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Dredge funds sought from Triumph

BOCC, Port Authority partner on application

By Tim Croft

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Pieces of the port puzzle continue to land on the table to await proper placement.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed Tuesday to join the

Port St. Joe Port Authority in a pre-application to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. for funding to dredge the federally-authorized shipping channel.

The pre-application would seek \$15 million of the estimated \$35 million needed to dredge the shipping channel to federally-authorized depths.

The Port Authority, using roughly \$1 million in grant funds from the Florida

Department of Transportation, has already completed design for the infrastructure needed for spoil disposal and entered into an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the actual dredge work.

What had been initially estimated at a cost of nearly \$50 million has come down, said Guerry Magidson, chair of the Port Authority, to the neighborhood of \$35 million.

"We are finding traction (for this project)," Magidson said. "I think we can bring the price down even more."

The pre-application follows the Triumph board's decision to enter into term sheet negotiations with the county concerning a floating dry dock off the former paper mill site.

The dry dock would facilitate the expansion of Eastern Shipbuilding into

Gulf County.

The Triumph board, in agreeing to term negotiations, capped any grant award for the dry dock project at \$13 million; the county was seeking more than \$28 million.

Those term sheet negotiations, Assistant Administrator Warren Yeager said, are likely to play out over the course of many months.

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All accounts point to a productive scallop season. The season ends Sunday. [PIXABAY]

'Productive' scallop season closed noon Wednesday

Red tide presence forces early closure

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It was almost too good to be true.

With the countdown to the close of scallop season Sunday, red tide forced the closure of the season a few days early.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announced Wednesday morning that it was closing scallop season as noon ET that day.

"As a precautionary measure, the bay scallop season in state waters off Gulf County, including St. Joseph Bay, will close to harvest," a press release read.

"This closure is due to the presence of bloom levels of Karenia brevis, the naturally-occurring algae associated with red tide. The



The fun part, shucking the catch. [COURTESY OF TOM HARRISON]

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Compromise reached on flood map updates

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A week or so ago the Board of County Commissioners and officials with the Northwest Florida Water Management District seemed to be talking past each other about updating preliminary FEMA flood maps.

On Tuesday, the two announced a compromise that County Administrator Michael Hammond called a "home run" for citizens, some 900 or so of which will be relieved of the flood insurance burden in the coming years.

And, yes, years is what it is going to take, regardless of the BOCC's approval of the compromise, but nearly 1,000 property owners in the county will see relief under the plan.

Sooner than expected via a shorter path than mapped out a week ago.

For coastal property owners, a significant number of which were facing more stringent requirements and higher costs for flood coverage, the compromise will mean more time to apply updated data.

The coastal maps were

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County advances 10th Street Park project

Pickleball courts to be added at Veterans Park

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Every regular meeting of a local governing body includes a consent agenda.

That agenda is composed, theoretically, of multiple, generally non-controversial issues which require little more than an up or, in exceedingly rare votes, down votes.

If discussion is required,

again in theory, pages must be formally pulled; in practical terms, consideration and votes on consent agendas typically expends little more time than the play clock in football.

Not so, Tuesday for the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioners, as part of the consent agenda, approved recommendations from the county attorney and administrator that pushed ahead a proposal to renovate the

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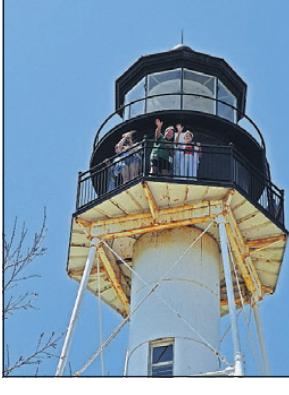
Here are but a few suggestions.

Woman's Club pulled pork fundraiser. The GFCW Wewahitchka Woman's Club will hold its annual Pulled Pork Fundraiser Friday. Call and get your order in before it's too late! Large BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw and homemade pound cake. All for \$8 and if you get your order in before 8 a.m. Friday morning we can deliver. Call Carolyn Watson at 340-1984, Kim McFarland at 227-6474, Pat Stripling at 639-2262, Patty Fisher at 832-9436 or Pam Sumner at 340-0100.



Frances Mooney and Fontanna Sunsets play tonight at Parker Park in Mexico Beach. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

the beach to make a pathway down to the water for anybody who has trouble walking in the sand.



Climb the lighthouse during fall hours. [FILE PHOTO]

Photography field trip to the state park. Bring your camera and meet Debbie Hooper at T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park at Eagle Harbor by the ramp at 9 a.m. ET. The event is part of the "Community Photography Show" currently on exhibit at The Joe Center for the Arts. Hooper will talk about nature, lighting, and angles of composition, close-ups and wide angle. Go with an idea in mind, like seeing a Blue Heron, but be happy with photographing a hermit crab or dark clouds. That's the nature of good

photography. Experiment, be open and be ready to shoot what is there. Sometimes, just before you leave, sure enough that Blue Heron will appear. Entry fee to the park is \$6 per vehicle for up



Join Debbie Hooper on Friday for a photography field trip to the state park this morning. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



The Wewahitchka Woman's Club pulled pork fundraiser is today. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

to 8 people, so carpool with some friends. Sunscreen and bug spray are recommended. The event will continue until 11 a.m. ET.

Fall hours at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. Starting this week and continuing

until Memorial Day, the Cape San Blas Lighthouse 12-5 p.m. ET Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Venture to George Core Park in Port St. Joe and climb to the top, nearly 100 feet high and check out the Gift Shop in "Sleeping Beauty."

For adults 13 and over, the cost to climb is \$5 and for children under 12, but at least 44-inches tall, the cost for the climb is \$3. Please, no flip-flops - climbers need sturdy shoes. In addition, the lighthouse is open, by appointment, for groups of 5 or more. The minimum charge is \$25. Contact 229-8261 to book an appointment for a group.

Pumpkins, gourds for the Fall season.

As part of its library series, the Gulf County Extension Service will host a Pumpkin and Gourds for the Fall season workshop 12-1 p.m. ET Monday, Oct. 1 at the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Library.

This is a free program. Want to learn more about how to grow and care for pumpkins and gourds? Want to learn more about their uses?

Please join the extension folks and find out what it takes to make a great harvest and how to make delicious treats and decorative items. The program will be presented by Extension Agent Melanie Taylor.

The library is located at 110 Library Dr. in Port St. Joe.

Music in the Park in Mexico Beach. The "Music in the Park" series returns to Parker Park in Mexico Beach, 5-7 p.m. CT tonight with Frances Mooney and Fontanna Sunsets. Good music and good times, the concert is free. There will also be hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and a drink for a suggested donation of \$5 (or more), benefiting Helping Hands. All proceeds go to Helping Hands. Helping Hands has a goal of \$15,000 to be purchased a 300-foot mobi mat on

Friends offer Patton for Library Luncheon

Star Staff Report

The Friends of the Gulf County Public Libraries will host author Lisa Patton to Port St. Joe for a "Library Luncheon."

The luncheon will be held 12-2 p.m. ET Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the Church Hall at First United Methodist Church.

Lunch will be catered by Sunset Coastal Grill and Patton will be available after the program to sign books and answer questions.

Patton's new release, "Rush," is set in modern day Oxford, MS on the Ole Miss campus. A story about women from both ends of the

social ladder - discovering their voices and their empowerment.

Achingly poignant, yet laugh-out-loud funny, "Rush," takes a sharp nuanced look at a centuries-old tradition while exploring the complex, intimate relationships between mothers and daughters and female

friends.

"Patton gives readers a ringside seat to the sorority drama at Ole Miss. But the story is deeper than getting the inside scoop on rush. Told with humor and heart, Rush is a story of right versus wrong, of old traditions pitted against modern ideas and changing times." ~The Atlanta Journal Constitution

There are a limited number of tickets to the event. Tickets are available at the Library for \$20. Proceeds will be used

to improve the children's area at the library; additional donations are also appreciated.

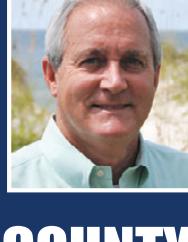
Gerald book signings

Linda Heavner Gerald will sign her new book at Joseph's Cottage and the Library Oct. 5-6. Gerald is donating all proceeds from these two signing events to the library. Gerald will be at Joseph's Cottage 5-7 p.m. ET Oct. 5; wine and cheese will be served. On Oct. 6, Gerald will be signing from 10



Lisa Patton
[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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- **Gulf County Chamber of Commerce**, member and also served as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for 6 years
- **Port St. Joe Lions Club**, member for past 22 years and served as Treasurer for 4 years
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BOCC finalizes 2018-19 budget

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The Board of County Commissioners last week approved a final budget that includes a cut in the millage rate.

The board approved a county-wide millage rate of 7.100, down from the current 7.2442.

A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 in taxable personal property.

Each fire control district

levies one-half mill and the millage rates for three coastal Municipal Services Taxing Units (MSTUs) were also set.

Those millages are 1.1395 for gulf-front, .9838 for gulf-interior and .9894 for bayside.

The MSTU revenue is bonded as part of the local match of a beach restoration project.

The aggregate millage rate of 7.4947 is 3.66 percent above the rollback rate.

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

current year.

According to Property Appraiser Mitch Burke, the BOCC realized an increase in the tax roll of just under 9 percent as property values climbed a fourth-straight year.

That increase was somewhat balanced by the \$115,000 gap between the current year's estimated property roll and the actual roll, according to Clerk of Courts Becky Norris.

Additional reasons beyond increases in tax revenue were to be found with the sheriff's office move to a new building,

new employees in the building and planning departments and realignment to create an office of management and budget, Norris said.

There were also increases in insurance and retirement contributions and a 3 percent cost of living increase for employees.

"We have a very good, responsible budget," said Administrator Michael Hammond.

Parks and recreation will also jump 7.5 percent and the county's commitment to the Port St. Joe Redevelopment

Agency increased 15 percent to just over \$183,000.

In addition, the board's budgetary responsibilities will transfer from the Clerk of Courts to the BOCC, hence the office of management and budget.

Funding to outside agencies remained flat, with no increases and nearly no cuts to the public library, humane society, senior citizens and health department.

The board will carry forward \$7 million in cash, \$2.5 million of which is already committed.



[COURTESY OF MATT TERRY]

SHH offering free 'Diabetes & You' class

Special to The Star

Diabetes is a complex and serious disease, and managing it every day can be challenging. To help you, diabetes educators have developed key areas to focus on.

The Diabetes & You program is helping community members successfully manage type 2 diabetes. Facilitated by Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf Diabetes Educator, John Griggs MSN, RN-BC, CDE, participants will learn the skills they need to manage their condition through making healthier choices and making lasting changes such as losing a modest amount of weight, being more physically active and managing stress. Each monthly seminar covers a variety of different topics.

Diabetes is a complex and serious disease, and managing it every day can be challenging. To help you, diabetes educators have developed

favorite foods or stop eating in restaurants. In fact, there is nothing you can't eat. But you need to know that the foods you eat affect your blood sugar (also known as blood glucose). Join us to find out how to improve your well-being by making healthier choices.

• **Wewahitchka Class** - Held monthly on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. CST at the Gulf County Health Dept., Wewahitchka, 807 State 22.

Diabetes & You is a free community program provided by Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf. No registration is required. Diabetes Educator, John Griggs is also available for one on one appointments. For questions or more information, call 229-5620.

Port Authority honors Raffield

The Port St. Joe Port Authority recently honored Eugene Raffield for his years of service on the Port Authority and as Port Director. Presenting Raffield with a plaque was Port Authority chair Guerry Magidson. ---- Tim Croft

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OPINION

KEYBOARD KLATTERINGS

A reminder of history



Tim Croft

The county could use a few more like Roland Wilson.

Mr. Wilson is a regular attendee of the Board of County Commissioners.

Periodically, he arises for his three minutes at the podium and reminds commissioners of issues near and dear to Mr. Wilson.

When are commissioners going to return to two regular meetings a month? Schedule one meeting for the evening so working folks can attend.

Why is so much county advertising not in the local paper?

(As an aside, given the non-objectivity of that one, yes, a weekly paper's deadlines are not always conducive to legal advertising; however, the county expends more public dollars to advertise elsewhere).

And, Mr. Wilson's favorite theme, what about countywide voting?

After all the games that have been played, why no movement on an issue voters long ago spoke on?

As usual, Tuesday, Mr. Wilson was mostly met with apathy on that last question.

Generally blank stares, a question with broad responses about costs and potential or lack thereof to overturn the federal decree mandating single-member districts.

This, given the response of county leaders, is apparently what the county is resigned to.

A decree put into place 35 years ago will dictate county voting habits for, well, until you and I and our grandkids are little more than dust.

Each eligible voter, when it comes to the two boards which oversee county level policy, the BOCC and Gulf County School Board, will have a say in only one of the five seats.

Each eligible voter, put in mathematical terms, has just a 20 percent say in who sits on the two boards that are atop the county's governmental organizational chart.

Put it another way, in a county with 10,000 eligible voters, less than 1,000 votes, 10 percent, can put a candidate on the BOCC or School Board.

That is absurdly wrong.

So much for one person one vote.

Going on 14 years or so ago, voters weighed in on this issue, without the price tag fluffery used by county commissioners on a prior ballot.

Voters could not have been clearer in their wishes: nearly 7 in 10 favored fighting to overturn the federal decree put in place in the early 1980s.

Some would like to discount that election, too long ago, they say.

But on one hand it is impossible to discount an election of 14 years ago and on the other support a decree put in place by a federal judge nearly four decades ago.

And, from this corner would be the additional guess that the mood of the voting populace, as more people move into Gulf County from places where that one-person-one-vote stuff mattered, has moved further toward county-wide voting.

Nonetheless, Mr. Wilson spoke the truth about the games the BOCC, with differing faces, has played with county-wide voting.

There was the infamous Halloween theater performance during which the BOCC chairman, the plaintiff in the lawsuit that ended in the federal decree, was ousted as chair.

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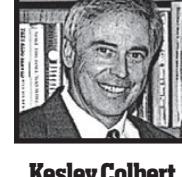
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Kesley Colbert

Several people have asked why I'm not coaching football this year. I truly appreciate that you have noticed and that you care. The reason is simple; I'm helping the team the best way I know how!

Just think how good they are going to be without me holding them back! The kids will tell you pretty quickly that I don't know much about football. I've been getting by for years just watching the other coaches..... and when they yelled, I yelled. It made me look a lot smarter than I was.

There is no telling how many state championships the Port St. Joe Sharks could have won if I had made this decision forty-one years ago!

I remember the day Rodney Nobles busted his head coming out of the "chutes." I didn't say a word. I had no "coaching" tip. He got too high and the collision with the steel bar about knocked him out! Of course, in the three years after that, he never did it again. I guess you could say I got outcoached by a steel contraption.

I almost puked when Chuck Roberts held up his dislocated elbow and said, "Coach, I think I've hurt my arm." That was the week before the first game of the 1970 season. It was gruesome. I'd never seen a lower arm dangling out of the socket before. And I was more concerned with keeping my lunch down than the pain radiating from Chuck's elbow.

Heck, a heel blister kept me out of two football games when I was in junior high. I couldn't

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go on the field hurt. Chuck sat out one play in our opening game. He put himself back in and played every snap the rest of the season at quarterback and outside linebacker.

Listen closely here, every single young man I coached over the years was a lot tougher than I ever dreamed about being!

Chester Fennell missed practice once and it cost him some "make up" laps. He talked me into running them with him. We ran everyday after practice for the next two years! That crazy nut liked to have run me to death.....it was a case of the kid getting the coach into shape!

I got by on borrowed phrases like, "low man wins," "screw your navels to the ground" and "the game is not played in an elevator – there is no up button, get your tail down!"

Folks are always asking about my favorite "highlights" in coaching. I'd say Marvelous Marvin Adkins' motorcycle incident ranks high on that list.

It was just breaking daylight during the first week of two-a-days. Practice had already started at the stadium when we heard that motorcycle roaring down Long Avenue. Marvin wheeled into the parking lot,

lost control, laid that thing on its side and slid forty feet right up to the gate. He leaped off, already dressed out and wearing his helmet, kicked a smoking engine and sprinted onto the field, late, but ready to go!

The fight over the chicken was another great one! That was 1984. Our All American defensive end and our weak

side linebacker had a knock down, drag out fight in the locker room over a piece of pre-game chicken. I'm telling you, it was two tough young men going at it in a no holds barred free-for-all!

Sidney Harris hugged my neck when we finally got he and Doug Robinson separated, "low man won Coach, low man won!"

The two combatants sat in the same seat on the bus as we travelled to Chipley that night.....and whipped the Tigers like they were a piece of chicken!

I could list a million others but you get the idea. It was about the kids, always about the kids. Game scores kinda fade over the years.....but never the smile, the sweat, the hard work, the camaraderie, the love I've seen develop in that hollowed locker room year after year after year.....

I've had the privilege to sit in a thousand coaches' meetings and you'd be surprised at how little the talk centered on x's and o's. And how much of it revolved around helping this player or that player be a better student, a better son and a better person.

Great football players and some excellent coaches hid my mediocre efforts for years. Of course, the guys know the truth. And in the end, those wonderful young men—each and every one of them—taught me way more than I ever taught them!

I do not remember every district championship or winning touchdown runs. Or teams' won and lost records....

I will never forget one single face.

"I Wish It Was Three O'clock and We Were Just Getting Here,"

Coach

CRANKS MY TRACTOR

Covering up holes



BN Heard

Bob Vila is a University of Florida graduate and well-known home repair expert starring in a number of fixer-upper television shows including "This Old House" from the late 1970's through the 1980's. He was also a spokesman for Sears telling folks how great Craftsman tools were.

As have many experts who we see on television, Mr. Vila has written numerous books on fixing up houses and doing repairs. I wanted to know what he had to say about "spackling," you know, filling holes in walls and fixing places that have cracked.

My children are in college, thus the probability of a full-on game of tackle football occurring in the basement playroom has gone down quite considerably. It becomes a make-shift recording studio for my musician son during his infrequent stays at home.

In examining the holes and places where balls, shoulders and darts had made various sized indentations and explosions in the wall, I decided it would

be a good time to try to start filling them and give one wall in particular a new paint job.

First, I had to take down various stickers and decals of varying sizes, which were there to cover up said holes more than anything else. I had myself a big mess, but I got started and wanted to see what Mr. Vila could do to help me.

His advice was pretty much common sense. First, pick the spackle or putty product you are going to use. Second, clean the debris from the holes and the wall. Then, apply your spackle to the hole. After applying spackle, hold your knife at a 90-degree angle to scrape away excess, taking care not to pull the putty from the hole.

Then, I was to "review my work, let it dry and sand it smooth."

Bob didn't really tell me anything I didn't already know. Truth is, I was probably just using my research on Bob's methods for filling holes to procrastinate a little longer.

I'm guilty of procrastinating when it comes to filling holes and just about everything else. The chance to "review my work" sometimes helps with the procrastination.

I did get to it and filled the holes, waited for them to dry and sanded them down until they were smooth. Honestly, I know on the other side of the

drywall it still looks pretty bad. In other words, between the walls where folks can't see.

Looking at the patched-up wall, I couldn't help but think that it was kind of like all of us. We go through life getting holes punched in us and punching holes in other folks and our relationships. We can do a lot to patch those holes up and make it look like there was never any damage, but we know between the walls, or inside of us, there is still a scar.

We can focus on the damage that is covered up or paint the wall, appreciate the newness of it and move on.

We deal with health problems with ourselves and our family and friends. We deal with relationships, work and everyday "nail-hole" problems. It's hard sometimes to get motivated to fix our walls because of the work involved.

Now, do I have a life-threatening problem? The answer to that is "Not that I know of..." So, why all of this psychological babble and comparison of walls to life?

I'll be real honest with you, as noted, I haven't started painting that wall yet, and I really just didn't want to do it. Pondering life and holes and spackling is a lot more fun (to me) than painting a wall.

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LETTERS

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Managing Financial Affairs Again On Your Own



Margaret McDowell

The following is a two-part series. Next week, we'll consider the three phases of emotional recovery and financial adjustment for widows.

'At 65 years old...my mother God rest her soul; Couldn't understand why the only man... she had ever loved had been taken.'

"Alone Again, Naturally" as performed by Gilbert O. Sullivan

There are 20 million widows living in the United States, and soon after the death of a spouse, the majority find themselves managing their finances alone for the first time in many years. And many will work with a financial advisor without a spouse participating for the first time as well.

Having advised dozens of women in this transition stage, it's clear that most are very vulnerable. Above all, they want someone to listen and appreciate what they're going through. Issues are both emotional and financial. Because of this,

we normally suggest that recently widowed women slowly adjust to a new life and make no major financial changes for a year. They may, however, require immediate assistance changing the titles on accounts, filing for benefits, and dealing with estate planning issues. Income from retirement accounts, life insurance, Social Security benefits and any pension payments must be accounted for and balanced against outgoing payables. A trusted advisor can assist in handling pressing issues like these.

Oftentimes the subject of one's living situation will arise. Do I want to stay in my home? And can I afford to do that? Do I want to sell and move nearer children and/or grandchildren? What are the financial and tax ramifications of various scenarios regarding my primary residence?

An advisor who is a fiduciary and practices holistic financial planning can address these and other important questions that can ease a transition into a new financial life. The key is often the person's readiness level. Many newly widowed women are just not prepared to take the reins and execute major financial decisions the first few months they're alone. They're often reeling from the shock of ending one

stage of their lives. Most take some time to find their footing and become comfortable with beginning a new chapter.

Eventually women living alone need an understanding of what their new personal budget is going to like. They'll evaluate all recurring expenses and understand the sources of all streams of income. Simply stated, they'll take charge of their financial affairs.

Widows are now living on one Social Security check instead of two; they're adapting to working with a new budget for a single person; and they're now the primary decision maker in all their financial affairs. It's a lot to digest and process during what is normally already a very difficult period of time.

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Cross Shores Corner

By Shelly Cain
Special to The Star

Oh my goodness, y'all, I saw The Krickettes in concert last Friday night at The Port Theater. I am a new fan! Let me tell you the story of a small town and friendship. An "event" popped up on my Facebook page the night before the concert. It said they were from Port St. Joe but there wasn't a description of what genre of music they played. I did a YouTube search, found them, and listened to 1 song. That is all it took for me to be hooked. I went straight to the website to buy a ticket and they were all sold out. I whined a little bit (maybe a lot) on Facebook and faced the fact that I would not get a ticket.

On Friday afternoon, the same day as the concert a friend, Lynn, messaged me



[FILE PHOTO]

and said she saw 1 ticket for sale. In her kindness she arranged for me to get that ticket. We texted back and forth and by the time we met and I bought the ticket I had new friends, Ace and Go-Go. We spent some time getting to know each other before the concert and I met their friends. I had as much fun getting to know them as I did listening to The Krickettes.

Their sound is unique. It

took me back to my childhood, growing up in the hills of the Ozarks. I can't describe it more than a unique combination of folk and bluegrass and home. The musical talent with voice and instrument was phenomenal. Their songs described Port St. Joe as that small town with close friendships. I'm enjoying my new home. Treat everyone with importance and always be kind.

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GULF COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

(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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A problem with pole barns

Dear Editor,
I purchased two lots on CR30A on Indian Pass Lagoon intending to build houses on the lots. Imagine my dismay when I passed by a month ago and saw a pole barn being erected two lots down. However, that did not even touch the shock I had this weekend when I passed and saw that the "pole barn" is being turned into an enclosed commercial or workshop building of some kind.

This is no longer a pole barn to my way of thinking but a building. However, there is no building permit posted. In this hurricane zone, the basic codes I would be required to follow and the many inspections my houses would have to undergo are tremendously lacking.

Since these buildings are being allowed to be built without permits and inspections, we can "safely" assume that they are not following the hurricane or safety codes. The one near my lot has no hurricane

strapping and the siding will not stand in even minimal storms much less hurricane force winds.

Since it is not considered a commercial or residential building, the owner will only pay property taxes based on his lot, not based on the improvement or building of the lot. Gulf County loses financially with each of these structures erected. This is simply wrong.

How can a nice home being built next to this hold its value or be safe in a storm? It can't.

I brought the problems of pole barns in the hurricane corridor up in the last BOCC meeting. Once again, I ask the County Commissioners to do something about this problem. Especially of "pole barns" being turned into buildings for business or living spaces.

Please give us building codes requiring the pole barns meet building standards in the hurricane zone like other structures built for homes or businesses.

**Robyn A. Rennick,
Gulf County**

I voted for a yard sign

Dear Editor,
Several weeks ago, in a conversation with a friend, we discussed the then upcoming local election. So as the conversation went I asked my friend about the research he had done regarding his selection.

His reply took me back a bit as he stated that it was the quantity of the yard signs displayed in his neighborhood.

Now he qualified his research by stating that the candidates signs were placed in the yards of persons he "respected."

I pressed further wanting to find out if he knew the qualifications of the person fit the position. He didn't exactly know.

I've been involved with some political canvassing recently, and have been

surprised by voters who make their choices not by the candidates experience or qualifications, but rather how many friends the candidates may have.

With campaign season (silly season as it's sometimes referred to) in full swing, we are all sure to see a multitude of yard signs, banners, postcards etc. growing along our streets and post boxes. I would advise voters to contact the candidates, call, write, Facebook, get to know their platforms.

What will they propose to do for your county, state or country. Go to town halls or meet and greets. Diversify your sources of information and make your selection wisely. Or, perhaps you can vote for a yard sign.

**John Nagy, Candidate for
County Commission**

HISTORY

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Those who did the ousting pronounced they would pursue county-wide voting to the Supreme Court if need be.

Obviously, fell a tad short.

There have been the starts and stops with attorneys and specialists and tens of thousands of dollars expended, when three votes could be mustered to support such moves.

And the latest verdict from the attorney was that a court case would be an uphill battle, though he did not, as stated Tuesday, say the county would lose.

The odds were not in the county's favor.

Somehow that doesn't seem surprising coming from an attorney when your client has demonstrated a lukewarm, at best, support for moving forward.

And that is a fair characterization of the last round with the attorneys.

The more odious side of this, however, is not the voting and representation issue.

Every day that decree is in place it pronounces, from the pulpit of a federal court, that the representative adult population in Gulf County is

too racist to be left to its own voting whims.

Those voters are unable to eliminate the color of a person's skin in deciding whether that person should serve as county commissioner or school board member.

That is pretty damning testimony.

One, I would hope, that is not correct, though nobody can fully look within another's heart.

But the troubling aspect of it, from this corner, is the apparent comfort level of county commissioners with that characterization.

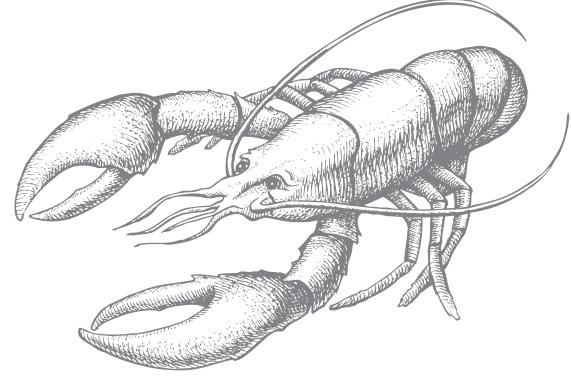
In the absence of their voices, and passion, to move ahead, demand the county move ahead on overturning a decree that dates to the early days of the Reagan administration, they are tacit in what that decree means.

In the literal, it means each and every one of the 10,000 county voters have just a 20 percent, 1 in 5, say in how the county is governed.

The decree has robbed county voters of one-person one-vote.

In the abstract, it means county leaders see the voting populace as not advanced enough since the 1980s to vote without skin color being a consideration.

And along the spectrum of wrong, that is off the scale.



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GCEC sends crews to assist with Florence response

Special to The Star

SOUTHPORT – Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative line workers headed north last week to assist Coastal Electric Cooperative restore power and repair damage caused by Hurricane Florence. With more than 1.7 million people in evacuation zones, Florence is predicted to bring a 13-foot storm surge and as much as 40 inches of rainfall.

Sending a five-man crew, Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative is ready to lend a helping hand to South Carolina, bringing a derrick, a pole trailer and two bucket trucks.

"Cooperation Amongst Cooperatives is critical to restoring power as quickly, and as safely, as possible," Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative CEO/General Manager John Bartley said.



Cole Barfield, Frankie Bailey, Jay Shiver, T. J. Davis and Josh Pitts headed to Walterboro, SC to assist Coastal Electric Cooperative with its restoration efforts following Hurricane Florence. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Veterans Office hours expand

Special to The Star

The Gulf County Board of Commissioners and the Veterans' Service Office are proud to announce that effective Oct. 1 the Veterans' Service Office will be available to serve Gulf County Veterans four days per week. The office hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. ET, Monday – Thursday.

Please contact the office at (850) 229-6125 to schedule an appointment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held before the Gulf County Planning and Development Review Board (PDRB) on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 8:45 a.m., EST and thereafter a Quasi-Judicial Hearing before the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., EST. Both the Public Hearing and the Quasi-Judicial Hearing will be held in the Donald H. Butler Commission Chamber located in the Robert M. Moore Administration Building at the Gulf County Courthouse Complex, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., in Port St. Joe, Florida. The Public Hearing before the PDRB will be to discuss, review, and submit recommendations to the BOCC on the following:

1. Variance Request - APPLICANTS: Jenny MASSEE & Lynsey D. CARROLL - **LOCATION:** Parcel ID #03708-005R - 9406 Olive Avenue - on the corner of Olive Avenue and Nutmeg Street - Beacon Hill Subdivision - Plat Book 1 - Page 2 - Lot 1 - Section 30 - Township 6 South - Range 11 West: Requesting a seven and one half (7.5') foot or a nine and one half (9.5') foot roadside building setback variance into the twenty (20) foot roadside building setback off of Nutmeg Street.

2. Variance Requirements, Philosophy and Fees.

The public is encouraged to attend and be heard on these matters. Information prior to the Public Hearing and Quasi-Judicial Hearing can be viewed at the Planning Department at 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., Room 303.

Pursuant to F.S. 286.0105:

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency or commission, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the County at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting/ hearing by contacting: County Administrators Office at (850) 229-6106. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Gulf County by utilizing and making the necessary arrangements with the Florida Coordination Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (866) 602-3275.

Autumn Action

SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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PROPYESTAS DE ENMIENDAS Y REVISIONES CONSTITUCIONALES PARA LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL DEL 2018

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que las siguientes enmiendas constitucionales propuestas y revisiones estarán presentes en la papeleta de las elecciones generales en cada condado de la elección general del 2018.

El lenguaje para estas enmiendas también se puede encontrar en FloridaPublicVotes.com, en DOS.ElectosMyFlorida.com/initiatives, y en el sitio web de este periódico.

N.º 1

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL

ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIÓN 6

ARTÍCULO XII, SECCIÓN 37

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Aumento de la Exención sobre los Impuestos a la propiedad de la vivienda Familiar (Homenaje)

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado con el fin de aumentar la exención fiscal de la vivienda familiar mediante la exención de la tasa fiscal de la propiedad de la vivienda familiar superior a \$100,000 y hasta \$125,000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distros escolares. La enmienda entrará en vigencia el 1º de enero de 2019.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO VII

FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN

SECCIÓN 6. Exenciones fiscales para la vivienda familiar. —

(a) Todas las personas que tienen titulidad legal o equitativa sobre bienes raíces y mantienen en los mismos la residencia permanente del propietario, quedarán exentos de la tributación sobre los mismos, a excepción de las imposiciones para fines específicos, hasta la tasa fiscal de vivienda familiar superior a \$100,000 y hasta \$125,000 para todos los gravámenes, a excepción de los gravámenes para distros escolares. La enmienda entrará en vigencia el 1º de enero de 2019.

N.º 2

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL

ARTÍCULO VI, SECCIÓN 4

ARTÍCULO XII, NUEVA SECCIÓN

TÍTULO DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

Emendada de Restablecimiento de Derechos al Voto

RESUMEN DE LA PAPELETA DE VOTACIÓN:

La presente enmienda establece los derechos de votación de los Florida que han sido condonados por delitos graves después de que cumplieron todos los términos de su sentencia. Lo que indica la libertad condicional o provisional. La enmienda no regula para aquellos condonados por homicidio o delitos sexuales, a quienes se les seguirá prohibiendo de manera permanente votar, a menos que el Gobernador y el Gabinete votaran para restablecer sus derechos de votación según cada caso en particular.

DECLARACIÓN DE IMPACTO FINANCIERO:

Las estimaciones de gastos de la presente enmienda en los costos del gobierno estatal y local no pueden determinarse. Sin embargo, la vigencia de las leyes actuales de inscripción de votantes, así como el mayor número de personas condonadas por delitos graves que votan para votar a favor de políticas y costos generales en relación a los procesos que existen actualmente. El impacto, si lo hubiere, en los ingresos públicos del gobierno estatal y local podría determinarse. El impacto fiscal es de cualquier legislación futura que implemente un proceso distinto no puede determinarse de manera razonable.

TEXTO COMPLETO:

ARTÍCULO VI, SECCIÓN 4. Descalificación.

(1) Ninguna persona que haya sido condonada por un delito grave, o que esté siendo libamente incomprendible en este o cualquier otro estado, estará habilitada para votar o ocupar un cargo público hasta que se restablezcan sus derechos civiles o hasta que desaparezca su discapacidad. Salvo lo señalado en la subsección (b) de esta sección, cualquier descalificación votar que surja de una orden de liberación por delito grave se extingue. Los derechos de votación se restablecen una vez que se cumplen todos los términos de la sentencia, incluyendo la libertad condicional o provisional.

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FSU's program aids dementia caregivers

Special to The Star

The Florida State University program called ACTS 2, which has brought relief to nearly 100 distressed African-Americans providing care for a loved one with dementia, is expanding its outreach in Western Panhandle counties. The program is free of charge, and very much needed.

Nine of 11 Western Panhandle counties have shortages of health-care specialists to bolster the emotional well-being of distressed caregivers.

"We're committed to providing culturally sensitive skills training and support to African-American caregivers faced with the challenges and demands of caregiving for a loved one with dementia," said Professor Rob Glueckauf, in the College of Medicine's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Social Medicine. "Although caregivers affirm the rewards of being able to serve, many experience health problems and emotional strain due

to difficulties in balancing work demands and other family obligations while caring for a loved one with dementia. So it's really a significant problem."

Glueckauf and his team have devoted the last four years to grounding ACTS 2 (African-American Alzheimer's Caregiver Training and Support Project 2) within the fabric of the African-American faith community. Caregivers participate in a 12-session, telephone-based skills-building and support program covering topics such as relaxation coupled with calming prayer, effective thinking combined with Scripture and problem-solving skills. The sessions are led by trained facilitators from the African-American faith community.

The program's key goals are to reduce caregivers' distress; improve their overall health; and enhance their skills in managing difficult caregiving situations.

ACTS 2 has been training caregivers throughout North and

Central Florida for four years. Initial evaluation with a largely urban caregiver sample was very positive.

Glueckauf said the next step focuses on rural regions.

Thanks to a \$118,000 grant that began in June, ACTS 2 is expanding its presence in Gulf, Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington counties. The ACTS 2 grant is part of the North and Central Florida Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Partnership (called "GWEP" for short), overseen by the College of Medicine's Geriatrics Department.

The funding agency for GWEP is the federal Health Resources and Services Administration.

"The grant allows for the hiring of liaisons in the community," Glueckauf said. "ACTS 2 liaisons will provide dementia awareness workshops to family caregivers, clergy, lay faith leaders and community health workers across the Western Panhandle.

"They also will be involved in recruiting caregivers and potential facilitators. Most ACTS 2 referrals come from presentations that we make to specific churches' district, regional and state conferences."

In August, for example, he and his team made a presentation to the First West Florida Baptist District Association. Of 120 people attending, they recruited 10 caregivers to take part in ACTS 2.

"We're planning a follow-up meeting that will attract a broad array of denominations Sept. 18 at the Greater True Vine Missionary Baptist Church in Pensacola," Glueckauf said.

They're also teaming up with the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Panhandle Area Agencies on Aging, memory-disorder clinics and more.

"GWEP is moving strongly to meet the needs of underserved

minorities who have health-care issues," he said. "The workforce shortages are significant. Older persons in the African-American community are twice as likely as their Caucasian counterparts to develop Alzheimer's and other types of dementia. We need to be there serving those who are underrepresented and underserved."

The Rev. Frank Jenkins, pastor of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Pensacola, is well aware of the need. Twice he has been a dementia caregiver himself. So in the past year, after he learned about ACTS 2, he joined the board of directors, recruited other pastoral support and hosted a presentation at his church.

"In all of our churches," he said, "there is a need to support caregivers. There are some people in my church who really need the faith-based help that ACTS 2 offers."

For more information, call 866-778-2724 or visit [www.ACTS2Project.org](http://ACTS2Project.org).

GULF COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Sept. 16-23

- On Sept. 17, Ethan Cunningham (39) and Sara Gallegos (35) turned themselves in to the Gulf County Sheriff's Office to be arrested on warrants for violation of probation. Cunningham was on probation for Principal to Grand Theft and Gallegos was on probation for Grand Theft. Deputy C. Harvey arrested both subjects and transported them to the Gulf County Detention Facility. On Sept. 18, Investigator S. Ferrell and K-9 Deputy M. Peek conducted a traffic stop on Mace Martin Road in Wewahitchka. Contact was made with the driver, Jimmie Dean Shores (48), and a passenger. K-9 Brix was deployed to conduct an open-air sniff around the vehicle. Brix alerted on the vehicle indicating the presence of an odor of illegal narcotics.

During a probable cause search of the vehicle, a brown pill bottle with Shores' name on it was located in the center console. The bottle contained a crystal-like substance that tested positive for the presence of Methamphetamine. Shores was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine.

- On Sept. 19, Deputy J. Page served an arrest warrant on Tyreke A. Desire (23) at the Gulf County Detention Facility. Desire, a Florida Department of Corrections Inmate, was charged with Possession of Contraband by Gulf Correctional Institution Inspectors following an investigation within the prison. Desire was returned to Gulf C.I. custody after he was booked and first appeared.
- On Sept. 20, Sgt. D. Sanders traveled to the Franklin County

Jail to arrest Danielle Nicole Cruz (27) on a warrant for Violation of Probation. Cruz was on probation for Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Cruz was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility and booked.

- On Sept. 20, Deputy A. White traveled to the Bay County Jail to arrest Robert Caine Maples (23) on a violation of probation warrant. Maples was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine. Maples was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on the warrant.

- On Sept. 21, Deputy P. Young conducted a traffic stop on Pine Avenue in Wewahitchka. The driver, who was identified as Ronald L. Wilson (54), stated to Deputy Young that his driver's

license was suspended. Deputy Young confirmed this through a driver's license status check and placed Wilson under arrest for driving with a suspended driver's license. Due to Wilson driving history, he was charged as a habitual traffic offender. Wilson was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking. On Sept. 22, Deputy C. Harvey went to Johnson Lane in Wewahitchka and arrested Michael Deane Ward (50) on a warrant for Criminal Mischief. The warrant stemmed from an incident that occurred earlier in the week in which Ward was responsible for damaging a vehicle belonging to another person.

- On Sept. 22, Deputy C. Harvey arrested Michael W. Sanders (62) in Douglas Landing on a warrant for Theft of Utility Services. The

charge against Sanders resulted from an investigation by Deputy G. Desrosier where Sanders was suspected of stealing water from a neighbor to supply his own residence with water. Sanders was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked.

- On Sept. 22, Deputy C. Harvey arrested Taylor Madison Matincheck (20) on Abby Drive in Wewahitchka. Matincheck was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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

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SCALLOP

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Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services recently announced a similar closure for clams, mussels and oysters (not including bay scallops) due to the algae bloom impacting the area."

St. Joseph Bay remains open for other recreational activities, Kelli Godwin, Executive Director of the Gulf County Tourism Development Agency said.

Yes, it would have been what they call in sports a "moral victory" if Sunday's state-scheduled close of the scallop season arrived without hiccup.

But, this was a season that felt as a scallop season should to long-time aficionados, with limits caught and succulent meaty results reported by those who dove, waded, snorkeled and searched.

"Everything we have heard has been it has been a great year," said Kelli Godwin, executive director of the Gulf County Tourism Development Council. "We have had consistent reports of people catching their limit and the scallops being great in size with good amount of meat.

"I think the season being later in the year, allowing them to reproduce, was a positive."

Godwin added that moderate concentrations of red tide found offshore in the past week has had no impact on the season until Wednesday.

Reports of dead fish had been addressed.

Godwin had been counting the days until Sunday.

"It's been a couple of years since we had a full season," Godwin said.

Evidence of any season of any length, really, was a leap forward from the past two seasons and underscored that a restoration effort by the FWC found purchase in the seagrass beds of St. Joseph Bay.

"All indications are it was a productive scallop season," said Bobby Scarborough of Bluewater Outriggers.

Two years ago, the adult scallop population was deemed "collapsed."

FWC researchers pointed to a heavy red tide bloom the prior winter, during the spawning period, as the culprit.



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After considering an outright cancellation of the season, the FWC set a 10-day season which began late and ended early compared to other areas of the state.

In 2017, an algae bloom unrelated to red tide, but with the potential to sicken humans who ate tainted shellfish, closed the bay to all shellfish harvesting, including scallops, on the eve of the scallop season's opening.

Ultimately, the season did not begin until after Labor Day and spanned just 16 days.

Meanwhile, the FWC was undertaking restoration efforts which the agency has found effective and a model for use in other areas, such as Bay County's St. Andrews Bay.

There were scallop "rodeos" to harvest adult scallops just prior to each season opening, the scallops caged or taken to a lab to facilitate spawning.

In addition, the FWC established a "scallop sitting" program using local volunteers to protect and maintain cages of scallops.

Scallops spawn in the water column, so caging them, or putting them in closer proximity, aims to facilitate more productive and efficient spawning.

The results were highlighted by population

surveys prior to the opening of harvest season.

During this year's survey researchers found 8.1 scallops per square meter, approximately 1.2 square yards.

That is more than three times the density found during last year's survey and eight times higher than two years ago, when the population was deemed "collapsed," with less than one scallop per square meter.

The population remains "vulnerable," the FWC category for adult populations of between two and 20 scallops per square meter.

Amanda Nalley with the FWC said the restoration efforts would continue.

In addition, the FWC is collecting comments at MYFWC.com/saltwater-comments and will also be conducting a survey about the season structure soon as well.

The FWC altered the season structure the past two years, moving to more regional-centric seasons as opposed to a statewide opening.

During a town hall meeting in 2017, local residents urged the FWC to move the St. Joseph Bay season back from what had been a late June start to a season that aligned more with August and September.

better results from the new flood maps to more property owners.

So, by Tuesday's BOCC action, the 63 inland panels will proceed through the appeal and protest period and reach a final window for comments, according to a representative from the NFWFMD.

Meanwhile, the 40 coastal panels will continue as they are, suspended in the process as the NFWFMD seeks additional funding and updated data.

In addition, the agency will do additional wave elevation work, critical in safe building in coastal areas.

Ultimately, the preliminary maps would be re-issued using the latest data and begin the process all over again.

The time until those coastal preliminary maps would become final is likely three to four years away, said the NFWFMD representative.

"This was a good compromise," said Dr. Pat Hardman, president of the Coastal Community Association of Gulf County.

"This made common sense."

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America is Hungry for Martha Stewart's New 30-Minute Dinner Kits

Consumers rushing to get Martha's delicious recipes and seasonal ingredients delivered to their doorsteps

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Rod, one of thousands of happy customers says, "I just wanted to thank all at Martha & Marley Spoon. Quality, value, convenience, I could go on. Amazing, delicious, healthy, wonderfully orchestrated meals with a 1, 2, 3 cooking approach. By the way, I started by ordering this for my college daughter who never boiled water prior to December. She is now making herself amazing, healthy, fresh food. Yay!"

Fans of the product love that all they have to do is cook, relax, and enjoy the experience. Each recipe takes around 30 minutes, which enables households to eat well and have plenty of time for other important things.

As Martha says, "Save time to make time for everything else you want to do."

Why Americans Are Raving About This "Dinner in a Box"

The Associated Press calls Martha & Marley Spoon "the best meal kit," and the company has been featured in the New York Times, USA Today, Fortune, The Today Show, and more. In June alone, news of the service was covered by over 157 media outlets, seen and heard more than 600 million times.

What sets this meal kit service apart? We've boiled it down to 7 simple reasons:

1. Trusted, time-tested recipes.

While other companies offer unproven meal options, Martha & Marley Spoon sends you the best of Martha's 18,000+ recipes, so every meal you cook is a winner.

2. Time-saving cooking techniques.

Martha & Marley Spoon meals use Martha's smart cooking techniques so you can enjoy a delicious meal in as little as 20 minutes, with no planning or shopping whatsoever.

3. Choice and variety.

Martha & Marley Spoon offers 7 new recipes and 3 customer favorites to choose from weekly, with plans for both couples and families. It is the only service in America that provides total choice of what to cook for both families and 2-person households.

4. Thoughtfully-sourced ingredients.

Martha & Marley Spoon works with local suppliers to bring the very best to your table, including organic produce, artisanal cheeses and condiments, and ethically-sourced meats and seafood.

5. Timeless recipe cards.

Every box comes with beautifully-designed, sturdy recipe cards that are easy to follow and reuse.

6. Wholesome, balanced meals.

Recipes are designed for healthy weeknight cooking and eating, quick preparation, and they're a clear winner over take-out and frozen meals.

7. The freshest food around.

Martha & Marley Spoon focuses on fresh, local food that is sourced as little as 24 hours before shipping, meaning that

MAP

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particularly impactful to areas such as downtown Port St. Joe.

"This is a home run for the citizens," Hammond said.

The NFWFMD agreed to split the county for consideration of updates to the FEMA flood maps.

Using a mechanism called a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), the water management district hopes to complete the process of updating inland preliminary maps in a shorter period of time.

That would mean 63 of the county's 103 flood map panels would move ahead in the process; that process was halted in Gulf County during the appeal and protest phase at the request of commissioners.

They sought to use the latest LIDAR data, which employs lasers and lights for more accurate surveying of lands, to bring

the relief will likely trickle to far more than 900.

"This is a big win for inland property owners," Hammond said.

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New Amazing Bladder Leakage Pill Hits US Retail Stores

Studies show a new pill may be effective enough to replace adult diapers at stores leading one major retailer to now carry it; users report reductions in urgency, frequency, leaking, and nighttime urination.

Raymond Wilson
Associated Health Press

BOSTON - If you're one of the lucky few to live close enough to the 12 pilot stores in the northeast, the news couldn't be better.

And for everyone else, the company says they will still offer their patented bladder control while supplies last.

The new pill, called *UriVarx™*, contains a patented ingredient that keeps the bladder from releasing involuntarily, which reduces accidents and frequent bathroom trips.

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

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

An Amazing Discovery in Bladder Control

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

"As you get older, and the involuntary muscles around your bladder weaken, you lose urinary control. With your bladder wall unable to properly seal, you constantly leak and feel pressure to urinate" explains Dr. Henry Esber, creator of the new pill.

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

Freedom From Sudden Urges and Leaks

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

To begin with, the double blind clinical studies have been impressive. So much in fact, they are published on the clinicaltrials.gov database.

Participants taking *UriVarx™* saw a stunning reduction in urinary frequency, which resulted in fewer bathroom trips both day and night.

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

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

Day and Night Protection

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

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

Exciting Results From *UriVarx™* Users

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



NEW PILL TO REPLACE DIAPERS MAKES US DEBUT: *UriVarx™* can now be purchased in 12 stores in the northeast.

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

"After my third child, I couldn't control my bladder. I was running to the bathroom all the time! And once I hit my 60s it became so unpredictable I needed to wear adult pads every day" explained one sufferer.

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

Impressive Clinical Results

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

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

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

Overall, the *UriVarx™* group experienced:

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

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

"The clinical findings are incredible, but people still wonder if it will really work" explains Dr. Esber.

"It's normal to be skeptical, but we've seen thousands of *UriVarx™* users get results exactly like the participants in the study. It's an amazing product."

Targets and Strengthens Bladder Muscle

UriVarx™ is a pill that's to be taken twice daily. It does not require a prescription.

The active ingredients are patented natural extracts.

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

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

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

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

Bladder Problems Gone

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

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

Where to Find *UriVarx™*

While this is the official press release of *UriVarx™* in stores, it's only available in select locations until its nationwide release.

The good news is the manufacturer is offering consumers an opportunity to try *UriVarx™* for far less than what it would cost to buy in stores. It's the last chance readers can enjoy substantial savings and is only available for a very limited time.

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

Your Toll-Free Hotline number is 1-800-347-5658 and will only be open for the next 48 hours or until inventory runs out. Only a limited discounted supply of *UriVarx™* is currently available in your region.

FUNDS

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The BOCC Tuesday also approved going out for bids on the dry dock project, which the Triumph board requested as the first step in understanding the true costs of the project.

A decision, any decision, by the Triumph board on the dry dock project had been sought by the county to determine what Triumph would contribute and what other pots of money must be pursued.

The county is seeking additional grant funding from the governor's Job Growth Fund.

The dredging of the shipping channel is all but shovel ready.

The project has secured state and federal permitting and design of the spoil site infrastructure was seen as the last major hurdle before the dredging could commence.

However, county officials, perceiving the floating dry dock as the quickest path to development of the Port of Port St. Joe, had asked and been provided full backing from the county's various governing bodies in making the dry dock the top priority.

Now that the county understands where that project stands, Yeager said the dredging of the

entire channel was a logical next step.

"I think it is the time to do that," Yeager said of the pre-application.

Triumph staff will determine the eligibility of the pre-application before the project would move to a full application.

Other pieces of the port puzzle are also slipping onto the table top.

Magidson and Yeager said the county and Port Authority, working with the St. Joe Company, are much closer to securing a release of FDOT grant funds for repair of the rail line that connects the port to points north.

"We are close," Magidson said.

The repair of the rail lines will take more than a year, Yeager said, and are a priority to fully opening the port to development.

Additionally, permitting continues ahead on work on the former paper mill site in preparation of the arrival of an Eastern Shipbuilding outfitting/maintenance yard.

The county secured a \$6 million state appropriation to facilitate dredging in the ship channel turning basin, permitting and construction of elements of the yard, including a 10,000-square-foot building.

County commissioners on Tuesday also approved going out for bids on some components of that project.

Yeager said Eastern hoped to be working on its contracted Staten Island

ferry vessels in Port St. Joe by next May.

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. is charged with disbursing some \$1.2 billion in eight Northwest Florida counties over the next 15 years.

Each of those counties receives each year a designated percentage of the annual payments coming to the state as fine dollars stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Gulf County's first year dedicated funding from Triumph was \$15 million.

WindMark pier

Commissioners approved a recommendation from Yeager that the county turn down \$1.3 million in Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA) funds in order to seek additional funding for a pier at WindMark.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is overseeing the project, which five years ago was announced as one of several NRDA "early restoration" projects stemming out of Deepwater.

However, the price tag is now \$3.5 million and the FDEP has recommended the county turn down the original funding award and seek the entire \$3.5 million in NRDA funds.

Yeager did not have a time frame on a decision from NRDA officials.

PROJECT

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10th Street Park complex.

In a memo to the board, Attorney Jeremy Novak deemed the "10th Street Revitalization Project" a legal use of bed tax dollars, in this instance the so-called fifth penny for parks and recreation, under Florida statutes.

And Administrator Michael Hammond recommended that the BOCC fund \$700,000 toward 10th Street Park renovations, under a grant and interlocal agreement with the city.

Additionally, Hammond recommended and commissioners approved using \$118,000 from the same pot of bed tax dollars to construct pickleball courts at Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill.

In effect, commissioners removed funding from the tentative budget of fifth-penny receipts to be earmarked for 10th Street, after city commissioners took pickleball courts out, and put it toward courts in a county park.

Novak had stated for months that the extent of the BOCC's involvement in the park plan, despite its evolution from BOCC meetings, was solely to deem it legal under Florida law pertaining to the spending of bed taxes.

"It is a city park, a city project," said Commissioner Ward McDaniel after the meeting.

Hammond said there

was a net of just one ball field in the city's plan, which was a compromise, and Novak had found it a legitimate expense, he said.

He said the plan should move forward.

The BOCC's action, as should have been expected given the nature of this lengthy process, was met with concern, at varying emotional heat levels, by residents who have been tussling over the project for much of the year.

Over 40 minutes and 11 speakers, all but one arguing against the county's actions, commissioners heard what has been heard in city meetings for months and, when permitted, during at least two BOCC meetings.

As has been the case before in the BOCC, not one of those speakers was allowed an extension of their original three minutes speaking time.

That has only occurred, in recent memory, when debate has turned to the park project.

"It is deplorable that you would silence the opposition..." said resident Dan Doty. "They do that in other countries, not in the United States."

The primary issue for residents, a particularly timely given recent weather, is the nature of the land, which is part of a 270-acre stormwater basin and much of it is wetlands.

The neighborhood, residents have said for months, already experiences significant flooding problems which will only

be exacerbated with new construction and the addition of non-permeable surfaces.

Resident Robert Branch has presented materials at three different meetings regarding the existing flooding issues and the settling of his house without any concern from governing officials, city or county, he said.

"We are very concerned about this issue," said Christy McElroy.

Novak said the city still must permit the project.

"There are problems out there," Novak said, noting they would have to be addressed during permitting.

Only after that permitting and an ability to proceed with the project, Hammond added, would the county's grant become applicable, used as reimbursement for city expense on the project.

For residents, issues go beyond the flooding to include safety, increased traffic and noise and a diminution of the natural beauty found in the area and along the nearby Port St. Joe Trail.

And they include a paper trail of public records that reflect, at least in part, the tale of how a project to create, through a city-county partnership, a sports complex on Field of Dreams Ave. transformed into the renovation of the 10th Street Park.

"You know this is a bad idea," Branch said. "You had your mind made up a year ago."

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OUTDOORS

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Volunteers make Bay Day happen

Special to The Star

It all started in 2003 when the first Board of the Friends of the Preserves decided to have a thank you for those who had supported their tireless efforts of establishing a committed group of citizens concerned with helping the health of the bay. Charla Boggs was the first president of this illustrious group of citizens. That first group and each group who have followed have displayed extraordinary desires to restore the land, protect the water, and preserve for the future.

Lynda White is the current president who has been blessed with an outstanding board and wonderful opportunities during her term in office. Purchasing lots adjacent to the Buffer Preserve will help continue to help

protect the quality of the water and wildlife in and near St. Joe Bay. Lynda says, "It has been a privilege to serve on the board then as its president. Opportunities have been available and funds from our previous Bay Day's allowed us to make these purchases. The 5,025-plus acres benefit the entire community. Improvements made in the buffer and aquatic preserves contribute to the mission of the preserves.

Would you believe that over 300 attended the first "Low Country Boil?"

How about this fact? There were seven prizes donated to be given away in a drawing on that first event. Yes, you read it correctly. Seven prizes were given and of that seven -- four of them are still donating prizes for the Bay Day Live Auction, Silent Auction or for the Raffle.

Original sponsors were: Dead Fish Charters at the Indian Pass Campground, The Entrance, Happy Ours, Debbie Hooper Photography, Indian Pass Raw Bar, St. Vincent Island Shuttle Service and Richard and Anne Ingram.

We would love to list our sponsors for the Fall Bay Day which will be held on Oct. 13 and the Live Auction on Oct. 11. We have a super problem. There is not enough space to list them all in this article!

Thank you to the 200-plus sponsors for 2018! We hope that you will peruse our website at www.stjosephbaypreserves.org and see for yourself how many of these local businesses you support with your business. When you are considering making a purchase see if you can use a business who knows the value of the bay to the citizens of Gulf County and the surrounding area.

For an authentic experience (the Atlanta Magazine says), come on out to the St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve on Saturday, Oct. 13. You can participate in a great Birding Tour led by Ron Houser of the Bay County Audubon Society, beginning at 8 a.m. ET. There will be four Tram Tours: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. Twenty-four seats for each time. Both are free.

We will ask for a \$10 donation for each shrimp plate and what a bargain that is. The first plates in 2003 were \$7 so you can see they are a bargain and most delicious.

There is an event on Thursday night at 6:30 pm at the Preserve Visitor Center which you will not want to miss. This is



An array of items have been donated by local businesses for a Live Auction the Thursday prior to Bay Day. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

an excellent opportunity to make donations to the preserves while having a lot of fun. Our Auctioneer, Frank will entertain you while encouraging you to go ahead and plan that charter fishing trip or enjoy that stay at the beach. Want to see what your choices are? Go to www.stjosephbaypreserves.org and see the entire list of donations made by our awesome sponsors. All to help protect the bay, the natural communities and wildlife in the preserve.

Look for hand-outs of the Live Auction items in retail stores in the area and check them out online. Christmas is right around the corner and you can get started early. You will be so proud of yourself for getting that head start and in such an outstanding way - helping the preserves.

If you have questions please call 229-1787, Ext. 1 for more information.



A low country boil is the centerpiece for every Bay Day [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, September 27	87°	75°	50%
Fri, September 28	89°	75°	30%
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To find the tides of the following areas, subtract the indicated times from these given for APALACHICOLA:

	HIGH	LOW
Cat Point	Minus 0:40	Minus 1:17
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	HIGH	LOW
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Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
27	Th	11:58p	1.6		7:04a 0.7
28	Fr			8:32a	0.6
29	Sa	12:30a	1.8		10:09a 0.4
30	Su	1:11a	1.9		11:42a 0.3
1	Mo	2:01a	2.0		1:00p 0.2
2	Tu	3:01a	2.0		2:05p 0.1
3	We	4:12a	2.0		3:02p 0.1

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide
27	Th	4:54a	1.6	6:11p	1.5
28	Fr	5:17a	1.6	7:09p	1.4
29	Sa	5:45a	1.6	8:18p	1.4
30	Su	6:17a	1.6	9:45p	1.3
1	Mo	6:57a	1.6	11:37p	1.3
2	Tu	7:48a	1.6		2:04a 1.4
3	We	1:15a	1.4	8:58a	1.6
				4:11a	1.5
				6:19p	0.3

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FISHING REPORT



As we wind down to the last week of Scallop season for St. Joe Bay all indications are that it was a very productive season indeed.

Please remember that the season comes to a close on Sept. 30. On the fishing side things have heated up pretty good in our area. Good reports of Redfish along the Town Beach area and some taken around the Windmark area as well.

Several baits are taking fish including live shrimp, soft baits like Voodoo shrimp and D.O.A. shrimp has produced.

Flounder bite continues to be pretty good as well. From the Mexico Beach canal all the way down to the Highland View bridge.

Again several baits are producing fish, including Bull minnows, soft baits such as Zman white paddle butt shad and Gotcha white grubs and white shrimp.

All of these baits are available at Bluewater Outriggers as well as live baits when available. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

Star Staff Report

The Friends of St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge will hold a fundraiser 1-6 p.m. ET Sunday, Oct. 14 at Bowery

Station in Apalachicola.

The event headliner will be a Jimmy Buffett Tribute featuring Sticky Too.

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SPORTS

Gators shut down North Bay Haven

Gatehouse Media

PANAMA CITY BEACH — The search for North Bay Haven's first victory of the season continues for the Buccaneers, as they were dealt their fourth straight loss to start the year 28-0 by Wewahitchka on Friday night at Gavlak Stadium.

The Gators scored a touchdown in each of the four quarters and took advantage defensively of a NBH team still struggling without its senior starting quarterback to improve to 3-2 on the season. Wewahitchka got a pair of touchdowns from quarterback Cody Lee and one each from Trevor Nunnery and Tyreeq Thomas.

Nunnery led the Wewahitchka attack, carrying 14 times for 211 yards and a touchdown as the Gators rushed for 410 yards on 51 carries.

Lee added 109 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries and also added a two-point conversion.

Thomas had 62 yards on 11 carries but also lost two



Wewahitchka's Cody Lee stretches for the chains. [HEATHER HOWARD/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

fumbles; Truman Green, seeing his first action on offense this season, had 28 yards on nine carries and added a two-point conversion run.

Wewahitchka led 14-0 at halftime and 20-0 through three quarters. The Bucs had a pair of golden opportunities to score slip through their fingers with two near touchdown

passes unable to be hauled in by NBH receivers.

Quarterback Ray Tynan, sidelined last week with a knee injury, tried to give it a go Friday night but had to leave the game after just three plays.

"He wasn't ready to go," NBH coach Andy Siegal said. "I think he just wasn't 100 percent. We hope he'll be ready to



Truman Green makes the tackle. [HEATHER HOWARD | GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

go by next week."

The Bucs also lost a pair of starting offensive linemen Friday to injuries and had a tough time consistently moving the ball against the Gators' defense.

"We struggled a little bit on offense, but the defense was battling the best they could all game," Siegal said. "(The Gators) have got a really good

offense with a three-headed monster at running back. Offensively, we're just getting decimated on the line. That doesn't help when you're trying to move the ball on offense."

Nunnery also paced the Gators on defense, with a game-high 14 tackles, two solo, and two sacks.

The Gators travel to Sneads next week to take on the Pirates.

Port St. Joe blanks Rutherford 31-0

By Pat McCann
Special to The Star

SAND HILLS — The good news for Rutherford in its 31-0 loss to Port St. Joe last Friday night reads somewhat distorted without a corresponding game summary.

The Class 4A Rams, now 1-4, actually took a dramatic step forward defensively.

The main problem with that theory, however, is that is where the 1A Tiger Sharks truly excel. The outcome was their third shutout on the young season, and Port St. Joe, 4-0, has allowed the miserly total of 9 points in its four victories.

Not only did the Tiger Sharks yield only 52 total yards and three first downs, they did not allow the Rams to take a snap inside their 34-yard line.

And that foray, which ended in one of Rutherford's six punts, was only one of two series in which the Rams crossed midfield.

Coach Greg Jordan, in his first season at Port St. Joe after a very successful run at Blountstown, always has believed in putting his 11 best players on defense and filling in on offense.

That was in evidence on Friday night at Bozeman, and despite the lopsided final score

Scoring

First quarter: Port St. Joe, J. Butts 5 run (Bogaert kick).

Port St. Joe, FG Bogaert 27.

Third quarter: Port St. Joe, R. Russ 5 run (Bogaert kick).

Fourth quarter: Port St. Joe, Gant recovered fumble in end zone (Bogaert kick).

Port St. Joe, Zaccaro 5 run (Bogaert kick).

Team

First downs: Port St. Joe 12, Rutherford 3. Rushing: Port St. Joe 41-174, Rutherford 32-48. Passing: Port St. Joe 55, Rutherford 4. Total yards: Port St. Joe 229, Rutherford 52. Fumbles: Port St. Joe 1-0, Rutherford 4-1. Penalties:

Port St. Joe 6-50, Rutherford

5-16. Punts: Port St. Joe 5-35, Rutherford 6-28.

Individual

Rushing -- Port St. Joe:

R. Russ 9-56, Thomas 8-30, Zaccaro 3-26, J. Butts 10-26, Edwards 4-14, Griffin 3-12, Reed 3-8, Ash 1-2. Rutherford: Bouie 10-45, Givens 2-13, Caldwell 11-7, Green 3-6, Tubbs 4-(-2), team 2-(20).

Passing -- Port St. Joe:

J. Butts 4-14-0-55. Rutherford: Tubbs 2-7-1-4, Richardson 0-3-0-0.

Receiving -- Port St. Joe:

R. Russ 4-55. Rutherford: Smith 1-6, Hughes 1-(-2).

Rutherford allowed Port St. Joe only one offensive possession that covered more than 50 yards.

The predicament for the Rams was that the Tiger Sharks used their defense and special teams to either produce points or set up short fields for the offense to travel.

The Rams were within 17-0 midway through the fourth

quarter when a punt by Joel Bogaert pinned Rutherford at its 2 when return man Brian Edwards initially fumbled the ball and then was swarmed by Port St. Joe's coverage unit.

Rutherford quarterback Reggie Tubbs and running back James Caldwell miscommunicated on a handoff on first down and safety Kendre' Gant picked up the loose ball in

the end zone for an easy Port St. Joe touchdown.

Bogaert's extra point made it 24-0 with 5 minutes, 8 seconds to play.

When Rutherford was unable to convert a fourth-down gamble on its next series, the Tiger Sharks took over at the Rams' 39. Standout middle linebacker Khayyon Zaccaro powered the final 19 yards on two bruising carries as the final became a blowout with 1:21 left.

Otherwise, Rutherford's defense held Port St. Joe to 229 total yards and only two plays in excess of 20 yards. The Tiger Sharks drove 64 yards in nine plays to their initial score, and that was their best production of the evening.

Russell Russ got a fine lead block by receiver Cameron Harmon for a 20-yard gain on a sweep to the left that reached the Rams' 15.

Quarterback Josh Butts ran 10 yards to a first-and-goal from the 5, then corralled a high snap, broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage and powered into the end zone with 3:01 left in the first quarter.

Port St. Joe took over at Rutherford's 13 after a high snap derailed a punt attempt by Billy Thompson on the

Rams' next possession.

The Tiger Sharks only could produce a 27-yard field goal by Bogaert, though, and it was 10-0 at halftime.

Port St. Joe's other touchdown was the result of a short field when the Tiger Sharks held on Rutherford's first series of the third quarter. Port St. Joe drove 34 yards in seven plays to Russ scoring from the 5.

The Tiger Sharks have weapons on defense in Zaccaro, UCF commitment Gant, sophomore Josh Farmer and defensive end Gene Quinn among others.

Rutherford's lone threat offensively was Montell Bouie, who rushed for 45 yards on 10 carries. Antwoine Givens had 13 yards on two attempts before turning an ankle.

Otherwise, the Rams completed only two passes for a total of 4 yards.

Neither was Port St. Joe impressive statistically. Russ rushed for 56 yards on nine attempts, but Butts was limited to 26 yards on 10 carries and completed only 4 of 14 pass attempts for 55 yards.

All four completions went to Russ.

Port St. Joe hosts North Florida Educational on Friday.

Coach's Corner

By Greg Jordan
Head Football Coach / AD
Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High
Special to The Star

The Sharks moved to 4-0 on the season with a 31-0 shut-out victory over the class 4A Rutherford Rams. The Rams are a much improved team over the last several years with a 40 man roster and with players that are learning to compete for 4 quarters. The Sharks started fast with a 10 point 1st quarter. We could not sustain any offense in the 2nd quarter and went into halftime with a 10-0 lead. We scored once in the 3rd quarter to lead 17-0 going into the 4th. We closed out the Rams on a recovered fumble for a TD and a late rushing TD to make the final margin 31-0.

Hats off to our defensive players and Coaches for

their continued dominance in this 4 game stretch.

We've had 3 shutouts and

given up only 9 points total in 4 games.

Our kids are getting to the ball and are

getting off the field on 3rd

down which is huge for us.

We held Rutherford to 1 for

12 on 3rd down conversions

for the night. That's an 8.3%

conversion rate!! That will

get the job done!! The Rams

had 48 rushing yards on 42

carries and were 3-11 passing

for 1 yard. They ran 42

total plays for 49 total yards.

Defense travels and can

keep you in games until the

Offense figures things out.

Offensively we managed

222 total yards on 56 plays.

We had 171 rushing on 40

carries and were 5-16 pass-

ing for 51 yards. We will con-

tinute to improve offensively

as the season moves on. We

just seem right now to have

one mistake here and there

during drives that cause us to lose momentum and sputter sometimes. Consistency is the name of the game and is what we are in search of on Offense. The kids are working hard, we will keep coaching them and hopefully the results will show.

This week the Sharks will host North Florida Educational Institute out of Jacksonville. We know very little about them only having seen a couple of game films and having no common opponents.

We will prepare for them and guard against any type of let down. We want to keep the Defensive stan-

dards we have established and get our Offense firing on all 8 cylinders. Come sup-

port the Sharks as we host a team that has never before visited Shark Stadium!!

KICKOFF is set for 7:30!! See you at the game!! GO SHARKS!!!

Port St. Joe girls win at Sneads

Star Staff Report

The girls of Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School won their third cross country meet of the season last week at Sneads.

Competing against a field of nine other teams, the Lady Tiger Sharks placed three in the top 5 and won for the third time in five meets.

Zoe Gerlach paced Port St. Joe with a time of 21:58, a personal best and good for third place.

Autumn Kotelman (fourth, 22:02) and Madelyn Gortemoller (fifth, 22:39) also ran personal bests.

Jade Cothran finished in the top 10 for Port St. Joe.

Quinci Elphinstone (25th), Lexi Fountain

(28th), Savannah Burket (31st), Sammya Brown (37th) and Hannah DeCosta rounded out the Port St. Joe finishers.

Boys

In the boys race, Port St. Joe, running without a full team placed two runners in the top 10.

Wewahitchka finished sixth and Port St. Joe seventh.

Port St. Joe junior Zach McFarland was second in a time of 17:02.17 and ninth-grader Ricky Forbes was 10th in a time of 20:00.

Wewahitchka had Zander Hanlon and Dakota Askew finish in the top 40 and Zach Kemp and David Rich, just a seventh-grader, finish in the top 50.

their continued dominance in this 4 game stretch.

We've had 3 shutouts and

given up only 9 points total in 4 games.

Our kids are getting to the ball and are

getting off the field on 3rd

down which is huge for us.

We held Rutherford to 1 for

12 on 3rd down conversions

for the night. That's an 8.3%

conversion rate!! That will

get the job done!! The Rams

had 48 rushing yards on 42

carries and were 3-11 pass-

ing for 1 yard. They ran 42

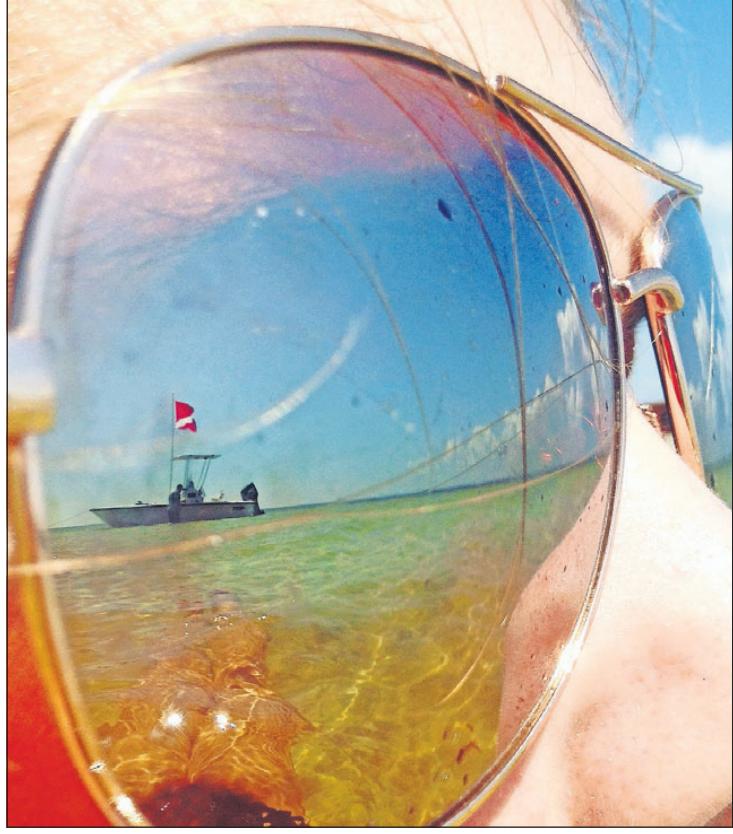
total plays for 49 total yards.

Defense travels and can

keep you in games until the

Offense figures things out.

SCENE AROUND



Endless summer reflections. [COURTESY OF SAMANTHA CORZINE]



Spoonbills at Cape San Blas point. [COURTESY OF BRANDI PIERGIOVANNI]



Lunch time on St. Joe Beach. [COURTESY OF LIZZY ABSHER]



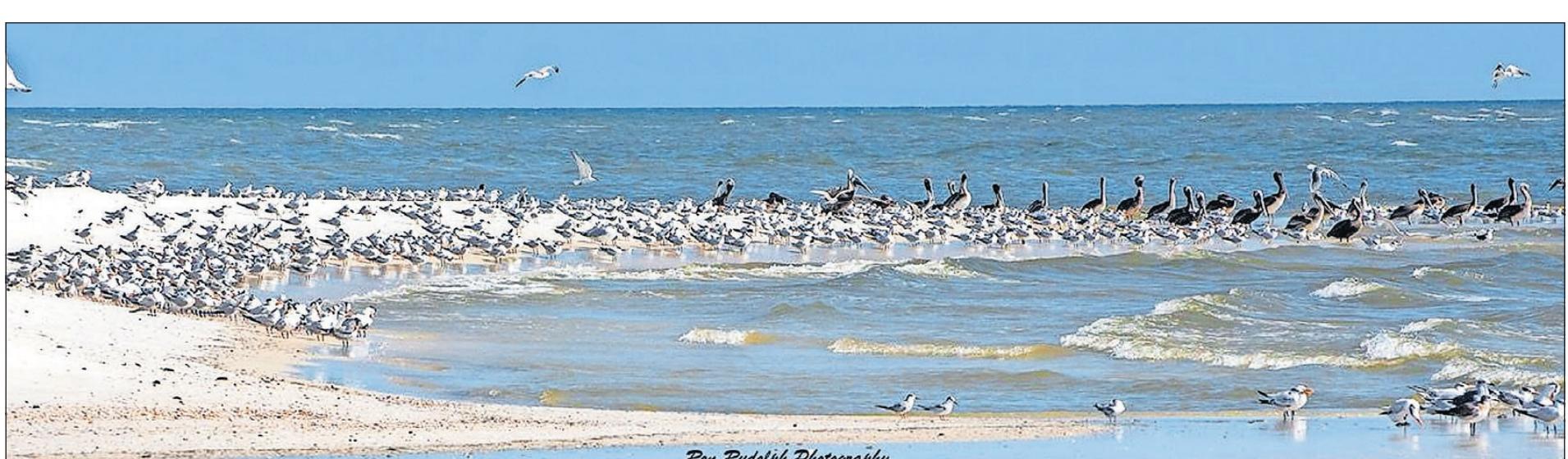
Sunset over the bay, as seen from Simmons Bayou. [COURTESY OF BUDDY EDWARDS]



Scalloping in the southern end of St. Joseph Bay. [COURTESY OF LARRY SHERIDAN]



Lightning show over the Gulf near Mexico Beach. [COURTESY OF SANDIE KENNEDY]



Enjoying the waves. [COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH]

COMMUNITY

Honor Walk project reaches another milestone

Flag poles arrive for center of memorial

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The central concept for a proposed "Honor Walk" at Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill is honoring veterans who have sacrificed to defend the country's flag and the ideals which that flag represents.

So it was no small step when the poles that will display the American Flag, as well as the flags of the branches of the military at new monument in Gulf County, arrived just after the Labor Day holiday.

Currently in storage, awaiting completion of critical groundwork and

fundraising, the poles, paid by Tourist Development Council bed tax dollars, will be the eye catchers for travelers along U.S. 98.

"From the precipice of Beacon Hill they will appear magnificent in their dominance of the landscape," said Rodney Herring, a member of the citizens committee spearheading the Honor Walk project.

In the middle of the array of poles will be the one displaying the American Flag, standing 70-feet tall; that is about 15 feet taller than the flag pole in the Port City Shopping Center.

The other five poles, each 50-foot tall, will display the flags of the military branches, Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

"Their majesty will be (a highlight) to those traveling



George Duren aids in offloading the flag poles for the Honor Walk in Veterans Memorial Park. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

along U.S. 98 and the Gulf Coast," Herring said.

The poles, designed to exceed coastline engineering standards, were delivered in individual sheaths from Bell Signs out of Orlando.

Herring and fellow Honor Walk committee members George Duren and Jessica Susich were on hand to take delivery.

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Creating a team for care CERT-ainity

EOC classes begin next week

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A natural disaster has just visited; since this is Gulf County make it a hurricane.

The dictate from emergency responders to the public is prepared to care.

For yourself first.

Then care for neighbors, those on the next block and the broader community beyond.

But it all starts with having a plan to care and protect oneself.

The Gulf County Emergency Operations Center is about to take the concept one step further with the introduction of CERT, or Community Emergency Response Team.

The program is collaboration between FEMA and local emergency managers.

The CERT program is an educational outreach program to community members about disaster preparedness for hazards that could impact daily life.

The program trains participants on basic disaster training, including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and medical operations in a disaster event.

Classes will begin next week and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the end of October.

The goal of the program is two-fold.

"What we want is for the general population to take care of themselves," said EOC Director Marshall Nelson. "If we could get everybody in the county certified with CERT and taking care of themselves, that would be huge."

"You want people to be aware and know how to react



CERT training includes a variety of skills, including medical and light search and rescue in the event of a disaster. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



The hope is to create a CERT team in the county. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

in the case of a disaster."

In addition, the hope is that some of those who complete CERT certification will in turn become members of an established CERT team in Gulf County.

"A significant part of it is building a really good volunteer base," Nelson said. "But to help us, they need to be able

to take care of themselves."

The program offers what is considered a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that emergency managers can rely on in the event of a disaster, according to the program's website.

See CERT, B6

The program trains participants on basic disaster training, including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and medical operations in a disaster event.

County unemployment falls amid good economic news

By Tim Croft

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With good news last week on several economic fronts, the unemployment rate joined the mix during the month of August, according to statistics from the Florida Office of Economic Opportunity.

The county's unemployment rate in August was 3.6 percent, down from 3.9 the prior two months and 4.0 percent in August 2017.

The region's unemployment rate, the region including Bay and Franklin Counties, was 3.4 percent, with Bay County leading the way with a 3.4 percent and Franklin at 3.5 percent.

A year ago, the region's unemployment rate was 4.0 percent.

The unemployment rate in Florida was 3.7 percent in August, unchanged from July and down 0.3 of a percentage point from a year ago.

This is the lowest unemployment rate in Florida in over a decade.

In Florida, there were 375,000 unemployed Floridians from a labor force of 10.24 million.

The national unemployment rate for August was 3.9 percent, unchanged from July.

Out of a regional labor force of 103,026, which was up 1.2 percent year over year, there were 3,477 unemployed across the three counties.

"We are excited about a new company, Skyborne Technology, coming into the area, as well as the Eastern Shipbuilding construction that is coming along," said Kimberly Bodine, Executive Director of CareerSource Gulf Coast. "It is great news that Gulf County is adding jobs to its economy."

Other economic drivers in the county include bed tax collections, up almost 44 percent in July compared to July 2016 and up 4 percent for the year.

In Bay County, bed tax collections are running 6 percent above last year and in Franklin County bed taxes in June were 26 percent above June 2016, according to CareerSource Gulf Coast.

Additionally, though Gulf County had no commercial permits pulled during August, there were 11 residential building permits, at a value of \$3.2 million, pulled for August.

Franklin County had a single residential permit pulled while Bay County reported one commercial and 64 residential permits pulled in August.

In August, non-agricultural employment in the Panama City MSA, which also includes Gulf County, was 88,200, up 2,200 jobs, or 2.6 percent, over the year.

The Panama City MSA grew as fast or faster compared to the state average in the sector of professional and business services (up 4.7 percent) in August.

See COUNTY, B6

TRIVIA FUN

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

1. By global passport power

rankings, who is No. 1 by its total visa-free score?

Japan, Canada, Finland, Singapore

2. Which state's town of Rosalynd has the International Vinegar Museum?

Georgia, Mississippi, Maine, South Dakota

3. Sales of Rolaids, Alka-Seltzer and Tums jump about 20

percent in what month?

February, July, November, December

4. Who highly publicized the phrase, "Every cloud has a silver lining?"

Churchill, P.T. Barnum, Houdini, Jim Pearson

5. What are carpenter, line, post and torpedo types of?

Bumblebees, Levels, Wealth

Weights, Hammers

6. Ancient Egyptians regarded a tattoo as a sign of ...?

Wealth, Ignorance, War, Occult

ANSWERS: 1. Singapore, 2. South Dakota, 3. December, 4. P.T. Barnum, 5. Levels, 6. Wealth



Wilson Casey

SOCIETY

Jessie Ball duPont Fund names new president

Mari Kuraishi, co-founder of GlobalGiving, to take helm in January

Special to The Star

The trustees of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund have selected Mari Kuraishi, co-founder and president of GlobalGiving, to be the Fund's next president.

GlobalGiving is a pioneering global crowdfunding platform for vetted, community-led organizations. Since its founding in 2002, the Washington, D.C.-based company has supported more than \$340 million in giving by more than 814,000 donors to more than 20,000 projects worldwide.

Under Kuraishi's leadership, GlobalGiving was cited by Forbes as one of the "Ten Startups Changing the World," and named a Top 10 place to work in DC on Glassdoor.com because of its commitment to core values, talent development, and clear success metrics.

"Mari's energy, vision and experience in innovative philanthropy were the essential attributes we desired in the Fund's next president," said Jessie Ball duPont Fund trustee Leroy



Mari Kuraishi. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Davis, chair of the search committee. "We are confident that she is the right person to lead the Fund in its next chapter."

"I am honored to have been selected by the board to take over the helm of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund," Kuraishi said. "The Fund's accomplishments over the last 40-plus years, its catalytic role in collaborative place-based philanthropy, and its fidelity to Mrs. duPont's vision form an exciting foundation for the next chapter."

Prior to co-founding GlobalGiving, Kuraishi

led the Corporate Strategy Group at the World Bank where she was responsible for setting corporate priorities and engendering business innovation for an international financial institution dedicated to fighting poverty worldwide; and was the country anchor and officer for the bank's Russia program, where she coordinated a sovereign lending program at its Washington, D.C., headquarters.

She is chair of the board of directors for GuideStar, USA; chair of the board of directors for DataKind;

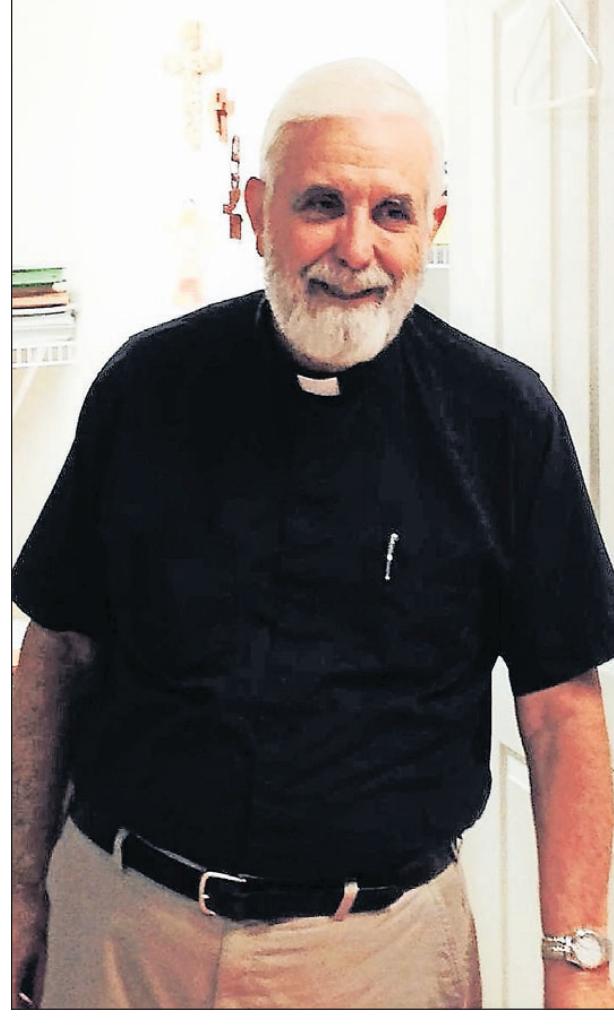
chair of the board of directors for APOPO US; and a member of the board of advisors for the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University.

Kuraishi earned her bachelor's degree in Modern European History and master's degree in Russian Studies from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mari to the Jessie Ball duPont Fund," said Marty Lanahan, chair for the trustees. "This is an important time in the Fund's history and she has the leadership style, unique qualities and strategic perspective necessary to expand the Fund's collaborative philanthropy and impact."

Kuraishi will begin her duties with the Jessie Ball duPont Fund in January 2019.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund works to expand access and create opportunity by investing in people, organizations and communities that were important to Jessie Ball duPont. The Fund has assets of \$309 million and has awarded more than \$376 million in grants since 1977.



Happy 80th birthday, Rev. Jerry R. Huft

Sept. 27

Thank you for your love and dedication that you have given to your family, your community, and your country.

GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club news

2018 'Suitcase full of Smiles' Fall Board Meeting

Special to The Star

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club was represented by seven members at the 2018 "Suitcase full of Smiles" Fall Board Meeting. There were numerus venders,

speakers and drawings. Many workshops for each Community Service Projects that we volunteer in were held and each one deals with at least one of the 7 Grand Initiatives.

If you would like to learn more about all the exciting programs, projects we have in support of our community and the 7 Grand Initiatives, visit our Facebook page GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club and join us at our regular monthly meeting, the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. CT at the Glad Tidings Church Fellowship Hall in Wewahitchka.

Our next meeting is Oct. 9. Hope to see you there!



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Help for divided families offered at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

to the pregnancy.

Admission to the 60-minute event is free. A simple lunch and beverages are available at 11:30 a.m. with the episode beginning at 12 p.m. CT. Lifetree Café is located at 1602 U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach across from El Governor Motel.

The program, titled "A Family Divided: Finding Peace by Letting Go," features the filmed story of a family that struggled with an unexpected teenage pregnancy.

During the program participants will have the opportunity consider lessons the family learned as they worked through their response

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.

Widow's outreach support group

Special to The Star

There is a support group for widows in Wewahitchka. Anyone who is a widow is welcome. It is not connected to any church, although we do meet at Glad Tidings Assembly in the fellowship the fourth Tuesday of each month.

We have a covered dish luncheon and will fellowship together at 11 a.m. CT.

My name is Diane Witt,

639-5710.

This group started in

January 2008. I had lost

my husband of 41 years

and God led me with

much prayer and just

how he wanted it to be done. We started in my home, and it got to be a bit crowded, so I asked Joey Smith, pastor at Glad Tidings, if we could meet at the church and he thought it was wonderful.

It is so hard for a new widow to cope with the grief. It is overwhelming.

And this is an opportunity to meet with women that care and understand the magnitude of what you are feeling.

So if you are interested, please call my number anytime. Leave a message and a number if you can't get me. Love to hear from you.

PET OF THE WEEK
St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

This is Jasper, a 1 year old Plott hound mix. He is very social and loves other dogs. Only wanting to please, Jasper is a gentle guy. He was picked up by animal control as a stray among many others. He loves being around people and would make a great running partner! Come meet Jasper and all the other wonderful animals waiting for a home.

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.stricklandsjlhs@gmail.com or call the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society at 850-227-1103. Online applications and pet photos are available at www.sjbhumane.org.

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SCHOOL NEWS

VFW visits WHS to teach flag essentials

Special to The Star

Seventh- and eighth-graders at Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School were treated to a special pair of visitors last week. Mr. Elmer Green, an Air Force veteran who served in the Vietnam War, is the quartermaster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10069 in Port St. Joe. Speaking to over 120 students about the American Flag, he discussed topics ranging from the history of the famous banner to the special respect and etiquette that should be afforded to this venerable symbol of The United States.

Accompanying Mr. Green was Betty Arendt, who is the secretary of the VFW Auxiliary, a group dedicated to supporting our veterans. The Auxiliary normally participates in activities such as hospital and nursing home visits for veterans, but during her stopover at WHS, Mrs. Arendt was a bearer of special gifts.

In fact, she and Mr. Green journeyed to every classroom at the school and provided each student a U.S. flag and a pencil inscribed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rounding out their day at WHS, the two patriots

provided details and posters informing students about a couple of excellent opportunities to demonstrate their love of America while potentially earning scholarship dollars.

"Patriot's Pen" and "Voice of Democracy" are, respectively, an essay contest for middle schoolers and a video contest for high school students, explained Mrs. Arendt.

These special guests are definitely not finished at WHS.

Both have agreed to return in the next few days to speak to the eleventh-grade U.S. History classes, which is especially significant, because these high schoolers are the ones who take care of WHS's flag on a daily basis. Charged with raising and lowering the flag, including rescue missions when it's raining (which is quite a frequent occurrence this year), this group of dedicated students will certainly have a particularly keen interest in the presentation.

"We sincerely appreciate Mr. Green and Mrs. Arendt dedicating time to teach our students crucial lessons and respect for our flag," explained Principal Jay Bidwell. "It is important to be reminded of



Mr. Elmer Green and Ms. Betty Arendt present flags to Ms. Johns class.

the sacrifice and effort it has taken generations of Americans to create and maintain this incredible, free society the flag symbolizes.

"Who better to impart these concepts than a veteran who spent significant time battling for his country? Our whole school enjoyed interacting with Mr. Green and Mrs. Arendt, and I am excited for them to return and share their special program with more of our students."



Elmer Green and Betty Arendt with Ms. Wade's sewing class.



Middle school students take a moment away from science lab to pose with Elmer Green. [PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

GCSC announces President's/Dean's lists

Special to The Star

PANAMA CITY – Gulf Coast State College President, Dr. John Holdnak, has announced the students named to the President's and Dean's Honor Lists for Gulf County students for the

Summer 2018 semester. The President's Honor List includes all full-time students (enrolled for 12 or more college credit hours) who earned a grade point average of 3.90 to 4.00.

The Dean's List is awarded to students

enrolled in 12 or more college credit hours who earned a grade point average of 3.70 to 3.89.

Vicki Lanford of Gulf County was named to the President's List; Jena Julian of Gulf County was named to the Dean's List.

S.O.A.R. students at PSJES



S.O.A.R. students for the week of Sept. 21 at Port St. Joe Elementary School. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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FAITH

LLOYD 'SCOTT' TODD

On September 17, 2018 Lloyd "Scott" Todd died peacefully at his home in Wewahitchka.

He is survived by his son, Ian Todd; his parents, William and Linda Todd; his three brothers, Tracy, and wife, Susan, Jason, Glen, and wife Christina; his two sisters, Melissa Todd and Samantha Todd. Scott was born in San Antonio Texas, the oldest of six children. He spent most of his life living and working in Bay and Gulf County.

He loved his family, fishing and the Gators. A beach side



Memorial Service will be held at 9 a.m. ET; 8 a.m. CT; Saturday, September 29, 2018 at Central Gulf County Veterans Memorial Park at Beacon Hill, 8750 W Hwy 98, Port St Joe FL 32456.

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NORA JEAN BROWN

On Sunday, September 17, 2018, while in the serenity and comfort of Bay Medical Center in Panama City, surrounded by her loving and caring family, God dispatched the Angel of Death to relay a message to Mrs. Nora Jean Brown, 64, of Panama City, Florida, saying "I see your road is rough, and the hill is getting too steep. Come rest your head upon My breast, your soul I will keep."

Mrs. Nora Jean Brown was born on Sunday, April 4, 1954 in Blountstown, Florida to the late Marie Bennett Battles and James Roulhac. Nora Jean was raised by her grandparents, the late Leah and Jerry Martin of Blountstown, Florida.

Nora Jean was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. Harold Brown. She was employed with Bay Medical Center in the Housekeeping Department until her health failed.

Nora Jean had four sisters and brothers preceded her in death, Audrey Mae Battles, Margaret Battles, Eddie Lou Batey and Rosey Bennett, Willie Lee Battles, Eddie Sam



Battles, Richard Battles and Robert Battles.

Nora Jean leaves behind one daughter, Wanda Roulhac and a special friend to look to her as a son-in-law, David Mitchell; one brother, Thedo Battles. Nora Jean had several special friends: Mrs. Ollie Mar Bright, Mr. Kenny Stanley, Mrs. Burnette Andrews and Mrs. Diamond Solomon. Mrs. Brown leaves one sister-in-law: Mrs. Sally Batey; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. (CST), Saturday, September 29, 2018, in the Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1520 Louisiana Avenue, Panama City, FL with the Reverend Bruce Taylor, officiating, under the directions of Christian Memorial Chapel of Graceville, Florida.

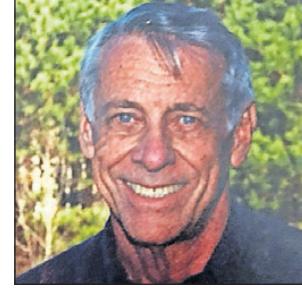
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DALE DELANO PROCTOR

Dale Delano Proctor, age 85, of Port St. Joe, FL passed away Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at Covenant Hospice at Bay Medical in Panama City, FL.

A Memorial Service was held 3 p.m. EDT Sunday, September 23, 2018 in the Chapel at Whatley Funeral Services with Chaplain Chad Reister officiating. The family received friends an hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Additionally, a second Memorial Service will be held in Carrollton, GA at a later date.

Dale, son of the late Benjamin Otis Proctor and Allie Terrell Proctor, was born July 15, 1933 in Carrollton, GA. He served his country honorably in the United States Navy as an Airman's Electrician First Class from 1950-1954. Dale earned his Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of Georgia in 1960. He was an avid soccer player and was an international traveler, visiting Dubai, Central and South America, and all over Europe. Dale loved to fish, sports cars and spending time with his family.



In addition to his parents, Dale is preceded in death by his sisters Christine Creel, Irma Jean Windom, Maudine Brunner and Dorothy Proctor and brother Donald Proctor. He is survived by his sister, Arlene James of Miami, FL; three children Paul Proctor (Sara Eccles) of Gainesville, FL, Jason Proctor (Jennifer Moulton) of Holyoke, MA and Erin Proctor of Orange Park, FL; granddaughter Victoria "Torji" Eccles of Gainesville, FL; life partner Kim Jenkins of Port St. Joe, FL; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

On Dollar Stores and cemeteries in the South

Stephanie Hill-Fraizer

One Sunday last fall, Sherrin and I found ourselves, for the second time in recent months, facing down a display of inexpensive silk flowers at Dollar General. We were in Port St. Joe this time; the first time, we had been in a tiny town in South Carolina where many folks in our father's family are buried, including our grandparents.

On both occasions, we needed flowers for a grave, but on a Sunday afternoon in small towns in the South, florists are closed, and there are no big-box retail store for miles, typically. When that happens, we all fall into the waiting arms of our local dollar store.

On that particular Sunday, we found and purchased a small arrangement of sunflowers, our Aunt Betty's favorite, and a small ceramic cross with the word "Peace" inscribed on its front. That was perfect for our aunt's grave, as she always wrote letters to us back when she taught school in Brazil, and each time, either her greeting or her salutation would be, "Peace and all good things." Then she would stamp the stationery with a small dove ink stamp. Peace was important to her, and is a word I'll always think of when I think of her.

We drove out to Holly Hill Cemetery, and found her small grave between those of our grandparents. We talked about our aunt, thanked her for her love, said a prayer, and cried.



Chocolate-caramel sheet cake with toasted cinnamon walnuts.

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She would have loved the sunflowers and the peace cross, and we knew it. We left satisfied that she was represented well, if not extravagantly.

In South Carolina months prior, we had been searching an old cemetery for our paternal grandparents' graves. We had faced the silk flowers at the dollar store already, and had found a small wreath, adorned with pink and white flowers. It was simple, inexpensive, and our only chance to place a remembrance on their graves on that Sunday evening as we passed through town. We were grateful that even in that tiny town, population 2,040, the Dollar General was at attention, ready to help. We placed the small wreath on their headstone, and I told Sherrin a few stories I remembered about those sweet grandparents who died when she was too young to know them.

As Sherrin and I bobbed around in the Gulf of Mexico on the following morning, we pondered this. How many times have we all needed something and the local dollar store was there for us? We thought of many examples.

Sherrin was on a motorcycle ride with friends last fall, she recalled, and got cold along the

way. They stopped in a one-streetlight town and found...you guessed it...the dollar store. She was able to buy a sweatshirt with a hood to keep herself warm for the rest of the day. It was camouflage and not her style at all, but it was warm and cheap, and that's what she needed.

On those mornings when you find you've run out of eggs and don't want to walk clear across Walmart with no make-up on and messed-up hair, you can slip into a dollar store nearly unnoticed to grab a dozen. No need to primp for this low-key place in a much smaller, more manageable space.

When a child surprises his parents on Sunday afternoon with a project he needs to do for Monday morning class, that faithful little store is ready to serve, with inexpensive school supplies and a small selection of arts and crafts materials. Isn't that handy?

Or if, like me, you've found yourself short 1/2 cup of cooking oil for making a cake, and you don't want to park in the giant parking lot of Walmart, if you even have one nearby, and trek 1/2 mile back to the baking aisle, what do you do? Well, what I do is jump in my car, drive 5 minutes to my local dollar store,

and grab a bottle of cooking oil. I might even get a Diet Dr. Pepper while I'm there, who knows?

A dollar store is not fancy, it isn't full of expensive things, and is by no means fancy. The better ones are clean and well-kept, but that varies from town to town. The important thing is, it's there, it's ready to help you in your time of retail need. It's also interesting to note, both Dollar General and Family Dollar hail from the South, the former with roots in Kentucky, and the latter in North Carolina. The best Southerners have always been "Johnny on the Spot," as my husband says; we are there when you need us.

Well, now that I've paid homage to our favorite local discount store, let me give you a luscious, delicious idea for fall baking, with ingredients that I assure you can be found there. You may already have all the ingredients in your pantry, but if not, you know where to go.

This delicious cake is deceptively easy to prepare. Enjoy it all fall and winter long, especially at holiday parties when you need something that comes together easily.

Chocolate-Caramel Sheet Cake with Toasted Cinnamon Walnuts**Ingredients:**

1 chocolate cake, baked in a 9x13-inch baking dish. (I used Betty's Original Recipe Chocolate Joy by Betty Crocker)

- One recipe of Steph's caramel sauce
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (or substitute pecans)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter

Method:

1. Cool cake, then poke it with a fork to make holes all over

the top. I didn't poke all the way to the bottom, but almost.

2. Make caramel sauce:
- 1 1/2 sticks butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 cup packed brown sugar

Combine all three ingredients in heavy-bottomed saucepan. Whisk together over medium-high heat until it is completely combined and begins to boil. Boil for exactly three minutes while stirring. Take off heat and cool to warm temperature before serving.

3. **Toast nuts:** In a small non-stick skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Then add the nuts, and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Let the nuts toast while you continually stir. This takes only about one minute; the moment you smell the nuts, take them off the heat or they will quickly burn.

Pour the caramel sauce over the cake, starting at the center and working outward, allowing the warm sauce to flow into all the holes you poked in cake. Sprinkle the toasted nuts over the top while the caramel is still hot and liquid. Allow to cool before cutting into squares. Enjoy!

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

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Industries gaining jobs over the past year included professional and business services (up 300 jobs); mining, logging and construction (up 300 jobs); education and health services (up 100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (up 500 jobs); trade, transportation and utilities (up 800 jobs); government (up 300 jobs); and financial activities (up 100 jobs).

According to the DEO, the manufacturing industry (down 200 jobs) lost jobs and other business sectors were unchanged, year over year.

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

CareerSource Gulf Coast operates offices in all three counties. Visit www.careersourcegc.com to learn more about professional workforce development and job placement services, all offered free of charge.

PROJECT

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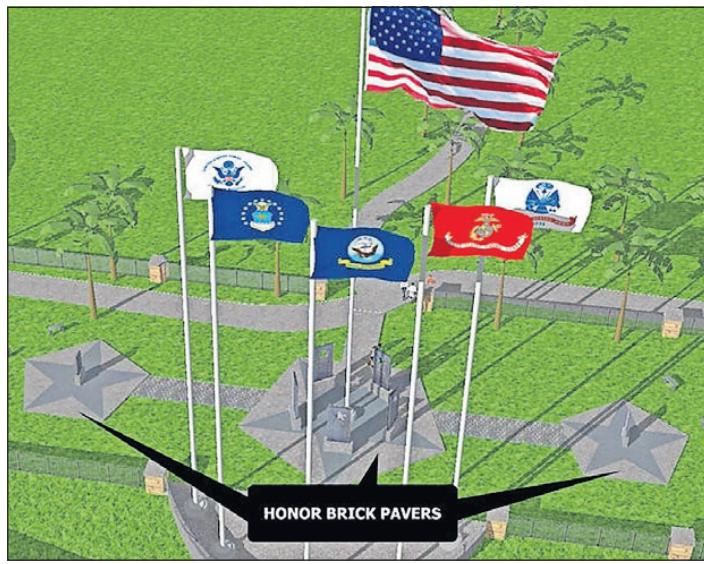
"We are amazed that the Honor Walk has come so far so soon," Herring said. "For some it has been difficult to envision the behind-the-scenes and beneath-surface work that must precede the construction of any monument or installation of memorial brick pavers."

"Once this (project) reaches its final touches, none who visit will have any inkling of the steel-reinforced concrete buried beneath the surface."

The "Honor Walk" will fill an 80-foot-by-140-foot area along the bluff at Veterans Memorial Park, which offers some of the finest views of the ocean in the county.

The Board of County Commissioners broke ground on the project in May after approving conceptual plans last summer and establishing a citizens committee to spearhead finalizing the plans and raising funds.

At each point of the monument's central pentagon anchored by the American flag, 8-foot-by-3-foot monuments



The flag poles will become the focal point of the Honor Walk. [FILE PHOTO]

for each branch of the military will stand, each inscribed with the Gulf County veterans who "paid the ultimate sacrifice," in battle.

There will be seating behind the flags and several areas for quiet reflection and brick and concrete walkways thread through the memorial.

The entire area would be surrounded by a 4-foot high fence with pillars spaced along the length of the fence.

Walkways will extend 20 feet from the center of a monument in opposite directions.

As Herring noted, "there remains much to be done."

Fundraising has already inched past the midway point of the \$300,000 goal.

"The committee is convinced that those who honor and cherish the memory of our veterans will do all that they must to transform this dream into a reality," Herring said.

Memorial pavers are also being sold for the walkways that will thread through the memorial.

While representing a small fraction of the overall costs of

the project, the pavers are a way for anyone and everyone to be involved in the project, Herring said.

"Let us all say that we played a part in making this hallowed place a place to remember our veterans with respect and reverence," Herring said.

Work on the site of the Honor Walk is expected to begin soon with a proposed opening of early 2019.

If weather permits and fundraising and construction continue apace, the hope is a "grand reveal" would take place as soon as Memorial Day.

"The Honor Walk will complete the recognition of veterans in this park, recognition which is well-deserved," said George Duren, another member of the project committee.

"This will help remind everyone our freedoms have been willingly paid by our veterans. "We want people to drive by on (U.S. 98) and look up and say Gulf County respects its veterans. Our veterans deserve to be recognized."

To learn more about fundraising efforts or to donate go to: <http://www.VeteransParkHonorWalk.org>.

CERT

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And when the general population understands the little things that must be accomplished to care for themselves that frees those trained emergency managers to focus on the more skilled duties that come with a natural disaster, the CERT website describes.

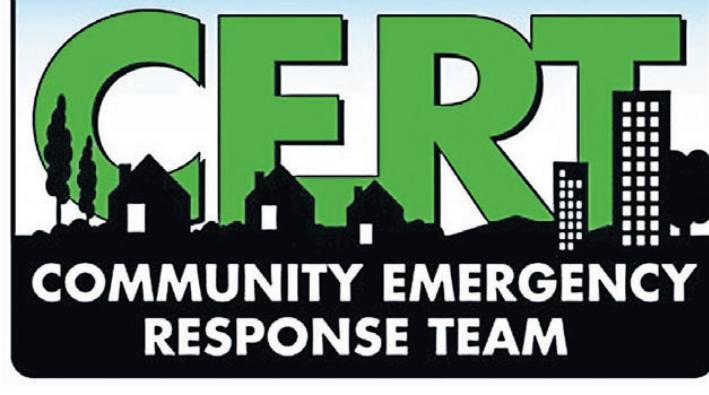
Such a team would aid the Red Cross in its myriad duties during a disaster and

would also be crucial in food distribution, disseminating information to hard to reach areas and providing wellness checks of other residents.

The CERT program, which went national in 1993, is designed as a grassroots initiative, able to be tailored to fit local emergency management needs.

The program was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department after reviewing the response to a 1985 earthquake in Mexico City.

There are over 2,700 local CERT programs in 28 states



CERT courses begin next week at the EOC. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

and Puerto Rico with more than 600,000 individuals trained since CERT became

a national program.

"Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for,

respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced," according to CERT website.

The basic CERT course load is covered in a series of classes to be held 2-5 p.m. ET Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18.

The final exercise will be 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. ET Oct. 19.

All classes will be held at the EOC.

You must complete all courses to become certified.

To sign-up or register call 229-9110 or visit www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/ county_government/emergency_management.

LONNIE 'RICHARD' WILLIAMS

Lonnie "Richard" Williams, 73, of Port St. Joe, Florida, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Saturday, September 22, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Debbie Williams; one son, Clifford Wiley (Kelly) of Tallahassee, FL; five daughters, April Palmer (Edward) of Albany, Ga., Pamela Grice (Charles) and Robbin Peavy (David), both

of Wewahitchka, FL, Nikki Butts (Bryan) of Brandon, Miss., and Brandy Fedd of Port St. Joe, FL; two brothers, Roger Dale Williams (Shelia) of Wewahitchka, Roy Williams of Seirra Vista, Arizona; three sisters, Robbie Roberson of Wewahitchka, FL, Martha Williams of Panama City, FL and Linda Dietz of Wewahitchka, FL; Fourteen grandchildren, Matthew &

Caleb, Kate & Royce, Britney & Summer, Jarod & Haley, Taylor, Kaylee, Laney & Nic, Micaela & Cassia and five great-grandchildren; Boone & Baylor, Connor & Chandler and Kasen.

Lonnie "Richard" Williams was born on April 5, 1945 in Wewahitchka, Florida to Aldeen and Mae Williams. He graduated from Wewahitchka High School in

1963. He worked several jobs before being drafted into the United States Army, where he worked as a Combat Engineer and earned the Vietnam Service Metal with two bronze service stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Metal, and the National Defense Service Metal. After his service, he worked for St. Joe Paper Company where he retired after 30 years, and then

traveled the country with his wife driving an 18 wheeler.

He loved horses, MMA Wrestling, gardening and farming. Most importantly, he loved to spend time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at 11 a.m. (EST), on Saturday, September 29 at Holly Hills Cemetery in Port St Joe.

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The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic ("the Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08(2), (3) and (4) and 197.363(2)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, subscribing to or served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to construct or pay for energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements and wind resistance improvements in accordance with Section 163.08, Florida Statutes (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of a Qualifying Improvement. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018, at the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Executive Conference Room, 2570 W International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy - which is the entirety of the State of Florida. Copies of the proposed form of resolution are on file at the office of Counterpoint Energy Solutions (FL) LLC, Third Party Administrator for the Florida PACE Funding Agency, 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 163, Maitland, Florida, 32751, e-mail: gov@counterpointees.com. All interested persons are invited to present oral comments at the public hearing and/or submit written comments to the Board at the above address. Written comments should be received by the Agency on or before October 29, 2018. Any persons desiring to present oral comments should appear at the public hearing.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public

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hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based.

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By Order of the Board of Directors of Florida PACE Funding Agency on August 14, 2018 Pub: September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2018

21596S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number 18-54-PR

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY F. BARLOW Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of DOROTHY F. BARLOW, deceased, whose date of death was December 20, 2017 and whose social security number is - -1477, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of MICHAEL JOHNSON, deceased, whose date of death was May 1st, 2018 and whose social security number is - -5121, is pending in the Circuit Court for Gulf County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The date at 11:00 a.m. E.T., Wednesday, 24th day of October 2018.

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All of said property being in Gulf County, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the front Lobby of the Gulf County Courthouse, 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Port St. Joe, Florida 32456. The date at 11:00 a.m. E.T., Wednesday, 24th day of October 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

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GULF COUNTY,

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BY: Elaine Bland,

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Pub: September 27,

October 4, 11, 18, 2018

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TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Beor Fund 1 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 is as follows:

Application #2018-23

Tax Sale

Certificate #2016-854

R.E. No. 05857-000R

Date of Issuance:

May 31, 2016

Name in which as-

sessed: The Williams

Development Co.,

LLC Agent: Elaine Wil-

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Description of Property:

Lots 4, 6, 8 and 10, Block 1009, Unit No. 1, Millview Addition, City of Port St. Joe, Florida, according to the Public Records of Gulf

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FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received by the CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA, at City Hall located at 201 Paradise Path, PO Box 13425, Mexico Beach, Florida 32410 up to 3:00 PM on the 19th day of October, 2018, and will be opened at the regular City Council Meeting to be held at 9:00 AM on the 23rd day of October, 2018 at the Mexico Beach Civic Center, 109 N. 31st Street, Mexico Beach, FL 32456, for the purchase of the following property (old water well site):

Two parcels of land described as Lots 3 & 4, Block C, Grand Isle Subdivision, Unit 15, Mexico Beach, Bay County, Florida. The Common address is 246 and 244 Laila Lane respectively.

Bids must specify which of the 2 lots you are bidding on and if bidding on both, breakdown the bid per lot.

Sealed bids may be submitted by hand delivery or by US mail to 201 Paradise Path, PO Box 13425, Mexico Beach, FL 32410. Bids must be in a sealed package marked: "SEALED BID PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF OLD WATER WELL SITE". Emailed, faxed or late bids (including mail delivered after the due date and time) will not be considered.

All closing costs shall be paid by the bidder, including title insurance. The Mexico Beach City Council will select the closing agent and title insurance company.

The winning bid shall submit a certified check payable to the City of Mexico Beach in the amount of \$5,000 to be placed with an escrow agent acceptable to the City Council within 24 hours of acceptance. Upon the acceptance of the bid, the successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract for sale and purchase using the contract provided by

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For the City of Mexico Beach, Adrian Welle, City Clerk Pub: September 27, 2018

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