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Sandpipers And Seniors Soar

Fifth Graders Bid Farewell To Beach School



Pensacola Beach Elementary School fifth graders welcomed fellow Sandpipers who are members of the Gulf Breeze High School graduating Class of 2010. These high school seniors are from Margie Pitts' first fifth grade class at the Beach School. Students who attend the little school located on the sand get a firm educational foundation and build sturdy friendships. Sandpipers and seniors are (front row, L to R): Kylie Finkbone, Emily Chaney, Michelle Albert, Patrick Hodges, George Weisnicht, Alexis Simmons, Tyler Burke, Brad Foley and Edgar Shigley. In the middle row (L to R) are: Layne Hackleman, Maddie Grace McCurdy, Dillon McCain, Benton Byrd, Reddon McLaurine, Parker Baynes, Mary Elliott, Starfish Holk, Brandon Shaw, Josh Priest, Colin Adams and Shelby Dunne. The top row includes (L to R): Jack Flores, Justin Fruitticher, Zoe Babcock, Daniel Green, Paris Dupuis, Teacher Margie Pitts, Reilly Thompson, Payton Goff and Logan Bruce. Dylan Skutt was absent. For more on this story, see page 2.

Grassy Fields, Sports Tracks Beckon Beach School Grads

The Beach School fifth graders are getting ready to say farewell to the sparkling Gulf waters and the gleaming white beaches which surround their school. They will be trading their tranquil years in the Beach atmosphere for the adventuresome bustle of middle school. Their sandy playground will be replaced with grassy fields and sports tracks.

And, guess what? These fledglings are ready to go. Armed with an elementary school education which probably has very little if any equal, they are ready to take the next step into the real world.

"By the end of fifth grade, these students are ready for the bigger pond, but they always have their Sandpiper buddies to rely on," said Margie Pitts, their teacher.

"Fifth graders seem to change and mature on a weekly basis. By Christmas they are taller and their faces are less round. By May they have adopted the Sixth Grade Strut. They are ready for middle school," she said.

Pitts has taught at the Beach School for eight years and proudly announces that her first class of fifth graders is graduating from high school this June.

She said she feels she has the best gig in town.

"I'm very grateful and take to heart every day the challenge of doing the best job I can do and then trying to do better."

Some of the kids said their fondest memory of elementary

school was the location. But, on the other hand, thirteen of the twenty-six said their best memory was the trip to New Orleans. Yes, as their teacher said, "They are ready for the bigger pond." Much bigger.

Although they were caught up in the magical web New Orleans wove around them, they still had some sound comments to make about their future. They looked forward to careers as teachers, marine biologists, an astronaut, cheerleading coach or as Mary Elliott put it, "I don't know what I want to be. I try focusing on the previous day, not those ahead of me."

As Pitts said, "They are independent and responsible."

They all expressed their great emotional attachment to each other.

"We're all not just friends," Mary said. "We are family."

Daniel Green echoed her remark with a graphic illustration, "The best thing about going to the Beach School, is that in the morning everyone has a smile on their face."

Students had nothing but glowing praise for the teachers at the school. They described them with words such as "amazing" and "awesome" and all kinds of elaborate, descriptive remarks in between.

When asked what advice they would have for the next fifth grade class, the Class of 2010 got down to brass tacks. Ms. Pitts must have touched on manners now and then, because they all said remember to say "yes ma'am and no ma'am."

Maybe, you think you are

smarter than a fifth grader? As the contestants on the TV show hosted by Jeff Foxworthy learned, no matter, if they had answered some of the questions or none, they still had to step to the microphone and tell a national audience, "No, I am not

smarter than a fifth grader."

Consider the reply given by Layne Hackelman to the question of what to tell the incoming fifth grade. If accomplished, this would be a considerable achievement for

someone at any age.

"Be prepared and aware of your surroundings. Always do your homework, be positive, and never give up," she said.

You may just want to drop that in your wallet for future reference.

Maddie Grace McCurdy, top, is the Beach School's Shining Star for 2010. The Shining Star designation is based on good citizenship, community service and adherence to the core values of the Escambia County School District: equality, responsibility, integrity, respect, honesty and patriotism. McCurdy received this award in ceremonies at PJC April 25.

Patrick Hodges is the Beach School Student of the Year. Teachers and staff award the Student of the Year to the fifth grader who is a high achiever academically as well as a good citizen. Patrick sets a good example for others each day, according to his teacher Margie Pitts.



Pitts Sends First Sandpipers Off To College

Fifth grade Beach School teacher Margie Pitts took her former students for a little trip down memory lane May 24, before they travel across the stage to receive their high school diplomas. Eight years ago,

these were her fifth grade students. As they prepare for college, they take with them lessons learned from their Beach School years.

"Do your best, be polite and say 'yes ma'am,' is what I tell each

class," said Pitts. "These things will take you far."

Marc Sessa is going far - all the way to California to attend USC. He is majoring in Music for film. There are two chemistry majors. Tyler Burke, who is enrolled at UWF, and Omari Baines, who will attend the University of South Florida. George Weisnicht is also headed to South Florida, but will study mechanical engineering.

Michelle Albert, who volunteers at the Beach School, is enrolled at Pensacola Junior College in Business Administration. Brad Foley, will be a Business major at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Beach residents also graduating on June 4 from Gulf Breeze High School are: Jeff Leonard, Jake Ettleson, Stephen Robbins, Jacob Roupe, Chancellor Winn and Ian Sweet.



Back to the Beach School are alums who will graduate from Gulf Breeze High, June 4. Back row (L to R): George Weisnicht, Brad Foley, Tyler Burke and Marc Sessa. Front row (L to R): Michelle Albert, teacher Margie Pitts and Omari Baines.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



School days are ending for big kids and little kids all over the United States this month. I spent seventeen years of the first twenty-two of my life in classrooms. I hope I learned a thing or a couple of things along the way in my pursuit of an education. What I seem to remember most about my school days was that I was never a freshman.

After finishing elementary school, I went directly from sixth grade to the seventh grade in Junior High School. Junior High consisted of grades seven through nine, so when I began high school I was a sophomore.

After my high school graduation, I went to a girls' school in Missouri which was a two year college. There, I was a junior and a senior. Finally, I enrolled as a junior at the University of Missouri School of Journalism and during my final year there I was a senior.

Since I had never been a freshman I was never bullied or hazed by upper class individuals who were often carried away by their own sadistic means of trampling on their peasants, another name for freshmen.

I do remember one incident at the corner of the busiest intersection of Columbia, Missouri. I was pledging a sorority and the sisters had given each member of the pledge class a little cup of water and a toothbrush, taken us to that corner where we were ordered to scrub the sidewalk. All the fraternity brothers were there along with a sizeable number of townspeople who were laughing and staring in disbelief. The fraternity guys were cheering us on. One of the groups

broke into a fraternal song, and the others began to respond in kind, so the whole humiliating event took on an air of a festival. That was the only thing the Big Sisters did to their lowly pledges that year.

My other memories of college are more standard. Like how I got to Columbia and the girls' school. My parents drove me to Kansas City where I would board the special train which carried the girls from the West – Oklahoma, Nebraska, New Mexico, California, etc. In St. Louis, the girls from the East were boarding a similar special train. I remember that I was wearing a plaid skirt, white blouse, and a navy velvet jacket, high heels and a big hat. A really big hat. I must have looked like something that had blown off the Beach to provide shade, but there we were in our B.H. Wragge clothes, I. Miller heels, and everyone had a big, really big hat.

The trip was a bit formal what with chaperones checking on us now and then, but by the end of the ride, we Westerners had made friends and hoped we would be roommates. As it turned out, my roommate was from Camden, Arkansas and my suitemates were from Kentucky. The four of us became such good friends that we asked for the same arrangement the next year. Being from Nebraska I was a little out of place among the "y'all's" and "who won the Kentucky Derby."

Somehow we never let statehood pride get in the way of our friendships.

At the end of our two year stay, we formed a Daisy Chain, and we all cried and cried. It's a wonder the

campus didn't float away. My roommate and I kept in touch for many years until she just disappeared while I lived in New Orleans.

What I remember most about Missouri University was that nothing was done for you. We had to do everything for ourselves, like get in line to buy our books and inch along until we got to the desk to pay for all of it. I took out the check my Dad had given me and carefully filled in the amount. The clerk informed me haughtily that she could not accept an out-of-state check. I was stunned and wondered how the Chinese guys in line were going to pay. In Yen?

I called a teacher I had at the girls' school who brought me her local check and I started through the line again.

Once I got started in Journalism School, I was introduced to the Evereat. It was the traditional beer garden retreat for Journalism School students. They served huge bowls of all-you-can-eat spicy shrimp, crackers and beer. My fellow, future newspaper people and I sat at big

round tables and ordered what they had to serve. See above. The owner was a big affable man who really liked all the kids.

"Give them all the shrimp, and crackers they want," he said. "But only one beer for the girls, two beers for the boys. No more."

Here was a place where we learned some skills we would never use in our future careers. We learned how to sip beer from a long neck bottle as if it were fine wine. When we finished our quota we carefully peeled the label off the bottle, put

it on the flat side of our wallets and threw it up to the ceiling. That ceiling was covered with years and years of beer labels. We never held Mr. Evereat's rules against him. We just left and went on to Jack's Shack where the number of beers we had depended on the amount of money we had to spend. Often, it wasn't much.

Would I do all of this over again? Yes. My advice to underclassmen is to stay in school as long as you can. You'll never have that much fun again.

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PEOPLE

BIGFOOT'S BUDDIES

It's hard to believe that BigFoot has so many admirers and friends. Chuck McKenney, runner-up in this weeks' Where is BigFoot contest emailed, "BigFoot is visiting Judy at the Bank. I need to get the paper earlier. I knew the answer last week as well. Maybe that's because I have lived and worked on the Beach since 1979." Keep searching Chuck. After thirty one years in the neighborhood, you might very well be the first one to spot him.

SWINGING SENIOR

Gulf Breeze senior Alex Ball, who was a standout along with Ben Lively at the Pensacola Sports Association All-Star baseball game, is touring junior colleges with his parents Donna and Butch and his sports-minded aunt, Karen Harrell Paulus. On his list last week was Enterprise Community College in Alabama who signed him for next year's roster.

COMING OF AGE

When University of West Florida student Doug Beck is not hitting the books, he is working for his Uncle Jeff at Island Style. The Elbert family gathered at their Beach house to celebrate Doug's twenty-first birthday on Sunday, May 23. The birthday parties continued, since Jeff Elbert turned another year older on May 26.

BEACH HISTORY

Sunne Joy Anderson is preparing her final project in her quest for a Master's degree in Public History at the University of West Florida. She is part of a team who has created an e-tour of the historic sites

across the state. Sunne is currently seeking information from Beach residents who remember details about the original Casino. Her mom Peggy is a school teacher and her multi-talented dad Mark is part of the Surfers on a Mission group.

GOLD FOR JAYNE

The Sisters of the Beach tradition of bestowing a gold bracelet on the girls who reach significant birthdays continues to the second generation. Jayne Drees Redmon's May 27 birthday went into the SOB history book. A contingent of shopping sisters will return to the Beach after the search for the perfect bracelet is complete.

SPIN TO WIN

Karen Krietzburg returned to the Beach from Thailand via Las Vegas. She hobbled home with an ankle injury and a pocketful of money. She said the spinning roulette wheel was very kind to her.

COUNTDOWN

Irish Pub owner Seamas Hunt celebrated his birthday on May 15 with hundreds of good wishes from his friends in person and on Facebook. The affable Irishman keeps his priorities straight, however, noting that there were only 288 days to St. Patrick's Day.

BOOKMOBILE

Tuesday, June 8
10:30 to Noon
Casino Beach

Trivia

A drum roll, please. Add the trumpets playing "Hail To The Chief." Mr Puffy Toad, mostly known as the Trivia Master will step to the center of the stage and proceed to stare down every trivia player in the world.

That is correct. Not one of the research geniuses knew the answer to last edition's question, "What was the period of the year which had the highest percentages of commercial activity called?"

The time was summer and was fondly called the "Hundred Days" by Beach business folks. Memorial Day to Labor Day. The hotels, restaurants and gift shops all had their doors and their cash registers open by May 31 every year. Then, when the hundred days ended, they boarded up their places and headed off to West Palm Beach or other places where they could replenish their supplies for next year. Sorry,

Triviaees and Triviaettes, Mr. Puffy Toad will hold the t-shirt in his grubby little hands until next time.

We cannot leave this subject without mentioning that the Queen of Wrong Answers is back with three flamboyant answers to the question. All wrong. 1) The Shoulder Season. 2) Summer Season. 3) Tourist Season. Welcome back, Joanne. The Trivia Master is overjoyed at your answers.

Parrot Heads, stand up and be counted. The chief pirate of the Parrot Head Nation is coming to town. What does Jimmy Buffet do for recreation when he is not making music or having giant hotels named after him? The t-shirt will be yours if you are the first to email the correct answer.

The rules are the same. Email your answer with "trivia" in the subject line to islandtimes@bell-south.net. Be sure to include your

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Weisnicht Earns Eagle Scout Award

Pensacola Beach native George Weisnicht, a senior at Gulf Breeze High School, will be awarded the prestigious Eagle Scout Award on Thursday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church. Joe Besler will also be receiving his Eagle Scout Award.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouting. Requirements include earning at least 23 merit badges as well as demonstration of Scout Spirit, ser-

vice and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes and manages.

George was the first boy to attain the Eagle Scout rank in Troop 417. His service project was to build a new gyro sandwich booth for the Pensacola Greek Festival.

George, son of Maria and Bill Weisnicht, has been in Gulf Breeze scouting since first grade. The Pensacola Beach Elementary School alum has been on several

high adventure trips including hiking the Appalachian Trail, canoeing the Boundary Waters in Northern Minnesota, and sailing in the Keys.

George is an honor student at Gulf Breeze High School. He was on the Varsity wrestling team for three years and has been a member of his church's Greek folk dance group since middle school. George will attend the University of South Florida to study Mechanical Engineering next fall.

Robinson Hosts Town Hall Meeting

Bring your questions about Beach issues to the Pensacola Beach Town Hall meeting, Tuesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. hosted by Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV. The meeting, which will be held in the Santa Rosa Island Authority boardroom, will last two hours. It is open to the public.

Commissioner Robinson will

give an update on the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill and address other citizens concerns.

A question and answer session will follow his presentation.

"Some of the most important things I learn are from my constituents," said Robinson. "I look forward to seeing you and getting your input."

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peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



I have the sweetest and most multi-talented brother-in-law in the world! (Actually he's more a brother to me than just by law.) His name is Hector Rodriguez, married to my sister Gail and they live in Albany, GA. His trade or real job is in agriculture but he's a wizard with computers among other things. Rod (his nickname) found a laptop computer for me, so Bill and I went to visit and get the computer. Of course (because I'm technically classified in the "idiot" category) once I returned home, I could not get the laptop online. He tried to talk 'computerese' to me but I cannot understand that language. So, he said, "We'll just make a trip down there; that's what Gail said we should have done in the first place."

I agree. He's known me a long time. What did he expect? But how sweet is that? I owe both of them a Big Thanks. Of course, we always enjoy being together and visiting but their love and generosity always makes me want to strive to be a better person, friend and relative.

COLORS was at Sabine Sandbar May 15, so we all stopped in.

There's even a rumor spreading through the coconut telegraph that my sister Gail had so much fun she danced on a table. I am neither confirming nor denying that rumor.

The next COLORS will be held at the Elks Lodge, June 15, 5-7 p.m. Bring your old photos for Mia to scan while Felicia takes a "now" picture. It's free and it's a lot of fun... There are only 5 more chances; we have the last one on Oct. 15 because Krewe of Wrecks meetings begin with Halloween.

My dear wonderful Jane continues to work her magic and the oil has not touched our Island as of this date. I added my will to hers the instant I knew she was "on top of things" and I urge you to do the same. I was disturbed at a comment I saw on the internet concerning the threat of a hurricane combined with the oil already spilled and the devastation that would mean for our piece of paradise. Well, that's not positive thinking people and we need all the help we can get right now. Even without being in the area, you can all contribute by "blowing to the south" several times daily. I believe

it works for hurricanes and oil. So, just "believe & blow" my friends, because even the smartest people in the world can't explain, figure out, or understand how or why faith works, but even they admit it does. I'm a firm believer that negative thoughts certainly contribute to negative situations in all aspects of our daily lives.

My initial suggestion concerning the "spill/gush" was that someone needed to incorporate it into a video game for kids ages 8 to 14. Those kids would figure it all out pretty quickly if it's vital to completion of their gaming "mission." Since I don't have a clue how to do that, I'm going with "believing & blowing."

We'll be practicing that anyway on June 5 at the "Keep the Hurricanes Away this Season Bawl" beginning at 4 p.m. at Paradise Bar & Grill. Be there or you might end up being the "one to blame." So, get your offering ready for the altar. ...mine is!

Oh man, time to get to the purpose of this column and that's a fabulous recipe that D.J. Zeminick is generously sharing. I say generously because it belongs to her mother, Mazel. Yes, it's a real "Mama Recipe" that DJ wrote down as her Mother cooked it during a recent visit. Some of these recipes can be closely guarded in families, so it's a real treat when someone shares one with me and my readers. I know you will join me in appreciating DJ's thoughtfulness and generosity.

These berries are also called

blackberries so don't get confused. I had never heard them called dewberries before moving here. They taste the same and that's what really matters. Whatever you call them, just the mention of the name sends me to a joyous connection with my youth, Mama, family, God, sunshine, pure childhood joy, the deliciousness of nature's offerings, berry stains, taste bud explosions and always the anticipation of even the fragrance of the baking cobbler. And that, dear readers, is the very definition of home.....let's cook!

Mazel's Dewberry Cobbler

3 Cups wild dewberries
2 ½ Cup water
1/3 Cup sugar
1 stick butter
1 Cup self-rising flour
¾ Cup sugar
1 Cup milk

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a pot, mix together dewberries, 2 ½ cups water and 1/3 cup sugar. Bring to a boil and set aside. Place stick butter in a 13x9 casserole dish and melt in oven. Mix together the self-rising flour, ¾ cup sugar and cup of milk. Stir until batter is smooth. Pour batter on top of the hot, melted butter; then slowly pour berry mixture across the top of batter. Bake for approximately 25-30 minutes until bubbly and golden brown on top. Serve warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Enjoy, share and love each other. Best wishes to all our graduates! See ya in the kitchen....

MERMAID MONEY

The Mystic Krewe of Nereids would like to express our gratitude to the Krewe of Wrecks Board - Jeff Goudey, Vern Phillips, Phillip Simoneaux, Sandy Johnston, Carleen Wheeler and Melanie Waite for an exciting 30th Anniversary of Mardi Gras on the Island. We appreciate your dedication, loyalty and hard work in promoting and ensuring we have Mardi Gras on the Island each year.

Thank you to our fellow krewees who continue to support our events and contribute to the frivolity and merriment. We urge all Krewees to support the Krewe of Wrecks as we do by requiring your members to join the Krewe of Wrecks. It's a small price to pay for a huge amount of fun every year.

Special thanks to Santa Rosa Island Authority Executive Director Buck Lee for his generous loan of the authentic signs displayed on our award winning float. It's wonderful to see the SRIA staff excited over Mardi Gras.

On May 15, 2010, the Mystic Krewe of Nereids distributed the following checks: \$503 to Dancingly Yours; \$250 to the Women's Center for Breast Cancer; and \$200 to the American Red Cross for Haiti.

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BigFoot Banks On Beach Hospitality

Ball Identifies Creature's Whereabouts

We now know a couple of unflattering things about BigFoot. First, he never learned how to play Hide and Seek when he was a SmallFoot, and second, he thinks hiding in high traffic areas like parks and banks is really cool.

Former Beach resident Donna Ball spotted him in the *Island Times*

photo and knew right away he was at Bank of the South Island Branch. She thinks he was visiting Bank manager Judy Lenderman, or trying to steal the millions that Donna has deposited there.

Donna may not have a million dollars, but she now has a special BigFoot t-shirt she won for being

the first to find BigFoot in his hiding place. Donna notes that although she no longer lives on the Beach she still, after twenty-five years, does her banking with Judy.

Would you like to own a Big-Foot t-shirt? Keep watching *Island Times* to ID him at your favorite beach hangouts.

Beauty And The Beast - Development Plans or Tar Balls

Beauty or the Beast? The Santa Rosa Island Authority needs to get its priorities straight, according to attorneys, officials, and residents who attended their Committee meetings last Wednesday.

Larry Newsom, Interim County Administrator, began his report on the Master Plan for the Beautification of Pensacola as called for on the agenda. The County has prepared the Scope of Work to send out RFQs.

"We may not select an engineering firm before August," Newsom said.

He repeated the important phases of the plan. Ideas like pedestrian movement, traffic movement, the toll booth and parking areas.

"The decision can be made at the time we select the engineering firm whether we need to put the plan on hold because of the oil spill," Newsom said.

So the Beast, the oil spill which is threatening Pensacola Beach, raised its ugly head.

Local Beach resident and attorney, Wanda Radcliffe went right to the point.

"I am here to address the priorities. Our time to react is very limited. BP will put profits before people every time. They sent sorority girls to our meetings. Those women could not answer our questions. BP cannot be trusted to help

us," she said. "This disaster may last for decades. The time to act is now. What are we doing? We need to focus one hundred percent of our time and effort to protect our island. Postpone the Master Plan. Focus."

The meeting then took a turn toward the oil spill. Speakers reported on what is already being done and what future plans might bring.

Robert Turpin, County Marine Extension Agent, said, "We are very well prepared. We are learning from those to the west of us."

John Temperilli, hired consultant from Houston told the Board, "They will let the oil come ashore on the Beach and then pick it up. The County has a back up plan in case something fails."

Buck Lee, SRIA director, said the Island Authority has done everything they have been allowed to do.

"There are booms at LaFitte Cove, EPA Island, Little Sabine Bay, and there are booms that are staged to be deployed when the time is right."

Newsom summed up the remarks.

"We all have a lack of trust in how BP is handling things. We are disappointed in the Federal government. If we have to mobilize with no chance to be reimbursed, then that is what we will have to do. Escambia County has a back up plan. If the BP people fall down, we will not."

Ellis Bullock of EW Bullock Associates advertising, addressed the issue from the standpoint of tourism. He said millions of dollars have already been spent on tourist ads such as "The Coast is Clear."

Bullock said, "We have to be transparent, salvage as much of the season as we can, get the bookings now and for as long as we can. But, we must also be honest with tourists."

The SRIA Committees soldiered on through a marathon meeting which last four hours. They worked on and addressed some smaller items, but none the less important.

► The Boardwalk's request to renew a license to place chairs and tables for outdoor dining, with a clause that the tables are for the exclusive use of their customer was approved. SRIA says no to barricades at these areas.

► EDSA requested \$8,177 for making copies. Turned down by SRIA

► Scott Wheatley, Five Flags Tourism Group's, request to host Island Preservation Concert series at Casino Beach during the summer months if the oil comes, was sent back to staff for review.

► PBA request for approval of a sticker saying, "donated by Pensacola Beach Advocates," be placed on recycling bins they gave

to SRIA. Approved.

Ray Ascherfeld still has the same complaints against the wedding receptions and parties held across the street from his home. Parking snarls and noise. Although the SRIA requires a permit for parties in private residences, Ascherfeld said it is a "permit with no monitoring and enforcement."

"Mr. Ascherfeld is going to have his way at the end of the day," Board member Fred Gant said.

For the moment the problem will be returned to staff for review.

Parking on Ft. Pickens Road was discussed with the plan for a parking lot west of the Sans Souci Condominium.

Board chairman Tammy Bohannon said she felt the lot would be used primarily to accommodate the staff and customers at PegLeg's. PegLeg's has already agreed to pay half of the cost of the lot. The staff was directed to study the parking lot possibility on Ft. Pickens Road.

Dottie Ford, director of Finance, brought her usual good news to the Committee meeting.

"March was a good month," she said. "Revenues were up \$28,000 and expenses were less than expected."

The next meeting of the SRIA will be the Full Board at 5 p.m. on June 9 at the Authority Office. All meetings are open to the public.



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School Ends In Whirlwind of Events

The year is rapidly coming to a close for the students at the Beach School with a number of activities including the ceremony for the Fifth Graders at the Beach Church from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on June 7. The Beach Blast, a water party sponsored by the PTA will be June 8 at the School and the last day of school is a half day on June 9. After school's dismissal, the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club will treat teachers to lunch at a Beach restaurant. These were announced at the May 24 School Board meeting.

Among the last activities for the students are a big line up of field trips which included traveling to the Pensacola Museum of Art and

Kiln-N-time to make pottery.

Sandy Patterson, the Spanish teacher, presented a schoolwide Cinco de Mayo festival.

Third grade teacher Joy McLaurine said, "It is wonderful for the teachers to be able to take field trips and make special presentations to meet our students' needs."

Jeff Castleberry, principal, received the board's approval of his staff for the 2010-2011 as follows:

Jennifer Neal, kindergarten; Kelli Moyer, first grade; Debbie Campanella, second grade; Joy McLaurine, third grade; Susan McLeod, fourth grade; and Margie Pitts, fifth grade. Also Ginny

Baynes, Physical Education; Mary Holway, music; Liz Niven, art; Sandy Patterson, Spanish; Tara Turk, instructional assistant; Alice Ramsey, speech; Pam Speer, library; Monika Springer, technology coordinator; Jennifer Magee, office manager and Bruce Mays, bus driver.

School Board officers elected for next year are President Todd McCurdy, Vice President Jeff May, Secretary Reed Dunne, and Treasurer Julie Fritz.

The School Board meets year round. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on June 14 at the School. The principal's contract review will be on the agenda.

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ARTFUL WINNERS

Pensacola Beach School artists rose to the top spots in the Optimist Club's Northwest Florida District poster competition. Fifth grader Kylie Finkbone placed second in her grade level and Abby Jacobs

earned first place among the fourth grade entries. Honorable mentions from the Beach School were Kaitlyn Stahl, Starfish Holk, and Macy Mateer. The art will be part of the calendar published by the Optimist Club.

SEABROOKE SPEAKS

Beach School alum Jamie Seabrooke won second place among the sixth graders in Santa Rosa County in the Tropicana Speech contest. He pulled out all the stops and gave a powerful speech entitled Privileges of Living in America. Jamie's brother Caleb is in second grade at the Beach School.

WRITERS PEN ESSAYS

Beach School students created heartfelt entries to honor the military during the Military Appreciation Month Essay Contest. Two students were recognized at the May 19 awards luncheon hosted at the Mustin's Beach Officers Club aboard NAS Pensacola. Third grader McGuire Wolfe won the second-fifth grade age group's essay contest. First grader Jocelyn Reeves received third place in the primary division. Fourth grade teacher Susan McLeod was recognized during the luncheon for her outstanding performance.

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The life science students in Joy McLaurine's Beach School classes marveled at the seven chicks who hatched in the incubator last week. There was a continuous chorus of chirping chickens which Principal Jeff Castleberry said reminded him of Red Level, Alabama where he

was raised.

GET IN THE SWING

Scoop, the mascot of the Pensacola Pelican baseball team, delivered tickets to the students at the Beach School who participated in his reading challenge. The kids will attend the June 3 game at Pelican Park. Kristin Amberson coordinated

the reading challenge.

FESTIVAL FUN

The May 14 Spring Fling fundraiser drew about three hundred participants to the Quietwater Amphitheater to see the students perform and view their artwork. The fundraiser netted over \$2000 for the art and music departments.

First Grade Fixes To Environmental Woes

First graders in Tara Turk's class at Pensacola Beach Elementary School gave their solutions to stopping the oil spill last week. Here are some of their ideas:

Hannah Burchalter: If we put a towel all around it would probably work.

Taylor Farej: They can put a top on the oil so it doesn't come out.

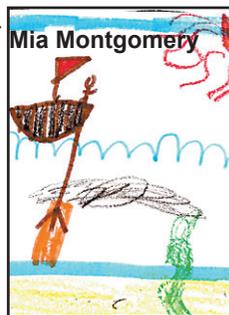
Jenna Merritt: Put some trash cans in and some blocks of wood and some metal trash can tops. Then put some seaweed.

John Turk: I think that the robots should push the tube somewhere else. And then clean the

Beach. And put the black sand into a trash can. And put clean sand out instead.

Ryland McCurdy: To build robots to fix it. And go to it and put a control on it.

James Parks: I think we should use a rock and a cover. The cover goes on first and then the rock. So the water would stop a n d



Mia Montgomery



Jocelyn Reeves

wouldn't go up and blow oil everywhere.

B r i l e y

Shaw: You have to get a lot of plastic bags to plug it up. Then get

a tank and pour the oil in the tank. You can't let it open. I do not like this oil spilling. It is yukky.

Michael Garrett: They should make a tube that connects with the ocean and sucks the oil and water and make a boat that does the same.

Gabby Rice: To stop the oil spill they should put a big stretchy thing on the spill and push it up. Fish are dying. A lot of fish. Buy all the seafood you can eat! Stop this horrible thing.

Please!! All of us are counting on you.

Max Mateer: Here's what I'd do. Put bricks over the

tube that is letting out the oil.

Kai Hoffert: Get some really strong glue. 200 things of it. Put the glue in the pipe. Or get a lot of marbles and put them in there. Please try it.

Lauren Feltenberger: I think they should get giant buckets. Then they should get a scuba diver outfit on. Then they can scoop the oil out. No. No. No. No. I don't want the oil spill.

PJ Porterfield: We will make two tanks, and special equipment for a scuba diver. By pressing a button to suck in the oil into a tank, it is done in one to two hours.

Aaron Vann: A helicopter has a tube that sucks the oil and closes the hole up.

Lauren Thompson: I would get people to get a lot of cups and clean it all up so it does not get to our Beach and ruin our Beach.

Jack Dolister: What if somebody made a special tape. The sticky stuff can not come off. If somebody was a special scuba diver, they could stop it with the tape.



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“Please bring items that pack a powerful punch, but are also things you won’t miss if someone steals them,” Queen Shugah, her royal sweetness said today. “We will place all the Voodoo on the altar at 5 p.m. I will then bless the collection and the Ceremony to appease the Hurricane Gods will be complete.”

Former Queen Kathi Lewis, who has guided the Beach through the last hurricane free season will be on hand.

“You know this stuff really works,” she said referring to the altar.

She then goes off with her magic bottle of fairy dust and sprinkles it on everyone.

Dancing, socializing and trash talking about such names as Ivan and Opal will be part of the ceremony which will also include

music by the all-female band 30 x 90 from New Orleans at some point in the late afternoon or night.

The Woolly Booger Social Club, who hosts of this event, are well known for their ability to tackle and win the big ones. Remember the Sergeant-in-Charge of the Beach Substation in the Eighties who took aim at the Beach family members who he called Woolly Boogers? When he just got to be too much, the Woolly Boogers, led by their beloved Beach Bum of the Millennium Harry Gowens, arranged to have him removed permanently from the Beach.

Now, the Woolly Boogers confine their activity to two Bawls per year. The first is the “Keep

the Hurricanes Away” bawl and the second is “Kiss the Hurricane Season Goodbye” bawl at the end of November.

Just remember. Everyone is a Woolly Booger. Fred Simmons, Paradise owner; Renee Mack, Paradise manager; and Shelley Johnson, Queen Shugah, the Whatever, are Woolly Boogers. There are categories like certified, liars, wannabes, wouldabeens and yet-to-bes.

Dress is Beach casual at this bawl. Do not come dressed as a hurricane. You will not be admitted. Bring your best voodoo to be blessed by Queen Shugah. Poison dolls and good luck charms are especially needed.



Jason Davis, 8, from Atmore, Alabama gazes at Mars through Amateur Astronomer Dewey Barker's high powered telescope at the Star Gaze, May 22 at the Gulfside Pavilion. Volunteers set up telescopes trained on the Moon, Venus and other stars in the night sky. The free event, which attracted over two hundred participants, will be hosted at Ft. Pickens on June 11 and at the Pavilion June 18-19.

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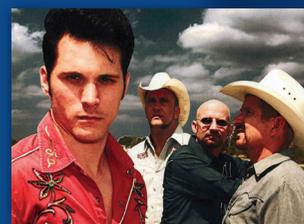


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Spill Inquiries Keep VIC Phones Ringing

The Pensacola Beach Visitor's Center is tracking calls it receives concerning the oil spill. Between May 3 and May 18, the VIC received 90 calls, according to Maureen LaMar, Chamber Executive Director, who gave the report to the Chamber Board at the May 18 meeting.

"The good news is that we have no oil on the Beach today," Jeff Elbert, Chamber president said. "We are cautiously optimistic about this."

Board Member Mike Nixon, Operations Director for the Innisfree Hotel Corporation, said he was buoyed by the May 17 and May 18 harbingers of hotel recovery.

"Although we were way ahead on our bookings and looking toward a banner summer before the oil spill, we are starting to pick back up. The phone stopped ringing temporarily, but since we are oil free and still have the most beautiful beaches, we are starting to pick up the pace again."

LaMar gave the group an update on the back-to-back July celebrations including a twenty minute Fourth of July fireworks display.

The fireworks have been permitted, and radio stations WXBM and Soft Rock have signed on to support the show. They will have a live remote to synchronize patriotic music with the fireworks.

The following weekend, July 8 to July 10 will feature the Blue Angels Air Show. Details regarding the Vendors Tent and sponsorship opportunities are now available by calling LaMar at 850-932-1500. LaMar told the Board that the new Pensacola Beach Chamber website has all the latest bells and whistles.

"It will include information for visitors, members, businesses directories and event pages as well as a page that is accessible by Board members only.

"That page will host a discussion board for Board members and will feature important dates and announcements," said LaMar.

DeLuna Lands, Sand Artists Sculpt

Watch the recreation of the historic voyage that brings Don Tristan de Luna to the shores of Pensacola Beach during the Fiesta of Five Flags Landing Ceremony, Saturday, June 5 at the Boardwalk at 3 p.m. Decorated boats and costumed rev-

elers make the scene. Rick Cantin, treasurer, brought music to the ears of the Board when he announced that the Chamber was in good financial shape. The Chamber had received \$2790 in donations from their service at the Bamboo Willie's Crawfish Festival. The Board voted to send \$400 to Chain Reaction, a group of high school students who volunteered at the Festival. They will also send a letter of appreciation to Robert Gleim, district manager of HomeStar Restaurant Group and founder of the festival.

The next Chamber Board meeting will be at the Hampton Inn at 4:30 on Tuesday, June 22.

Information on joining the Chamber may be obtained from Maureen LaMar at 850-932-1500 or through their website at www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com.

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BUSINESS BUZZ.....

Newbies

The Pensacola Beach Chamber welcomed four new members to their ranks at the May 25 meeting. The Grand Marlin, Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival, and Quality Inn North in Pensacola are part of the business group.

Vroom

The Miracle Strip Corvette Club, who will host their annual Life's A Vette corvette show on Pensacola Beach, September 18, are headed to Flounder's for brunch on June 13. According to Beach resident Rick Gordon, the drive is scenic and there is always good food to be found.

Beach's Margaritaville In USA Today

Parrot Heads, your fifteen minutes of fame are just beginning. *USA Today's* travel page carried a story about Jimmy Buffet's new hotel on Pensacola Beach. It was on the same page with a huge story about Dolly Partin's Dollywood. So there.

The story did mention that right now might not be a propitious time to open a new hotel, considering the oil spill. However, Laura Lee, Pensacola Convention and Visitor's Bureau, reassured the writers that there was no oil on our beaches. Come to Margaritaville and enjoy the sun.

Get The Beat

The Santa Rosa Island Authority's wildly popular Bands on the Beach concerts continue to pack crowds into the Gulfside Pavilion on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Check out the schedule on www.visitpensacolabeach.com. The Sounds of Summer, which is also sponsored by the SRIA at the Amphitheater on the Boardwalk, begins the weekend series on June 11.

Gifts of Love

Paddy O'Leary's in the Via de Luna Shopping Center is a drop off location along with the Beach Church and Visitors Center for the Sisters of the Beach boxes of love. They are accepting donations of

candy, snacks, sunscreen, postcards, and travel sized toiletries to send to First Sergeant Matt Drees' soldiers who are stationed overseas. The first boxes arrived and Drees reports that they were a huge hit.

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The Lizzard's TONGUE

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The other day a friend of mine was talking about all the graduation parties her family had been invited to and how much money these parties were costing her in gifts.

"How many high school seniors do you know?" I asked.

"None," she replied.

It seems all these celebrations were for kids who were matriculating from kindergarten, fifth grade and eighth grade. Call me the Graduation Grinch, but I hardly think finishing any of these grade

levels warrants a formal invitation to a present-giving celebration. Don't get me wrong. I am always ready to attend or host a party for most any reason, but I draw the line for "Class of 2010" themed parties for kindergartners. Whatever happened to just having punch and cookies on the last day of class as a special treat?

Then I started thinking, I have plenty of friends with kids getting ready to start high school, middle school and first grade this fall. Why didn't I get invited to one

single party? Turns out, you need a spreadsheet to keep all the "if this, then that statements" organized. If a child attends kindergarten in a school that has higher grade levels; then there is no party. If the school is only for kindergartners, then there is a graduation ceremony and thus a party.

Fifth grade can even be trickier. If the student attends a traditional elementary school; then there is likely to be a party. If the student attends a school that only goes through eighth grade; then there will only be a graduation celebration if the child plans on attending a different middle school. If the student plans on returning to the same school, then there is no party and no pseudo graduation.

Eighth grade is cut and dry. A graduation party is a must and the more elaborate the better. I was told by none other than eighth graders that this determines your social standing for high school. Day trips to New York City or to the local beaches are the gold standard. Renting the community pool is okay. House parties are so lame.

I couldn't help but wonder, what happens these days when you graduate from high school. So I asked my neighbor whose daughter is a senior what their plans were to mark the occasion. As she reminisced about the kindergarten, fifth and eighth grade graduation parties she hosted for her daughter, a pained and exhausted look crossed her face. Then she told me about all the social engagements her daughter had participated in during her senior year including a senior trip to the Caribbean and this past week of non-stop celebrations. It was my turn to have a pained and exhausted look on my face. In the end, she said they were keeping it simple – just a nice family dinner.

So to all of you who are graduating or just moving up from one grade to the next, I congratulate you and your parents for a job well done.

Let the celebrations begin. Until next time...



Pensacola Beach Elementary School Sandpipers turned into songbirds at the Spring Fling Festival, May 14. Students performing under the direction of music teacher Mary Holway are (L to R): Kai Hoffert, Lauren Feltenberger, Charlie Atkins and Miles Patrick.



Beach School students performed a concert for friends and family during the Spring Fling, May 14 in the Amphitheater on the Boardwalk. Singing and dancing are (front row, L to R): Jocelyn Reeves, Mia Montgomery and Lauren Thompson. (Back Row) Zach Smoker and Tommy Egly.



Beach School third grader Carlee Amberson, front, gets into the beat during the performances at the Spring Fling, May 14 in the Amphitheater on the Boardwalk. Professional drummer Jack Holway accompanied the students. Jack, is the son of Beach School music teacher, Mary Holway. Proceeds from the event benefitted the art and music departments at the Beach School.

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By Joe Stukey, Your Computer Pal

Q: "How long will Windows XP be supported?"

A: Windows XP is a very popular version of the Microsoft Windows operating system. It is still widely used, despite the release of newer operating systems such as Vista and Windows 7. Windows XP software was removed from the store shelves when Vista was released, so it can no longer be purchased in a shrink-wrapped box. There are some online computer dealers, such as Dell, that still sell computers with XP Professional installed. The ability to buy computers configured that way is essential to many businesses that cannot operate in the Windows Vista environment.

Support for all versions of XP, except for the latest version (known as Service Pack 3), will end on July 13, 2010. The newest version of Windows XP will be supported until August 4, 2014. During that

time you can still receive security updates for Windows XP. You should upgrade to the latest version (Version 3) so that you can continue to be protected by Microsoft. To do that, open Internet Explorer, go to the "Tools" tab, and select "Windows Updates".

The Microsoft management decided to extend the support to 2014 because a large percentage of their customer base is still using XP. They do not want to risk having customers switching to another vendor's software. Keep in mind that the free support does not include any kind of phone support. To get that kind of support you would have to sign up for paid support. Free support only allows you to download software updates from the Internet.

This article was provided by The Stukey Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 206-3156.

ECUA Offers New Services

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) just made it a little bit easier to be green on the Beach. They have added a bulk item collection service to the recycling program. Customers can call-in and request a bulk pick-up of recyclable items. Examples are tires, propane tanks, household electronics, appliances, batteries, and large amounts of cardboard.

The second service is the Household Hazardous Waste curbside collection program. ECUA residential sanitation customers must request a pick-up. The collection will be made on the first Saturday of the month and will include the pick-up of items such as pool chemicals, household chemicals, paints, used cooking grease, lawn and garden chemicals, and used oil.

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Full boats sailed into the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun poker games at Paddy O'Leary's on May 16 with Ted Gorder at the helm. The Aces over Kings full house sank Eric Weatherford's run for first place. Weatherford was the runner-up and Gorder took the win.

Mary Jo Misiak made her first trip to the winner's circle at Paddy's on May 22 with a win over Brandon Delles.

Food and fun surrounds a serious game of poker on Monday

nights at the Sandshaker. Sixteen players made their way through the pasta salad supplied by Mike and Mary Kay Wood.

Fueled by drinks expertly poured by Shana, the poker players

took five hours to crown Phil Tracy the winner on May 17. James "JT" Taylor earned second place.

Taylor played his way to another runner's up spot on May 24 at the Shaker after Justin Sarni earned all the chips. Dealing was handled by poker diva Billie Urquhart.

Top notch poker player Justin Scher has returned

from North Carolina where he participated in the MS Walk.

"Again, thanks to everyone who helped with the fundraising. It was a great event," said Scher.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games are open to anyone with a basic knowledge of the game. The poker gang welcomes visitors who want to sit in for one night or stay and play forever. Games are played in downtown Pensacola Beach at the Sandshaker Lounge on Monday nights and in the historic district at Paddy O'Leary's on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Call Poker Promoter Rick Uzdevenes at 850-324-2667 for more information.



Phil Tracy won at the Shaker May 17.



Mary Kay Wood, along with husband Mike, keep the card players stoked with food on poker nights.

Junior Lifeguard Training Program Hosts Tryouts Open Water Swim, One Mile Beach Run Required

This is no ordinary summer camp. The Pensacola Beach Junior Lifeguard program is two weeks of daily physical conditioning, and lifeguard and emergency medical training set on the sandy shores of the Gulf of Mexico. For those who wish to train with a senior lifeguard, it may be two weeks of sheer delight. The program is open to those between the ages of 13 and 15-years-old who meet the physical requirements.

In order to be considered for the program, prospects must pass a skills test which is held June 5, June 26 and July 3 beginning at 8

a.m. on Quietwater Beach next to Surf Burger. There will be a 400 yard open water swim following by a one mile run in the sand.

Those who qualify may sign up for one of the three Junior Lifeguard sessions. Dates are June 14-25, July 12-23 and August 9-20. The cost of the program is \$200 and a separate equipment package must also be purchased. The equipment package ranges from \$85 to \$112.

"Each day begins at 9 a.m.," said Bob West, Director of Safety for the Santa Rosa Island Authority. "The Junior Lifeguards work hard, learn basic skills and have a



With Father's Day just around the corner, Summer Schuler, left, let her dad, Charlie, tag along behind her in the Bay Swim, May 23. The father-daughter duo finished the 3.4 mile open water swim across Escambia Bay in 1:33.54, finishing in the top 30 swimmers. Way ahead of the crowd was Pensacola Beach's Jett Crowdis, 13, who finished in one hour and sixteen minutes. He earned fourth place in the field of 119 competitors. Larry Larsen, Robert Crowley, and Jeff May, all of Pensacola Beach, swam in the competition.

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Pensacola Beach Woman's Club,
Thursday, June 17. Info: 850-292-1966.

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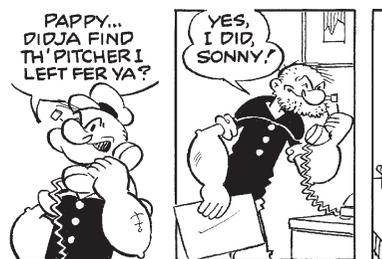
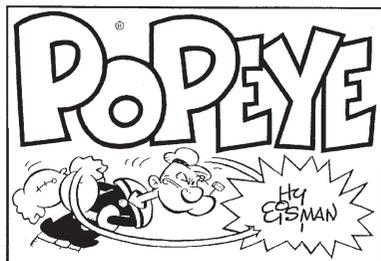
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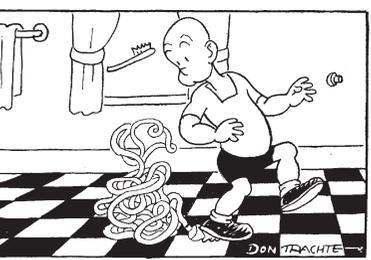
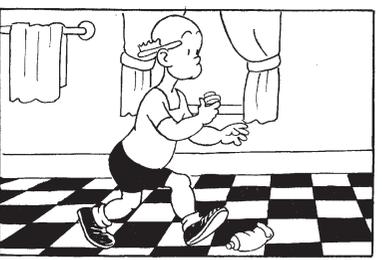
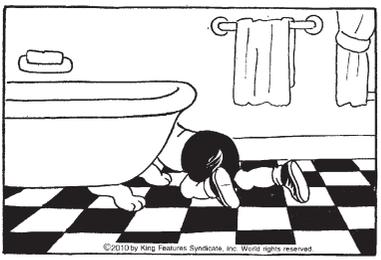
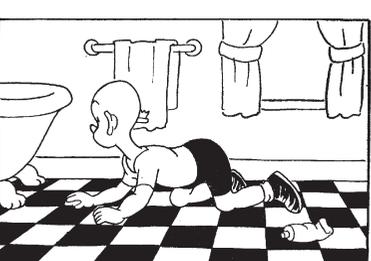
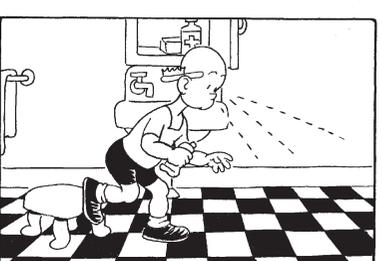
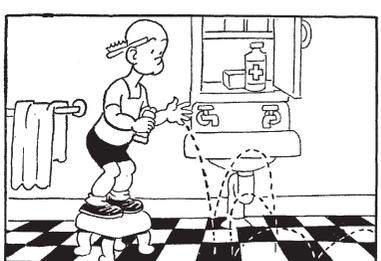
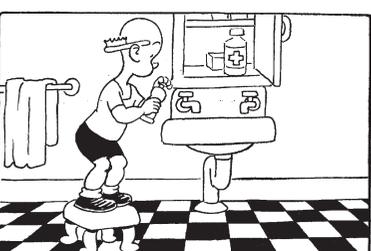
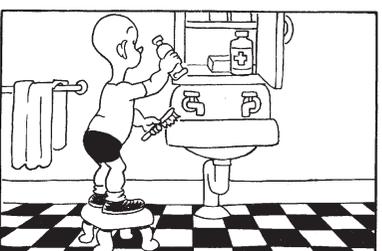
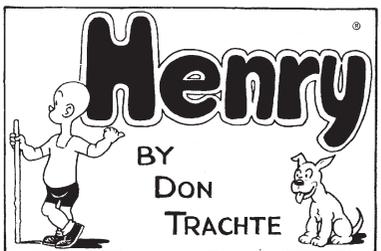
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Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By
Candace
Segar

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A Cross in the Sand

By
Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor
Pensacola Beach Community Church

During the years that Jack Forrest was pastor of the Beach Community Church, he contributed articles to the Beach's Islander Newspaper. When I arrived over fourteen years ago, I also was given the opportunity to write articles. I have enjoyed that opportunity to share some ideas, but now will "retire" inasmuch as I will be retiring as pastor from the Beach Community Church at the end of June.

It has been a wonderful experience, something I had not anticipated when I retired earlier after a thirty year pastorate in Illinois. It's not always that we get the opportunity to do what we enjoy doing well

into our retirement years.

I want to thank Jane Cooper and Shelley Johnson, publishers of *The Islander* and *Island Times*, for their generosity in providing a forum where ideas can be shared.

Being part of the Beach community has been enriching and exciting, even in spite of the hurricanes and threatening oil spills. I have seen first hand the ways in which a community, devastated by hurricanes, can come together to work through the disaster, and I have been impressed. Thanks to those who have been encouraging by commenting on the articles written. Blessings on all.

BEACH CHURCH SERVICES

Worship by the Water, Flounder's Beach: 9 AM
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission: 9:45 AM
Pensacola Beach Community Church: 10 AM

Woman's Club Elects Executive Board

Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Executive Board was such a hit last year, the membership brought them back for an encore performance. At the May 20 Woman's Club meeting Lynda Knell was tapped as President; Sandi Johnson, first Vice President; Janet Penniman, second Vice President; Patty Lou Kattner, Secretary; and Nancy Wyse as Treasurer.

The group raised some money by auctioning off a Biloxi weekend. Debbie Slater acted as an auctioneer. B.J. Gyoerkoes was the winner.

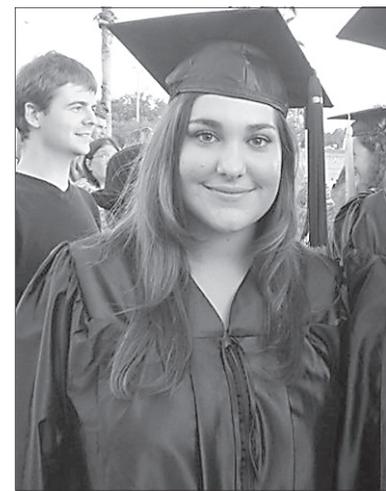
They also gave some money away. Santa Rosa Island Authority Director of Safety Bob West

thanked the Woman's Club for their generous donation last year for the Junior Lifeguard Program



President Lynda Knell, right, hands a check to Bob West, center, and Junior Lifeguard Nancy Aber Wilson.

and explained the importance of the program. President Lynda Knell presented West with a donation for this year's Junior Lifeguards.



Andrea Mitchell graduated from the University of South Florida in Tampa with a Bachelor's degree in Business. The Beach School alum is the daughter of Elaine and Vic Mitchell of Pensacola Beach.

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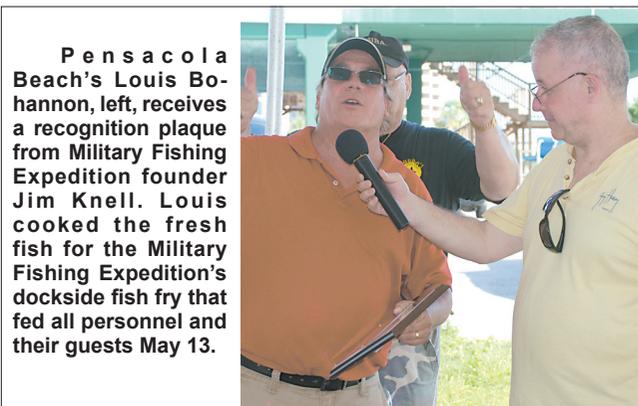
A Bronze Star Recognition Ceremony to honor Beach resident Mike Cook was hosted after the Military Fishing Expedition on May 13. (L to R): U. S. Army Sgt. Major Todd Lester, Retired Army Col. Mike Cook, and Lt. Col David Trombly, USMC.



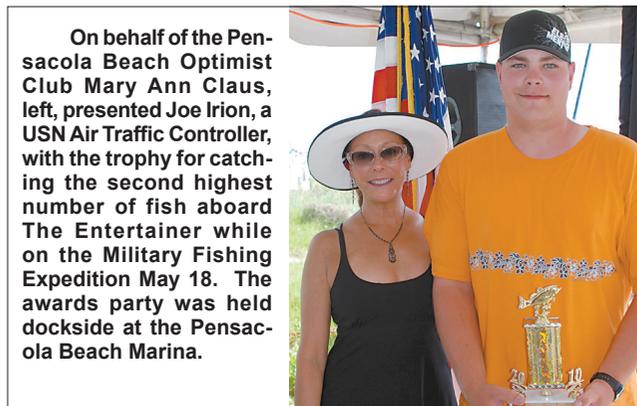
Retired Cmdr. Morrie Drees, left, awarded Lance Cpl Jason Anderson, USMC, with the Overall Service Trophy earned by the Marines aboard the Military Fishing Expedition May 13. The Marine Corps caught the biggest and most fish during the trip.



Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge Manager Christian, left, congratulates Marcus DePriest, USMC, for catching the most fish during the Military Fishing Expedition May 13. Retired USMC Major Jim Knell coordinates the event with the Beach Chamber.



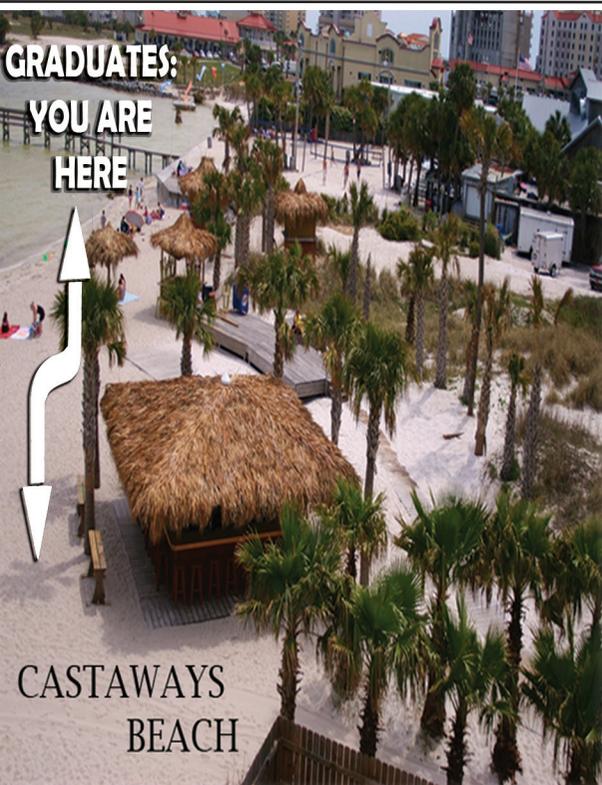
Pensacola Beach's Louis Bohannon, left, receives a recognition plaque from Military Fishing Expedition founder Jim Knell. Louis cooked the fresh fish for the Military Fishing Expedition's dockside fish fry that fed all personnel and their guests May 13.



On behalf of the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club Mary Ann Claus, left, presented Joe Irion, a USN Air Traffic Controller, with the trophy for catching the second highest number of fish aboard The Entertainer while on the Military Fishing Expedition May 18. The awards party was held dockside at the Pensacola Beach Marina.



Lance Cpl Jason Anderson, USMC, left, is awarded the trophy for hauling in the biggest fish. Patty Lou Kattner, right, along with her husband Max, were the sponsors of the Military Fishing Expedition May 13 on Pensacola Beach.



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readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick



Saltwater Rick had to lay down his rod and reel this week, so his fishin' friends are filling in for him. He will be back reeling and writing in the June 15 edition.

Justin Scher's Report:

There is a lot going on! Kings are starting to become more common up and down the Beach. Brandon boated one last week while we were kayak fishing. There were alot of Tarpon out beyond the second sandbar in the Gulf. We saw large schools of Tarpon three days in a row. That is always newsworthy.

Trout and Redfish bite is really starting to heat up as well. Plenty to be found on the flats. Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle Inshore Slam Tourney starts on June 1. Flounder, Reds and Specks are the target fish. I caught seven foot Bull Shark off the Beach on May 24.

Terri McKamey's Report:

Early morning action can be found on the grass flats especially on Santa Rosa Sound. I've been getting some super Speckled Trout right on the edges of the grass beds and the occasional Redfish, too. There's nothing nicer than wading the grass flats early in the morning. Now that the water's warming up, the deeper holes are quite successful. There's a nice one behind Portofino.

Early morning and late afternoon surf fishing will nab you Whiting and Pompano at Perdido Key and Pensacola Beach; look for those holes right off the beach. I've had great luck in both places. Shrimp are great bait.

Don't forget Ladyfish are everywhere and they will eat just about anything. It's a great time to get out there and just have fun.

If you like the Pier or Fort Pickens you'll have good luck with the Spanish and King Mackerel. I hit several nice Spanish at both places.

Lady anglers will compete for the title of Queen of Kings on June

5. Weigh-in is at Paradise. Top prize is two grand and a tiara. Last year, the winner brought a King Mackerel that tipped the scales at 40 plus pounds. Those gals can fish.

Offshore you can find Cobia, Grouper, and Amberjack. Pinfish have been quite successful as bait. Don't forget Snapper season starts today and there is still plenty of good fishing out there unaffected by the ban due to the oil spill. Snapper season runs until July 23. The people who make the rules limit you to two per person per day. The folks with sand in their shoes and saltwater in their veins know the rules.

Dr. Wright Writes:

"There is large misconception about the closed fishing areas across our beautiful beachline. It appears that the only closed area in the Gulf will be over 20 miles south and west of the Pensacola Pass," said Dr. John Wright of Gulf Breeze. "Snapper are very abundant and the fisheries council is considering extending the season. In addition inshore and nearshore fishing is excellent. King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel, Pompano, Redfish, Spadefish, Speckled Trout and Flounder are some of the fishes being caught this time of year. Surf fishing is very good with plenty of Pompano still around."

NOAA's Mussel Watch program has mobilized three teams of scientists to test shellfish, sediment and water at 60 locations along the Gulf of Mexico from the Florida Keys to Brazos River, Texas. They collected data and samples along the island two weeks ago and will come back in August to retest. They have been doing this for 25 years, so they will be able to assess oil spill impacts on the shellfish population.

As Saltwater Rick would say, "Do yourself a favor grab a kid or a friend and go fishin'" and send us the pics.



BIG GUY, LITTLE FISH - Edward Niedzielski, USN, won a trophy for hauling in the smallest fish during the May 13 Military Fishing Expedition. The awards party was dockside at Pensacola Beach Marina.



Jeff Goudey, Pensacola Beach American Legion Post member, helped fillet the catch at the Military Fishing Expedition May 13.

Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle Pompano Tourney Results as of May 24

1. Peter Tran	5.68#	9. Ben Claud	4.11
2. Tim Masseo	5.51	10. Randy Ramey	4.06
3. Mike Crowder	4.73	<u>Lady Angler</u>	
4. Gerald Thomas	4.72	1. Theresa Horton	4.35
5. Chris Neal	4.71	<u>Junior Angler</u>	
6. Tony Pham	4.69	1. Devin Lowell	4.06
7. Mike Bondo	4.46	<u>Pier Angler</u>	
8. Loy Morgan	4.36	1. Danny Smith	4.31

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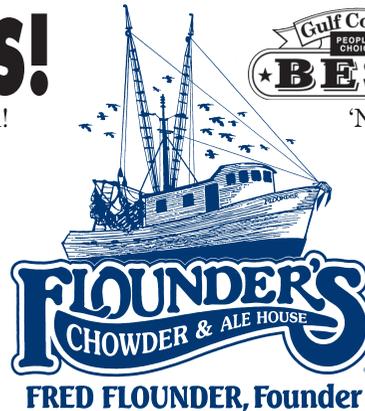
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