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The Port St. Joe Redevelopment Agency (CRA) agreement would have been a 30-year extension of that original CRA.

The difference between the county’s proposal and current payment the county must pay the CRA is due largely based on the current level of payments, which is north of $4.4 million should the city agree to a 20-year prohibition on any future CRA, the county would make a series of payments, which would amount to roughly $5.1 million to the city by 2022.

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The Board of County Commissioners can’t seem to buy a break with specific sources of revenue, such as RESTORE and Triumph Gulf Coast dollars.

At this point they are just fatigued with the application process. This time around the issue is RESTORE funding out of the county’s direct allocation and the inability to transfer those funds distributed in a timely fashion to complete the purchase of the new building for the Gulf County Sheriff’s Office.

The office completed its move to the new space last summer.

“A year ago you approved moving forward on this,” County Administrator Michael Hammond told commissioners during a special meeting last week.

“The sheriff moved in in August. It is nine years after the ding-dong oil spill.” Nonetheless, an email from the U.S. Treasury, which is charged with disbursing the oil spill dollars, indicated it would not be issuing a check until at least March and possibly April.

Solution for sewer system could be reached soon

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The city has been putting off a decision on the future of the Gulf Aire sewer system.

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While the county has waited on the RESTORE portion of the $1.1 million sale, the sewer, which agreed to a lease agreement pending a final sale, has a needed the closing date for a sale three times and was not willing to do so again, Hammond said. As a result, commissioners were forced to approve going out for $550,000 in short-term financing pending the arrival of the RESTORE dollars. “It is disheartening the federal government is making this so difficult,” Hammond said. However, it is not the first time the RESTORE funds have failed to arrive on the county’s timeline. Some $2.8 million, representing the county’s first year allocation under RESTORE, delayed a beach restoration project for months; such an event that Hurricane Michael intervened. Meanwhile, county commission voted unanimously to continue on the current beach project involving Gulf Gulf Gulf Gulf Gulf Gulf Gulf Gulf counties. The bill of Triumph recently approved a $15 million fund to be disbursed in four counties, including Gulf, to offset projected losses in revenue from property and sales taxes. “There is more need than there is that fund,” Hammond said, an opinion shared by one speaker during the Triumph meeting who joined the fund should be $500 million. While the final details of how the fund will be accessed to be worked out, all indications pointed to a form of bridge loan program. Hammond noted that Bay and Gulf counties would see the most substantial impacts. The BOCC, joined the city of Port St. Joe and Gulf District schools, has submitted a pre-application, which was approved advancing it to a full application, with $25 million in funding offered to offset tax losses. The goal is to maintain current revenue and get dollars would represent the shortfalls in each budget. The application expressed that commission was not interested in any plans. The county was earmarked at least $5 million in the legislation establishing Triumph guidelines and they seek only grant funds. Hammond said hoping for that property tax offset from the state coffers was not likely to result in assistance. “I can’t find one time the state has made up all revenue losses after price hurricanes,” Hammond said. “We can’t wait for price famers, for something the state has never done before.” This (Triumph) is the best bet for tax relief for the citizens of Gulf County. But, Hammond also expressed concern about any strings to a Triumph grant award, noting the project proposal to build a floating dry dock in the shipping channel. That was approved by the Triumph board by $1 million, but the clawbacks linked to job creation in the form sheet were understandable. “The clawbacks we wouldn’t live with,” Hammond said. “They have clawbacks for some, not for others. Job requirements for some, not for others.”

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**Debris deadline** The county finally received written approval to extend the deadline for placing storm debris on the roadides to March 15. All storm debris must be road-side by that date. “I don’t anticipate any more extensions,” Hammond said. The goal, Hammond said after talking to state emergency management officials, is to have all debris picked up by April 30 and lay down yards being used for debris emptied by May 15. Approval for work on private roads has already come down from the BOCC and the right of entry program for private property is in the works.
Up to now perhaps the most infamous storms to hit the area would be the two catastrophic hurricanes that hit in September of 1844—dealing the final blow to the abandoned city of Old St. Joseph. Through his presentation at 2 p.m. ET Feb. 26, “Gone with the Wind: The Hurricane of 1844,” history buff Kesley Colbert will tell us about the storms and pays homage to those from our past who created the St. Joe of today from the old doomed city of the 19th Century and help us gain a better “sense of history” of our beloved community.

Kesley was born and raised in McKenzie, Tennessee. He graduated from The University of the South in 1969, then moved to Port St. Joe just as fast as he could, taught high school history for 12 years, ran an abstract and title company for four years, was elected Property Appraiser of Gulf County in 1984 and served in that capacity until retiring in 2013. He has coached high school football in St. Joe in six separate decades and has written a “weakly” column for the local paper for the past 35 years. Kes enjoys, in no particular order, reading anything about history, begging antique clocks, golf, running, The St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Bears, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Muddy Montgomery music, old western movies and telling his grandchildren about the time he floated down the Cascade River with Tom, Bill, Joke, Luke, Max……and Grover Cleveland Alexander! He and Miss Cathy have been married for 44-plus years and are proud of their family including their two sons, daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

The eight-week Tuesdays at Two lecture series is free and open to the public—and refreshments will be served. It has been held each Tuesday 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.

For more information phone 229-8879 or visit www.nwrls.com.

Special to The Star

Legislative delegation to meet on Feb. 27

The Gulf County Legislative Delegation will be holding a public hearing in Port St. Joe, FL 4:30 p.m. ET Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the Donald H. Butler Board Room, 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd., located in the Administration Building. All residents and elected officials are invited to attend. The purpose of the hearing is to provide the citizens the opportunity to meet their legislators, discuss concerns and offer comments prior to the upcoming 2019 Legislative session.

Gulf and Bay County Residents... Join Us for Coffee and a FREE

“Know Your Legal Rights Town Hall Meeting”

 Tues, Feb 26 from 6PM-8PM | Gulf County Senior Center | 129 Library Drive | Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

Learn How to Have Legal Representation Your Insurance Company Will Pay For

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO...

- Understand the Difference Between Wind Damage and Flood Damage
- Know How to Handle Mold Issues Effectively
- Know What You Can Do When Your Insurance Company Doesn’t Respond to You
- Understand the Difference between a Field Adjuster, a Desk Adjuster, and an Independent Adjuster and How It Can Affect the Outcome of Your Claim
- You Should Have the Ability to Get Your Business Up and Running as Quickly as Possible
- Know Your Legal Rights and Your Responsibilities as the Insured

Meet: Larry Moskowitz, an attorney with 29 years of experience who concentrates his practice on property damage insurance claims. Mr. Moskowitz began his legal career as an assistant State Attorney where he received valuable trial experience as a prosecutor, trying over 150 jury trials to verdict.

Also Meet: Jimmy Farah, a licensed and bonded Public Insurance Adjuster (at All Risk Claims Consultants) and the immediate past president of the Florida Association of Public Insurance Adjusters. Mr. Farah has been a licensed general contractor since 1993 and an insurance professional since 1995. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business management.

Also Meet: Tom Walsh, a licensed and bonded Public Insurance Adjuster and local resident of Port St. Joe for the past 25 years. Mr. Walsh specializes in flood insurance claims.

SEATING FOR THIS EVENT IS LIMITED. Call 850-276-2885 TODAY!

Larry Moskowitz, PA
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If You’ve Been Denied or Not Paid Enough You Should Attend This Meeting!
One of the most striking political developments of the last few years has been the sharp division among the American public. This is largely because the Republican and Democratic parties have become increasingly hostile to one another — and to the idea that they have something positive to offer the American people. It is this phenomenon that I want to talk about in this article.

Still, you have to be careful. Because when you’re talking about something as complex as American political beliefs, there can be a natural tendency to oversimplify things. Sure, liberals put a lot of emphasis on collectively helping people who are in trouble, and they are open and to change. Conservatives, as their name implies, are far more resistant to change.

The divisions that separate liberals and conservatives are real and profound. They are more complex than they first appear. The spoken word is lost; the printed word thoroughly dominates. But, I told her, I just thought I was taking care of my right.

There was no slowing down, no sense of urgency, no urgency to get help on anything else. The television was on, but it was not a television program. The program noted that while I was waiting you should be ready to do a lot of the things that you wanted to talk to your doctor about.

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o you ever been in theawkward situation of walking up to a place where you got the feeling that they didn’t want you or that you were even coming? You know what I mean. I’ve been in that situation before. I know where someone gets their wife crossed and you hope that it just wasn’t you. For people you show up for a party and everyone is in costume but you. Or worse, you show up in a costume and no one ever asked you to leave.

Happily, I’ve run into conservatives who support particular government programs, and I’ve run into conservatives who don’t believe they fall into either category. I’ve run into conservatives who are willing to support government programs in the case of poverty or to protect working people from injustice or to protect working people from the disaster that is global warming. It’s easy for political elites to imagine that the political divide is so deep that they can’t talk to each other, sometimes quite noticeably. They’re much more liberal or conservative than they think of themselves as being.

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I understand. I didn't expect to do anything about my own little issues and he then explained to me offering him some snoring solutions and more Boston butt roasts. Kres almost had a leash around his neck when he ran towards a thickly wooded area.

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He made a Major recovery! (Special to the Star)
receive a 30-year extension. The CRA and the annual payment, which the city has only begun to provide when pressed by CRA officials after more than half the original 30-year CRA term had elapsed, has long been a thorn for county commissioners.

And, Hoffman wondered, why were city commissioners so eager to accept what amounted to a “buy-out” proposal from the county which would cost the city money in the long run?

“This is not an interlocal agreement, this is a buyout,” Hoffman said. “Who created this? Where does this come from?”

Even more astounding to Hoffman, said, was that his fellow commissioners were willing to approve the agreement with the city, which would be impacted, particularly city business owners, having a chance to weigh in.

“We are not being transparent at all,” Hoffman said. Hoffman, by the time commission members were wind- ing down to a path forward, noted that nearly every one of the public speakers, six during a county-sponsored Public Hearing meeting, favored delaying a final vote for the workshop.

But, initially, Hoffman’s motion that the agreement be tabled pending a public hearing or town hall meeting failed for lack a second.

Commissioner David Ash- brook, who said he negotiated the agreement with county staff in his role as chair of the PSJRA board, which is comprised of the five commission members and two at-large members, suggested only a few details needed to be edited and he was ready to vote.

Hoffman said there would be a lengthy list of federal and state grants and loans to assist on hurricane recovery, access to which will depend on the city having matching funds.

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**Pediatrician Elizabeth F. Curry, MD has joined Sacred Heart Medical Group's regional network of physicians and will see patients at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf (SHHG) medical office building on E. Hwy 98, Suite 201, in Port St. Joe. Dr. Curry is board-certified with experience providing a full spectrum of inpatient and outpatient pediatric care.**

Dr. Curry received her bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. She received her medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Curry completed her residency training in family medicine at the University of Florida, Shands Hospital, in Gainesville, FL.

Dr. Curry has been practicing pediatric medicine for more than 28 years. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Curry and her husband Dr. Thomas L. Curry, Internal Medicine Physician with Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, are longtime residents of Port St. Joe and previously operated a successful private medical practice Shoreline Medical Group, for 23 years. Dr. Curry is accepting new patients from newborn to age 21. Most major insurances are accepted. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (850) 229-3710 during office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**Smokable tobacco products have many health consequences and are highly addictive,** said Hunter Bailey, Tobacco Prevention Specialist. “Candy and fruit flavors cover up the bad taste of tobacco, making it easier for kids to start using tobacco products.”

Smoking tobacco is not harmless and can lead to nicotine addiction. Smokable tobacco can cause cancer of the mouth, throat and palate, as well as increased risk of death from heart disease or stroke.

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Avenue to locate Nancy in Howard Creek by arrestation laws. Prescott, who is a sex offender, was reported to have changed his residential address and failed to report that change in vehicles owned.

On Feb. 13, Deputy J. Page responded to a report of a stolen vehicle on Sparrow Drive in Overstreet. A 1990 Dodge Durango, black in color, was parked in the 200 block of Htingham Road. The vehicle was last seen by the owner on Jan. 22, and was not located or missing on this date. Deputy Page continues to investigate the theft.

On Feb. 13, Deputy J. Page executed an arrest warrant on East River Road in Wewahitchka by arresting Brandon Kay Michael Evans (27). Evans was wanted for Violation of Probation on the original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine (x2) and Possession of a Firearm. Evans was transported to the Gulf County Detention Facility.

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OUTDOORS

The mystery of this year’s Tupelo bloom

By Ray Bodrey

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**SPORTS**

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By Tim Croft

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team fell to Franklin County last Friday in the District 4-1A title game, but reached the Region 2-1A playoffs with a runner-up finish.

The Tiger Sharks (11-12) will visit Chipley tonight in a region semifinal. Tip-off is 8 p.m. ET. The winner will face the winner of Baker at Franklin County Tuesday for the region title.

**“We concentrated a lot on defense (this season) and I think they really bought in and we played some really tough teams to prepare for this situation.”**

Kenny Parker, Port St. Joe coach.

**“It has been a tough season and the kids have fought hard and battled every game,” said coach Sandy Quinn. “We lost a key player early in the season and now he has returned for the playoffs. I feel good about the playoffs.”**

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Ashley Summerlin, coach.
SCENE AROUND

A bald eagle stands vigil over U.S. 98 in Port St. Joe (COURTESY OF RON RUDOLPH)

Mid February and young 'uns here are having a blast at the new St. Joe Park “Gap Beach” (COURTESY OF DEBORAH MAYS)

Standing water on Cape San Blas (COURTESY OF DAVE EVANS)

Sunrise at Indian Pass beach (COURTESY OF CATHY CON)

Glimping for food (COURTESY OF BECKY BLOCK)

Rainbow over Port St. Joe (COURTESY OF JAMES HARGROVE)

A St. Joe Beach sunset (COURTESY OF TINA OLKONEN)
Blues on the Lot next month
By Tim Croft
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The path the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce navigated since Hurricane Michael could be considered a microcosm of the broader community.
“Hurricane Michael was not kind to the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, causing significant damage and forcing an evacuation of the animals. But last weekend, the shelter reopened for business, holding a grand opening for a spruced up facility with a new leadership team and staff. The grand opening enjoyed a good turnout of humans and there were, of course and maybe sadly, a large number of dogs and cats available for adoption. Gaquin lives leads all new operating team of the shelter. They have spent months renovating the shelter, applying a new coat of paint and making the space generally acceptable again. The shelter had been open for appointment only. For more information call 227-1103.”
Tim Croft

Chamber retraining, moving forward

Puppies, kittens return to normal

“Rainbows after the Storm” at arts center

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The Joe Center for the Arts is not waiting around for renovation. The Center, which remains closed due to the damage of Hurricane Michael, will host a third edition of its sidewalk series “Art Heals” to a.m. and 2 p.m. ET Sat- day, March 2 along the sidewalk in front of the Center at 201 Reid Ave.
“Rainbows have always been a symbol of hope and renewal,” said The Joe’s Marcy Trahan about “Rainbows After the Storm.”
Bring the kids, the whole family, and create a rainbow that shows how everybody is recov- ering after the storm of Hurricane Michael, Trahan said.
The rainbows cre- ated will become part of the window display for everyone to enjoy.
Community members, who have been asked, are invited to come by and learn how they can participate in a community art installa- tion project that will be ongoing and culminate with an interactive art dis- play in October. The exhibit will be called “One Year After - Panun- tiion Strong.”
“This show will docu- ment and highlight the impact of Hurricane Michael on our com- munities,” Trahan said. “Everyone is invited to be part of this art display by creating a personal piece of art, photography, poem or collage of items.”
More details will be available March 2. A members meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. ET Feb. 27 at The Artery, located at 221 Williams Ave.
If you are not a member and would like to join, stop by.
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COMMUNITY

TRIVIA FUN

1. What was the White House’s phone number when President Haynes had his first telephones installed in 1877? A. 1-2-3456 B. 1-2-3-4567 C. 1-2-3-4578 2. Michael Jordan was born in what year? A. 1963 B. 1964 C. 1965
3. What is the census-designated place of “Bigfoot”? A. Bigfork, Montana B. Bigfork, Texas C. Bigfork, Arizona
4. The chamber’s executive director was forced to take employment elsewhere. But from that devastation, the Chamber is emerging behind a passionate board of directors and public infor- mation Office. The agency will soon move into new offices in the 300 block of Reid Ave., and are devoting plenty of energy to the upcoming Blues on the Lot.
5. Of these, which can sleep in trees on the sidewalk in front of the Center at 201 Reid Ave. A. Spider, bat, eagle, hawk, bat B. Spider, bat, eagle, hawk, bat C. Spider, bat, eagle, hawk, bat
6. Your secret identity is Hal Jordan, test pilot? A. Spider, bat, eagle, hawk, bat B. Spider, bat, eagle, hawk, bat C. Spider, bat, eagle, hawk, bat
8. What is the census-designated place of “Bigfoot”? A. Bigfork, Montana B. Bigfork, Texas C. Bigfork, Arizona
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11. The Joe Center for the Arts is not waiting around for renovation. The Center, which remains closed due to the damage of Hurricane Michael, will host a third edition of its sidewalk series “Art Heals” to a.m. and 2 p.m. ET Sat- day, March 2 along the sidewalk in front of the Center at 201 Reid Ave.
12. Hurricane Michael was not kind to the St. Joseph Bay Humane Soci- ety, causing significant damage and forcing an evacuation of the animals.
13. But last weekend, the shelter reopened for business, holding a grand opening for a spruced up facility with a new lead- ership team and staff. The grand opening enjoyed a good turnout of humans and there were, of course and maybe sadly, a large number of dogs and cats available for adoption. Gaquin lives leads all new operating team of the shelter. They have spent months renovating the shelter, applying a new coat of paint and making the space generally accept- able again. The shelter had been open for appointment only. For more information call 227-1103.
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16. “This show will docu- ment and highlight the impact of Hurricane Michael on our com- munities,” Trahan said. “Everyone is invited to be part of this art display by creating a personal piece of art, photography, poem or collage of items.”
17. More details will be available March 2. A members meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. ET Feb. 27 at The Artery, located at 221 Williams Ave.
18. If you are not a member and would like to join, stop by.
19. The Joe Center for the Arts, with a mission to educate, exhibit, partner and inspire through the arts, is still in the recon- struction process. The Center is sponsored by the Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition.
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The Port St. Joe Garden Club will hold its February meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14. The featured speaker this month, with Nancy Jones, is the retired executive director and founder of the Blue Heron Nature Preserves in Atlanta and a PSJGC member. Ms. Jones’s presentation, “Saving a Species: How You Can Help Monarch Butterfly,” will provide information regarding the significant decline of the monarch butterfly, arguably the most recognizable butterfly in the United States with its orange and black wings.

The monarch is a migratory phenomenon. Each year the populations of eastern monarchs migrate to the highland mountains of Mexico while the western populations migrate to the coast of California. Over the past 20 years the population of monarchs has been in sharp decline, down to 20 percent. In August 2014 protection for the Monarch butterfly as being a “threatened” species took effect. As per the Species Act the reasons for concern are multifaceted including loss of dedicated pollinators, loss of pollinators, and climate change. The presentation will discuss the life cycle of the monarch and milkweed, which is the only food source for monarch caterpillars. And the milkweed is also in decline.

What can you do to help the monarch butterfly?”

Plant milkweed. Be careful you plant native milkweed. Native milkweed supports healthy monarch populations and supports the monarch’s migratory pattern. Native milkweed does also fall in the fall; with no milkweed to feed upon the monarch butterfly cannot migrate. Tropical milkweed, asclepias curvassavica, grows year round thus making it less migration as the butterflies continue to feed without migrating. New research also suggests there is a link between tropical milkweed and a parasitic disease causing deformities of monarch butterfly wings. Unfortunately, tropical milkweed is the most widely available milkweed at big box commercial nurseries. Therefore before purchasing milkweed to help the monarch population in its recovery, please make sure the milkweed you are planting is a native species.

The Port St. Joe Garden Club is currently working on a landscaping plan for its grounds and would like to incorporate a butterfly garden to assist the monarch, other butterflies and pollinators. If you are interested in learning more about such gardens or would like to help the Garden Club on planning this garden please join us for our next meeting to be held on March 14 at the Garden Center. March’s program will be about the “Buu the Buzz” in the Garden.”

The speaker will be Daphney Glass, bee keeper, beekeeping instructor and apiarist at Sweet Lips Honey. Please check out our Port St. Joe Garden Club Facebook page for additional information on this or future presentations or email psjgardencmb@gmail.com to RSVP or request further inquiry. The Port St. Joe Garden Club is a national and historical club and is available for rental.

Beauty from the rubble

The Port St. Joe Garden Club was one of the many residents and visitors that responded to the call for volunteers from the Gulf St. Joe Garden Club, which is entered in the State Competition. The Garden Club is currently working on a landscaping plan for its grounds and would like to incorporate a butterfly garden to assist the monarch, other butterflies and pollinators. If you are interested in learning more about such gardens or would like to help the Garden Club on planning this garden please join us for our next meeting to be held on March 14 at the Garden Center. March’s program will be about the “Buu the Buzz” in the Garden.”

Members of the Port St. Joe Garden Club responded to the call for volunteers from the Gulf County Tourist Development Council to beautify the entrance of Cape Palms Park, located by personnel of visitors to the Cape, a natural garden and beauty in Gulf County. The Port St. Joe Garden Club is a national and historical club and is available for rental.

Terry Kent to wed Heather Henderson

Announce their upcoming marriage.

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Together with their families, Heather Henderson, of Apalachicola, and Terry Kent II, of Panama City, announce their upcoming marriage.

Heather is the daughter of Donna and Dominic Harcus, of White City, and the late Michael Harcus, of Panama City. Terry is the son of Jackie and Terry Harris, of Panama City Beach, and Terry Kent Sr., of Panama City.

Heather is a 2014 graduate of the University of Florida and a 2017 graduate of Nova Southeastern University. She works for Healthcare as a speech language pathologist.

Terry is a 2001 graduate of Mosley High School and works for the Bay County Roads and Street department as a heavy equipment operator.

The couple will tie the knot Saturday, March 9, 2019 in a private ceremony.

For more information contact: Tony Thomas, 850-267-8411, tony@julianthomas.com. A reception will follow at the home of the bride and groom.

Nancy Jones holding a poster of the life cycle of a monarch. (SPECIAL TO THE STAR)
JOE BASS

Joe Bass, also known as Elmer Bass, Sr., age 71, retired to Mexico TN and announced his death by his father Elmer J. Bass, Sr. and mother Juanita (Smith) Bass. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Tammy Bass; sons, Eric and Lisa Bass; David and Crystal Bass; daughters, Jamie and Chris Ellis; and Kimberly Prescott; brother, Randy and Terri Bass; sister, Janice and Earl Penney; brother, Steve and Brenda Bass; and grandchildren, Jason and Jessica Bass; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial Services for the life of Joe Bass will be held at Williamson & Sons in Soddy Daisy, TN chapter of I.B.E.W.

He was preceded in death by his father Elmer J. Bass, Sr. and mother Juanita (Smith) Bass. He was a retired electrician, father and brother. He was a member of the local Chattanooga, TN chapter of I.B.E.W.

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FAITH BRIEFS

Snowbird appreciation luncheon at Beach Baptist

Beach Baptist Chapel, located at 315 Columbus Street in St. Joe Beach, will host a snowbird appreciation luncheon at 12:00 p.m. ET Tuesday, March 5. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Come be blessed.

Fat Tuesday at FUMC

The Youth Ministry at First United Methodist Church in Port St. Joe will host a “Fat Tuesday” pancake dinner fundraiser beginning 5:15 p.m. ET Tuesday, March 5 in the church’s Great Hall. There will be Mardi Gras music and a pancake dinner including bacon and sides. Cost is whatever amount of a donation grabs you.

Men’s Fellowship breakfast at New Life

New Life Christian Center, located at 504 South Street in Port St. Joe, will host a Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. ET Saturday, Feb. 23.

Choir anniversary of Victory Temple

Victory Temple First Born Holiness Church will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its choir 10:00 a.m. ET Saturday, Feb. 23. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Come be blessed.

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What’s making you jealous today?

During our talks with God, let’s ask Him to show us how He sees our jealousy and how it hurts us and our relationships. Let’s remember, too, how God loves us, used us, skilled us? What if, for one whole week, each time we catch ourselves feeling jealous or envious, we stopped ourselves and thanked God for His plan for us. His love for us, His perfect timing for us? What if we choose to trust our compassionate heavenly Father, knowing He hasn’t forgotten about us, and praised Him for His faithfulness? What if we thanked God for all we’ve been blessed, used, skilled us? During our talks with God, let’s ask Him to show us how He sees our jealousy and how it hurts us and our relationships. Let’s remember, too, how God loves us, used us, skilled us? What if, for one whole week, each time we catch ourselves feeling jealous or envious, we stopped ourselves and thanked God for His plan for us. His love for us, His perfect timing for us? 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SCHOOL NEWS

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Speaks To The Star


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Whitney V eterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Port St. Joe Chapter #10069 for their participation in the annual VFW Voice of Democracy, “Why My Vote Matters,” audio essay contest. The annual state-wide contest is sponsored by local chapters of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary.

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Kyleigh Turner receives awards, medal and check from VFW 10069 Auxiliary Treasurer Betty Arendt. (SPECIAL TO THE STAR)

In the beautifully decorated cafeteria, they had a ceremony and reception, complete with dancing and a “Q” & “U” cake. Teachers Ashley and Lindsay Summerton volunteered to play the roles of “Q” and “U”. We had several volunteers including: Kimberly Shou, Erika Lindor, Lindsey Fisher, Jen Norton, Sylvia Williams, Rex and Nancy Bennett, Sergeant Strickland, Officer Bailey, Kara Black, Ray Bailey, and many others who helped make the wedding happen. We are so grateful to everyone who helped bring this tradition to PSJES.

By Kelly Johnson

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Marriage ‘Q’ and ‘U’ at PSJES

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The PSJES kindergarten students had a blast for Valentine’s Day. (SPECIAL TO THE STAR)
Church Secretary needed at PSJ St. James’ Episcopal Church

This position serves as administrative support to all staff (Rector and Vestry) and includes a variety of responsibilities that support the church operations. Candidate must be organized, friendly, flexible, work well with others, be able to multi-task, pay attention to details and have a willingness to learn.

Social Security Administration at the Library

To replace Social Security cards, replacement tax documents, Social Security Administration programs, and online services available on www.ssa.gov. No registration is required to attend.

Bay County Public Library is located at 906 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401. The program will be held in the Youth Services Department.

For more information, call 850-522-2100 or visit www.ssa.gov. No registration is required to attend.

Black History Month events

The Annual Black History Month Soul Food Feast will be held at 6 p.m. ET Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Washington Gym. This year’s theme will be dedicated to the memories of our business leaders and their significant achievements that have helped our community.

Social Security Black History Month activity will be held at 4 p.m. ET Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, at the Corrine Costin-Gibson Library in Port St. Joe.

We encourage everyone to attend and participate as we read and learn about our heritage major improvement to society.

The Chamber had to act quickly on its new address in the 300 block of Broad in part because of the interest in the space.

There is a lot of interest and there is going to be a lot more work here,” Gingell said, adding that a Chamber focus is being as user-friendly as possible to assist businesses as they build or rebuild.

We are looking forward to growth,” Gingell said. "There are new businesses coming in and we want to do as much as we can to help them get established.

There is a lot of interest in the area, Gingell said, noting a waiting list for businesses and individuals dealing with insurance and federal agencies.

On the long-term side, the Chamber is actively tracking several public meetings to provide information for those businesses and individuals dealing with insurance and federal agencies.

In the short-term, the Chamber also sponsored several public meetings, and the program will be held in the Youth Services Department.

We welcome everyone to attend and participate as we pay tribute to “Black History Month” and honor our own hometown business leaders and learn about their history and the contributions they made to the community.

For more information call Amy Rogers at 229-8515 or email gcucdci@fairpoint.net.
The porch, where memory flows

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Mama Steph's cookie bars... (SPECIAL FOR THE STAND)

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Method:
1. Preheat oven to 350, and spray a 9×13 baking pan with cooking spray, or coat with butter. (See tip below). Melt butter in a bowl in the microwave, and allow it to cool slightly before you assemble other ingredients.

2. Combine flour, baking powder, and sugar in a larger mixing bowl, stir until smooth.

3. Add the dry mixture to the butter mixture, stirring until no more flour is visible in the batter.

4. Stir in chocolate chips, then spread the batter in the prepared pan. (Do be very thick, so an offset spatula)

5. Bake for 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Allow the bars to cool completely in the pan, then cut into squares.

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Wearing his brown trousers arrived. Always. He’d be on the front porch when we arrived. He’d be happy. He’d call out to us as soon as we got out of the station wagon. “Bobbie, y’all come on in here and let me see those babies.” We’d walk the short walk to the screen door, which opened into a such welcoming manner, and step onto the little wooden porch where Papa held court. No one got in that house without stopping to hug his neck and receive his kiss on the cheek. “Bobbie, go get that baby a Coke,” he’d say to my dad, referring to me. Daddy would take me through the house to the back porch, used mostly for storage, and there would be a wooden Coca-cola crate, full of small green-tinted glass bottles of Coke. I always looked forward to that sassy way of drinking a Coke. We never bought the small bottles at our house. That made it special for our guests when they came to visit. Then we’d hand back out the wooden crate and visit with Papa. My dad would sit in his loves to porches, gravitating toward them perhaps because we grew up visiting the little city of Pensacola, there was a porch with a gracious plenty of rocking chairs on it at the old keeper’s house museum outside the lighthouse, and we immediately took a seat after we were offered a glass of milk. We always made a step climb to the top of the lighthouse, which had a great view in Pensacola at the top of that minaret and the best seats in Pensacola on the porch of the old museum.

As I walked back I visited my sister in Frisco and we went to a restaurant there called The Harbour Table. It’s inside a beautifully converted 1872 Victorian home. We enjoyed our meal immensely, and as we left, we stepped back onto the front porch of the lovely old house. Instantly, our eyes spotted the swing to our right, and we both instinctively went to sit, and then the magic began. There’s something about the movement of a swing or rocking chair on a porch that gently shacks loose the thoughts you’ve been pondering, the memories you’ve been forgetting, or the songs you’ve been humming in your subconscious. They all came spilling out, as we sat there swinging, holding on our laps for our tag, for the next hour or so.

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But Long's social programs were serious, and they created a powerful reaction, both for and against his ideas. Long jokingly offered his "Shake The Wealth!" proposal in a radio address February 14, 1934. That year almost half of Americans lived in poverty and the average annual family income was around $1,150 (about $24,000 in today's dollars). The public was listening attentively to Long's ideas. By year's end, the movement boasted three million members. A little over a year later, shortly before his assassination, Long's fund office was receiving 60,000 letters a week. Long outlined this program's details at the height of the Great Depression, so wealth redistribution proposals were all well received by millions of unemployed and underemployed. Today, new wealth redistribution ideas and tax proposals, the likes of which we haven't seen since Long's day, are sparked by political leaders and income inequality. Long's ideas were the subject of not only many articles and books, but also recently proposed a 2 percent tax on U.S. households with assets greater than $50 million, with the tax rising to 3 percent net worth greater than $1 billion. The tax is, of course, a minuscule fraction of 3 percent of households and it would raise some $2.75 trillion over ten years. Another proposal suggests a return to a progressive tax rate nearing 70 percent for income over a certain threshold. A third major political figure proposes an additional tax credit for middle income earners. One thing is certain: attempts at wealth redistribution through new tax requirements aimed at the wealthy are on the political horizon. How we will finally feel about these proposals is likely dependent upon whether we stand on the financial food chains more than anything else. But here are a couple of questions. Are these wealth redistribution ideas fair? And will these proposals actually rectify our wealth inequality issues? Finally, if passed, will such proposals unite us or further divide us?

We next consider earned income and capital gains taxes.

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The event will be held at the library on Feb 28. A private reception for PAL's members (Patrons of Apalachicola Library Society) and then a discussion to follow that day will take place from 4:30-5:30 p.m. ET. At 5:30 p.m. the public is invited to a presentation, Q&A with the author, and book signing.

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Putnam's books include These Honored Dead (2016), Peril from the Earth (2017), and Final Resting Place (2018) which is based on Lincoln's role as prosecutor in a sensational 1838 Springfield murder trial. A fourth book in the series, A House Divided, will be released July. It is based on one of the greatest unsolved murder mysteries from Abraham Lincoln's real-life trial cases, and is touted as the most captivating Lincoln and Speed mystery novel yet!

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