my life as well.

You know it in your heart when you have a true friend. I have a few people in my life who I would call my true friends, but the best on is my mother. She is always willing to bend over backwards and jump through hoops for my benefit.

I can't sum up in a million words all the ways she has been beneficial to me. Whether it was taking me to the doctor when I was sick, or just simply helping with my homework when I needed it, her constant commitment molded me into the person I am today. Without her, I would not be flourishing the way I am now.

There's been times I've tried to put something over on my mom or tell a quick lie to get out of doing certain things, like the time I told her I was going to study at my friend's house when I was actually going to get a Big Mac. But in the end, the truth anyways caught up to me in one way or the other. When I got a bad grade on my homework, my mom figured out



From left, Jim Lowry, Patty Blaylock, Aaron Farnsley, Jarred Quinn, his mother, Fr. Tommy Dwyer and Angel Parker. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

my lie and I learned a valuable lesson. It is best to always be truthful in any situation because lying, cheating and being deceptive will never get you ahead. Mr. Taylor could've liked or committed fraud, but because he was truthful and use the Four-Way Test, he was able to save his business.

I've been able to keep an honest relationship with my mom because I have realized that telling the truth is the only option. My grades were better too.

I also try to demonstrate goodwill wherever I go. I learned this part of the Four-Way Test from my grandfather.

He is always friendly, helpful and cooperative, and I try to be like him. From watching the example of my Daddy Jarred, I have come to realize that people often forget that what you put into this world is what you get out of it.

So in my everyday life, I strive to treat people the way I would like to be treated. Even when I'm having a bad day, I often smile and put my best foot forward because I choose not to reflect what difficulties I'm facing, but rather I am determined to stay positive, so that people will want to be around me and support anything that has my name on it. That came in handy when I was running for Senior Executive Board, and my peers voted for me to represent them.

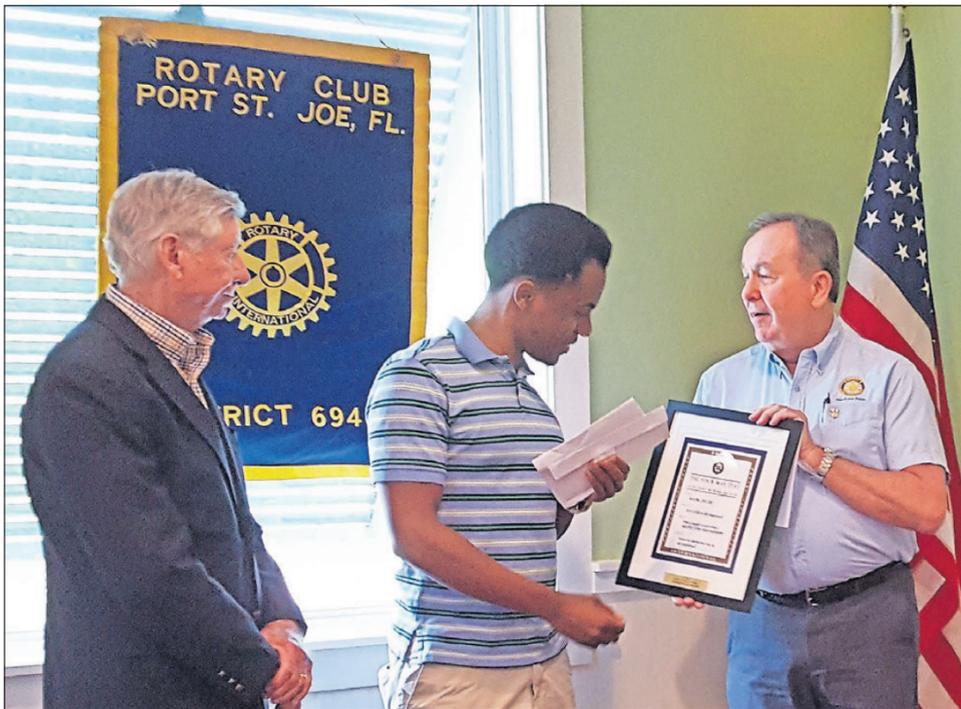
I was honored and even more determined to show goodwill at all times.

With that being said, I am committing myself to always demonstrate good character and moral values. Nothing in life will truly succeed without applying the principles that are embedded within the Four-Way Test.

Whether it's my new college professor or boss I have in the future, I know that I must always exhibit truth, fairness, and goodwill, so that my actions will benefit not only me, but more importantly, those around me.



Jarred reads his essay. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



Fr. Tommy Dwyer and Jim Lowry present Quinn with the Rotary Citizenship Award. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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HINDS

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She joined the health department as a family support worker, which provided a connection between families and individuals and community health resources in the days before Sacred Heart arrived.

In short, she was working immediately in creating the kind of coalitions that are essential to public health.

"I would explore new

opportunities, new strategies and grant possibilities with partners and staff to help enhance community health improvement," Hinds said.

Hinds worked her way up, taking advantage of opportunities presented and has spent the last several years as the department's public information officer and, recently, deputy administrator.

"I work with an amazing public health team committed to making the places where we live, work, learn and play healthier," she said.

Meanwhile she was also continuing her education, earning a Master's in Public Health from the University of South Florida.

"It's been an incredible journey in public health," Hinds told commissioners Tuesday.

"It is a true blessing to work with a staff that is dedicated to public health.

"Public health is my passion and their passion." Hinds promotion fills a vacancy created by a promotion for Lindeman.

Lindeman, the administrator in Gulf County the past eight years, said

Tuesday that her husband had recently retired and the couple was moving back to Tallahassee to be closer to family.

"This is a bittersweet moment for me," Lindeman said.

Lindeman, meanwhile, will take over as Director of Public Health Nursing for the FDOH.

Commissioner Ward McDaniel, who joined the BOCC about the time that Lindeman arrived in Gulf County, thanked her for her service and the assistance she had provided over the past eight years.

LIBRARY

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Note: Call for photographs! The Port St. Joe library will host the Smithsonian exhibition "Hometown Teams" this November. The exhibit explores the role of sports in building community connections and national culture. We would love to feature your best photographs - contemporary or historical - of sports in Port St. Joe. Contact library director Nancy Brockman or just stop by the library!

Gulf County Sheriff's Office law enforcement summary

May 14-20

On May 14, Deputy L. Greenwood was dispatched to a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of East Lake Avenue in Wewahitchka. When Deputy Greenwood arrived, he encountered a male, who was identified as Dylan Coy Jackson (25), and pregnant female arguing outside of a local business. The two were involved in a domestic altercation, which had turned physical prior to Deputy Greenwood's arrival. During the event, the female fled to a bathroom within a nearby building in an attempt to get away from Jackson. As a result of the investigation, which involved a 6-year-old child, Deputy Greenwood placed Jackson under arrest; he is being charged with Aggravated Battery and Child Abuse.

On May 16, Megan Marie Sims (20) turned herself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on an active warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On May 16, Deputy G. Desrosier was dispatched to Hummingbird Lane, in Overstreet, in regards to a wanted person in the area. That person was Rickie O'Neal Mitchell (25) and he was wanted out of Bay County for violation of probation on the original charges of Domestic Battery by Strangulation and was classified as an absconder. Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams also responded to the area. Mitchell had fled from the house and Gulf Correctional Institution with their K-9 tracking team was called to assist. Deputies and Gulf C.I.'s K-9 team successfully apprehended Mitchell in a wooded area near the home.

On May 17, Investigators S. Ferrell and P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on Old Bay City Road in Howard Creek. During the course of the traffic stop, Sgt. J. Williams arrived on scene to deploy K-9 "Ellie" on the vehicle to conduct a free sniff. The K-9 alerted on the vehicle and a probable cause search ensued which revealed marijuana, methamphetamine

and a pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. The driver of the vehicle, Joshua Earl Adkison (36) was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On May 17, David Ray Belew (53) was transported to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office by the Bay County Jail to be booked on an active warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of Aggravated Stalking, Trespassing and Criminal Mischief.

On May 17, Deputy D. House conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the parking lot of the Piggly Wiggly in Port St. Joe. Deputy House stopped the vehicle because he saw it was occupied by Rusty Ellis Ward (36) and knew that Ward had an active warrant for violation of probation on the original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Ward was taken into custody and consented to a search of his vehicle, which revealed an amount of methamphetamine

and a pipe used to ingest it. In addition to the VOP warrant, Ward was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On May 18, Deputy P. Young served a warrant at the Gulf County Detention Facility on LaJarius Xavier Cooper (26). Cooper was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On May 18, Deputy C. Harvey travelled to the Jackson County Jail to arrest Loretta Lesha Swearington (29) on a Gulf County warrant for Violation of Probation. Swearington was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Swearington was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked.

On May 20, Deputy L. Greenwood was dispatched to the Gulf Correctional Institution to assist Gulf C.I. staff with an investigation involving a visitor who attempted to introduce

narcotics into the prison. Megan A. Spearance (40) was caught by Gulf C.I. officers passing a package containing approximately one ounce of cocaine to an inmate. She was immediately detained and the cocaine was recovered. Spearance was traveling with Shelby Lynn Goss (29), who was still in the car they were traveling in. A search of the vehicle revealed methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Goss was detained. The investigation resulted in Spearance being arrested and charged with Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Introduction of Contraband into a State Correctional Facility. Goss was also arrested 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.

Speed limit raised on SR 30A

Star Staff Report

The signs were changed a couple of weeks ago and this week the Florida Department of Transportation made it official.

In a press release, the FDOT District office announced that the speed limit on State Road 30A from north of Jasmine Lane

in Simmons Bayou to south of Country Club Road has been increased from 45 mph to 55 mph. This has long been sought by several South Gulf County stakeholders.

Coastal Community Association of Gulf County board member Gene Behage and former and present County Commissioners Jerry Barnes and Phil McCroan has lobbied

for the change for more than two years.

Drivers are reminded to pay attention to the new speed limit when traveling. For more information, follow the Florida Department of Transportation District Three on Twitter @myfdot_nwfl or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MyFDOTNWFL.



The speed limits on a portion of SR 30A from Simmons Bayou to Cape San Blas Road is now 55 mph. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

I bit into my childhood today



Stephanie Hill-Frazier

Growing up on St. Joe Beach seems like a dream to me now, in retrospect. How lucky I was! My sister and I never took our amazing access to the beach for granted. We walked on the beach frequently, even in cooler weather, and we went to the beach to swim and lie in the sun often during the years we lived there.

It was where I did much of my playing as a child, with my parents and grandparents, and later, much of my planning and praying about my future as a young adult. It was home.

My sister and I return to Gulf County as often as we can, as do many of our friends and family who have moved away for various reasons. The gulf seems to lure us back, the scent of the beach almost palpable in our memories. There is something about that salty air, the scent of seaweed and washed up shells and sea creatures of all kinds comingling there. I will always know that scent, even when far away from the coast.

Now that I don't live right on the water, I miss the luxury of buying right-off-the-boat-fresh seafood: shrimp, mullet, oysters, scallops, and the like. What a treasure. But even better than that were the times we were able to get fresh crab from the waters of our very own beach during crab season.

Dad would creep along Highway 98 in his car back in the '70s and '80s, watching the clear water, because at certain times of the year, you could see dark spots in the shallow water near shore. They weren't really "spots," though; they were crabs! He'd come home and pull out the crab nets and five-gallon buckets, and the four of us would go down to the beach and gather the ones that didn't have eggs; we'd leave the females to continue to reproduce, as the law required.

We'd take home our crabs and dad would prepare the



Stuffed crab ingredients. [PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

meat, and mom would make crab cakes and other delicacies from it. You can imagine how good that was; fresh from the water two hours ago, now on the plate in dad's crab cake recipe he got out of an old issue of Southern Living magazine. Heavenly!

When I buy crab now, I sometimes make those same crab cakes, but I also like to make crab-stuffed portabellas. I love mushrooms, and crab meat paired with them couldn't be anything but GREAT to me.

I found some lump crabmeat in the grocery store seafood department and it worked very well. It really did remind me of my childhood crab feasts when I took that first bite into the crab stuffing; so sweet, salty, and tender. If you're looking for something new to try, take this recipe for a spin and let me know how you like it.

Crab-Stuffed Portabellas

MAKES 6 SERVINGS
Ingredients

- 6 portabella mushroom caps
- 1/2 pound lump crab meat
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 small white onion or two shallots, finely chopped

- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves or scant 1 tsp dried thyme
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan, Grana padano or Gruyere cheese

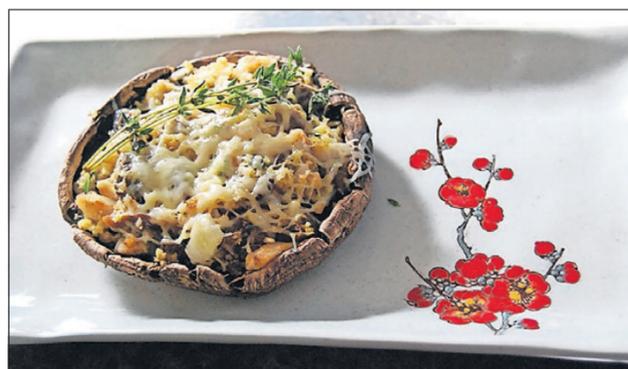
Method

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Use cooking spray to lightly coat a baking sheet, or use a sheet of parchment paper to line the baking sheet.

Carefully remove the stems from the portabella caps, then finely chop them and place in a mixing bowl. (You'll use them as part of the filling.)

Remove the mushroom "gills" from the underside of the caps, brush the caps clean of any debris, and arrange them in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet. Season each mushroom cap with salt and pepper.

Add the crab, egg, bread crumbs, onion, garlic, thyme, lemon juice, salt and pepper to the chopped portabella stems in a bowl. Gently combine by folding gently with a spatula, then divide the mixture evenly between the mushroom caps,



Stuffed portabellas.

pressing down lightly to make a firm mound of crab cake in each cap. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until the crab mixture is set and golden brown.

Remove from the oven, top with the grated cheese and bake for an additional 2 minutes, or until the cheese melts down into the crab cake.

I serve these with a spritz of lemon juice and a few shakes of Ed's Red Hot Sauce, which is a family favorite for its sweet spiciness.

These make a nice meal along with a big salad and perhaps some crusty French bread and garlic butter or herbed olive oil, or just about anything you

like with your seafood! You could also make these with baby 'bellas and serve as an appetizer. They'd go over well with your seafood-loving guests, I'm sure!

Enjoy!

Stephanie Hill-Frazier is a writer, food blogger and regional television chef, whose on-air nickname is "Mama Steph". She grew up in Gulf County, on St. Joe Beach, a place she will forever call home.

She is married and has three sons who can eat their weight in crab cakes. You can find more of her recipes at What SouthernFolksEat.com.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 23-2018-CP-00020-P RAX-MX

IN RE: ESTATE OF IVEY CULBRETH, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of IVEY CULBRETH, deceased, whose date of death was March 8, 2017; File Number 23-2018-CP-00020-PRAXM X is pending in the Circuit Court for GULF County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Signed on May 10, 2018

Sean F. Bogle, Esq. Attorney for Personal Representative

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FRANKLIN CULBRETH Personal Representative In care of Bogle Law Firm 101 South New York Ave, Suite 205 Winter Park, FL 32789 Pub: May 24, 31, 2018

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Dated: May 7, 2018

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

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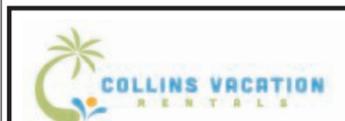
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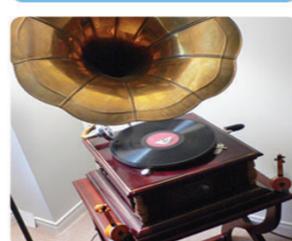
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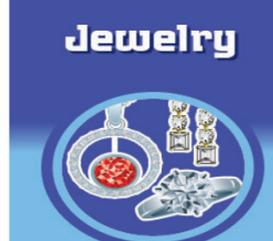
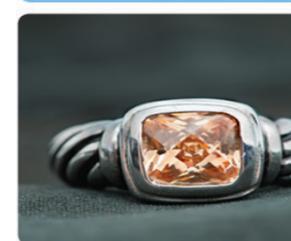
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