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Paddlers Prep For Bath Tub Battles



**Bamboo Willie's
Hosts
Bath Tub Races
And
Anything That Floats
To Benefit
Beach Chamber**

Two time defending Bath Tub Race Champion Harry "Boog" Newkirk, left, and his strong-armed sidekick Sammy Nored prepare for the starter's signal to begin racing. The Anything That Floats and Bath Tub Races are just part of the fun during Jamaican Fest, August 29-31 on Pensacola Beach. Are you ready to de-throne the Champ? Turn to Page 2 for more.

Celebrate Labor Day Weekend With Floating Tubs, Island Vibes

It's all about the rhythm. The music. The movement. Labor Day Weekend on Pensacola Beach will move you.

The island vibe settles over the Boardwalk on Pensacola Beach, August 29 – 31 during Jamaican Fest. Three days of live performances on two stages, a Jamaican pig roast, bikini contests and the wild, wacky Anything That Floats and Bath Tub Races are coordinated by Robert Gleim at Bamboo Willie's as a Labor Day weekend tradition.

Friday night gets tuned up with the duo Dave and Joe followed by Stiff Necked Fools on the Bamboo Willie's stage. Hip-pie Radio will play at 7 p.m. in the open air waterfront Amphitheater on the Boardwalk. Chef John Smith at Hemingway's will have a special jerk chicken on a skewer for festival attendees.

The coals will be hot by 8 a.m. Saturday at the Bimini Bar where a pig will be slathered with jerk seasonings and chefs will roast it to perfection.

"It's a slow and careful process to get it just right," said Gleim, Festival chief. "We should have the special Jamaican Fest Pork Plates ready for sale about 1 p.m. The roasted pork will be accompanied by a Caribbean-pineapple rice."

The music begins mid-day on Saturday and continues all weekend with Sol Tribe, Chronic Jester, The Reef and BPM in the Amphitheater and Vibe Irie, Horizon and Heritage on the Bamboo Willie's stage. The Boardwalk Merchants will host their annual Sidewalk Sale.

Listen to the reggae soul of Vibe Irie on the Bamboo Willie's stage at noon on Sunday. Vibe Irie is an innovative and multifaceted reggae group from Pensacola whose style ranges from mellow roots and dub reggae, to energetic, booty shakin' dancehall tunes. They'll get the teams into the rhythm needed to paddle

the unwieldy floating bath tubs around the race course in Santa Rosa Sound. Registration begins at noon and racing starts at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$30 per team. All proceeds are donated to the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce.

"You can sign up early at the Beach Visitor's Center or online at PensacolaBeachChamber.com," said Pensacola Beach Chamber President Nicole Stacey. "We will register teams from noon until 2 p.m. on Sunday, and we'll even take late entries. We supply the bath tubs and the paddles."

The Anything That Floats division is for creative types who want to build their own watercraft to race. The rules are simple. It must be propelled by two paddlers, so no engines. There's a prize for the top three fastest vessels, but the real contests are for Best Costume and Most Creative entry.

"We have had some really good themed Anything That Floats entries," said Gleim. "And, of course, we will give a prize for the Most Dramatic Sinker, because inevitably a boat gets full of water or turns over."

Races are conducted in Santa Rosa Sound. Entrants must be 18 years or older.

The awards ceremony will be followed by the Jamaican Fest Bikini Contest at 5 p.m. The winner will be awarded \$500 cash, a glittering tiara and an official sash with her title of Miss Jamaican Fest. The two runners-up will be given cash prizes and all three will advance to the finals of the Sophie's Swimwear calendar model search.

The festival concludes on Sunday with Sol Tribe taking the stage at 9 p.m.

There's more:

- Gulf Coast Summer Festival: Saturday, August 30 from noon until midnight, Casino Beach. Star-studded line up - Johnny Gill, Will Downing, Dru

Hill, The Average White Band, Lacey, Tucka and Gina Brown. Tickets at Ticketmaster outlets and at the gate.

- 'Neath The Moon and Stars at Flounder's: Grand Theft Audio, Friday – Sunday. Acoustic Classic Rock specializing in the legendary sounds of the 60s and 70s ...Lynyrd Skynyrd, America, The Allman Brothers and James Taylor tunes.

- Go Bottomless at Crab's: Sunday, August 31. Brunch Bottomless champagne, \$6.99. Pensacola Steel Band brings the island vibe while you dine Gulf front.

- Paradise: Come as you are by bike, boat or car. Live on stage John Hart, Big Al and The Heavyweights and The Last Straw.

- Sidelines: 70 college football games scheduled, pick your team. Award winning wings.

- Arrg-uably the best oysters on the island, PegLeg Pete's: Live music by Richard Bowen,

CalypsoNuts, WB Searcy, She Said, Sarah Percy and Country Music's Cadillac Attack. Eat. Play. Pirate style.

- Meet Me at The Marlin: Try an ice cold North Drop Ale or one of our signature cocktails, like a Blue Marlin Martini or a Ginger Rum Cooler.

- The Laborer at Surf Burger: Special Burger to honor the hard working. Only eight bucks on Labor Day.

- Football Kick Off Weekend: Friday, August 29 at The Break. Get a Game Guzzler good for \$1 draft at game time, all season. Saturday is free suds and grub, 2-6 at The Islander. Celebrate Ten Years of Beachin' It at The Sandbar, August 30 at 5 p.m. FSU fans in 'Nole gear get specials.

- The Shaker is home of the original Bushwacker. Sip and listen to Class X and Dunnotar.

- Do you prefer Gulf front or

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- Casino Beach Bar and Grille: Outdoor Jumbo Screen for the Official FSU Watch Party Saturday. Touchdown Shots. Prizes. Sunday Funday.

- Paddy O'Leary's: Kick up your heels. Be part of the shenanigans. Drink specials. Perfect Pints. Car Bombs. Live music, darts.

- Go Native at Native Café. Read *Island Times* while you stand in line for breakfast. Worth the wait.

- Service with a smile at the Half Mile...grill at Bonifay Water Sports. Ride a jet ski, munch a burger or sandwich.

- Take a free ride. Beach trolleys run from 4 p.m. until midnight through Labor Day.

Officials To Remove Invading Vitex

Florida Sea Grant and the Student Environmental Action Society (SEAS) from the University of West Florida will be having a work day Saturday, September 20 to remove unwanted Vitex from private properties on Pensacola Beach. If you are a home owner who currently has Vitex and would like it removed, please contact Florida Sea Grant Agent Rick O'Connor at 850-475-5230 or email roc1@ufl.edu.

Beach Vitex (*vitex rotundifolia*) is originally from coastal Asia. It was brought to the east coast of the United States to help restore dunes after heavy impacts from hurricanes. Although the plant does well in protecting shoreline erosion, it has not proven very effective in dune stabilization and restoration. In the Carolinas it has become invasive, out competing native dune grasses such as sea oats and hindering nesting of endangered sea turtles. The states of North and South Carolina have formed

a task force to remove the plant (www.BeachVitex.org).

In Florida it has been found on the east coast from Jacksonville to Daytona Beach and in Escambia County. It may be found in other areas but this has not been verified. There are currently 22 known properties on

Pensacola Beach with Vitex. It is not listed as an invasive in our state at the moment; though it is up for consideration.

If you have questions concerning the plant or would like it removed, you can contact Rick O'Connor at the Escambia County Extension Office.



Vitex growing in the right-of-way on Via de Luna on the east end of the island

Golf Cart Drawing Rolls Into Final Weeks

The bright yellow golf cart has been making appearances at all the hot spots on Pensacola Beach. It's up for grabs for just \$10. The Pensacola Beach Community Church is selling chances to win the custom cart and sales have been brisk. You can see the

cart and purchase a ticket at the Beach Chamber's Taste of the Beach, September 20.

The drawing will be held Sunday, September 21 at the Beach Church. The celebration begins at 11:30 a.m. with refreshments. The winner's named

will be announced at noon. Santa Rosa Island Authority's Buck Lee will draw the winning ticket.

Mike Cook quipped, "Better yet, come to Church at 10 a.m. and pray that you win the cart."

Call the Church at 932-6628 for more information.

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Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

As a tribute to Jane Waters who passed away January 10, 2012 Island Times will continue to run some of Jane's favorite columns for your enjoyment

September 28, 1990 -
The Islander Newspaper

If you ever wonder why so many restrictions are placed in political campaigns, you may never have witnessed an election in a country town in Louisiana back in the 1950s. I am reminded of the experience every election year. I had obtained my first real newspaper job at the *Franklin Sun*, a bi-weekly and got my feet wet as a journalist during election year under the tutelage of a young editor who had just graduated from LSU, a managing editor who was a World War II veteran, and a non-working, hard drinking publisher, who had been a PR man in Washington, DC.

The little north Louisiana community was a page straight

out of a Tennessee Williams novel. Wealthy planters and a few successful business owners ran the parish, where most of the population consisted of impoverished cotton farmers. They secured bank loans every spring to cover their planting expenses, and paid them back after the cotton was picked in the fall. They lived on the meager remaining profit, and trudged through the same dreary cycle year after year.

During the early fall of election year the candidates would take to the backwoods of the parish, armed with campaign literature and pint bottles of whiskey. They would extract voting promises from the rural dwellers who accepted their offerings.

And, on Election Day, the candidates would all hover around the polling places, making sure the recipients of the campaign "literature" were on hand to vote for them as promised.

No one owned a television set in that town in those days and not everyone had a radio. So, the newspaper office became the focal point to produce the election returns. The publisher and editors set up a huge chalkboard on the back of a pickup truck in the street in front of the office. People poured into town from everywhere. And every time, a batch of returns came in, the information would be brought by messenger to the truck. We would record the changes and listen to people groan or cheer

as the evening wore on. And it did wear on into the late, late night. The candidates would mill around the truck waiting for their chance to declare victory or to concede defeat.

When the results were finally tallied, we returned to the office to write our stories so they would be ready for the Thursday edition. The Publisher never showed up at all the next day, but the rest of us were back at our desks, pounding out copy on such earth-shattering events as church socials and deer hunting trips. Shopkeepers gathered as usual at the Coffee Shop, and talked about how bad business was although they expected sales to pick up since it was getting close to Christmas. The election,

just over, brought no surprises. No one said much about the victors or the dubious path they had trod to win their votes. The day after was business as usual.

That is my memory of the first election in which I was an active participant. When I see all the stringent restrictions that encircle political candidates today, I always surmise that the authors of these rules must have been involved in the election in rural Louisiana many years ago.

This year, the decision to vote to make the beach a better place is yours alone. When you go to the polls, November 6, 1990, no one can strip you of your right to secrecy, another American freedom, which is now guaranteed to every voter.

Remembering Molly ~

October 31, 1936 - August 15, 2014

The impressive wooden doors of the Gulf Breeze Methodist Church parted and the mournful strains of bagpipe music pierced the heavy air. Hundreds of Molly McGuire's friends filed slowly out of the Church, August 19, after the Celebration of her Life.

Molly McGuire Martin passed away August 15. She leaves behind the love of her life, her husband McGuire. He wanted all to know that his dear Molly died of broken heart syndrome after attending their grandson's funeral. She loved with all her heart their eight children, twenty-four grandchildren, eight great-

grandchildren along with her sisters, nieces and nephews.

Molly had star-like qualities. She could light up a room, her eyes twinkled. She was romantic and possessed a beautiful warm spirit that she shared with everyone. She was a restaurateur, entertainer, a Glamorous Grandmother and even a Pensacola Beach Mardi Gras Queen.

She had style, presence and was delightfully funny. She would arrive at the annual Krewe of Wrecks Queen's Dinner, dressed to the nines, with a dented and slightly bent engraved champagne flute. It was a gift from her krewe in 1984. When it was

suggested that it could be repaired or replaced, Molly said she would not trade it for the world.

Molly sang from her heart and you might be unexpectedly serenaded. She recorded albums, but was as likely to sing Little Annie Rooney or Elton John's "I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues." She had the stage presence of a Hollywood star and the personal touch of a best friend.

Molly would speak to ten thousand runners at a St. Patrick's Day party like each was her friend, and indeed they probably were.

Her legacy is her amazing grace and beautiful spirit. Memories will remain. Her song never fades.

Prior to her death Molly gathered her family and sang, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Blest be Molly.



Molly McGuire



Molly at the 2013 Krewe of Wrecks Queens Dinner

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Trivia ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

The Trivia Master did a rub-a-dub-dub double take. Two savvy trivia players with two-two part answers, both correct sailed into the inbox. The question asked when and where the first Bath Tub Races were contested. This brought the Duchess of the Dunes Joanne Brooks off of her stately throne and into the light beer garden. Her declaration required some research, which she says is from a reliable source.

“The year was 1971 and it was hosted at Shelter Cove Marina which is near the Oyster Bar in Perdido Key,” said the Duchie. “It was sponsored by Gator Distributors.”

Steve Headley, who is a font of Pensacola Beach historic tidbits, sent this, “The first year for the Bath Tub races was 1972. They were held at the west beach parking lot and boat ramp. A good time was had by all.”

The Trivia Master likes the nuances of trivia and will accept both of these answers.

The Jaycees ran the Bath Tub Races on Pensacola Beach

at what Dave Bisceglia describes as Fort Pickens Gate. He was the Tubmaster from 1984 until 1999.

The beer and hot dog sales began at 8 a.m. and the heavy metal bath tubs launched into the Sound shortly thereafter. There were men’s and women’s divisions, restaurant and bar races, and lastly a miscellaneous category where media teams raced against local bankers. Tubs sank regularly, so bailing

skills were as prized as oar handling experience. Late in the afternoon, winners were crowned. Spectators were sunburned. Lots of beer was served. It was an end-of-summer tradition. The Jaycees continued their charitable and community support for decades. The races sputtered after the Jaycees dissolved.

Now the event is hosted by Bamboo Willie’s as part of the Jamaican Festival. The tubs are lighter but not very agile, so they added a homemade category aptly named Anything That Floats. Some sink. There’s still a lot of beer involved. Proceeds are donated to the Beach Chamber.

Look for the Duchess and Super Steve wearing their matching *Island Times* trivia shirts. They should team up to paddle a tub, and drink a beer.

Wandering back in the vault, the Trivia Master emerged with this. What year did the Bank of the South Island Branch open? Do not bother the nice bank ladies, unless you are making a substantial deposit or bringing

them cookies. If no one sends the correct answer, they get the shirts.

The first person to email the correct answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with Trivia in the subject line will have an *Island Times* t-shirt of their very own. Please include your name and phone number with your answer. Good luck and send your answer prior to September 8.



SHE HAS HISTORY

Beach Realtor and resident Nan Harper can tell it like it is. She has volunteered to be the official tour guide aboard the Go Retro historic tours of Pensacola Beach and Fort Pickens.

RUNNING AGROUND

A would be thief stole Susie and Mike Mardis’ wave runner from their Sabine Bayfront condo and attempted to take it to the Gulf for a joy ride. After crossing the street, the wave runner bogged down on the soft sand, near the Sheriff’s substation. You can get the rest of the story from Susie.

WEDDING BELLS

Renee Mack says it’s time to get your party pumps out. Her daughter Monique Verdin is hearing wedding bells. Monique splits her time between Pensacola Beach and Louisiana, where she is a film maker. So the wedding and reception will be a two-state affair in October.

JOYFUL NOISE

After a one year hiatus, Karen Jurkowich has the Joy For The Beach singers tuning up. The concert is set for Tues-

day, December 9. She and Ken “Smooch” Studdard will perform a duet which promises to make your Christmas spirit soar.

THAT’S DEBATABLE

Pensacola Beach is well-represented on the Gulf Breeze High Dolphin Debaters. Making the squad this year are Nik Bindi, Harry Hewson and Sophie Kline. Bring all your brain power to the Trivia Night hosted by the Barrister’s Club, September 26 at St. Ann’s Church. It’s a fundraiser to defray travel and competition expenses. High flying raffle prizes and an award for the best costumed trivia team.

~ SYMPATHIES ~

Gray

Barbara Y. Gray, age 74, passed away on August 17 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s disease. Her husband Ron was at her side. She is also survived by daughter Sharon (Kenny) Mattair; sons Jim (Teri) Rooney, John (Kathy) Rooney, daughter Jill (Ray) Lee, step sons Ronald, Jr. (Monica) Gray; Sean Gray, and 10 grandchildren. A Memorial Service at the Beach Church will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, September

13. Chuck Randle will officiate. The Celebration of Life will be at the Pensacola Beach Elk’s Lodge at 3 p.m. following the service.

Guerra

Friends and family bid farewell to Mike Guerra, who passed away August 13. After a military career, Mike was a successful businessman and real estate developer. He and his wife June owned Jubilee and Capt’n Fun on Pensacola Beach. Mike leaves behind his wife June, son Mark (Kelli) and granddaughter Tiffany Guerra, along with his sister, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. Mike was laid to rest at Barrancas National Cemetery. He was 77-years-old.

Simmons

Condolences to Bob Seitz and family in the loss of his wife Sharon Kaye Simmons. Sharon passed away August 21. She was 67. Bob and Sharon were well-known on the Beach before retiring to Hot Springs Village in Arkansas. They kept up with all the news through *Island Times*. Memorials may be sent to The Hot Springs Village Animal Welfare League (www.hsvawl.org).



them cookies. If no one sends the correct answer, they get the shirts.

Come as you are **Dance in the sand** **Go where**
Bike, boat or car **Eat by the Sound** **the locals go**

ON STAGE

- **John Hart Band...** Fri, Aug 29 at 6 PM
- **Big Al and the Heavyweights...** Sat, Aug 30 at 6 PM
- **The Last Straw...** Sun, Aug 31 at 3 PM
- **John Hart...** Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1 at 6 PM
- **Cedric Burnside...** Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6 PM
- **Whiskey Down...** Friday, Sept. 5 at 6 PM
- **Bryan Lee...** Saturday, Sept. 6 at 6 PM
- **Johnny Sketch & The Dirty Notes...** Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3 PM
- **John Hart...** Monday, Sept. 8 at 6 PM
- **Johnny Sketch & The Dirty Notes...** Sunday, Sept. 9 at 3 PM
- **Ed Anderson...** Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6 PM
- **The Last Straw...** Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6 PM
- **The Nace Brothers...** Saturday, Sept. 13 at 6 PM
- **The Nace Brothers...** Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 PM

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ShakerFest Toasts Ten Years

Time flies when you're having rum. Ten years to be exact. Sonny and Beverly Campbell along with the Sandshaker staff are readying the blenders for the Tenth Annual ShakerFest, September 12-14 at their iconic Pensacola Beach location. The Kick Off party starts at 9 p.m. Friday with Trunk Monkey performing on the Shaker stage. SuperFunk Fantasy band headlines on Saturday.

"We're kicking it up a notch this year," said Beverly Campbell, co-owner. "Bushwacker specials, giveaways, live bands all weekend long. We have a new Silent Auction. Plus, proceeds from selected events will benefit the Pensacola Beach Chamber of

Commerce."

ShakerFest 2014 t-shirts are on sale now for only \$15. Shop early. Supplies are limited.

Who will be the Queen of the Shaker Bar? Nominations are currently being accepted and the voting will take place during the three-day ShakerFest. The votes will be counted and re-counted on Sunday prior to the royal moment when a glittering tiara and the title of Shaker Queen are given to one lucky lady. The announcement will be made at 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 14. The Queen will wear her special mermaid costume to represent the Shaker in parades. She is given a Shaker mermaid necklace designed by

Jewelers Trade Shop. She also gets an invitation to the Krewe of Wrecks Queen's Dinner.

All prior Shaker Queens are encouraged to attend.

The newly crowned queen can shake it on the dance floor while The Banditos play. And, everyone can join her. Don't forget to bid on the items at the Silent Auction. The auction will only be open from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Pace yourself. The Wrap Up Party begins at 9 p.m. on Sunday and continues until the clock strikes midnight. Becky hosts her karaoke so you can be a ShakerFest star.

For more information, log on to sandshaker.com.

Celebrity Chef Top Ingredient At Taste Of The Beach

She's cooking with love. And, you will love her. Star of ABC television's "The Chew" and winner of Top Chef, energetic and entertaining Chef Carla Hall will be on the Gulfside Pavilion stage, Saturday, September 20 during the Pensacola Beach Chamber's Taste of the Beach. Hall will cook one of her famous recipes at 1 p.m. followed by a 15 minute question-and-answer session. Get your camera and pen ready for the Meet and Greet which will last from 2 to 3 p.m. You can meet Hall and get her autograph. Stick around for the

Island Times How Sweet IT Is Dessert Contest, which Hall will help judge.

That's not all. Pensacola Beach's finest chefs will be serving signature dishes for \$5 or less at the festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21. There will be cooking demonstrations, "Coolinary Kids" which is a kids cooking class, and a cooking contest on Sunday.

"The kids cooking class is limited to 30, so advance registration online is recommended," said Nicole Stacey, Chamber

president. "Chef Lisa Burgess will be leading the class where kids will get aprons and toques. We will have toques for the audience to wear, too."

The festival is an eco-friendly site where water is available in re-usable souvenir tumblers at \$5. The tumbler will be refilled all weekend long at no charge. New is a Frozen Zone drink tent, and a football tent to catch the games.

Hermit crab racing and top notch live performances round out Sunday's schedule.

Get all the details at www.TasteofPensacolaBeach.com.

Festivals and Events

SEPTEMBER

- 12-14 ShakerFest, sandshaker.com
- 13 Life's A Beach Corvette Show, Casino Beach, 9-2
- 20-21 Taste of the Beach, Casino Beach, 11-4.
TasteofPensacolaBeach.com
- 27: Brawl on the Beach Crossfit Contest, Casino Beach

OCTOBER

- 2-5 Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival, islandwide.
PensacolaBeachSongwritersFestival.com
- 4 Santa Rosa Island Triathlon
- 5 Sea Turtle Tri for kids
- 11 Bras Across The Bridge, The Grand Marlin, 7 a.m.
- 18 Beach Legion Post 379 Putt Putt Golf Outing, Tiki Island, 10 a.m.
- 18 Celebration 4444 Education Texas Hold 'Em Tourney to benefit the Beach School, 2 p.m. Castaways
- 19 Art and Wine Festival, 11 - 4 p.m. Portofino Boardwalk.
PensacolaBeachChamber.com
- 24-26 Hobie Wave Nationals, PB Yacht Club/Key Sailing.

NOVEMBER

- 28 Island Lights Up! Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit

DECEMBER

- 6 Lighted Boat Parade
- 7 Surfing Santa Beach Parade
- 31 New Year's Eve Two Fireworks Displays

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by
Kathi
Lewis



I am so loving all those pictures of our precious little ones as each begins his first day of school. Their exuberant faces reflect a plethora of emotions. From excitement, joy, complete delight and eagerness to fear, dismay and even separation anxiety. You might have noticed that parents are missing from the photos. That's because their faces reflect the same emotions although sometimes the opposite of the child's. Either way at least they're smart enough to keep it off Facebook.

As we all prepare for another school year, I'd like to offer some advice. And no, I am not a trained education professional in the area. But I do have the wisdom of age which provides unlimited 20/20 hindsight. So, here it is: children want your time and attention. Give each child at least 15 minutes of undivided attention as soon as you get home. The whole dynamic of your household will change. Instead of kids acting out to get your attention while you try to change clothes, shake off the work day and relax or get dinner ready, you will notice you are all happier and more relaxed.

Here's few more things: Kids like to help with dinner. Most of them are happy to contribute to the family and by doing so earn their value as a contributing member.

Be consistent.

Make sure they know you always have their backs, but do not confuse that with backing up your child when they are wrong or have done wrong. So one other very important piece of advice: don't make the mistake of believing that your child would never do anything wrong or tell a lie. They do and they will until getting caught and forced to endure the consequences. Common sense people....we must all continue to learn and never stop.

I learned something during my last stay in a motel room (which will remain anonymous for fear I'll never get another free room offer). I was relaxing in my room waiting for some slot machines to warm up and begin paying. I'd brought a strawberry scented candle and decided now was the time to enjoy it. I was smart enough to set the candle on a coaster, but not smart enough to use an ashtray

or glass. The candle melted and oh yeah, it ran off the coaster onto the entertainment center, down the entire front including the CD player, through the slats hiding the Honor Bar to puddle in the carpet. I knew that simply letting the wax harden on the furniture would make it a breeze to remove. But the carpet. I knew there was something in my brain about removing wax from carpet but as usual, I couldn't grab hold and pull it out of the constant whirlwind. I grabbed some ice. I scraped at the wax with a nail file. I panicked and used a "help line;" I phoned a friend. Her sage advice? Don't worry about it! So, okay at least I got a laugh. I finally remembered something about using a low-heated iron. Bingo! The room came equipped with an iron so I pulled out the cord first to make sure it would be long enough. It was, but then the extended cord refused to return to its hidden location inside the iron. Just perfect.

I managed to gather a few wits about me, laid some newspaper down, ironed and it absorbed the wax. I quickly wrapped the cord around the iron and shoved it in the closet.

I love the great idea of our Beach Ambassadors and their cool picture on the cover of IT! Thank you to these selfless islanders who contribute their time and love to help ensure our pristine beaches remain so.

It amazes me in reading "Forever...Barefoot on the Beach" written by and a tribute to the late Jane Waters. It's not just her beloved columns which have always been my favorite to read, it's the issues she addressed 20 years ago which still remain the same issues affecting our island today. From the latest property taxes (which they finally won) to over-development, to the litter left behind on our streets, yards and beaches. Twenty years and no solutions yet. While we've made some improvements (excluding the property tax and the now questionable validity of our Land Leases), we still face many of the same concerns that threaten to and can destroy paradise along with the quality of life we all enjoy.

Before you ask if I plan to join the Beach Ambassadors, "No" I cannot do that. Too much heat and I have no time. I

also suffer enormous time constraints. That means I no longer have the time to do all the things I want to do. I have no idea where it goes, it simply seems to evaporate (maybe it's the heat).

I've always had a problem with time. I know... most of y'all know that already. However, it is sometimes not all my fault. This year I've adopted a new policy. And no it will not guarantee I will always and forever after be on time. For appointments, I am deducting 30 minutes from the time I'm given. I put that time on my calendar, so when I'm "late" for that time, I am actually on time for real. Hey - it's working so far and my Doctor's office personnel are getting a big kick out of it.

I think y'all will get a big kick out of this week's recipe from Madison Penico, who is a student at FSU in Tallahassee. She was lucky enough to intern at the IT this summer. Madison has the makings of an SOB. She and her girlfriends get together to play games and cook some great food. (That's very similar to the SOB's, right?) Hope you enjoy these muffins and maybe send one to your child's teacher. Couldn't hurt. Let cook.....

Madison's Special Muffins

1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) butter
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 eggs
1/2 cup half and half or whole milk
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
sugar in the raw, for topping
Preheat oven to 350°F.
Lightly grease a 12 cup muffin pan or line with paper liners.

In a large mixing bowl beat the butter, sugar, baking powder, salt, vanilla, and cinnamon until fluffy. Beat in eggs, then stir in the milk. Mix in the flour just until combined, then the chocolate chips. Divide the batter among the muffin cups. Sprinkle with a little coarse sugar. Bake the muffins for 30 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted into the center of one comes out without crumbs clinging to it (a little chocolate is OK!). For the a healthier variation, use non fat organic milk and whole wheat flour!

Enjoy Labor Day and every day. See you in the kitchen....

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By
Rev. Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor Emeritus
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Labor Day is the last major holiday of the summer and it gives us an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have been a part of the labor force that has helped in the development of our country. In a very small way, I was a part of that force. I grew up on my grandfather's farm in rural Illinois, and remember getting up early in the morning, before going to school, to milk the cows; and then to do the same thing in the evening. I learned to drive the tractor by the time I was thirteen, and worked hard at making straight furrows. I helped to shock wheat when it was wheat harvesting time; hoed rows of corn, loaded manure on the spreader and spread it on the fields for fertilizer. After high school, I worked in a railroad yard driving "S" pieces of metal into the ends of the wooden railroad ties; then worked at Caterpillar Tractor Company, in East Peoria, in the heat treat department, pushing tractor hubs into the hot furnaces (1800 degrees?) and then pulling them out when they were white hot. After a stint in the Army, I started to college, and during the summer worked for a road paving company, and stood on the back of trucks carrying gallons and gallons of hot tar and turned on the spigot to put tar on the rural roads. I was determined that I did not want to

do that kind of work all my life, and so continued my educational pursuits, earning a BA degree in college, and then on to seminary and earned a Master of Divinity degree, and eventually a Doctor of Ministry degree.

Studying was much more enjoyable than the hard work to which I had been accustomed. All of this to say that I am aware of the hard work that goes on in our society to make our kind of life possible. Without the hard, and sometimes tedious, work we would not have the kinds of lives we have today.

So, this is a shout out to all those involved in the work force of our country. Hats off to you! I hope you feel the gratitude to which you are entitled!



The Merry Mermaids have been shakin' dice for seventeen years. The friends gather for Bunco at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge, some glam up with red hats and purple dresses. Celebrating at the Merry Mermaid Anniversary Luncheon are seated/kneeling (L to R): Sherry Sellers, Joe Cobia, Sharon Burnside, Charlene D'Angelo, Sue Bernard, Norma Dodge, Wendy Brandon, MaryAnn Davis and Shirley Blake. Standing (L to R): Lisa Cook, Sherry Van Dyk, Christine Nichols, Lee Springer, Loretta Browder, Amy Depew, Liz Glakin, Chris Hill, Gloria Skaggs, Linda Bacor, Deanne Richardson, Liz D'Angelo, Sandy Watkins, Joye Braden, Shirley Hart and Helen Yates. Mermaids not present: Karen Clay, Jan Bare, Annie Chavis, Sue Christian, Diane Gagnon, Pam Jewell, Patsey Ledford, Mary Pearson, Page Sternung and Maggie Thompson.

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TEN BIG ONES

When Levin Rinke Realtor Gary Michaels realized that his colleague Jeremy Johnson had closed \$10 million in sales, he decided it was time for a party. Teri Levin, Robert and Abby Rinke, Mark Lee, Cherry Fitch, Michaels and the Levin Rinke Realty Team orchestrated a huge surprise party, August 15 at Levin's Muscogee Wharf home. Johnson, who is the Levin Rinke Sales Manager, has been in Realtor for nine years.

HOW SWEET

Island Times empaneled an impressive group of dessert contest judges for the preliminary round of the How Sweet IT Is dessert contest, August 26. Becky Elbert Collins who creates edible floral arrangements from cupcakes, *Island Times* gossip and food columnist Kathi Lewis, Gulf Breeze Hospital Vet Dr. Tim Gossman, Foodie and FlyBoy Jim Knell, Surfside Property Management Company's Steve Picker and Pensacola Beach Junior Optimist Club President Brianna Dizon. Since one of the categories is cookies, who better to judge than a fifth grader? Finalists will compete Saturday, September 20 at Taste of the Beach.

OH BUBBA

Karen Harrell said the Beaches To Woodlands Tour is thrilled to announce The Sweet Season Farm Corn Maze honors Bubba Watson, two time Master's tournament champion. The Golf Champ is from Santa Rosa County. The Tour is in its eleventh year and has a jam packed schedule of events. For more, go online to beachestowoodlands.com.

SALTY BIKERS

Beach residents and businesses know the wonderful combination of salt, wind and sand draws visitors to the island. The combination is disastrous for

awnings, sculptures, cars, bikes and rakes. Saltwater Rick Uzdevens wants to revive the tribute to all things rusty with a Rusty Bike gathering during October. Don't polish a thing until you learn more in the next edition of *Island Times*.

ARE YOU SCHER?

Justin Scher emerged as the winner of the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Player of the Month for July. It was no easy feat. There was a five-way tie for first place among Tex Atkinson, Angela Weatherford, Jamie Holser, Ted Gorder and Scher. Look for Scher to be a contender in the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun's Celebration 4444 Education, October 18 at Castaways, at 2 p.m.

LIGHT IT UP

Too early to think about December? Not for the Beach Chamber. As soon as the Taste of the Beach (Sept. 20-21) and the Art and Wine Festival (Oct. 19) are complete, the Board puts on their Santa hats. The Board encourages Beach businesses to think about decorations and lights for Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit. The Lighted Boat Parade is set for Saturday, December 6. Organizers have proposed a winter fireworks show follow the Boat Parade. The Surfing Santa Beach Parade will be Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m.

JOE KNOWS

Peggy Henshall depends on her computer to tell her Cajun Stitchery machines, Boudreaux and Clotilde what to embroider. When the computer crashed, the business screeched to a halt. Stukey Computers saved the day. Peggy shared this, "The only things that I keep on the C drive are my programs; never my files and documents. Files and documents are kept on an external hard drive, flash drives, and Dropbox from now on."

Tour The Fort, Follow The Rules

The western tip of Santa Rosa Island is home to Fort Pickens, the Civil War era fort, which is part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore. If you haven't been to the Fort recently, there's a ranger guided tour Sunday, August 31 at 2 p.m. The tour is 45 minutes in length and dress

appropriately for weather and walking. The Visitor's Center is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for additional information.

Follow the rules when you visit, including the latest directive from Superintendent Dan Brown which bans the use of drones within the Seashore. "Their use

has resulted in noise and nuisance complaints from park visitors, park visitor safety concerns, and harassment of park wildlife," according to Brown, thus the ban.

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Pensacola Beach Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Jennifer Neal submitted this photo from the first week of classes. Her students, or friends as she calls them, are the Stars of the Show. They include: Rachel Roscovius, Suri Amjad, Taran Bharadhwaj and Jack Cerone.

Hospital Hosts One Stop Shopping

Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary will host One Stop Shopping, Monday, September 8, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Resource Training Center on the hospital campus, just steps from the back cafeteria entrance. Included in this first time event are three themed areas: Heart and

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Seeing Stars..... this week's horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Changing your mind doesn't come easily for Lambs, who place a high value on commitment. But new facts could emerge that might persuade you to rethink your situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to put that fine Bovine's eye for beauty to work in redecorating your home or workplace. And don't forget to indulge yourself in some personal time as well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your sense of loyalty to someone who asks for your help is commendable. But make sure there are no information gaps that should be filled in before you move too far too quickly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let difficult people raise the Crab's ire levels this week. Avoid them if you can. If not, resist telling them off, even if you think they deserve it. Things improve by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your suspicions about a colleague might be on the mark. But you also could be misreading the signals you believe you're getting. Do some discreet

checking before jumping to conclusions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take some time out from your many tasks and see if someone might be trying to reach out to you. You could be surprised to learn who it is and why you might want to reciprocate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You still might want to do more investigating before taking on a new commitment. Later would not be the time to try to fill in any crucial gaps in what you need to know about it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new opportunity should be carefully studied. It might offer some of the things you've been looking for. Or it could contain new possibilities you never considered. Check it out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have to work harder this week to get people to listen to what you have to say. But if you stay with it, you could start to get your message out to many by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters again take up a big chunk of the Goat's time, the week also offers a chance to explore a new career move you'd been contemplating for a while.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Applying your practicality (what does it offer me?) and your creativity (how can I improve on it?) could provide sound reasons for seriously considering that new offer.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The single set will

find that keeping their romantic aspirations on high gives Cupid a better target to aim at. Paired Pisces will find that this week helps reinforce their relationships.

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By Joe Stukey,
Your Computer Pal

Q: “Why Does My Mouse Cursor Keep Spinning On The Screen?”

A: There are numerous reasons why the cursor keeps circling on the computer screen when you attempt to start a program or do a task. The most common cause is that the computer is just too busy. That can be caused by having insufficient resources, such as a slow internet connection, not enough memory (RAM), or too many programs operating in your computer at the same time. It often happens when the computer is being started up. The computer has to start a lot of programs and can take 3 to 5 minutes to be completely up and going. If the computer user starts a program too soon, the cursor may just spin. The number of programs in the startup list can also be reduced by the computer user.

Computers that have less than 4 gigabytes of RAM will appear to be sluggish when doing most tasks. Memory chips can be added to the computer, giving it a bigger brain, to make it go faster. Select only memory chips that

are specifically intended for your computer model.

The Internet service itself can be the cause of the spinning cursor. The service can slow down unexpectedly, causing the user to think something is wrong with the computer. Make sure you are getting the Internet speed for which you are paying. Use the website www.speedtest.net to see what your speed looks like (in megabytes per second). Then compare it to your service agreement. Don't click on any of the advertisements on that website. Click where it says “Begin Test”, and only there. Otherwise, junk programs might download into your computer.

If your Internet connection speed is less than it should be, you can turn the Internet provider's equipment off for 30 seconds to see if it will speed up. That often works, but you can always call their technical support number if you find that the speed is too low.

Less frequently, we see computers that appear to be stalled out. A single task may take forever to complete, or the mouse cursor may not ever finish spin-

ning. That is likely to be caused by a bad hard disk. That hard disk will not last much longer. Replacing it, reinstalling the operating software, and restoring the user's files will make the computer operate normally again.

This article was provided by The Stukey Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 850-206-3156.

Shelter Hosts One Day Pet Adoption

The Escambia County Animal Shelter “Just One Day” special pet adoption event is Wednesday, September 10 from noon until 4 p.m. at 200 W. Fairfield Drive in Pensacola.

Previous “Just One Day” events adopted out 104 shelter animals. The event includes special adoption pricing, gift bags to the first 100 adoptors and a Silent Auction to benefit shelter animals. Items and donations are from generous residents and businesses.

For details, call Pattie Krakowski at 850-380-7682.

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Turtle Trax



By DJ Zemenick

I love it when Mother Nature blesses us with a summer of beautiful weather, gorgeous Gulf water, billowy cloud formations like those we saw each afternoon as children, and then generously tops it off with a few periods of low humidity. Life truly doesn't get much better than summers like this in the Panhandle.

Although it's a bit disappointing that the number of sea turtle nests are down this year, especially after the record-breaking twenty nests we had on Pensacola Beach alone in 2013, we've had a couple of events which helped make up for it.

First, I want to remind everyone that it is unusual for us to have a daytime hatching in our area because the majority of our nests are those of Loggerhead sea turtles. Loggerhead females come ashore to nest at night and hatchlings also wait until night when the sand cools to emerge. That makes it difficult for people to see very much, especially on a cloudy night, even if they are lucky enough to be there when the hatchlings erupt from the nest like a mini-volcano. Although those authorized will occasionally use a red-filtered light to check a nest when it about to hatch, flashlights and flash photography are not allowed to be used around sea turtles and even the use of filtered lights in a less-disruptive color

spectrum is kept brief to avoid any interference.

Trust Mother Nature to always keep you on your toes, however. On August 18 a call came in around 3:30 p.m. that a nest on the east end of Pensacola Beach was hatching. Since I live closest to the area, I was able to get there quickly and discovered that three hatchlings had indeed emerged, but the others were still waiting below the surface. As with human babies, hatchlings like to put in an appearance when they are good and ready. I sometimes think they enjoy a bit of attention, too.

A crowd continued to grow around the nest as the afternoon progressed and it was endearing to note the "waiting room jitters" (sound familiar?) that the people displayed. I recognized in this group the excitement I felt at the first nest I watched emerge several years ago. During the lull, I had an opportunity to talk with the lady who had played turtle-mama to the nest for the past two months. Molly Nobles, who has lived on the beach for many years, had never been lucky enough to witness a hatch before. This year you could say she won the jackpot. Molly was a perfect surrogate to look after the tiny creatures which would soon emerge because she had taken on the responsibility of "educating"

anyone who rough-housed too near the nest or thought about leaving things set up on the beach nearby. She closely guarded the treasure entrusted to her. Molly was also the one who quickly notified the Park that the hatchlings had begun to emerge earlier than expected and possibly saved many of the hatchlings which otherwise could have died.

A large crowd of visitors and long-time neighbors had an opportunity to bond that evening through the magic of witnessing 93 more little hatchlings eventually emerge and even helped to guide them into the Gulf as the shadows grew longer. From tiny tots to a great-grandmother (who was helped to the beach by a younger family member), sixty or more people gathered to see a little miracle of nature that opened their hearts that evening. There is nothing which compares to the look of joy, excitement and awe on those faces that evening, except, of course, for the 93 tiny turtles who marched their way into the Gulf.

Until next time, Lights Out!

Nest Update for Pensacola Beach and Gulf Islands National Seashore as of August 22, 2014:
 Perdido Key - GINS 14
 Pensacola Beach 11
 Ft. Pickens - GINS 7
 Santa Rosa - GINS 12
Hatchling Count 1042



Santa Rosa Island Authority Public Safety Director Bob West gets the winning football coach treatment from Senior Lifeguard Zack Butler during the Ice Bucket Challenge to benefit ALS. The lifeguards will be out in force during Labor Day Weekend, keeping beach-goers safe.
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Calendar

AUGUST

29: Jamaican Fest begins. Run Thru Labor Day. BambooWillies.com
30: Gulf Coast SummerFest Concert, ticketed, 3 p.m. Gulfside Pavilion
31: Anything That Floats and Bathub Races, 2 p.m. Bamboo Willies

SEPTEMBER

1: Labor Day. No School.
2: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com
5: Star Gaze, Gulfside Pavilion. Dusk. Weather permitting. Also, Sept 6.
9: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com
10: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
12: ShakerFest, Sandshaker. All weekend. Shaker Queen Coronation, Sunday, Sept. 14
13: Corvette Show, 9-2 Casino Beach
16: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com
20: Taste of the Beach, Casino Beach, 11-4. No entry fee. See Celebrity Chef Carla Hall. TasteofPensacolaBeach.com. Also, Sept 21

21: Members Only Triathlon, 6 am. TriGulfCoast.org
21: Taste of the Beach, Casino Beach, 11-4. TasteofPensacolaBeach.com
23: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com
24: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
27: Brawl on the Beach Crossfit Contest, Casino Beach, 12-5.
27: Fee Free Ft. Pickens
30: Ocean Hour Florida at Park West (sound side) clean up, 9-10am.
30: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com
OCTOBER
2: PensacolaBeachSongwritersFestival.com. Concerts in Beach locations. Thru October 5.
2: Candidate Meet and Greet, PB Optimist Club, Beach Church, 5:30 p.m.
3: PB Optimist Club Officer's Installation, 6:30 p.m. at Crab's.
3: Star Gaze, Gulfside Pavilion. Also, Oct 4
4: Santa Rosa Island Triathlon. 7 a.m. Casino Beach. SantaRosaIslandTriathlon.com Volunteers welcome.

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By Susan Haselton-Barr

Jambo (Hello everybody)
How do you know that birds are happy? Recently, I experienced one of those popcorn kinds of days. I have been all over the map physically and emotionally. I checked my toolbox, (the mental skill set type) and pulled out the usual remedies: walking outside, smelling the air, listening to music, avoiding going to Krispy Kreme for a dozen doughnuts. Still I was bouncing erratically around. Then I wondered if birds are happy? Now I can tell you unequivocally that dogs and cats are happy. When you look into their eyes there is no doubt of the complete love, devotion and happiness to just be in your presence. I have figured out why.

Animals are just like "smart phones." It is because these creatures are smart enough to live a happy life without us even though we are not smart enough to live one without them. And, of course we are not smart enough to live a happy life without our smart phones.

Have you ever accidentally

left your phone at home? Realizing I have forgotten my tether to a programmed reality, I panic. What if someone is trying to reach me and I do not reply within 30 seconds? Each and every time I come home to retrieve my precious phone I discover the same scenario. My smart phone appears to be in a totally peaceful state. It is absolutely unaffected, and without any signs whatsoever of separation anxiety. That cannot be said of the harried owner. We are so happy to see our phones; we talk to it and verbally out loud, promise our phone, we will never leave it again. Thus avoiding a total nervous breakdown of the owner.

Take a hint from our feathered and furry friends, go outside. A ten minute walk can: increase blood flow through your body, including your brain, reduce stress hormones, increase metabolism and reduce aches and pains. Our fur and feathered friends have learned to just be happy.

Quaharini (Until we meet again.)

Sip And Sample At Art And Wine Festival

The Pensacola Beach Chamber has declared Sunday, October 19 as the day to celebrate art, wine and culinary designs. The seventh annual Art and Wine Festival will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Boardwalk, with food and wine sampling from noon until 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 for the sampling event and are available online at PensacolaBeachChamber.com. There is no fee to browse among the artists or enjoy the concert by Shawna P and Adam Tyler Brown. More information is online at PensacolaBeachChamber.com



The BETA Theatre of Northwest Florida summer camp performed Peter Pan August 16 at the Beach Church's Fellowship Hall. Actors included: Isabella Pinzone as Peter Pan, Jordan Pinzone as Michael Darling, Wendy Mitchell as Wendy Darling, Will Mitchell as John Darling, Erin Chestney as Mrs. Darling, Emma Chestney as Narrator, Kathan Brannon as Capt. Hook, Austin Dickerson as Mr. Smee, Mackenzie Vassar as Tiger Lily, Lauren Pinkston as Nana, Piper Sealey as a Lost Boy and Maria Haupt as a Pirate.

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The School Bell Rings

NEW SANDPIPERS

Pensacola Beach Elementary School teachers welcomed some new additions to their flock of Sandpipers. New students Dom Jackson, Grant Pate and Sheri Balthazar joined Tara Turk's fifth grade class. Catherine Keeler and Beaux Ladner are first time beach school students in fourth grade. Isaac Brown who is a transplant from Wisconsin is a member of Joy McLaurine's third grade. Debbie Campanella has six new students in her second grade class. They are Dmitry Webber, Gabrielle Virant, Roman Jackson, Tristen Kennington, Hannah Keeler and Dustin Hall. A trio of new students were welcomed to first grade - Jaxon Limpin, Mason Simpson and Jack Cromey. Kindergarten Teacher Jennifer Neal quipped that each of her students

is new to the Beach School.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The Buy-A-Piling Program to support the School is ongoing. Donations have topped \$17,100. Log on to PBES.org for more information or to donate.

SCHOOL LEADERS

The Pensacola Beach El-

ementary School Board accepted and approved the slate of officers for the upcoming school year. Todd McCurdy will serve as president, Jeff May as vice-president and Mark Thompson as secretary. Board members are Lois Hausman, Wendy Kaufman and Kristin Amberson.

Annie Get Your Gun Starts New PLT Season With A Bang

Annie Get Your Gun is set for September 12-14 and 18-21 at the Pensacola Little Theater Main Stage in Pensacola. Annie Get Your Gun is a fictionalized version of the life of Annie Oakley, a sharpshooter who starred in Buffalo Bill's Wild West, and her romance with sharpshooter,

Frank Butler. Tickets range from \$14 to \$30 and are available for purchase at the Pensacola Little Theatre Box Office. Box office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

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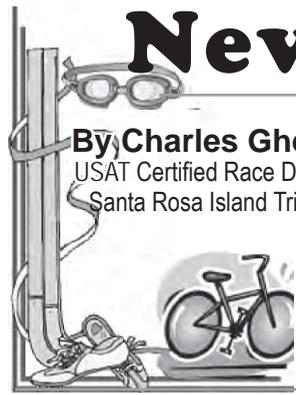
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By Charles Gheen
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 Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

Sold Out Again

The Santa Rosa Island Triathlon (SRITRI) sold out of slots for the seventh straight year on August 18. The majority of the entrants are from outside Florida and there are triathletes coming from 27 states to beautiful Pensacola Beach for the race. Women make up almost half of the registered athletes.

Back in the early 2000s, this was pretty normal for this event. Back then there were about 500 triathlons in the country. Today there are nearly 6,000 events that are sanctioned by USA Triathlon and who-knows-how-many-more that are unsanctioned. If people have any problems with your race, well, there are plenty of others to choose from. So, filling up the field should be a tremendous feeling, and it is, but it's also bittersweet.

Last year the race was full and our Board of Directors and key volunteers had completed the huge number of tasks that go into putting on this event. The things that were yet to be done were time-consuming and labor-intensive, but all was going according to plan and it looked like a great week of final preparations ahead. The weekend before a numbered disturbance appeared on the radar screens and the predictions were that it would become a named storm and come into the Gulf of Mexico.

So, all week we prepared with this sense of dread. We stuffed packets, moved equipment, prepared documents, reviewed our database, touched base with volunteers, set up expo rooms in the hotels, contacted volunteers and marked the course.

To make a long story short, the disturbance became a tropical depression and then a tropical storm called Karen and it did indeed move into the Gulf. It gained strength and headed on a diagonal course toward..... Pensacola Beach, Florida.

I started receiving phone calls from around the United States asking if they should

make the journey. Finally, on Thursday morning, we had to make the hard, hard decision and cancel the race. We did that knowing that these storms stop, they move east, south or west and they sometimes just die. At that point we couldn't wait and we made the decision. The storm did slow down, it did stop and Saturday was sunny. But, it was terribly windy, the Gulf was not fit for swimming and we felt comfortable with our decision as we drove around Santa Rosa Island that morning.

I then received emails, phone calls, texts and Facebook posts telling me I was an idiot for cancelling the race. Looking back at it almost one at year later, I still stand behind that decision. I remember one call before the race from an athlete telling me he had taken his kids out of school and was about to start his 15 hour drive and he asked me what he should do. I said "don't come."

I called our defending champion in the Colorado Springs airport as he was about to board a plane and told him not to get on it. Those are the situations I think about whenever I start to second-guess myself.

Our Board of Directors had a long meeting to discuss the situation. We looked at our finances long and hard and determined that we would roll over the registrations to 2014. No races do that and we knew it was a tremendous fiscal risk because we would be putting on two events with, potentially, one revenue stream if all of them re-registered and came back one year later. We looked at our treasury and decided that we had made some reserve money over the years and we would take the risks.

As it turned out, about two-thirds of the 2013 field did re-register and so we had one-third of the slots left to sell. This has

worked okay, but we still have kept a careful eye on our finances. And, again, we are keeping a careful eye on the weather.

Ice Bucket Challenge

I'd like to thank my good friend Mindi Straw, President of TriGulfCoast, for calling me out on the "Ice Bucket Challenge" that has swept the nation to bring public awareness to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). I'm not thanking her because I dumped a large bucket of water with ice cubes in it on my head (hint: just use cold water, the ice cubes feel like rocks hitting your skull), but because it got me to thinking about ALS again.

I was a huge fan of the New York Yankees as a kid and I read the biographies of Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio and Lou Gehrig, the Iron Horse. Gehrig made a tremendous impression on me. He was college-educated (Columbia), clean-cut, clean-living, modest, very strong and one of the greatest baseball players of all time. He had the longest streak of consecutive games played for almost 60 years until Cal Ripken broke his record. Gehrig went from being an invincible force on the diamond to being unable to move and then, passing away. He was stricken when he was 35 years old and died shortly before he would have turned 38.

ALS is a neuro-degenerative disease that destroys motor and muscular functions. There are about 12-15,000 cases in the United States currently. The great physicist Steven Hawking has ALS and has somehow survived long-term with the disease although it is nearly always fatal in a few short years. We've all seen the videos and they're interesting and perhaps funny, but the disease is deadly serious and a killer. Go to www.alsa.org for more information.



Avalon Middle School Teacher Aaron Runyon ended the first week of school with a second place finish in men's 35-39 age division at the Sandestin Triathlon, August 23. The fleet-footed multi-sport athlete entered the race with his bride, Jeannie Runyon -- it was her birthday. Runyon was the Tri Gulf Coast "Male Rookie of the Year" in 2013. Photo courtesy of Tri Gulf Coast

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Off the Hook

By Terri McKamey

Wow! It's hard to believe September is just about here. During the entire month of August Redfish and Spanish Mackerel have been the guaranteed catches. Of course, there are plenty of other fish out there, too, but those were steady all month.

If it's Trout you're fishing for try about two hours before dark and the lights at night. Speckled Trout fishing is okay, but it won't really start picking up until October when the water starts cooling off.

Floundering is going on just about everywhere right now and

there have been some nice doormat Flounder being brought in.

On the boats it's been Amberjack, Black Snapper, White Snapper, Grouper and King Mackerel. Nice fish to catch out there guys and you've been sending some pretty decent pics, too.

August has been a hot month, likely that September will be as well. Wait until October when the fish start to make their migration up river and out of our area (depending on the species). But that doesn't mean there aren't still plenty of good fish out there to have fun catching. And plenty of great meals to be made from them, too!

So whatever your plans are this Labor Day weekend make sure to include a little fishing. What are you waiting for? Grab a Kid and go fishing!

Mark your calendar: Texas Hold 'Em Celebration 4444 Education, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at Castaways. Proceeds to the Beach School.



Anglers aboard The Entertainer, August 15 were participating in the AHERO weekend on Pensacola Beach. Left, Julian Bejarano and right, Dustin Mince, with a few nice AJs.

Photo courtesy of DJ Zemenick/Barrier Island Girl



Military veterans were treated to a day of offshore fishing in the Gulf aboard The Entertainer, August 15 as part of the AHERO weekend on Pensacola Beach. Wes Greene attended the weekend's events and pulled in this Amberjack.

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Shaker Queen Coronation - 6 pm
Wrap Up Party
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- Tuesdays** 8PM to Midnite Karaoke with Becky
- Wednesdays** 8PM to Midnite \$4 Jerrywackers
John Hart Band plays
- Thursdays** T-shirt Nite 1/2 price drinks w/Shaker Shirt, 7 PM to close. Dennis & Friends 8 PM
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