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Songwriters Arrive on Island Festival Celebrates Tenth Year



The tenth annual Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival is going to be out of this world! Co-founders Reneda and Jim Pasquale bring songwriters from across the globe to Pensacola Beach to perform in unique venues and up-close concerts, October 3-7. One of the concerts is in the Spaceship House, Saturday, October 6. Pensacola Beach raised singer-songwriter Pearl Clarkin, above, and her family own the iconic beach landmark, and those who get one of the limited tickets for sale will be treated to tours, photos, and concerts. Clarkin, who attends college in Nashville, while singing and writing, is thrilled to return to Pensacola Beach to perform for friends and fans. For more fan info, go to page 2.

Songwriters, Spaceships, Sensational Music Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival Pulls Out All The Stops For Tenth Anniversary

Festival founders Reneda and Jim Pasquale bring seasoned songwriters and new talent to Pensacola Beach for a fan experience unlike any other. For the tenth anniversary of the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival, October 3 through 7, the concert stages will be in pubs, restaurants, churches, waterfront stages, an open air amphitheatre, a ferry boat, and yes, a spaceship. Fans can choose free performances in one of the many beach locations or make the short drive to Gulf Breeze and Pensacola for selected events. Ticketed offerings range from intimate listening room concerts, to dinners with a show. New, this year are two cruises aboard the Pensacola Bay ferry.

The Songwriters Festival introduces the listening public to the artists who capture the melodies and craft the words that make hit songs. The tunes that are long time favorites, sung by top talents are often created by these behind-the-scenes songwriters. Pensacola Beach's stages will be filled with these storytellers, and fans can meet them in person. It's days of concerts, performances and seminars tied together like a beautiful musical score.

Over the last decade, the festival founders have entertained, engaged fans and bolstered the beach's fall economy. The festival attracts both locals and tourists. Additionally, the synergy of bringing talented artists together resulted in new ventures for some. Former Beach businessman Ross Orenstein is a Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival board member, performer and

supporter. Ross plays with local talents in The Reunion Band. Ross met Donna Britton Bukevich during the 2012 Festival. That meeting spun off two companies - Music As Message and Team Green World - bringing eco-education to kids through music.

The Festival continues fundraising efforts for Toys for Tots, storm recovery, and outreach to the military. It seems the hearts of the songwriters are as big as their talents.

There are professional development seminars and teaching moments. Sometimes kids get in the act. Songwriters will be at Pensacola Beach Elementary, Thursday, working with the fourth and fifth grade students. After a quick lesson on songwriting, the pros and the kids will let the creative process flow and the end result is always fun. The students' song will be performed at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall.

For the fans and songwriters this event can be a reunion. For Ruell Chappell it's a long overdue encore at Flounder's where he performed thirty years ago. Chappell, whose high energy act and piano playing entertained diners, will be back at Flounder's, Friday, October 5 at 7 p.m. Sam Price will appear with Chappell followed by Chris Gantry, Greg Crowe and Dave Gibson.

For Pensacola Beach's Pearl Clarkin it is a chance to return to her hometown from Nashville where she is in college at Belmont University. She stays in touch with her beach friends, and is thrilled to be part of an

afternoon performance in the intimate setting at The Spaceship House and Landing Pad. In Nashville, Pearl writes, sings and is part of an all-female band called Rhinestone.

Friday at The Beach Church Fellowship Hall is the "Red, White and You," "Operation Song," and "Veterans Write." The evening kicks off at 6 p.m. The talent is evident when the heartfelt songs pour into the room. Healing battle scars, the military veterans present a showcase of music. Operation Song, hosted by Rusty Tabor, brings five songwriters to the festival. Military veteran songwriters T Bone Montgomery, Cody James and Matt Williams will take the stage at 7 p.m. followed by Brooke Brown and Pensacola Beach's Kylie Feltenberger and Pearl Clarkin.

There are Grammy award winners and Country Music Hall of Fame writers who will take humble sand swept stages in front of star struck crowds. Just after sunset on Saturday, Thom Bresh, Jim Pasquale and Jonmark Stone will play at Paradise Bar and Grill. Bresh, who has a long resume of hits and awards, was inducted into the Thumbpickers Hall of Fame. He plays a two-sided Langejans "Super Duet" guitar.

Pasquale's music has earned him the Mississippi Dreamers Award. He had top charted hits with Ray Charles, Gene Watson, Eric Clapton, and Bobby Whitlock in addition to the theme song for the movie "Happy Log."

Stone has a legacy of television commercials for clients such as Ford Trucks, McDon-

ald's and 7-Up. He had songs recorded by Tennessee Ernie Ford and John Schneider. That's a lot of talent on the little soundfront stage.

The festival is full of unassuming hit makers. There are over 150 performances, all are star quality. The final day of the festival is no exception.

Ricky Lee Phelps, who is a former member of the Grammy Award winning Kentucky Head Hunters and current beach favorite Lektric Mullet, is also a minister. He will present the Ministry of Music on Sunday morning at 10:15 at the Amphitheatre on Pensacola Beach Boardwalk. Phelps who is joined by ten talented singer-songwriters will bring spiritual and inspirational songs to the open air venue.

The festival is a showcase of talent, a reunion of hitmakers and a conduit for seasoned professionals to share their knowledge with the next generation of hopefuls. Mostly, founders Reneda and Jim Pasquale, the songwriters and the sponsors want you to enjoy the tunes.

"Like the marriage between the lyrics and the melody of a song, the marriage between the beautiful white sands of Pensacola Beach and the songwriters make this the perfect combination to kick back and enjoy," said Reneda. "Thanks for taking this ten year journey with us."

For venues, schedules, tickets, performer bios, and special events, log on to www.PensacolaBeachSongwritersFestival.com.



Festival Founders Reneda and Jim Pasquale

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Mark Your Calendar

BCC: Thursday, Oct. 4, Agenda Review, 9 a.m.; Public Forum, 4:30 p.m.; Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. 221 Palafox Place. www.myscambia.com, Questions? District Four 850-595-4940

BCC: Tuesday, October 9, Committee of the Whole, 9 a.m.; Public Forum, 4:30 p.m.; Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. 221 Palafox Place. www.myscambia.com, Questions? District Four 850-595-4940

SRIA: Wednesday, Oct. 10, 5 p.m. SRIA Boardroom, #1 Via de Luna. Full Board Meeting. Agenda available at sria-fla.com

SRIA: Wednesday, October 24, 5 p.m. SRIA Boardroom, #1 Via de Luna. Santa Rosa Island Authority Committee Meeting. Agenda available at www.sria-fla.com

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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 6, 1983
The Islander Newspaper

A quiet settles over the Island now. The streets, the skies, the water and the beach bistros all seem calm again. Even the hoarse cry of the gulls overhead sounds more musical. The beach sands and their harvest of sparkling shells lie smooth and untrampled. It is the end of one season and the beginning of another.

What is left for the locals

when the wild days of summer fade away? A lot. The residents sit in their chairs and watch the island guests pack their cars. They throw their sandy clothes and buckets and empty coolers into the trunk. Silently, they haul their punctured plastic rafts to the trash and sadly, they take a long last look at the Gulf of Mexico as it creates its endless energy, washing the sand, washing the sand. The departing visitors wave goodbye to

the locals, and obviously envious, they steam away to their big city life.

And what is left for us? Well, for one thing, we can drive down uncrowded streets or bicycle safely along as resident's cars swing out to give the right of way. We can drive around speed bumps in the Tiki parking lot...and we can find places to sit at the most popular hangouts. We do not have to wait in line for pizzas at Nero's, and if we

are bumping shoulders with people at Bogie's, at least it's someone we know.

Islanders hop, skip and jump to the tune of the tourists from early Spring until mid September... and with few exceptions, they graciously accept the summer crowds. Most locals have come to know they must share their beautiful island with all who will come here to enjoy. If the local resident gets miffed over litter and messes and van-

dals, he has every right. And yet, the good guests keep the Island going... and they come to love, not only this paradise, but its colorful population as well.

We commend the members of the Pensacola Beach Church who often have more guests than regulars on summer Sundays. They always have the welcome mat out front. And to all the waitresses, bartenders, maids, lifeguards and desk clerks who joined in the "We're Glad You're Here in Florida" program, congratulations! And now, the summer ends...and the locals come back into the sunlight. When they aren't at work, they can fish and sun, and bike and dance...and play darts and shoot pool...and this year, they can take a bow for their hospitality. Maybe, that tourist you were so nice to will be your next door neighbor some day. After all, how many actual-for-true natives of Pensacola Beach are there?

Most of us in the beach family drifted here from somewhere else. We became natives by choice, not by lineage. So, we band together now, looking forward to the golden days of Fall, 1983.

Once again, a quiet has settled over our Island.

Merchant Marine Academy Recognizes Preston For Outstanding Achievement

Pensacola Beach resident Terry Preston was awarded a Professional Achievement Award by her alma mater, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, at a reunion last month.

In the presentation, the USMMA noted that Preston has worked in almost every sector of the maritime field. After graduation she sailed with Exxon for over a decade progressing her license to Unlimited Masters while raising two daughters with her seafaring husband.

After Exxon, she served on a multi-disciplinary team that managed the Ready Reserve Force at the Maritime Administration, including the activation of 98 vessels for Operation Desert Storm, and surveying vessels offered for purchase after the first Gulf War. She then managed the environmental cleanup and closure of the Naval Aviation

Depot, NAS Pensacola, which now houses 8,000 enlisted sailors in schools.

For the past 24 years Terry has dedicated her professional career to workplace safety and environmental protection. She was a key industry representative on EPA's Maritime Sector

Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH). She worked on the team that developed the OSHA Maritime Safety Training classes, and continues to teach OSHA Maritime Classes for the University of Alabama. She is currently the CEO of EHS Made Easy, LLC, which provides consulting in environmental permitting and safety compliance.

Preston, who was among the first females to graduate from the Merchant Marine Academy, commented that three of the achievement awards went to her

female classmates. The Class of 1978 had 250 graduates.

In her spare time, she co-owns a Mardi Gras store with her daughter and serves on the boards of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Pensacola Beach Advocates, and volunteers for the Gulf Islands National Seashore turtle nesting program and several non-profit organizations.

Terry is a member of Tri Gulf Coast, so you will often see her swimming in the Gulf or pedaling along Via de Luna.



Terry Preston, right, and her husband Bill.

team and was appointed by the Secretary of Labor to three consecutive terms on the Maritime Advisory Committee on



A special "Happy First Birthday" to Lucy Wray. She is the lucky little pooch who lives with Bill and Kim Wray. Her birthday celebration included a visit to the Sandbar's outdoor deck.

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MEDIA INFLUENCER

Sawyer Asmar has a knack for knowing what's newsworthy. The Beach School student filmed a wildlife officer's capture of a six foot long rattlesnake. His cell phone footage was an immediate internet sensation and the local media outlets picked it up, too. Mom Meri and Dad Joel hope he can find a tamer, more subtle topic next time.

SEVENTY FIVE DAYS

Island Times columnist and local author Sharla Gorder likes to do everything well in advance. She submits her story way ahead of deadline, so it should be no surprise that she celebrates her December birthday in October. That's correct. Her friends, fans and family have seventy-five days to celebrate and congratulate Sharla. No belated birthday cards will be accepted.

SWEETHEARTS

Nora Jones was surprised by her longtime boyfriend Justin Emling when he dropped to one knee during a music festival in Chicago, Illinois to ask for her

hand in marriage. Nora, who is rarely speechless, gasped and recovered her senses to say, "yes." The couple have not set a wedding date, but hopefully the ceremony will be closer to home.

TEXAS TIME

Portofino resident Pandora de Balthazar woefully leaves the beach each fall for the antique show in Round Top, Texas. Her company, which bears her name, will be showcased for 14 days among the world's top antique and interior design groups. In addition to that, she's been nominated among the "Women of Distinction" by the local Girl Scouts for her commitment to the community.

LIZZARD WINS

Pensacola Beach resident Elizabeth Hewson earned first place in the 100 individual medley at the Pensacola Senior Games, Sept. 16. Her swim qualifies Elizabeth to race in the State Senior Games in Clearwater, Florida in December. She is also an open water swimmer and prefers the Gulf to the pool.



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club swore in two new members and reinstated a membership at their September 20 meeting at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall. New members (L to R) are: Jeanne Murphy, and Lynn Castel, while Lisa Burgess was formally reinstated. The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club meets monthly at the Beach Church, volunteers at Beach events and supports local charitable causes.

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Trivia

The little saloon in sandspur history which served a burger named after the barkeep was the Sundeck Saloon and Sidewalk Café. The second owners were Joy and Les Anderson. The name of the burger was the "Lester Burger aka the Les Burger."

Joy was a fantastic cook and accomplished artist. After an early morning of fueling folks with breakfast and mid-day lunch meals, she would go home to take a break. Les was in charge of the Sundeck in the late afternoons. He had regular customers, dart players and the odd-tourist who would wander in and not leave. If he felt like it, he would cook a hamburger. He'd slather a bun with mustard and mayo, drop a pickle in the center with a crisp lettuce leaf. He always added an oddly thick slice of onion. Better get your beer ready.

Les liked drinking draft beer with his customers. He did not really like preparing food. So, the Lester Burger, was available sporadically. If he did not feel like cooking or he did not like you, he would say, "Sorry, the kitchen is closed."

In addition to the Lester Burger and a strong line up of cold beer, there was a small chalkboard on which Les had scribed, "Wine List. #1 Red. #2 White. Please order by number."

The original owner was Jim Randol. Jim gets credit for creating the beach bar and chilled out vibe, but not the wine list.

The first person to recall the Lester Burger was the guy who knows all the answers, Morrie Drees. He said "I ate them all the time." So, Sir Morrie of the Knights of the Trivia Roundtable wins the t-shirt this time.

He was followed by Tina Haffenden. She sent this, "It was called a Les Burger. Definitely remember wonderful Les Anderson at the Sundeck Saloon. He and Joy were my adoptive parents after I first moved to the beach and started working there! My own parents loved them as much as I did. That's where all the skydivers hung out, they would jump into Les and Joy's yard or on the beach and then go to the Sundeck for beers. Good memories."

Jayne Redmond rang in with a correct answer, too. She liked the Les Burger. Felicia Fisher was right on target with her less-is-more answer, which simply said, "Les."

The Queen of Wrong Answers Joanne Brooks was shockingly close to being correct. Her answer, "Les Anderson," would have earned her the win if she was playing horseshoes or launching hand grenades. She will remain upon the high throne of the

Kingdom of the Woefully Incorrect, adding another jewel to her crown. She's not alone.

Flyboy Jim Knell crashed on take off with his answer, "Surf Burger." Surf Burger was located above Key Sailing, and never turned anyone away from ordering a burger. Knell promoted himself to the King of Maybe. He should consult with Lovely Lynda. She might know the answer to this one.

The Pensacola Beach Community Church is at the corner of Via de Luna and Avenida 18. It looks like a church. Pitched roof, cross. Even a fellowship hall. That was not always the case. At its beginning, it was an unassuming cinder block one story structure, which was built by the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club. It was their clubhouse. Then in a sweeping gesture of community spirit and generosity, they gifted it to the Church. Do you know when that happened? What year did the Beach's oldest civic organization gift their Clubhouse to the Beach Church to use as a sanctuary and community center?

So, guess the year and get it emailed right away. Send your answer to shelley@myislandtimes.com with your name and trivia in the subject line. First correct answer will win an *Island Times* trivia shirt!

Go Where The Locals Go

Music

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Fri, Oct 5
5 PM Sailor Jerri, Brooke Brown
6 PM Shawn Bowling, Jason Justice, Kevin Swanson
7 PM James LeBlanc, Angela Hacker, Matt Warren
8 PM Sean Gasaway, Kyle Wilson, Chad Wilson
9 PM Sam Price, Wayward Jones
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Island Authority Committee Opposes Offshore Drilling, Seeks Resolution Wording

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Development and Leasing Committee drilled into proposed Amendment 9 at their September 26 meeting. Amendment 9 would prohibit offshore oil and gas drilling in state owned waters; and prohibit vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces. The Committee members agreed that offshore drilling poses an unacceptable threat to the economy and environment, but feared that the bundling of the drilling with vaping might have the Amendment removed from the November ballot. Committee Chair Tammy Bohannon preferred that the SRIA take a position to oppose offshore drilling.

Christian Wagley of the Gulf Restoration Network asked the Committee to support Amendment 9 noting that offshore drilling is not compatible with Florida's tourism-based economy, quality of life or sensitive environment.

Committee members concurred in their opposition to offshore drilling, but the draft resolution supporting Amendment 9 was not broad enough to represent their intentions.

Board Member Karen Sindel said, "It would be shocking if this board did not make a statement against offshore drilling. As the governing body of Pensacola Beach, we do not want to see any offshore drilling."

While Committee Member Brigitte Brooks supported the prohibition of offshore drilling, the draft resolution included six named federal Acts that she was unfamiliar with. She was unwilling to approve the language of the resolution based on that.

Board Member Janice Gilley added that Amendment 9 only applies to State waters, and she supports banning drilling in the Gulf of Mexico off the Florida coast.

Committee Member Thomas Campanella opposes offshore drilling and reminded the Committee of the impacts that the oil spill had on the community.

"Drilling off the coast could ruin tourism," said Campanella. "We all remember what happened during the oil spill from 2010."

Escambia County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution opposing offshore drilling, seismic airgun blasting off the Florida coast, and any rollback of drilling safety rules in February. Based on that Bohannon, wanted the SRIA to consider a resolution stating their position. The Committee voted to task staff with rewording the resolution to reflect their opposition to offshore drilling while removing references to Amendment 9 and the six named federal acts.

SRIA Chairman Jerry Watson said the newly drafted resolution would be discussed at the Full Board Meeting, October 10.

The Development and Leasing Committee also approved a request from Robert Rinke, Pensacola Beach Boardwalk's master leaseholder to relocate Envie and The Wine Bar. Envie will move to the waterfront Salty Outfitters storefront. The Wine Bar will relocate to the Cactus Flower location and change its name to Lucas' Bistro and Wine Bar. Salty Outfitters and Cactus Flower will close.

It is Rinke's future plan to move all restaurants to the waterfront side of the Boardwalk but reconfiguration of units will be too time consuming at this point.

Lucas' Bistro and Wine Bar will not be the only new beach food establishment. Jelly's Eatery received conceptual approval from the Architectural and Environmental Committee. The open air restaurant will be located next door to Red Fish Blue Fish in the Soundside Shopping Center.

The Administrative Committee accepted the financial reports for the month of July from Finance Director Dottie Ford. The lease fee collections of \$1,163,164 were 1.7 percent higher than July of the previous year. Expenses remain below budget.

The Committee unanimously approved a \$2,500 grant request from Pensacola Beach Woman's Club President Barbara Landfair to assist with marketing the Club's

annual fundraiser. Landfair told the Committee that the proceeds from the February 14 "Valentine Voyage" event will be donated to the Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Pensacola Beach Junior Lifeguard Program, Pensacola Beach Community Church and

HER Foundation which supports homeless female veterans.

The SRIA Full Board will meet Wednesday, October 10 at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available online at www.sria-fla.com.

County Seeks Volunteer For Tourist Council

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners is seeking Escambia County residents interested in volunteering to be considered for an appointment as an "Interested in Tourism" representative on the Escambia County Tourist Development Council.

Council members serve a four-year term of office and meet quarterly for approximately two hours.

Escambia County residents interested in serving are asked to

submit a resume and letter indicating their desire to serve on the council by the close of business on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Resumes should be submitted to Judy Witterstaeter, Program Coordinator, Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 1591, Pensacola, FL 32502, or emailed to jhwitter@myescambia.com.

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BY KATHI LEWIS



My grandson Jesiah Fitzgerald turned 18-years-old on September 29. Wow. One minute he came into this life, the next he was at Bobby D's (original) Beach Bar on his way home. Jesiah will forever hold the title of "Youngest Islander at Bobby D's." While less than 48 hours old, it was a gorgeous day, and his Mama Mel Miller was so happy to be released from the hospital she stopped to show him off. Of course, they stayed on the open patio. Funny, considering his first day out in the world included a short visit at a local bar but he was a very healthy baby. And need I say, he's "the love of my life" along with Bill (Pappy)?

It seems like the next minute he's 18. I know there were a lot of "minutes" in between but Lord, they went by so fast. We've enjoyed all the time we've shared and there's a plethora of magical memories. Jesiah and I have stood happily on our deck and been amazed at the special glory of the sun rising or the sun setting, every one more spectacular than the last.

We have also survived the worst that life has been at times. My darlin' beach boy still managing to retain all that is essential to his soul and makes him who he is today. I can't wait to see what his life will be, where he will go and what he will give to the world. Rest assured, Nanny (and Pappy) won't ever be too far away. So, Happy 18th Birthday Jesiah and many, many more!

Happy Birthday to Lynn Cieutat, who shares the same day. She celebrated at her "Cottage By The Sea" with some of her favorite relatives and friends, while Chuck Steele stole away back over here. He's wise enough to know when to leave the ladies.

There's another September Birthday so special I have to "Tip my Tiara" to John Traer, aka Pierce. He chose to celebrate his Sept. 19 birthday by creating a "Birthday Fundraiser for St. Jude's Child Research Hospital." How cool is that? It's not too late to help Pierce reach his goal. Just go to fundraisers.com and click on John Traer to make a donation. I know that many of us already donate to St. Jude's, but this is a separate and special birthday gift. Even if you can

only donate \$5, every little bit helps. I have known and loved Pierce for many years before I even knew his real name. I would love to see Pierce reach his goal. What an inspiration from such a wonderful friend.

"Running Around Wreck" Jeff Goudey also celebrates a September Birthday. Jeff and Paulette Provost celebrated by donating money to the Gulf Coast casinos. In Jeff's defense, he and Paulette have been road-tripping to Biloxi all year. I hope one of them squeezed something outta one of those thieving machines. Since I don't do research, I'm not really positive it was on his birthday. I do know he needs the break since the Krewe of Wrecks (KOW) started earlier this year. Dates, places and times will be listed in the next IT. Put them on your calendar, then go join the KOW and have some fun! The KOW is the original beach krewe and sponsors the Mardi Gras parade. If you've never been in a krewe, this is the place to start. For a \$35 membership fee, you won't find a better deal or more love of Mardi Gras than being a member of the original Krewe who made the "Mardi Gras Season" official on the island.

Also check IT for all the information you need to find your favorites during this year's Songwriter's Festival. It's always a local favorite event; there's a tremendous amount of local talent along with a few "big hitters" willing to perform and give advice.

Since school started a few weeks ago, let me give you some advice: Slow Down! It's one of my pet peeves when drivers ignore the school zones. With all the signage posting speed limits of 20 mph along with road markings which designate the school speed limit zones (beginning and end), you have no excuse.

As an Elder, I have begun blasting my horn at every vehicle that passes me in a school zone. It is definitely more prevalent in the Gulf Breeze area. I sure hope Law Enforcement Officers get it under control before I resort to standing out there with a "blow dryer (to resemble a radar gun) and a megaphone." Just pay attention because hitting a child is something that will cause suffering for the rest

of your life - when all you had to do was slow down for a few minutes.

I would love to slow down but it's not in my foreseeable future. Once my column is done, I have to finish laundry and pack for another Birthday Trip to Biloxi. This one belongs to Elaine Mitchell and was officially September 13. Timing has always been an issue with Elaine's Birthday Trip for some unknown reason. There have been a couple of years that it was October before we managed to celebrate her Birthday Trip. It happened often enough that Christine Hewerdine thought Elaine's birthday actually was in October!

September is really a busy month; school is in session, Labor Day holiday, Taste of the Beach, vacations, tons of birthdays, football has started, baseball hasn't ended and my brain turns to mush.

For all the September Birthdays I failed to mention, I apologize. But my space is only so long and a mushy brain does not help. So I'll (belatedly) dedicate this week's recipe to all September Birthdays. It's a good one and even better if you know someone with a producing fig tree. My sister Brenda has one with tons of figs. Of course, they weren't ripe when I was there and they'll be gone by the time I get back. Even if you don't love figs, you may change your mind after you try this recipe.

It's time to cook.....

Gorgonzolla Dolce Stuffed Figs

12 fresh figs
High-quality balsamic vinegar
Salt
8 oz. Gorgonzolla Dolce,
room temperature
12 walnut halves

Slice the figs in half lengthwise, place them on a baking sheet and dig a little hole in the middle with your pinky finger. Drizzle the fig halves with 2 or 3 drops of balsamic vinegar and sprinkle with salt. Fill each fig with Gorgonzolla and top with a walnut half. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 5 minutes or until the cheese is melted and bubbly. Serves 6-8 or double for a bigger crowd.

Enjoy, share, always be kind and join the Krewe of Wrecks.

See ya in the kitchen.....



It's all about the Fall celebrations at the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club meeting. The football-themed September 20 luncheon at the Beach Church included Happy Birthday wishes to (L to R): Julie Anderson, Marlene Nuckols, Mary Lee and Shelby Smith.

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NATURE NOTES

By Rick O'Connor Sea Grant Agent University of Florida IFAS/Escambia Extension

Red Tide...a look at this problem

Most of us have now heard about the red tide occurring in southwest Florida and the terrible impact it is having on the economy, and quality of life, for our friends down there. Now we are hearing about it in the Florida panhandle and some are concerned about the possible impacts here. At the time of this writing, red tide has been reported at background levels offshore in almost every one of the panhandle counties. The levels have reached low to medium in Bay County and fish kills have occurred. There has been a lot written about this situation, but what I would like to do here is give a few bullet points:

- Red tide is a naturally occurring event. There are records that the Spanish experienced red tides during the colonial period – so they are not events that originate with human produced pollution.
- Red tides typically originate offshore. They occur across the Gulf coast, but are more common in southwest Florida. Red tides are certainly nothing new to our friends down there.
- Red tide is actually a bloom of a type of marine algae. The group of algae that cause this are known as dinoflagellates. They are single celled plant-like creatures that possess an exterior shell with two grooves within. The flagella are used to orient themselves in the water and move up and down within the current.
- Not all dinoflagellates produce red tide, of the ones that do – *Karenia brevis* is the species that dominates the Gulf of Mexico communities.
- Being plant-like creatures, blooms of these algae occur in warm waters with high nutrients. *K. brevis* prefers high salinity and so blooms tend to form offshore. They tend to occur in the summer when the shallow waters off southwest Florida are warmer. The source of increased nutrients in this part of the Gulf is not quite understood and more research here is needed.
- *K. brevis* occurs naturally in the water column of the Gulf, and that includes the panhandle. Concentrations are typically less than 1000 cells / liter of seawater. When stressed, *K. brevis* will release a toxin. At these “non-detectable” concentrations, there are no impacts.
- As the summer months

warm the Gulf, and nutrient levels increase, *K. brevis* will begin to multiple reaching levels of 1000 cells/liter or higher. As they increase in number, the water darkens with their presence giving the ocean a “red” color and the name for the phenomena.

- A red tide can dissipate within the few days, or a front can disperse them across the Gulf, lowering their concentration and negative impacts. However, the weather can actually fuel increased growth and red tides have been known to last for up to 18 months.
- At times, fronts will push red tides towards the coast. FWC volunteers who monitor the water, will begin to detect and report them. Many times, they are at background, or low, concentrations and little impact is noticed. Other times the concentrations are at low to medium levels and fish kills will occur. Human issues involve the respiratory system – coughing, sneezing, burning eyes and throat are common responses. Those with pre-existing respiratory issues have a particularly tough time when red tides come close to shore.
- When concentrations reach 5000 cells / liter – shellfish harvesting will close. It does not affect the bivalve, but the brevetoxins the red tide produces can increase in concentration and the risk of shellfish poisoning from consuming them can increase.
- Marine mammals and sea turtles have a low tolerance for these brevetoxins and many will die during a red tide.
- Many times, when the red tide approaches shore, the nutrient rich estuarine water flowing into the Gulf of Mexico will fuel it. This can enhance the red tide to high concentrations and the negative effects heightened. At the time of this writing, concentration between Pinellas and Collier counties is over 1,000,000 cells / liter. Much of the increased nutrients in the bay waters is human produced. Massive fish, reptile, and mammal kills are occurring along southwest Florida now. The red tide there has been lingering for months and has caused problems for the locals.
- Many of the red tide events in the Florida panhandle are actually blooms that originated in southwest Florida and fronts (or storms) push them into our area. The situation is the

same – much stays offshore but weather and currents can drive them inshore and, depending on the concentration, can cause problems for us.

- In recent years, we have had red tides that have closed scalloping in St. Joe Bay, and in 2015, we had one that lasted until December killing fish all along our shores. Currently, red tide has been reported at background-low levels from Gulf to Santa Rosa counties. Over the last few weeks, only one sample from Escambia County had background concentrations. Fish kills have been reported in Bay and Walton counties, and respiratory problems in Bay and Gulf counties.
 - We have no idea how high the concentrations will get, or when the event will end. Hopefully, by the time this goes to print, it will be over for us.
 - The green algae bloom you see on commercials is not the red tide but a bloom of toxic blue-green algae known as cyanobacteria. These are freshwater species and have negatively affected the east coast of Florida. It is believed this bloom was generated from excessive nutrients running off into local waterways and flowing into Lake Okeechobee.
- I hope this answers some of your questions about the red tide event.

Bytes & Bits

By Joe Stukey, Your Computer Pal

Q: What Are The New iPhone Models?

A: Three new Apple iPhone models have been introduced. The new models are enhancements to the iPhone X released last year. The iPhone XS and iPhone XS Max can now be ordered, with delivery in October. The iPhone XR will be available to order on October 26.

The iPhone XS has a starting price of \$999 and the XS Max has a starting price of \$1099. The biggest difference between the two is the screen size. The XS Max has the biggest screen (6.5") of any iPhone ever sold. The iPhone XR screen does not have the Super Retina features that the XS models have, so its price starts at \$749. The Super Retina screen has a 1,000,000 to 1 contrast ratio. The screen on the XR model has a 1,400 to 1 contrast ratio. Also, the phones have good water resistance features. The XS phones are water resistant to a depth of two meters (about 6 feet) and the XR phone has water resistance to one meter.

The first thing that catches my attention is the price. Unlike computer prices, which have continued to drop, the phone prices keep going higher. The new iPhones cost approximately twice as much as a Windows

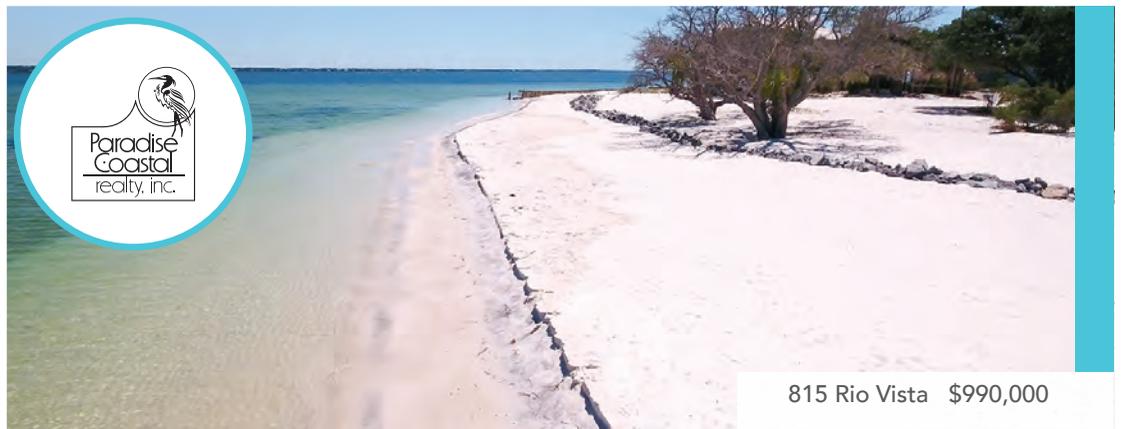
computer, and are similar in price to a basic Apple Macbook laptop.

One way to get the phone without paying full price is to trade in your old phone. About 9 months ago, I purchased an iPhone 8 for \$700. (Actually, I got two phones from AT&T in a buy one, get one free deal). On the Apple website we can calculate a trade-in price for used phones. For my iPhone 8, the trade-in price is \$325. Apple also accepts trade-in of phones from other manufacturers such as LG, Google, Samsung and others. The maximum trade-in amount is \$525.

The prices for the phones are always shown as "starting prices." The actual cost of the phone depends on how much storage capacity is selected. The starting price is for a phone with 64 gigabytes of storage. Depending on the model, storage can be 64, 128, 256 or 512 gigabytes of storage.

The price of an iPhone XS with 512 gigabytes of storage increases by \$400 (to \$1,399 for the XS and to \$1,499 for the XS Max).

This article was provided by Joe Stukey, of the Stukey Group. Contact Joe at jstukey@mchsi.com, by phone at 850-206-3156, or look Joe up on Facebook.



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IT'S TRIVIAL

Trivia Night, supported by the Dolphin Barrister Club, is the major annual fundraiser for the Gulf Breeze High School Speech and Debate Team. In its sixth year, the event attracted 18 teams for a trivia showdown, September 14. The first place team was Bears on the Loose, comprised of Gulf Breeze Middle School teachers and captained Grace Freeman. Divine Intervention with Team Captain Mary Lou O'Grady took

home second place and the Gulf Breeze High School teachers' team Dolphin Lundgren, earned third place. Proceeds from the event help defray the cost of the Debate Team expenses.

The Debate team participates in a competitive debate program throughout the year, expanding their research, problem solving, and public speaking skills through the art of evidence based argumentation and speech events. But it is also a very expensive program. Funds raised through Trivia Night help the team pay for evidence packets, league fees, judges' fees, tournament registration fees, travel costs, scholarships, and more. The team competes in local tournaments, as well as two national tournaments per year - one at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and one at Isidore Newman in New Orleans. Additionally, those who qualify each year travel to the Florida Forensic League state tournament, usually in the central Florida area.

KICK IT FOR CHARITY

The Kick It For Ryleigh Kickball Tournament will be Saturday, October 27 on Fields 2 and 4 at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center on Shoreline Drive. Entry into the event is now open with proceeds being donated toward

the purchase of an assistance animal. Fees are \$20 per person or \$200 per team.

More information and to enter, call 850-549-6188 or email kristin.ann@live.com

RED RIBBON WEEK

Escambia County School

Board has designated October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week with the theme: Life is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free. The School Board encourages its staff and students to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement to

show they are strongly committed to a drug-free school district.

FALL FESTIVAL

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School Fall Festival is Friday, October 19 on the school campus from 5 to 8 p.m. The event is open to the public.



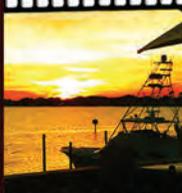
Levin Rinke Realty Realtor Walter Pierce gives the Taste of the Beach audience instructions on how to play the beach ball game, September 15 at the Gulfside Pavilion. The crowd keeps the balls in the air until the music stops. Levin Rinke Realty were title sponsors at Taste of the Beach. (Photos below show the crowd in action)





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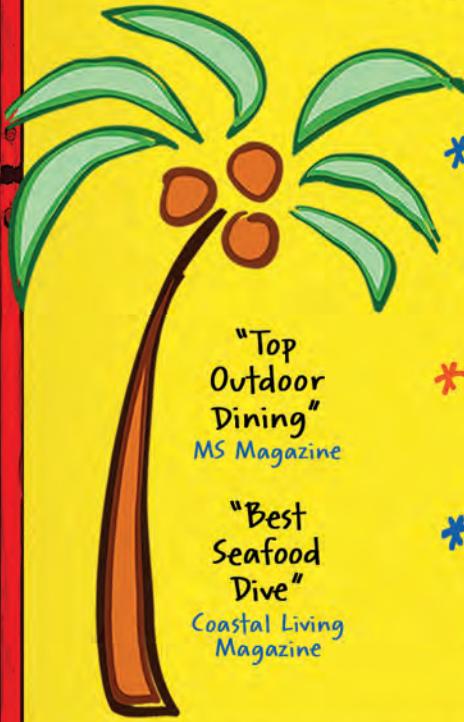






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Pensacola Beach's Sharla Dawn Gorder is the author of "My Vices Collide, A Celebration of Being a Little Messed Up." The book is available at Geronimo's on Pensacola Beach and Pizazz in Gulf Breeze.

I find all kinds of things on my morning walks—seashells and driftwood of course—but I also run across one-eyed sunglasses, plastic dump-trucks, deflated water wings, blown-out flip flops and even a mate-less sock or two. (Who wears socks to the beach?)

This time of year, however, with the departure of so many of the tourists, the tideline offers up different treasures—Day-Glo green seaweed, bubble gum jelly fish, and curiously, butterfly wings! The monarchs are migrating now, and sometimes, mixed in with the seashells, I find a lone and lovely butterfly wing—bright orange and black like a tiger's back, and as delicate as dew.

And oddly enough, I think of Guatemala. Back when I was in my 20's, I spent a lot of time there working with orphanages that took in the young victims of the ruthless civil war that tore the country apart in the 1980s. Thousands of men and women—mommies and daddies—had been "disappeared" or murdered, leaving scores of babies, children, and teenagers to fend for themselves in the "barrancas," or ditches, of Guatemala City. I worked with orphanages that took them in.

Severed butterfly wings al-

ways remind me of a story of the little Guatemalan girl, who—years after witnessing the brutal murders of her parents—was found ripping the wings off of a butterfly, muttering, "pobrecita, pobrecita..." (poor little thing...)

The butterfly was a beautiful living creature, and yet she was destroying it, even as she spoke words of compassion. Seems so macabre to envision such a scene. And yet, I think we do this very thing so often in our relationships.

Spiritual writer, Mark Nepo, writes that "What we don't face on our own, we perpetuate on others." I know this to be true for myself, and I suspect it may be true for most. This is not a sad realization for me. It is, in fact, liberating. It helps me to be compassionate instead of vindictive when someone tears my wings. (Pobrecita!) It also helps me to be curious instead of dismissive when my own behavior doesn't align with my values, and I carelessly inflict injury on another. I have to ask myself, why? What pain am I denying? What lesson am I refusing to learn?

And then I try to learn it. I'm getting much better at this.

Your butterflies are safe with me.



Sharla Dawn and Little Teresa, Guatemala City, Guatemala around 1988

Butterfly House Hosts Monarch Madness

The Panhandle Butterfly House is celebrating the journey of the monarch butterfly at the Twelfth Annual Monarch Madness Butterfly Festival, Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Butterfly House is located at 8581 Navarre Parkway in Navarre just west of the Navarre Bridge.

Visitors can tour the vivarium - a screened structure housing hundreds of butterflies and the butterfly-attracting plants - and learn about the life of the monarch butterfly and the mystery of monarch migration. The Panhandle Butterfly House is a certified Monarch Waystation with Monarch Watch, an educational, conservation and research organization at the University of Kansas. Children will be issued a "Monarch Madness" passport and travel through the waystations to solve the monarch mystery.

Children, ages five and up, and adults will be able to tag and release a monarch butterfly. Other features include: Interactive games, Butterfly-themed items for sale at the Monarch

Market, Self-guided monarch migration tours through outdoor butterfly garden, advice on lawns, landscapes and gardens from the Santa Rosa County Master Gar-

deners and food for sale.

For more information visit www.panhandlebutterflyhouse.org, or call Mary Salinas at 850-623-3868.

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Chamber Relishes Food Festival Success, Looks To October Wine Fest

Beach Chamber Board Chairman Ron Spradling was riding the wave of success from Taste of the Beach as he welcomed members to the September 20 Beach Ball Breakfast meeting at Our Lady's Hunt Hall. Spradling awarded Business of the Month honors to Dave and Dottie Radcliffe of Underwood Anderson Insur-

ance. Dave Radcliffe accepted and noted that Underwood Anderson has been at this location for 34 years and his father's grocery store occupied that same location decades earlier.

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Chamber Membership

Chairman Kailey Weiner reported that Saden Chiropractic and Cosse's on the Beach joined the Chamber. The are 180 Chamber members. She also announced that membership renewals are due. Weiner creates and sends the Chamber e-blast each week; members are allowed to submit a 75 word announcement to info@visitpensacolabeach.com.

Visitors included Maria Weisbruch, who serves as the Executive Director of the Wauconda, Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Weisbruch was a contest judge at Taste of the Beach and attended the Beach Ball Breakfast. She complimented both events.

The October calendar is filling fast. Christine Brewster, Beach School PTA president, announced that the school's

biggest fundraiser, the Fall Festival is set for Friday, October 19. The event is on campus and open to the public. The PTA is currently soliciting donations and silent auction items.

The Chamber's Art and Wine Festival is Sunday, October 21 from 11 to 4 p.m. with a Wine Tasting from noon until 3 p.m. The event will be held at the Pensacola Beach Boardwalk. Artist applications are still be accepted.

Kara Gauntt, Santa Rosa Island Authority events coordinator, invited businesses to participate in the Beach-o-Ween, Friday, October 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Boardwalk. The Beach Chamber, SRIA and Visit Pensacola are partnering to host this family friendly Halloween themed

event.

Beach Chamber President Alison Westmoreland added that the Chamber is currently seeking volunteers to assist with the Beach-o-Ween. If interested, contact her at 850-932-1500.

MediaCom sponsored the Beach Ball Breakfast, so Senior Account Executive Mary Sivert was the featured speaker. MediaCom provides internet, phone and television services for businesses.

The next Beach Ball Breakfast is Thursday, October 18 at Our Lady's Hunt Hall. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 8 a.m. Prospective members are welcome to attend. Call the Chamber office at 850-932-1500 or email penbeach@visitpensacolabeach.com for a guest pass.



Flounder's Executive Chef Dennis Moore was the winner of the Chef's Cooking Challenge at Taste of the Beach, September 15 at the Gulfside Pavilion. Chefs had thirty minutes to prepare a world class dish for the three judges using seafood and a mystery ingredient. This year's mystery ingredient was Candy Corn. Chef Dennis had incorrectly guessed it would be gummy worms. The Beach Chamber hosts the Taste of the Beach to showcase the beach's chefs and restaurants.



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club sends volunteers in full force to the Beach Chamber's Taste of the Beach. Each volunteer received a t-shirt, but Marilyn Greinger and Renee Nader made a fashion statement when they volunteered September 15 at the Hospitality Tent. Their shirts were tied, tailored, and beaded to make them the most unique the festival has ever seen.



The eleventh annual Taste of the Beach, included a Team Cooking Challenge, September 15 at the Gulfside Pavilion. The Krewe of Wrecks sent a team of royal ladies who out cooked all other teams. CAT Country radio personality Brent Lane, left, congratulated Shelby Smith, Rhonda Henry and Pam Jewell as Beach Chamber President Alison Westmoreland presented the medallions and champions plaque. The CAT Country Cat gave the team a thumbs up!



The Kappa Sigma Fraternity brothers from UWF are the muscle behind the set up of the Taste of the Beach Festival site. They volunteered on Friday afternoon and turned out for a very early Saturday morning at the Casino Beach. Chamber staffers Alison Westmoreland and Kailey Weiner are surrounded by the frat boys. A big thank you to Chapter President Aaron Goldstein, and Aaron Williams, Alex Brock, Alex Najera, Anthony Ruiz, Braijon Carr, Brandon Rushton, Cameron Kirk, Evan Scott, Jack Keating, Jhorlan Perez, Josh Taylor, Kevin Post, Kyle Wilson, Luke Chirum, Nathan Jackson, Nick Lund, Nick Sannicarla, Nolan Garret, Stratton Hollins, Tony Kaono, Travis Wicker, Tyler Jacobs, Wesley Davis, Zach Slavin, Austin Debruicker and Hunter Labbie. They work under the direction of Jim Cox, who is the festival site manager.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambition, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge and to be ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits, even on the grayest day.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses you'll need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it and then move on. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this sudden turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned time out enjoying the arts -- perhaps with that special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. Remember: When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions from colleagues.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts that you might have just uncovered.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Best advice: Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

Sunrise and Sunset

by Susan Haselton-Barr

with Safari-Su



Jambo (*Hello everybody*). If you hang out with me for too long, I'll brainwash you into believing in yourself and knowing you can achieve anything.

Sounds like the founders of Pensacola Beach. Each year they built on the foundation of trust and respect for others. Churches were begun and supported by the island families. Schools blossomed, and businesses began to pay their bills on a timely basis. The Krewe of Wrecks was also formed to help in the slow months.

Numbers of cars crossing the local toll bridge recently at-tests to the paychecks of the heart coming to fruition.

TIP:

The leaves are starting to change and the temperature is starting to drop. To prepare, we pack up the tank tops and shorts and pull out the jackets.

But how do you get your dog ready for fall? These six basic tips will ensure that your dog has a safe, happy pumpkin-spice season.

1. **Water** – During the summer we remember to fill the water bowl frequently because it's so hot outside. For the fall,

keep the water bowl full, too! As the temperatures drop lower and lower, keep an eye out on any outdoor water bowls to make sure they aren't freezing over.

2. **Bed** – Wood and tile floors can get cold. Pull out the dog blankets and make a warm sleeping space for your pooch. Wash and/or change the blankets at least once a week.

3. **Diet** – Dogs use more energy keeping warm in colder weather. You may need to increase their food portions during fall and winter to help him keep warm. Check with vet to see if this is the case.

4. **Shedding** – We tend to think that shedding is only a problem in the spring, but some dogs shed their summer coats in preparation for their winter coat. Brush daily or weekly as needed.

5. **Flea/Tick** – Summer isn't the only time to worry about fleas and ticks. The flea and tick season can last into late fall. Many vets recommend year-round protection. Make sure your dog is covered.

6. **Travel Prep** – Finally, it's never too early to line up a pet sitter for your holiday travel! Don't ever give up on your

dreams. Grandma Moses did not start painting until she was in her 70's.

Try throwing kindness around like confetti. You never know where it will land.



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Charges for baths and groomings are based on the dog's weight. Please bring your own towels or you may rent a towel for a one dollar donation.

The Pensacola Humane Society is located at 5 North Q Street. For more information visit the Humane Society website at www.pensacolahumane.org.

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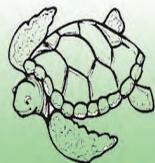
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Turtle Trax



By DJ Zemenick

We have come to the end of another sea turtle season and although the nest count was good this year (compared to historical averages), it was only half the record number of 170 nests we had in 2017. Many of our nests were lost during Tropical Storm Gordon in early September and several which initially appeared to have survived the storm either did not produce hatchlings or had a very low hatch rate. It's possible these nests were immersed in water for a lengthy period of time during the storm surge or that some were in low-lying areas with poor drainage, effecting eggs in the lower part of the nest.

Each nest, unless completely washed away, is excavated and assessed 72 hours after its initial hatch, or 70 days after the nest was laid, depending on the circumstances. It is during the nest assessment that we discover what happened to each egg by counting eggshells and unhatched eggs. Eggs sometimes fail to hatch due to a lack of fertilization, in which case there will be no development, but in years like this the eggs that fail to hatch are more likely to be spoiled, the result of lengthy exposure to water.

Since night monitoring ceased this year, we weren't always able to verify the exact number of hatchlings that made it to the water. During morning patrol, if we discovered a nest had hatched overnight, we counted tracks to see how many of the hatchlings made it into the Gulf and how many headed in other directions, disoriented by artificial light.

We were able to save a few disoriented hatchlings this year through calls to the FWC hotline. These calls activated searches by turtle team members, but unfortunately the searches were rarely productive. Predators lurk, ready to snap up tiny turtles, and dehydration is also a frequent cause of death of disoriented sea turtles. Yolk sacs attached to their tummies through umbilical cords are what give hatchlings energy in their first few days, but it must last while they dig to the surface of their nests, march to the water, and make their "swimming frenzy" to the large beds of sargassum miles offshore where they can hide and feed. Any chance of survival can be seriously diminished when precious energy is wasted through disorientation.

Next year our top priority must be to better educate people about the adverse effect artificial light has on both nesting sea turtles and hatchlings. The Escambia County Exterior Lighting Ordinance is now fully active and all residents on Pensacola Beach will need to comply with this ordinance. There will also be a telephone number listed to report code violations. While we know there will be issues with code compliance along the way, through your help we will hopefully improve the situation as well as improve our hatchling survival rate in 2019.

Until next year, my friends, **LIGHTS OUT!**

Final nest count for 2018 sea turtle season: 83

October Events Race Across The Calendar

Santa Rosa Island Triathlon: Saturday, October 6, 7 a.m. Athletes will swim in the Gulf, cycle on island streets and run a 5K. The start/finish line is at the Casino Beach Gulfside Pavilion. Spectators are encouraged to attend and cheer, but will not be allowed in the transition areas. Line the beach, stand along the cycling route or cheer from your balcony; the athletes appreciate your encouragement. For all the details, go to santarosaislandtriathlon.com

Bras Across The Bridge: Saturday, October 6, 8 a.m. at The Grand Marlin. A breast cancer awareness event, participants pay \$20 entry fee plus a donation of a new bra. The bras are linked at 9 a.m. and participants walk up the Bob Sikes Bridge. It's a spectacle for a great cause. Wear pink. Join the fun.

Ocean Hour Clean Up: Saturday, October 6, Bob Sikes Bridge, 8:45 a.m. registration. 9 a.m. clean up. Supplies are provided; wear sunscreen, and dress appropriate for the weather. oceanhourfl.com

ShakerFest: Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 7. It's an annual anniversary celebration for the iconic beach bar. Music, drink specials, give-aways. The Shaker Queen is crowned on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Sea Turtle Triathlon: Sunday, October 7 at 8 p.m. at Park East. Closed course for kids, ages 7 to 15, to compete in swim, cycle and run event. Spectators are welcome but must arrive well before the street is closed to traffic. Visit tgeyouthmultisport.org for more.

Bands on the Beach: Tuesday, October 9, 7 to 9 p.m. at Casino Beach Gulfside Pavilion.

Put on your Blue Suede Shoes and hear Elvis Remembered play at Bands on the Beach. It's free to attend. The concerts are hosted by the Santa Rosa Island Authority and supported by commercial and residential lease fees. www.visitpensacolabeach.com for more.

Mopars and More Beach Bash II: Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Car Show at the Casino Beach parking lot. This show is sponsored by Hill Kelly Dodge and benefits the Santa Rosa Kids House in Milton. \$20 to enter your car.

Beach Church Bingo: Sunday, October 14 at 6 p.m. Bring your snacks, drinks and friends. Cards are \$1 each with three chances to win. Everyone is welcome. The Church is at the corner of Via de Luna and Avenida 18. (Also on October 28.)

Fall Festival: Friday, October 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. The family friendly, community event is hosted by the PTA as a fundraiser for

the Beach School. The school campus is transformed into a festival midway with games, food, bounce houses and slides, a Haunted House. Silent Auction, door prizes tickets are for sale. Avenida 17 in front of the school will be closed to traffic.

Art and Wine Festival: Sunday, October 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pensacola Beach Boardwalk. The eleventh annual Art and Wine Fest is hosted by the Pensacola Beach Chamber. The Wine Tasting takes place from noon until 3 p.m. and tickets are available at PensacolaBeachChamber.com. There is no charge to stroll among the art booths.

Beach-o-Ween: Friday, October 26, 4 to 8 p.m. Pensacola Beach Boardwalk. Hosted by the Pensacola Beach Chamber, Santa Rosa Island Authority and Visit Pensacola. Family friendly event with games, crafts, special guests, candy, karaoke, bounce house and obstacle course, unicorn pony rides and a dunk tank. Free admission. Wear your costume and have a great time.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 — up (invigorates)
- 5 Alphabet start
- 8 "Pygmalion" writer
- 12 Spine component
- 14 Unadulterated
- 15 Language of Zagreb
- 16 Rod's partner
- 17 Cudgel
- 18 Wedding-related
- 20 Pirate flag symbol
- 23 Tempo
- 24 Grow weary
- 25 AT&T competitor
- 28 Coatrack piece

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- 29 Oyster's gift
- 30 Mediterranean, for one
- 32 Porch
- 34 Blueprint
- 35 "Sad to say ..."
- 36 Combination of tones
- 37 Desert fox
- 40 — carte
- 41 Out of control
- 42 Exact
- 47 Streamlet
- 48 Taboo
- 49 A Great Lake

- 10 Neighbor-hood
- 11 Healthy
- 13 And others (Lat.)
- 19 Bar
- 20 Fuel additive brand
- 21 Capital of Ukraine
- 22 Incite
- 23 Rosary components
- 25 Large blood vessel
- 26 Capital of Norway
- 27 Approach
- 29 Wan
- 31 Additionally
- 33 Irritate
- 34 Lighthouse of Alexandria
- 36 Organization
- 37 Passenger's payment
- 38 Eastern potentate
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- 40 Farm measure
- 43 Animation frame
- 44 Consumed
- 45 Golf gadget
- 46 Conclusion

Astronomy Club Hosts Star Gaze

It's not Hollywood but it is full of stars - the night sky above the Gulfside Pavilion on Pensacola Beach sets the stage for the Sidewalk Star Gaze, Friday and Saturday, October 19-20. The event is hosted by the Escambia Amateur Astronomers, who provide telescopes, binoculars and expertise for the Star Gaze which begins at dusk. Since the skies must be clear for viewing, the event is weather permitting.



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Lost & Found

Silver earring and necklace found near tennis courts, Catholic Church. Email stevenheadley@bellsouth.net to ID and claim

Pets

Beach Dog Parks. Daily, 7 to Sunset. Leashed, friendly dogs. Parking Lot "E" located near park east and Parking Lot "B" near park west on Ft Pickens Rd. Pets are not allowed on the beach at any other location outside the dog park.

Be a lifesaver. Consider adopting a pet from the Escambia County Animal Shelter. Located at 200 W. Fairfiled Drive, Pensacola. 850-595-3075 https://www.myescambia.com/our-services/animal-services/animal-shelter/adoption-information

Kids and Krittters Parade, Saturday, February 23 at 2 p.m. Theme "Paws, Love and Rock-N-Roll." Open to all nice dogs and well behaved people. PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Calendar

OCTOBER

- 2: Bands on the Beach, free concert. 7-9 p.m. Gulfside Pavilion. Bring a lawn chair. No glass or pets. Visit-PensacolaBeach.com
- 3: Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival kicks off. Go to PensacolaBeachSongfest.com for details.
- 5: School of the Soldier, Fort Pickens, Fri-Sat-Sun at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Meet at Fort Pickens Bookstore. 850-934-2612
- 5: Sunset on Santa Rosa Island, 5:30 p.m. Meet at Ft. Pickens Campground Store parking lot. 850-934-2612
- 5: ShakerFest Kick Off Concert. Andy Velo at Shake It Up Concert Series. Doors open at 6 p.m. Free. Shakerfest continues all weekend. Queen Coronation Sunday at 6 p.m.
- 5: Stargazing, 6:30 p.m. Battery Worth Picnic Area in Fort Pickens. 850-934-2612
- 6: SRI Triathlon, 7 a.m. Gulf Swim, Bike east Via de Luna, run east on 5K route. SantaRosalslandTriathlon.com
- 6: Bras Across the Bridge, Grand Marlin parking lot, 9 a.m.
- 6: Ocean Hour Clean Up, 8:45 Sign In at Grand Marlin parking lot. Supplies provided. OceanHourFL.com
- 6: Life on a Barrier Island Nature Walk. 9:30 a.m. Sat-Sun. Meet at Fort Pickens Bookstore. 850-934-2612
- 7: Sea Turtle Tri for Kids, Park East, closed course. 8 a.m. TriGulfCoast.org
- 7: Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival concludes with Gospel and Art on the Boardwalk, 9 a.m. to 6

- p.m. PensacolaBeachSongwriters-Festival.com
- 8: New Orleans Saints vs Washington Redskins on Monday Night Football
- 9: Bands on the Beach, free concert. 7-9 p.m. Gulfside Pavilion. Bring a lawn chair. No glass or pets. Visit-PensacolaBeach.com
- 10: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna. Agendas online at www.sria-fla.com
- 12: Shake It Up Music Series, Chris Lane featuring Mason Rainey and Gabby Barrett, 6 p.m. Tickets \$15. 18 and over. SandshakerMusic.com
- 13: Mopar and More Beach Bash II, Casino Beach, 8 - 3 p.m. Car Show.
- 14: Beach Church Bingo, 6 p.m. Bring your snacks and drinks.
- 16: Bands on the Beach, free concert. 7-9 p.m. Gulfside Pavilion. Bring a lawn chair. No glass or pets. Visit-PensacolaBeach.com
- 18: Pensacola Beach Chamber Membership Meeting, Our Lady's Hunt Hall. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast, 8 a.m. Meeting. Call 932-1500 for guest pass.
- 19: Fall Festival Pensacola Beach Elementary School. On Campus. Open to the Public.
- 19: Star Gaze, Gulfside Pavilion, Dusk. Weather permitting. Hosted by the Escambia Amateur Astronomers. Free.
- 20: 19: Star Gaze, Gulfside Pavilion, Dusk. Weather permitting. Hosted by the Escambia Amateur Astronomers. Free.
- 21: NeoEndurance Fall Beach Run. On the sand, begins at the Pier. 8 a.m.

- 21: Pensacola Beach Chamber's Art and Wine Festival, Boardwalk.
- 23: Bands on the Beach, free concert. 7-9 p.m. Gulfside Pavilion. Bring a lawn chair. No glass or pets. Visit-PensacolaBeach.com
- 24: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna. Agendas online at www.sria-fla.com
- 26: Hobie Wave Intergalactic sailboat races. Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. Key Sailing.
- 26: Pensacola Beach Halloween Carnival, 4 to 8 p.m. Pensacola Beach Boardwalk
- 27: Ocean Hour Clean Up. Park East and Park West. Check in 8:45 a.m. Ends at 10 a.m.
- 27: Waterboyz Surf Classic. Waves Permitting. Near Gulf Pier.
- 28: Run to Margaritaville, Half Marathon and 5K. 6:30 a.m.
- 29: Krewe of Wreck Halloween Party and Costume Contest. Sandbar/Frisky Dolphin. 6 p.m. Bring your checkbook and your friends. Join the



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ART AND WINE

The Pensacola Beach Chamber's Art & Wine Festival is a proven success, drawing locals and visitors from across the region to Pensacola Beach. It's

set for Sunday, October 21 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m at the Pensacola Beach Boardwalk. The Chamber has a limited number of sponsorship opportunities available. Packages for sponsors start at \$1,000 for a One Star and go up to \$3,000. If your business would like to take advantage of this investment opportunity, email Alison Westmoreland at penbeach@visitpensacolabeach.com.

WRECKS ROLL

In an unprecedented change from tradition, the Krewe of Wrecks scheduled a September sign-up and socializing meeting. It was held in Flounder's Boat-house. According to Ship's Officer Dicksie Booker, there were about 60 Wrecks at the meeting.

Sec. Wreck Melanie Waite reported 53 memberships were sold and many event tickets as well.

The Wrecks will continue to sign up members at their next meeting, Monday, October 29 at the Sandbar/Frisky Dolphin, at 6 p.m. Bring your checkbook and your friends. Wear something spooktacular! The Costume Contest will be around 7 p.m.

WHO WILL BE THE SHAKER QUEEN?

Michelle Stanhope's reign as the Queen of the Shaker Bar is coming to a close. The new Queen will be crowned at 6 p.m. Sunday, October 7. She gets the royal treatment. Roses, a sash, a bushwacker. She also gets to represent the iconic beach bar in

the island's parades. Show up and see who the new royal gal will be.

CORLEY WINS

Graphic Designer Michelle Corley is the winner of the 2018 Great Gulfcoast Art Festival poster competition winner. Her colorful, lively piece will be reproduced on limited edition posters, T-shirts and other GGAF promotional items that are a major source of support for the Festival. She works at Duncan McCall Advertising Agency.

BEACH SCHOOL BUCKS

The PTA hosts fundraisers to support the Beach School programs and classroom enhancements. Most recently the coupon book fundraiser netted over \$19,000. The board members are President-Christine Brewster, VP-Tasha Tidwell, Treasurer-Jamieson Peterman, Corresponding Secretary-Hazel Budzowski, and Recording Secretary-Deb Jobe.

PBA UPDATES

Pensacola Beach Advocates

By Terry Preston, PBA
President, Board of Directors

Spring Break

The PBA Spring Break Subcommittee will be arranging a meeting with property managers to discuss proactive ways to prevent some of the out-of-control behaviors that occurred over the last years during spring break in the residential neighborhoods.

Annual Meeting

We are planning our annual

membership meeting for Monday, October 22 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Beach Community Church. We will have elections for the Board of Directors and anyone interested is encouraged to send his name in prior to the meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The agenda includes:

1. An update on the Beach

referendum on the November Ballot.

2. An update on Commissioner Bergosh's proposal to renegotiate leases to ensure that all leaseholders are required to pay taxes on both improvements and land.

3. An update on the activities of our Beachkeepers Committee.

4. Election of officers.

For more information about PBA please log on to our website at www.PBAAdvocates.org.



People take parks for granted. After all, they're just landscape features: grass, shrubs and trees. However, they require constant attention since their fabric is natural, and left unattended, nature rapidly regresses to its wild and untamed state. Parks are fragile. Made with great effort, they are easily unmade, easily altered and easily wrecked. Morgan Park is a case in point.

Designed as a living workshop for Pensacola Beach residents and visitors alike, the Park was modeled after landscape studies and efforts over many

years by the late James P. and Dorothy S. Morgan at their home sited on the Gulf. The flora of the Park, centered around a natural grove of sand live oaks, was installed to show us how to enrich the island's microclimate with native species, as well as selected plants that thrive in this environment.

Many, many people gave precious time, energy and financial support to this beautiful little oasis on Pensacola Beach. Now, other than basic maintenance, the park shows neglect; broken and missing benches, broken latticework, and weeds that were formally grass and flower beds. It would be satisfying to see the substantial money raised for the park endowment fund used properly for repairs to and the enhancement of the park.

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Dave Morgan

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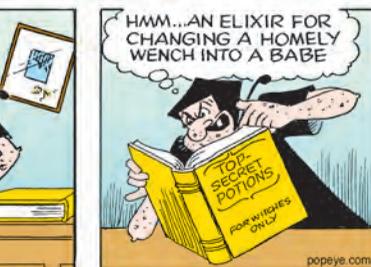
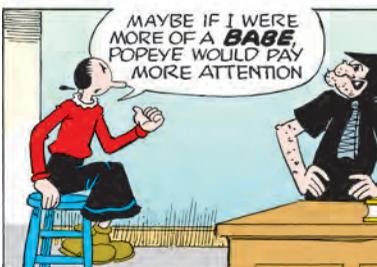
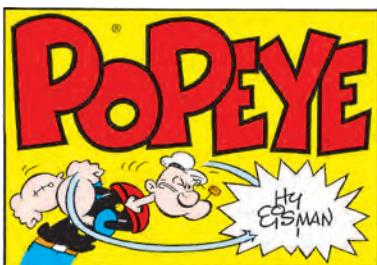
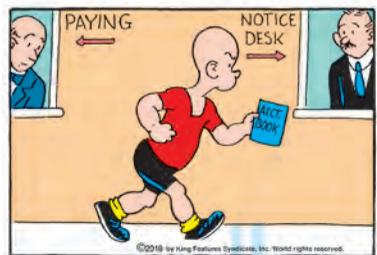
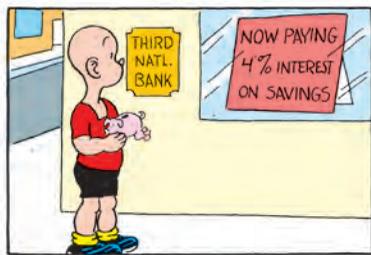
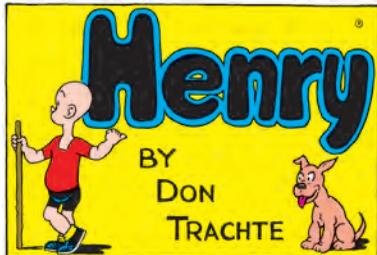


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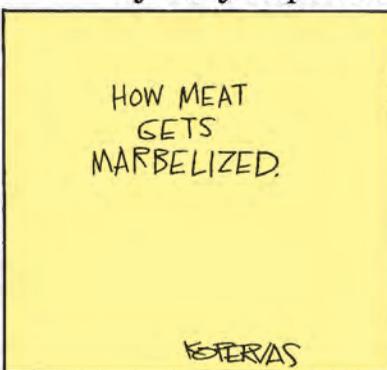
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



"That's good! Itching is a sign of healing!"



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Collar is different. 3. Cloud is shorter. 4. Basket weave is different. 5. Beads are missing. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

After Sundown.....

CRABS ON THE BEACH

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Never Hurts To Tri

By Charles Gheen
USAT Certified Race Director
Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

The State Of Triathlon

This is really about the current condition (i.e. "state") of the sport of triathlon in our country and, most importantly to us, in our area. I'll start by saying that triathlon is doing quite well globally. World Triathlon Corporation (WTC, the "Ironman" brand) has more races with more participants in more countries than ever before. The National Governing Body (NGB) of triathlon in the United States, USA Triathlon (USAT), has enjoyed a recent renovation and resurgence. This year's USAT National Championships in Cleveland were the largest ever, with over 5,400 registered, for the two days of competition. They're partnering with WTC/Ironman, hand-in-hand, to promote the sport more than in previous years.

In Pensacola we enjoy one of the great natural treasures (at least in the country, if not the world) in Santa Rosa Island on the teeming-with-life, beautiful, vibrant and ever-changing Gulf of Mexico. Yes, summers are brutal here, but that's the crucible that hones us to be tougher and more resilient athletes, triathletes and, maybe, people. We have a great local triathlon club, TriGulfCoast, with over 400 members. They annually offer a season-long training program for newcomers and veterans alike called Mere Mortals. And there's more. Much more.

We have a popular coached swimming group that meets in Santa Rosa Sound on Thursday mornings and seems stronger than ever. We have plenty of excellent bicycle stores within 50 miles of us. We have a solid core of triathletes who are accomplished, dedicated and who live the "lifestyle" all through each year. They provide others with knowledge, inspiration and a "you can do it" attitude. We have had a series of dedicated coaches in the area. It's a great atmosphere for our beloved sport. "So, is there an

issue?" you ask.

Seems to be, from my point of view. Let's look at the formal events we all have enjoyed over the years. Remember the "Destin Triathlon?" That's been gone for years. It went through many names and many venues and it finally disappeared. Ditto for the "Pensacola Beach Triathlon." If you remember any of several events held at Navarre Beach, they have been gone for a decade.

The Sandestin Triathlon held its thirty-fourth annual race this year and had the smallest registration in memory. I ran it twice with almost 800 participants each time and they had less than 300 finishers a few weekends ago.

I think the Grandman Triathlon in Fairhope had good registration this year although I know they went through some times of serious concern. The Alabama Coastal Triathlon in early September had about 600 finishers (which is good, not great) for the several races they held simultaneously. The triathlon in downtown Pensacola had around 300 finishers total for their two events in the late Spring. The Tri The Gulf Triathlon (you may not be aware of that one) on Dauphin Island in October is still trying to establish itself as a viable and popular event.

Our Tri The Island Triathlon (I'm the Race Director) was not held this year due to a scheduling conflict on Pensacola Beach. It's scheduled for May 11, 2019. And here it's a little more personal.

I've lived the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon (I'm the Race Director of this one, as well) for the last eleven years. We brought it back from the dead in 2008 with no equipment, a bad reputation and no money. We got through that first year with 600 registered athletes and a great race. The wheels were in motion and it was great to see if you love the sport. To some of us there's no better sight than over 1000 bicycles on their racks in the early morning hours of the

first Saturday in October.

Entries sold out for about five years and we had to tell people "No" over and over again when they practically begged us to let them in at the last minute. We weren't arrogant, but let's say our confidence was high. The only thing that really hampered us was the tragic months of the oil spill in 2010 and, even then, we had a great event. We were sailing along with a strong, amazing tailwind and there was no slowing us down.

Then a tropical storm forced us to cancel the event in 2013. We recovered from that despite a significant financial loss, but it was a savage body blow. We chased athletes to register the next year and had a small success. 2015 and 2016 were also successes, but not like the high-water mark years. Then it happened again.

The event was cancelled, again by a tropical storm, in 2017 with devastating effects. We went all along the Gulf Coast distributing race packets, shirts, extra merchandise and as much good will as we could muster. That was good and people were kind. Our registration for this year has been devastated. You have to ask yourself, will this be financially viable for the future?

We (Santa Rosa Island Triathlon, Inc.) are a Florida not-for-profit corporation. We put on our races to maintain and grow the sport of triathlon and for the enjoyment of our athletes. We put on our races to benefit local worthy causes. We put on our races to be able to offer the safest, best racing experience that anyone can find for a reasonable price.

We will continue to endeavor to do those things.

Don't get me wrong and think I'm all whiny. We understand we can't control the weather. We understand things change and we understand there are much more serious issues to review and analyze.

Anyway, that's my state of the state....today.

Marine Resources Deploys Artificial Reef Modules



Escambia County Marine Resources Division managed the deployment of 12 concrete artificial reef modules in the Escambia Southeast Reef Site, approximately 10 miles southeast of Pensacola Pass, September 12. Water depths range between 80 and 100 feet. The reef modules are 15 feet tall and weigh 18 tons each.

Funding for the reefs was provided by the Natural Resources Damages Assessment from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, through an agreement with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; totaling \$2.7 million. NRDA funding is intended to compensate anglers and divers for loss of use during the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

According to a recent economic evaluation of artificial reefs by the University of West Florida's Dr. Bill Huth, fishing and diving on Escambia County's artificial reefs support 2,348 jobs and account for more than \$150 million in economic activity each year.

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Off the Hook

By Terri McKamey

The temperature change is definitely here in the early morning hours. I actually brought a hoodie with me the other morning. Haven't used it yet, but it's not going to be too long now. October is here and it's always been my favorite month of the year. Both my children have birthdays this month and it is almost pumpkin patch and fair time, too.

Fishing is going to pick up as the water temperatures begin to drop. Speckled Trout will be on the grass flats as they get ready to move as well as Red Fish and Flounder.

Fishing Frenzy Charters showed Courtney and Pete from Colorado how it's done by catching the limit on Triggerfish and a nice catch of King and Spanish Mackerel along with Mahi, Vermillion Snapper and Warsaw Grouper! These are some really nice pictures (on right).

As you can see there are plenty of fish and fun still to come. Redfish will begin their run

soon and there is nothing better than a Big Bull Red on the line.

From offshore to inshore and surf fishing, this is one of the best times of year to be out there.

The temperatures are about to be nearly perfect. The fishing is good and the only thing missing is you. What are you waiting for? Grab a kid and go fishing!



Pete and Courtney from Colorado, aboard the Fishing Frenzy



Tim Matheus from Texas sent this fishing photo of University of West Florida professor and Pensacola Beach resident Dr. Justin Davis who reeled in this Bonita. According to Matheus, Davis was entertaining guests from Texas, but he caught the "big one." They were fishing on the Fishing Frenzy.



Capt. Rusty's Report

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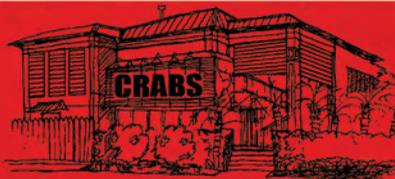
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