Steinhatchee Bait and Tackle:

Vew owners keeping

By DEBRA BUTLER Columnist

Steinhatchee Bait & Tackle, a longtime local landmark located directly across from the Steinhatchee Boat Ramp, recently changed ownership.

Driggers, a hardworking young couple from Perry,

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BAIT and **TACKLE**

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Both still work full time jobs in Perry – John at Georgia-Pacific and Valena at Nammo Defense Systems. Additionally, Valena runs her own part-time business, Air & Opportunity Drone Services and Imaging, where she provides drone-created videos and photographs of real estate

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are the proud new owners. listings and outdoor events.

Together with their six children, the Driggers have plenty of home-grown staff to rely upon. Daughter Koko Vaughn is on hand several days a week to keep things running smoothly, while John and Valena work the weekends and any other hours not committed to their other jobs.

One unique aspect of this family-owned and operated venture is that the Driggers go out of their way to promote and support other local businesses, artisans and suppliers.

The Driggers partnered with McDavid's Cafe to provide hot "grab & go" biscuits for morning fishermen stopping in for bait and ice.

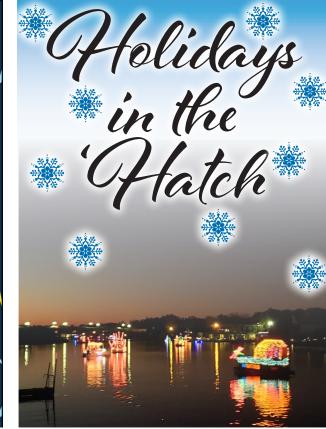
Whimsical wooden signs and wind chimes created by local artist, 2° Off Center, are hanging throughout the shop for sale, as well thoughtfully-designed

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New owners John and Valena Driggers of Perry began operating Steinhatchee Bait and Tackle on Sept. 19 this year.





Steinhatchee will kickf the Christmas season on Dec. 5 with its annual

"Christmas in the Park" and "Light up the River" boat parade festivities. This year, the "Christmas

in the Park" will be a drive-

through event and will be

hosted at the Community Center from 6-7 p.m.

Community Center through 11th Avenue, get a gift bag

from Santa and drive ahead to get hot dogs and drinks. Drivers will exit onto

The hotdogs and juice

The annual "Light up the River" boat parade will begin at "dark-30" that same night at the Steinhatchee River Club in

Jena, ending at Good Times Motel and Marina.

There will be prizes and

who

in entering

website:

trophies awarded to the best decorated boats.

the parade may do so by signing up online at the Steinhatchee River

SteinhatcheeChamber.com The entry fee is a donation

to the local "Sowers of the Seed" Food Pantry.

Boaters

interested

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boxes will be provided by the American Legion.

will instructed to come into the

Saturday evening. Drivers

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