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This young pup with bad mange is one of the abandoned animals that have the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society shelter bursting at the seams. (SPECIAL TO THE STAR)

Humane society straining under heavy numbers

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The foundation of the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society has always been community volunteers.

Sure, some funding comes from local governments and the non-profit pursues every grant opportunity it can find.

And the shelter employs less than a handful of people at a level that would hardly allow vacation homes on Cape San Blas.

But at the paw level, the organization succeeds, and its charges, literally, can live or die, on the passion and energy of volunteers.

Right now, folks, there is

a huge need for that energy, plus an extra hand or two or three, with a healthy mix of walking legs.

The past summer, the level of intakes to the shelter has placed a huge strain on the facility and its resources.

Hilary Patterson, a member of the SJBHS board of directors, said the summer has seen an unusually high number of intakes.

Within the past week, shelter staff posted on social media that the shelter is at capacity.

One post showed the dogs that were at potential risk of euthanasia due to the length of time they had been at the shelter, with new dogs and cats arriving every day.

"It's been horrible," said Diana Burkett, a member of the SJBHS board of directors. "We are just trying everything we can do not to euthanize any animals.

"People need to understand we are up against it." And it is not just the SJBHS; throughout the area shelters are bursting.

Typically, the SJBHS transports animals to other shelters, for instance Lynn Haven, to relieve numbers.

But those shelters are also at capacity.

Therefore, as another barrier between an animal and euthanasia disappears, the shelter urgently needs not only adopters, but also those willing to foster an animal until it can be put up for adoption.

Typically, that will mean two or three weeks.

"We are in desperate need of foster homes," Burkett said.

And even those reluctant to adopt can save a life by sponsoring an animal for

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District seeks Triumph funding for drone program

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As the county seeks funding for water-based economic development, Gulf District Schools is looking to the sky.

The district has applied for grant funding from Triumph Gulf Coast to create a program that within three years would begin to offer students a pathway to industry certification as an unmanned aircraft, or drone, operator.

And the timing, with a company involved in the industry slated to imminently expand into the Industrial Park in Dalkeith, seems most punctual.

Triumph Gulf Coast is the legislatively-created body established to disburse some \$1 billion in BP fine dollars within eight Northwest Florida counties over the next 15 years.

The primary aim is to create

the infrastructure, including workforce development, to facilitate economic growth in the region.

The Board of County Commissioners is seeking \$28 million in grant funding for the construction of a dry dock facility to be leased by Eastern Shipbuilding as part of that company's long-planned expansion into Gulf County.

The hope is that the county will be presented by Triumph staff with a term sheet for the project at next week's Triumph board meeting.

The school district has already submitted several grant applications to Triumph, seeking funding to establish a culinary arts program at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School and to expand agricultural-based instruction at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School.

The distinct also seeks to

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County faces deadline on restoration project

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A special meeting by the Board of County Commissioners is likely within the next 10 days on a proposed beach restoration project.

And, the options tossed out Tuesday night by County Administrator Michael Hammond during a public budget hearing must have sounded like fingernails on chalkboard to property owners within the once-proposed project area.

With a deadline looming for providing the contractor awarded the project a notice

to proceed, the county could have to "kill the project or wait a year," Hammond said.

"We will likely call a special meeting in the next 10 days to determine a path forward," Hammond said.

Hammond added the board may have to opt for a project further reduced in scope.

The contractor, said Assistant Administrator Warren Yeager, is likely to need an answer in the next weeks concerning moving ahead with the project.

In a formal vote Tuesday, the board removed from

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Port St. Joe, county firm up budgets, millage for 2018-19

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Tuesday was all about the numbers in the meeting rooms of the Board of County Commissioners and Port St. Joe City Commission.

City commissioners finalized a balanced budget that maintains a millage that has been in place since George W. Bush resided in the White

House. The city's first public hearing on the budget is 5:01 p.m. tonight in the Ward Ridge meeting room.

And county commissioners held their first public hearing on the 2018-19 budget that includes a reduction in the millage rate of just over one mill.

A mill equals \$1 for every \$1,000 in assessed taxable property value.

Neither board made any reductions to funding for non-departmental agencies, such as the public libraries, Senior Citizens Center, Life Management, etc.

County

The county-wide millage for the 2018-19 budget will be 7.1000, down from the 7.2442 of the past several years.

During their final workshop on the budget, commissioners expressed a desire to provide taxpayers some relief.

Despite a fall in the millage rate, the aggregate rate, which includes fire districts and Municipal Services Taxing Units (MSTUs), of 7.4947 is 3.66 percent higher than the rollback rate.

The rollback rate is the millage that would bring in the same level of revenue as

the current fiscal year.

Each of the county's four fire control districts levies a BOCC-approved half-mill.

The MSTU levies for the coming year will be 1.1395 for gulf-front; 0.9838 for gulf-side interior; and 0.9894 for bayside.

The MSTUs provide the dollars to be bonded to equal \$4 million for a much-delayed

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Photography show opening leads Things to Do

Star Staff Report

The opening of a new photography show at The Joe Center for the Arts highlights the weekend's activities.

The "Community Photography Show" will open with a reception 6-9 p.m. ET Friday at The Joe, located at 201 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe.

The show features over 140 photographs from talented photographers across the Forgotten Coast.

During the reception ribbons for first-, second- and third-places in four categories, as well as eight honorable mention ribbons, will be awarded.

Further, ribbons will be awarded for Best of Show and Photographers Choice.

The four categories of competition are Landscapes and Seascapes, Nature, Sunrises and Sunsets and Creative.

Refreshments will be provided during the reception and admission is free.

"Everyone is invited to see all the exciting ways that these photographers have captured and enhanced the beauty of the Forgotten Coast, from the smallest insect to the most spectacular ocean vistas," said Marcy Trahan, organizer of the show.



The "Community Photography Show" will open Friday at The Joe Center for the Arts [COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH]

The Joe is a community art center, sponsored by the Forgotten Coastal Cultural Coalition, with a mission to educate, exhibit, partner and inspire through the arts.

Music in the Park in Mexico Beach. The "Music in the Park" series returns to Parker Park in Mexico Beach during the month of September.

Each concert is held 5-7 p.m. CT Thursdays, tonight with Heat & The Zydeco Gents.

Good music and good times, the concert is free.

There will also be hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and a drink for a suggested donation of \$5 (or more), benefiting Helping Hands. All proceeds go to Helping Hands.

Helping Hands has a goal of \$15,000 to be purchase a 300-foot mobi mat on the beach to make a pathway down to the water for anybody who has trouble walking in the sand.

Check out the expanded Mexico Beach Farmers Market. The Mexico Beach Farmers and Craft Market will be held Saturday and Sunday



Heat & The Zydeco Gent perform tonight as part of Mexico Beach's "Music in the Park" series. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

this weekend in Parker Park. Summer hours are 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. CT. Shop for fresh, local vegetables and baked goods as well as gifts and goodies from local craftspeople. Parker Park is located at 2500 U.S. Highway 98. Vendor applications are available at mexicobeach.com under calendar of events.

Fall hours at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. Starting this week and continuing until Memorial Day, the Cape San Blas Lighthouse 12-5 p.m. ET Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Venture to George Core

Park in Port St. Joe and climb to the top, nearly 100 feet high and check out the Gift Shop in "Sleeping Beauty." 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.

Rackleff, Quinn to speak at county Democrats meeting

Special to The Star

The Gulf County Democrats will hold their September meeting 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. ET Monday, Sept. 10 at a new location, the Port St. Joe Garden Club, located at 216 8th Street.

• Navy veteran Bob Rackleff,

winner of the Democratic primary for Florida's 2nd US Congressional District and former Leon County Commissioner, will discuss his plans to protect and strengthen Medicare and Social Security, grow good jobs in North Florida and fight for the benefits his fellow veterans deserve.

• Sandy Quinn, winner of the Democratic primary for County Commission District 4 and Chairman of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, will discuss his plans for bringing more jobs to Gulf County, rebuilding our infrastructure and keeping our taxes low.

• Mitch Burke, Gulf County Property Appraiser, will explain proposed constitutional amendments 1: Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption and 2: Limitations on Property Tax Assessments - two of the thirteen proposed constitutional amendments that

will appear on the November ballot.

Everyone is welcome. Meeting updates may be found on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GulfCountyDemocrats/>). Bring a friend. The Democrats look forward to seeing you at the meeting and at your polling place!

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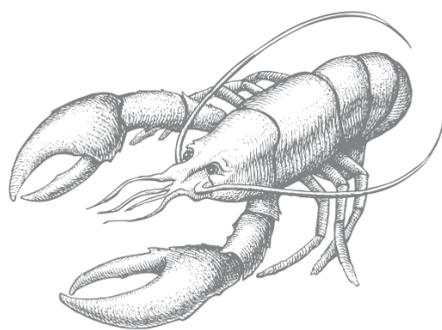
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OPINION

CRANKS MY TRACTOR

What would you do for a pork rind?



BN Heard

Some folks worry too much about those who are always looking to get something for nothing, when they should be appreciating those who are always looking to “give” something for nothing. This was my opinion after speaking to my wife as she was leaving Alabama heading toward Greenville, South Carolina.

I was at work and had missed a call from her by about five minutes, so I called her back. I asked the obligatory, “Is everything OK?” I knew she had left the Florida Panhandle early in the morning and traveled through Enterprise, Alabama to check on an aunt who had been in the hospital.

So, I try to keep my phone available when either she or one of my three children are traveling. We have three in college in three different states, so I pretty much sleep with my phone.

She answered my question by asking, “It depends on what you consider OK?” Knowing her, I knew that things were not ok. She explained that she had stopped in Valley, Alabama while traveling north on Interstate 85 to get a snack and put gas in the car.

The trouble with these new-fangled push button keyless cars is that you don’t need a key to put in the ignition to start the car. Sure, there are all these complex safety features they include so you can’t lock yourself out. After over 30 years of working with the space program, I also understand that nothing is “fool-proof” or in this case “dog-proof.”

As she pumped the gas, our 14-year-old miniature poodle, “Maddie,” anxiously jumped and pawed at the window knowing she could help put gas in the car and possibly meet a few new people in the process. She did it. She locked the door with my wife’s keys, purse and phone inside. My wife had just taken her wallet out of her purse to pump the gas.

That’s when my wife realized she was down and locked out in Valley, Alabama. Yes, we have one of those national services that will come change your tire, fill up your tank and unlock your car, but you are never quite sure how long it will take.

My wife went inside the gas station where a nice young lady let her use the store’s phone. She called the national roadside assistance service and they took the information and told her that they would send someone as soon as possible.

Fortunately, it was a cool rainy day for a little dog to sit happily in the car. As my wife stood and waited by the car, a number of nice people stopped and tried to help her (and Maddie). People were trying to bribe our little poodle into unlocking the door. One girl even offered her pork rinds to unlock the door, but she just wouldn’t do it. After hearing that, I thought I might even unlock the door for my wife for a pork rind; I knew I would for some boiled peanuts.

This is the same dog that would stand on the pedal to flip the lid of our kitchen trash can up so our big Standard Poodle could stick his head in and “go shopping.” She wasn’t going to unlock the door.

Then another fellow stopped by with phone in hand and started calling his friends telling them the situation that my wife and dog were in. He was kind enough to stay with her and he wasn’t giving up.

After an hour, she was still locked out and the dog was still locked in. The national roadside assistance service fellow did show up, but didn’t have any luck getting in the vehicle to release our dog, and reunite her with my wife.

The nice fellow on the phone finally got a friend from a local body shop who had a “balloon gadget” of some sort according to my wife that opened the door up and allowed her to travel on to Greenville, South Carolina.

She did note that our dog, Maddie, seemed to be complaining about not getting the pork rind all the way to Greenville.

The call from my wife didn’t come until it was all over. If she had, I would have called her phone which was inside the car and talked to the dog and we could have discussed how silly she looked locked out of the car and perhaps have had a debate about plain versus barbecue pork rinds.

Read more stories at www.CranksMyTractor.com.

HUNKER DOWN

I could’a been on the Grand Ole Opry



Kesley Colbert

I was driving back from Cleveland, Georgia, kicking myself for not buying an old Seth Thomas Canadian Railroad clock from a friend there and wondering why the state bothered to put up speed limit signs when I passed the Crossroads Café. I did a double take and slowed to make sure I’d read the sign correctly.

Listen, I was still in Georgia. And it’s mostly in America. You can name a restaurant anything you want to here. But this particular Crossroads Café was located in a strip mall set a good ways off the main thoroughfare..... There was not an intersection, cross street or side road coming into the highway in any direction as far as the eye could see!

My mind shifted from antique clocks to crossroads that didn’t involve streets, traffic, stop signs, red lights or roundabouts. Maybe the requirements to eat in this place were shirts, shoes and a life changing decision that was weighing heavily on the mind..... Like the young college graduate who couldn’t decide if he needed to stay in Cumming or seek fame and fortune in Atlanta; or perhaps the grizzly auto mechanic who was still dreaming of dancing on Broadway; or the beautiful lass who twirled the coffee around in her cup as she dithered between teaching school in the neighborhood she grew up in or taking the job offer in Cocoa Beach.

Maybe it was an eating place for those adventurers who

couldn’t decide “For Whom the Bell Tolls.” Hemmingway’s book set during the Spanish Civil War reminded us of John Donne’s epic seventeenth century writings, “No man is an island.” We live on the mainland. What we do and say interacts with, and impacts, others. We need to choose the path we take not foolhardily or unwisely.

I could picture desperate folks inside wolfing down fried baloney, biscuits smothered in gravy and banana pudding while they deliberated joining Weight Watchers. The young man in the corner hadn’t touched his liver and onions but he had decided to tell his father he wasn’t going into the family business.

What we munch on today..... we may have to regurgitate for years and years. Leave it to Georgia to figure out a one stop shopping house that can feed your stomach and your soul at the same time.

I wondered how many high school graduates had sat in a “Crossroads Café” with sweaty palms and frightened hearts. I don’t care how much you think you know, what you’ve been told, what the guidance teacher says or how much your folks have saved for your future..... Somewhere between the main course and dessert, you’ve got to do some soul searching. And the available paths are many and varied, complicated and stretch out before you in all sorts of weird directions.....with no guarantees whichever way you choose!

Come to think of it, they ought to franchise these Crossroads dining halls all over America!

Can’t you just see the handsome Georgia boy in the back booth, eager to begin a family, who can’t make up his mind

between Sally Ann Pennington and Misty Rhodes. You talk about a crossroads! Sally Ann was pretty enough in the right light, plus her father owned the bank, a feed store and 200 acres of bottom land down by the river. It would be a stable and secure life.

But Misty had that “can’t guess what I’ve been up to” look, a smile that could illuminate an underground dungeon at midnight and she sported the largest Willie Nelson record collection east of the Mississippi River. Fun and a bucket sized bait of uncertainty reflected off her dime store earrings. It’s no wonder the young man had been eating here every day since he started shaving!

Driving by a Crossroads Café that wasn’t on an intersection will make you ponder your own decision making history. And possibly throw on an illuminating switch—NO WONDER I made all those mistakes!

Our eating out places back home were named City Café, Steak House and Dixie Coffee Cup. I reckon entrepreneurial restaurant owners didn’t read much Hemingway in our neck of the woods.....

It just never occurred to us to stroll into a local eatery and ask Mr. Red Melton or Jack Cantrell’s advice on cowboy-ing in Eastern Montana versus going to Harvard Law School. Mr. Red and Jack were about the smartest we had.....and we just sat there in silence, enjoying the cheeseburger and listening to Johnny Horton on the jukebox.

If we’d a’had a Crossroads Café.....I might have slung that ole guitar over my shoulder and split for Nashville.....

Respectfully,
Kes

What are political parties good for?

By Lee H. Hamilton
Special to The Star

If you take a dim view of our political parties, you’re in sterling company. So did George Washington.

In his famous Farewell Address, he warned us against “the baneful effects of the spirit of [political] party.”

A political party, he wrote, “agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, fomenting occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption...” It’s safe to say he was not a fan.

So it’s with some trepidation that I want to speak up in favor of political parties. For well over 165 years, they have played a key role in our representative government. They are the best stage I know for broad economic, political, and social change. It’s hard for me to imagine a democracy without them.

This is in part because we live in a very different country from the one George Washington led. The United States today is not just geographically bigger, but immeasurably larger in both population and diversity.

And that’s where our two great parties, for the most part, have excelled: they accommodate different interests, opinions, and views. Our system does not have enough consensus-building mechanisms; the parties are crucial to this. Strong political parties that can unite groups with different interests have been a source of powerful change in our history.

Of course, more than building consensus within a party is needed. Even though the

American people prefer bipartisanship, the parties too often prefer to lambast each other. But legislation passed on a party line vote rarely stands the test of time. To work properly, our system needs a broader consensus — and party-line votes do not provide it. The really effective legislation in our history — Social Security and Medicare, for instance — was passed with solid, bipartisan support.

Our parties also play a lubricating role in the mechanisms of democracy. They get out the vote and educate voters. They teach many thousands of ordinary Americans what the nuts and bolts of democratic participation look like. They choose, train, and promote candidates who are (for the most part) worthy of holding public office. They play an important role in funding elections, financing the system, and giving candidates a platform. In short, they’re a personnel system for government office.

To be sure, Americans divide rather sharply on their support of political parties — not just on which they support, but on whether to support them at all. Many avoid identification with them. Others become ardent loyalists. Still others follow them regularly, but not slavishly. At the moment, more people define themselves as independent than as a member of one or the other party, but the two parties together still command a majority of the electorate.

I am a member of a party, and have certainly been disappointed in its performance on occasion. Yet I’ve never felt that my abandoning was grounds for abandoning the party. Nor, on the other

hand, have I ever felt that my loyalty was grounds for despising the other party. I cringe when I hear a member of either party express hatred or accuse the other party of disloyalty. Both parties are patriotic, both want the best for their country — even if they have different ideas about what “best” means. That’s part of the democratic dialogue, after all.

That’s why I also get uncomfortable with unserving loyalty to any political party. I think political parties have to earn our loyalty by their performance. And in particular, by their ability to move the nation forward legislatively.

George Washington was right, of course, in pointing out some of the risks of people joining together to form organized parties. But he didn’t fully recognize their role as consensus-builders — their concern with transcending differences and political factionalism and arriving at stances designed to appeal to political majorities both in elections and in legislatures. The most successful party officials I know have made consensus-building a priority, both within their own parties and across partisan lines. In a country as diverse and divided as ours, that’s not a baneful effect at all.

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LETTERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who do they work for?

Dear Editor,
Who do your Gulf County Board of County Commissioners really work for?

This is a question that got a blunt answer at the Aug. 28 Board of County Commissioners meeting. In the situation listed below they definitely are NOT listening to or working for the people who elected them...you and I.

For those of you who were not there let me briefly explain this travesty of events.

One of the items on the agenda was the repealing of the RV ordinance. The room was overflowing into the hallway with folks specifically there to offer support for not repealing the RV ordinance. Yet a very peculiar thing occurred. Commissioner Rogers from District 3 (St. Joe Beach and Beacon Hill) suddenly moved to repeal the ordinance and Commissioner Ward McDaniel seconded it. This all occurred before the the chairman recognized the people who wanted to speak in support of keeping the current RV ordinance! Would you say the fix was in? Only after this overt display of bias bubbled to the top did the chairman allow public comment to begin.

I was one of the first speakers representing the CCA to present an unbiased survey from all the surround town and bayous in South Gulf County. Only six questions were asked regarding the RV ordinance. The survey received an overwhelming response from 286 folks who were adamantly opposed to having the RV ordinance repealed. Here are the responses to just four of the questions:

*63.12 percent believed the RV ordinance should NOT be repealed.

*57.8 percent were extremely concerned a RV would be a threat to them during a wind event.

*60 percent believed the RV ordinance should be strengthened a lot.

*70 percent felt a RV next to their home would impact the value of their home.

Next a renowned structural engineer specializing in wind on structures demonstrated to all what happens to a RV during a major wind event. In short a RV can become a mobile grenade threatening property and life.

The next speaker was a prominent realtor. She presented her expert analysis as

to what happens to a home when a RV is placed next to it. It can drop in value up to 10 percent or more. She presented several more facts that compared values where there were no RVs vs where there were RVs in a neighborhood. Homes not near a RV increased in value over the past year an estimated 28 percent. Home values near a RV decreased 5-10 percent.

There were 6 or 7 more people who urged the Commissioners to keep the ordinance and to reconsider their earlier decision to repeal it. All of the facts by each speaker and the overwhelming support of the folks in the room for keeping and increasing the ordinance fell on deaf ears.

The official vote was taken and three Commissioners David Rich, Jimmy Rogers, and Ward McDaniel voted to repeal it. It should be noted this ordinance only affected property within one mile of the coast. Jones Homestead, Highland View, and Oak Grove were exempt from the ordinance. It absolutely had no affect on Commissioner McDaniel's or Commissioners Rich's districts. Commissioners Phil McCroan and Sandy Quinn voted against repealing it...kudos to these two Commissioners!

The real question that remains a true mystery and begs for an answer is "why repeal the RV ordinance?" At no time did any Commissioner or staff give any explanation other than "it is difficult to enforce." No Commissioner offered any reason for voting to repeal it.

More importantly exactly who's interest are the Commissioners really working for? As it can be seen they are definitely NOT work for us in this instance. We elected them, and expected them to carry out our wishes. It did not happen.

Just one day after the Commissioners repealed the RV ordinance a real estate company advertise there was no longer a RV ordinance so every lot for sale in Gulf County is now fair game for a RV.

So let me ask you who really wins here? Not your community. Not you the taxpayer who lives here. So keep this in mind when you vote again for your Commissioner, and you just may want to let him know what you think of the repeal of this ordinance that protected all of us in so many ways.

Gene BeHage
CCA Director

What Should I Do With My Recyclable Materials?

Dear Editor,
Last week, my wife and I had a shocking experience.

We usually take our recyclable materials to Apalachicola and put them in the conveniently located bins on Commerce Street.

The main reason for this is that there are no recycle bins in Port St. Joe (we live in Indian Pass, but we travel to Apalachicola quite often). Much to our surprise, there were no bins there.

Instead, there was a large sign that stated that the bins had been misused and that the new drop-off point was at the Solid Waste Facility on Route 65.

I decided that I would call the Port St. Joe City Hall just to double-check on the availability of a recycle drop-off point. I was informed that there was currently no such facility.

This whole scenario caused me to do some serious thinking on this subject. I went to the internet and looked for a website that would give information on what it takes to make

a "green city."

I landed on www.treehugger.com. There I found an article titled 10 Things That Make A Great Green City.

Here are the areas mentioned in the article:

- Green leadership
- Smart energy policies
- Good green fun
- Mixed-use and infill development
- Comprehensive recycling & composting programs
- Bike lanes
- Quality space
- Efficient public transportation
- Plentiful parks
- High-profile buildings

Wouldn't it be great if Port St. Joe would work toward becoming a "green" city!

If Port St. Joe really wants to set itself apart from a lot of other cities, wouldn't this be a great way to advertise what a great place it really is.

We have the water, we have the beaches, we have eco-tourism, and we are a "green" city. Think about it.

Landy Luther
Indian Pass

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Oscar, Felix and musical laughter



Margaret McDowell

Felix Ungar: "I think I'm crazy."

Oscar Madison: "If it makes you feel any better, I think so too."
From "The Odd Couple"

The sound of audiences laughing at his material provided the affirmation that his own childhood denied him. My favorite film adaptation is "The Odd Couple," released in 1968 and starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon. Characters Oscar Madison and Felix Unger cohabit Madison's New York apartment while Unger and his wife endure a separation. Madison is a total slob who is driven insane by Felix and his obsessive neatness.

Mike Nichols won his first Tony Award for directing it. "Barefoot in the Park" made Robert Redford a star. And Burt Bacharach scored his musicals. He wrote "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues," "Lost in Yonkers," "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," "Plaza Suite" and many more.

Neil Simon was born in the Bronx on July 4th, 1927. His salesman father left and returned repeatedly. Eventually the family dissolved and Neil was shuffled off to live with relatives. Several of his plays, including "Lost in Yonkers," draw from his early life experiences. Simon was awarded a Tony and a Pulitzer Prize for that play.

After his discharge from the Air Force, he began writing comedy sketches for Phil Silvers and Sid Caesar. His first play, "Come Blow Your Horn," was written in 1961 and enjoyed 677 performances.

Simon wrote about middle class people, their foibles and funny mannerisms, and the struggles of families, marriage, and everyday living. After his first wife died of cancer in 1973, he married actress Marsha Mason and wrote what he considered his favorite play, "Chapter Two," based on their marital strife. "Biloxi Blues" was developed from Simon's own military experiences in Denver.

Simon died recently at age 91. From a relatively impoverished and dysfunctional upbringing, Neil Simon rose to the top of his profession as a playwright. He took the everyday agony and unhappiness surrounding him, and turned

it into professional success through good humor, hard work and immense natural talent. Perhaps it is hyperbole, but one critic called him the most prolific playwright since Shakespeare.

There is a common misconception that rich, successful Americans inherit their place in society from their similarly wealthy parents.

While exposure to handling financial issues can provide a leg up, a person must develop his or her own financial and career success, regardless of background. Many times, the desire to escape and deal with dysfunctionality or poverty can provide remarkable financial motivation to achieve.

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TRIUMPH

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purchase new buses as part of an overhaul of its aging fleet.

Further, as of the past two weeks, the district is seeking \$750,000 from Triumph to establish a drone program at both high schools.

The application aligns with Triumph eligibility provisions linked to supporting programs for education and workforce development in disproportionately affected counties, such as Gulf.

In addition, the program adheres to Triumph priorities for boosting household incomes in those impacted counties while enhancing or leveraging existing assets, including education providers.

Taking out the bureaucrat-speak, that's about creating high paying long-haul jobs in counties where such things have been lacking for years.

"Drones will be as transformational as computers were in the 1970s," said Superintendent of Gulf County

Schools Jim Norton. "Their widely-varied applications can be used in so many different career fields.

"The possibilities are nearly endless and it is very exciting to offer our students the opportunity to be a part of this cutting-edge technology."

According to the executive summary for the grant application, the funding would allow the school district to implement a certification program that, by the end of the third year, would be a "fully implemented, viable program working toward complete sustainability."

The district would contribute roughly \$652,000, much of that in-kind, during the life of the grant funding.

The district would hire a drone aviation technicians to train teachers and oversee the program, obtain drones and related equipment, purchase curriculum and certification exams.

According to a timeline, the district would shape the bricks of program foundation with a goal of full implementation at both high schools within a year of receiving funding.

"Florida is among the top 10 states predicated to create

jobs and revenue as production and use of drones continues," Norton said. "We want to lead the pack in preparing students for those jobs."

According to a recent study, the drone industry is predicted to create nearly 50,000 jobs in Florida, as much as 40 percent of which would be created in Northwest Florida.

The district's application was the subject of brief discussion during last month's meeting of the BOCC.

SkyBorne Technologies, Inc., which uses drones in work for companies in the renewable energy and telecommunications fields, is slated to set up shop in the county's Industrial Park soon, said Assistant County Administrator Warren Yeager.

The company already has a lease agreement with the county.

Yeager said the company would create 20 local jobs upon establishing operations here with 50-75 jobs created over the long-term.

County Commissioner Sandy Quinn, Jr., noted the news and the district's efforts to create a drone program.

DEADLINE

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the budget the \$2.8 million RESTORE Act grant that represents the county's first-year direct allocation out of federal legislation to disburse fine monies from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The money has been pledged to the county for nearly three years and earmarked for nearly two years as part of a local match for a project to restore the beaches along nearly six miles of St. Joseph Peninsula.

However, the U.S. Treasury, which is administering the RESTORE grant program, has yet to provide formal approval of the county's application, despite earlier approval of the initial submittal under the county's

multi-year spending plan.

The hurdle, according to Assistant County Administrator Warren Yeager, is a letter of unknown content from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning spending dollars in a Coastal Barrier Resource Act zone.

The exact same issue arose in 2009 when the county sought \$15 million from FEMA in compensation for sand loss out of a prior restoration project after the county's beaches were raked by Hurricane Gustav.

Asked point blank Tuesday by Commissioner Phil McCroan whether the county could expect approval from Treasury within the next two weeks, Yeager was non-committal.

"I just can not tell you," Yeager said. "It has been a long process, I can tell you.

"They understand the timeline, all the issues,

and the complexity of the project."

The grant dollars are the largest portion of a \$4 million commitment by the BOCC.

Coastal property owners will soon enter their third year of paying a municipal services tax assessment to pay for the other \$4 million committed by ordinance/resolution by the BOCC after a voter referendum.

The RESTORE grant obstacle is just the latest for the restoration project, which was initially hoped to be underway in 2017 and which was delayed after a first round of bids came in 40 percent over the county's budgeted funds.

A span that was initially to project nearly six miles will, under the latest bid specifications, span just over three miles. But, now, that distance depends on Treasury and a timely answer.

HUMANE

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adoption, guaranteeing a forever home for a dog or cat, Patterson said.

Beyond the trials of an animal's life or death, however, is the cost incurred when capacity issues conspire at the shelter.

And it puts in perspective the challenges for the non-profit which must rely on the charity of others to subsist.

"With the extra animals comes the extra expense," Patterson said.

Heartworm treatment and prevention, updating vaccines, nursing abandoned or neglected animals back to health, all cost money and are not exactly optional.

"Animals must be in a good health to be adopted or transported to a rescue," Patterson noted.

The recent vet bill for one particularly unwell dog was \$8,000; that is equal to the amount of money given this year by the city of Port St. Joe.

One animal. The money provided by the Board of County

Commissioners represents, according to SJBHS officials, roughly one-fourth the shelter's annual budget and that is without accounting for the shelter's annual mortgage payment.

And that was during better times.

All hands needed

As the shelter experiences overload, the organizational structure is also undergoing change.

Caisey Rodgers, promoted from adoption coordinator to shelter director nearly a year ago, is leaving due to family opportunities.

"She did a good job of filling in and restructuring," Burkett said, adding that the organization is looking to fill several positions, including adding to the ranks of the kennel techs.

"Our current kennel techs are what we consider the A team," Patterson noted. "They are here because they have a true passion for these animals."

"I dare anyone to find more dedicated workers."

There is also an ongoing need for volunteers, not only at the shelter but for



One of two hound dogs found abandoned in Wewahitchka. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

transporting animals to rescues outside the area.

The shelter covers the travel expenses of volunteers willing to transport.

And there is always a need for folks willing to come out to the shelter to help clean, walk dogs or hang around with the cats.

"This is a great way to earn volunteer hours for high school students," Patterson said.

Further, there is always room for the kind of generosity demonstrated each Valentine's Day by Darlene Ake's pre-K class at Wewahitchka Elementary.

Each February, the students arrive bearing armloads of food, kitty litter, toys and other supplies for the shelter.

The shelter is constantly in need of a range of supplies, from food to soaps to laundry detergents.

Visit the SJBHS Facebook page for a complete list.

"If you don't have time to visit the shelter, just drop off the donations," Patterson added.

Indirect aid

Beyond any direct assistance to the SJBHS, shelter officials urge the care required to help prevent dogs or cats ending up at a shelter.

Spaying or neutering tops the list.

Spay Bay of Panama City, which is across from Honda of Bay County, offers affordable spay neuters, Patterson detailed.

Second, just take care of them, they are not throw-away toys.

"People need to understand, be responsible," Burkett said. "There are a lot of people who need to start taking better care of their animals better."

BUDGET

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beach restoration project.

Sherry Herring of the county's office of management and budget, said several factors impacted the increase in revenue.

Those included the move of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office into a new building, creation of the management and budget office and increases in insurance, pay for employees and retirement contributions.

The county is carrying forward just over \$7 million in cash, of which \$2.5 million is already committed.

Commissioners removed \$2.8 million in grant funding, the RESTORE Act grant held up at the U.S. Treasury.

Herring said commissioners could always place the funding back in the budget if approval arrives.

PSJ budget

After a series of workshops, city commissioners approved a budget that keeps the millage rate at 3.5914.

"I can't remember the last time we adjusted it," said financial officer Mike Lacour.

City commissioners have not increased or decreased the millage rate in over a dozen years.

Maintaining the current millage will bring in an additional \$61,346 due to increases in property values.

The budget includes a 3 percent cost-of-living salary increase for employees and commissioners agreed to increase the cap on their contributions on employee health insurance.

The cap of \$705 per month was increased

"I can't remember the last time we adjusted it."

Mike Lacour, financial officer

to \$719 per month to cover the increase in a plan that all but two employees are enrolled in.

The city saw just a 1 percent increase in employee health insurance for the coming year.

Commissioners also approved spending under \$7 per employee for a Teledoc service as part of their health insurance package.

Commissioners also added \$3,000 to the pot for fireworks to create a "bigger show."

Charles Ave. in White City

In the past week the county has been addressing with "major" culvert failure on Charles Ave. roughly 1,000 feet from State 71 in White City.

County crews performed some repairs to restore the culvert, but recent heavy rains have left it "compromised," said Public Works director Mark Cothran.

The road is likely to be closed three to four weeks as repairs are undertaken, said Administrator Michael Hammond.

The ditch was dug by the state to help drain State 71, said Commissioner Jimmy Rogers, and Cothran noted there are large utility pipes running each way through the impacted area.

"It is not a small repair," Cothran said.

Installing a box culvert would be too expensive, Hammond said.

Commissioners authorized Hammond to spend up to \$75,000, Hammond thought it might be less, to repair the area.

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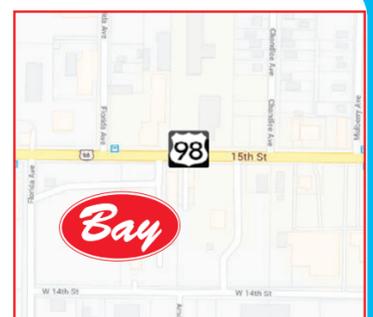
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MBARA Kingfish Tournament benefits local charity again

Special to The Star

The Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association's (MBARA) annual Kingfish Tournament is a charity fundraiser to build reefs in the Gulf of Mexico off the coasts of Bay and Gulf County for public use.

State and Federal laws give charities a wonderful opportunity to benefit from tournaments catching King and Spanish Mackerel.

For the third consecutive year, MBARA partnered with Water Street Seafood in Apalachicola in collecting donations of mackerels during the tournament's weigh-in to support Franklin's Promise Coalition in Apalachicola.

This year, the MBARA tournament produced 784 pounds of mackerel donated resulting in a check to the Coalition for

\$1,400.92 from Water Street Seafood.

Franklin's Promise Coalition brings the strength of all 12 sectors of Franklin's County's community together to identify challenges and combine resources to address unmet needs and strengthen the community. Most recently, they helped victims of the Lime Rock fire in Eastpoint.

Bob Cox, President of MBARA, says the MBARA's annual tournaments host approximately 140 boats carrying over 550 fishermen each year.

"Through the permits available from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), we're able to do positive things with tournament fish that fishermen may not want to keep," said MBARA president Bob Cox. "First, it's a terrific

way to help other worthy charities in need of support. Second, it's a great way to reduce fish waste by getting it to consumers that purchase mackerels.

"This program gave us the alternative to do something very useful with the fish to make sure it's not wasted. We appreciate Water Street Seafood's outstanding cooperation supporting the tournament with a refrigeration truck and processing the fish for cash donations to charity. This is a great example of a people coming together and making our community better."

The MBARA will continue take advantage the FWC's mackerel tournament permit program and will be looking forward tournament anglers donating their catches again next year.



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WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, September 6	86°	75°	60%
Fri, September 7	86°	75°	20%
Sat, September 8	85°	75°	60%
Sun, September 9	86°	76°	60%
Mon, September 10	86°	76°	50%
Tues, September 11	86°	75°	60%
Wed, September 12	86°	75°	60%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
6	Th	7:15a	2.1	5:28p	0.0				
7	Fr	8:28a	2.0	6:17p	0.1				
8	Sa	9:40a	2.0	7:00p	0.3				
9	Su	10:51a	1.8	7:34p	0.6				
10	Mo	12:03p	1.6	7:43p	0.8				
11	Tu	12:33a	0.9	1:24p	1.3	4:51a	0.8	7:04p	1.1
12	We	12:09a	1.2			6:54a	0.8		

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
6	Th	3:33a	1.4	11:59a	1.6	7:12a	1.5	8:46p	0.1
7	Fr	4:00a	1.5	1:18p	1.6	8:18a	1.4	9:34p	0.1
8	Sa	4:24a	1.5	2:29p	1.7	9:09a	1.2	10:17p	0.2
9	Su	4:45a	1.4	3:32p	1.7	9:55a	1.1	10:55p	0.3
10	Mo	5:03a	1.4	4:30p	1.6	10:39a	0.9	11:29p	0.5
11	Tu	5:20a	1.4	5:26p	1.6	11:23a	0.7		
12	We	5:38a	1.5	6:22p	1.6	12:00a	0.7	12:08p	0.6

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FISHING REPORT



The best fishing we are seeing in the last couple weeks has been Flounder fishing on sandy bottom from Mexico Beach around the canal all the way to the head of St Joe Bay.

Several baits are taking fish and anglers are using Bull Minnows to soft plastic Grubs like Gotcha, D.O.A and ZMan.

Our other popular species like Trout and Redfish have been a little harder to come by with the abundance of boaters on the bay looking for Scallops.

If you are trying to target fish rather than Scallops remember right now that early (sunup) is going to be your best bet before the water is full of the Scallops. Look for good areas away from other boaters, swimmers and waders to try and nail down some fish.

I haven't heard anyone lately talk about taking Flounder in the Intracoastal at Highland View bridge but usually there are some Flounder that like to hang out on the sandy banks.

We have taken many fish up in these areas and they are not spooked by as much boat traffic.

Until next week, Happy Fishing and Scalloping!

DEP launches new Florida Park Service website

Redesign to educate visitors about natural resources, help plan trips

Special to The Star

TALLAHASSEE - Today, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection announced the redesign of the Florida State Parks website. The new website promotes the Florida Park Service, providing visitors with detailed information about all 175 state parks, trails and historic sites. The enhanced site improves user experience with its mobile responsiveness and robust site search tool, and it features more photos and a trip tuner, making it easier for visitors to plan their trips to state parks. The Florida Park Service is dedicated to providing accessibility and outstanding customer service to all visitors, ensuring they have a memorable experience.

Governor Rick Scott said,

"Florida is home to the best state parks in the nation. I am proud to celebrate the many successes of our state parks including record achievements in resource management and the opening of our 175th state park, Gilchrist Blue Springs. Our award-winning state park service not only provides world-class recreation for Florida's residents and visitors, but also protects our natural treasures for generations to come."

"We're so excited for the launch of the new Florida State Parks website and how well it interprets what our parks staff do every day to manage our state's natural resources," said DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein. "Our award-winning state parks provide many unique recreational and educational opportunities for all who visit. By creating this new platform, DEP is dedicated to providing visitors with a one-of-a-kind park experience."

In partnership with VISIT FLORIDA, the new Florida State Parks website features tools and information that will be helpful to the state's visitors. With a trip tuner, visitors can now plan their state park experience online based on their preferences. On the new website, visitors will also find ways to get involved in state parks through volunteering, and stories from park rangers, staff and volunteers. With tourism as the No. 1 industry in the state of Florida, having these new resources to showcase visitor opportunities in the Real Florida will help support the industry.

"Tourism is Florida's No. 1 economic driver, and we are fortunate to be home to the best state park system in the nation," said Ken Lawson, CEO of VISIT FLORIDA. "As our state's visitation numbers continue to increase, we are excited to partner with DEP and showcase Florida's award-winning state parks

and attract even more visitors from around the world to enjoy our state's natural beauty and wonder."

The website also features a new marketing logo for Florida State Parks. The new logo features the Florida panther, which symbolizes the Florida Park Service's role in protection and conservation, while representing the wild, Real Florida found within Florida State Parks.

"FloridaStateParks.org is a place where people can learn about Florida's special places and prized properties," said Eric Draper, Director of Florida State Parks. "This new design recognizes state park transformative experiences, which in Florida can be as different as swimming in a first magnitude spring or walking on one of the world's best beaches. People make our parks, and this new website features our great park staff, volunteers and friends."

UF STUDY

Snail Kites must do more than move to thrive

By Brad Buck
UF/IFAS
Special to The Star



Everglade Snail Kite (Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus) - aka snail kite - is a New World raptor that was first listed as endangered in 1967 by the US and Florida. This specimen was photographed on Lake Tohopekaliga in Kissimmee where birders come from all over to view wildlife.
[COURTESY GETTY IMAGES]

Agricultural Sciences researchers.

For a new study, UF/IFAS researchers used nine years of data to find out whether snail kites are reproducing after they move, and how these findings might change conservation strategies.

Ellen Robertson, a post-doctoral researcher and Robert Fletcher, a UF/IFAS associate professor of wildlife ecology and conservation, co-authored the study in which scientists wanted to discover the factors that most limit snail kites from spreading their genes: movement or reproduction.

In the study, researchers showed the snail kite moves frequently across the Everglades and other wetlands in south-central Florida, but 90 percent of the birds that moved did not reproduce.

The study's findings will help guide UF/IFAS researchers' efforts to recover the snail kite's population in Florida - and water management, Robertson said.

"Snail kite reproduction is closely tied to hydrology," she said. "Monitoring snail kites helps us understand whether water management across Florida is working for snail kites and other wetland species."

Florida's snail kite population decreased from 3,500 in 2000 to 700 in 2007. Since then, the number of birds has rebounded back to more than 2,000, say UF/IFAS researchers.

Despite the recent uptick in the population, UF/IFAS researchers remain watchful over the snail kites' survival.

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SPORTS

Port St. Joe slips past Marianna

Gatehouse Media

MARIANNA — Port St. Joe got a pair of early touchdowns and a big defensive stop late for a 14-9 win at Marianna last Friday. The Tiger Sharks improved to 2-0 on the season. Marianna fell to 0-2.

The Tiger Sharks got on the board in the first quarter with a 30-yard touchdown strike from Josh Butts to Kendre Gant and again in the second quarter with an 8-yard touchdown run by Russell Russ.

It was 14-3 at halftime, with Marianna answering in the third quarter by taking the opening series and running 10 minutes off the clock before getting a short touchdown run by Jeremiah Castro to cut the deficit to 14-9. The two-point attempt by the Bulldogs failed.

Marianna had two more chances inside the Port St. Joe



Russell Russ had a rushing touchdown last Friday against Marianna. [COURTESY OF CONNIE LAMBERSON]

20-yard line in the fourth quarter, but the Tiger Sharks' defense came up with stops each time. While it may not have been the most aesthetically beautiful victory for Port St. Joe, it's one that coach Greg Jordan said his team needed.

"I was glad that it was a close



Kendre Gant had a receiving touchdown against Marianna. [COURTESY OF CONNIE LAMBERSON]

game because we needed that," he said. "We had blowout wins in the classic and the opener, so it was good to get in there and have to fight for four quarters. We didn't play our best for four quarters, but Marianna is a good team that played a good game."

The Tiger Sharks host Bay 7:30 p.m. ET Friday.

Port St. Joe girls volleyball drops season opener

Star Staff Report

The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School volleyball team lost its season opener Aug. 23.

The Lady Tiger Sharks fell at Liberty County 3 sets to 1 with scores of 19-25, 16-25, 25-23 and 8-25. With only three returning seniors, it is a young varsity team. There are also three juniors and five sophomores.

The girls had several conditioning sessions over the summer to help prepare for the upcoming season. The junior varsity team is young as well. There are 14 players on the junior varsity squad. The JV team is composed of ten freshmen and four sophomores. It is definitely a year that holds

The girls had several conditioning sessions over the summer to help prepare for the upcoming season. The junior varsity team is young as well.

promise but may take a little while for all start coming together.

Some bright spots from last weeks season opener: senior Hannah Fulk was 100 percent from the service line. No service errors and 12 points scored during her serving time. Also, senior Tori Fountain had 14 digs and 17 serve receives. The team only had two blocks and a total of ten kills. So, plenty of room for improvement.

Roman Quinn sparking Philadelphia Phillies

Star Staff Report

Roman Quinn is not only healthy but right in the middle of a playoff race.

Quinn, promoted last month to Philadelphia after coming off the disabled list for a hand injury, has played and produced consistently for a Phillies team trying to chase down Atlanta in the surprising National League East race.

Atlanta and Philadelphia entered the season predicted to fight with Miami for the East basement.

When Quinn was first called up to Philadelphia, Manager Gabe Kapler said Quinn would most likely pinch-hit or come off the bench to take advantage of his blinding speed.

But Quinn has performed so well and consistently that Kapler has been consistently starting Quinn.

The past two weeks he has started at least four games each week and has moved from the bottom of the batting order to the top.

Along the way Quinn hit his first career major-league home run and last week had a three-hit game that included a key double.

His starts have consistently come in centerfield: last week he made a spectacular running catch of a line drive to the warning track to help preserve a Phillies win.

As of Monday, Quinn had appeared in 31 games, making 80 plate appearances.

He has batted .346 with a .363 on-base percentage and .538 slugging percentage, good for an OPS of .901, which if Quinn had the at-bats would lead the team.

Quinn has scored 11 runs, driven in seven, with six doubles, three triples and a home run.

Quinn's OPS+, with 100 the average, is a robust 137+.

He has also stolen six bases in eight attempts. In just 31 games, he has accumulated the equivalent of more than a half a win over a replacement level player.



Roman Quinn is hitting well over .300 for the Phillies. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Gators dominate Lighthouse

By Tim Croft

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Last Friday's performance wasn't where the Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School football team should be, Coach Bobby Johns said, but "it was definitely a step in the right direction."

The Gators (1-1) dominated the clock and field position and opened up a close game in the second half en route to a 24-0 win over Lighthouse Private Christian Academy in Pensacola.

Wewahitchka also performed solidly on the road, a goal for an early stretch which has seen the Gators on the road the first three weeks of the fall schedule, starting with a preseason classic.

"We finally played a decent game away from here," Johns said. "We didn't play great. But we executed on offense and chased the football on defense and that was nice to see.

"We finally played consistent enough to put drives together and move the chains."

And they moved the chains on the ground.

The Gators piled up nearly 300 yards on the ground, 309 yards total, while running twice as many plays as Lighthouse, 60-30.

Wewahitchka twice converted on key fourth downs, running the clock and keeping the ball away from Lighthouse's spread attack.

Wewahitchka finished with 24 first downs against 15 for Lighthouse.

"We played keep away," Johns said. "We didn't have a lot of big plays."

A pass play went for 13 yards and two running plays gained as much as 14 yards, but other than that it was between the tackles all game long.

Creed Pariera led the Gators with 188 yards and two touchdowns on 31 carries with a long of 26 yards. Pariera also ran to

convert three two-point conversions.

Tyreeq Thomas added 67 yards on 15 carries and Trevor Nunnery 38 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries.

Nunnery also caught a 13-yard pass from Cody Lee and had 11 assists to lead Wewahitchka's defense in tackles.

Lighthouse, meanwhile, managed just 102 total yards.

"They never really threatened," Johns said, adding that the Gators mostly kept the Stingrays in the middle of the field.

The Gators were up just 8-0 at halftime, but converted an interception by Thomas into a touchdown and two-point conversion in the third quarter.

Wewahitchka sealed it with another touchdown and two-point conversion early in the fourth quarter.

The Gators finally play their home opener 7 p.m. CT Friday when they welcome Christ's Church Academy of Jacksonville.

Coach's Corner

By Greg Jordan

Head Football Coach/ AD
Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High

The Sharks moved to 2-0 on the young season with a hard fought 14-9 road win over Marianna. It was a tale of two halves as the Sharks scored on 2 of only 3 possessions in the first half to lead 14-3 at the break. In the second half Marianna completely dominated the clock, time of possession and kept our offense off the field. We had three possessions in the second half and went three and out in all three. We were not able to sustain any momentum on offense and left our defense on the field basically the entire second half. Marianna nearly doubled us on number of plays run and time of possession for the game. I can't remember winning a game when I was on the short end that bad on plays and time of possession.

Our defense played as hard as you could ask of any unit. One thing we will correct is the number of penalties our defensive unit had. We had 10 penalties on defense

that resulted on several first downs for Marianna after we had them stopped.

We were very pleased with the effort we just have to clean up the self inflicted wounds and we will. On offense we have to be able to put some first downs together to at least flip field position in those type of games. The old saying a "Win is a Win" definitely applies here. We gladly will take it and move on to week three of the season.

This week the Sharks will play host to the Class 5A Bay High Tornadoes. Bay High comes in 1-1 with a win over Rutherford and a loss at Crestview. Bay has more of everything with number of players, size and depth. We will have to play a near perfect game to try and keep it close late. We will have to eliminate the penalties and be effective offensively to have a chance in this one. It should be a fun night... Hope the rain moves out and we have a great night for High School football!! Hope to see you at the game!! Kickoff is set for 7:30!! GO SHARKS!!!

SCENE AROUND



Ron Rudolph Photography

Sunday afternoon on St. Joseph Bay [COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH]

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



Calm after the storm [COURTESY OF MARGY JONES]



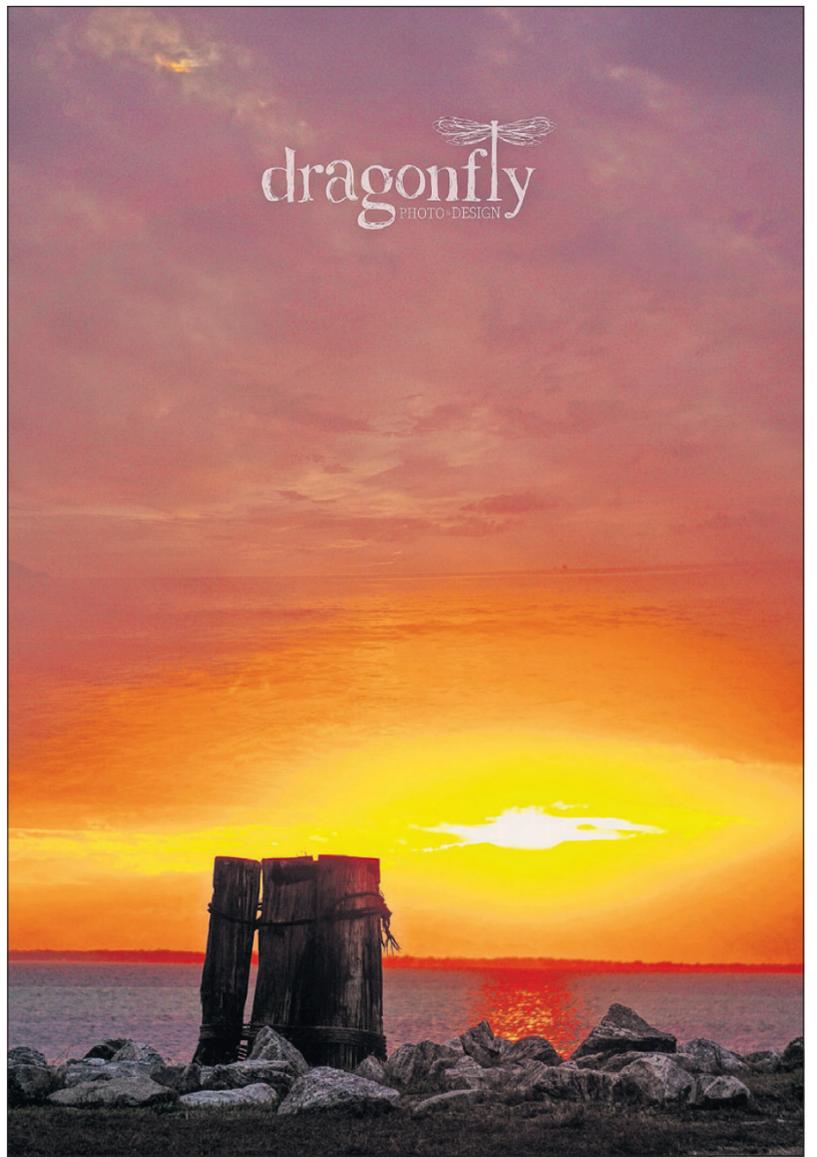
Sunset [COURTESY OF CAROL AND JOE HALL]



The dunes of T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park [COURTESY OF WILL DORSEY]



Early morning on Indian Pass [COURTESY OF BUDDY EDWARDS]



A glowing sunset [COURTESY OF LAURA WITH DRAGONFLY PHOTOGRAPHY]



Night strikes over the bay [COURTESY OF LINDA JARVIS]

COMMUNITY

Library offers full slate this month

By Tim Croft

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Nancy Brockman's goal for September is to provide plenty of reasons to be mindful of the Port St. Joe Public Library this month.

Consider that goal achieved. Brockman, the Gulf County Coordinator for the public libraries, has lined up a full menu of offerings for all ages in the coming months, covering reading and science with a bit of gardening tossed in.

"My goal is to keep the library in people's minds by highlighting the various resources and programs we are offering," Brockman said.

The library is certainly central in the minds of many local parents and children, as evidenced by the turnout to Tuesday's first public hearing by the Board of County



Garden Club members will assist with the Kokedama program.

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Commissioners on its 2018-19 budget.

"You have a gem at that library," said resident Jeff Harvey. "I can't tell you the difference that library has made for my family" as he noted the other parents in attendance.

"It is a good operation over

there."

Programs for the younger set

The Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Library, in collaboration with The Artery art studio through support from

Leslie Fedota, will offer a new program for the youngsters, broken down into age groups for 4-6 and 7-10.

The program, "Book Artists," explores the art of illustration, incorporating the written and visual message found in young reader's picture books.

The four hour-long sessions beginning Sept. 7 and continuing every other week through Oct. 20, will explore color and color mixing, Pointillism, collage and printmaking

Ages 4-6, with an adult, will meet 1-2 p.m. ET Saturdays at The Artery, located at 212 Williams Ave.

Ages 7-10, with an adult, will meet 3:30-5 p.m. ET Fridays at The Artery.

The workshops are free but both age levels have limitations on space so please call the library at 229-8879 to register.

See LIBRARY, B5

Gulf Power plans to lower rates

The average homeowners will see savings of about \$32 a year.

By Katie Landeck
Gatehouse Media

PANAMA CITY — The average Gulf Power customer will likely see their monthly power bill drop a little bit as the company had filed an agreement with Florida Public Service Commission to reduce rates in 2019.

A combination of Congress and President Trump slicing the corporate from 35 percent to 21 percent and lower fuel, conservation and environmental costs are driving Gulf Power to reduce rates. If the proposed rate change is approved, the average Gulf Power customer using 1,112 kilowatt-hours per month can expect to see a \$2.70 drop on their monthly electricity bill for 2019, according to the company.

That would put the average bill at \$141.09, the lowest since 2014, according to Gulf Power records.

"I'm excited that our prices are the lowest they've been in five years," said Stan Connally, Gulf Power chairman, president and CEO in a prepared statement. "Reduced taxes and reduced costs means reduced prices for Gulf Power customers — about \$32 per year for the average customer. This will be the eighth time in 10 years we've been able to decrease prices."

If approved by the Florida Public Service Commission, customers will see the decrease starting on their January 2019 bill, passing along savings from the tax cuts.

This is the second decrease customers could see since the Tax Cuts and Job Acts became law on Dec. 22, 2017. Last year, Gulf Power reduced rates by \$103 million for 2018.

On the tax-related decrease, Gulf Power worked together to reach an agreement with the Office of Public Counsel, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, The Florida Retail Federation and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy to agree on how to deliver these savings to customers.

Even with the cost savings, Connally said in a statement the company will be continuing to make investments in the energy grid.

"Our team will continue to make smart investments in our energy grid to continue the high reliability our customers have come to expect," said Connally.

Songs of faith

PSJ's Dixon releases album

By Tim Croft

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Even at a young age, while he was singing in the church choir, some adults took notice of Jeremy Dixon's attraction to the microphone.

That passion remains and last month the 1998 graduate of Port St. Joe High School, released a five-song recording, "Welcome to the Victory," which is available on a host of online services, including Spotify, iTunes, GooglePlay, YouTube, etc., etc.

Span those sites and, where available, you find a passel of strong reviews.

The songs are something of a genre mashup, a foundation of praise and worship sprinkled with a distinctive pop vibe; a "blend," Dixon called it.

"I've always sang in church, it has always just come naturally," said Dixon, who also plays acoustic guitar.

"Once my voice matured and my admiration for the guys who had done it, and been inspirational, I wanted to share the Gospel...through music."

The release is a natural part of a personal evolution.

Dixon knew as a high school junior that music and his faith would be intertwined in his life.

"That's when I started realizing that God had called me to music," Dixon said.

It should be no surprise, therefore, that among his favorite Bible verses is 1 Peter 4:10.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's



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grace in its various forms," the passage reads.

Dixon studied music at Carson-Newman before transferring to Florida State and changing his major in order to graduate more quickly.

He has been a praise and worship leader at First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe for over a decade.

Dixon's current release came about due to that most modern of methods: social media.

Dixon was a following, a "friend" in Facebook-speak, Don Koch, a giant of the contemporary Christian music market as a songwriter (nearly 40 No. 1 songs in that

genre) and producer.

One day, Dixon sent a message wondering if Koch might have some for accompaniment tracks from 1990s-era Christian he had been a part of, seeking some musical ideas for Dixon's work at First Baptist.

From that message came a conversation that ultimately led to Koch asking a simple question.

"Are you still preserving your artistry?" he wondered of Dixon.

Eventually, the two met and began to collaborate.

"Don came to the table with the songs, but they weren't fully written," said Dixon, noting each song

arrived with a snippet, verse, or opening, say, but was far from fully-formed.

"We completed that process."

In the end, Dixon earned co-writing credits on four of the release's five songs while also seeing his songwriting take a significant stride forward.

"For me, it might be something at church, a good theme or an idea, and then you try to build the song around that," Dixon said. "It was exciting for me."

It would, however, be a bit of a slog getting those completed songs to tape to release; two years actually.

Recording took place primarily in Houston, TX, where Koch and Lifeway Music are headquartered, another providential step for Dixon.

Lifeway Music is a major, if not the major, publishing and recording company in faith-based music.

Already that connection has led to two of Dixon's songs being published and it certainly helped with distribution of "Welcome to the Victory."

"It was a long process, but God's timing is God's timing," said Dixon. "And the songs remained current, even two years later."

"I feel really good about it."

In the coming months, Dixon will make a few appearances to support the release, starting at an upcoming worship leaders conference.

There will certainly be more music to follow.

"I got a pipeline open directly through Don and I'd be stupid not to follow that avenue that God has opened," Dixon said. "I am just trying to be faithful and use the gifts God gave me."

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. From surveys, what's the most popular response when asked to name a food you would wash before eating it?

Grapes, Lettuce, Peach, Apple

2. What's the middle name of Clark Kent of Superman fame?

None, Henry, Joseph, Timothy

3. Where on/in the human body are one's "lats" located?

Eyes, Ears, Fingers, Back

4. What's the least popular month for U.S. weddings?

January, February, October, December

5. Where was frontiersman Davy Crockett killed?

Congress, The Alamo,

Church, Home

6. Whose state motto is "Excelsior"?

California, Florida, New York, Wyoming

ANSWERS: 1. Apple, 2. Joseph, 3. Back (muscles), 4. January, 5. The Alamo, 6. New York (Latin for "Ever Upward")

SOCIETY

GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club news

Special to The Star

District 2 of the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs joined forces to supply critical needs for Operation Smile. Hosted by Blountstown Woman's Club, 32 GFWC members from Chipley, Chattahoochee, Marianna, Panama City and Wewahitchka Woman's Clubs met at the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement's Fink Gym to sew several items for Operation Smile.

GFWC District 2 Operation Smile Chair Rhonda Alderman started the morning with a motivational briefing on this program. It is estimated that, worldwide, a child is born every 3 minutes with a cleft. For many families in developing countries, early surgery may not be an option, due to lack of financial resources and qualified medical staff.

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min = 1 smile.

The ladies sewed 20 tote bags, 16 hospital gowns and 12 splints in less than 5 hours.

We had ladies writing post cards with messages of encouragement and appreciation to the veterans leaving from Tallahassee for an Honor Flight. Honor Flight

transports America's veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.

If you would like to learn more about all the exciting programs and projects we do in support of our community and more, visit our

Facebook page, GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club and join us at our regular monthly meeting of each month at 6 p.m. CT at the Glad Tidings Church Fellowship Hall in Wewahitchka.

Our next meeting is 6 p.m. CT Tuesday, Sept. 11. Hope to see you there!



[FILE PHOTO]

Cross Shores Corner

By Shelly Cain
Special to The Star

I was raised by nurses. I can't remember who in my family was not a nurse or a nurse assistant. My first experience in a nursing home was when I was 14 years old.

My Aunt June decided to take me to work with her for a week in the summer. I didn't appreciate going in at 4 a.m., but that was when she went to work. Frankly, I don't remember much more than visiting with residents and passing out snacks.

What I remember most was the feeling I had every time I went there. It felt like home. I remember laughing and an easiness in living.

As I was growing into an adult I thought I'd like to go to nursing school.

I worked as a nurse's assistant, laundry, housekeeping, kitchen, and then my life took a different turn and I landed in a more administrative role and with different levels of care.

I've worked in

residential and assisted living. I've worked in long term care with severely abused and neglected children. Then I found my passion in skilled care.

I've developed an appreciation for anyone who makes their career in long term care.

Who wouldn't want long, hard hours on your feet and days where it feels like you have been at a dead run? I stopped asking, 'Why do we do this?'

I've learned that when we are here we have that same feeling I had as a child. We feel good here. It feels like home. Every once in a while I stop working and I just listen. I hear people visiting on the front porch. I hear music in the dining room. I hear children excited to see grandma. I hear cooking sounds from the kitchen.

Thank you, my fellow healthcare professionals, for your service and dedication.

Remember to treat everyone with importance and always be kind.

PSJ Garden Club news

Special to The Star

The first Port St. Joe Garden Club meeting of the 2018-2019 year will be held on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Garden Club Center located at 216 8th Street. A luncheon will be served at noon but come a little early to visit and mingle.

The featured speaker is Anita Grove from the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Anita will offer tips

about how to create a lush home garden while also protecting our treasured St. Joseph Bay and other adjacent waters from run-off pollution. A business meeting will follow. This event is open to the public.

If you are interested in attending please email psjgardenclub@gmail.com so we can ensure sufficient chairs and food for all. We hope to see you at our lovely and historic Garden Center on Sept. 13.



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Thank you to all who have helped Senior Citizens

We appreciate everything you do! Everyone is welcomed to join us at the Center for fun

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We want to thank everyone who has volunteered, donated and helped us here at the center. Folks like you are

why we are able to keep the center open and do what we do.

Everyone is welcomed to join us at the Gulf County Senior Citizens Center for fun, festivities and lunch.

If you are looking for a place to come relax, enjoy some fun activities and a lunch, we are the place.

Our Center is located

at 120 Library Drive, Port Saint Joe.

We also have a Center located in Wewahitchka at 314 N 3rd St.

Our purpose is to give seniors 60-and-older a place to come and enjoy fellowship and community.

We have different activities each day and have activities for folks

that are not seniors, so everyone is welcome to come visit us.

Our mission is to keep our seniors active and enjoying fun with other folks in the area.

We are in the process of refurbishing the center so any volunteers that would like to donate time and expertise are welcome to contact us

and help make the center a beautiful place for folks to come to each day.

We are also asking for any items that you do not need when you are doing your fall cleaning to be donated and used for prizes with some of our activities. Items such as trinkets, figurines, throw pillows, candles, etc. Our prizes are getting

extremely low.

We are adding new activities each month, so drop by the centers and pick up a calendar every month to see what we are doing.

Please continue to donate and help the seniors of Gulf County. You can make a donation by mail of call the center at 229-8466.

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



This is Jetta, a Patterdale terrier mix female. She is around 2 1/2 years old and is a very sweet girl. She is a smaller terrier weighing about 30 pounds. Jetta is great with other dogs and walks very well on a leash. She loves to run and play in the water! High energy, Jetta would love someone to play with, and go for walks. Please come visit with her, she loves people, and hasn't had many visitors. Jetta and all of our other sweet fur babies are waiting for you!

If you are unable to adopt at this time, perhaps you could foster or make a Donation. All pets adopted from SJBHS will be current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. Please do not hesitate to email j.strickland@sjbhs.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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Art of Listening Explored at Lifetree Café

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Storytelling and listening will be explored at a new Lifetree Café lunch setting 11:30 a.m. CT Friday, Sept. 14.

The program, titled "The Art of Listening: An Act of Love" features a film of NPR's StoryCorps founder, David Isay. StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 40,000 interviews from nearly 80,000 participants.

"It's an important moment in people's lives to have someone who matters ask who they are, what they've learned, and how they want to be remembered," said Isay.

Participants will discover practical tools for connecting deeply with others.

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

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

GULF DISTRICT SCHOOLS NEWS

Special to The Star

Florida law mandates each school district to report to the public annually the following: Changes to the Student Progression Plan and the Code of Conduct, the number of students promoted in good cause in grade 3, and assessment results. The following changes were made in the Student Progression Plan:

Attendance-based semester exam policy

The semester exam exemption policy is an incentive program to encourage improved attendance. If a student meets the following guidelines, he or she will be excused from having to take the semester exam (or other exam scheduled during the semester exam period – i.e. – 9-weeks test, etc.) and will be excused from attending the classes in which an exemption was earned.

- In order to be eligible for any exemption a student must have 5 or less overall tardies for the semester.

- If a student has an “A” average in a particular class and 4 or less absences (excused or unexcused) in any of his/her scheduled classes for the semester, then that student may exempt the semester exam in that particular class.

- If a student has a “B” average in a particular class and 2 or less absences (excused or unexcused) in any of his/her scheduled classes for the semester, then that student may exempt the semester exam in that particular class.

- If a student has a “C” average in a particular class and 0 absences (either excused or unexcused) in any of his/her scheduled classes for the semester, then that student

may exempt the semester exam in that particular class.

Note: This policy does not apply to Dual Enrollment courses or to End of Course (EOC) exams.

Grade Point Average/Honor Graduates

The weighted alpha-numeric GPA will be used to determine class ranking and the honor status of each graduate as follows:

- Summa Cum Laude = 4.0+
- Magna Cum Laude = 3.8 - 3.99
- Cum Laude = 3.5 - 3.79

Concordant Scores

Pursuant to S.1008.22(9)(b), F.S. (Concordant Scores for the FSA), in order to use a concordant subject area score to satisfy the assessment requirement for a standard high school diploma, a student must take each subject area of the Grade 10 FSA a total of three times without earning a passing score. The requirements shall not apply to a new student who enters the Florida public school system in Grade 12, who may either achieve a passing score on the FSA or use an approved subject area concordant score to fulfill the graduation requirement. A new student entering the Florida public school system in Grade 12 is not required to take the Grade 10 FSA if he or she is able to document the approved concordant scores.

Students who are eligible to use a concordant score, as described above, and have attained the current ACT scores concordant with the FSA passing scores shall satisfy the assessment requirement for a standard high school

diploma as provided by Florida law S.1003.429(6)(a)

Cohort Scheduled Graduation Date Concordant Scores Those who entered 9th grade in 2018-2019 and beyond Spring 2022 and beyond

Students can only use newly adopted scores for Grade 10 FSA ELA:

- 480 on SAT EBRW or
 - An average of 18 on ACT English and Reading
- For Algebra 1 EOC:
- 430 on PSAT/NMSQT or
 - 420 on SAT Math or
 - 16 on ACT Math

Those who entered 9th grade between 2010-2011 and 2017-2018 Spring 2021 Spring 2020 Spring 2019

Students can use last-adopted scores

- For Grade 10 FSA ELA: 430 on SAT EBRW or 24 on SAT Reading subtest or 19 on ACT Reading

For Algebra 1 EOC:

97 on PERT Mathematics Students can also use the newly adopted scores

Once a student has met the assessment graduation requirement for a standard high school diploma with a concordant score (and taken and failed the Grade 10 FSA a total of three times, if applicable) the student is not required to continue retaking the Grade 10 FSA for the purpose of high school graduation.

Assessment Results:

FSA reading data for grades 3-10 are reported county-wide by percentage of students scoring a Level 3 or above: Grade 3: 46 percent, Grade 4: 49 percent, Grade 5: 48 percent, Grade 6: 58 percent, Grade 7: 51 percent, Grade 8: 61 percent, Grade

9: 49 percent, Grade 10: 53 percent.

Third grade good cause promotion figures:

Good Cause No. 3: 16 students, Good Cause No. 4: 13 students, Good Cause No. 5: 4 students, Good Cause No. 6: 2 students.

For more information about your child’s school, you may access the Florida Department of Education at www.fldoe.org (School Grade) or the district’s webpage via www.gulf.k12.fl.us. Look under documents for the Student Progression Plan, Code of Conduct, the Title I Parent Involvement Plan, School Improvement Plans, and other documents of interest. The School Public Accountability Report is available on the district’s webpage as well as at each school upon request.

S.O.A.R. students at PSJES



S.O.A.R. students for the week of Aug. 31 at Port St. Joe Elementary School. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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RALPH FOSTER WALTON

Ralph Foster Walton, 86, of Port St. Joe, Florida passed away Sunday, September 2, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services with military honors will be held 3 p.m. EST Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at Long Avenue Baptist Church, 1601 Long Avenue Port St. Joe, Florida 32456, with Pastor Eli Prine officiating. A private interment will be held at Holly Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Ralph, son of the late Fred Foster Walton and Jewell Henderson Walton, was born April 15, 1932 in Starrsville, Georgia. He served his country honorably in the United States Air Force in Special Forces at Tyndall Air Force Base. Ralph retired from St. Joe Paper Company after many years as a Purchasing Agent. He was a member of Long Avenue Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, R.A. Leader, and taught Sunday School.

In his leisure time, Ralph enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing, and working on his farm. He was generous with the fruits and vegetables and loved to share. He was famous for his homemade fudge and jelly that he gave out to friends and family at Christmas time. Ralph had a passion for sports. In his youth, he played American Legion Baseball, coached Little League as an adult and kept up with his Atlanta Braves. Ralph was an avid reader and enjoyed researching



and learning new things.

Other than his parents, Ralph is preceded in death by his brother, Wilson Walton and sister, Jeanette Walton. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty J. Walton of Port St. Joe, FL; children Darlene Battle (Don) of Panama City, FL., Janice Adkison (Martin) of Port St. Joe, FL., and Jeff Walton of Marianna, FL; grandchildren Brad Smith, Clay Whitfield, Brooks Adkison, Mason Adkison, Chance Walton, Christopher Walton, Michaela "KayKay" Rabon and Madison Rabon; great grandchildren Ava, Brodhi, Coral, Avery, Lauren, Madison, Connor, Aneala, Jason and Joanna; other relatives and friends.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the nurses and staff at Covenant Hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice at www.choosethecovenant.org.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at WhatleyFuneralServices.com.

FAITH BRIEFS

'Women in the Bible' at Philadelphia Primitive

A "Women of the Bible" program will be held at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church 6 p.m. ET Saturday, Sept. 8. For further information contact Mrs. Freddie Davis at 229-6692.

Women's Day at Victory Temple

Victory Temple First Born Holiness Church will celebrate its annual Women's Day 11:30 a.m. ET Sunday, Sept. 9. The theme is "For Such a Time as This." Colors are the Rainbow. Guest speaker will be Missionary Tolliver at New Life Tabernacle by the Sea Church in Apalachicola. Come fellowship and receive a blessing from the Lord. The church is located at 315 MLK, Jr. Blvd. in Port St. Joe.

Homecoming at Highland View Baptist

Highland View Baptist Church will celebrate its 38th annual Homecoming at 10:30

a.m. ET Sept. 9. We will be celebrating 67 years of ministry and would like to extend an invitation to members, past members and everyone in our community to join us on this special day. The guest speaker will be Bro. Charles Scott, a former Interim Pastor, and we will have several special music presentations. There will be a covered dish lunch following the service. A nursery for ages 3 and under will be provided. The church is located at 310 Ling Street.

Women Day at Philadelphia Primitive

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church extends an open invitation to the public to come and join them in a day of worship as it will be celebrating its Annual Women Day. For more than 40 years this event has been an important occasion being that the focus is on the role of Christian women in the Church, home, and the community. This year's services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16 with a church school session at 10

a.m. and morning worship starting at 11 a.m. Evangelist Sharon McMillian, United New Jerusalem Church of Jesus Inc. of Chattahoochee is the guest speaker for the day, and will expound on the theme "Women Serving as Jesus Did." Pastor Chester Davis and Chairman Sandra Raines welcomes each of you to come and be blessed. The church is located at 261 Avenue D in Port St. Joe.

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The "Over 55 Bunch" will be traveling to Bellingrath Gardens & Foley, AL for shopping on Nov. 29-30. Trip includes motor coach transportation, one night accommodations, one breakfast, one lunch, one dinner (Lambert's), admission to Bellingrath House and Garden and a chance to do some shopping in Foley. Cost of trip \$279 single, \$224 double per person. Deposit of \$100 is due when reservation is made. Final payment is due Nov. 1. This trip is filling up quickly so call today 674-4163.

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Stephanie Hill-Frazier

"Soy sauce makes it Chinese; garlic makes it good."

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First of all, let me acknowledge this: I am no Asian food expert. I have no roots in any Asian land, and nothing Asian in my DNA of which I am aware. What I do have, however, is a great fondness for Asian food: Japanese with its clean, light flavors, Thai with its coconut and curry. But the Asian food that has been a part of my life since childhood is Chinese.

My family was a fairly traditional 1970s family. We ate meals that mom, for the most part, cooked. We ate them around the dinner table, not in front of the television. We said "the blessing" before we ate it, and we helped clean the kitchen afterward. It was one of the most stable parts of childhood for kids in that era whose life was similar to mine.

Going out to eat was not a several-times-a-week occurrence, as it is for many families in our current time. It was a special treat, and my little sis and I would get excited at the prospect of a change of scenery and some special food when mom and dad announced we were going out.

In the '70s, there weren't many choices for eating out in Port St. Joe, and there were none whatsoever on St. Joe Beach. Occasionally we'd head over to Julia Mae's in Carrabelle for some of the best-prepared seafood you could find in the area. But most of the time, we'd drive over to Panama City. If it was Sunday, typically we'd go to Morrison's Cafeteria for fried chicken or meatloaf and strawberry pie.

But if it was a Saturday, you would often find us at The Golden Dragon on 15th Street. Remember that place, locals? There was a big gold-painted dragon statue outside, and you'd enter through a door on the side of the building. You'd then find yourself in a red-carpeted dining room, where you'd sit at a table in naugahyde-padded chairs, waiting for the waiter or



Mama Steph's stir fry. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

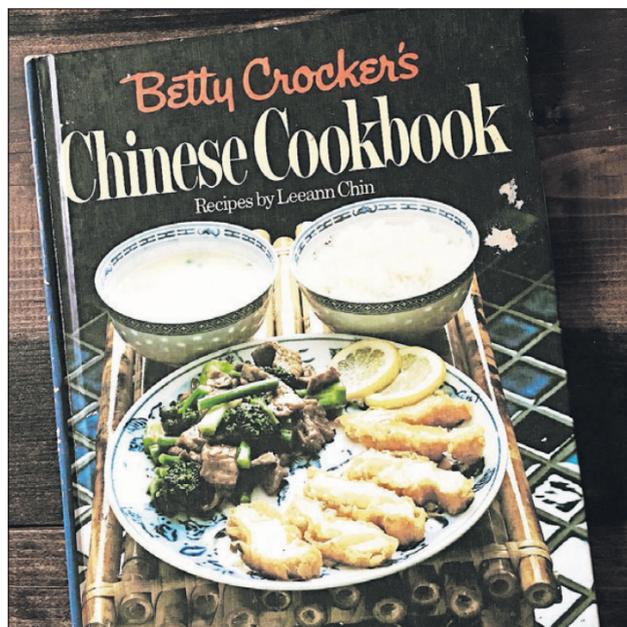
waitress to bring water and a little silver pot of hot tea. Sherrin and I loved the tiny teacups, and the tea to which we'd add way too much sugar, using the little packets on the table.

The food in these kinds of restaurants during that time period wasn't served buffet-style, which I much prefer. It hadn't been sitting under heat lamps for hours, being poked at by strangers who'd already come and gone. It was freshly made in the kitchen, and when it came out, everything was steaming hot and fresh. You couldn't bite into an eggroll at first, as it was so steaming hot you'd burn your tongue and not be able to taste the rest of your meal. Self-control was the name of the eggroll-eating game at The Golden Dragon.

Later, though, Mom decided to get in on the trend toward making Asian food at home. She bought a cookbook, which I now own, that was published in 1981 by Betty Crocker, with recipes by the famous restaurateur Leeann Chin. It was aptly named "Betty Crocker's Chinese Cookbook."

Dad bought mom a large electric wok to cook some of the recipes in, and she was off and running. She learned to make the most wonderful fried rice from page 80 of the cookbook. She tweaked it a little bit to make it her own, but not too much. She then created a beef stir-fry using a bit of one recipe, a bit more of another, and then throwing in a few ideas of her own. It was, to us, a magnificent, special meal.

It was also a project, what with the beef to be



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

cut and dredged in corn flour, cabbage to be shredded, scallions and celery to be chopped, and mushrooms to be sliced. We'd all pitch in together to do these jobs, barely able to stand the waiting, smelling the succulent fragrance of all the individual ingredients melding into one special culinary creation.

We'd eat bowls of the delicious fried rice topped with the beef and vegetable stir-fry, plus a drizzle of soy sauce and a small handful of crunchy chow-mein noodles, and wish our tummies could hold just one more bite. Thankfully, the meal was even better left over, as are many great dishes which are made with a combination of flavorful ingredients.

Our family still makes "Memaw's Chinese food" as it's referred to at our

house, or "Ruthie's Chinese food," since that was mom's name, as many of you know. It's a special occasion when we make it. We reminisce and talk about the times mom made it and how good it was when she added the making of egg rolls from scratch to her repertoire.

I'll share with you mom's recipe here, and of course, you can do exactly what she did, and tweak it to make it just as you think you'd enjoy it in your own kitchen. If you decide to make it, please serve it at an actual table, away from the tv for just a little while, put down the phone, and talk to the people around your table as you enjoy it. Invite guests, even, and make it an occasion. Trust me, it'll taste even better... just the way mom did it.

Ruthie's beef stir-fry

- 1 pound round steak, cut into strips
- 2 bunches scallions, or green onions, chopped
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1 eight-ounce package sliced mushrooms
- 1 small head of cabbage, thinly sliced
- 2 cans bean sprouts
- 1 can Chinese vegetables (optional)
- 1 can chicken or beef broth
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce (add a bit more after cooking is finished if dish isn't salty enough)

For the meat:

Dip the steak strips in a bowl containing two or three egg whites, then dip them into another bowl containing 2/3 cup corn starch, adding more egg or corn starch as needed. Set meat aside, in a single layer on plate.

Put about 1/2 cup canola or vegetable oil in wok (or use deep-sided frying pan), and allow to get hot over medium-high heat. When hot, drop the meat into the skillet, in a single layer, and brown for a couple of minutes on each side. Drain on paper towels or cooling rack. May be done in several batches, if needed.

For the vegetables:

In same wok or skillet, add another tablespoon of oil, and allow to heat for a minute. Add onions, garlic, celery, and mushrooms, and stir, allowing to cook for 3 minutes.

Add cabbage; stir in to combine with other vegetables. Add can of Chinese vegetables, if using.

Add beef, soy sauce, and can of broth; cook until vegetables are tender and broth has reduced by about half.

Serve over white, brown, or fried rice, and if desired, top with crispy chow mein noodles (found in Asian foods section of grocery store) and more scallions.

Note: I also love to add shredded carrots when I add the mushrooms, though mom did not do that, if memory serves. Also, you can use chicken breast strips in place of the beef, if desired.

Enjoy!

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

LIBRARY

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In addition to "Book Artists," the library will offer two continuing programs for the youngsters.

"Tuesday Tales," held 10:30 a.m. ET Tuesdays for children ages 0-3, returns Sept. 18, offering stories, songs, finger play and free play after the stories.

And "Exploration Stations," for ages 6 and up, returns 3:30-5 p.m. ET Sept. 25 with "coding," including a variety of coding games and activities.

Adult programs

Two continuing programs return in September, with the Library Book Club meeting 10:30 a.m. ET Sept. 17 as it discusses, "Fallen Land: A novel" by Taylor Brown.

And the Friends of the Library community support



Kokedama moss balls [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

organization meets 4:30 p.m. ET Sept. 10. On Sept. 22, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. ET, the Port St. Joe Garden Club will partner with the library on a "Kokedama Moss Ball Workshop."

This is an opportunity to "play in the dirt" while learning the ancient Japanese art of Kokedama. The workshop is free and open to all, but space is limited.

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Traffic stop leads to arrest of students

By **Tim Croft**

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A traffic stop in Mexico Beach two weeks ago has resulted in the arrest and suspension of two Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School students.

The traffic stop, after midnight following the Aug. 24 home football game, resulted in the arrest of one student

for possession of marijuana, possession of contraband and possession of two stolen firearms.

After the stop, the driver, a PSJHS student, consented to a search of the vehicle.

The items were found in a book bag in the trunk of the car.

The student's name was on the bag and it contained pay stubs with the individual's name.

The bag was partially concealed behind the spare tire, according to Mexico Beach police.

Two other PSJHS students in the car were not implicated, were not charged and did not face discipline from the district.

The student who was arrested, by law, is no longer eligible to attend school, pending formal expulsion

by the Gulf County School Board.

The resulting investigation led to another PSJHS student, age 15, as the supplier of the marijuana and guns.

Mexico Beach police searched that student's Mexico Beach home the following Monday and uncovered drugs with the potential for felony charges.

That student was

suspended pending the completion of the law enforcement investigation and filing of formal charges and is not permitted on school grounds.

He was already facing discipline issues at school and is known to school officials and SROs.

There was never any active threat to schools, district officials indicated.

GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

AUG. 27-SEPT. 2

On Aug. 27, Sgt. P. Williams was patrolling the West Arm Drive area when he observed Chance Devon Chester Lewis (21) at a residence in that area. Lewis was wanted for Violation of Probation. Sgt. Williams attempted to contact Lewis and place him under arrest. Lewis fled from Sgt. Williams and ran through several yards until finally hiding in a shed on a residential property. Lewis was located inside the shed and was apprehended. Lewis was seen running with a backpack so K9 Deputy M. Peek came to the scene to deploy K9 "Brix" to attempt to locate it. Deputy Peek located the backpack inside the shed and discovered that it contained methamphetamine, marijuana, two glass smoking devices, a set of digital scales, a yellow pill identified as Diazepam and a cell phone. Lewis was placed on drug offender probation on April 24 and was listed as an absconder by the Florida Department of Corrections. Lewis was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana Less Than Twenty Grams, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Diazepam, Violation of Probation, Resisting Officer without Violence, and Tampering with Physical Evidence.

On Aug. 27, Deputy P. Young responded to the 100 block of North State 71, in Wewahitchka, in reference to a theft. The victim reported that a Michelin P225/R16 wheel and tire was stolen from one of the vehicles on his car lot. If you have any information on this theft please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Aug. 28, Deputy S. Shelton transported Justin Cole Downum (28) from the Washington County Jail to the Gulf

County Detention Facility on a warrant for Failure to Appear in court on the charges of Credit Card Fraud and Possession of a Stolen Credit Card.

On Aug. 28, Sgt. P. Williams located Bruce Edward Parker (58) on Old Dynamite Dock Road and arrested him on a Violation of Probation Warrant. Parker was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility without incident.

On Aug. 28, Lt. T. Wood received a call from a subject in reference to an attempted break in on Neptune Street in Indian Pass. The complainant had video surveillance of the suspect, identified as Harold Dale Marshall, Jr. (58), attempting to break into the residence. The case was assigned to Inv. J. Murnan. Marshall was subsequently charged with Attempted Burglary. He was later arrested on Aug. 29 and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Marshall is currently being held without bond.

On Aug. 29, Nicholas Dupree Ellis (29) turned himself in to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be arrested on a Violation of Probation warrant. Ellis was on probation for Sale of Cocaine within 1000 ft of a Church and Illegal Use of a TwoWay Communication Device.

On Aug. 29, Deputy J. Page arrested Krystal Dawn Easter (30) on Linton Road in Wewahitchka. Easter was arrested for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Aug. 29, Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to the 8000 block of U.S. 98 in reference to a suspicious person. It was reported that a white male was banging on windows and

doors. Deputy Peek contacted the subject and identified him as Matthew Casey Myers (33). It was determined that Myers was intoxicated and had no legitimate purpose being where he was at. Myers was arrested for Disorderly Intoxication and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Aug. 29, Deputy M. Manley was dispatched to Idlewood Drive in Wewahitchka in reference to a verbal disturbance. Deputy Manley arrived and contacted William Scott Hilsman (50), who was sitting in a jeep in the front yard of the residence. Deputy Manley advised Hilsman that he was there to investigate a disturbance to which Hilsman told him everything was fine and suggested that he leave his property. With Hilsman refusing to cooperate, Deputy Manley met with the complainants inside the residence. While Deputy Manley was trying to converse with the complainants Hilsman became belligerent and disruptive. Hilsman, who had been drinking alcohol, was arrested for Disorderly Intoxication.

On Aug. 29, Deputy C. Harvey was dispatched to the 4700 block of Cape San Blas Road in reference to a residential burglary. The victim, who stated the home has been vacant for over a year, stated that a 50" flat screen tv and two 32" TVs were missing. Also missing from the home were a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson firearm, a Toro brand pushmower and a Weed Eater brand string trimmer. If you have any information regarding this theft please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Aug. 30, Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of CR 386 and Jarrot Daniels Rd. Contact was made with the

driver, Steven Christopher Jenkins (30), and two passengers. During the traffic stop K9 Brix was deployed which resulted in a probable cause search of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed methamphetamine located inside the center console. Jenkins admitted ownership and was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. It was also discovered that Jenkins was driving with a suspended driver's license, so he was additionally charged with DWLSR.

On Aug. 31, Sgt. P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on State 71 in Wewahitchka, near the intersection of Johnson Lane. The driver, identified as Andrea Dickens, provided Sgt. Williams with an identification card when she was asked for her driver's license. A check of Dickens' license status revealed that her license was suspended. Dickens was arrested for DWLSR and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Aug. 31, Deputy T. Layfield travelled to the Calhoun County Jail to pick up Zeikel Paul Pitts (39) on a Gulf County warrant for Failure to Appear (Felony DWLSR). He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked.

On Aug. 31, Deputy T. Layfield arrested Tierre Javazzia Ash (24) at the Gulf County Detention Facility on a Violation of Probation warrant. Ash was on probation for Resisting Arrest with Violence. He was extradited from Palm Beach County.

On Aug. 31, Deputy P. Young located Alex Hysmith (19) on Richards Avenue in Wewahitchka and arrested him on a warrant for Battery. The warrant for Hysmith resulted from an

investigation into a disturbance that was reported to the Sheriff's Office on Aug. 14. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility without incident.

On Sept. 1, Deputy S. Shelton was dispatched to the 600 Block of Lake Grove Road, in Wewahitchka, in reference to a residential burglary. It was reported that someone had forced entry into a vacant residence and stole items. The victim stated that a flat screen television and a blue ray player were missing. An investigation was conducted at the scene. If you have any information on this case please contact the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

On Sept. 1, Deputy P. Young arrested Susan Lee Moore (56) on Maddox Street in Oak Grove on a warrant for Violation of Probation on the original charge of Grand Theft. Moore was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility without incident. On Sept. 1, Deputy P. Young, was dispatched to Heaven Road on Cape San Blas in reference to a residential burglary. Reported missing was an 80" Sharp Television, Ryobi ION Cordless Drill/Drive and charger with battery, Epson Expression XP-440 Printer and a Blue DVD Player. This investigation is ongoing.

On Sept. 2, Sgt. P. Williams responded to Fork Drive in Overstreet to locate Taylor M. Green (30) and arrest her on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Green was located and placed under arrest. She was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine.

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



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Date of Issuance: May 31, 2016

Description of Property:

COMMENCE at the Northeast Corner of Original Government Lot 4, in Fractional Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, an extend a line South along the East line of said Lot 4 for 649.72 feet; then turn 138 Degrees 32 Minutes right for 57.94 feet; then turn 89 Degrees 18 Minutes left for 278.1 feet, more or less, to a point on the Mean high Water Line of the Gulf of Mexico for the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence turn 180 Degrees and retrace the line last described above for 180 feet, more or less, to a point on the right of way of U. S. 98; then turn 90 Degrees left for 96 feet; then turn 90 Degrees left for 180 feet, more or less, to a point on the mean high water line; then turn 90 Degrees left for 96 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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RE#03793-001R A portion of Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, being more particularly described hereof:

COMMENCE at the Terra-cotta monument marking the Northeast Corner of Government Lot 4, of said Section 31; thence along the East line of said Government Lot 4, South 00 Degrees 11 Minutes 28 Seconds East, 812.70 feet to a point of intersection with the Southwesterly right of way line of U.S. Highway 98 (having a 100 foot wide right of way); thence along said right of way line, North 40 Degrees 21 Minutes 13 Seconds West, 298.14 feet to an iron rod marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue along said right of way line, North 40 Degrees 23 Minutes 53 Seconds West, 40.63 feet; thence leaving said right of way line, South 49 Degrees 49 Minutes 28 Seconds West 191 feet, more or less, to a point on the mean high water line of the Gulf of Mexico; thence Southeasterly along said mean high water line, 41 feet, more or less, to a point that is South 49 Degrees 38 Minutes 34 Seconds West of the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence North 49 Degrees 38 Minutes 34 Seconds East, 190 feet, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 am E.T., Wednesday, 19th day of September, 2018.

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DATED: August 13, 2018
REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk
Pub August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2018

**21370S
NOTICE OF CONSENT ORDER**

The Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") gives notice of agency action of entering into a Consent Order with CITY OF PORT ST. JOE pursuant to section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes. The Consent Order addresses the domestic wastewater effluent quality violations at Port St. Joe WWTP. The Consent Order is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, 160 West Government St., Pensacola, Florida 32502.

Persons who are not parties to this Consent Order, but whose substantial interests are affected by it, have a right to petition for an administrative hearing under sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition concerning this Consent Order means that the Department's final action may be different from the position it has taken in the Consent Order.

The petition for administrative hearing must contain all of the following information:

- a) The OGC Number assigned to this Consent Order;
- b) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner;

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tioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding;

c) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the Consent Order;

d) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Consent Order;

e) Either a statement of all material facts disputed by the petitioner or a statement that the petitioner does not dispute any material facts;

f) A statement of the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Consent Order;

g) A statement of the rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Consent Order; and

h) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Consent Order.

The petition must be filed (received) at the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS# 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 within 21 days of receipt of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the District Office at Northwest District Office, 160 West Government St., Pensacola, Florida 32502. Failure to file a petition within the 21-day period constitutes a person's waiver of the right to request an administrative hearing and to partici-

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pate as a party to this proceeding under sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Before the deadline for filing a petition, a person whose substantial interests are affected by this Consent Order may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under section 120.573, Florida Statutes. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect such person's right to request an administrative hearing if mediation does not result in a settlement. Additional information about mediation is provided in section 120.573, Florida Statutes and Rule 62-110.106(12), Florida Administrative Code.

26. Rules referenced in this Order are available at: <https://softlive.dep.state.fl.us/ogc/ogc/content/rules>
Pub September 6, 2018

**21400S
Request for Proposals Financial Accounting Services**

North Florida Child Development, Inc. (NFCDD), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Wewahitchka, FL, is seeking proposals for professional financial accounting services for an initial contract period starting November 1, 2018 and ending October 31, 2019, with the option of renewing for two additional fiscal years. All applicants must have relevant and demonstrated fund accounting experience, compliance audit support and oversight experience, and AR/AP management experience.

All proposals must be submitted by 5:00 pm CST on October 1, 2018 in a sealed envelope, which should be delivered via hand delivery or certified mail with return receipt requested. Selected bidder will be notified in writing by October 15,

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2018. The complete request for proposals document can be obtained via email request to rfp@nfcdd.com. Questions shall be submitted before 12:00 pm CST on September 15, 2018 via email to Sharon Gaskin, Chief Executive Officer, rfp@nfcdd.com.
Pub September 6, 2018

**21653S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Capital One CtrI Assignee of FIG 2222, LLC, the Certificate Holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate, has filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Tax Deed Application number, Real Estate number, Certificate number, Date of Issuance and Name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Application #2018-12 R.E. No. 01238-000R Tax Sale Certificate #2016-213
Date of Issuance: May 31, 2016
Name in which assessed: Paul P. Gates

Description of Property:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Midway Park Subdivision, as per recorded Plat in Plat Book 1, Page 43, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

ALSO, a right of way for boat use only under the owners and their guest of Lots 1 and 2, in Block 1, of said Midway Park Subdivision, on the creek or branch flowing through said Lot 7, of Block 2, Midway Park Subdivision, for the purpose of ingress and egress from said Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, to the waters of Dead Lakes as given by Harry J. Leary to J. A. Sudduth and wife, Vera R. Sudduth, and

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recorded in Official Records Book 17, Page 982, and recorded in the First Addition to Shamrock Estates, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 51, Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

ALSO, that part of Bass Street in Midway Park Subdivision which lies West of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block 2, of said Subdivision, and which lies North, East, and South of the existing County Road, said parcel being approximately 30 feet in width and approximately 500 feet in length as recorded in Official Records Book 38, Page 641.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 am E.T., Wednesday, 26th day of September, 2018.

DATED: August 20, 2018

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk
Pub August 23, 30, September 6, 13 2018

**21655S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Capital One CtrI Assignee of FIG 2222, LLC, the Certificate Holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate, has filed said Certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Tax Deed Application number, Real Estate number, Certificate number, Date of Issu-

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ance and Name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Application #2018-13 R.E. No. 06029-004R Tax Sale Certificate #2016-884
Date of Issuance: May 31, 2016
Name in which assessed: The Williams Development Co. LLC
Agent: Elaine Williams

Description of Property:

Lot Five (5), South One-Half of Lot Three (S 1/2 of Lot 3) and the North One Half of Lot Seven (N 1/2 of Lot 7), in Block One Thousand Twenty-Two (1022), of the Millview Addition of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, Unit Number Three (3) according to the plat thereof in Plat Book 2, Page 53, of the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida at 11:00 am E.T., Wednesday, 26th day of September, 2018.

DATED: August 20, 2018

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk
Pub: August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2018

**21699S
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that Best American Storage Manager LLC dba Americas Mini Storage located at 141 Commerce Blvd Port St Joe, FL 32456, intends

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to offer for sale the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed under the Self Storage Facility Act Statutes 83.801-83.809. Unit C00032, 10x20 unit, household goods, Arley Spoonemore, 7318 Hwy 98 Unit 4 Port St Joe, FL 32456. The auction will take place at 11am EST Sept 27, 2018. The auction will be held online on www.storage treasures.com
Pub: August 30, September 6, 2018

**21769S
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, at its meeting on the 18th day of September, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. EDST, in the regular Commission Chamber at the Ward Ridge Building, 2775 Garrison Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida, will have the 2nd reading and consideration for final adoption an Ordinance with the following title:

ORDINANCE 549

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 AS THE FINAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of the Ordinance are available for public inspection at City of Port St. Joe City Hall, located at 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.

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.,

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CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
BY: S/ James "Bo" Paterson
Mayor-Commissioner
Attest: /s/ Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk
Pub: September 6, 2018

21771S PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, at its meeting on the 18th day of September, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. EDST, in the regular Commission Chamber at the Ward Ridge Building, 2775 Garrison Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida, will have the 2nd reading and consideration for final adoption an Ordinance with the following title:

ORDINANCE 548

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA LEVYING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, STATING THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE LEVIED IS 5.86% MORE THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Copies of the Ordinance are available for public inspection at City of Port St. Joe City Hall, located at 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida.

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 who wishes to attend and requires assistance may call the City Clerk's Office at (850) 229-8261, Ext. 129.

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
BY: S/ James "Bo" Paterson
Mayor-Commissioner
Attest: /s/ Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk
Pub: September 6, 2018

21781S INVITATION

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TO BID
Allstate Construction, Inc. (CGC1518758), the Construction Manager, will receive Bid Proposals from pre-qualified trade contractors for the Rish Park Golf Side Improvements, 6773 Cape San Blas Road, Port St Joe, FL 32456, for the following work:

- 05A - Steel Railings
- 06A - Carpentry
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- 07B - Metal Roofing
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- 09C - Acoustical Ceilings
- 09D - Resilient Flooring
- 09E - Painting
- 21A - Fire Sprinkler
- 22A - Plumbing
- 23A - HVAC
- 26A - Electrical
- 28A - Fire Alarm
- 31A - Wool Piling Repairs
- 31B - Precast Piling

Bid Proposals will be received until 2:00pm, EST on October 9, 2018. Deliver sealed bid proposals to Allstate Construction, Inc. 5718 Tower Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Bid Proposal documents are available from Allstate Construction, Inc., phone 850-514-1004.

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Chief Revenue Officer
North Florida Child Development, Inc. (NFCDD) a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Wewahitchka, FL, is seeking an experienced executive with a proven track record of successfully scaling revenue through the start-up phase and beyond. The Chief Revenue Officer ("CRO"), designs, implements and oversees a cohesive revenue enhancement, cost containment, and fiscal success strategy to maximize existing market opportunities and develop new economic opportunities for NFCDD. The CRO will report to the CEO and will be a senior member of the NFCDD leadership team with shared accountability for the overall revenue growth and company culture.
Required/Desired Traits:
*Bachelors' degree in Business Administration, Finance, or related field of study. Masters' degree highly desirable.
*Demonstrable track record of improving and sustaining revenue and managing expenses in a nonprofit fund accounting setting.
*Excellent communication skills: collaborating, negotiating, persuading, public speaking and listening.
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