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Aviation systems company arrives in Gulf County

Dalkeith Industrial Park site of first U.S. manufacturing facility

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Skyborne Technology, Inc., a designer and developer of manned and unmanned aviation and sea systems will open its first U.S. manufacturing facility today at the county Industrial Park in Dalkeith.

The welcoming, including a demonstration of the

company's technology, is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. ET.

The facility is located 115 CR 381.

The opening caps several months of negotiations as the county sought first to secure full ownership of the Industrial Park, as was its due to under an agreement with U.S. EDA, before finally finding a viable and stable company to enter into a lease agreement.

And the payoff is estimated to be roughly 100 jobs created over the long-term in a growing sector of the world's

economy.

"Gulf County has been working with all the parties on this project for a matter of months," said Assistant County Administrator Warren Yeager.

"We are very excited to land a project of this magnitude that will diversify our local economy and fits the type of industry we are trying to attract."

Skyborne Technology, with existing facilities in Central America and South America, is at the cutting edge of

aviation systems, designing and developing manned, i.e. tethered, and unmanned technology with underwater applications.

Through a series of mergers, said CEO Mike Lawson, the company was able to assemble varying technologies, with the potential for integration, under one roof and process.

In considering their products, Lawson said, conjure to the mind a mother ship in the air on a tether or extremely long line.

That mother ship, in turn, contains any number of drones which can be deployed, in the air and underwater, for a variety of applications.

A significant application is agricultural assessment: instead of relying on satellite images to detect insect or some other type of blight, the Skyborne technology can sharpen it down to near ground level.

The technology is also used

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Landscapes/Seascapes, first place: Stormy Reflections by James Daniels [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Community photography show gets rousing reception

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More than 160 people attended the opening reception last Friday for the "Community Photography Show," the latest exhibit at The Joe Center for the Arts.

The exhibit includes 140 photographs from photographers across the Forgotten Coast and as far away as Tallahassee.

"It was a very successful opening, the room was full," said Debbie Hooper, one of the judges for the exhibit's awards. "We had a lot of very good photographs."

The Photographers Choice award was given to Carmel Dodson, a retired teacher from Port St. Joe Elementary, who picked up a camera as therapy while undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia.

Best in Show was captured by James Daniels, his photograph titled, "Weathered Pier."

Hooper and Richard Trahan judged photos in



Sunrises/Sunsets, first place: Cypress Sunrise by Carmel Dodson

four different categories: Landscapes and Seascapes, Nature, Sunrises and Sunsets and Creative.

Ribbons were awarded for the top three submissions in each category.

"They had a difficult decision when it came time to award the ribbons," said Marcy Trahan, organizer for the photography show.

The awards:

Best of Show : Weathered Pier by James Daniels

Photographers Choice: Angelic Egret by Carmel Dodson

Creative: 1. Apalachicola Sepia Boats by Ron Rudolph; 2. Mitch Salter for Super Blue Blood Moon; 3. Cheryl

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Triumph board considers Gulf projects

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Wednesday's meeting of the board of Triumph Gulf Coast had a distinctive Gulf County flavor.

As part of its agenda, the Triumph board was to discuss proposals and score sheets for two county projects, a floating dry dock to facilitate the expansion into the county of Eastern Shipbuilding and creation of a drone program in the public high schools.

And based on scores and agenda language, all is not floating for the dry dock proposal.

The agenda, which places the proposal among those under review, stated the

project is presented for "contingent approval subject to specific conditions."

Additionally, the project is given a "B" grade based on economic impact, the only one of the four projects under review not to receive an "A."

The district school proposal for a drone program, along with projects in Apalachicola and Bay County, all received an "A."

In addition, on the score sheets, the dry dock project was the only one of the four for which staff did not detail how it arrived at the grade.

The specific conditions to which the dry dock project

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TDC meets budget with two months to go

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When crafting a budget, staff and advisory board at the Gulf County Tourist Development Council skew toward the conservative.

They examine what the projections are for state trends, local trends from recent years and consider some "what-ifs."

After all, the TDC is funded through bed taxes, so-called "heads in beds" and not property values or other local taxes.

Storms can take a bite.

"As you can see, if there's a major storm in July that could mean (the loss of) \$500,000 or so," said TDC executive director Kelli Godwin. "We try to keep (budgeting) conservative so we are not dipping into reserves."

That conservative approach resulted in bed tax revenue for the fiscal year reaching the budgeted projection with two months still remaining.

Revenue numbers for the month of July, the most recent month available, reflected an increase of 4.14 percent compared to the same month in 2017.

And to put that into sharper contrast; July 2017 was up more than 38 percent compared to the prior year.

"We were happy with the numbers," Godwin said. "It means we have now met our budget and we still have two months to go."

"Summer overall was up."

To say the least. June was up 14.7 percent prior to July's increase, bed

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The Krickets headline Things to Do

Star Staff Report

The Port Theatre will be the setting Friday for a special concert as The Krickets celebrate the release of their second album, "Red Bird." The album was recorded in Nashville with producer Sam Ashworth, the group recording 12 songs and a music video song series for Scenes Media.

"Red Bird" is the follow-up to the 2016 release, "Spanish Moss Sirens."

That debut, produced by Ben Tanner of the Alabama Shakes, showcased the "folk-harmony-driven" songs with "earthy acoustic instrumentation" that was labeled by Paste Magazine "a truly stunning one-of-a-kind sound."

The band was named the 2016 IMEA Folk Artist of the Year and received the 2016 Folk Singer/Songwriter Song of the Year at the Independent Music Awards.

The Krickets, as group, emerged from a benefit concert the four played to honor Cristina "Cricket" Russell, who passed away of breast cancer at a young age.

The group donates a portion of all album sales to The Cricket Fund and Beyond which provides



The Krickets will perform a special album release concert Friday at the Port Theatre. (PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR)

women's health services to the uninsured.

Those who supported the new album, "Red Bird," at \$100 or above during the Kickstarter campaign will receive two free VIP tickets to Friday's concert.

Doors open for VIP tickets at 6 p.m. ET with a meet-and-greet and a free drink ticket.

Doors open for general admission at 6:45 p.m. with The Krickets taking the stage at 7 p.m. ET.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$50 for VIP.

For tickets and more

information about the upcoming shows visit www.historicporttheatre.com.

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, this week with Baby Gray.

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



A "Community Photography Show" is on exhibit through Oct. 4 at The Joe Center for the Arts.



The Port St. Joe Rotary Club will hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser Saturday at Sunset Coastal Grill.

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.

Rotary Club pancake breakfast fundraiser. The Port St. Joe Rotary Club will hold

a pancake breakfast 8-10 a.m. ET Saturday at Sunset Coastal Grill. The breakfast is a \$6 donation. All proceeds benefit the Rotary Club's college scholarship program for local high school seniors.

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

Check out the photography show at The Joe. The "Community Photography Show" is currently exhibiting at The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe. The show features over 140 photographs from talented photographers across the Forgotten Coast. The exhibit, open Thursday through Saturday each week, is free. 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. The show ends Oct. 4.

Local Republican party's monthly meeting

Special to The Star

With the primary season behind us, Republicans are excited to move forward to the general election with our slate of local and statewide candidates.

Last month we began reviewing various constitutional amendments that will appear on the general election ballot - we continue this month taking a look at the pros and cons of the following amendments:

Amendment 2: Limitations on Property Tax Exemptions
 Amendment 7: First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits
 Amendment 9: Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling
 Amendment 10: State and

Local government Structure and Operation
 Amendment 11: Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes
 Amendment 12: Lobbying and Abuse of Office By Public Officers

Join us 6:30 p.m. ET Monday, Sept. 17 at the St. Joe Garden Club, 216 8th Street.
 Contact info: gulfcountyrepublicans.com or Chairman, Barbara Radcliff 340-0256.

| BUDGET SUMMARY | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| CITY OF PORT ST. JOE - FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 | | | | | |
| Millage Per \$1,000 | | | | | |
| General Fund 3.5914 | | | | | |
| | GENERAL FUND | WATER FUND | SOLID WASTE FUND | WASTEWATER FUND | TOTAL ALL FUNDS |
| CASH BALANCES | | | | | |
| BROUGHT FORWARD | \$1,409,361 | \$100,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,509,361 |
| ESTIMATED REVENUES: | | | | | |
| TAXES: | | | | | |
| Ad Valorem Taxes | \$1,095,601 | | | | \$1,095,601 |
| Earned Interest | \$4,000 | \$30 | \$0 | \$1,092 | \$5,122 |
| Fines and Forfeitures | \$2,622 | | | | \$2,622 |
| Franchise & Utility Taxes | \$972,099 | | | | \$972,099 |
| Licenses and Permits | \$33,768 | | | | \$33,768 |
| Grants/Loans/Bonds | \$470,797 | \$1,750,000 | \$0 | \$700,000 | \$2,920,797 |
| Intragovernmental Revenue | \$366,257 | | | | \$366,257 |
| Depreciation Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Misellaneous Revenues | \$225,120 | \$7,981 | \$31,906 | \$501,585 | \$766,592 |
| Rents and Royalties | \$79,955 | | | \$452 | \$80,407 |
| Garbage Fees | | | \$780,113 | | \$780,113 |
| Water Department | | \$2,891,790 | | | \$2,891,790 |
| Wastewater Treatment Services | | | | \$3,055,649 | \$3,055,649 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES | \$4,659,580 | \$4,749,801 | \$812,019 | \$4,258,778 | \$14,480,178 |
| Fund Balances/Reserves/ | | | | | |
| Net Assets | \$0 | \$0 | 0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES | \$4,659,580 | \$4,749,801 | \$812,019 | \$4,258,778 | \$14,480,178 |
| EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES | GENERAL FUND | WATER FUND | SOLID WASTE FUND | WASTEWATER FUND | TOTAL ALL FUNDS |
| City Commission | \$76,140 | \$23,896 | \$5,973 | \$29,870 | \$135,879 |
| Administration | \$361,877 | | | | \$361,877 |
| City Attorney | \$19,000 | \$17,500 | | \$17,500 | \$54,000 |
| Public Works Administration | \$24,537 | | | | \$24,537 |
| Municipal Building | \$27,705 | | | | \$27,705 |
| Police Department | \$851,328 | | | | \$851,328 |
| Fire Department | \$441,110 | | | | \$441,110 |
| Operations | \$473,953 | | | | \$473,953 |
| Parks and Recreation | \$715,069 | | | | \$715,069 |
| Maintenance Shop | \$100,643 | | | | \$100,643 |
| Non-Departmental | \$139,006 | | | | \$139,006 |
| Water Distribution | | \$2,587,805 | | | \$2,587,805 |
| Water Plant | | \$1,328,624 | | | \$1,328,624 |
| Water Administration | | \$378,383 | | | \$378,383 |
| Trash Collection/Disposal | | | \$218,521 | | \$218,521 |
| Garbage Collection/Disposal | | | \$587,525 | | \$587,525 |
| Wastewater Treatment | | | | \$840,973 | \$840,973 |
| Sewer Collection | | | | \$2,298,265 | \$2,298,265 |
| WW Administration | | | | \$281,279 | \$281,279 |
| Long-Term Debt | \$19,851 | \$413,593 | | \$790,892 | \$1,224,336 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$3,250,219 | \$4,749,801 | \$812,019 | \$4,258,778 | \$13,070,817 |
| Fund Balances/Reserves/ | | | | | |
| Net Assets | \$1,409,361 | | | | \$1,409,361 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES | \$4,659,580 | \$4,749,801 | \$812,019 | \$4,258,778 | \$14,480,178 |

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Port St. Joe has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy \$1,335,592
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes . . . \$314,084
- C. Actual property tax levy . \$1,021,508

This year's proposed tax levy \$1,106,668

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

September 18, 2018
 6:00 P.M. EST
 2775 Garrison Avenue,
 Commission Chambers

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

International coastal cleanup Saturday

Local effort begins 9:30 a.m. ET in St. Joe Beach

Star Staff Report

The Ocean Conservancy will hold its annual International Coastal Cleanup along beaches around the globe Sept. 15, with volunteers gathering to perform the cleansing ritual on Mexico Beach and St. Joe Beach.

Volunteers will gather 9:30 a.m. ET at the beach access point at the intersection of County 386 and U.S. 98 near the county line and across from the Lookout Lounge.

Sections of the beach will be assigned, trash bags,



Volunteers will gather near CR 386 and U.S. 98 Saturday for the coastal cleanup [FILE PHOTO]

gloves and a sheet to document everything found, provided.

All trash bags will be securely placed at the

nearest beach receptacle to be picked up by the public works departments from Mexico Beach and Port St. Joe.

"All residents are invited to come out and pick up trash while keeping track of what they find to help," said Melina Elum, who has coordinated the cleanup the past few years.

"That helps the Ocean Conservancy document how much and what kind of trash is being left behind on our beaches."

Every item picked-up is documented, from cigarette butts to plastic and glass bottles to plastic straws.

This year the first 50 volunteers will be given, instead of t-shirts of the past, a box of paper straws, donated by Nancy Jones and her partner, who operate a business called Flyaway which sells paper straws to

restaurants.

A percentage of straw sales are donated to the Forgotten Coast Sea Turtle Center.

"We have found it a great way to get the word out about changing our habits to help the Earth," Jones said. "Looks like we are part of the coastal cleanup and we didn't realize it."

There is reward at the end of the cleanup.

After all is picked up there will be refreshments and drawings for original beach art donated by members of the Art & Soul Painters' group from St. James' Episcopal Church.

"The international cleanup engages people to remove trash from the

world's beaches and waterways, identify the source of debris and change the behaviors," Elum said. "Any effort to remove (trash) will benefit the environment and improve the beach aesthetic."

The cleanup will continue until 11 a.m. ET.

In the event of inclement weather, the cleanup will take place at the same time and place Saturday, Sept. 22.

Visit the Ocean Conservancy's website oceanconservancy.org for more information on the international effort.

For questions or more information about the local cleanup, contact Elum at melina33@earthlink.net.

Ring, candidate for Florida Chief Financial Officer, to Speak in PSJ

Provisions Restaurant hosts Ring on Sept. 13

Special to The Star

Jeremy Ring, a former Florida State Senator and one of the early innovators at Yahoo, will speak 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at Provisions restaurant, located at 222 Reid Avenue.

Ring will dine at Provisions and speak with fellow patrons at the restaurant. If you would like to attend this event, please make reservations with Provisions at 229-9200 by Sept. 11 and tell them this is for the Jeremy Ring lunch. This is a dutch-treat lunch setting not a keynote speaker event. Ring is a start-up tech



Jeremy Ring. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

pioneer, innovator, and committed public servant with a sterling record of accomplishment in business and in the Florida Senate.

After opening the first East Coast office of the internet company Yahoo out of his apartment at age 25, Jeremy spent several years as an executive in the tech and innovation sector before moving to Florida to raise his family and winning

election to the state senate. He served in the Florida Senate from 2006-2016, when his district was redistricted. Ring is now running for Florida Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

"We're thrilled to welcome Senator Jeremy Ring to Gulf County to share his vision for moving Florida forward," said Andrea De La Vega, newly elected Chair of the Gulf County Democrats. "Chief Financial Officer is a crucial, but often overlooked cabinet position that touches the lives of all Floridians."

"As a former technology executive and state legislator, Senator Ring has the business and legislative experience and skills that we need in our CFO."

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OPINION

The beach team



Tim Croft

One of the fantasies offered during recent debates over the county's Leave No Trace ordinance concerned conflict between county beach maintenance crews and turtle patrol volunteers.

Just doesn't exist, if you ask the experts. There is no such conflict, said two local patrol leaders this week; if anything, the county's crews have almost become "turtlers" in their own right.

"They are part of our team in an informal way," said Janna Rinehart, the permit holder for the Indian Pass Sea Turtle Patrol.

That informality began with similar goals, the safety and cleanliness of the beaches.

Yes, the turtle patrol volunteers are, by permit language, on the beaches first in the mornings, checking for nests, hatchlings and the like.

The beach crews must wait for that work to be done to perform their duties to clean the beaches, but Rinehart said it was not difficult to find a rhythm and process that worked for all.

Jessica Swindall, the volunteer coordinator for the St. Joseph Peninsula Turtle Patrol, agreed, saying it was simply a question of communication and working toward a common goal.

"Those guys have been great," Swindall said.

This year, on the peninsula, due to preparations for a beach restoration project, turtle patrol volunteers have been relocating turtle nests to north of Billy Joe Rish Park, Swindall said.

Therefore, there has not been as much interaction with county beach crews this season as during the past two, but nonetheless they had created a system that worked.

"We worked it out so we would survey one part of the beach first and let them do their work while we were surveying the rest of the beach," Swindall said. "It really worked out."

She added that the crews were particularly helpful on safety issues, such as filling in holes or ruts dug in the sand by human hands or vehicle tires.

Along Indian Pass beaches, Rinehart said, "turtlers" have even been able to get in some education with the beach crews.

"When we crossed paths, we started training the guys and they learned to recognize false crawls and nests and hatchling tracks, which is really difficult," Rinehart said.

She said many mornings during the season the crews would be walking down after opening the gate onto the Eglon beach and would point turtle patrol volunteers to nests, false crawls and the like.

"If they found a nest they would signal us," Swindall said. "They are part of our team, almost."

Those beach crews, Rinehart noted, have some 30 parks and restrooms to clean and maintain, not just the miles of local beaches.

She said Indian Pass beaches have rarely looked cleaner, despite the controversy surrounding Leave No Trace.

She will also acknowledge Indian Pass beaches are broader and deeper than on the peninsula or St. Joe Beach.

On top of that, she said, the beach is, in effect, open 24/7, 365 days a year.

Someone wants to drive on the beach at night, there is little to stop them.

To demand that the small beach crews, just a handful of employees, be able to keep all beaches free of abandoned property is "illogical."

But her central message, one she had been unable to offer during the recent Board of County Commissioners meeting on LNT, is two-fold.

One, beach maintenance is not controlled by turtle patrols.

Those volunteers have no enforcement powers.

But, more importantly, the county's beach crews and turtle patrol volunteers are more or less two peas of the same pod, teammates in maintaining a healthy and safe beach.

"It is a team, a beach team," Rinehart said.

HUNKER DOWN

All in the family



Kesley Colbert

We are a blessed nation. We just don't act like it at times.

We'd rather fuss and carry on and point fingers at each other than eat chocolate ice cream. Naturally, we are all "right"....in our own minds!

A friend of mine put on one of those streaming media networks a list of social programs accrediting the Democratic Party with inventing everything from Social Security to the Affordable Care Act. He mentioned Medicare, the Housing Act of 1949 and The Great Society programs instituted under Lyndon Johnson. The point, of course, was to let us know Democrats are always on "our" side and Republicans are selfish and corrupt scallywags bent on destroying the world.

Humor abounds here. First of all, the Democrats aren't smart enough to come up with all those programs by themselves. And Republicans aren't nearly "important" enough to move the world meter one iota. As to selfish and corrupt, I don't think you can tell a donkey from an elephant when either is working under the cover of darkness!

Thank goodness for the good Democrats. And the right thinking Republicans. Somehow I trust there is still enough of both to keep this country moving forward. The problem right now is you can't hardly hear the good ones for all the "noise" surrounding the name

calling and skullduggery. I can tell you for sure, the screamers and extremist on either side are not a part of the solution.....

Finding fault with the "other" party has been a custom in this country since Jefferson and his Anti-Federalist began to whisper behind George Washington's back. Pick up a history book and read the despicable things the Whig Party said openly about Andrew Jackson. And the Bull Moose Party didn't like Republicans or Democrats!

Maybe we're just carrying on an old family tradition. I truly believe there are still enough regular, ordinary, normal Americans to keep everybody in check. It sure might help if this big majority of sensible folks would be a bit more vocal at times.

It also doesn't help that the "right path" is not always delineated so clearly. Let's back up to my friend's reminder of some of the social programs instituted by our government over the years. I mean, who could be against Social Security, Medicare or Affordable Housing.

But you do have to flip that coin over every once in a while and look at the other side. I started paying income taxes in 1963. I was still in high school and didn't know, or care, if the president was a Republican or a Democrat. But I found out at an early age, government programs cost me money!

I've paid in faithfully for five and a half decades. Some of those years when the children were small, I barely had enough to feed them and Uncle Sam at the same time. And I got a little confused as to how much was going to the military, how much to pay some senator's salary, how much to Medicare.....

I know the more I made, the more I was required to send in. It sounded like a Baptist Church. Except the Baptist never made any pretense of sending some of it back to me.

It got to be a habit. They took it right out of my paycheck..... kinda like I wouldn't miss it if they got it before I did. If the government didn't collect enough by April, I'd have to send them some extra.

Well, after years of paying in like clockwork I finally reached Social Security age. I got a letter informing me they would GIVE me such and such on the third Wednesday..... Listen closely here folks, they are not GIVING me one penny! It was rather insulting. They are simply returning a portion of that which I have already blessed them with!

And I had to pay taxes AGAIN on that money! Don't tell me that's not double jeopardy! It can't be legal!

And someone at the coffee shop said there are people receiving Social Security money that NEVER paid a penny into the program. I don't believe that for a second! No self-respecting Democrat or Republican would ever let that happen. But you get the idea, some laws may not trickle down exactly as they were intended.

Credit, or blame, as to a particular political party or individual law, can be a thin line. And it sometimes takes years to discern.

I did a little math on how much I've sent to Washington over the years.....and how much they are now "giving" me back. I'll have to live to be 136 years old to break even.....

Respectfully,
Kes

CRANKS MY TRACTOR

What is a mistake?



BN Heard

Pondering life and appreciating the fact that my youngest child is now 21, I drove past what has to be the best hot dog place on the planet. Unfortunately, "The Dip Dog" in Marion, Virginia was closed.

Being in the passenger seat and having a fancy enough phone to search for the answers to life's questions, I tried to find out what the secret ingredients of the little hot dog shack in rural southwestern Virginia. Like most secret recipes, I could only find out that there was one and the proprietors of the place weren't about to give it out.

I understood, but I was still disappointed.

Still wanting to figure out some things, I searched the best hot dog joints by state and found a list by "Food and Wine" magazine. I'm not sure that you should trust a fancy food magazine for hot dogs, but they agreed with me, so I trusted them.

That's kind of the way things are these days, if a news source or talking head agrees with you, they must be right. Correct? No, not really, my best hot dog is probably

different from your best hot dog, and that's just fine.

Like I said, they agreed with me - The Dip Dog is the best hot dog in Virginia; it's actually on a stick, but they want to be classified as a hot dog. I could bring politics and religion into this claim, but I will not.

Tennessee's best hot dogs can be found in Nashville, at "I Dream of Weenie." You have to love that one.

Louisiana's winner was "Dat Dog" in New Orleans which boasts a duck sausage dog with blackberry sauce, barbecue sauce, yellow mustard and bacon. I'm not so sure about the duck, but the stuff on it sounds good.

This fellow from Chicago moved to Florida and started "Hot Dog Heaven" in Orlando. Supposedly, it's the best one in Florida.

However, I found where one fellow complained that he spent \$22 on two regular hotdogs with chili and slaw. I double-checked to make sure this place wasn't in the middle of a professional football or baseball stadium - it was not.

I'm not real sure, but it seems in that part of Florida, there are a lot of folks who enjoy "Chicago" style hot dogs and are willing to pay "Chicago" prices for them. I would rather pay a dollar and a half for a dip dog in rural Virginia. To each his own I suppose; sometimes people judge the taste of things based on the price.

Continuing to worry about

my youngest turning 21, I looked for other things on my phone. When I say "worry," I just think about wishing I had read more, played more and listened more. Not that I think that I did a terrible job, I did not. I just know that reading, playing and listening to a child doesn't have a "Chicago" price attached to them.

I found what I was looking for, or it found me. It was a quote by the late Reverend Billy Graham. He noted, "No parent is perfect; we all can look back and think of things we could've done to help our children be better prepared for adulthood. And sometimes it's best to admit it to them and encourage them to learn from our mistakes."

Therefore, I will simply tell my children, who are all in college now (at the same time), "Learn from my mistakes and do the best you can." Also, "Appreciate the 'taste' of life without worrying about the cost - in other words, sometimes the best taste comes from a hot dog that costs a dollar and half rather than \$11."

What is a mistake anyway?

I read where one dictionary defined it as, "Something that doesn't work out in search for a solution." I like that one.

I will continue to search for solutions and be thankful that I have good and inexpensive "tastes."

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LETTERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RV ordinance

Dear Editor:
At the Aug. 28 BOCC meeting, there were many, many voices against repealing the current RV Ordinance. The County Board of Commissioners decided to repeal the ordinance despite a ratio of at least 10 to 1 against doing so. The expressed reason was "it is too hard to enforce."

I am concerned that many people on our county staff relate the word RV into big mammoth motor coaches. When in fact, the RV industry consists of pop-up trailers, travel trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, Class B & C cab over motor homes, as well as Class A Diesel motor coaches. Per our County Administrator, without the county specifically defining the word RV, an individual could legally, according to existing ordinance, have a Pop-up trailer on any lot in the county.

There were comments made stating a RV parked in a lot next to a residential home, lowers property values, I have my own opinion on this topic but will not voice them here. My good friend Commissioner Ward McDaniel opined that he sees many big, very expensive RVs traveling to and from the coastal corridor from his Wewa residence. He mentioned a friend had a fifth wheel and the vehicle to pull this fifth wheel probably cost \$80,000 itself.

I decided to research costs of various types of RVs, I don't assume that these costs reflect the top of the line RVs, nor do I assume that every RV Commissioner McDaniel sees on the road is the top of the line RV. A brand new 32' Heartland travel trailer costs \$25,495.00, a brand new 37' Heartland fifth wheel

costs \$54,898, a brand new 26' Winnebago motor home costs \$87,498, a brand new 33' Thor, gas motor coach costs \$96,988, a brand new 39' Fleetwood diesel motor coach costs \$199,998.00. I gathered these numbers off the internet and can easily be verified by all naysayers.

I also, determined the ratio of RV types in the three areas of 30A to Indian Pass, Oak Grove and Presnell's RV Park are as follows:

1. 30A and Indian Pass: Pop ups = 0, Travel trailers = 8, Fifth wheels = 2, Cab over motor homes = 0, Motor coaches = 0.

2. Oak Grove: Pop ups = 0, Travel trailers = 8, Fifth wheels = 3, Cab over motor homes = 0, Motor coaches = 1.

3. Presnell's RV Park: Pop ups = 0, Travel trailers = 6, Fifth wheels = 10, Motor Coaches = 16.

These comparisons would lead one to believe the more expensive RV's are not being left unattended on single family lots, but instead are being used as Recreational Vehicles, not as hunting/fishing destinations. Travel trailers are the majority of units being left unattended on private lots, which based on appraised value will not yield the property taxes equal to a single family home on the same lot.

I urge all county residents to contact their respective county commissioner with your concerns that Gulf County does not have an RV Ordinance that enhances and protects our property values as well as helps insure the safety of all Gulf County Residents. Their response should be considered when they ask for your vote for re-election.

Butch Kline
Cape San Blas Rd.

Not for the majority

Dear Editor,
Regarding Gene BeHage's September 6, 2018 letter to the editor, "Who do they work for?"

Indeed! Who do they work for? Certainly not the majority of citizens of Gulf County as was evidenced by the Aug. 28, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting where the Gulf County RV Ordinance was repealed.

In spite of a large number of passionate pleas not to repeal the RV ordinance from a clear majority of citizens at the meeting, the BOCC ignored these pleas and proceeded with what seemed to be a poorly rehearsed predetermined vote on the ordinance.

It looked like Commissioner Rogers might have missed his cue and could barely be heard by Chairman Quinn when he made the motion to repeal the ordinance. Chairman

Quinn had to ask Commissioner Rogers if he had indeed, said "repeal."

I think Chairman Quinn was as taken aback as most of the audience was by this almost inaudible motion made by Commissioner Rogers who rarely says anything.

Commissioner Rogers, if you felt strongly enough to make the motion why didn't you explain to your many constituents in the audience why you wanted it repealed?

After you made your motion, you said nary a word. Instead, nearly all of the board discussion on the ordinance was deferred to Mr. Hammond, an unelected administrator, who stated that the public "is misinformed and doesn't understand the ordinance." Unlike the Leave No Trace Ordinance, there was little if no public education regarding the RV ordinance. And so with little discussion from the BOCC,

the RV Ordinance was repealed. Just like that.

Seems to me that this public meeting was all for show. I believe the three Commissioners who voted to repeal this ordinance had already made up their minds or had their minds made up for them. Mr. BeHage had an interesting point when he stated: "just one day after the Commissioners repealed the RV ordinance a real estate company advertised there was no longer an RV ordinance so every lot for sale in Gulf County is now fair game for an RV."

Seems there was perhaps a bigger elephant in the room that day.

Please go to the Gulf County BOCC YouTube channel and watch it all unfold before your eyes and then you decide who the BOCC works for. Methinks it is not the majority of Gulf Countians.

Gretchen Mayes
Beacon Hill

Do they trash their homes?

Dear Editor,
I've lived in Port Saint Joe for over 14 years now and I love to wade out into the Bay, water so clear and grass beds full of life.

I make it a point to go around the grass beds whenever possible so I minimize my impact on the environment.

This year, more than any other year, starting the day after Scallop Season opened, I've seen tons of grass torn

up and floating, roots still attached. Makes me think that scallopers are ripping up the grass beds looking for scallops.

I've also seen boats coming out of the Saint Joe Boat launch channel and turning right way too soon, getting stuck on the sandbar, then racing their motors to get off, just tearing up the bottom. Maybe it needs to be marked better or differently.

I actually saw a boat get stuck and a pontoon boat

motored up to it to help. Now they were both stuck. Their ID numbers showed they were both from out of state. Nice gesture and unfortunately it doesn't help the environment.

I have also found chip bags, beer cans and other garbage in the water and along the shoreline at the boat launch. Do these folks trash it because they don't live here or are their hometowns trashed also?

Dennis Maulding
Port St. Joe

Small businesses band together to support farm bill program

By Cora Fox
Center for Rural Affairs
Special to The Star

The Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), a sliver of the farm bill, is at risk. Alongside small businesses across the country, we're asking Congress to support and restore funding of RMAP in the final farm bill.

This program offers access to loan capital through grants to organizations that provide training, technical assistance, or small loans to rural businesses nationwide. Since its creation in 2008, this funding has helped more than 2,100 small businesses in nearly every state create jobs and generate economic returns for their local communities.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses across the country employed nearly 56.8 million individuals in 2013. That same year, businesses that employed five to nine individuals created a surge of 84,020 additional jobs. U.S.'s

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small businesses are a driving force in the local economy, and it is important that programs supporting small businesses remain funded.

On Sept. 30, funding for small businesses through RMAP will expire if lawmakers do not take action. Neither the House or Senate versions of the 2018 farm bill have provided mandatory funding for the program, meaning RMAP will cease to function as a resource for small businesses across the country.

A conservative investment in this program pays dividends for years to come on the main streets of small town U.S.A. Now is the time to let Congress know small business programs, like RMAP, are vital to our rural communities.

Young Ideas, Old Wisdom and Frank Sinatra



Margaret McDowell

"And if you should survive to a hundred and five... Look at all you'll derive out of bein' alive."

"Young at Heart" as performed by Frank Sinatra

Technological changes that have occurred in our lifetimes are truly remarkable, aren't they?

Consider advances in communication. Remember the manual typewriter? Then the electric one? I thought the automatic return was an incredible invention.

We then discarded the typewriter and educated ourselves on the computer. Then we learned to utilize the iPhone and eschewed land lines in favor of mobile ones. Now we read on our iPads as print fades from our lives like ancient, dried ink on parchment.

Since most innovative ideas in technology are offered by those under 30, we tend to associate positive technological change with young people. Most of us Baby Boomers

understand ageism intuitively. Who isn't familiar with the looks of scorn and derision we receive when we ask our children and younger co-workers about tech issues?

So you would think that nearly all successful startups and entrepreneurial enterprises are launched by youngsters, right? Not even close. An article in the New Republic states among other things that..."Most successful entrepreneurs are middle-aged, not young." Why? Because there's more to developing a successful business than hatching an innovative idea. There's financing, marketing, business plans, and personnel management. Our life experience and our business acumen, earned over decades, can take a great idea and then make it work in the marketplace.

Young people are good at getting into business. Boomers are skilled at getting out and more likely to enjoy a positive final outcome with commercial endeavors. Someone who creates a business at age 50 is almost twice as likely to employ a successful exit strategy as someone who starts a business at age 30. "The mean founder age of startups with a successful exit, through IPO or acquisition, is

46.7," the article states.

The message? It's never too late, and we're never too old, to put our experience to work. Henry Ford was 50 years old in 1913 when he developed the assembly line to mass-produce his cars. Ray Kroc was 52 when he opened his first McDonald's in Des Plaines, Illinois and older than that when he finally figured out how to profit from franchising.

To someone who is 30, the future is always infinite. But many Americans who amass small fortunes do so through selling a business. It takes years of experience and skill to build an enterprise that others see value in; then it takes marketing and negotiating ability to consummate the transfer of ownership and reap the profits.

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(Two new members of the board were recently elected and will join the board before the month is out. We will update the list.)

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GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Sept. 3-9

• On Sept. 3, Sgt. P. Williams and Deputy G. Desrosier responded to the area of Seven Springs Subdivision in Wewahitchka in reference to a prowler. Deputy Desrosier contacted a white male, identified as Aaron Shane Whitehurst (34), as he was exiting a wooded area. Deputies searched a bag he was carrying and they found a used syringe, a glass smoking device that contained residue indicative of methamphetamine use, and a spoon with a crystalline substance on it that tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. As a result, Whitehurst was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Resisting Arrest without Violence. Whitehurst was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

• On Sept. 4, Joshua Andrew Lollie (27) was arrested at the Gulf County Sheriff's Office after turning himself in on a warrant for violation of probation. Lollie was on probation for felony battery. Deputy J. Page transported Lollie to the Gulf County Detention Facility without incident.
 • On Sept. 5, Deputy A. White arrested Tracy Leah Skipper (44) on Blossom Hill Road in Howard Creek on a Bay County warrant for violation of probation. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention facility.
 • On Sept. 5, Sgt. P. Williams observed a vehicle travelling South on 2nd St. in Wewahitchka with no tag displayed. Sgt. Williams initiated a traffic stop and the driver, Christopher Warnell Allen Hysmith (22) advised him that he had a suspended driver's license. Sgt. Williams confirmed this information through

communications and Hysmith was placed under arrest and charged with knowingly driving with a suspended driver's license.
 • On Sept. 6, Investigator S. Ferrell observed a vehicle travelling East on Stone Mill Creek Road with no license plate displayed. He conducted a traffic stop and identified the driver as Justin G. Love (45) and a passenger. During the course of the traffic stop, consent to search the vehicle was given from both occupants of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a personal amount of methamphetamine along with syringes and a glass pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. Love was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Love's driver's license was suspended so he was additionally charged with DWLSR. Love

was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.
 • On Sept. 6, during a welfare check at a residence on Country Side Drive in Wewahitchka, Deputy A. White arrested Tasha Marie Randall (33), on a Writ of Bodily Attachment from Santa Rosa County for Failure to Pay Child Support. Randall was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.
 • On Sept. 7, Sgt. P. Williams initiated a traffic stop on Old Panama Highway in Wewahitchka on a vehicle pulling a trailer with no tail lights and no tag displayed. The driver, identified as Michael Matthew Yarrell (36), stated that he had a suspended driver's license. The suspension was verified through communications and Yarrell was placed under arrest for DWLSR and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

• On Sept. 7, Deputy M. Peek was dispatched to Palmetto Drive in the Overstreet area in reference to a reported domestic disturbance. While on scene Deputy Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell learned that one of the subjects involved, Kevin Dewayne Clements (43), was a convicted felon and was possibly in possession of firearms. Deputies obtained consent to enter the home and search for the guns. Several firearms were located and seized. Clements was placed under arrest for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. No additional charges stemmed from the domestic disturbance report.
 • On Sept. 7, Bonnie Evon Hysmith (54) was arrested on a warrant for Violation of Probation at the Gulf County Sheriff's Substation in Wewahitchka. Hysmith was on probation for scheming to defraud, grand theft

and exploiting the elderly. Hysmith was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility without incident.
 • On Sept. 7, Deputy T. Layfield transported Venteria Tyshone Porter (20) from the Bay County Jail to the Gulf County Detention Facility on a Violation of Probation warrant. Porter was on probation for Trespass and Criminal Mischief.
 • On Sept. 8, Deputy M. Peek arrested James Norman Lassiter (36) on a Capias for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked. Lassiter was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

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.

BEACHES VFD AUGUST ACTIVITY REPORT

Special to The Star

The following is a summary of August calls by the Beaches Volunteer Fire Department.

On Aug. 3, at 3:16 a.m. the department responded to a car fire at 120 Atlantic Street. It was further reported that the car was close to the residence;

two trucks responded and discovered the car fully involved. The vehicle was successfully extinguished with very minor damage to the

residence. Electrical wiring belonging to Progress Energy, which was overhead, was damaged and subsequently replaced later in the day. The owner reported that wiring in the area of the gas tank had been repaired after damage done by rodents had been

discovered. The origin of the fire appeared to be from the area of the gas tank.

On Aug. 16, the department responded to a late afternoon brush fire at Helmut and Olive. The situation was contained.

On Aug. 30, at 12:23 a.m.,

the department responded to 103 Apollo to assist the City of Port St. Joe Fire Department with a reported house fire.

There were no calls received for jaws extractions or other rescues, including water emergencies along St. Joe Beach.

NOTICE OF A FINAL READING

The City of Wewahitchka Board of Commissioners will hold a FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO 2018-1191L on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:45 pm CT to consider adoption of an ordinance with the following title, to wit:

WEWAHITCHKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS OF WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA AMENDING THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA, DATED JUNE 12, 1990, AS AMENDED, WHICH CONTROLS FUTURE LAND USE, GUIDES PUBLIC FACILITIES, AND PROTECTS NATURAL RESOURCES PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ACT (CHAPTER 163, PART II, FLORIDA STATUTES); PROVIDING FOR PROVISIONS TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, PROVIDING FOR A COPY ON FILE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance No. 2018-1191L in its entirety may be inspected at the office of the Wewahitchka City Clerk City Hall Annex 318 South 7th St Wewahitchka, FL during business hours, 8 am-4 pm CT Mon-Fri. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Connie Parrish, City Clerk

NF-4530125

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Capital City Bank named among 'Best Banks to Work For'

Special to The Star

TALLAHASSEE – American Banker Magazine has listed Capital City Bank among its 2018 “Best Banks to Work For.” Out of 85 banks that achieved best bank status, Capital City Bank ranked #35 overall. The 2018 edition marks the sixth consecutive year the 123-year-old financial institution has appeared on the list.

The annual “Best Banks to Work For” list was created in 2013 by American Banker Magazine and Best Companies Group to identify, recognize and honor the best banks to work for in the nation.

Participating banks underwent an exhaustive evaluation of their workplace policies, practices and demographics. The process also consisted of employee surveys aimed at assessing the experiences and attitudes of

individual employees with respect to their workplace. The combined scores determined the top banks and the final ranking.

In order to be considered for the “Best Banks to Work For” list, the firm must have at least 50 employees working in the US and be a Commercial Bank, Thrift, Mutual Association, Mutual Savings Bank, Savings and Loan Association or a Savings Bank.

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in assessing power grids and a host of monitoring applications.

Lawson said the company is also working on applications to create a drone which would identify and eliminate “bad drones” which other companies and countries are developing.

“We have a number of great partners,” Lawson said.

As a smaller, but growing company, relatively new to the sector, Skyborne is both more flexible and cost-efficient than larger companies in the business, Lawson said.

“The uniqueness of our design is that we’ve combined multiple designs,” Lawson said. “The technology is proven. It just needed to be organized into a company that can use that technology (at its potential).

“It’s a combination of doing business in a different way and doing it in an affordable way.”

The company, Lawson added, “really wanted to be in Florida.”

Gov. Rick Scott’s promotion of the aerospace and technology sectors was a strong factor and Gulf County provided an additional ‘strategic reason’ for locating a facility: plenty of water.

A technology the company is developing is used for underwater applications.

Additionally, much of the technology and systems Skyborne is developing are also part of the military’s mission and a segment of that work is taking place down the road at Tyndall AFB.

“There are a lot of things moving in this direction,” Lawson said.

Two other compelling strong factors pointed Skyborne to Gulf County, Lawson said.

Area high school and college curriculums were beginning to integrate the technologies and skills the

company would require from a workforce.

Lawson added the company was likely to be heavily involved in a district public school proposal to create a drone program.

Skyborne’s growth will bring other educational and job-training programs opportunities.

Additionally, the area is in need of jobs, the company’s presence will have an impact, and, hopefully, the multinational company and community will grow for “years to come.”

“This is where it’s at,” Lawson said. “We feel being in this area, a potential growth area, is (a positive).

“If we can help improve the local environment, provide jobs for students in high school and college ... we want to soak that up.”

The Gulf County facility will be, Lawson said, an “integration” facility, where such components as flight decks, generator decks and composites will be manufactured.

TRIUMPH

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could be held have been detailed in correspondence between Triumph and county staff.

According to the grant application, the county is seeking over \$28 million for the dry dock, counting a \$6 million state appropriation as a local match.

Rick Harper, an economic adviser to the Triumph board, wrote earlier this summer that while the board indicated an interest in the dry dock project certain issues would need to be addressed.

Among those issues: the project must be bid in a “competitive and transparent” process; assurance that Gulf County residents be considered for jobs resulting from the dry dock; and maintaining public ownership of the dry dock.

Harper also noted the high costs per job created which “are much more expensive than other projects (under consideration).”

Additionally, a significant issue is the likelihood the Triumph board would insist on insurance that the dry dock is not moved from Gulf County before promised job creation in the county is realized.

And, another potential major provision, Triumph would likely insist on a way to “claw back” grant funds in the event that pledged performance levels, i.e. local job creation, are not met.

Don’t hit the 240 long-term projected; the county could potentially be on the hook for millions of dollars.

Triumph staff as well as board member Don Gaetz, former State Senate President, was in Gulf County last week to discuss the project with county officials.

The county expressed agreement with a competitive and transparent bidding process for construction of the dry dock provided it was built in Gulf or Bay counties.

Additionally, the county would continue efforts to recruit and train a workforce.

However, as to job creation and “claw back” mechanisms, the county has contended the dry dock project is unique to other projects Triumph is considering.

Therefore, formulations were by nature conservative due to the fact that the dry dock will remain in public ownership.

The dry dock becomes a portable piece of infrastructure and the vessel serves as a 100 percent guarantee and secured collateral for the grant, the county has asserted.

As detailed last week, the school district seeks a \$750,000 grant to help create a drone curriculum at each high school.

Staff, in scoring the

project an “A”, noted that the grant proposal aligns with eligibility provisions linked to education and workforce development in disproportionately affected counties.

And, it meets Triumph priorities for creating high paying long-haul jobs and diversifying local economies.

The district would contribute roughly \$652,000 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, full implementation at both high schools within a year of receiving funding with the first graduates produced in three years.

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.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Wewahitchka has tentatively adopted a budget For 2018-2019.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES

Will be held on:

September 17th

5:30 CST

At 211 N Hwy 71

NF-4530127

BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA - FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA ARE 3.4% LESS THEN LAST YEAR’S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Millage per \$1,000

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| General Fund | 6.1133 |
| Voted Debt | 0.0000 |

| ESTIMATED REVENUES | GENERAL FUND | WATER | SEWER | GARBAGE | CEMETARIES | GRANTS | TOTAL |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|
| TAXES | | | | | | | |
| Ad Valorem Taxes - 6.1133 mills | \$327,034 | | | | | | \$327,034 |
| Utility Taxes | \$219,000 | | | | | | \$219,000 |
| Telecom Service Tax | \$51,286 | | | | | | \$51,286 |
| Licenses & Permits | \$7,800 | | | | | | \$7,800 |
| State Shared Revenue | \$292,250 | | | | | | \$292,250 |
| Other Local Unit Revenues | \$20,500 | | | | | | \$20,500 |
| Other Revenues | \$54,007 | \$369,200 | \$427,450 | \$212,000 | \$6,200 | \$0 | \$1,068,857 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES | \$971,877 | \$369,200 | \$427,450 | \$212,000 | \$6,200 | \$0 | \$1,986,727 |
| Cash Carry Forward (from Reserves) | \$75,000 | \$0 | \$77,005 | \$0 | \$22,700 | \$0 | \$174,705 |
| TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES | \$1,046,877 | \$369,200 | \$504,455 | \$212,000 | \$28,900 | \$0 | \$2,161,432 |
| Unappropriated Reserves (restricted) | \$181,549 | \$72,283 | \$396,336 | \$17,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$667,668 |
| Unappropriated Reserves (unrestricted) | \$1,248,607 | \$67,912 | \$67,912 | \$0 | \$41,810 | \$0 | \$1,426,241 |
| TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES AND UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES | \$2,477,033 | \$509,395 | \$968,703 | \$229,500 | \$70,710 | \$0 | \$4,255,341 |

EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

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| Administration | \$405,185 | | | | | | \$405,185 |
| Fire Department | \$31,470 | | | | | | \$31,470 |
| Health & Welfare | \$19,450 | | | | | | \$19,450 |
| Parks & Recreation | \$77,680 | | | | | | \$77,680 |
| Police/Law Enforcement | \$38,600 | | | | | | \$38,600 |
| Streets & Roads | \$425,801 | | | | | | \$425,801 |
| Water | | \$342,039 | | | | | \$342,039 |
| Sewer | | | \$487,455 | | | | \$487,455 |
| Garbage | | | | \$212,000 | | | \$212,000 |
| Contingency | \$48,691 | \$27,161 | \$17,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$92,852 |
| Cemeteries (Jehu & Buckhom) | | | | | \$28,900 | | \$28,900 |
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| TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES | \$1,046,877 | \$369,200 | \$504,455 | \$212,000 | \$28,900 | \$0 | \$2,161,432 |
| Unappropriated Reserves (restricted) | \$181,549 | \$72,283 | \$396,336 | \$17,500 | \$0 | \$0 | \$667,668 |
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Ploegstra for 366 Days of Dogs.

Landscapes/Seascapes:
1. Stormy Reflections by James Daniels; 2. Bob Barton for Bonita Bay Oak; 3. Laura Northen for St. Vincent Morning.

Nature: 1. Sunshine Bright by Marcy Trahan; 2. Rick Matela for Camouflage; 3. Janis Ramos for Tranquility.

Sunrises/Sunsets: 1. Cypress Sunrise by Carmel Dodson; 2. Nancy Thomson for Cape San Blas Sunset; 3. Gretchen Mayes for Patriotic Sunset.

Honorable Mentions: Bob Barton for Mrs. Pennywell, Dragonfly Photography for Egret Breeding Plumage, Ron Rudolph for St. Joe Bay, Elizabeth E. George for Homeward Bound, Vince Bishop for Barley Dolphin Spotting, Cheryl Ploegstra for Under Overstreet, Larry Anthony for Bayou Beauty, and Irene Sophia for Pitcher Plants.

The exhibit will continue through Oct. 4. The Joe Center for the Arts, located at 201 Reid Ave., is open 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET Thursday and



Nature, first place: Sunshine Bright - Marcy Trahan

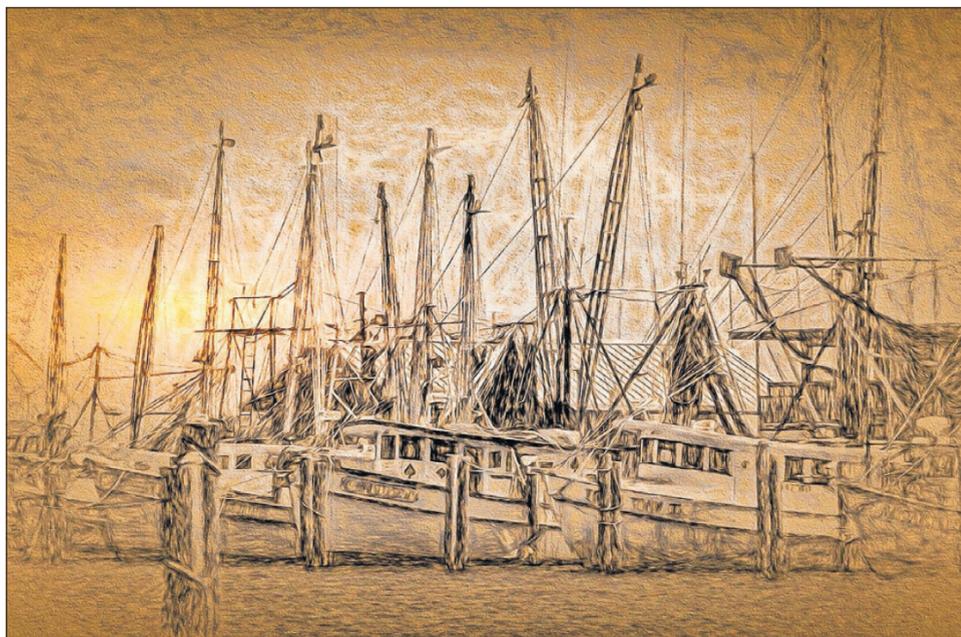
Friday and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. ET Saturday.

The Joe is free and open to the public.

There are also four photography presentations, also free, during the exhibit, the first three to be held 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. ET at The Joe.

Those are: Using Depth of Field by Richard Trahan (today), Composition tips and techniques by Marcy Trahan Sept. 20 and Photo Editing with DragonFly Photography by Laura Northen on Sept. 21.

On Sept. 27, 9-11 a.m. ET, Debbie Hooper will lead a photography field trip from Eagle Harbor in T.H. Stone St. Joseph Peninsula State Park.



ABOVE: Creative, first place: Apalachicola Sepia Boats by Ron Rudolph [PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



LEFT: Photographers Choice: Angelic Egret - Carmel Dodson

TDC

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taxes during the two months nearly \$80,000 ahead of summer 2017.

Each month reaped at least \$444,000 in bed taxes.

Just one of the first 10 months of the fiscal year saw a drop in bed tax revenues.

To compare, 2017 had five such months.

And August 2018, with

a later and more bountiful scallop season, has, at least anecdotally, provided a bump, particularly for short-term lodging partners.

"We have heard awesome reports," Godwin said of the scallop season. "I am all for moving the season later in the year, when the scallops are bigger and it helps the population."

"It was nice this year to spread (the harvest season) around."

Particularly after two years of shortened and delayed

scallop seasons; state surveys reflect a population rebounding from collapse of 2016.

The growth of bed tax revenue over the past five years has been astounding, factoring or not the implementation of a fifth penny three years ago.

Bed tax revenue broke the \$1 million mark for the first time in 2012-13.

The fifth penny arrived two fiscal years later and resulted in a jump in revenue of nearly 39 percent year over year, raising bed tax dollars to over \$1.6 million.

Annual growth since has been 14 percent, 7 percent and this year, as of the end of July, 11 percent.

Revenue is up \$193,883 for the year to \$1.881 million; the TDC budget was based on revenues of \$1.8 million.

After eclipsing \$2 million for the first time during the prior fiscal year, bed tax revenues are currently on track to top \$2.2 million with August and September numbers to be calculated.

With Labor Day, and a rained out concert by the U.S.

Navy Band, in the rearview mirror, the TDC's work is now centered on the coming fiscal year.

Plans for a spring marketing campaign will be brought to the advisory board during its next meeting later this fall and the new Visitor's Guide is taking shape with a January print deadline.

The "Turtle Trail" is a success, with several people already snapping photos with all six of the first "hatchings" and earning a box of paper straws.

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September angling action off Panhandle beaches

By Frank Sargeant
 Special to The Star

Blackfin Tuna

The great thing about September in the Panhandle is that many of the coastal pelagics move in close to the beach, putting them within range of single-outboard center console anglers, even of adventurous kayak anglers, with blackfins, king mackerel, Spanish and occasionally even dolphin and sailfish showing up within 1 to 3 miles of the beach, sometimes much closer—kings and Spanish are regularly caught off the piers, and even the occasional tuna and sail get hauled over the rail this month.

The swarming of bait schools is the driver of all this action, and the bait seems to conglomerate inshore more and more as fall approaches,

Blackfin tuna are the little brother of the tuna clan, but their fillets are just as tasty as those of their larger yellowfin and bluefin cousins. And, they sometimes show up well inshore where the bluewater tunas prowl in fall.

The average blackfin weighs 10 to 15 pounds or so, but 20-pounders are not rare. The current IGFA record is 49 pounds, 6 ounces. Blackfins are sometimes confused with little tunny, AKA “bonito” in the south by less expert anglers, but the confusion clears up instantly when the little tunny hits the dinner plate—although there are ways to make them edible, they are just not a fish that most people in the U.S. want to eat. Easy way to tell them apart is



Blackfin tuna, though not as big as their yellowfin and bluefin cousins, are just as tasty and are sometimes found within a mile or two of the beach in September. [PHOTO BY HOGY LURES]

deep black on the shoulders and tail, usually with a gold shading just below the black.

Blackfins are noted for following shrimp boats and feeding on the bycatch, which is everything except the shrimp, all shoveled over the side at dawn. They also hang around offshore sea mounts, and sometimes artificial reefs fairly close to shore—these are the ones most often caught by Panhandle anglers.

It's pretty hard to target blackfins unless you're in an area where shrimpers anchor up at dawn after a night of pulling their nets—find the boats and you'll often find tuna behind them, along with sharks and a bit of everything else.

During the day, they sometimes pop up around baitfish schools in the same swarms where kings, Spanish, bonito and other fish are feeding.

They can sometimes be caught by towing large diving plugs at 4 to 6 knots. The Hogy Lures Slider is among those known to work well for this, and the company also makes a lead core Epoxy Jig that works well when vertically-jigged around artificial reefs.

When the fish turn down artificials, slow-trolling or drifting live baits including menhaden or small “hard tails” usually does the trick.

Blackfins are among the premiere table fish in the sea, with beautiful meaty steaks along the backbone that are hard to beat when dabbled with Teriyaki and grilled very briefly on a very hot grill—eat them rare, like a high-dollar filet mignon. They're also good in sushi, for those so inclined.

King Mackerel

Kings are a lot easier to find and catch than blackfins, not only in September but all summer and fall. They're more abundant, and they make themselves very evident by ganging up on bait at the surface at dawn, often skyrocketing many feet into the air as they attack. They draw



Lunker kings are not uncommon in September, with the largest usually coming from around the inlets and also near offshore reefs. [PHOTO BY CAPT. SCOTT MOORE]

big swarms of birds, which makes it very easy to find them if you get out the inlet at first light.

When the fish are on top, they can be caught on just about anything, including even topwater lures cranked at warp speed—an impressive sight when a 20-pounder blows a hole in the water and takes your lure 10 feet into the air with it.

After the dawn bite, the fish usually go deep, and putting a rigged bait or a live bait down 20 to 40 feet with a downrigger or a planer will connect. Some guys pull jumbo diving lures like the Mann's Plus 25 with good success, as well.

For “smoker” kings, the big gals 30 pounds and up, one of the better tactics is to drift or slow-troll a large live bait like a ladyfish, mullet or a Spanish mackerel rigged with multiple hooks around the inlets and buoys. This is a waiting game, but if you want a really big king, it's a good way to connect. (You'll probably be entertained by a few bull reds and maybe a shark or two along the way, too.)

The same tackle that catches blackfins is fine for kings, but you need at least 12 inches of number 6 wire between hook or plug and running line due to the razor-like teeth of the king. (Keep these in mind when you bring one aboard, too—they cut at the slightest touch!)

Kings are no match for blackfins on the table, but the medallions from the loins are very good—one good way to cook them

very fast. All the usual live and rigged baits also work well.

Spanish mackerel teeth are also sharp, but not nearly as big as king mackerel teeth, so you can often get by with a leader of 30- to 40-pound-test fluorocarbon rather than wire. The fluoro definitely draws more strikes than the wire rigging once the sun is up, but it does get nipped off occasionally.

Spanish are generally filleted and skinned, with the red line removed as above. They also have some fine floating bones that need to be cut away—there are numerous YouTube videos on how to locate these bones and cut them out.

The boneless fillets are very good covered in New York-style clam chowder or Italian-style stewed tomatoes and parmesan and baked. They're not the best choice for deep frying, because they can taste a bit fishy with that process.

Pier Action

Braided lines have been a real help to pier anglers, allowing them to handle much larger fish from the spans than in the mono days—an 8-foot medium-heavy spinning rod, 5000 size reel and 50 to 65 pound test will whip even a 50-pound king or sailfish most of the time, though an occasional long runner might spool the reel, particularly if a shark shows up to give it a push.

It's often possible to catch hardtails and other baitfish on the nearshore side of the big Panhandle piers with a Sabiki rig, particularly early in the day, and these baits can then be dropped into an aerated baitbucket and walked to the end of the pier to become bait for kings and anything else that might swim into range.

Many anglers simply freeline the baits, with a single 2/0 short shank hook in the nose and maybe a number 6 extra-strong treble in the back on a short piece of wire. Another good approach is to put the bait about 4 feet under a popping cork—get a cooperative bait and it will tow the rig well beyond casting range, though just as many want to run back under the pilings. Popping the cork now and then sometimes lures gamefish to the bait.

Spanish can usually be hand-lined up over the rail once they're worn down, but larger fish like kings and maybe that very lucky blackfin will call for a bridge gaff or bridge net—fortunately, there's usually somebody on hand with one or both willing to lend a hand.

The action continues until about mid-October, later if the cool-down is slow to come—when the bait goes, the gamefish go with it. Until then, there's plenty of action just off the Panhandle beaches.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

| Date | High | Low | % Precip |
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| Thu, September 13 | 88° | 76° | 60% |
| Fri, September 14 | 89° | 77° | 20% |
| Sat, September 15 | 88° | 77° | 20% |
| Sun, September 16 | 88° | 77° | 40% |
| Mon, September 17 | 89° | 76° | 10% |
| Tues, September 18 | 88° | 75° | 10% |
| Wed, September 19 | 87° | 75° | 40% |

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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| | HIGH | LOW |
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| Date | Day | High Tide | High Tide | Low Tide | Low Tide |
|------|-----|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 13 | Th | 12:28a 1.4 | | 8:48a 0.7 | |
| 14 | Fr | 1:05a 1.6 | | 10:45a 0.6 | |
| 15 | Sa | 1:48a 1.8 | | 12:30p 0.4 | |
| 16 | Su | 2:35a 1.8 | | 1:46p 0.3 | |
| 17 | Mo | 3:27a 1.9 | | 2:42p 0.3 | |
| 18 | Tu | 4:24a 1.9 | | 3:28p 0.3 | |
| 19 | We | 5:29a 1.8 | | 4:07p 0.3 | |

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

| Date | Day | High Tide | High Tide | Low Tide | Low Tide |
|------|-----|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 13 | Th | 5:58a 1.5 | 7:22p 1.5 | 12:27a 0.9 | 12:57p 0.5 |
| 14 | Fr | 6:23a 1.6 | 8:29p 1.3 | 12:53a 1.1 | 1:52p 0.5 |
| 15 | Sa | 6:53a 1.6 | 9:52p 1.3 | 1:20a 1.2 | 2:57p 0.5 |
| 16 | Su | 7:30a 1.6 | 11:33p 1.3 | 1:55a 1.3 | 4:14p 0.5 |
| 17 | Mo | 8:17a 1.6 | | 2:52a 1.4 | 5:30p 0.5 |
| 18 | Tu | 1:06a 1.3 | 9:18a 1.5 | 4:32a 1.4 | 6:36p 0.4 |
| 19 | We | 1:59a 1.4 | 10:35a 1.5 | 6:11a 1.4 | 7:32p 0.4 |

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making ready for the long swim south to wintering grounds off the Keys.

that the little tunny has watermelon stripes on its back when still alive, while the blackfin is a

FISHING REPORT



Even with the continued rains and heat along the Forgotten Coast we have gotten some good reports this last week on the fishing. We have had several reports of Redfish and nice Flounder being taken under and along the Highland View bridge. Live Shrimp and White or Natural soft shrimp and grubs have picked up fish. Also we have gotten a few reports of Trout being caught along the flats at Town Beach. Again live shrimp and soft plastics are taking fish in this area. Another bait of note that has been doing a good job around the Town Beach area is the Paul Brown soft bait in the electric chicken. We want to touch on Scallop again this week, good reports are still coming in and don't forget you can harvest up to the 30th of September which is the closing date for the season. Don't forget all your fishing and scalloping needs are available at Bluewater Outriggers. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

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SPORTS



The Lady Gators showed off their championship bling last Friday (PHOTOS BY TIM CROFT | THE STAR)

Rings of pride

Lady Gators receive state championship rings

By Tim Croft

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The 2018 softball season began as a grind, said Coach Tony Price.

But it ended with a championship.

The Lady Gators from Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School slipped on the state Class 1A title rings during a ceremony in the media center last Friday.

Or at least pretended,

The real coronation came a short time later in front of the study body as part of a pep rally preceding the Gators home-opening football game.

The Lady Gators celebrated a title they won last spring, overcoming a slow start to the season, the sudden death of a cherished coach and persistent Final Four rain delays to win the program's third state title, the first in a decade.

"It has been a pleasure and honor to coach every one of you all," Price told the team prior to handing them their personalized rings. "This is a great group of girls. Not only on the field, but in the classroom.

"This is something to be proud of."

Price acknowledged the season was a "grind" in many ways.



Coaches and players hold up the rings

He was new to the job, having coached many of the players in youth softball, but taking over the high school program after two near-misses in Vero Beach, site of the state softball championships.

"I was hard on you all," Price said, noting he was likely hardest of all on daughter Gracie.

But, the team "got on a roll" and stretched a winning streak to more than 20 games en route to the state title.

"Nobody will ever forget about it," said Principal Jay Bidwell. "The girls sacrificed so much and worked so hard to bring a championship back to Wewa.

"And it takes a great support system."

Receiving the first ring was the family of the late Charles "Scootsie" Fortner, who put the Lady Gator softball program on the map and won the first of the program's three state titles.

He was an assistant with the second title team and

a constant presence at the ballpark, Price said, throughout the 2018 season until his death in early May, amidst the playoff run.

Price recalled how he would arrive at the field for practice each day to find Fortner waiting in his truck.

"He was a legend in Gulf County," Price said. "He was the founder of softball in Wewahitchka.

"We love him, we miss him. We knew he was with us (during the Final Four). I'm going to miss him."

The rest of the rings were then presented to the players, including a couple of last year's seniors, and coaches.

And, after a few photos and admiring looks the rings were put back in the box to await the pep rally.

"This is not something that happens every time you turn around," said Wewahitchka athletic director Bobby Johns. "(A championship) is difficult.

"Nobody can ever take it away from you."

Port St. Joe shuts down Bay

By Tim Croft

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PORT ST. JOE — Forget about classifications and roster depth, the only numbers that mattered Friday night at Shark Stadium were on the scoreboard.

Class 1A Port St. Joe (3-0) pitched its second shutout of the regular season, third if the preseason classic is tossed in the mix, and dominated the offensive statistics while dominating visiting Class 5A Bay 27-0.

The score was far closer than the statistics would indicate.

Port St. Joe rushed for 357 yards and added another 52 yards in the air while holding Bay to just 49 total yards, the second opponent the Tiger Sharks have held to less than 100 offensive yards.

The Tornadoes (1-2) marched no deeper into Port St. Joe territory than the 34, and fumbled the ball away when they got that far, one of four turnovers, two in Tiger Shark territory.

After running nearly double the plays from scrimmage as Bay in the first half, Port St. Joe finished the game with a 58-34 margin in offensive plays.

The downside for Port St. Joe, at least in the second half, was a rash of offensive penalties and turnovers; the Tiger Sharks fumbled the ball away three times, twice in the second half, both coming in Bay territory.

"We played pretty well in the first half, but in the second half we had too many mistakes, too many missed opportunities," said Port St. Joe coach Greg Jordan.

"We need to put four quarters together. When we do we can be a pretty good football team."

Quarterback Josh Butts was the spark on offense, rushing for a game-high 103 yards and adding another 52 yards passing, while often improvising for that yardage after the defensive front closed.

Butts, though, had plenty of help.

Seeking to build offensive depth, the Tiger Sharks had eight different players carry the ball, with Russell Russ adding 74 yards on eight carries.

Port St. Joe scuffled a bit in getting started, but quickly found a tempo in the first half.

The Tiger Sharks took the

opening kickoff but stalled after reaching midfield.

After a punt, Bay fumbled the ball away on its offensive first play.

However, after a holding call, Port St. Joe fumbled the ball right back.

The rest of the half was all Port St. Joe.

After holding the Tornadoes to three-and-out, a theme all night, Port St. Joe drove 70 yards in eight plays, Khayyon Zaccaro bullying over from the 2 for the score.

Joel Bogaert added the extra point kick.

Bay fumbled again on Port St. Joe's side of the field early in the second quarter and the Tiger Sharks capitalized, one of just two times all night either team produced points off the seven combined turnovers.

Butts dashed 23 yards on an option keeper and two plays later went the other direction for seven yards and a touchdown, Bogaert making it 14-0.

After holding the Tornadoes to another three-and-out, Port St. Joe took over at its 35 and reeled off a nine-play scoring drive.

Butts hit Octavious Russ in the left flat from the 6 and Russ dodged his way between three defenders for the touchdown.

The extra point was blocked and it was 20-0 at halftime.

Port St. Joe had 31 offensive plays at the half to 16 for Bay and enjoyed an offensive yardage differential of 228-27.

The second half was permeated by penalties and turnovers as both teams struggled for anything resembling consistency.

A Bay interception was answered four plays later by a Port St. Joe fumble during the third quarter and after marching to the Bay 4 early in the fourth period; Port St. Joe fumbled the ball away again.

The upside was the Tornadoes fumbled it right back and Russell Russ scored from the 1 on the next play, Bogaert's extra point completing the scoring with 4:41 left.

"We shot ourselves in the foot the second half," Jordan said.

"We stopped ourselves. Last week (against Marianna) it was 10 defensive penalties and tonight it was the offense and penalties.

"The defense played well. Defense is what we are going to build our program around."

Coach's corner

By Greg Jordan

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

The Sharks head in to our open week at 3-0 with a 27-0 win over Bay High at Shark Stadium Week 3. The Sharks scored once in the first quarter and twice in the second quarter to lead 20-0 at the break. The second half we did not play as clean on offense and scored once in the fourth quarter for the final score of 27 points. Bay High came in at 1-1 and a 5A school with a 40 man roster. My concern was not necessarily our first 11; it was the second wave of players they had at their disposal as the game wore on. We stressed to our players the key to this game was our defense being able to get off the field on third down. We did a much better

job of that this week.

On offense the Sharks ran 56 plays for 337 yards as opposed to Bay who ran 37 plays for 40 yards. Bay averaged just 1.1 yard per play on the night. Our defense played hard and over came from lapses with desire to get to the football. We had 45 rushing attempts for 292 yards where Bay had 36 attempts for 40 yards.

We wanted to try to get out ahead in the game early and try to make Bay play catch up. The plan worked for the most part except we didn't play sharp in the second half on offense. We had four offensive penalties on the night and 2 on defense. We need to continue to improve in the penalty phase to keep from stopping us!

This week the Sharks will enjoy our open week

which comes Week 4 of the regular season. We will slow practice down a little and work on some fundamentals with a little time off.

We will work on some pass protection and try to improve some in the drop back passing game. With a mobile QB it is difficult sometimes to resist running and letting things develop. But as an offensive line we need to and will get better in this phase of the game. The kids are working hard and playing hard on Friday night and as a Coach that is all you can ask of your players.

Week 5 we will travel to Bozeman to take on Rutherford. More on Rutherford next week.

Enjoy the off week and we'll see you at Bozeman on the 24th! GO SHARKS!!!

Wewahitchka holds off Christ's Church

Star Staff Report

Last year, Coach Bobby Johns said, his Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School football team was "embarrassed" by Christ's Church Academy in Jacksonville.

Different story this year at Gator Field.

Wewahitchka (2-1) scored the first 22 points of the game and held off a Christ's Church comeback as the Gators won their second-straight after a season-opening loss to Port St. Joe.

The Gators will try to keep the momentum alive 7 p.m. CT Friday when they host Jay.

Wewahitchka pounded the ground last Friday, rushing 50 times for 300 yards while not attempting a pass.

Tyreeq Thomas led the ground assault with 170 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including a season-high 85-yard jaunt, on just 17 carries.

Trevor Nunnery added 63 yards on 13 carries and Creed Pariera carried 18 times for 66 yards and a touchdown.

Nunnery and Thomas each included a two-point conversion run to their night's effort.

Christ's Church went to the air in the second half to try to get back in the game, throwing for 332 yards and two touchdowns while adding another touchdown on a fumble recovery.

But the Gator defense also recorded four sacks, picked off a pass and recovered two fumbles.

SCENE AROUND



The golden oats of fall [COURTESY OF BUDDY EDWARDS]



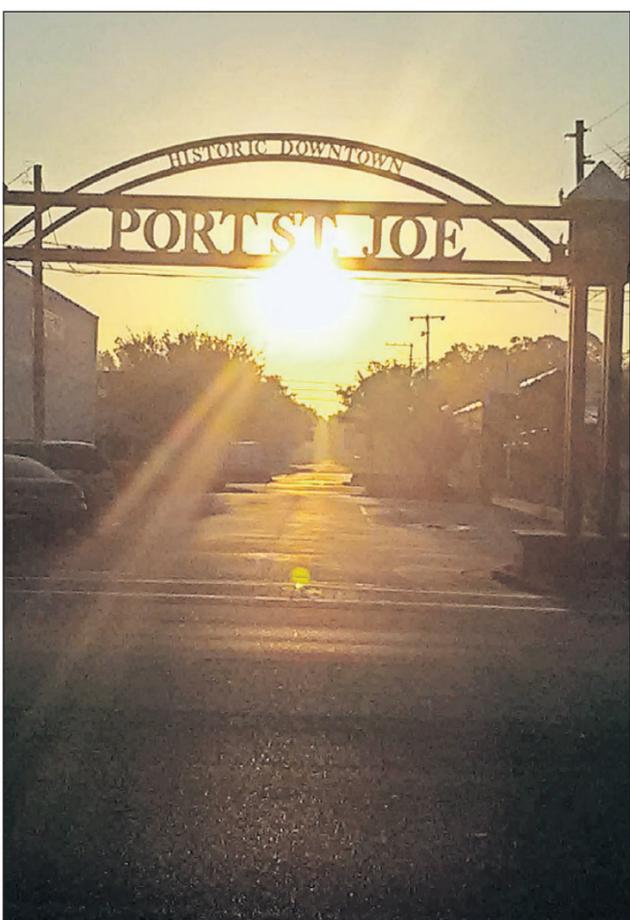
A "Stump Hole" kind of sunset [COURTESY OF DAVE EVANS]



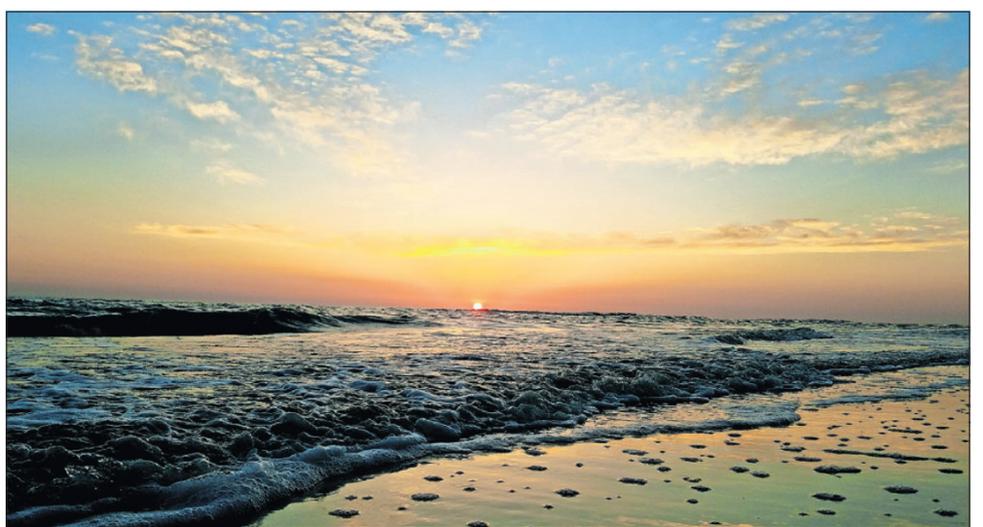
Backyard spider [COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH]



Scallop shucking, the fun part [COURTESY OF TOM HARRISON]



Sunset through the downtown arch [COURTESY OF TERRY STRAIN]



The sun skirts the horizon over the Gulf of Mexico [COURTESY OF KENNY MOORE]



Rocket? Fireball? Nope, sunset over St. Joseph Bay [COURTESY OF SANDIE KENNEDY]

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COMMUNITY

Economic roundtable focuses on NPSJ

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Reaching beyond the community.

An economic community roundtable later this month will seek to broaden the appeal for the revitalizing the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe while supporting the rezoning of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Timothy Beard, President of Pasco-Hernando State College and a native of Port St. Joe, will lead the roundtable Sept. 29 at the ARC/Gulf Transportation Building on Water Plant Road.

The roundtable is scheduled

for 9 a.m. until 12 noon ET.

The roundtable is the latest step forward for the North Port St. Joe Project Area Coalition (NPSJ-PAC), which has worked the past two years to update the master plan first crafted when the city's community redevelopment agency boundaries were expanded to include NPSJ.

That group, working with consultants of community planning and design, zeroed in on MLK Blvd. as a key to unlocking the economic potential of the area.

The master plan update included a rezoning of MLK Blvd. as a fulcrum for redevelopment, with the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency and City Commission providing unanimous support

for the effort.

From that rezoning, several projects aimed at sparking economic development have been proposed and considered, including mixed use retail and residential development, senior housing and children's daycare facilities.

"But the community of North Port St. Joe knows that when it comes to local support, financial and other resources are limited," Beard detailed in an invitation to the roundtable.

"The PAC has achieved much, but its strength lies in its local roots. Now it is ready to attract new energy, ideas and investment."

The PAC has, from the outset, understood that a key would be attracting

outside investment and support from lenders, politicians, non-profit organizations and those former residents who live elsewhere and have the desire to see their former neighborhood restored.

"The once-vibrant Northwest Florida neighborhood of North Port St. Joe, where I grew up, has been allowed to remain blighted for too long," Beard noted.

The half-day roundtable, he added, "enables the community to connect with agents of change ... (who) may be able to help directly the local landowners achieve their goals or (who) may know others that could come to the table."

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Jmond White (SPECIAL TO THE STAR)

Attacker in Mexico Beach stabbing sentenced

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A man was sentenced last week to 35 years in prison on multiple charges stemming from a 2016 stabbing in Mexico Beach.

Circuit Judge Michael C. Overstreet sentenced Jmond White to 35 in prison followed by lifetime probation after White entered an open plea on charges of burglary of a dwelling with assault or battery, attempted second-degree murder and false imprisonment.

The case stems from July 2016 when White stabbed the victim five times in an attempt to kill her, according to a press release from the Office of State Attorney Glenn Hess.

The two had been in a romantic relationship, but when White learned the victim was romantically involved with someone else, he hired a cab and came to the victim's home in Mexico Beach unannounced, according to the release.

The victim was home alone and White burst into her home uninvited and began to beat and threaten the victim in her bedroom. The victim's boyfriend arrived and White threatened him at the entry to the home, then closed the door locking the male outside. White turned and began stabbing the victim repeatedly about the head and neck.

White stopped stabbing to get a bigger knife from the kitchen, allowing the victim, who had suffered wounds to her neck, arm, side and face, an opportunity to stumble out the front door.

White fled the scene. After the stabbing, White sent text messages to the victim's teenage son telling him he killed the victim.

White was apprehended a short time later on Tyndall Air Force Base.

Festivals on tap this fall

PortOberfest, Scallop and Music fest coming

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One festival seeks to build on a foundation formed last year.

The second festival reboots an old favorite.

PortOberfest, sponsored by the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, arrives next weekend, expanded after the success of its launch last year.

And the first weekend of October will bring the Florida Scallop and Music Festival, which for a time over the past year appeared to have been a victim of Hurricane Nate.

PortOberfest is the Chamber's slant on a German beer garden shindig, with an emphasis, well, let's just say it's a tad wide of the box.

"The vibe we are going for is fun, quirky fun," said Chamber director Steve Burke. "We want it to be a fun all around event."

Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe will be cordoned off between Third Street and State 71, beginning at 12 p.m. and continuing until 7 p.m. ET.

"We hope to be all broken down and packed up by 7 (p.m.)," Burke said.

Three bands will provide the music throughout the event and it is a disparate bunch, all bands keeping with the "quirky fun" theme.

The Wabi Sabis, an all-female group from Panama City, will be joined by the Polka Dots, out of Dothan, AL, and the Turkey Basters.

The Wewahitchka Woman's Club will be cooking



The Polka Dots will perform during PortOberfest. (PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR)

Kielbasa and sausages to add the German spice to the food offerings.

"They bring a little bit of the north end to the festival, which is great," Burke said of the active woman's club.

The number of vendors scheduled to be on hand, offering everything from food to crafts to information, already exceeds last year.

And, after all, if this is going to be a German festival, there will be beer and wine on sale.

See FESTIVAL, B6



The Florida Scallop and Music Festival will move to Marina Cove this year.

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. Suggestions, questions or comments? WC@TriviaGuy.com

1. A group of geese on the ground is a gaggle, but what about if they're flying?

2. What was the last name of Festus (Ken Curtis) on older TV's "Gunsmoke"?

3. During Washington's

presidency, how was his wife, Martha, addressed?

4. The only four-horned animal in the world is a type of ...?

5. From 1995, what color

replaced "tan" in M&M candies?

6. In Paris, what would one ordinarily do at the Louvre?

ANSWERS: 1. Skein, 2. Haggen, 3. Lady Washington, 4. Antelope, 5. Blue, 6. Enroll

SOCIETY



[FILE PHOTO]

Cross Shores Corner

By Shelly Cain
Special to The Star

When I moved to this beautiful corner of paradise I started exploring clubs, organizations, and opportunities to become part of the community. I left my home town 4 years ago so I was feeling a little homesick and weary from all my travels. I needed a place to call home. In order for me to do that I needed to find friends and establish familiar faces. I was surprised to learn there is something to do here every day. I participated in Chamber events. Great job on that Blues Festival! I attended events at The Port Theater and The Joe. And I

visited multiple clubs to see which one was the right fit. They are all wonderful but I landed on the Rotary Club. It's an international organization that believes in Service Above Self. There is a 4-way test for Rotary members to use in our daily lives. Is it the Truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

We meet weekly, over a great lunch, to discuss club business and enjoy friendships. I'm one of the new people and I'm enjoying this great way to get to know my new home and new friends and help my community.

Since the club is international we had a visitor from Luxembourg, Luxembourg. He belongs to his local Rotary club and wanted to visit ours while he spent some time relaxing our beautiful beaches. His name is Gast Waltzing. He is a composer/conductor and travels the world. When he lands anywhere for more than just a few days he likes to find a Rotary meeting and attend. It was interesting to learn that his club is helping in similar areas in his own community. I will admit I was a little star struck.

Recently, we were able to receive a grant to help our local Senior Center. Our plan is to

use that money to paint (we are doing the labor) and everything left over will go toward checking off another item on their wish list. On the 15th we are having a Pancake Breakfast from 8am to 10am at Sunset Coastal Grill. I hear the pancake recipe is to die for! Tickets are only \$6. All proceeds go directly into our scholarship fund.

We are looking for members. If you would like to visit our meeting please give me a call. (850-229-8244) I'm happy to sponsor you as a visitor and buy your lunch! I've found the home I was missing! Remember to treat everyone with importance and always be kind.

Modern-day miracles explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The question of whether miracles are real—and happening today—will be explored at a new Lifetree Café lunch setting 11:30 a.m. CT Friday, Sept. 21. A light lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the weekly topic begins at noon CT. The program, titled

“Miracles or Mere Coincidences? Does Everything Happen for a Reason?” features a filmed interview with Robin Alm, a woman who believes a miracle occurred in her life.

“There’s no way what happened could have happened without God being involved,” said Alm. “I absolutely

believe miracles happen today.”

During the program participants will have an opportunity to share miracles they believe have occurred in their own lives.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. A simple lunch and beverages are available. Lifetree Café is located

at U.S. 1602 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.

Services available from Gulf County Senior Citizens

Special to The Star

1) Funds are currently available to provide a variety of services to persons 60 and above who need assistance with self-care, nutrition and/or homemaking activities because of chronic health conditions or other problems of aging. There are no income restrictions, but a co-pay based on income may be required.

For more information or to access the services provided under the “Community Care for the Elderly” program through the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association please contact the Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337.

Assuring that our older citizens have the resources needed to age in place in their own homes and communities is the priority for these programs. They make it possible for elders to age with dignity and purpose and improve the quality of their elderhood.

2) Funds are currently available to provide a variety of services to persons 60 and above who live with a caregiver and need assistance with self-care, nutrition and/or homemaking activities because of chronic health conditions or other problems of aging. A small stipend for the caregiver is part of the benefit. Income and asset restrictions apply.

For more information or to access the services provided under the HOME CARE FOR THE ELDERLY program through the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association, please contact the Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337.

Caregiving is at once an act of love and a physical, emotional and financial challenge. The Home Care for the Elderly Program recognizes these challenges and seeks to provide supportive services for the caregiver.

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Services available for caregivers

3) Caregiving is at once an act of love and a physical, emotional and financial challenge. The “Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative” program recognizes these challenges and seeks to provide support for the caregiver of the person living with Dementia.

Funds are currently available to provide respite services to caregivers of persons 18+ who have memory-loss related to Alzheimer’s disease or other types of dementia. The caregiver must provide care on a regular basis and live in the same home to qualify.

For more information or to access the services provided under the “Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative” program, through the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association, please contact the Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337.

MyGULFCare news

Special to The Star

After six years with MyGULFCare, “Miss Debbie” is retiring!

Debbie Maulding has worked over 40 years in nursing and is looking forward to time at home and with her family.

“I started my nursing career as a babysitter for a lady with Alzheimer’s Disease, then as a nurse’s aid doing private duty and home care while going to school to be a Registered Nurse,” Debbie said her first job.

When asked what she will miss about working with MyGULFCare she said “my people, they have made this program a worthwhile endeavor.”

MyGULFCare provides care management to those with Diabetes, Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia, COPD, and Heart Failure.

Since 2012, the program has grown and continues

to provide services to residents of Gulf and surrounding areas, helping people with education about chronic illnesses, wellness and disease prevention, assistance with medications, locating resources in the community, and finding ways to improve their lives as well as their life skills.

Based on a Low Income Pool (LIP) grant and with input from multi-disciplinary consultants, Debbie designed and developed the program which has served over 1,500 people since it began.

Her last day will be Sept. 12.

MyGULFCare is still available to help you with your self management needs and with setting goals to improve your chronic health conditions. For MyGULFCare services or questions about your health care needs call 229-5606.

PET OF THE WEEK

St. Joseph Bay Humane Society



This handsome guy is Jules, a 1 year old domestic short hair male cat. He is litter box trained and fully vaccinated. He has a beautiful, shiny black coat, and stunning gold eyes. Jules is very affectionate and loves people. He came to the shelter with his littermate as stray kittens. Like so many others they have lived the first year of their lives with us. Come and see them all, they love attention from visitors and you may find a friend for life!

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

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Book signings

Star Staff Report

Local author Linda Gerald will be signing copies of her latest novel, “VieVie La Fontaine” at two events next month.

Gerald will be at Joseph’s Cottage 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. ET

Friday, Oct. 5. Wine and cheese will be served.

The following day, Saturday, Oct. 6, Gerald will be signing from 10 a.m. until 12 noon ET at the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library with all proceeds donated to the library.

SCHOOL NEWS

PSJES Rocks and Clean-up Day

Star Staff Report

The PTO from Port St. Joe Elementary School is inviting students and parents to come out and show "School Pride" during an event 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. ET Saturday, Sept. 22.

Stop by for a while before or after the youth soccer games and meet the PTO at the table by the Soccer Field and Port City Trail.

Part of the day will be about School Pride, including a clean-up (picking up the trash) of school grounds. The PTO will provide the supplies.

The second goal of the day is to show school spirit and staff/teacher appreciation by painting a rock off the new "PSJES Rocks" rock garden.

Show your Dolphin Pride and Spirit on Sept. 22.



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

School news void

Attention teachers, administrators, parents, students: scan the page below.

This page, each and every week, is open and available for all things schools and education.

The whole shebang. I admit I have a weakness here.

I was raised by an elementary school teacher and a newspaper editor who moonlighted as a college writing professor. An older sister teaches special education.

The value of education, of the role of schools in the lives of young people, was ingrained early.

So, each week, this page is opened up to promote, cheer-lead the schools.

I insist upon it, though I freely admit I can't fill it on my own.

Alas, we are but one set of

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hands, eyes and feet.

So, teachers, administrators, parents and students, please lend a hand.

A reader scanning this page would never know there are actually four public schools, not to mention a couple of private educational outlets in the county.

Oh, yeah, there is also a college up the road.

And this page should not lack that information when there is so much positive occurring in classrooms around the district.

So reach out and send school news to tcroft@starfl.com.

The schools and those within deserve it.

— Tim Croft

Port St. Joe native graduates from Hinds CC

Special to The Star

RAYMOND, MS -- Hinds Community College graduated 611 students during the summer semester at its six locations. Among 319 participating in two ceremonies July 27 at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus was Tierra Williams, of Jackson, who

earned an Associate in Arts degree from the college. In all, 391 credentials were conferred to the 611 who graduated from the college.

Among those who graduated was Umstead Sanders of Port St. Joe.

Of the total graduating, 197 did so with honors. That includes 85 who earned the cum laude designation, which is a 3.2 to

3.59 grade point average. Another 47 graduated magna cum laude, or a 3.6 to 3.99 grade point average, and 65 graduated summa cum laude, or a 4.0 grade point average. The total field of honor graduates equaled about one-third of the summer graduating class.

Peggy Hobson Calhoun, who represents

District 3 on the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, spoke to graduates at both ceremonies. Calhoun implored graduates not to give up when adversity strikes when they enter the workforce.

"You may think your vision of becoming successful is too difficult to realize, but it can become real," Calhoun said. "I

don't know what your aspirations and pursuits are, but don't blind your vision. Hold on to your visions and your dreams. Your vision defines what it is you want to accomplish out of life."

As Mississippi's largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable

educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills. With six locations in central Mississippi, Hinds enrolls about 12,000 students each fall semester. To learn more, visit www.hindscc.edu or call 1.800.HindsCC.

University recognizes students for completing

Special to The Star

TROY, AL -- Troy University is pleased to recognize new students who have completed IMPACT orientation and

enrolled in classes for the Fall 2018 semester.

The following local students completed IMPACT: Joy Spires of Mexico Beach, McKenley Minacci of Port St. Joe,

Matthew Costin of Port St. Joe, Jake Paterson of Port St. Joe, Dakarian Larry of Port St. Joe, Nicholas James of Port St. Joe and Tanner Harden of Wewahitchka.

Gulf Coast State College hosts annual 'College Night'

Explore your options at GCSC's 'College Night'

Special to The Star

PANAMA CITY -- Gulf Coast State College is hosting its annual "College Night" 6-8 p.m. CT Thursday, Sept. 13 in the Advanced Technology Center at the Panama City Campus.

"College Night" is a great opportunity for

the community to learn more about GCSC and other schools across the country.

It's geared towards local high school students, current Gulf Coast students looking to transfer to a university, as well as parents, teachers, administrators and anyone thinking about coming back to school or attending college for the first time.

Fifty colleges and

universities from across the nation will be in attendance and representatives will be on hand to provide information about degrees, programs, student life, athletics, careers, scholarships and financial aid. The event is free and open to the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Isi Ogwude, GCSC Recruiter, at 769-1551 ext. 6015 or iogwude@gulfcoast.edu.

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



S.O.A.R. students for the week of Sept. 7 at Port St. Joe Elementary School. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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ROBERT DREW MINGER

Robert Drew Minger, 79, passed away peacefully on September 4, 2018 at Gulf Coast Hospital, Panama City surrounded by his loving family.



Robert was born on August 17, 1939, in Westville, FL, the son of Robert Lee and Ora Berlie Padgett Minger. He attended school in Westville and played basketball for Ponce de Leon High School.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Catherine Annette Minger Croton, sister, Dorothy Peterson, and brother, Dwight Minger.

He is survived by sister, Doris Smith (Henry) of Westville; Catherine Minger; his son-in-law, Phil Croton; Robert's extended UK family; sisters-in-law, Lucille Minger and Adrienne Jackson;

many beloved nieces and nephews and great nephews; many friends and neighbors at St. Joe Beach; and his cherished pets, Dougie and Sweep.

Robert was honorably discharged from the US Army in 1963 and retired from Premier Chemical in Port St. Joe after 44 years of employment.

Robert was laid to rest at Hickory Hill Cemetery in Westville, Florida.

MILDRED MANGUM

Mildred Mangum was born July 10, 1938, in Detroit Michigan to Alexander and Isabel (Anna) Morin. Millie was their second of four children: Ernest Morin (Lillie), Agnes Wlock (Ronald), and Helen Irish (Larry).



She was married on June 9, 1956 to Richard Barry in Bay City Michigan.

She became Aquarama Queen June 28, 1956.

They welcomed 5 children, Lynn Barry (Card) husband Russell, with four children; Penny Barry; Richard

Barry; Robert Barry, with one child; and Jeffery Barry, wife Lurleen, with two children. She graduated

from Bay City Beauty School June 1965.

They moved north to Marquette, Michigan in November 1965. Millie and Marge Pieper opened a very successful beauty shop, the Style Setters, in November of 1974.

She and her husband retired and traveled the US and Mexico, for 7 years and finally settled down again and built a home in White City, Florida in 1999, where she enjoyed volunteering at the nursing home and bingo night for the senior citizens.

Millie was a creative person who loved crafts of all kinds and bringing beauty into the world.

Richard passed away in 2007, and Millie met and married Thomas Mangum May 10, 2013.

She leaves behind a beautiful legacy and will be missed deeply.

Mildred passed away Sept 6, 2018, at home. Her memorial service was held at Highland View Baptist Church of Port. St. Joe Florida on Tuesday, Sept 11, 2018, at 11 a.m. ET.

INTEGRITY

Now days, integrity is a hard commodity to find. Some that say they have it think most of us are blind. Politicians for example say such as this by the lying they do and the babies they kiss. As Christians, we're to have it for others to see. Why would they want to be like Jesus, if they didn't see it in you

and me? If by chance you've slipped a notch or two, talk to God about it, it's there for me and you. We don't like to admit we're wrong, sometime it's pretty tough. But pride goes down pretty easy, if you chew it long enough.

Billy Johnson

FAITH BRIEFS

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.

Lighthouse Pentecostal 'Seeds of Revival'

Lighthouse Pentecostal Ministries will be hosting a "Seeds of Revival" and healing services. The services will be held in Wewahitchka, at the Senior Citizens Building, Sept. 24-25, 7 p.m. CT. Everyone is welcome. Come and let us glorify the Lord in praise, worship, the Word, and expecting miracles. Each night we will pray for the sick (James 5:14) and any other needs you may have.

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WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

Italian stuffed peppers for the end of summer



Stephanie Hill-Fraizer

“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

Labor Day, the end of summer, was the perfect time for me to head home to Port St. Joe for a visit...tropical storm or no. Once again, I reveled in the natural beauty of “The Forgotten Coast.” How blessed we are to have such an amazing place to live or to visit, depending upon who you are. I was blessed to grow up in Port St. Joe, a Shark through and through, and I cannot seem to get home fast enough each year.

My sister and I discussed how, when we lived on St. Joe Beach growing up, we never took the beach, just two blocks from our home, for granted. We spent several days a week there as children, with mom, Grammy and Granddaddy, right at the end of Ponce de Leon Street. In middle school and high school, we spent numerous lazy summer afternoons lying on beach towels listening to WPFM play Journey, Foreigner,

The Cure, and other great bands. There was nowhere better to discuss music, school, boys and dreams of the future.

The summer after my senior year, I worked as a waitress at The Fish House on Mexico Beach, which was at that time owned by Chris and Teresa King. We served the best seafood platters (complete with a horseradish aspic, green and jiggly on the salad plate!) and coldest drinks on the beach back then. After a long shift waiting tables, I’d head down to the beach to walk a couple of miles to unwind a bit. It was a place to seek some peace, for me.

All of those memories pleasantly fill my head each time I am back home again. And this time, after the rain from the distant tropical storm slacked off, we were able to get in some more much-needed beach time. It was a wonderful way to end the summer and get ready for the shift to fall.



Mama Steph’s Italian-Seasoned Stuffed Peppers. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

We returned to Texas after a week to find rainy weather had moved into our area, and the temperatures were considerably cooler than when we had left. When that happens, I love to get in my kitchen to make delicious, satisfying meals for my family. Today was the kickoff of that kind of cooking for me.

I made a pan full of one of my favorite autumnal meals: stuffed peppers.

Now, the usual stuffed peppers have rice in them, but this recipe does not. It’s lower in carbs, but the flavor packs a big punch! Basil, oregano, onion, garlic, and delicious vegetables sautéed in olive oil make this dinner one that you’ll likely get requests for again and again.

If you are cooking for only



Undeterred by rainy beach weather. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

one or two, you’ll be thrilled to know that this recipe will give you a nice amount of leftovers to divide up among

smaller containers for lunch during the week. And this is one of those recipes whose flavor develops over time;

it’s even better the next day. Your co-workers will be green with bell pepper-envy.

Celebrate the beginning of fall with me by enjoying this recipe in your own kitchen this week.

Italian-Seasoned Stuffed Peppers

- 1 pound ground turkey (or use whatever ground meat you prefer)
- 3 bell peppers of any color, stems cut off, seeded, and then cut in half lengthwise
- 1 zucchini, diced
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 small eggplant, diced
- 1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms (optional)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon Kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon oregano
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped
- 1 cup marinara sauce
- ¼ cup ricotta cheese
- ¼ cup shredded Italian cheese blend
- Olive Oil for sauteing

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Place the peppers in a lightly oiled casserole dish; season with salt and bake for 20 minutes. Remove peppers, drain any water that has been released from the peppers and set aside. Increase oven temperature to 400 degrees.

Saute onions, zucchini, mushrooms and eggplant until golden and soft, about eight minutes. Add garlic; cook one minute more. Set aside.

Saute turkey until no pink is seen. Add turkey, tomato sauce and seasonings to veggies. Cook for five minutes until most of the liquid is reduced.

Off heat, add the ricotta cheese. Mix to combine. Use an ice cream scoop to spoon mixture into partially cooked pepper halves

Top with shredded cheese. Bake at 400 for 20 minutes.

Depending on the size of your peppers you may have a little extra filling. If you do, place in muffin tins that you’ve sprayed with Pam, sprinkle cheese on it, and bake it alongside the peppers. It’s a great protein boost snack to keep in a container in your refrigerator.

Enjoy!

Fruit drop, fruit split, the heartbreak of citrus

By Ray Bodrey

Gulf County Extension Director
UF/IFAS
Special to The Star

We’re lucky to live in an environment where many citrus varieties can be grown. However, weather and other factors can be a challenge in citrus tree management. Many problems can occur when growing citrus, but none more frustrating than fruit drop or fruit split.

Most citrus varieties are susceptible to fruit drop. This is a major cause of low yield in the Navel orange industry. Quite a few variables can cause the condition. This can be difficult to pinpoint, however. Ethylene gas production goes into effect when a citrus tree is injured, which can spark fruit drop. Our culprit this year may be the late summer excessive rain period, high temperatures and areas of poorly drained soils. Low potassium is thought to also be a factor in fruit drop, so be sure to follow

a fertilizer schedule every year. Competition between fruitlets and young leaves for carbohydrates, water, and other metabolites can be the reason for fruit drop early in the season.

This condition can especially affect mature trees. This could mean up to 25% of fruit loss. Brown rot can accompany this condition, if moisture persists for long periods. Fruit drop is usually associated with the lower, shaded areas of the tree canopy.

Fruit split is more severe in Valencia, Hamlin and Navel oranges. Grapefruit (and other acidic fruits like lemons and limes), Tangerines and Temple fruit are much less susceptible. What is thought to be the primary cause of fruit splitting? High temperatures and heavy rainfall during August can easily give rise to the condition. Excess water taken up by a tree during this time will swell the meat of the fruit causing it to grow quickly. Unfortunately, it is believed that the peel does not grow at



Fruit Split in Navel Orange. [RAY BODREY, UF/IFAS EXTENSION GULF COUNTY]

the same rate. Damage often occurs as the peel eventually caves under the pressure. Nutritional stresses can also be a factor, as low potassium and

copper levels have been correlated. The condition is more likely to emerge when no irrigation practices were in place during dry periods that existed earlier in the year.

If this has been a problem this year, ensure a recommended fertilizer program next year. Proper tree siting, nutrition and irrigation scheduling are the best defense against fruit drop and fruit split. Although these measures are not a cure all for the conditions, a healthy citrus tree is less likely to be affected. Contact Gulf County Extension at 639-3200 for more information.

Supporting information for this article is from the UF/IFAS Extension EDIS publication:

“Citrus Problems in the Home Landscape” by Mongi Zekri and Robert E. Rouse: <http://edis.ufl.edu/pdf-files/HS/HS14100.pdf> & information is also provided by Extension Fruit Crop Specialist, Dr. Pete Andersen with IFAS located at Quincy, North Florida Research and Education Center.

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The second annual PortOberfest celebration will have expanded offerings this year. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



"Quirky fun" is the vibe for PortOberfest. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

FESTIVAL

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"We tried to generally expand it this year," Burke said of the event. "We are opening earlier, last year it started at 3 (p.m.)."

"We are bringing in more bands and more vendors."

Entry to PortOberfest is free.

The Florida Scallop and Music Festival, which will be Oct. 5-6 along Marina Cove outside the Haughty Heron, will be re-imagined with a tad more emphasis on the music.

After Nate forced the cancellation of the second and biggest day of last year's 21st edition of the festival, the non-profit which had operated the event for three years was at a crossroads.

After counting up the reimbursements paid and revenue

lost, the financial feasibility was in doubt, further clouded by the already-planned departure of key organization officers.

The Chamber, Burke said, was not in a position to sponsor the festival with two new festivals already on the calendar in PortOberfest and Blues in the Lot.

Those festivals are part of an expansion of Chamber services in Burke's second year, including more

lunch-and-learn and business-after-hours events and focus on improving business-to-business communication.

To the rescue of the Scallop and Music Festival came Rick Ott, long-time music producer in the area, producer of iHeart radio.

"He decided to take this on," Burke said. "He's a go-getter and he's a great producer."

The musical acts already lined up to perform include

The Currys, The Bo Spring Band, Charlie and Dana Hunt Black, Boo Radley, Old Soul Revival, The Adventures of Annabelle Lyn, Hot Tamale, Coastal Highway and Frank Lindamood.

The Chamber, Burke said, is assisting with identifying vendors and the like to bolster the festival's offerings.

Of note for attendees is that due to location, the festival can't permit coolers or pets other than guide dogs this year.

NPSJ

From Page B1

The rezoning of MLK Blvd. remains in the early stages as the city's planner moves forward on several surveys, of local property owners and impacted residents, required of the process.

Much of the initial work has been performed by consultant John Hendry, who provided substantial flexibility in supporting documents for the city to move ahead.

The rezoning plan, Hendry said, outlined infrastructure improvements and information necessary to amend the city's comp plan and LDRs to attract investment and economic development along Martin Luther King.

The overall plan proposes three "overlay districts", rezoning, believed essential to revitalizing the MLK business and residential mixed use corridor.

Attracting investment along MLK would be best accomplished with districts, tailored by varying the underlying land use regulations to

meet a district's needs.

The tool is often used across the country as cities attempt to revitalize struggling downtowns, Hendry said.

One example. Current LDRs allow up to 15 residential units per acre; allowing "up to" two dwelling units in a mixed-use building on a typical 5,500 square-foot lot on MLK.

A new three-story mixed use building on that same lot would provide at least three dwelling units above a ground floor of retail space.

Adding an additional

floor could provide up to six residential units; in this case simply eliminating the 15 units per acre rule for that specific district would "significantly increase the feasibility of MLK regaining its soul as a commercial district," Hendry said.

The primary issue along MLK is the mixed use zoning which, Hendry said, does not work for the neighborhood and needs to be updated.

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

Hendry also noted that

a range of real estate and economic development incentives have been identified as part of the rezoning plan.

The NPSJ-PAC is also using the plan has a platform for seeking outside funding for infrastructure improvements.

"This community has worked hard but now it needs the capacity to bring their projects to life," Beard noted.

The roundtable workshop would also help spread the "news that North Port St. Joe is ready to begin a long-needed renaissance."



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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority will hold a meeting of its Board, its Executive Committee, and its Financial Committee on 9/20/2018 in the Conference Room of the Walton Area Chamber of Commerce located at 63 South Centre Trail, Santa Rosa Beach, FL. The meeting will begin at 10:00

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Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to advise the Corridor Authority at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Alicia Stephen at (850) 429-8905 or alicia.stephen@hdcinc.com.

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21458S
CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

NOTICE TO RECEIVED SEALED BIDS *RFP 2018-001* PSJRA ADVERTISEMENT - TO RECEIVE BIDS

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Project is located on Reid Avenue within the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, and consists of constructing a new restroom approximately 300 square feet in size. Bids will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Blvd, Port St. Joe, Florida, 32456 until **3 PM Eastern time on October 5th, 2018**. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged at that time in the City Commission conference room. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with the bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and project name/bid number as noted above. The complete Bid Solicitation may be obtained by calling Bill Kennedy at 850-227-4405. The successful bidder will have 90 days

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE # 2018 CA 01

CENTENNIAL BANK, Plaintiff,

v.

RAYMOND R. FINN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure dated August 30, 2018, entered in Case No. 2018 CA 01 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Franklin County, Florida, wherein CENTENNIAL BANK is the Plaintiff, and RAYMOND R. FINN a/k/a RAYMOND ROBERT FINN; LINDA L. FINN; UNKNOWN TENANT and all un-

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known parties claiming by, through, under, and against the herein named individual defendants who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties may claim an interest as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees or other claimants are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 2nd Floor Lobby of the Franklin County Courthouse, 33 Market Street, Apalachicola Florida 32320, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on October 18, 2018 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment on Foreclosure to-wit:

Lots 9 & 10, Black A (66), Range 4, Pickett's Addition to the City of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida, a subdivision as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2 at Page 20 of the Public Rec-

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ords of Franklin County, Florida.

Together with a 1974 CAP Mobile Home, ID#14533.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after sale. DATED this 4th day of September, 2018.

Marcia Johnson, Clerk of Court

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By: Michele Maxwell Deputy Clerk Pub September 13, 20, 2018

21464S
CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS RFP 2018-14 Biological Dredging

Sealed bids for the City of Port St. Joe for the Biological Dredging of the Waste Water Lagoon will be received at City Hall, 305 Cecil G.

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Costin Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456 up until 3:00 PM EST, Thursday, October 11, 2018. Bids will be publicly opened and acknowledged, Thursday, October 11, 2018, at 3:05 PM EST, in the City Commission Conference Room.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked with bidder's name, address, date and time of opening, and RFP 2018-14 for "Biological Dredging."

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Biologically dredge the city of Port St. Joe's 70 acre waste water lagoon. This bid is to remove at least 12" of sludge annually and mitigate algae with a money back warranty.

A complete bid package is available on the City's website at www.cityofportstjoe.com.

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

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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 Subdivi-

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21653S
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Capital One Citrl 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

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The Job Requirements:
High School Graduate or GED equivalent. Pass Level 2 Background Check. Pass Drug Screen. Must have own transportation and vehicle insurance. Must be able to lift (20lbs) or move heavy objects. Possession of unrestricted mobility, which includes the ability to balance, bend, kneel, and crouch. Self-direction, problem solving and strong organizational skills a must.

Interested applicants are welcome to apply at:
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is seeking applicants for the position of

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Housekeeping Tasks
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The Job Requirements:
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LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 sion, 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 unto 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 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

21749S NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Under Florida State Law "Self-Service Storage Facility Act" 83.801.83.809, Gulf South Storage, located at 746 4th Street, Port St. Joe, FL will dispose of or sell to the highest bidder for cash the contents of 5 Storage Units. Misc. Items, Unknown Boxed Items. Tenants: T Pittman, T Grey, L. Faipua, H Johnson, J Caswell

AUCTION Saturday, Sept 29, 2018 at 10:00

LEGAL ADVERTISING 1100 A.M. EST Contents may be redeemed by owners prior to sale for cash at Gulf South Storage. Pub: Sept. 13 & 20, 2018

21781S INVITATION 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
06B - Cabinets
06C -Interior Wood Trim
07A - Insulation
07B - Metal Roofing
07C - Gutters and Downspouts
07D - Exterior Siding & Trim
09A - Gypsum Board Assemblies
09B - Tile
09C - Acoustical Ceilings
09D - Resilient Flooring
09E - Painting
21A - Fire Sprinkler
22A - Plumbing
23A - HVAC
26A - Electrical
28A - Fire Alarm
31A - Woof Piling Re-pairs
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.

Pre-Bid Site Visit will be held on September 19, 2018, 10:00am EST, at Rish Park, 6773 Cape San Blas Road, Port St Joe, FL 32456.

Allstate Construction, Inc. reserves the right to waive any irregularities and or reject any and all Bid Proposals. Pub: September 6, 13, 20, 2018

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