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A host of local favorite acts, including The Currys, Bo Spring Band and Charlie and Dana Hunt Black will perform. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Scallop Festival, revived, returns

Two days of music and arts begins Friday

By Tim Croft

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Rick Ott just couldn't bear to see the annual Florida Scallop and Music Festival evaporate.

After Hurricane Nate wiped out the second, and biggest, day of the festival last year, a non-profit that had taken the reins of the event had enough.

After paying bills and vendors for an event that did not take place, there was no money in the bank account and several prominent



The Florida Scallop, Music and Arts Festival is Friday and Saturday. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

members had already announced their departure. The festival was on life support.

Enter Ott, a long-time

music producer, and his six-person team from iHeart Radio.

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Restoration to begin Monday

Scope remains unknown

By Tim Croft

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The one certainty about a restoration project along the beaches of St. Joseph Peninsula is that sand should begin being tossed on the beach early next week.

Monday is the projected start day for contractor Manson Construction Co. on a beach restoration, though the county does not know, and may not know until the 11th hour, the exact scope of the project.

The scope hinges entirely

on a RESTORE Act grant of \$2.8 million and whether the dollars earmarked for the county several years ago will be released by the U.S. Treasury.

In black-and-white, if the money is released before the first grain of new sand hits the beach, in other words by Friday, the project extends to the southern boundary of Billy Joe Rish Park.

If, when the first grain falls the money is not in county hands, the project gets no further than just north of Scallop Cove.

Assistant County Administrator Warren

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Election activity 'ramping up'

By Tim Croft

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As if the wall-to-wall television commercials weren't a sufficiently clear signal, the election season is warming up.

With absentee ballots hitting the mail this week and the voter registration book closing Tuesday, the Supervisor of Elections Office has entered action mode.

"We are on pace to have a pretty good turnout," said Supervisor of Elections John Hanlon in reference to next month's general election.

Just over four weeks.

"Right at this time things are really ramping up," Hanlon said.

The voter registration book closes 5 p.m. ET Tuesday, 29 days prior to the election date.

This is for new voter registrations or party changes, though, as Hanlon noted; address or other minor changes to a voter registration can be made right up until election day, Hanlon added.

But to vote in the general election, you must be accurately registered with Hanlon's office by end-of-business Tuesday.

Eligible voters may

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Spending for sewer, erosion projects approved

State, Consortium agree on spending \$290 million

By Tim Croft

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Given the passage of time updates may be required, but several county projects got the green light Monday after

an announcement from Gov. Rick Scott.

Scott announced approval and a Memorandum of Agreement with the Gulf Coast Consortium on a State Expenditure Plan (SEP) to spend some \$291 million in fine dollars stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

These are so-called Pot 3

RESTORE Act funds, different from Pot 1 RESTORE (the county's direct allocation) and Triumph Gulf Coast.

The SEP includes septic to sewer upgrades for the cities of Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe, including the running of sewer into Beacon Hill.

Additionally, the plan provides funding for erosion control structures along St.

Joseph Peninsula and funding for land acquisition.

"This is a big deal," said Warren Yeager, a board director of the Consortium of 23 Florida counties charged with spending so-called Pot 3 RESTORE Act funds.

"It's a big deal because we have been working on this for three years. (These projects) make sense. They help the

environment and they help the county."

And they carry significant caveats as currently drafted given the passage of those three years.

The erosion control project will likely need amending as the project would again involve the Coastal Barrier

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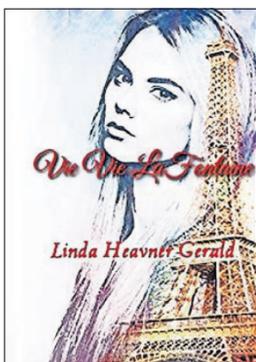
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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Star Staff Report

Here are but a few suggestions.

Linda Heavner 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, 403 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe, 5-7 p.m. ET Friday; wine and cheese will be served. On Saturday, Gerald will be signing from 10 a.m. until 12 noon ET at the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library.



Linda Heavner Gerald will be signing copies of her latest book at Joseph's Cottage Friday and the Port St. Joe Library on Saturday. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

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 Charlie and Dana Black. 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 had an original goal of raising \$15,000 to purchase a 300-foot mob mat on the beach to make a pathway down to the water for anybody who has trouble walking in the sand. Helping Hands

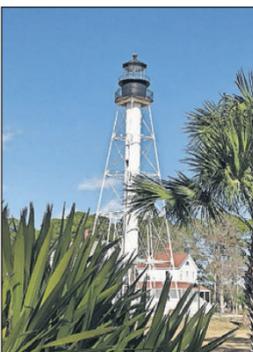


"Library Luncheon" with Lisa Patton Tuesday. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

has raised \$7,000 with the Mexico Beach Community Development committed to match monies raised up to \$10,000.



Farmers Market Saturday in Port St. Joe City Commons. [FILE PHOTO]



New fall hours for the best view in town. [FILE PHOTO]

Shop the SaltAir Farmers Market. The Port St. Joe SaltAir Farmers Market, in its 11th year, is held the first and third Saturdays of the month at City Commons adjacent to Port St. Joe City Hall, at the intersection of Reid Ave. and Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd. The market is held 9 a.m. until



Charlie and Dana Hunt Black perform tonight in Parker Park in Mexico Beach as part of the Music in the Park series. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

1 p.m. ET. At the market you may find fresh seasonal produce, jewelry, tie dye, carved woodwork and much more.

Fall hours at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. Starting last 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.

"Library Luncheon" with author Lisa Patton. The Friends of the Gulf County Public Libraries will host author Lisa Patton to Port St. Joe for a "Library Luncheon" 12-2 p.m. ET Tuesday at the Church Hall at First United Methodist Church. Lunch will be catered by Sunset Coastal Grill and Patron 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. "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.

Gulf County Democrats October meeting

Special to The Star

The Gulf County Democrats will hold their

October meeting 7 p.m. ET Monday, Oct. 8 at the Port St. Joe Garden Center, located at 216 8th

Street. League of Women Voters member Alvin Peters will discuss the

twelve proposed constitutional amendments that will face Florida voters on the November ballot.

Additional speakers will include:

- Sandy E. Quinn, Jr., Chairman of the Gulf County Board of County

Commissioners and County Commission District 4 candidate;

- John Nagy, County Commission District 1 candidate;

- Rosemary Lewis, Gulf County Domestic Violence Task Force Board Member; and

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

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District enrollment count next week

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Sweep aside annual standardized testing dates and the most important weeks of each school year arrive in October and February.

Those months bring the official count of full-time equivalent student enrollment in the district, with the October count coming next week.

In other words, attendance is important every week, but next week student attendance is critical.

Right now, the district is about 40 students off the projection, which this year was 1,901 students, said Bill Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs.

Carr said the deficit is across the county, south end and north.

School funding is tied to full-time equivalent enrollment, with each student bringing roughly \$4,000 in basic funding to the district, so the key is to be as close, if not over projections.

Fall short of projections and by the time the fiscal year budgets are balanced out, the district will see less funding than calculated at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Carr said the district tends to come in behind projections in the fall only to make up the gap during the February count.

Triumph Gulf Coast

Lori Price, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, said the district has received verbal approval on a term sheet from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. for a grant to create a drone, or unmanned



Wewahitchka students Isabella Sheely, Lakin Ferrell and Daniel Bozeman were recognized Tuesday by School Board chair Brooke Wooten and Superintendent Jim Norton for earning a perfect score during FSA testing. [TIM CROFT | THE STAR]

aviation, program. The Triumph board approved the \$750,000 grant during last month's board meeting, pending a term sheet.

Price said the details of that term sheet, the equivalent of a contract with Triumph, had been worked out with Triumph staff by phone and would likely be presented to the board during this month's meeting.

Triumph meets this month in Gulf County, at the Gulf/Franklin campus of Gulf Coast State College.

"The comprehensive nature of this grant (is significant)," said Superintendent of Schools Jim Norton.

As part of the overall instruction, elementary school students will learn

coding and the unmanned aviation component has applications in Wewahitchka for students seeking agricultural science certifications.

"(The grant) has a lot of different applications," Price said.

The Triumph board is also scheduled this month to take up a district grant application to establish a culinary arts program at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

Perfect scores

The board recognized five students Tuesday, three of whom were present, for achieving a perfect score on at least one component of the Florida Standards Assessment tests.

Port St. Joe students Luke

Lentz and Owen Combs earned perfect scores in Civics and English Language Arts, respectively.

Present at Tuesday's meeting were three Wewahitchka students who also had perfect scores.

Isabella Sheely was perfect on the fourth-grade math test; Lakin Ferrell was perfect on the fifth-grade math test; and Daniel Bozeman was perfect in the U.S. History test.

All received certificates and letters of recognition from Gov. Rick Scott.

Atmosphere of 'fear, intimidation'

The most time-consuming portion of Tuesday's meeting was discussion between parent Susan Kotelman and

Norton. Kotelman distributed to board members information pertaining to the recent abrupt resignation of a Wewahitchka Elementary School teacher.

Kotelman also related a conversation her husband is alleged to have had with Norton, which Kotelman said was unprofessional and threatening.

"There is an atmosphere of fear and intimidation in the schools," Kotelman said. "People are afraid of losing their jobs if they speak out."

Kotelman urged the five school board members to work together to address the issues and work "on creating a better, safer environment."

Norton disputed the contents of conversation with Kotelman's husband, noting she was not present, and said he served in his job based on his relationship with Jesus Christ.

There is a separation of church and state, Norton continued, but he said he believed many board members and members of his staff come to work each day for similar reasons.

And, he said, he and Kotelman have a history of butting heads on various issues and noted she was sitting with the president of the union representing school employees.

There is, Norton continued, an open arbitration case involving Krissy Gentry.

Kotelman said Norton's comments, in reply to the concerns of a parent, were "unprofessional."

'Dome' repairs

The board is back to square one after the lone bidder on work to several supporting beams in "The Dome" at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School declined the bid.

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OPINION

What it means to live in polarized times

By Lee H. Hamilton
Special to The Star

We live in a divided country. And I don't just mean politically. Our economy is creating winners and losers, with no clear way up the ladder for millions of Americans. The last few decades have produced great inequality of wealth and with it, unequal access to the levers of power. We're split along regional lines. We're divided along rural and urban lines. We increasingly struggle with differences of race, religion, and class. We're also divided politically and ideologically. Abortion, gun rights, same-sex marriage, the use and abuse of police power, curbs on corporate power, environmental protection: these issues elicit strong feelings and cut deeply through the electorate. They're also reflected in the overt partisan divisions that show up in elections, and thus in legislatures and Congress. The parties in many ways play a more important role in how people vote and how they think about political issues than we usually imagine. Although there are plenty of Americans who disdain party allegiance, many of us lean toward one party or the other — and whether we acknowledge it or not, more often than not follow its lead and vote for its candidates.

These divides are permeating our politics in ways that, a generation ago, would have been unthinkable. It's not just that public debate has become coarser, less civil, and more mean-spirited. It's that partisanship is being woven into places we once believed were safe from it, such as the courts — witness the current debate over the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

So what do we do about this? The answer, actually, is not complicated.

We have to boost public understanding about how to participate in the process. We have to be more mindful about the quality of public dialogue. We have to appreciate the roles of cooperation, collaboration and compromise in a representative democracy.

We have to vote for and value leaders who deal with opponents not as enemies, but with respect, civility, and a recognition that they share more in common than divides them.

This means listening carefully and trying to understand the other's point of view. It means figuring out how to accommodate differences, so that rather than every fight producing winners and losers, everyone can walk away with something gained.

It means striving not to destroy your opponent, but instead persuading her or him to reach a result that helps everyone claim some measure of success. It means recognizing we're all in this together — that we're all searching for the common good.

Because in the end, the political process depends on personal relationships — the bonds between key actors, including elected politicians, their staff, their supporters, and others. And not just in politics at the federal level. It's everyone from members of Congress to state legislators to township trustees.

We must not let the political extremes dominate discourse — they don't reflect the views of most Americans, who tend to value moderation.

The greatness of our country rests on shared ideals that go beyond party labels. Most Americans want to believe that better days are ahead, that progress is possible, and that major policy disagreements may

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HUNKER DOWN

Birds of a feather



Kesley Colbert

1957 was a wonderful year. For any age. But for a ten year old, you talk about special ...

Now, for sure, we realized that most "older" folks didn't think we knew our elbow from a hot rock. It had nothing to do with liking, or not liking you. Or trust, or worthiness, or the price of eggs in China. They just figured ten was a fairly young age to make much of a contribution. Me and Buddy, Ricky and Bobby didn't hold that against them. Then.....or now.

1957 was the first time we were allowed to walk to the Park Theatre on our own. Can you imagine the freedom? No one was encumbered by a parent or tagging along with an older brother. It was like we owned the world! I'm telling you, the grass was greener, the sky bluer, the air more crisp.....passing cars were honking a friendly hello just to us!

The quarter for admission, plus popcorn and drink, was nestled safely in the bottom reaches of OUR right front pocket. We didn't merely walk the mile or so to town, we high stepped along like kings on a knightly mission!

We didn't need a chaperone, chauffeur, supervisor or watchful eye. Thomas Jefferson and the Adams' boys could write about independence till the cows came home, but it didn't mean diddley-squat until you were taking those first steps down Stonewall Street.....

unattended!

The self contained stroll to the Saturday afternoon matinee was just the beginning. You know Ricky, Buddy and Bobby! We'd never heard the term, "outside the box" —but those guys immediately began to test most every boundary erected in our little world in what could only be described as "unusual", "innovative" and possibly, "hair brained" ways.

If we were old enough to walk to town by ourselves, surely we could bicycle over to the baseball field out past Kee's Grocery. And if we could bicycle that kind of distance, we could hike the few miles to Clear Lake. And if we could trek out to the lake, we could easily climb the city water tower. And if we could make it up that monstrosity high tower, we could hop the L&N freight train and ride that sucker down to Milan.....

A million words on paper could never completely convey what that first measure of independence wrought in our little world!

And it went way past testing some kind of childhood limits. We actually took note of what was going on around us. We didn't know what a Sputnik was. But all of a sudden we cared. If our parents were worried about it, for the first time in our lives, we were too!

We discussed the Cold War. And asked each other what would happen if Russia attacked us. If they dropped an atomic bomb on Memphis, how long would it take the fallout to reach us? We wondered why countries throughout the world couldn't get along. And we weren't in a classroom, we didn't have a textbook and no one was going to grade us on anything!

We weren't mature by any stretch of the imagination. I'm not saying that. And we hadn't grown up "all of a sudden." There was no flash of light. Nobody "Crossed the Rubicon." We were still ten years old for goodness sakes! BUT we had some thoughts..... And everybody has got to start somewhere.

We might not have been ready to say it out loud, but we began to understand the world didn't revolve around us. Everybody had feelings. Opinions. Ideas. Goals. Beliefs. Hurts. Wants. Needs. Life could be relentless if you tried to walk it by yourself.

And it dawned on me and Buddy, Ricky and Bobby that we might not grow up to be cowboys after all. We probably weren't going to spend our lives together riding down outlaws, rustlers and bank robbers in the West Texas badlands.

Of course, our immediate future was the next grade in school. But junior high loomed on the horizon. And high school, with all its mysteries and trap-pings, wasn't that far away. We sought each others thoughts, fears, hopes and dreams for the days that lay ahead of us. It was a practice we continued through graduation.

1957 was also the summer we pledged to be best buddies forever.

Life, as it turned out, was a bit more complicated than our little minds comprehended on that park bench across from the drugstore way back then. It sent us in different directions, to different states, different jobs and really, different worlds.

It never separated us.....

Respectfully,

Heber

CRANKS MY TRACTOR

The color green



BN Heard

I finally got around to trying to paint the walls in my basement living space. It's been a number of years since it has been painted and I only wanted to paint the wall and a few other places where I had patched and covered various holes.

My first problem was that I had thrown out all of the old cans of paint that had been living in my garage in my latest garage cleaning. Therefore, I had no idea as to the correct color I was supposed to ask for at the hardware store. My wife, however, told me definitively that it was "Dill Pickle." The walls were definitely green, so the color sounded reasonable to me.

There are worse places for me to go than the hardware store — I actually like it and know all the folks there on a first name basis. The nice paint-mixing lady was more than happy to mix me up a batch of "Dill Pickle" green based on her secret formula she had pulled from the color mixing catalog or computer. I wasn't paying that much attention, because they put a lot of things you think you need, but you really

don't need over by the paint mixing station.

As I studied the big bars of soap in this area, she was busy mixing my Dill Pickle. These big bars of soap had catchy names and some of them smelled very manly. I was not willing to shell out ten bucks for a bar of soap, but I was more than willing to open each box and take a whiff. There was beer soap on a rope, pine soap and soaps with names like "Victory," "Accomplishment," "Productivity," and "Naval Supremacy."

I think my favorite was "Accomplishment." You never really think of smelling accomplishment, so it was nice to stand there with the box open and my nose on top of it.

After I had spoken to everyone, collected my Dill Pickle paint and savored the bourbon soap one more time, I checked out and headed home.

With a new roller in hand, I started painting various spots on the wall that I had patched and sanded smooth in the previous couple of weeks. Standing back and admiring my work, I realized that the Dill Pickle green I was rolling on the wall was a bit lighter in color than what my wife thought was Dill Pickle green that was already on the wall.

Thinking it would blend in and darken up, I just left it and decided I would come back in an hour and see if it got darker. It didn't get darker after an hour, a day or even a few days. What I

had was a mess...

It was definitely not "Dill Pickle."

I never knew there were so many shades of green. Paint colors always had fancy sounding names, but greens in general come in Forest, Sage, Olive, Lime, Hunter, Jade, Fern, Pine, Kelly, Sea and Emerald — just to name a few....

I could have brought every little color swatch from the hardware store and still never determined which one it was.

So I did what any (maybe not any) man would do and cut another hole in my wall from part of the wall that was not covered in white sanded spackle to take down to the hardware store for them to analyze in their nifty paint matching machine.

Yes, it was a bit extreme, but I wanted to win this game and I was willing to patch another hole to do it.

Does it match? Looking in the can, it looks like it does, but I haven't had the guts to try it yet. As noted, I have a good time at the hardware store.

Green and all of its shades is a nifty color, they say green is the color of life, renewal, nature and energy... We associate green with vitality, fresh growth and health... I'm not so sure about me associating it with wealth, but I'm pretty sure the paint-mixing lady down at the hardware store does.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

10th Street ballpark

Dear Editor,
After the recent county commissioners meeting concerning the 10th Street ballpark proposal a few things are clear to me.

1. The county and city commissioners do not care about the ruining of the wetlands along this corridor.

2. They do not care about the flooding of the private properties around it. Nor do they care about destroying property values around it. (Who wants to buy property adjacent to a big complex like that?)

3. They do not care about the traffic and noise that will be created by this project and the disruption of the peace and tranquility in this neighborhood.

4. The city and county do not really want to hear about the opposition to or the valid reasons this does not make sense on any level that the citizens are aware of.

This project has been worked on two years or more and only recently has the public been aware of it.

It looks to me like making the people that will be effected by it would be one of the first things done. Why was that done? Why did we have to find out over a year after the plans had been drawn up (money spent)?

What is the big motivation to build it in the middle of a quiet neighborhood instead of the Field of Dreams?

To date these questions have not been answered.

Do these politicians not work for their constituents?

I am so very tired of politicians doing things because they think they know so much more than the people they work for that they ignore their bosses.

It will be election time again and maybe then we can hire someone who will listen.

I don't know anyone who objects to ballparks being built, but the park at 10th Street is not the place for it.

**Howard Hackney,
A concerned citizen**

Innocent until proven guilty

Dear Editor,
The Senate Committee Hearings have been quite the spectacle; a fiasco to put it bluntly. Skepticism rings heavy on both sides, partisanship is prevalent in the political arena.

Truth is...somebody is lying. Brett Kavanaugh may not have had sexual relations with that woman, or he may have. I don't know, that's not what I'm here to discuss. My sight, my perspective is pondering upon something much more.

Justice is not exacted through such things as "hear-say" and perpetrators are not guilty until allegations and accusations are proven Beyond a Reasonable Doubt.

Hearsay has become a weapon for many would be victims in American society. By "would be", I simply mean not all accusations are true. That is a fact of life. Emotion sometimes runs rampant, and people say things that are false for their own personal gain.

Don't be fooled. Nobody is perfect. We've all lied at some point. But, it's not just up to judges, lawyers, or juries to decide whether crimes have transpired; it is ultimately up to The Law itself. In this great nation, ALL are Innocent Until Proven Guilty. But, as of late, I've been observing that many in the public-eye have fallen, lost their reputations and jobs all through hearsay and allegations that have not been verified in many cases.

Bill Cosby was sentenced to prison, because his innocence was revoked through a jury. They found him to be guilty. A lot of other men who are being called predators have not seen a court of law to be criminalized or to determined blameless. Mob Rule has dictated their demises; our collective society is holding some individuals hostage and destroying them in the process.

Just because I say the sky is green, doesn't make it so. Investigate, gather evidence, form a hypothesis, a conclusion. Don't just take my word as gospel. We as humans can only

confirm through extensive study. I'm dumbfounded by how the media has taken some of these stories, not just sexual harassment, but all of it, and they've ran with it. There's been no journalism; just sensationalism.

It's not even fake news, it's lazy news. Tell the people the truth, if you can't or won't, then shut it down. Allow the real stories to surface, instead of targeting individuals every other day and trying to ruin their careers, names, and families.

I've not seen a real news story in a dog's age. I know more about Harvey Weinstein than I do the Las Vegas Shooting. That's not good, folks.

Don't believe the hype. Even if Judge Kavanaugh raped Dr. Ford, or committed other acts of sexual deviance, the act will be revealed. But, I wouldn't trust the crooked congressmen in DC to get to the bottom of it. We must believe in The Law of The Land, the law is living. Justice is blind, and deals with crimes accordingly. Our Senators can't even balance a budget, and now they're holding Kangaroo Court sessions.

Kavanaugh is innocent until proven guilty, not the other way around. The rudimentary way in which the country is handling these instances of sexual abuse is ridiculous. Every man in America is looking over their shoulder, even dodging their soulmates for fear that they may face allegations of sexual harassment. Excuse my political incorrectness.

A successful, heterosexual man who womanizes shouldn't be crucified without a jury okay. All you hear-sayers need to go to Vatican-City and protest the real molesters.

Innocent Until Proven Guilty means what it means. We can't have it both ways. Don't tread on these people, subject them to the law. Show me the evidence, make solid conclusions. The Lord said: "Vengeance is Mine. I will Repay Thee."

Who are we to say otherwise?

**Brandon S. Todd
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Tough year for the Florida Manatee

**By Anne Harvey
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Special to The Star

Manatees are imperiled from all sides. In downlisting manatees from "endangered" to "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service asserted that threats are under control. As this summer has sadly demonstrated, nothing could be further from the truth.

The biggest threats manatees continue to face are the result of human impacts. As of August 12th, 97 manatees are believed to have died from red tide in Southwest Florida. Others are victims of the toxic cyanobacterial bloom associated with discharges from Lake Okeechobee. Together, these algae blooms consume oxygen from the water, cause respiratory and neurological distress, and kill acres of aquatic vegetation essential to manatee survival.

It is imperative to

acknowledge that while red tides do occur naturally, the frequency and intensity of recent events are firmly attributable to human activity. Land-based nutrients feed red tides, which are further exacerbated by the deluge released from Lake Okeechobee. The sources of these nutrients are many. Septic systems, agricultural fertilizer, animal waste, and urban runoff are poorly managed throughout the state and end up in our springs, rivers, and coastal systems where they fuel the toxic blooms that threaten both natural and economic resources.

This year also continues to be a record year for manatee mortality from watercraft strikes. So far in 2018, boat collisions have resulted in 75 manatee deaths. This past winter was also the worst for mortality from cold stress since 2011.

Meanwhile, the laws that have protected manatees and their habitat for decades are under attack. In Congress, the Endangered Species Act faces an onslaught of bills designed to weaken it. The

Department of Interior recently proposed new rules undermining the Act, including removal of key provisions that protect threatened species and regulations governing interagency consultation procedures. These regulations are crucial to protecting manatees and their habitat.

Alarm bells are ringing with the public and media now that the problem is so visible, but this problem has been brewing for years. Save the Manatee Club has attempted to address the root causes of these problems: working with the state to develop stronger plans to manage nutrients in important watersheds and to establish additional protected areas for manatees. But we need the public's help.

Clean water and the protection of our nation's wildlife are nonpartisan issues, and we need leaders who understand the importance of these resources.

For information on contacting your elected officials and other actions you can take, please go to savethemanatee.org/action.

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Recently Uncoupled:
Transitioning Through the GAP

Margaret McDowell

Author's Note: This is the second in a two-part series.

"I'd love to rest my weary head on somebody's shoulder; I hate to grow older... all by myself."

"All By Myself" as performed by Eric Carmen

Recently uncoupled women often evolve through three stages after the death of a spouse. The acronym G.A.P., which stands for Grief, Adaptation and Perseverance, accurately describes the stages of transition that many women experience. During this time there is a significant disruption in normal lifestyle and familiar living patterns.

The first stage is grieving. Most recently widowed women are far too unsettled to tackle any major financial issues immediately. In some cases, women are living alone again for the first time in decades and find themselves feeling literally unmoored. Not only are they grieving the loss of a loved

one, they are challenged on multiple fronts with new responsibilities.

Everyone is different, but in general, we recommend no major life changes be made immediately following the death of a spouse. However, some basic financial issues must be addressed and if a woman has already established a relationship with a trusted advisor prior to her husband's passing, she can rely on the advisor to handle most of these tasks, like changing names on accounts and filing for benefits from pensions and life insurance policies. If not, it's often during this period that widows hire an advisor.

The second stage is adjustment. After a time, many women begin a period of financial and emotional adaptation. They may still grieve, but they become more comfortable thinking about selling their home or moving near family. Some begin to take a significant interest in their financial future at this juncture. Most understand intuitively that their money must last a lifetime, and they become more engaged about discussing with their advisor things like how their portfolio can provide additional income. They also usually reach a comfort level with living on only one Social Security

check, as well as living alone on a budget.

Lastly, women in transition must persevere. The recognition that they alone are responsible for their financial future is a significant awakening, one that many women acknowledge in various ways by year two. About 700,000 women become widowed annually in the U.S. Many rely on their church and other structured groups for social outlets. Not all want to remarry. In fact, older widowers are ten times more likely than women to remarry after the death of a spouse. As people are living longer, many women will find themselves living alone for upwards of 20 years. Smart couples prepare for such an eventuality before the death of a spouse.

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not be easily resolved, but do yield to discussion that is carried on rationally and with civility and respect.

This is not just wishful thinking. There are real-world examples.

For instance, the divisions we've faced in foreign policy have often been mitigated when political opponents shared the view that U.S. leadership is good for the world.

Or, on the domestic side,

divergent views on how to provide affordable health care to all have been brought together by addressing incremental steps.

One peculiarity of this time of great unease, when lack of confidence in the country and its institutions is rampant and our differences are accentuated, is that it comes at a moment of economic growth. In the past, it's usually been a sour economy that exacerbated divisions.

That's a puzzle, but it's also an opportunity. It means that we have a prosperous economic backdrop that should allow us more

easily to find common ground with one another, as I've seen happen in the past. It's time to step up our game, move past our differences, and propel the country forward.

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Workshop advances MLK rezoning proposal

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A workshop last week for impacted property owners did not result in the turnout Port St. Joe officials had hoped, but it nonetheless advanced a plan to rezone Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.

The workshop drew just over a dozen property owners for a review of the plan as the city prepares next steps in the rezoning process.

The city sent letters to more than 100 property owners who might be impacted by the MLK plan.

City commissioners had sought the workshop as a way of gauging community support for the plan.

Of those who attended, a few spoke, a couple in favor, a couple opposed to certain aspects.

The next steps are a formal survey of those same impacted property owners assessing their approval, or disapproval, in writing of the rezoning plan.

After that survey, undertaken by city planner Ray Greer, is complete the city will hold a required series of three public workshops, including one in front of the city's planning board, before considering final action on the rezoning proposal.

Meanwhile, the city is also undertaking an

assessment of infrastructure needs should the plan's increase in density limits be approved: as proposed for some areas of the rezoned corridor, density limits would increase from 15 to 25 units per acre.

A major change in the community's dynamics, as proposed in the amended master plan and zoning proposal, would be increases in height limits from 35 feet to 60.

"The height and the units per acre, those are going to be your big changes," Greer has said. "It is a pretty substantial increase in height.

The rezoning is seen as the catalyst for redevelopment of the neighborhood of North Port St. Joe and builds on an update of a master plan originally formalized in 2006.

The amended plan, sponsored by the North Port St. Joe Project Area Coalition (NPSJ-PAC), was approved earlier this year by the Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency and forwarded to the Commission, which also gave its approval.

In short strokes, the proposed rezoning would involve maintaining the current underlying mixed-use category under which most of the corridor is zoned, as outlined again last week by consultant John Hendry.

On top of that would be "overlay" districts,

three zones which would have specific land use regulations dictating the residential/commercial mix within that district.

A central goal would be preserving the historic and current mix on MLK; predominantly commercial between Avenues A and D and predominantly residential from Avenue D north.

"We didn't want a one-size-fits-all zoning so we could preserve what is there, we want to preserve the sense of neighborhood," Hendry said.

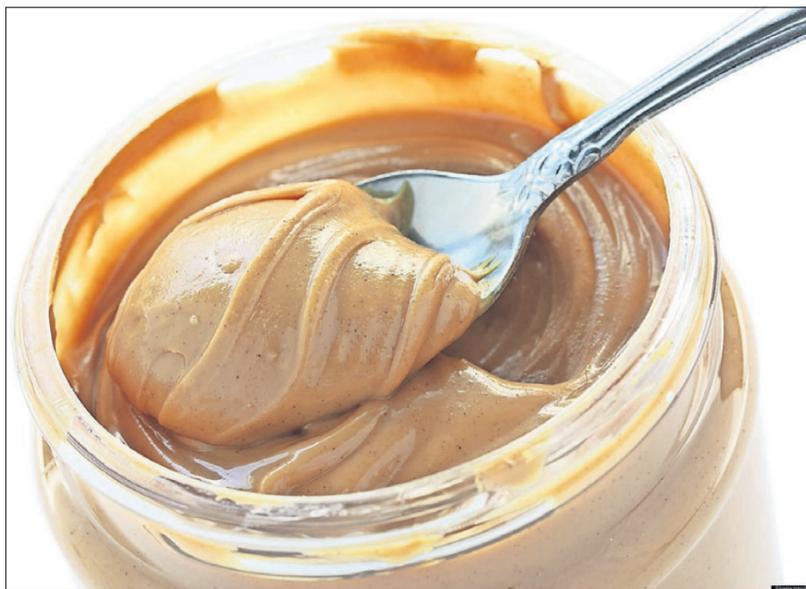
The plan provided the elements to create workforce or affordable housing within the neighborhood.

The plan also puts forth a framework to expand lodging and dining options within the neighborhood for both visitors and residents.

And, Hendry emphasized, the rezoning plan, the master plan, are pieces in a puzzle to address the blight in North Port St. Joe and along MLK, conditions in stark contrast to the revival that has taken place along Reid Ave.

"It is essential the neighborhood, the city and the county come up with the best way of eliminating this blight," Hendry said. "There will have to be a coherent and integrated plan for this.

"This needs the support of everybody. We want everybody to come together in a positive way to determine how to fix this."



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Feed the hungry, meet a challenge

Donate peanut butter to UF/IFAS Extension in Gulf County

By Ray Bodrey

Gulf County Extension Director
UF/IFAS
Special to The Star

According to a recent report, 1 in 6 children face hunger in the U.S. Did you know that each 1-ounce serving of peanut butter contains 7 grams of protein and 10 percent of the recommended amount of dietary fiber? Peanut butter is also rich in powerful antioxidant vitamin D and muscle-friendly potassium and magnesium, which helps build strong bones.

If you want to help feed the hungry in Florida's Panhandle this year, you can donate peanut butter during the annual Peanut Butter Challenge, coordinated by UF/IFAS Extension. Thanks to a partnership of UF/IFAS Extension and the Florida Peanut Producers Association, food pantries from Pensacola to Monticello will receive thousands of jars of donated peanut butter

"The Peanut Butter Challenge not only raises awareness about the important contribution of North Florida's peanut growers to the state peanut industry, but also helps provide a healthy, locally produced product to food-insecure families in northwest Florida."

Libbie Johnson, Agricultural Extension Agent for UF/IFAS Extension Escambia County and co-organizer of the Challenge

this December.

From Oct. 1 through Nov. 21, you can donate unopened jars of peanut butter at the UF/IFAS Extension Gulf County Office in Wewahitchka.

Since 2012, the volunteers and UF/IFAS Extension County and Extension Agents have collected jars of peanut butter from residents, volunteer groups and businesses in 16 northwest Florida counties.

Last year, UF/IFAS Extension county offices received 6,222 jars of peanut butter, said Libbie Johnson, Agricultural Extension Agent for UF/IFAS Extension Escambia County and co-organizer of the Challenge. In addition to these donations, the Florida Peanut Producers Association also contributes, supplying more than 3,000 jars each Challenge, Johnson said.

Our hope to surpass that total this year!

"The Peanut Butter Challenge not only raises awareness about the important contribution of North Florida's peanut growers to the state peanut industry, but also helps provide a healthy, locally produced product to food-insecure families in northwest Florida," Johnson said.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Gulf County Sheriff's Office law enforcement summary

Sept. 24-30

On Sept. 25, Sgt. Sanders traveled to the Bay County Jail to pick up James Travis Prescott (42) and transport him to the Gulf County Detention Facility to be booked on three Writ of Bodily Attachments for failing to pay child support.

On Sept. 25, K-9 Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on Hurd Street in Wewahitchka on a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign. During the course of the stop, K-9 Brix was deployed on the vehicle to conduct a free air sniff. Brix alerted on the vehicle, giving deputies probable cause to search the vehicle for illegal narcotics. A search revealed a cigarette pack containing a plastic baggie with a crystal-like substance that tested positive for Methamphetamine. Marijuana and drug paraphernalia were also found. The driver, James R. Ard, Jr. (35), was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Ard was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Sept. 25, Deputy G. Desrosier served a warrant on William Earl Barber (27) at the Gulf County Detention Facility. Barber, who was already incarcerated on unrelated charges, was charged with Trespassing following an investigation by Deputy

J. Page which began on Sept. 7, 2018.

On Sept. 26, Investigator P. Baxley completed an investigation involving the misuse of corporate funds by arresting Charles James Edwards (42). Edwards was arrested and charged with Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card after it was discovered that he was responsible for charging approximately \$13,000 worth of unauthorized credit card debt on his employer's corporate account.

On Sept. 26, Sgt. C. Dixon traveled to the Bay County Jail to arrest Charles Laney Lowe (50) and transport him to Gulf County to be booked on a Violation of Probation warrant. Lowe was on probation for Possession of Less Than Twenty Grams of Marijuana.

On Sept. 27, K-9 Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on Old Transfer Road in Wewahitchka. The driver, identified as Michael Alan Strickland (41), told deputies that his driver's license was not good. This information was confirmed with communications and Strickland was arrested for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (with knowledge) and No Vehicle Registration. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Sept. 28, Deputy A. White was dispatched to State 22 in the Wewahitchka

area in reference to several complaints of a reckless driver. It was reported that a white pick-up truck was failing to maintain lanes and had almost struck multiple vehicles head on. Deputy A. White located the vehicle and noticed it was being operated in a reckless manner. Deputy White conducted a traffic stop while on State 71 near Harden Circle. The driver, Casey William Kelley (41), was asked to perform field sobriety assessments to determine his Blood Alcohol Content. Kelley performed the assessments poorly and it was determined that he was too impaired to operate a motor vehicle. Kelley was subsequently arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Kelley refused to submit to a breath test. Kelley was on probation so he was additionally charged with Violation of Probation.

On Sept. 28, K-9 Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of 2nd Street and Iola Avenue in Wewahitchka. Deputies identified the driver as Jessica Marie Mumford (23) and learned that her driver's license was suspended. During the stop, Deputy Peek deployed K-9 Brix around the vehicle to conduct a free air sniff. Brix alerted on the vehicle, giving deputies probable cause to search it. A search revealed a glass smoking device with a crystal-like substance inside of it. The smoking device tested positive for the

presence of Methamphetamine. Mumford was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (Habitual), Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Violation of Probation. Mumford was on probation for the original charge of Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Sept. 29, K-9 Deputy M. Peek and Investigator S. Ferrell conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling North on State 71 in Wewahitchka for faulty equipment. As contact was being made with the driver, the passenger, identified as Brittany Jordana Dykes (24), was attempting to conceal an object in her pants. Deputy D. Huggins was called to the scene to search Dykes. Deputy Huggins found that Dykes was hiding a used syringe on her person. The syringe had a fluid inside it that tested positive for Methamphetamine. Dykes was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Sept. 29, Sgt. P. Williams conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling North on State 71 in Wewahitchka. The occupants were identified as William Austin Koontz (27), driver, and Daila Jade Thomas (33), passenger. K-9 Deputy M. Peek and Investigator

S. Ferrell arrived on scene to assist and K-9 Brix was deployed on the vehicle. Brix alerted on the vehicle, giving deputies probable cause to search the vehicle. A search revealed personal amounts of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Koontz and Thomas were both charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and were transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility for booking.

On Sept. 29, Deputy A. White was dispatched to Pine Avenue in Wewahitchka in reference to a subject trespassing. Upon arrival, Deputy White observed Eric Anthony Sims (40) standing alone in the front yard of the residence he was dispatched to. While dealing with Sims, he was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Sims was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Law Enforcement without Violence, and Violation of Probation. Sims was on probation for Possession of Methamphetamine. He was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility without incident.

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TDC's record year continues

By Tim Croft

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Kelli Godwin began Monday's call with a bit of understatement.

The Executive Director of the Gulf County Tourist Development Council was speaking about bed tax revenue for August.

Those numbers, the latest available, showed an increase of 24 percent in revenue compared to the same month last year as well as a yearly increase in bed taxes of 12.68 percent.

In simpler terms, with the new fiscal year starting Monday, the old one is turning out to be a record-breaker with still one month to go in the counting of receipts.

"We had a good, strong August," Godwin said.

Statistics for September will not be available until the end of this month, but several things are evident without those numbers.

First, the TDC will shatter its revenue record of last year, when bed taxes first eclipsed \$2 million; a mere four years after bed tax revenue first topped the \$1 million mark.

Second, if September ends in the black, even by \$1 compared to the prior fiscal year, the 2017-18 year will go down as having just one month that finished in the red compared to the prior year.

And third, depending on September revenue numbers, the TDC is on track to enjoy the second-largest single annual gain since 2012, removing from the equation the year the county implemented a fifth penny.

The success of August, Godwin said could be due to several factors.

In part, the actual level of improvement tracks in part to two years ago, when one of the largest bed-tax collectors in the county reported July receipts in August.

That skewed August that year, reflected in last fiscal year's fall of more than \$100,000, representing a drop of nearly 35 percent.

That roller coaster evened

out this past August; August 2018 was up \$41,000 from three years ago, the first with the fifth penny.

"We also had our fall campaign which we felt was part of (August's jump)," Godwin said. "And I think we got a good boost from scallop season."

"It was later in the year, it was productive, people were planning around it and I think it gave a boost to our more short-term rental partners."

As of the end of August, the TDC had collected \$2.1 million, already pushing past a budget of \$2 million and nearly a quarter million dollars ahead of collections at the same time last year.

The TDC is already planning on several campaigns.

Composing, designing and printing the new visitor's guide is in full swing with a photo shoot scheduled this week.

The TDC team is also planning for the spring campaign as well as a holiday effort to be called "Holiday on the Half Shell."

In addition, last week the TDC staff began a pilot project to create a certified concierge program among stakeholders.

For the past couple of years, the TDC has focused on providing a concierge service, linking visitors' desires to the appropriate local outlets through the Welcome Center and its staff.

The concierge program is taking a step forward, with nine frontline hospitality employees in the first class.

"I was really excited with the first class," Godwin said. "This is our pilot project."

The initial coursework was performed last week at the Welcome Center and the attendees will continue the course for six weeks.

"A lot of time visitors see those people more than they see us or come to the Welcome Center," Godwin said. "They want a local source of information."

"It helps if we are all saying the same things. And it is a great way to (disseminate) information on things like scallop season and red tide."

SPENDING

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Resource Act (CBRA) zone, a constant thorn for the county.

And the lands initially identified for acquisition in the application to the Consortium have been secured through swaps with Deseret Cattle and Timber.

The biggest caveat is, as it has been for all things related to disbursing fine money from Deepwater, is the length of time between award and money in the bank.

Thus far the county has not seen significant funding from any of the pots or sources.

The Consortium money coming to the county, \$12.8 million give or take will flow over the next 12 years.

The sewer projects, according to the timeline in the SEP, will not be completed until well into the next decade.

Additionally, the dollars are coming out of the U.S. Treasury and a grant application process which, in the case of so-called Pot 1 dollars and the beach restoration project, has proved laborious.

The Gulf Coast Consortium was formed three years ago, with members voting to divide equally among the 23 counties the \$291 million, resulting in each county receiving just shy of \$13 million.

Of those funds coming to the county, the SEP calls for \$7 million to be used for sewer

upgrades.

Those start in Beacon Hill and the activation of a "dry line" out of a force main the city of Port St. Joe ran from St. Joe Beach to Beacon Hill several years ago.

That will allow sewer service to some 650 customers and the elimination of nearly 400 septic systems, according to the SEP.

In addition, the funding would allow for the replacement of sewer pipes to a large swath of the city of Port St. Joe, particularly downtown and older sections of the city.

The city of Wewahitchka would receive funding to implement its proposed six-phase effort to expand its sewer system, including installation of lift stations, to reach the entire city service area.

"The proposed wastewater infrastructure improvements are significant and will allow for the abandonment of 850 septic systems located on small urban lots, and the replacement of 27,300 linear feet of failing sewer infrastructure that carries wastewater flows from 260 small urban lots," detailed the SEP.

"These upgrades are proposed for areas that are likely to contribute to groundwater and surface water degradation in St. Joseph Bay, the Chipola River and Apalachicola Bay."

Both those projects, Yeager said, would likely see initial design and engineering dollars in the next year with additional funding to follow in ensuing

years.

The county, in its application to the Consortium, details that its Pot 1 multi-year spending plan commits \$2 million future dollars to the projects, which carry a total price tag of over \$15 million.

The county, therefore, will seek funding of another roughly \$6.5 million from other sources, such as a loan/grant package the State Revolving Fund or Triumph Gulf Coast, among others listed in the SEP.

The St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control Project would install 13 segmented underwater structures, 200 x 40, along the peninsula's southern end at a cost of \$3 million.

"We will probably have to amend that one," Yeager said, noting the presence of CBRA designations in the project area.

He said recommendations for a path forward will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

Finally, the county proposed to spend \$2.6 million for land acquisition.

Yeager said the project had a focus on boat ramps at Odena and Willis Landing, both of which the county was leasing.

But the county has acquired, or taken steps to acquire, both through land swaps with Deseret.

That project and those dollars, Yeager said, would also likely be amended after going back before the BOCC for approval of an amended project.

BEACH

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Yeager said county staff had a positive phone conversation with U.S. Treasury officials last Thursday and he remained optimistic the county might get positive news by week's end.

He said change-order paperwork was already completed to alter the scope of the project if and when the RESTORE arrives, and on time.

The Board of County Commissioners were compelled to move ahead with a project, any project, late last month regardless of the status of the RESTORE money, due to

deadlines from Manson.

Manson was poised to move its equipment from the Mississippi River to the East Coast if the county could not provide a notice to proceed.

Had Manson moved on east, the project would likely be delayed until deep into next year.

The county issued that notice to proceed just over two weeks ago.

Manson, which initially estimated it would take two to three weeks to mobilize, already has equipment staged near the peninsula.

The \$2.8 million RESTORE funds, the county's first-year direct allocation under that federal legislation, have been with Treasury for some two years or more.

The latest hold-up was a

question of whether using sand to restore the southern end of peninsula beaches was a proper exemption to rules under the Coastal Barrier Resource Act (CBRA).

Until late last month, that answer appeared to be no, or at least U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had not weighed in to support or oppose Treasury's position it was an allowable expense.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife ultimately agreed, but the CBRA zone remained a factor.

With work beginning near the Stump Hole on the south end, within the CBRA zone in question, if sand hits the beach before the RESTORE funds are issued by Treasury, the money will not be approved for the restoration project.

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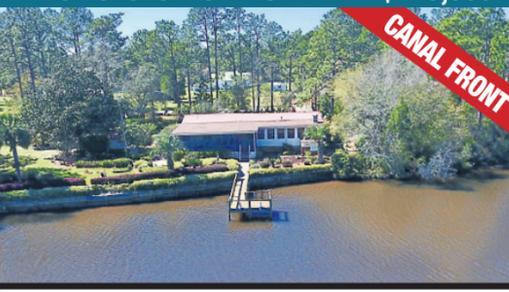
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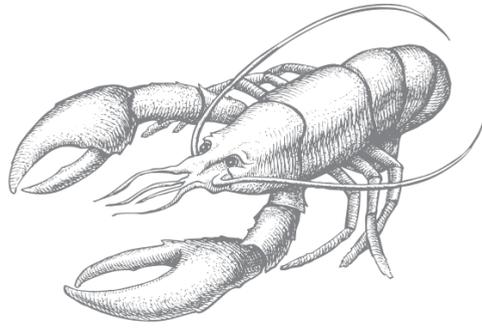
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FESTIVAL

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"The selfish side of me, I hate to see festivals cancelled," Ott said. "I really enjoy the Scallop and Music Festival."

"We love Port St. Joe. We have been coming down here for 15 years and for 13 of those years we have done the music for the festival."

And, it turned out, Ott had some experience in the festival-revival genre.

In Sopchoppy, he had helped re-energize a Fourth of July festival which was on the verge of being cancelled due to local apathy and lack of resources.

So, Ott set to work, the phone lines buzzing.

He tackled a list of past festival sponsors, gave presentations to local civic organizations and lined up artists.

Steadily, over a span of three months, the outline of the festival took shape, somewhat scaled back, yes, but full of music and vendors.

There is even an altruistic element as a portion of proceeds will go toward the

Festival musical schedule

Friday (all times Eastern)
Frank Lindamood: 4-5:30 p.m.

Announcements: 5:45-6:15 p.m.

Charlie and Dana Hunt Black: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Boo Radley: 7:45-8:45 p.m.

The Currys: 9-10 p.m.

Saturday

Hot Tamales: 12-1 p.m.

Coastal Highway: 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Scallop Team presentation: 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Baby Gray: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The Adventures of Annabelle Lyn: 4:45-5:45 p.m.

The Currys: 6-7 p.m.

Bo Spring Band: 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Old Soul Revival: 8:30-10 p.m.



A portion of festival proceeds will support ongoing scallop restoration in St. Joseph Bay. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

are taking the risk that we'll get the festival off."

The stage is located behind the Haughty Heron along Sailor's Cove Drive and there are 35 vendors lined up and will be surrounding the stage.

The Centennial Bank tent will be out and folks are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

The lineup of music might lack a national name, but it is packed with local favorites.

The Currys will headline Friday night and will be joined by the Bo Spring Band and Old

Soul Revival as headliners on Saturday night.

Charlie and Dana Hunt Black will be performing Friday and the Hot Tamales, Baby Gray, Coastal Highway and the Adventures of Annabelle Lyn are among the performers Saturday.

Nashville star Kendall Marvel will be playing during an after-party Saturday.

"We are having people I enjoy listening to and I think other people enjoy also," Ott said, before adding with a smile, "Because I don't play as

much as I used to, I think one of the reasons I am doing this is because I am living vicariously through these bands."

The festival will be open 4-10 p.m. ET Friday and 12 noon until 10 p.m. ET Saturday followed by the after-party at the Haughty Heron.

Entry is \$10 after 4 p.m.; folks are encouraged to come out and enjoy the arts and crafts and vendors for free 12-4 p.m. ET Saturday.

Music will play throughout the festival hours.

There will also be a cash bar throughout the festival, but due to permitting issues, coolers and pets will be prohibited.

The hope, Ott said, would be a festival that doesn't lose money and lives to see future years.

In Sopchoppy, the Fourth of July festival Ott helped resuscitate is now embraced and supported by the community and local merchants.

"What we need now is for people to come through the gate," Ott said. "If we can make this work this year, break even, I would like to see this continue."

"I love the Scallop and Music Festival and I would love to see it continue for several more years."

VOTING

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register in person at Hanlon's office, 401 Long Ave. in Port St. Joe, or go online to www.votegulf.com.

Absentee or mail ballots started going out this week.

Hanlon said his office already had more than 900 requests for absentee ballots and that number is likely to grow.

"That will increase the closer we get to the election,"

Hanlon said.

This is also an election cycle that sees the first steps in additional security at the Elections Office.

Hanlon this year received grant funding to bolster election security.

Of the planned improvements, the most significant item, an "Albert" server, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, is in place.

That server monitors every electronic message which exits or attempts to enter the firewall for the Supervisor of Elections.

"We get daily updates and it will provide indications for any potential threat or problem," Hanlon said.

Hanlon said he sees a busy general election.

There are heated state races for governor and U.S. Senate, as well Commissioner of Agriculture and Attorney General.

A whopping 13 amendments to the Florida Constitution are also before voters for consideration.

And, Hanlon said, there are local races for three seats to the Board of County Commissioners.

In District 1, incumbent Commissioner David Rich, a Republican, is facing Democrat John Nagy and William Lawson, who is running without party affiliation.

That election is for a two-year term.

The District 1 seat returns to its typical rotation in 2020.

The other two BOCC races are for four-year terms.

Commissioner Ward McDaniel, a Democrat, faces challenges for his District 2 seat from Tom Semmes, a Republican, and Josh Taunton, running without party affiliation.

And in District 4, Commissioner Sandy Quinn, Jr., a Democrat, is facing challenges from Ronald Pickett and Amy Rogers, both running without party affiliation.

Election Day is Nov. 6.

Early voting will begin Oct. 27 and continue through Nov. 3 at two locations, Hanlon's office in Port St. Joe and the Wewahitchka Public Library.

Saturday voting hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET and Sunday voting will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. ET.

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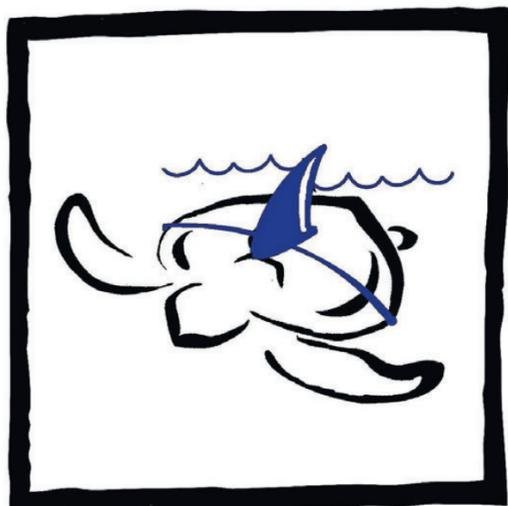
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Friends of St. Vincent fundraiser

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.

As part of the tribute, there will be a costume

contest, so calling all "Parrotheads."

The costume contest includes prizes.

There will also be a live auction and corn hole tournament.

OCBC "Special" Wildlife Lager will be available and food will be provided by 13 Mile Seafood. No feathers, no fur, no problem. Join the fun and support a natural wonder.

Friends, staff of St. Joseph Bay Preserves extend invitation to Bay Day

Special to The Star

Tim Croft said it best in an article in the Panhandle Beacon in 2004 remarking on the Friends one-year anniversary — "People must be stakeholders in the land." The Friends of the Preserves are still a vibrant and active group working with the Preserve Manager and staff to keep St. Joseph Bay pristine and assist in the Preserve uplands where needed.

One major task they take on twice a year is Bay Day.

On the second Saturday in February and October the Friends organize and produce outstanding events. Fall Bay Day is just around the corner — just two weeks away. While the planning started many months ago the group anxiously awaits another successful Bay Day. Immediately following the Fall Bay Day work begins on the February Bay Day — just a mere three months away.

It was noted in the 2004 article that visiting scientists and researchers are utilizing the Preserve Lodge.

Update: Since 2004 many groups and individual research students have utilized the preserves for their studies. Of course, we have those colleges and universities that are close by and we have those who travel a long way to visit the Preserves and our area. The Buffer Preserve is also very fortunate to have three Alternate Spring Breakers. Those too, come from near and far. They work exceptionally hard the week they are here and complete many projects to help the preserves.

If you are not familiar with the Buffer Preserve or the Aquatic Preserve stop in for a visit at the Preserve Welcome Center and learn how the Buffer Preserve helps to protect the bay through a natural filtration of the water as it descends to the bay via the watershed.

St. Joseph Bay is one of the most pristine bays on the Gulf of Mexico and the goal is to keep it that way. Being the only embayed body of water on the Eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico with no fresh water intrusion.

An issue that might be a little confusing to folks is the terminology used when speaking of the Aquatic Preserve and Buffer Preserve in relation to the Friends.

St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve is located on State Road 30-A at Simmons Bayou. St. Joseph Bay Aquatic Preserve encompasses 73,000



A highlight of Bay Day: the low country boil. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

submerged acres in the bay and gulf. The Friends group work to help both the Aquatic Preserve and Buffer Preserve hence the name Friends of the Preserves while each of the preserves are a separate entity.

The Aquatic Preserve is now funded through the state with a small staff and a group of dedicated volunteers sample the water and use a transect to observe the sea grass to ensure the pristine condition of the water and sea grass for all living in the bay. These volunteers are very important to the health of the bay.

Plants are a major area of study on the Buffer Preserve. The preserve's crop of Chapman's rhododendrons is the largest population of its kind on public lands. Other federally or state

threatened or endangered plant populations are observed and conditions are created that encourage their growth. Prescribed burning is the disturbance needed to create conditions for these rare, endangered, or threatened plants to thrive and survive.

As noted in the 2004 article, "membership is over 40 and climbing." Membership is now over 200 members and still growing. The Friends need your help and support in order to continue working to make the Preserves the best they can be and provide a place of enjoyment and learning for the public.

Preserve Manager, Dylan Shoemaker arrived in January 2013 and has made a substantial impact at the Buffer Preserve. The Aquatic Preserve manager and staff work

to further promote the ongoing positive relationship between the uplands and the bay.

Check out www.stjosephbaypreserves.org for the schedule for Bay Day on Oct. 13.

There will be a Live Auction beginning at 6:30 p.m. ET Thursday, Oct. 11.

There will be 40 items for your enjoyment. You will be helping the preserves by making your donations and getting some great items. The Friends invite you to join their organization by membership. They welcome participation and hope you can attend the Annual Meeting in January.

You can see the list of items on www.stjosephbaypreserves.org. Check them out. Perfect Christmas or birthday gifts, or just a "Feel Good" gift for that special someone.



Bay Day is for visitors and residents of all ages. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

WEEKLY ALMANAC

Date	High	Low	% Precip
Thu, October 4	88°	74°	10%
Fri, October 5	87°	74°	10%
Sat, October 6	87°	74°	20%
Sun, October 7	87°	75°	40%
Mon, October 8	87°	75°	20%
Tues, October 9	87°	74°	40%
Wed, October 10	86°	74°	50%

TIDE TABLES MONTHLY AVERAGES

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

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

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

ST. JOSEPH BAY

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
4	Th	5:36a	2.0	3:53p	0.2				
5	Fr	7:09a	1.9	4:37p	0.3				
6	Sa	8:41a	1.7	5:11p	0.6				
7	Su	10:10a	1.6	11:02p	1.0	5:25p	0.9		
8	Mo	11:45a	1.3	10:26p	1.2	3:38a	0.8	5:02p	1.1
9	Tu	10:30p	1.4			5:15a	0.7		
10	We	10:55p	1.7			6:38a	0.6		

APALACHICOLA BAY, WEST PASS

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide				
4	Th	2:01a	1.4	10:33a	1.5	6:13a	1.5	7:25p	0.3
5	Fr	2:32a	1.4	12:14p	1.5	7:26a	1.3	8:20p	0.3
6	Sa	2:57a	1.4	1:41p	1.5	8:20a	1.1	9:07p	0.4
7	Su	3:18a	1.4	2:53p	1.6	9:07a	0.8	9:48p	0.5
8	Mo	3:37a	1.4	3:54p	1.6	9:50a	0.6	10:24p	0.7
9	Tu	3:54a	1.4	4:50p	1.6	10:31a	0.5	10:55p	0.9
10	We	4:12a	1.5	5:42p	1.5	11:11a	0.4	11:22p	1.0

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FISHING REPORT



Fishing has been pretty good this last week and positive reports continue. Redfish and Trout have been the winners mostly in St. Joe bay and live shrimp and soft baits behind popping corks early are taking fish. Bait fish are still plentiful and Pin Fish are still a good bait to free line in 2 to 3 feet of water in the grassy areas. A note here about Red Tide. We are fielding about 20 calls a day at Bluewater regarding Red Tide. We are seeing virtually none within St Joe Bay and we want to encourage folks to get out and enjoy our beautiful bay. FWC updates every couple days on the web and you may call for Red Tide updates at the following numbers. Inside the state of Florida 866-300-9399 and outside the state of Florida 727-552-2448. Until next week, Happy Fishing!

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SPORTS

Port St. Joe rolls with another win

Star Staff Report

To say that last Friday night's game at Shark Stadium was not your typical Friday night lights would be easy.

Actually, the lights and the night part of the equation took on greater emphasis and it was nearly Saturday before the game was over.

A mechanical issue for North Florida Educational Institute on the bus ride to Port St. Joe delayed the start of the game by two hours and the game, despite a running clock in the second half, did not end until close to midnight.

But, when all was said and done, after a 48-0 shellacking of the Eagles, Port St. Joe (5-0) remained unbeaten and unscored upon save for nine points allowed to Marianna in the second week.

The Eagles fell to 0-5.

North Florida Educational Institute, a Class 2A private school in Jacksonville, is in just its third year of varsity football.

The Tiger Sharks put up 34 points in the opening period to all but cement the outcome.

Jasmin Thomas (four yards), Josh Butts (eight yards) and Russell Russ (12 yards) each scored a

rushing touchdown in the first quarter.

Butts also connected with Cameron Harmon on a 19-yard touchdown pass and Kendre Gant returned an interception 35 yards for another touchdown.

Joel Bogaert converted four of the five extra-point kicks.

Payton Edwards scored on a 40-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, triggering a running clock, and Butts added a five-yard touchdown run in the third period.

Bogaert converted extra-point kicks after both touchdowns.

Defensively, the Tiger Sharks held North Florida Educational to minus-14 yards rushing and 60 yards passing, the third time this season Port St. Joe has held an opponent to fewer than 100 total offensive yards.

The Tiger Sharks also intercepted three passes.

Port St. Joe had 263 total net yards, 197 on the ground.

Edwards was the leading rusher with 60 yards on two carries.

Russ had 43 yards on five carries and Thomas added 41 yards on four carries.

Butts was 4 of 5 passing for 66 yards and added 19 yards rushing.

Port St. Joe is at Walton County Friday.



The Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School volleyball team will host its "Dig Pink" event Oct. 9. [COURTESY OF WAYNE TAYLOR]

Dig Pink aids fight against breast cancer

By Tim Croft

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This particular 10th anniversary should be draped in pink, not the traditional tin.

For the 10th consecutive year, the Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School volleyball program will host a "Dig Pink" event to support the Side-Out Foundation.

The Side-Out Foundation funds breast cancer research and awareness.

"Our fundraising goal this year is the most aggressive, for us, yet," said Port St. Joe coach Wayne Taylor. "We have set the goal at \$2,500.

"We are receiving fantastic support from our business partners but we still need help to achieve this goal."

There are several ways to help "Dig Pink" this month.

The most obvious is to attend the annual "Dig Pink" volleyball match Oct. 9 between county rivals Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School.

The junior high match begins at 4:30 p.m. ET with the junior varsity scheduled for 6 p.m.

After the JV match, but before the varsity match, the Lady Tiger Sharks will honor their seniors.

Fans are encouraged to wear pink.

"Let's 'pink out' the Dome," Taylor said of the R. Marion Craig Coliseum, site of the "Dig Pink" matches.

Proceeds from all three matches, junior high, JV and varsity, will be donated to Side-Out.

Those who wish can donate online at <https://giving.side-out.org/campaigns/14195>;

donate to the PSJHS volleyball program (memo-Dig Pink); or donate to The Side-Out Foundation, 3935 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Taylor noted this is his last year to head-up the annual "Dig Pink" campaign as he retires at the end of the school year.

"I have greatly appreciated the support from all our Gulf County supporters," Taylor said.

"I would particularly like to thank our neighbors in Wewahitchka for helping us support this cause by allowing us to schedule our last home match of the season each of the past 10 years here in Port St. Joe.

"We know that's always our largest crowd of the season and thus the largest gate of the season and in turn the most monetary support of this important cause."



Port St. Joe has shut out four of five opponents this season. [COURTESY OF WAYNE TAYLOR]

Roman Quinn, family say thanks

Star Staff Report

Roman Quinn and his family sent out thanks this week to those who traveled from Port St. Joe to Atlanta during a recent weekend series to support Roman.

Family and friends mean a lot, he said.

And while the Philadelphia Phillies season is over and fell short of the playoffs, the Port St. Joe native seemed in good stead for the major league roster in 2019.

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

He started consistently in center-field, hitting up and down the batting order.

And though a broken toe

suffered when he fouled a ball off his foot slowed his production over the last couple of weeks of the season, Quinn was on fire prior to the injury, which he played through after sitting a couple of games.

In his first 31 games and 80 plate appearances, Quinn batted .346 with a .363 on-base percentage and .538 slugging percentage, good for an OPS of .901.

An OPS over .900 indicates you are, in baseball parlance, raking.

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

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

He also stole six bases in eight attempts.

For the season, Quinn finished with 131 at-bats, hitting .260 with two home runs, 12 RBIs 13 runs-scored and 10 stolen bases.

Gators fall at Sneads

Star Staff Report

The Wewahitchka Jr./Sr. High School football team ran into a buzz saw on the road last week, losing 45-6 at Sneads.

The Pirates shut down the Gators running attack while chewing up more than 400 yards on the ground, reaching a running clock in the second half.

Wewahitchka fell to 3-3 with a major home conference game Friday as Liberty County comes to call.

Sneads, 4-1, continued to hold on to one of the four playoff spots in Region 2-1A, according to the Florida High

School Athletics Association power rankings.

Port St. Joe and Sneads are tied for third in the region.

The Pirates dominated the Gators at the line of scrimmage.

Sneads rushed 24 times as a team for 407 yards, adding another 60 yards, and one touchdown, through the air.

Calvin Stringer had a game-high 246 yards and three touchdowns on just 13 carries for Sneads.

Seth Scott had just four carries but made them count for 125 yards and a pair of scores.

Defensively, Sneads had an 82-yard interception return

for another touchdown.

The Gators rushed 41 times but gained just 128 yards, adding 22 passing yards.

Tyreeq Thomas led Wewahitchka with 43 yards on 12 carries.

Trevor Nunnery scored the Gators lone touchdown in the fourth quarter and had 41 rushing yards on 11 carries.

Cody Lee added 38 yards on 15 carries.

Sneads scored 13 points in the first period, added 14 points in the second and triggered the running clock with 12 third-quarter points.

The Pirates also added a fourth-quarter touchdown.

Coach's Corner

By Greg Jordan

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

First off thank you Shark fans for hanging with us last Friday night. Things sometimes happen that are out of our control. Their charter bus broke down outside Tallahassee and they were delayed over 2.5 hours. We talk about playing anytime, anywhere?? Well we did last week with a 9 p.m. ET kickoff! Once again thank you for staying with us and supporting our team.

Once the game got under way the Sharks took little time in gaining control. We scored 34 1st quarter points en route to a 48-0 victory. The win pushed the Sharks to 5-0

at the half way point of the season with 5 regular season games to go.

Offensively, we only ran 27 total plays. We averaged 9.7 yards per play with 262 total yards. On defense we held NFEI to 46 total yards on 40 plays.

They had (-14) rush yards on 18 carries and 60 passing yards on 8-22. We had 3 interceptions on the night one returned for a TD. Our offense has to just try and keep improving each week as the season moves on.

Defensively we have established a standard we expect to play at each week. We probably won't have shutouts each week but our level of play is in place. Defensively we have

had 4 shutouts in 5 games and allowed only 9 points on the season. Defense travels and wins big games!

This week the Sharks hit the road to take on another out of class opponent. We travel to Walton County to take on the Class 4A Walton Braves. Walton has a big and physical offensive and defensive line. They have several skill kids that can go the distance if we are out of fits defensively. Offensively we need to establish drives and keep possession of the ball. This is a week we need to run 50-plus plays on offense. It should be a fun and exciting game!! Hope you can make the trip to Walton this week!! Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.! GO SHARKS!!!

SCENE AROUND



An egret glides over the Port St. Joe Marina [COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH]



A beautiful calm evening around St. Joseph Bay [COURTESY OF GRIFF AND KAREN GAINNIE]



80 year-old grandma said, "The beach is calling and I must go." [COURTESY OF JOANN LOCASCIO]

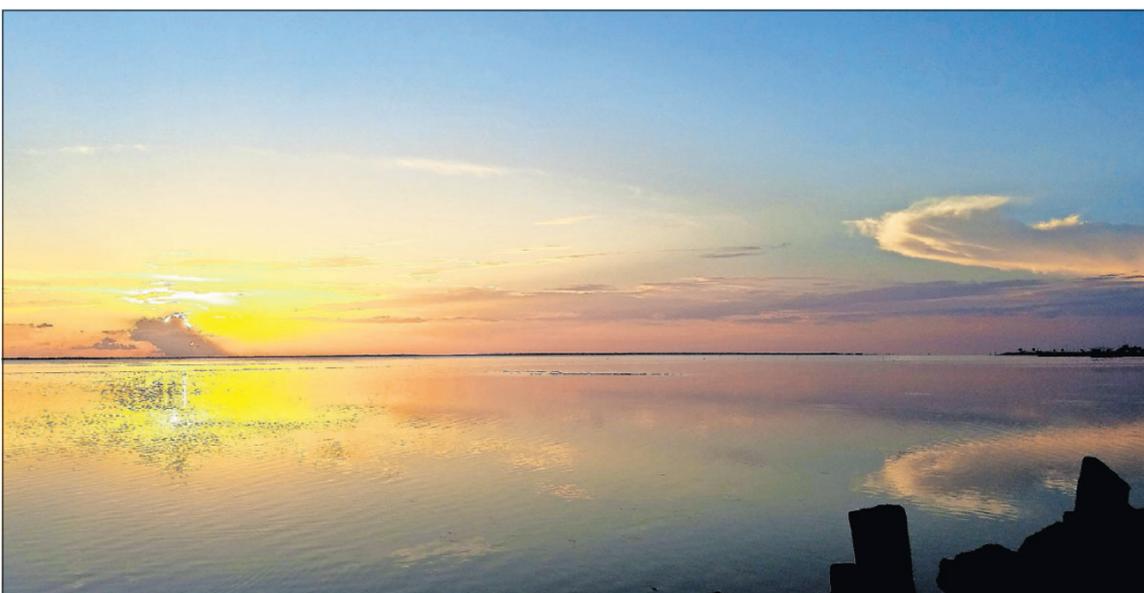


"Sometimes you just want a pretty flower" [COURTESY OF BUDDY EDWARDS]

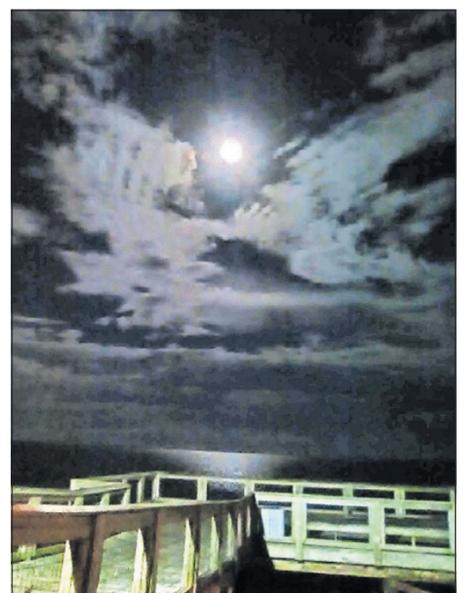


Waves pound St. Joe Beach [COURTESY OF LIZZY ABSHER]

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Sunset across St. Joseph Bay [COURTESY OF KENNY MOORE]



Moon rise over the bay [COURTESY OF TERRY STRAIN]

COMMUNITY

The Joe plants 'Festival of Trees'

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During its first year The Joe Center for the Arts has become a showcase of the artistic talent alive and well in the area.

Painting in a variety of mediums, photography, sculpture and, coming up, fabrics have filled the palette of offered by the first year all-volunteer, nonprofit arts organization.

That mission continues into the holiday season.

The Joe Center for the Arts will host the "Forgotten Coast Festival of Trees" beginning Nov. 24 at the gallery, located at 201 Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe.

The event, which will end Dec. 15, is sponsored by The Joe and the Forgotten Coast

Cultural Coalition (FCCC).

"We want to transform the gallery into a winter wonderland filled with beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and displays of holiday collections," said Marcy Trahan with The Joe.

Individuals, organization and businesses are invited to be a part of the show, another aspect, community involvement, at which The Joe has excelled in its first year.

Put together a display, approved, of course, please, or decorate a wreath or tree; just be part of the holiday celebration.

There are a host of activities planned around the "Festival of Trees," including a visit from the jolly Old St. Nick and Mrs. Claus, craft projects for the children, holiday demonstrations and group tours.



The Joe Center for the Arts will display a "Festival of Trees" Nov. 24 through Dec. 15. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

"The yuletide displays will be only part of the fun," Trahan said.

In addition, The Joe folks are soliciting donations, say, something that highlights a business, organization, art or holiday tradition, for a silent auction.

The folks at The Joe are also seeking sponsorship dollars

to help make this holiday event a "free event everyone along the Forgotten Coast will enjoy," Trahan said.

During the run of the show local choirs and musicians will be providing music, much of it holiday-themed.

Sponsorship and entry forms can be found at www.TheJoeCenter.org.

Forms can be printed off and mailed to The Joe Center for the Arts, 201 Reid Ave, Port St. Joe, FL 32456.

Forms may also be completed online.

Registration deadline for displays and the silent auction is Nov. 1 or until all spaces are filled. Those applying after the spaces are filled will be contacted and fees returned.

Questions or more information contact Trahan at 970-397-9663 or marcy-trahan@comcast.net.

Duke Foundation awards grant to local arts group

Money will facilitate Forgotten Coast Plein Air Paintout

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The Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition, which among other endeavors in the arts organizes a regional plein air painting event each spring, received a nice boost last week from the Duke Energy Foundation.

As part of the foundation's efforts to enhance access to the arts and promote diversity, it disbursed more than \$504,000 to 55 nonprofit arts and culture agencies.

Among those was a \$20,000 grant to the FCCC for "Forgotten Coast en Plein Air Events."

According to Cheryl Ploegstra with the FCCC, the grant money will be used during the 14th annual Forgotten Coast en Plein Air which arrives in May.

Artists will focus on themes of the natural environment and conservation, as with every one of the prior 13 plein air events.

The grant money will be used to extend the reach of FCCC marketing for Plein Air with an aim at establishing the Forgotten Coast as a cultural destination, Ploegstra said.

Additionally, the money will enable the FCCC to continue the artist outreach programs during the Plein Air Paintout such as Student Art Day, the Artist in Residency program and supporting "Florida's Finest" artists, Ploegstra added.

"Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition is delighted with the support of Duke Energy, a treasured partner in promoting the arts in our local communities for many years," said Susan Bassett, President of the FCCC.

"Our signature event, Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, is in its 14th year and has a major impact in showcasing our area as a destination for culture and the arts."

Bassett noted that invited artists travel from all over the country and Europe for the 10-day plein air event.

"They all love our Southern hospitality and warm reception of their beautiful art and leave as ambassadors for our area, telling the stories of our bays, our seafood industry and our natural beauty," Bassett said.

Those artists help spread the word about the people and small businesses that dot the Forgotten Coast from Alligator Point and Carrabelle to St. George Island and Apalachicola to Port St. Joe, Cape San Blas and Mexico Beach.

"They leave us a better, more vibrant community with each passing year, not only in the arts, but economically as well," Bassett said.

See ARTS, B6



2018 International Coastal Cleanup volunteers in (alphabetical order) Alyson Anttila, Dennis Barfield, Catherine Bouington, Sam Burkett, Wesley Chapman, Sarah Darden, Tristan Doran, Jane Dunn, Quincy Elphinstone, Sedona Focht, Crystal and Harmony Follin, Halston Fulk, Hannah Fulk, Jack Gaffney, Susan Garrett, Lucy Green, Jayden Hayes, Kathy Hanna, Michele Kent, Bryson Lee, Kaylee Leonard, Brian Lindsey, Suzanne Lyon, Will McCall, Pat Medina, Ralph Moore, Marsha Orme, Jason Paulk, Ken Paulk, Jim Penrod, William Pittman, Mary Lee Raulerson, Mike and Marge Scott, Maria-L Seidel, Hannah Simpson, Denise and Len Sisk, Dora Stiegelmar, Chandlere Touchton, Mary Vosyka, Marianne Warhol, Terry Wilson. [COURTESY OF MELINA ELUM]

Volunteers clean beaches of 486 pounds of trash

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Melina Elum adopted a theme of "Show up to clean up" for last month's local effort as part of the International Coastal Cleanup.

Show up they did. Some 50 volunteers came out on a steamy Saturday morning to help clean Mexico Beach, St. Joe Beach, Beacon Hill and WindMark Beach.

When everything was bagged, surveys completed,

the volunteers had removed 486 pounds of trash.

Number-wise the biggest contributors were cigarette butts, of which 1,138 were collected.

Crystal Follin picked up so many butts on her assigned section of beach she was able to create art out of them in the form of a fish.

"We were at the Mexico Beach Pier and decided to walk the (high tide line) where quite a bit of trash washes in," Follin said.

See BEACHES, B6



Windmark cleanup crew: Barbara Dewitt, Rosemary Lhoton, Ocia Ratliff, Evie Wlodarczyk. Not pictured: Mitzi Bulger, Peggy Childs, Kathy Hanna, Ann Harris, Terry Magness. [COURTESY OF MELINA ELUM]

TRIVIA FUN



Wilson Casey

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

1. According to some medical studies you can reduce stress by sniffing what aroma?

Peanut butter, Vanilla, Lemon, Burnt match

2. Whose favorite presidential diversion was an old-fashioned Sunday night hymn singing?

Lincoln, Hayes, Grant, Fillmore

3. What's the third most common animal taken to animal shelters?

Rabbits, Turtles, Fish, Cats

4. Of these, which college uses "Zips" as its nickname?

Hofstra, Nevada, Akron, Siena

5. What's the name for the holes in Swiss cheese?

Gulleys, Voids, Dimps, Eyes

6. Chronometry is the art of measuring ...?

Temperature changes, Time, Love, Humor

ANSWERS: 1. Lemon, 2. Hayes, 3. Rabbits, 4. Akron, 5. Eyes, 6. Time

SOCIETY

Wewahitchka Woman's Club news

Special to The Star

PortOberfest

A good time was had by all - until the sky opened up at 3 p.m.

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club was invited to participate in this event by selling brats and hot dogs. It was the second year for PortOberfest that was held on Reid Avenue in Port St. Joe on Sept. 22. We set up our new tent and our banners and got to work!

We received rave reviews from the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce and we hope to participate in the event next year.

Thank you so much to the following club members who participated in this event:

Laura Baxley, Carol Childress, Kim McFarland, Deb Odierna, Barbie Russell, and Pam Sumner for your outstanding work and your ability to stay dry!

Also, thanks go out to my son-in-law Christian and my daughter Kaitlyn for their superior grilling skills. And as always, thank you to our fearless leader, Carolyn Watson, for organizing all the food prior to the event.



PortOberfest. [(SPECIAL TO THE STAR)]

Pulled pork fundraiser

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club held their bi-annual Pulled Pork Fundraiser Friday and it was a success. Thanks to our volunteers, boosters and the 300-plus customers we sold out. All proceeds go to our local students for scholarships. Looking forward to holding this

fundraiser next spring keep your eyes out for our many other events

If you would like to learn more about all the exciting programs and projects we do in support of our community, visit our Facebook page, GFWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club or send us an email for more information. wewawomansclubgfwc@yahoo.com



Pulled pork fundraiser [(SPECIAL TO THE STAR)]

Senior Center: It's fall y'all

Time to plant seeds, see what seeds are at the center

Special to The Star

We are doing new and fun things at our centers and are looking for folks who want to join in, and planting new seeds to grow. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Gulf County Senior Citizens Centers for fun, festivities and lunch.

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

Our centers are located at 120 Library Drive, Port Saint Joe, FL and at 314 N 3rd St Wewahitchka FL.

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

We have different activities each day and have activities for folks that are not seniors, so everyone is welcome to come visit us. Our mission is to keep our seniors active and enjoying fun with other folks in the area.

We have a spaghetti luncheon planned for 11

a.m. until 1 p.m. ET Nov. 2 in Port St. Joe and 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. CT in Wewahitchka.

On Oct. 23, we are opening our computer lab with an instructor for all to come and learn new things on the computer.

Lastly, we are ending the month with a Halloween costume contest and party.

We are looking forward to seeing all the costumes and scares.

We are also asking for any items that you do not need when you are doing your fall cleaning to be donated and used

for prizes with some of our activities.

Items such as trinkets, figurines, throw pillows, candles, etc. Our prizes are getting extremely low.

We are adding new activities each month, so drop by the centers and pick up a calendar every month to see what we are doing. We are also looking for volunteers to help in any way you can.

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



Speaker Jeffery Schweikert with DAR Program Chairman, Mabel Hodges and DAR St. Joseph Bay Regent, Sherrill Russ. [(SPECIAL TO THE STAR)]

DAR news

Special to The Star

The St. Joseph Bay Chapter of NSDAR met on Sept 26 at the Sunset Coastal Grill with Jeffery Schweikert speaking on the Constitution as it was meant to be and the foresight of the Signees in creating it.

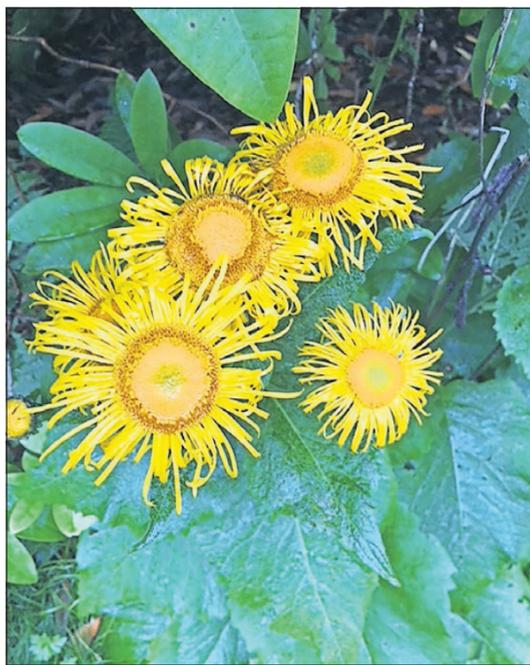
Mr. Schweikert was a National DAR Essay Winner when he was in

high school.

Guest Buena Brown was introduced and will soon be a member.

Regent Russ gave an update on the Fall Forum which was held in Orlando.

Paula Boone, Chapter Registrar, announced a Genealogy and Supplemental Meeting would be held at the Library in November.



[(SPECIAL TO THE STAR)]

PSJ Garden Club news

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe Garden Club will meet at noon on Oct. 11 in the historic garden center located at 216 Eighth St. The public is warmly invited to attend. RSVP to psjgardenclub@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook and post a message. Don't forget to come early, say 11:45 a.m., to mingle!

After a luncheon, Ray Bodrey, Director of the

Gulf County UF/IFAS Extension Office will discuss various plant propagation methods. With this knowledge, the patient gardener will be able to inexpensively increase the number of their favorite plants.

The Port St. Joe Garden Club supports the the Port St Joe Community Resource Center Food. Please bring a can or two of food to the meeting for donation to help those in need in our community.

Doctor dangers explored at Lifetree Café

Special to The Star

The dangers of medical mistakes will be discussed 11:30 a.m. CT Friday, Oct. 12 in a new Lifetree Café lunch setting.

The program, titled "Doctor Danger: What Every Patient Needs to Know," features a filmed interview with Dr. Martin Makary, a cancer surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital and author of Unaccountable: What Hospitals Won't Tell You and How Transparency Can Revolutionize Health Care.

"There are lots of things hospitals don't tell you," said Makary. "As many as 25 percent of patients are harmed by medical mistakes.

It's an epidemic, and it kills more people than HIV and car accidents combined."

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.

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.

PET OF THE WEEK
St. Joseph Bay Humane Society

This is Cherry a.k.a Sassafras, she is an 8 week old domestic medium hair kitten. She was found all alone and is waiting to have a home to call her own. Litter box trained and vaccinated, she is doing very well. Loving and sweet, life can't get her down. Cherry is just one of so many kittens we have here growing up in the shelter. Come visit her and the other fur babies here, they have so much love to give!

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

Freedom Week at WES Pre-K



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

Special to The Star

Gulf County Sheriff's Office Capt. Chris Buchanan came to the Wewahitchka Elementary School Pre-K classroom last week to read to the students. He read a book called, "The Story of America's Birthday" by Patricia A. Pingry. The book is part of Freedom Week (Declaration of Independence) in Pre-k, said teacher Darlene Ake.

Thanks to the rock stars



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR PHOTOS]

Special to The Star

The Port St. Joe Elementary PTO would like to thank all the volunteers who helped paint rocks of appreciation for the teachers and clean up around school grounds. A special thanks to Gulf County Education Association and Kilgore's for their generous donations!

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



S.O.A.R. students for the week of Sept. 28 at Port St. Joe Elementary School. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]



[SPECIAL TO THE STAR PHOTOS]

2018 Port St. Joe NJROTC beach cleanup

By Haily Dennis
Special to The Star

On Sept. 15, the Port St. Joe NJROTC unit participated in the annual beach cleanup held by the community. The Port St. Joe NJROTC cadets, SGA and the Key Club worked to preserve the beauty of our beaches.

Participating in this event proved to be both enjoyable and rewarding to the students. This effort not only makes the beaches a safer place for the visitors, but also helps keep trash out of the ocean, which saves a significant amount of marine life.

Many sea turtles and fish wash up every year from all the garbage in



the water. It is imperative that we hold these events so that our marine life is thriving due to the impact marine life has on the Florida economy.

Some things found in the water and on the beaches may be surprising.

A few items included:

bicycles, chairs, and pieces of toilets, plastic bottles, cigarettes, and other household items.

This event is very important to maintaining our beaches and impressing upon the students the need to take care of our environment.

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JEANNE ANN BROOKHOUSE

Jeanne Ann Brookhouse, age 84, of Mexico Beach, FL passed away Sunday, September 30, 2018 at Bay Medical Center in Panama City, FL.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11 a.m. CST Friday, October 5, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadeloupe, 1500 15th Street Mexico Beach, FL, with Father Chris Winkeljohn officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

Jeanne, daughter of the late John Gray and Elizabeth Toohey Gray, was born December 11, 1933 in Bay City, MI. She was Catholic by faith and was a member at Our Lady of Guadeloupe in Mexico Beach. Jeanne loved riding in her red convertible Camaro that her husband gave her as a gift for their 50th wedding anniversary in 2002. She also loved spending time with family and was an avid supporter



of her children's sporting events. Jeanne enjoyed the beach, boating with her husband, and traveling around the country in their motor home.

Other than her parents, Jeanne is preceded in death by her brothers Jack Gray and Don Gray. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Aaron Brookhouse of Mexico Beach, FL; children Lois Sape

(Gaylen) of Linwood, MI, Dianna Brookhouse of Nashville, TN, Colleen McKie (Jim) of Panama City Beach, FL, Erin Krzanik (Andy) of Lombard, IL, Brian Brookhouse (Meg) of Coloma, MI, Craig Brookhouse (Jamie) of Valparaiso, IN, Keith Brookhouse (Heather) of Sherwood, OR, and Kristy Schuttler (Chuck) of Lombard, IL; grandchildren Heather, Joel, Mathew, Sean, Kelly, Sarah, Brent, Jaime, Aaron, Morgan, Jake, Joe, Brooke and Aleksei; great grandchildren Brennan, Kael, Garrett, Grayce, Zander, Christian, Alesha, Brianna, Samantha "Sam", Aiden, Kaleb, Natalie, Jayde, Josiah, and Finley; numerous other family and friends.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.whatleyfuneralservices.com.

RUDOLPH JAMES KIRKLAND

Rudolph James Kirkland, 84, of White City, passed away Saturday evening, September 29, 2018 in a Panama City hospital. He was a native of Alabama and a long-time resident of White City. Rudolph retired from Raffield Fisheries of Port St Joe.

Survivors include his sons, Danny Kirkland and wife Patty of Sunny Hills, Bobby Kirkland of Wewahatchka, and Mike Kirkland and wife Dawn of Vernon, Florida; his daughter Wanda Nixon

and husband Bruce; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Betty Gay of Port St Joe, Florida.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. EST Thursday, October 4, 2018 at True Holiness Church in White City with interment to follow in Pleasant Rest Cemetery. He will lie in state at Comforter Funeral Home from 6-8:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Services are under the direction of Comforter Funeral Home.

EDWARD 'JOE' SCHELL

Edward "Joe" Schell passed on to his Heavenly home on Sunday September 23, 2018. He was born on July 19, 1963 in York, Pennsylvania and has been a Gulf County resident since he was fifteen years old. Joe was a leader in the business community in Port St. Joe, running the BP service station in the 1990s. He loved to spend time at the VFW and to be outside, whether on the water or working with his hands. Joe's greatest joy was his family and friends, and he was known for his kindness and willingness to help. The greatest honor to his memory one could give

would be to spend time with those you love or offer an act of kindness to someone in need.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ruby; a daughter, RebeccaPalik (Michael); a son, Christopher Schell (Abby); two step-daughters, Demecia Joiner and Caitlin Gilley; three grandsons, Evan Joiner, Peter Palik, and Benjamin Schell; and two granddaughters: Evelyn Palik and Lydia Schell. His surviving siblings include two brothers: Gary and David Schell and two sisters: Etta Mars and Shirley Fortunato. He also leaves behind numerous

beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joe is preceded in death by his father Clarence Schell, mother Madeline Daugherty, and sister Brenda Schell.

A memorial service was held 2 p.m. ET Friday, September 28, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in Port St. Joe, with the family accepting visitors at 1 p.m. EST until the service. In lieu of flowers, please honor Joe's memory by making donations to the American Lung Association either online at lung.org or by mail to 6852 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

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This one-night seminar gives encouraging and practical advice from counselors, pastors and widowed men and women. No matter when the death happened, this seminar will provide encouragement for those that have lost a spouse. Attendees will also receive a free booklet to keep. Please consider coming and bringing a friend that is grieving.

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WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT

(Slightly) Changing seasons in the South



Stephanie Hill-Frazier

"To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring."

George Santayana

Today at my house is rainy and there was, in the morning, a chilliness in the air. I know chilly is a relative term, as morning temperatures were in the upper 60s, which is practically a balmy summer day if you're from, say, North Dakota or Canada. Nonetheless, I enjoyed every moment on the porch, enjoying some coffee and that slightly cool breeze.

When you're from the South, there's something exciting about the promise of cold weather. During the autumn and winter months when we were growing up on St. Joe Beach, my little sister and I longed for that chilly weather, or sweater weather, as we called it.

"It doesn't have to snow or anything, it just needs to get cool enough that we can wear our sweaters," we'd lament.

Adding fuel to the fire of our desire for cool weather was the fall issue of Seventeen magazine each year, full of beautiful back-to-school clothes to dream about, stylish and warm and cozy; sweaters, jackets, and scarves to make getting dressed for school each day more creative and fun. Come on, sweater weather!

But there we'd be on Halloween night, still wearing shorts and flip flops as we handed out candy on the doorstep to the sweaty little goblins and witches who came by for a treat. We had fun, of course, but we always wished that we were wearing sweaters under a clear, cold sky instead of being wrapped in thick a blanket of heat and humidity.

Usually, sometime in late November or early December, we'd get a reprieve from the Gulf Coast's lovely moderate temperature, and have a "cold snap." The temperature would drop, say, into the 50s, and we girls would put on soft, cozy sweaters and drink hot chocolate under afghans that Grammy had made. Ahh, winter...what a welcome guest it was!

Sis and I would head down to the beach, bundled up in our sweaters and scarves as we enjoyed the cool, crisp air. We'd



Kicked-up deviled eggs with bacon. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

feel excited to see how different the beach would be under the influence of Jack Frost. We giggled as we walked the two blocks down to the beach, talking nonstop about what we wanted to get each other for Christmas, ecstatic that we could see our breath as we spoke. It was cold! Our fingers were icy!

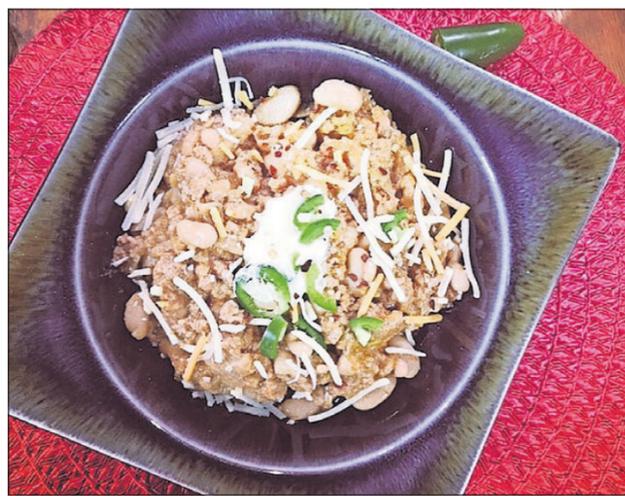
As we shuffled onto the beach, the soft, cool sand whiter than any snow we'd ever seen, we filled our lungs with the crisp, salty air, and laughed. How excellent it was to be in one of the most beautiful places on earth, our beach, and, almost paradoxically, be able to also experience wintry cold temperatures, too. It felt magical.

One particular day as we walked, watching our breath fill the air in front of us and wishing we'd remembered our gloves, we stopped in our tracks, and looked in astonishment at the human being in front of us. A man...a tall, thin man with silver hair, if memory serves...wearing nothing but swim trunks, was headed into the (what we assumed was frigid) waters of the Gulf! Had he lost his mind? Did he have a death wish?

No, he was just Canadian. What we considered a cold winter's day was toasty and comfortable to him, I imagined, and he was diving in to enjoy it.

As is true for just about everything in life, it's all about perspective, my friends.

So, as I enjoy the rain outside and the air conditioner inside (it's afternoon, you know; the temperature is in the 80s again), I'm also going to enjoy making a potful of my favorite white



Steph's White Turkey Chili. [SPECIAL TO THE STAR]

turkey chili and let it bring some comfort to my Southern soul. Enjoy some with me, won't you? You can always turn your air conditioner on and pretend it's cold outside, too.

Steph's White Turkey Chili

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 pound of ground turkey (mixed or white turkey)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black or white pepper
- 1 large or two small fresh jalapeños, chopped
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups water
- 2 fifteen-ounce cans of Great Northern Beans, drained and rinsed (may substitute white cannellini beans)

Directions:

In a large frying pan, heat the olive oil, then add the turkey and onion. Cook a minute or so, and then add the chopped jalapeno. (Note: I don't remove the seeds from the jalapeno, as we like the heat, but you may prefer to take them out.)

After the meat has browned and onions are translucent, add the cumin, tomato paste, salt, and pepper. Stir in, and cook for a minute.

Add the beans.

Stir in the chicken broth and water, and simmer over low heat for about thirty minutes, stirring occasionally. If chili thickens more than you'd like, add more broth to loosen.

Serve in a bowl with a sprinkling of grated cheddar cheese and a teaspoon of light sour cream. Enjoy!

Bonus recipe, just because they go great with everything, from white turkey chili to a big Sunday dinner: my "kicked up" deviled eggs recipe. They're amazingly good! I hope you'll give them a try.

Kicked-up deviled eggs with bacon

- 6 boiled eggs, sliced in half lengthwise, yolks removed into a bowl
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon red wine vinegar (I used the jalapeno flavored one)
- 1/3 cup chopped pickled jalapenos
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped green onions (white and very light green parts only)zz
- 3 strips cooked bacon, crumbled

Method:

Place yolks in a small mixing bowl, and mash well with a fork. Add all other ingredients, as well as salt and pepper to taste, and stir until combined. Fill the egg whites with spoon, or pipe into the whites using a ziploc bag filled with the filling. Snip off one corner and squeeze to fill.

Tips:

To make perfect boiled eggs, place eggs in pan, then cover with cool water, filling to a depth of at least an inch over the top of the eggs. Add a tablespoon of salt, as some wise older cooks say this helps make the shells more easily removable. (If any of the eggs float to the top of the water, throw them out, as floating eggs are typically spoiled eggs.)

I hope you will enjoy these recipes, and that you'll embrace the slightly cooler days, crisper air, and changing leaves - here and there - in your part of the South.

"Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of the earth."

Henry David Thoreau

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

She is married and has three sons who are significantly taller than she is. You can find more of her recipes at WhatSouthernFolksEat.com.

Rural Florida experiencing explosive Airbnb growth

Special to The Star

TALLAHASSEE -- Airbnb, the Sunshine State's leading community-driven hospitality company, announced today that Floridians in rural counties earned \$24.7 million in supplemental income while welcoming 125,000 guests through the Airbnb vacation rental platform over the past 12 months, representing a remarkable 110 percent rate of year-over-year growth.

For this report, Airbnb compiled data for the 32 Florida counties officially designated as "rural" by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. That map can be found here and at the bottom.

The 110 percent growth rate of Airbnb guests to state-designated rural Florida counties nearly doubles the growth rate to urban counties. The data is indicative of an increasing desire among travelers to get off the

beaten path and experience all of Florida, not just the big cities or traditional vacation hubs.

This report comes on the heels of new data demonstrating that the Florida hotel industry is booming, reporting record rates of hotel development, total hotel rooms available, hotel room nights sold, hotel occupancy rate, and hotel room revenue.

Yet the vast majority of Florida's hotel inventory is centralized in the large metro areas and well-known beach towns. This leaves large swaths of rural Florida with very limited traditional lodging options -- and sometimes none at all.

As such, home sharing has allowed homeowners in rural regions throughout the state to fill that void and earn valuable supplemental income while opening up their counties to tourism and the revenue that comes with it.

For example, Wakulla County is home to just three hotels

according to Hotels.com, yet the local Airbnb host community has helped the county take full economic advantage of its growing popularity with visitors, with 205 percent year-over-year guest growth over the past year as local hosts earned a combined \$276,000 in income.

Similarly, Gulf County -- also home to just two hotels according to Hotels.com -- is an increasingly popular destination for Airbnb guests. Local homeowners helped catalyze the local economy by hosting 4,700 guests in the past year to the county, earning over \$1 million in supplemental income in the process.

"Delivering tourism -- and the revenue that comes with it -- to rural Northern Florida has been a longstanding goal," said State Sen. Bill Montford, whose district includes 10 of the rural counties adjacent to Tallahassee. "When that tourism is delivering hundreds of

thousands of dollars into the pockets of working-class Floridians in the process, that's even better."

"The agricultural communities I represent are hungry for economic development," said State Rep. Ben Albritton, whose district includes the heart of DeSoto County and Hardee County. "Opening up these counties to people-powered tourism is putting valuable extra income into pockets of homeowners and hopefully will encourage more small businesses to invest in rural Florida."

Additionally, in three counties that are technically state designated as urban, over 50 percent of the local Airbnb hosts live in areas that are census designated as rural tracts.

Airbnb recently launched an Office of Healthy Tourism, with a mission to support tourism in Florida and beyond that is local,

authentic, diverse, inclusive and sustainable. The company recently released a report highlighting the #1 most wish-listed listings in every county in Florida county -- including the 32 state-designated rural counties.

Opening up the state to increased tourism has a trickle down effect both in terms of guest spending at local small businesses and tax revenue to the state.

Thanks to a 2015 tax agreement with the Florida Department of Revenue, Airbnb collects and remits the state sales tax on all Airbnb bookings in Florida, which delivered \$33 million to the state in 2017.

Airbnb also has tax agreements in place to collect the local county bed/tourist tax for 23 of the 28 state-designated rural counties that assess such taxes (Union, Lafayette, Calhoun and Liberty do not have county bed taxes).

DENNIS D. JULSON

Dennis D. Julson, 67, of Wewahitchka, Florida, passed away September 22, 2018, at Bay Medical Hospital surrounded by family. Dennis was born February 13, 1951, in Minot, ND where he attended school through Jr. High. The family then moved to Key West, Florida, in 1965, and he graduated high school there in 1969. He married Vickie June Pugh shortly thereafter. The couple moved to Wewahitchka, where he worked for the REA Co-Op for many years.



Dennis is survived by his parents, Vernon and Yvonne Julson; mother-in-law, Rose M. Pugh; wife, Vickie J. Julson; daughters, Jennifer Dean, Amber Crutchfield; son-in-law, Frederick L. Crutchfield; grandchildren, Landon Crutchfield, Scout and Winona Ballard, Derek Ballard (USAF), Calvin Dean III; fathers, Calvin Dean II and Dustin Ballard; great-grandson, Colton Ballard.

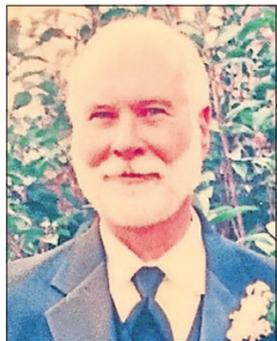
nephews: Wayne A. Julson, Kathy Jones, Sheldon A. Brodie and family. Many brother and sister-in-laws: James Brodie, Sherrie Julson, Tommy Pugh and family, Tina and Jack Jensen and family. Aunt and uncles preceded in death of Dennis: Cleone Rollman, Duane Woodall, Tilford and Margie Julson, Myrtle and Harold Brabandt. Aunts and uncles survived by Dennis, Marion and Roger Dalen and family, Janice and Larry Boutilier and family, Donnie Rollman and family and Marie Woodall.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, father-in-law Thomas Pugh; both brother and sister Allen W. Julson, Lavonne R. Brodie. Surviving niece and

The best Husband, Father and Son. So now your dreams can be fulfilled. We will ride with you again.

MAURICE "MISH" EDWARD FULLER

Maurice ("Mish") Edward Fuller, 70, was born December 7, 1947 in Port St. Joe, Florida and passed away September 28, 2018 after a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Fuller Daughtry and James Lyman Fuller and his brother, James "Jimmy" Hoffman Fuller.



Mish is survived by his wife, Edith McLawhon Fuller; daughters, Christie Fuller Mundy (Jeff) of Lake Charles, Louisiana and Carrie Fuller Tharpe (Jeremy) of Tallahassee, Florida; grandchildren, Rodney Fuller Mundy, Elizabeth Hazel Mundy, Wyatt Randall Tharpe and Kacie Grace Tharpe; step siblings Louise "Punk" Daughtry and Bobby Wiley.

his home in 2001 where he enjoyed golfing with friends and spending time in the salt air - golfing, scalloping, boating, fishing and enjoying the beach. Mish served on the Board of Directors at St. Joseph Bay Golf Club.

Mish grew up in Port St. Joe (Class of 1966) and cherished the memories of those years dearly. He attended Chipola Junior College then moved to Tallahassee where he worked for the City of Tallahassee until his retirement after 35 years. His heart never left the coast, and Mish returned to Mexico Beach to make

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in Port St. Joe 3 p.m. ET Sunday, September 30, 2018. The family received visitors from 2-3 p.m. before the service. As Mish was a frequent blood donor throughout his life, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests a tribute blood donation to OneBlood or the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org.

BEACHES

From Page B1

"We collected 582 pieces of trash. Of that, 423 were cigarette butts alone."

By weight, the largest piece of trash scoured off the beach was likely the undesignated appliance, although the collective weight of the 191 plastic beverage bottles, 69 glass beverage bottles and 214 beverage cans combined would tip the scales a bit the other direction.

"The cleanup went great," said Elum. "Thanks to everyone who helped and special thanks to Tony Almon and the NJROTC students and others from Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

"Every one of you made a difference."

The International Coastal Cleanup aims not only to

help clean the coastal areas of the world, but also promote community solutions to trash on the beach and inspire commitment and passion in people to keep the coastlines clean, Elum said.

Leave No Trace is a direct descendant.

In all, local volunteers collected 54 bags of trash, documenting each item on a tally sheet.

In addition to more than 1,100 cigarette butts, most of which were found on Mexico Beach, volunteers also collected 377 food wrappers with the 214 beverage cans coming in third on the list of top collected items.

Items which raised a bit of concern among the volunteers included a half-gallon of antifreeze, syringes, a vodka bottle, dog waste bags not disposed and soiled diapers.

More than 200 bottle caps, metal and plastic, 84

straws, 26 yards of rope, 18 yards of fishing line and several hundreds plastic and foam bags, plates, cups, etc. were also found and picked up.

And this was just between St. Joe Beach and Mexico Beach.

The tally sheets were combined and the numbers sent to the Ocean Conservancy.

Information on International Coastal Cleanup can be found by visiting oceanconservancy.org.

"The information provides an eye-opening report on the tons of trash found on the world's coastlines," Elum said.

Locally, each volunteer received a box of two dozen paper straws with a green sea turtle motif which were donated by Nancy Jones and Flyaway Paper Straws of Indian Pass.

In addition, a drawing was held to award items of original art donated by artists Mary Vosyka and Elum.

ARTS

From Page B1

"We salute Duke Energy for their generous support in this important endeavor."

Duke Energy's support helps a number of organizations to fulfill missions across the state while encouraging minority business development, access to the arts, filmmaking and community development.

The grant to the FCCC was the fourth-largest in this grant cycle; the largest, \$60,000, went to an

arts diversity initiative that spanned four Central Florida counties.

The FCCC grant was among 10 individual grants that exceeded \$10,000.

"Research shows communities that embrace diversity and have strong cultural resources are healthier, better educated and safer," said Catherine Stempfen, President of Duke Energy Florida.

"We are proud to support philanthropic programs that expand the accessibility of the arts and culture and help strengthen the non-profit community through professional development

programs. These grants will positively impact the communities where our customers live and work and further our diversity and inclusion initiatives."

The Duke Energy Foundation annually funds more than \$33 million to communities through the utility's seven-state service area.

In 2017 alone, the company donated more than \$5 million to nonprofit organizations in Florida.

In addition to Forgotten Coast en Plein Air, the FCCC is also the sponsoring organization for The Joe Center for the Arts on Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe.

GRIEF

From Page B4

Another special free GriefShare seminar entitled "Surviving the Holidays" will be held 6 p.m. ET Thursday, Nov. 15 at Long Avenue Baptist Church.

The holidays are very difficult for many people that are grieving. If you or someone you know needs to attend this, please come. This one night seminar will help people learn how to deal with their emotions during the holidays and give

helpful ideas on traditions, changes, social events and having hope for the future. Attendees will also receive a free booklet to keep.

The next GriefShare 13-week support group starts on Jan. 5. The group will meet from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. ET from January through March. Each session is self-contained and everyone is invited to attend at any time.

Each GriefShare session includes three elements:

1. The group watches a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery.
2. The group then spends

time discussing the video and sharing what they are experiencing. (There is no requirement to share.)

3. During the week, participants can use their workbook for further study and support. (Workbooks are \$15 and scholarships are available.)

Brochures about the GriefShare support group will be available at the special seminars in October and November. Help through the grieving process is available. For more information visit www.GriefShare.org and www.longavenuebaptist.com or call 229-8691.



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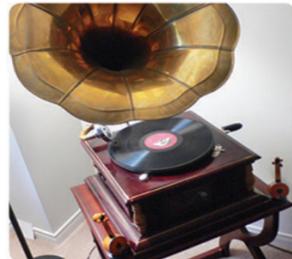
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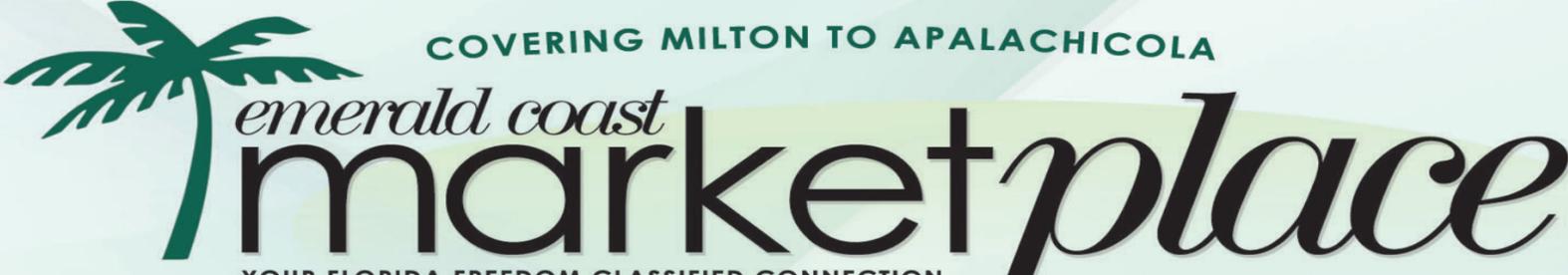
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October 4, 2018

21534S FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

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 197.3632(3)(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

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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 m a i l : 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

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in such public hearing should contact the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization at (386) 226-0422 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

By Order of the Board of Directors of Florida PACE Funding Agency on August 14, 2018
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21614S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR 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 #2018-21 Tax Sale Certificate #2016-712 R.E. No. 04231-165R Date of Issuance: May 31, 2016 Name in which assessed: James R &

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Joan A Cleckley

Description of Property:

Lot 33, Sunset Village Subdivision, thereof recorded in the Public Records of Gulf County, Florida, at Plat Book 4, Page 19, of the Plat Records of Gulf County, Florida.

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

DATED: September 17, 2018

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk
Pub: September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 2018

21616S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carl White Jr., 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 #2018-18 Tax Sale Certificate #2015-871 R.E. No. 04601-000R Date of Issuance: May 29, 2015 Name in which assessed: Sally Mae Dickens

Description of Property: SUB. Lot B of Lot 5A, Block A, in Port St. Joe Heights, in the City of Port St. Joe, Florida. Size of Lot being 25 x

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117 1/2. Also described as: The South 1/2 of Lot 5, Block A.

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

DATED: September 17, 2018

REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
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21628S IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR GULF COUNTY
CASE NO.: 15-99-CA

TERESA A. CROWE, an individual Plaintiff,

vs.
OVERSTREET FARMS, LLC, a dissolved Florida Limited Liability Company, LARRY G. TURNER, an individual, THAD WILLIAMS, an individual, and MEXICO BEACH LAND AND DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a dissolved Florida Limited Liability Company, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 8/2/18 entered in the above-styled action, the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the GULF COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 Cecil Costin, Sr., Blvd., Port St. Joe, FL 32456, at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time, on 10/25/18 the following described property situated in

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Gulf County, Florida, legally described as:

Begin at concrete monument marking the Northwest corner of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said POINT OF BEGINNING run South 02 degrees 09 minutes 44 seconds East along the Westerly boundary line of said Section 6 for a distance of 279.19 feet to a concrete monument; thence leaving said Westerly boundary line run North 89 degrees 44 minutes 16 seconds East 1259.76 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said POINT OF BEGINNING run North 89 degrees 44 minutes 16 seconds East 60.00 feet to a concrete monument, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 31 seconds East 1892.27 feet to concrete monument lying on the Westerly right of way line of County Road No. 386; thence North 10 degrees 22 minutes 18 seconds East along said Westerly right of way line for a distance of 30.48 feet; thence leaving said Westerly right of way line run North 89 degrees 51 minutes 31 seconds West 1957.68 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 29 seconds West 30.42 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.35 acres, more or less. (the "Property")

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Amended Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Honorable Court, on September 12th, 2018

Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Barbara Baxter Deputy Clerk

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Attorney for Plaintiff
SILVA LAW GROUP, P.A.
Joseph Silva, Jr., Esq., 307 Wilson Avenue, Unit 18
Panama City, FL 32401
joseph@silvalaw.com
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sessed is as follows:
Application #2018-22 Tax Sale Certificate #2016-90 R.E. No. 04256-003R Date of Issuance: May 31, 2016 Name in which assessed: Rita M & Raymond Lewis Syfrett

Description of Property:
Commence at the Southwest Corner of Section 6, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County, Florida, thence North along the West line of said Section 6, for 1312.50 feet; thence East at a right angle for 50.00 feet to a concrete monument for the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence North parallel with the West line of said Section 6, for 300.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 87 Degrees 46 Minutes 30 Seconds East for 516.61 feet, more or less, to the edge of the Dead Lakes; thence Southerly along the edge of said Lake for 300 feet, more or less, to a point on a line that bears North 85 Degrees 01 Minute East from the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence South 85 Degrees 01 Minute West for 483 feet, more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

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day of October 2018.
DATED: September 24, 2018
REBECCA L. NORRIS CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Elaine Bland, Deputy Clerk
Pub: September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2018
21708S PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting of the Mexico Beach City Council will be held at 5:30pm on **October 9th** at the Mexico Beach Civic Center 105 N. 31st St discuss a FRDAP application for a Pavilion at Parker Park. The purpose of this meeting is to receive public input regarding this grant application. All members of the public are encouraged to attend.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. JU-2017-14.03

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:
M. R. W.
DOB: 09/01/2016
Minor child under the age of 18 years

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PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID.

The Housing Authority of Apalachicola is requesting Sealed Bids for the following work to be conducted: On 16 single home or duplex housing units, a total of approximately 25,000 square feet, located on 14th, 15th, and 16th Streets in Apalachicola, FL, install (color silver) 24 gauge galvalume metal roofing with 6 inch eave drip edge to match roof color, installation of one layer of #30 lb felt underlayment on existing roof surface, replace all existing gutters and add new vent pipes. Metal roofing will go over existing shingle roofs. All grounds to be cleaned up on a daily basis as homes are occupied by tenants. Bids will be received until November 1, 2018. Please mail bids to: Apalachicola Housing Authority, 141 15th Street, Apalachicola, FL 32320, attn: Executive Director. For Project Specifications, Requirements and Bid Package, please call 850-653-9304 or email your request to: apalahousing@gmail.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID.

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ALSO:
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bear 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 as-

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The City of Port St. Joe,
Attn: Charlotte Pierce,
P. O. Box 278, Port St. Joe, FL 32457

Applications and a full job description can be found on our website, cityofportstjoe.com. The position will close on October 12, 2018. The salary for the position is \$14.51 - \$16.51 per hour based on qualifications.
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