Triumph to consider tax abatement proposal

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The board of Triumph Gulf Coast will meet Friday at Bay County to discuss establishing a revenue-generating program for several counties hard hit by Hurricane Michael.  

Triumph Gulf Coast board members such as Alan Sense has proposed establishing a fund to provide property tax relief for local governments in Gulf, Bay, Franklin and Wakulla counties.

The idea is one of two agenda items for the special meeting of the Triumph board.

And the concept is at the root of a multi-government application from Gulf County seeking grant funding to abate expected reductions in revenue from property and sales taxes over the next three years.

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Verbal, but not written, agreement on debris extension

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March 15 is the new deadline for storm debris disposal roadides, but that is subject to change with any future formal announcement.

The county and city of Port St. Joe have received a verbal indication that the deadline for placing storm debris roadside, which was initially set as Jan. 15, is all but certain to be extended.

However, Assistant County Administrator Brian Norton said Tuesday no formal announcement has been communicated yet, which would come from the governor’s office or FEMA officials.

“Don’t want to type and basically hand this over to folks to do pile up, so we’ll let you know when this is all firm,” Norton said.

County and city have been playing a waiting game on the deadline extension, which was initially set to be issued, one way or another, by last Friday County to have the wait for a formal announcement until after this week.

Yeager said the Florida Department of Emergency Management submitted the recommendation to extend the deadline for placing storm debris roadside last week, seeking to extend the deadline in several counties, including Gulf, Bay and Jackson.

The deadline pertains only to placing storm debris roadside. Pick-up of that debris will continue through March, under current timelines.

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Hammond said the deadline for roadside debris in only one portion of the process, which includes pick-up, sorting and disposal of that debris.

“Our deadline is coming off the right-of-way,” Hammond said.

“We are arguing about the right of way,” Croft said.

As of last week, contractor AshBritt, which is picking up along county roads, has collected and disposed of more than 1.5 billion cubic yards of debris.

The contractor has more than 70 trucks working in Gulf County.

In addition, according to a spokesperson, most leaning trees have been removed with the recently approved right-of-way program likely to address the remaining ones as they get safety hazards.

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District assessing damages down to classroom

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Gulf District Schools have received $2 million in emergency funding insurance and adjusted insurance to cover another $6 million in insurance recovery funds.

And the counting is really just getting underway.

On myriad pathways, the district is attempting to assume a full grasp on its financial portrait down to the classroom.

Surveys were sent to each classroom teacher to be completed by the end of the month documenting any and all damage to each classroom.

The district has also partnered with Integrity Group, one of three companies recommended by the Panhandle Area Education Consortium (PAEC) to serve as an emergency management firm.

Superintendent of Schools Tim Norton said Tuesday that district staff had been effectively working two jobs, their regular day job and that of administrating emergency response.

“It is a good thing we have help coming in,” Norton said.

“We are not perfect on every claim these are things that will ultimately be passed onto the taxpayers.”

“We are doing everything we can. We have to do this right.”

Assistant Superintendent for Business Bill Carr said that during initial meetings it was clear that the folks at the Integrity Group “spoke the same language” as FEMA.

“They are real, real good,” Carr said.

The classroom surveys were suggested by the Integrity Group.

The company will also be helping paperwork and grant management as well as communicating with state and federal agencies.

“It was critical to get this group to piggy-back off,” said School Board attorney Charles Costin. “We’d be lost.”

The district began to address its extensive infrastructure needs via insurance settlement and associated paperwork Tuesday by approving a list of projects for the softball and baseball facilities at the two high schools.

Those were deemed pressing situations facing approaching seasons.

And outside of those projects that are not on the five-year plan for capital improvements, there is the running track at Port St. Joe Jr./Sr. High School.

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Tourist hand

Winter visitors turn rebel to fun

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A calendar evolved from small talk at the county Welcome Center. Why not, one winter visitor suggested, offer ways for loyal visitors to share expected reductions in revenue from property and sales taxes over the next three years.

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Volunteers clean Salinas Park. (SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
Learn how writing and sharing sea turtle stories and resilience can take advantage of an opportunity to record your experience with an invitation to write with others.

The first workshop, adults will be held 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. ET Saturday, Feb. 2 in January and February at 2 p.m. ET at the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library located at 100 Library Drive in Port St. Joe.

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Request for Proposals
Project Management/Owner's Representative Services

First Baptist Church
P O Box 568, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe is requesting qualifications and proposals for Project Management/Owner's Representative Grant Administration services in connection with its Request(s) for Public Assistance. Public Assistance proposals and for future declared events, Proposals/qualification statements are due no later than February 28, 2019 at 4:00 PM EST.

For a copy of the complete RFP please contact Careen Endres via email at fbscp5@giccom.net.

Grief Support Groups

It hurts to lose someone. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone.

Join us for this encouraging series semiannual support group.

Starting February 16, 2019 for 13 weeks from 10:45AM Saturday mornings.

Coping Skills Group:

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Time: 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM
Location: Gulfside Community Center, 216 8th St, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

DOH encourages heart-healthy lifestyle

February marks the beginning of American Heart Month, a federally designated month that is a great way to remind Americans of the importance of heart health and commit to a healthy lifestyle. By making healthy changes and eliminating their risk factors, Florida residents can help fight one of the leading causes of death in the state and the nation among Floridians and African Americans of the five steps they can take to improve their heart health:

• Quit Smoking.
• Increase your physical activity.
• Control your blood pressure.
• Know your cholesterol.
• Lower your blood sugar.

Visit www.flhealth.gov/heart/ Heart to learn more about rates of increasing deaths in adults in this age group.

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House District 7 special election will talk about his values and vision for rebuilding the region after Hurricane Michael. The primary election is slated for April 6 with the spe- cial general election on June 18.

The teen workshops will be led by Ellen Heaps. She received her M.S. degree in Psychology and Conservation in 2007, and her M.S. degree in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation in 2015.

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Special to The Star

Join the Gulf County Democrats 6:30 p.m. ET on Monday, Feb. 11 at the Port St. Joe Garden Center at 216 8th Street.

Florida National Organization for Women (NOW) Naples will provide a preview of the upcoming Florida legislative session and discuss proposed legislation to combat human trafficking, gender parity, and the Voting Rights Amendment, and more.

The 60-day session starts March 5.

The workshops are meant to be a healing process for our communities for those who have been hit so hard by this devastating storm. Celebrities will be featured to participate, listen or share according to their comfort level.

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Almost a year to the date after breaking ground on a new fire station in Stone Mill Creek, the Board of County Commissioners is looking for a new contractor to build the station.

Frustrated by the lack of progress from Cathey Construction out of Mexico Beach, Commissioner Ward McDaniel, in whose district the fire station would sit, moved to rescind the bid award for building the station. Commissioners approved the motion 4-1.

"The land was free, we got $400,000 from the state and the station should've been built by now," McDaniel said.

McDaniel noted that the project to build a new fire station at White City, also awarded to Cathey Construction, underwent continual delays before completion a couple of years back.

And building official Lee Collinsworth noted that the fire station building itself was to be directly purchased on state contract via the county, a simple phone call that was never placed by Cathey Construction. "The building should have been delivered and paid for by the county (by now)," Collinsworth said.

In addition, attorney Jeremy Novak noted that the BOCC does not have a signed, formalized agreement on the construction of the fire station from Cathey Construction. "It should have been up earlier this year," McDaniel said.

Residents currently pay "exorbitant" insurance rates due to the distance from the community to the closest fire station near Gulf Correctional Institute.

A fire station in the community would not only be a safety but a monetary boost for residents. "It's imperative we get this fire department where it should be so we can save some money," Paul said.

The county will not go out again for bids on the project.

The BOCC approved two items during last week’s special meeting pertaining to the Hon- eyville sand pit. One was to resume negotiations with the St. Joe Company to purchase the land surrounding the pit.

The other was to begin a contract with Roberts and Roberts to excavate 100,000 yards of sand from the pit on a buy/sell basis, with the county reaping a percentage of any profit.

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CRANKS MY TRACTOR

HUNKER DOWN

On the road again......

By Lee E. Hamilton
Special to The Star

One of the great politi-
cal philosophers I’ve
known on the course of
my 34 years in Congress was
very different. They were masters
of the rules, or unassailably
knowledgeable about a
issue, or supremely watch-
ful, or constant grumblers
among the students of
government. They also
shared key traits that I wish
all our public speakers and
adroit persuaders would
possess as citizens? That our
work could only be com-
pleted by the give and take of
politics. That’s what makes
government — sitting alertly through
time, not as common as you might
think about it: there are 435
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people. So there you go... A true king of forecast-
ing... The bloodline of groundhogs that
seemed to be in some sort of groundhog hunting
behavior... The candles represented how long and
how short the winter would be... Some think that making a concept seem really
simple and not be tempted to be profound.
The American folks expanded on this by electing
their representatives to serve as the masochist or expert in predicting the weather or length
of the winter... Some other conclusions have been
since known as Pig might be America’s most famous groundhogs, but
other towns across the states do now have their
own groundhogs... How did it go from portent to simple with
Groundhog Day? The movie is the
center of town!... I think they said, “Don’t kiss or snuggle
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and they worked on the skills
needed to play it well. They
were involved in politics as
politicians — and as legislators — which
is not as common as you might
imagine... The house held
serious geneticists and
scholars... The men and women I most
admire are people who don’t use
machines... It may be hard to
see the connection, but some
legislators require mind-numbing
work — sitting silently through hours of
testimony... The reports of com-
mittees and subcommittees digested
through even small word changes can affect the
course of legislation or the
course of public policy... Effective legislators
not only know their job, but see it as an opportunity to
tell their story on the law. They
worked long, almost
inhuman hours, and some-
times they were bowled over by
them — they believed they were
headed into a total disaster,
and that was a powerful
motivator to stay in the fight.
Many of the strongest politi-
cal philosophers I’ve known
had a passion for leadership.
This may seem obvious, but
think about it: there are 455
members of the U.S. House,
and simply by their job titles,
they were considered leaders in
one form or another... There is
an often-quoted saying of those
250 who served in the House or
as leaders... Their attitude toward the
course of public policy was
interesting... They held a
favorable view for the
respect of the office of the
president, and they insisted
that the president did display equal
banners... If a president in some way
showed disregard or disdain for Congress as an institution, that
was a serious mistake, because
people like O’Neill and Mandel
had the ideas that matter and
the branch of government seriously.
Today, the agility and
flexibility has increased
and the influence of the
information from the
Internet. They recognized
that their work could only be
completed by the give and take of
politicians. They sought to build its
capabilities — for research and
development, for insight, and for all the
capabilities of government charged with
major and national defense.
When he first arrived in
what he called the “President’s
house” — the first president to do so — John Adams wrote to his
wife Abigail to let her know he had been
and that “The House is in a State of
ability.”
And then there is this
phrase: “May none but honest and wise
men ever rule over us.”
Fighting the same issue,
next generation — and to preserve as citizens? That our
political leaders are not
enemies of our youth?
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Criminal Justice Research
Center. She was a member of the IU Lugar School of Global
and International Studies for 34 years.
Debris pick-up deadline

Dear Editor,

I am surprised by the things that go on daily and you are reading your article of the debris pick-up deadline. I think this is just another way of getting people to pay their fees for the city to collect debris. I try to clean up for myself as much as possible. I don’t understand why it costs the city to come and help. Is this the only way for the city to make money?

Sincerely,

Casandra

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Letters to the editor

Bond Ratings, Sweet Spots and Fixer Upper

Sometimes there’s no much difference between a BBB- (lowest investment grade rating) and a B-rated investment grade bond can add as much as or more than a one percent return per year. Naturally, the purchase must match with an investor’s age, financial goals and risk tolerance.

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As a part of me, I would like to urge all our readers to give every possible consideration to make Mr. Rex Buzzett our next mayor!

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Supporting Buzzett

Dear Editor,

It was with tremendous satisfaction to read this week’s edition, “PJJF” mayoral race takes shape,” that Rex Buzzett is the candidate for Mayor. Buzzett is a Ward 12, in the old Municipal area, only 4/5 of a century ago. During this time, I cannot remember not being a friend of the Buzzetts.

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Black History Month

Dear Editor,

Each February, people all across the United States join together in remembering the full and diverse list of African-American figures we acclaim Black History Month. The tradition is a result of accommodations of Afri- can-American culture and community and are found in every field of endeavor including science, technol- ogy, education, literature, health, enjoyment, entrepreneurship, and social labor.

Our company is not alone on Valentine’s Day this year in honoring our Veteran Patients’ week in remembering those who have been recognized for their sacrifices and hard work in Florida. The stories of the many поч- ters leaving because they have reached retirement age and the local city and its affected residents with debris in their yards. Their yard workers give the feeling the stress.

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Home BancShares, Inc. Ranked #1 Two Years in a Row on Forbes List of Best Banks in America

Conway, AR – Home BancShares, Inc. (NASDAQ GS: HOMB) (“Home” or “the Company”, parent company of Centennial Bank, has been ranked #1 on the Forbes 2019 “Best Banks in America” list for the second consecutive year. The Company first achieved the top ranking in 2018, which was an improvement from #8 in 2017’s rankings and #15 in 2016’s rankings. This is the tenth consecutive year Forbes has ranked America’s largest banks, using financial data from S&P Global Market Intelligence.

“Being ranked the #1 bank in the country by Forbes for two years in a row is among the top highlights of Home,” said John Allison, Chairman. “We are proud to be recognized with this distinct honor again for 2019. This achievement is a direct reflection of the commitment of our bankers, the loyalty of our customers and of the fantastic communities we serve.”

Home BancShares scored in the top 15 in six of the ten metrics, including third overall for its efficiency ratio of 37% (the median is 59% for the top 100). “Receiving such accolades from Forbes based on our performance metrics, especially during the last two years as the financial sector has underperformed in the stock market, confirms the strength and stability of our bank,” added Allison.

Forbes magazine’s 100 largest U.S. banks range in size from $9.8 billion to $2.6 trillion in assets and were ranked based on ten, equally weighted metrics related to growth, profitability, capital adequacy and asset quality, using data based on regulatory filings for the period ending September 30, 2018. These metrics included return on average tangible common equity, return on average assets, net interest margin, efficiency ratio and net charge-offs as a percent of total loans. Forbes also factored in non-performing assets as a percent of assets, Common Equity Tier 1 ratio, risk-based capital ratio and reserves as a percent of non-performing assets.

To see the full article and Forbes ranking of the 100 largest banks in America, visit https://www.forbes.com/sites/kurtbadenhausen/2019/01/16/americas-best-banks-2019/#200c8e874583.

Home BancShares, Inc. is a bank holding company, headquartered in Conway, Arkansas. Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Centennial Bank, provides a broad range of commercial and retail banking plus related financial services to businesses, real estate developers, investors, individuals and municipalities. Centennial Bank has branch locations in Arkansas, Florida, South Alabama and New York City. The Company’s common stock is traded through the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “HOMB.”

This release contains forward-looking statements regarding the Company’s plans, expectations, goals and outlook for the future. Statements in this press release that are not historical facts should be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements of this type speak only as of the date of this news release. By nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risk and uncertainties. Various factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. These factors, include, but are not limited to, the following: economic conditions, credit quality, interest rates, loan demand, the ability to successfully integrate new acquisitions, increased regulatory requirements as a result of our exceeding $10 billion in total assets, legislative and regulatory changes, technological changes and cybersecurity risks, competition from other financial institutions, changes in the assumptions used in making the forward-looking statements, and other factors described in reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including those factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the SEC on February 27, 2018.

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On Jan. 28, Deputy P. Young went to Pine Avenue in Wewahitchka and located Wessendall Allen Pitts (50) and transport him to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Jan. 28, Deputy S. Shevlin arrested Mujay Robinson-Robinson- Armstrong (47) at the Gulf County Sheriff Office. A restitution from Wewahitchka a violation of probation was and out of Calhoun County. After taking Robinson-Robinson-Armstrong into custody, Deputy Shevlin found that she was in possession of a small amount of methamphetamine and a glass pipe used in smoking methamphetamine. Shevlin was additionally charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Jan. 28, Deputy P. Young traveled to the Bay County jail to arrest William East Earl Barber (27) and transport him to the Gulf County Detention Facility. Barber was wanted in Gulf County for violating his probation on the original charge of Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On Jan. 28, Deputy P. Young responded to the Express Lane in Wewahitchka to investigate a report of a vehicle theft. According to the victim, she had parked her vehicle at the end of the Express Lane and walked inside, leaving the keys in the vehicle. When the victim exited the business, her vehicle was gone. While Deputy Young was searching the area of the theft, Deputy G. Deosrior was located on Lake Grove Road near Cox Landing. When Deputy Desosior arrived, he noticed that the vehicle involved in the theft was parked at the Express Lane. David Anthony Hysmith (39) of Calhoun County, was identified as the driver. Porter was transported to a local hospital for his injuries and was released to sheriff’s deputy. Porter was placed under arrest and charged with Grand Theft of an Automobile. Porter resisted arrest and was additionally charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Jan. 28, 20 School Resource Deputy J. Williams was investigating a report of marijuana use at Port St. Joe High School. Deputy Williams deployed his K-9, Ellie, and conducted a drug sniff in the boy’s locker room. Ellie alerted on a back pack indicating the presence of several blue-narcotics. The back pack was searched and drug paraphernalia was found with several residual amounts of marijuana. One of the back pack of the 17-year-old student was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and another Not to Appear in court.

On Jan. 29, Sgt. P. Williams arrested Austin John Humphries (16) in the 160 block of Martin Avenue on warrants for Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling and Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle. The warrants against him were initially made from an investigation that began on Jan. 14, Humphries and another subject were suspected of gaining entry to a woman’s Fortuna Avenue home that was damaged due to Hurricane Michael and stealing with the intent of a theft. The vehicle was the suspect that was reported stolen on M. Joe Brown earlier that morning. The vehicle has since been located. The warrant property taken from Victo- ria Ave. A cocaine charge was pending against the conditioner user.

On Jan. 20, Sgt. P. Williams and Deputy P. Young went to the 500 block of West St. Joe Brown and searched a suspect at the residence for Robert Earl Brown (27), who was in possession of marijuana. The owner of address changes as required by Florida Statutes. Attempts were made to contact the boy to register his address on Forest Street and verify his residential address but the tenant owner said she did not live there anymore. The report was issued to report a change in his residence. Brown was placed under arrest and transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

On Jan. 30, Deputy M. Peck and Investigator S. Forrest conducted a traffic stop in the area of 2nd Street and Broad Ave in Wewahitchka. Deputies stopped the vehicle at the intersection of 2nd St and West River Road in Wewahitchka. The vehicle was occupied by James Robert Wright (57) and Anthony Thomas Hysmith (36). While deputy were speaking with driver (Wright) the deputies could smell the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Following a K-9 deployment, a probable cause search of the vehicle ensued revealing methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Wright was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Attaching Registration Plate with the wrong vehicle. Wright was also placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Feb. 1, Deputy G. Desosior responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at the 400 block of West Coventry Drive. David Patrick Skipper (15) was arrested and transport to the Gulf County Detention Facility. It was determined that Skipper, who was arrested at an address for domestic disturbance, was a fugitive. Skipper was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia and Drug Paraphernalia.

On Feb. 2, Sgt. D. Sanders was dispatched to the Gulf Cor- vallis Correctional Institution Forrestry Camp on Doc West Road and en route to a visitor who had been caught trying to enter the facility. Ella Nora Lang (102) of Russell, Florida, was found to be concealing a marijuana cigarette in her undergarment while attempting to enter to visit with an inmate. Sgt. Sanders took Lang into custody and charged her with Intoxication While Driving a Motor Vehicle and charged her with entering an Unlawful Place and an Unlawful Place.

If you have any information regarding the aforementioned cases, please contact the Gulf County Sheriff Office at 227-6615, 639-5717, or remain anonymous at mycrime.com (for Florida residents) or call 1-888-781-2000 (for non-Florida residents).
Residents of Port St. Joe will see a new trash collector come fall.

And they will also see their debris moved, another had gone uncollected due to Hurricane Michael; one employee devoted to yard debris moved, another had been transferred to a more needed position.

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Volunteers crafted a garden at the entrance to Captiva Palms Park. (SPECIAL TO THE STAR)

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**The truth about Florida’s deer rush**

There are a lot of differing opinions on the subject of how deer do in the state of Florida. Some believe that the deer population is declining, while others claim that it’s on the rise. But one thing that can’t be denied is that Florida’s deer are severely stressed by a variety of factors. Some of these factors include habitat loss, diseases, and a lack of food resources.

One of the most significant factors affecting Florida’s deer population is habitat loss. The state is home to many urban areas, which have replaced natural habitats with buildings, roads, and other human-made structures. This has led to a decline in the number of food sources available to deer, as well as a reduction in their natural habitat.

Another factor that is affecting Florida’s deer population is the spread of diseases. Several diseases, such as Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and Deer Foul Disease, can cause a decline in the population of deer. These diseases are spread through contact with infected deer or their bodies, and can be transmitted to other deer through feeding or by direct contact.

In conclusion, it’s clear that the deer population in Florida is facing many challenges. If these challenges are not addressed, it’s likely that the population will continue to decline, putting pressure on the state’s natural resources. It’s important for state agencies and others to take action to protect Florida’s deer population and ensure that they have a bright future.
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The Lady Tiger Sharks reach district final

They were presented from the proceeds from that bucket, 39, 80.

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Senior Quinci Ephlisono and Ye To Crocmon with Coach Kenney Parker. (COURTESY OF WAYNE TAYLOR)

Two PSJHS lifters advance to state

PSJHS cheer tryouts

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Star Staff Report

Hurricane Michael may have robbed our community of much, but not the essence of why so many of us are here and will remain here to dig out from what Michael wrought. So, we are going to keep this page as a reminder of all that has made this spot, and will once again make this spot, paradise for visitors and residents. Please submit your photos to tcroft@starfl.com.

"Just dance." Deck washed up on Gulf Aire Beach. (COURTESY OF NATHAN SHAW)

Saturday night date night at Cape Plantation. (COURTESY OF MELINA ELUM)

A deer at T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park (COURTESY OF CAROL RIKOWSKA)

The Cape San Blas Lighthouse at “takeoff” (COURTESY OF BILL KENNEDY)

Sunset at the Stump Hole. (COURTESY OF DAVE EVANS)

Shelling just after sunrise at the point. (COURTESY OF JOHN SELLENS)

Send us your photos that spotlight the best that Gulf Coast has to offer. This page is for photos submitted to The Star by readers. Please submit your photos to tcroft@starfl.com.
The FWC will host a workshop tonight seeking public input on scallop season and ongoing restoration efforts. [JULIA PHOTO]

Community

FWC workshop tonight on scallop season

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The FWC will host a workshop tonight seeking public input on scallop season and ongoing restoration efforts. The $1,000 grants, distributed via the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association, are aimed at helping small businesses in Mexico Beach return to normal operations after Hurricane Michael ravaged the city on Oct. 10, 2018. Chamber of Commerce Director Nate and Melina Elum and the Mexico Beach Marina are among the stories told at Never Forgotten Coast.

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Additional Mexico Beach businesses receive micro-grants

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Aston Bearden, Tony Simmons and Jayson Knueer are among local musicians, authors and artists who will share their work.

The party will also include a special tribute to Brad Price, firefighter and first responder who Lister knew since childhood and who was gravely injured after the storm while clearing debris.

Kama Araya, John Jordan’s child, launched a charity and party signing 3-7 p.m. CT at the Center for the Arts in downtown Panama City.

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That assistance continued this week when Never Forgotten Coast, in partnership with the MBARA, put $5,000 more into the local business sector. To date, they have distributed some $20,000 in grant funds.

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Trivia Fun

By Wilson Casey

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See ANSWERS, 1A, 3A, 4B, Q1, Q11

Answers to previous question:

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Wewahitchka Woman’s Club news

The GFWC Wewahitchka Woman’s Club held a Member Orientation on Jan. 31 at the site of the Club’s President who provided the members with a great meal. With right in attendance as well as our Club President Sandy Watson, the Membership Chair gave information about GFWC National, CFW, Florida GFWC and GFWC Wewahitchka Woman’s Club. Members were informed of what we do for example, our Signature Programs Domestic Violence Awareness and Operation Stand as well as our Community Service Programs.

The members were shown two videos to learn more about GFWC and Operation Stand and givena wealth of information on projects we are doing and go to from scholarships, funding for our local and national libraries, Senior Centers, support for our Veterans and many more. We are looking forward to another successful year.

February is designated as American Heart Month. On the first of February, the nation comes together with an applauding a wave of red from the East Coast to the West coast. From cities to online communities; this annuallowing millions of people together for a common goal; prevent heart disease and stroke. Our club members are empowering women to beat heart disease and stroke, giving them programs and tools to overcome formidable things. (#CORED)

Next week is our BIG Valentines Sweetheart Bark sale. Don’t forget to get your sweet heart “a sweet” to Valentines’ Day, cakes, cookies and Goodie Bags. Place your orders early, now through Feb. 13. Items can be picked up or delivered only to schools and business before or on the 14th. Contact one of the following: Patty Fishin, 832-9435; Carolyn Watson, 840-1954; or Pat Stripling, 818-6060.

If you would like to learn more about all the exciting programs and projects we do in support of our community and more, visit our Facebook page, GFWC Wewahitchka Woman’s Club and join us at our regular monthly meeting, the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Glad Tidings Church Fellowship Hall in Wewahitchka. Our next meeting is 6 p.m. CT Tuesday, Feb. 12. Hope to see you there!

Living Well with Diabetes

The screenings are free and open to the public. No appointments are needed.

SHH on the Gulf free ‘Living Well with Diabetes’


defines complications. In the American Diabetes Association (ADA) report on diabetes in the United States (2020), it was estimated that 34.2 million people in the United States have diabetes, of which 9.6 million are undiagnosed. The report states that “diabetes is a complex, chronic disease that requires ongoing management and personalization of care.”

Pre-existing diabetes is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease, stroke, and retinopathy (eye disease) that can lead to vision loss. These complications are more common in people with diabetes who do not have good blood sugar control. Good blood sugar control can reduce the risk of complications and improve quality of life. People with diabetes who have developed complications may experience vision loss, foot ulcers, nerve damage, or kidney damage. Diabetes is also a risk factor for other serious health problems, such as infections and bladder problems.

There are many ways to control blood sugar levels and improve overall health. These include taking medications, lifestyle changes, and regular medical care. Lifestyle changes such as eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and avoiding tobacco and alcohol can help control blood sugar levels and reduce the risk of complications. Medications, such as oral medications or insulin, may also be needed to help control blood sugar levels. Regular medical care, such as checking blood sugar levels and having a healthcare provider manage care, can help prevent complications and improve quality of life.

The Living Well with Diabetes program offers a proven approach to prevent or delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes through modest lifestyle changes made with proper knowledge and the support of one’s peers. Participants learn how to eat healthy, adjust your activity to your routine, manage stress, and solve problems that can get in the way of healthy changes.

Living Well with Diabetes is a free community program meets the second Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help sustain health by lifestyle changes. Attendees can join the monthly sessions at any time. To register for this free program or to learn more please call John Griggs at 229-5620 or email jgriggs@ascension.org.
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Are you an ANP or a NANN?
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Langston Hughes, American poet

Tiredness is a universal complaint, and it’s not just physical; it is an emotional one, too. Whether you’ve been working at your full-time job, taking care of children or elderly folks, cleaning up hurricanes debris, or recovering from illness, life can be rough; I know. Sometimes you may go so tired that it seems you go on for another day. "Not another day can face that pile of rubble, deal with that struggle, you might think. It can severely wear a person down and put his dreams on hold. I believe that is why God gave us so many things to help save our troubled minds. Immediately we think of a restorative night’s sleep, a long prayer session, or a talk on the phone with a trusted friend or family member, and those are very good things. But we gave them even more. He also gave us creative ways to express our emotions. Whether it be through singing out loud on stage or in your car, a long walk on the beach, painting something that you are cooking, or a fabulous meal, there are ways to shed our emotional tension and relief us from our dreams, no matter what our troubles may be.

I have found, since my childhood, the world has no oceans that fit for me, too. It probably does for you, as well, since songs are essentially poetry set to different types of music, and I’m quite certain you like music. I was taught to love poetry by the absolute best educators. That love began in a little flame sparked by my parents, who reared me and bathed me in the poetry of America. I am a reader of poetry, and I thought I would share in close, a couple of favorite beauty-hoisting smoothie recipes. Let your hope, your dreams, and put his dreams on hold. This life, whether what we are doing with poverty and racism, or loss and despair, are still here. We are. And that is to be celebrated. You haven’t given up your hope, your dreams, even though some days it may feel like you have. They’re still there, a flicker of love and light deep inside you. When that fire, friends, in yourself and in those around you whose flames seem to be fading. Keep laughin’, keep lovin’, keep drivin’. Don’t let hardship win. You’re still here, and I’m glad.

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**WHAT SOUTHERN FOLKS EAT**

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SHH on the Gulf Welcomes Dr. Kunal Jani

Interventional radiologist Kunal P. Jani, MD, has joined the team of physicians at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf (SHHG) in Port St. Joe, Dr. Jani specializes in diagnostic and interventional radiology and will lead the development and growth of the new radiology services at SHHG. Interventional radiology is a growing specialty in which doctors use minimally invasive procedures and medical imaging to guide the insertion of medical instruments or administration of drugs, such as chemotherapy, intravenous anesthesia and intravenous sedation and are guided by radiological imaging modalities such as CT, ultrasound and fluoroscopy.

Dr. Jani graduated with honors with his bachelor’s degree in biology from Stetson University and received his medical degree at the Mayo Medical School in Rochester, MN. He completed an interventional radiology fellowship and his pediatric residency through Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN.

Dr. Jani comes to Sacred Heart from Vanderbilt University Hospital, where he has been practicing for more than five years of medical experience in diagnostic and interventional radiology.

**Interventional Radiology at Sacred Heart For your smoothie, you’ll need:**

- 1 tbsp of peanut butter
- ½ cup chocolate milk or chocolate milk
- 1 small frozen banana
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After considering an outright cancellation of the season, the FWC set a 10-day season. In 2017, an algae bloom unrelated to red tide, but with the potential to sicken humans who ate tainted shellfish, closed the bay to all shellfish harvesting, including scallops, on the eve of the scallop season’s opening. Ultimately, the season did not begin until after Labor Day and spanned just 10 days. Meanwhile, restoration efforts were undertaken. These were scallop “rodeo” harvests to get harvest adult scallops just prior to season opening, the scallops caged or taken to a lab to facilitate spawning. In addition, the FWC established a “sitting” program using local volunteers to protect and maintain cages of scallops. The results were highlighted by population surveys prior to the opening of the 2018 harvest season. That survey found 8.1 scallops per square meter, approximately 1.2 square yards. That was more than three times the density found in 2017 and eight times higher than 2016.

And though another red tide bloom closed the 2018 season two days early, the season was seen as “productive” for the first time since 2015. “All indications are it was productive scallop season,” said Bobby Scarborough of Bluewater Outriggers. “I think with only one exception, people were just determined that they were coming back,” Alex Workman said. “And even that one exception, they just weren’t sure because they were close to retirement.”

Those stories can be found at neverforgottencoast.com and funds were raised by selling t-shirts, bracelets and lapel pins.

Those stories became the micro-grant program, which is being handled through fiscal agent the MBARA. To date, Never Forgotten Coast has awarded 20 grants.

Businesses interested in applying for a micro-grant may do so at www.neverforgottencoast.com/ microgrant/.
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As Deputy Clerk

Dated this 29th day of January, 2019

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