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# Patriotic Parade Salutes Veterans



Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge hosts the annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremonies, Sunday November 11 on Pensacola Beach. When the parade rolls from Avenida 10 along Via de Luna, Pensacola Beach resident and U.S. Navy veteran Frank Templeton will be in the line up. Turn to page 2 for more.

# Thirtieth Vets Day Parade Set To Roll

Frank Templeton looks like a cross between Uncle Sam and Captain America when he goes into patriotic overdrive for the Pensacola Beach Veterans Day Parade. It's just the way he does things – all out. Templeton, who along with his wife Pam and Krewe of Brewe brethren, will participate in the thirtieth annual Pensacola Beach Veterans Day Parade, Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m.

Templeton, who enlisted in the United States Navy on his seventeenth birthday, served as a Boiler Tech in Main Propulsion Engineering, then Master at Arms. Before retirement, he accumulated sea time aboard five different ships in support of campaigns in Libya, the Persian Gulf, Bosnia and Somalia among others. He knows what it means to serve his Country and encourages everyone to line the parade route for this year's event.

The Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge hosts the Veterans Day Parade which begins at Avenida 10 at 2 p.m. and travels west along Via de Luna to the Casino Beach parking lot. It disbands at the Gulfside Pavilion where spectators are invited to the Veterans Day ceremonies.

Tom Emma, the parade organizer, notes that there is no charge to participate in or watch the parade. The registered parade participants are treated to a complimentary hot dog lunch at the Elk's Lodge beginning at noon prior to the 1:15 line up.

"Our friends at the American Legion Post in Gulf Breeze provide lunch for those signed up to parade," said Emma. "We have a great parade forming up this year."

In addition to the Escambia County Sheriff's Department Mounted Posse, McGuire's Pipe Band, the Krewe of Brewe, Elk's Lodge and American Legion entries, the cadets from the Gulf

Breeze High School's Junior Air Force ROTC will march with precision in this year's parade. If there is an extra snap in their step, it's because their leader, U.S. Air Force Retired Lt. Col. David Landfair, will serve as the 2018 Grand Marshal.

Landfair, who has over 550 flying hours including combat missions over both Iraq and Afghanistan, has many awards. He wears the Meritorious Unit Award with Valor for actions taken during Operation Enduring Freedom. His career spanned overseas deployments and stateside posts. He served at the Pentagon, as well as an Associate Professor at the United States Air Force Academy. Lt. Colonel Landfair retired in 2007 and has been teaching JROTC at his alma mater, Gulf Breeze High. He has been a Gulf Breeze City Council member since 2010. He is currently running for mayor of Gulf Breeze.

Dignitaries in convertibles and marching units will be followed by golf carts rolling along the route. The quiet little carts become a big part of the parade with their over-the-top decorations. Young Anna Miller will be in one of the decorated golf carts. She is the winner of the Elk's Americanism Essay Contest and part of the honor is to ride in the parade. The Elk's Lodge will award a trophy to the Best Decorated Golf Cart.

Emma has a long list of parade entries and groups who will be handing out flags and beads to bystanders. For the first time,

the Daughters of the American Revolution Fort Pickens Chapter will be parading. While the American Revolution predates the 1919 establishment of Veterans Day, Chapter Regent Susan Haselton-Barr recognizes the common threads of proud American spirit and the fight for independence.

Spectators should bring



Lt. Col. David Landfair, USAF Ret.

## Saden Joins Beach Chamber Board

### Brewster Earns Business of the Month Honors

Pensacola Beach Chamber members geared up for the upcoming snowbird and holiday seasons at their October 18 meeting at Our Lady of the Assumption's Hunt Hall. Chamber Chairman Ron Spradling introduced Christine Brewster, whose photography company was named the Chamber Business of the Month.

Brewster, who is a Beach Chamber Ambassador and serves as the Beach School PTA president, was surprised by the honor. The busy mother of two said she strives to capture images that speak volumes about the subject. She specializes in showcasing professionals in candid settings and interacting with clients.

Spradling announced that the Chamber Board of Directors will be adding some new faces. One of which is Dr. Patrick Saden, who will serve the remainder of Ira Verbois' term. Verbois moved to Central Florida. The Chamber's nominating

committee is seeking four members to fill the board positions of retiring board members. Board Member Craig Weber is the committee chairman.

The Snowbird Company made a presentation about the economic impact of snowbirds who flock to Northwest Florida in the off-season. The company showcases rentals for snowbirds in a print newsletter, online and through the American Snowbird Network.

Santa Rosa Island Authority Director of Administration Robbie Schrock added that the SRIA in conjunction with the Chamber will host the Pensacola Beach Snowbird Bash in January 2019.

to highlight the veterans, their service and the sacrifices they made in defense of their country. Veterans gathered along with Drees and walked the route, proudly wearing a uniform or some other symbol of their service. The event, held on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, is now thirty years old.

Drees says he will absolutely participate in this year's parade, so look for him in the lineup.

It is time for the community to pause to say thank you. To show appreciation to the veterans for maintaining our precious way of life. The parade and ceremonies are offered at no charge and parking is free.

Our Lady of the Assumption's LeeAnn Taylor told Chamber members that a Beach cookbook featuring beach chefs and residents recipes will be for sale later in the year. The proceeds will benefit the Education Building construction fund.

Additionally, Melanie Waite presented a check to Our Lady on behalf of the Krewe of Wrecks. Waite is the Krewe of Wrecks board secretary.



Our Lady's Lynn Baker accepts a donation from Krewe of Wrecks' Melanie Waite.

The Chamber's next meeting is Thursday, November 15 at Our Lady with Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and a meeting follows at 8 a.m.

For information about Chamber email [penbeach@visitpensacolabeach.com](mailto:penbeach@visitpensacolabeach.com).

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### Mark Your Calendar

BCC: Thursday, Nov. 1, Agenda Review, 9 a.m.; Public Forum, 4:30 p.m.; Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. 221 Palafox Place. [www.myscambia.com](http://www.myscambia.com), Questions? District Four 850-595-4940

SRIA: Wednesday, Nov. 7, 5 p.m. SRIA Boardroom, #1 Via de Luna. Full Board Meeting. Agenda available at [sria-fla.com](http://sria-fla.com)

BCC: Thursday, Nov. 8, Committee of the Whole, 9 a.m. 221 Palafox Place. [www.myscambia.com](http://www.myscambia.com), Questions? District Four 850-595-4940

SRIA: Wednesday, Nov. 14, 5 p.m. SRIA Boardroom, #1 Via de Luna. Santa Rosa Island Authority Committee Meeting. Agenda available at [www.sria-fla.com](http://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

The Islander Newspaper  
November 22, 1980

## Go Get 'Em Maggie!

Like all good Marine Captains, Margaret Lloyd is fearless and flawless. As she steps down from the command post she has served so valiantly for two years, she leaves a trail of victories unprecedented in beach leaseholder association history. She beat the County Commissioners down when they tried to push 25 percent lease fee increase through for this year. She challenged the head engineer at Gulf Power to ride down Ariola

at night with her when he kept insisting the street lights were burning there. Margaret knew the street stayed dark for many months after the hurricane. She protects the dunes, forms committees to make owners clean up debris at their homes, get signs refurbished, weeds cut, sea oats planted. She brings senators, firemen, policemen and any other dignitaries she can capture to speak at the leaseholder meetings. She initiated the "Leave Only Your Footprints, Please" campaign for which the leaseholders were honored with an award from the Clean Commu-

nity Commission.

She urged the entry of a float in the first ever Mardi Gras parade on the beach. She has flung herself wholeheartedly into every issue pertinent to the good life on Pensacola Beach. Like taxes.

Margaret has appeared before committees, written and telephoned senators, invaded the tax collector's and property appraiser's offices...over and over and over again. She has picked up the remnants of the tax battle, hoping to piece them together into a whole cloth of fair taxation for the residents of this beach.

What kind of person is this who will labor at her big desk most of the night just to prepare a report on the needs and grievances of beach residents to the SRIA? She probably does not even glance at the plaque hanging on the wall which commends her as the "Woman of the Year" on Pensacola Beach. She is much too busy to give herself a pat on the back for all she has done for her friends, her neighbors and the 350 members of the Association, and the hundreds of others who do not even know her. So, we will do that for her...here and now.

We will tell you that Margaret is a warm and caring person. No matter how angrily determined she may be to right a wrong, she always tempers her remarks with a ready smile. The better she becomes known, the more respect she gains. Her

indomitable will, her tenacity, her efficiency, and her classic ability for leadership may strike terror into the hearts of Florida politicians...and she may tackle them with a vehemence... but always with that smile.

We congratulate her for her past victories and we know that while she will no longer serve as the president of the Residents and Leaseholders Association, she will not desert the taxation battlefield. So, for the sake of her future...and ours...we say, "Go get 'em, Maggie!"

[Ed. Note: This article, written by Jane Waters, was not part of her Barefoot on the Beach Series. It was, however, a feature to highlight the hard work of community activist Margaret Lloyd who served in the United States Marine Corp. A fitting salute for Veterans Day.]



There were lots of treats and not many tricks for the October birthday celebrants who attended the October 18 Pensacola Beach Woman's Club meeting and luncheon at the Beach Church. Birthday girls are (L to R): Betsy Sklenicka, guest; Melba Argentine, Montana Minck, Maureen Slater, Bunny Branan, Jane McGrath, Dawn Carr-Phillips, Jane Atkins, Frankie Roy, and background President, Barbara Landfair.

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Nov 12 Crab's	Dec 17 The Islander	Feb 4 Capt'n Fun
Nov 19 PegLeg's	Jan 7 Flounder's	Feb 11 Bamboo Willies
Nov 26 Paddy's	Jan 14 Sideline's	Feb 18 Elk's Lodge

Mardi Gras on the Island Events

January 12 Nereids King Kake Party, 3 PM Paradise Bar and Grill

January 19 Shaker Wigwacker Party, 9 PM Sandshaker

January 26 Nauga Champagne Brfst, 11 AM The Dock

January 26 Krewe of Brewe Beach Babe, 3 PM Sandshaker

February 2 Krewe of Brewe Black Tie Ball, 8 PM, TBA

February 8 Nereids Moon Pie Party, 7 PM Bamboo Willies

February 9 Krewe of St. Patrick Ball, TBA

February 16 Bananimals Grand Ball, 7 PM Bamboo Willies

February 23 Kids and Krittlers Parade, 2 PM Across from Sidelines

February 23 Krewe of Wrecks Grand Costume Ball, Elk's Lodge

February 25 Queen's Dinner, Flounder's

February 25 King's Supper, Elk's Lodge

March 2 Champagne Breakfast, Crab's

March 2 Street Dance, Noon, Sandbar

March 3 Krewe of Wrecks Parade, 2 PM

March 4 Red Beans and Rice Lunch, 11 AM, Sandshaker

March 5 Krewe of Coma, Sandshaker, 6 PM

March 5 Shoe Box Float Contest, Paradise, 8 PM

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# Trivia ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Sugar Factory gurus and Willie Wonka Wanna Be's estimate that \$2.6 billion will be spent on Halloween this year. What is the best selling candy during Halloween in the State of Florida? Pensacola Beach's Jean Luke says, "It must be Snickers. My favorite!"

It is and Jean wins. The retired school teacher and avid runner will likely have to jog around the island for her victory lap. She wins an *Island Times* t-shirt and her own, personal stash of Snickers!

Susan Bernard was the second smart person to send a correct answer. The Breezer knew it was Snickers, too. Right, but not quick enough.

The Queen of Wrong Answers Joanne Brooks will have to make room at the Incorrect Confectioners Shop for Jim Knell, Lynn Clark and Greg Christoff.

Jim went with the traditional "candy corn" as his answer. Lynn Clark went with candy corn, too. It's tops in Alabama, New Mexico, Nevada, Idaho and Michigan, but not Florida. According to the CandyStore.com folks, the reason it is the top seller in 'Bama is because it resembles the letter "A," and they closed with a hearty, "Roll Corn!"

Greg was all chocolated up and sent two answers. His first answer was "Reese's Peanut Butter Cups." He withdrew it. That was a better answer than his final answer, "Nestles Crunch Bar."

A beach school rugrat demanded a recount because he

was sure it was Skittles. The fact that a kid weighed in on the trivia is scary enough, then the tiny trivia-meister gets close to the correct answer. Who knew he was old enough to read?

Here's the scary statistics from the sweetsters and chocoholics at CandyStore.com. Florida treaters will purchase 660,689 pounds of Snickers to hand out this year at Halloween. Skittles skidded into second place at 578,790 pounds and Reese's Cups was the third favorite in the State.

More statistics. There are over 1.6 million veterans living in the State of Florida. Veterans Day is a big deal - paying tribute to all American vets. It's celebrated on November 11. For three decades, the Beach's Veterans Parade has been on November 11. Has Veterans Day always been celebrated on November 11?

The Trivia Master is really going easy on you this time. A "yes" or "no" could win it for you. So, send your answer to shelley@myislandtimes.com with Trivia in the subject line. All you trivia players - and this means you, Jim Knell - who are sending answers to the old address, pay attention! Send it to the new address.

Hurry, this one is going to go fast! The first person to correctly answer will be awarded a coveted *Island Times* t-shirt. Only one answer will be accepted, so hopefully you guess correctly the first time.

The deadline to answer is Monday, November 5. Good luck, players!

## Snap And Sip Selfie Earns You A Free Drink

Fish Heads is the fun place, gulfside from the Days Inn. They are giving away a free drink to anyone who takes a selfie with the Fish Heads sign on the Beach or in Downtown, and posts with #IMAFISHHEAD. Show the post to your bartender and you get a free drink. It's that easy.

Fish Heads has a full menu, too. Everything from giant pretzels to ice cream with a bunch of salads, burgers and sandwiches in between. The drink menu is extensive, so grab your friends and snap, then sip.

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### WEDDING BELLS

Hurricane evacuees Brad Barnes and Saya Stevenson visited the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge October 21. Since most of the Elks have weathered storms, they welcomed, encouraged them and found out the couple planned to get married the next day at the courthouse. In a romantic gesture, the Elk's pulled together to host the wedding on their waterfront deck...the very next day. Karen Jurkovich officiated and LeeAnn Taylor decorated and catered the event. They may have lost everything to Hurricane Michael, but they have each other and the generous well wishes from the Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge.

### CART ME OFF

The Pensacola Beach PTA hosts the annual Fall Festival as a fundraiser. Among the games and food, are silent auction items and raffle prizes. One of the big ticket items was a custom golf cart designed by Kool Karts. The golf cart winner October 19 was Sean Persons. Look for the blue cart ambling along island avenues.

### SECOND GEN SHAKER

Bob and Wendy Brandon were among Mary Alex Klisart's first customers at The Shaker. The new bartender got to serve her grandparents. The Brandon

name is not new to the iconic beach bar. Her mom, Kaycee Brandon Klisart worked there - - likely served a million bushwackers over the years. It's all in the family.

### THIRD IS GOOD

Pensacola Beach's Susan Newkirk is a veteran triathlete. She's had a few setbacks this year, but she still made a good showing at the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon. Although it was close, at the finish line it was determined that she finished fourth in her age bracket. A few weeks later, the official results had changed her status to third place. A place on the winner's podium. Congrats, Susan.

### CLOUDS TO SEASHELLS

Pensacola Beach residents were victims of social media looters before and after Hurricane Michael. Sean Rogan photographed a shelf cloud over Via de Luna during the summer. It was featured with his permission on the front of the PNJ in July. Lo and behold, someone used it on Facebook claiming it was the hurricane closing in on Panama City Beach. There was enough social media backlash to attract the Associated Press' attention. The AP story points out that the photo is Sean's Shelf Cloud, and

not Mean Michael. A little closer to the sand is *Island Times* columnist and book author Sharla Gorder. She is a sunrise beach walker - rain or shine. In this case - storm or calm. As soon as it was safe to get on the sand, she was there and photographed the bounty of shells. Sharla posted the photo on Facebook with reminder on how to help hurricane victims. The Gulf quickly reclaimed the shells, but not before someone else claimed the picture as their own. No AP calls to Sharla, yet.

### KILLER CARLEE

Sweet Carlee Amberson is a killer on the court. She is among the area's top volleyball players at amassing "kills." She is a senior at Gulf Breeze High School, an honor roll student and plays on the Varsity Volleyball Team. Her proud parents are Scott and Kristin Amberson.

### SYMPATHIES

Our sympathy to Gulf Breeze business owner and *Island Times* Columnist Joe Stukey whose brother-in-law Nick Rivera was killed in a post storm clean up accident, Thursday, October 18. Rivera was a retired full-time Florida Highway Patrol officer, reserve officer and was employed at Gulf Coast State College. He was 64 years old.

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# SRIA Approves New Surf Shop, Protects Island Environment

Santa Rosa Island Authority Board members packed two meetings into one evening, October 24, completing a hurricane canceled Board meeting prior to the regularly scheduled committee meetings. Board members approved new businesses and received updates on core area projects.

The Board approved the concept of a new restaurant, Jelly's Eatery, to be located near Red Fish Blue Fish. Envie has relocated to a new Boardwalk unit, while The Wine Bar will reopen with a new name in a new unit.

Ron Jon's Surf Shop received Committee approval to begin operations at Pensacola Beach Boardwalk in Spring 2019.

Board Member Janice Gilley inquired about the national chain and potential impact to family-run businesses who have a long history on Pensacola Beach.

Board Chairman Jerry Watson stated that it was not the Board's intent to control fair market competition.

Executive Director Paolo Ghio remarked that Innerlight Surf Shop has a very robust business with two locations on Pensacola Beach, which staff considered when recommending approval.

Escambia County's Traffic Operations Division Manager David Forte reported that the construction of additional parking at the lots near the Sheriff's substation and at the former Visitors Center location are commencing. The former Visitors Information Center Building will be demolished by month's end. Forte added that the design of the Access Road to run parallel to Pensacola Beach Blvd. is in the process of being modified to accommodate a pedestrian pathway in front of Morgan Park and Premier Adventure Park. The construction of the Access Road is unlikely to begin until late 2019, according to Forte.

The SRIA Board approved two items to protect the environment. Citing good stewardship and the sensitivity to protect resources, the board unanimously approved a resolution opposing offshore oil and gas drilling along the State of Florida's coastline. They further oppose any attempts to weaken critical oil drilling safety rules.

In that same spirit, Executive

Director Paolo Ghio received approval to place a gazebo at Gowens Park instead of a splash pad. The splash pad would have incurred an \$84,117 ECUA impact fee in addition to using nearly 4 million gallons of water at an estimated cost of \$9,811 per season.

"From an environmental aspect, four million gallons of drinking water poured into the sand is not the proper use of a very precious resource," commented Ghio. "Knowing these environmental and financial impacts, staff no longer recommends a splash pad."

Ghio updated the Board about an ongoing effort to elevate ground level residences through a hazard mitigation grant program. There have been eight homes raised and seven demolished and rebuilt. There are another 10 Pensacola Beach homes being considered for elevation.

The SRIA also approved an interlocal agreement with Escambia County for an additional year of Animal Control services. The funding of \$42,000 allows for 2,080 hours of service.

During the visitor's forum, Beach resident Terry Preston asked if SRIA Attorney Mike Stebbins had delivered an opinion on the Board of County Commissioner's ability to require the SRIA to amend all leases as proposed by Commission Chairman Jeff Bergosh. Stebbins replied that the answer was not a simple one and revolved around requirements outlined in the Special Act. He noted that the County has the power to reject the SRIA's annual budget. Without approval of the budget, the SRIA would be prevented from functioning. The County can also raid the SRIA General Fund.

Finance Director Dottie Ford, in a follow up statement, noted that the County had not made a request from the General Fund during her twenty years at the SRIA.

In other business:

- Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce President Alison Westmoreland reported that guests served at the Beach Visitors Information Center increased by thirty percent in September 2018 over the prior year. 1796 visitors came to the Center which is open 7 days per week.
- Escambia County reports

that 377,609 cars passed through the Bob Sikes Toll Facility during September 2018. T.S. George ceased toll collections temporarily, so that traffic is not included in the total.

- The SRIA allocated \$2,500 to sponsor the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club's annual fundraiser. All funds from the event are designated to assist local organizations and charities.

- SRIA Director of Finance Dottie Ford noted that the collection of commercial and residential lease fees totalled \$384,861 for August 2018 which is a 5.9 percent increase over the same period last year. At eleven months into the fiscal year, income is 2.4 percent higher than last.

- The SRIA will send a letter to support ECUA's request for a grant of \$4.1 million to install a beach reclaimed water distribution system. At present, only the SRIA is able to use the reclaimed water generated on the island for irrigation.

- BDI Engineer Jeff Huggins reported that the permitting for dune walkovers and use of a mobi-mat to allow greater beach access is moving forward. The state has asked for additional information and FWC approval has yet to be received. After approval, the construction is still anticipated to commence during the winter months.

- Beach resident Dan Smith complimented the SRIA for the addition of palm trees for landscaping along Fort Pickens Road. He did, however, request that the dead and dying trees be removed in a more timely manner. SRIA staff assured Smith that the trees were already scheduled for removal within the next few weeks.

- Elected SRIA Board Member Thomas Campanella, during the Board Members Forum, gave a post storm update. He opted not to comply with the County's October 9 hurricane evacuation order and after the weather cleared he observed flooding of streets and yards on the northside of the island. Also in his observation was the amount of incoming non-resident traffic while the island was under an evacuation order.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority will meet Wednesday, November 7 at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna. Meetings are open to the public and agendas are available at [www.sria-fla.com](http://www.sria-fla.com).

# Hurricane Relocates Famous Motorcycle Rally

As of October 25, Thunder Beach Motorcycle Rally organizers were working out details to host their fall event on Pensacola Beach and surrounding areas, November 7-11.

For two decades, Joe Biggs has been bringing tens of thousands of motorcycle riders to Panama City Beach twice a year for Thunder Beach. The fall rally was originally set for October 24-28, just 14 days after the category four hurricane tore through that part of Northwest Florida.

"The Panama City Beach Council cancelled all festivals through November," commented Biggs.

The biker spirit is undaunted, so Thunder Beach will raise money for hurricane relief by hosting a rally in Escambia County.

"We are finding a way to create a revenue stream for disaster relief," said Biggs. "Whether it's donations or ticket sales. We are gonna raise a bunch of money to help Bay County rebuild and recover."

The Thunder Beach Rally will bring vendors, riders and three nights of national caliber entertainment to Pensacola Beach. With the alternate date and location, organizers estimate 2,000 to 3,000 riders may attend.

For updates and schedules, [thunderbeachproductions.com](http://thunderbeachproductions.com) or [www.facebook.com/ThunderBeach/](http://www.facebook.com/ThunderBeach/)

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## peas, porridge and a dry martini

BY KATHI LEWIS



Hurricane Michael ripped through, gathering strength with incredible speed just moments before making landfall at Panama City putting our family and friends in Mexico Beach right in the most destructive path possible. We watched, listened and begged for information constantly. We were nervously waiting, trying so hard to be patient and praying for so many. What seemed to us to be enough time that our people should be able to communicate, stretched out for days. They had not been able to communicate and we had gone way past worrying.

That hurricane wasn't slowing down nor losing power as it continued its devastating path toward my family who all live in and around Albany, Georgia. I think it is probably about 200 miles north of Mexico Beach ("as the crow flies," my Daddy used to say). I'll skip all the who was where, when, why and how because everyone survived safely. Praise and Glory Be to God, because we were able to communicate quickly afterward. Their major issue was length of time in restoring power. That is the first time they have been in the fury of a hurricane. Albany hasn't experienced one since sometime around the early 1900's (possibly 1908).

Our friends in Mexico Beach survived with minimal damage to the Cottage By the Sea which is, I believe a true miracle based on the destruction and devastation that surrounded them. They also spent a very scary and miserable 2 or more hours pressing to hold a door as it was sledgehammered by the wind and rain among other continuing thumps and thuds that set your heart racing and your brain spinning. So I'm sure there's some psychological damage that's gonna need some time and therapy.

One of the two had sworn to never stay home again. We reminded her that was what she said the last time. I've intentionally withheld names (even though y'all know already) because this is their story to tell. After all, they lived it....

As soon as that roller coaster ride of emotions began to slow down, Bill and I decided it was time for some real comfort food. We each grabbed our own special tub of ice cream and a

spoon. Yes, real ice cream - not ice milk or frozen yogurt.

I settled in my spot on the couch. One minute I was happily digging my way through a half gallon of Banana Split when the next thing I hear is Bill waking me up because I'm spilling my now melted ice cream straight on my black bathrobe. I was so exhausted that I actually fell asleep while in the act of eating my ice cream. That has never happened before and I hope it never does again. Not only did I lose most of my ice cream, I had to get up and immediately wash the ice cream soaked bathrobe, then pick out all the perfectly clean pecans that were left in the washer. Still, I love ice cream!

Speaking of love, Sara (nee Shaw) Harris stopped by for a visit not long ago. For those of you who don't know, Sara is the only child of (the late) Debra Shaw. Deb and I both lived in Greenbriar when I moved here and we soon became best friends. We both had one child although my daughter Mel was 10, while Sara was 6 months-old and looked like a Gerber baby. She's still beautiful just not a baby anymore. It seems like yesterday that I bought Sara her first swim suit and now she's the mother of two precious, loving boys. Ash is twelve and Max is nine - they call us Nanny and Pappy.

Sara stopped by to invite me to her upcoming wedding to Chad Retherford. They've been blending their family which includes Chad's son Jax, 6, for several years. She was also looking for an officiant for her ceremony. Bill remembered that Mel is a Notary Public, not to mention she used to babysit Sara. They got together and worked out the details.

In the next minute, I'm standing on beach sand and it's taking everything I have inside to hold back the tears. I refuse to let them fall as I watched my

biological daughter Mel officiate the wedding of my beach adopted daughter Sara. The happiness, love and joy was palpable and I could feel the presence of my old friend Debra smiling next to me. Congratulations to the newlyweds Chad and Sara Retherford and your precious family Ash, Max and Jax.

This recipe is one I've cooked many times for Sara and she swears it's her favorite.

So, this one's for you Darlin'. Let's cook.....

### Seafood Chowder

2 lbs. fish filets  
2 lbs. medium shrimp, shelled and deveined  
1 lb. lump crab  
2 stalks celery, diced  
1 small onion, diced  
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed  
1 bag baby carrots  
3 - 4 slices bacon  
1 cup chicken broth  
3 cups Half and Half Milk

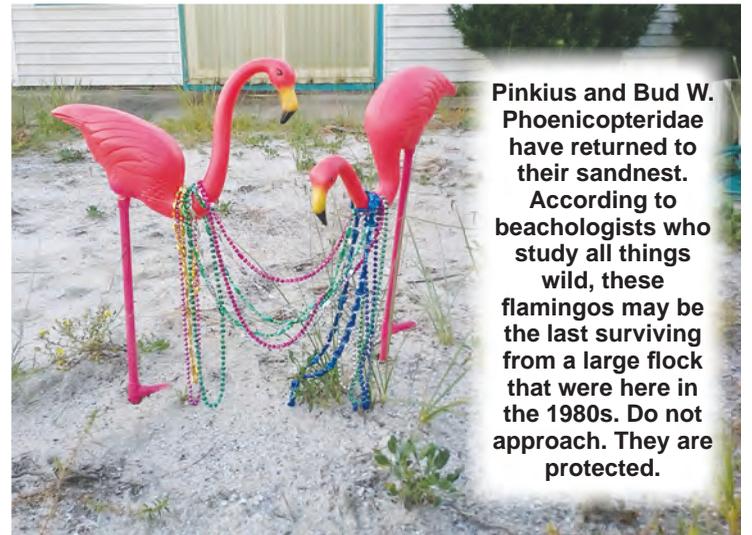
Saute onions and celery in the bacon as it cooks. Meanwhile put carrots and potatoes in a sauce pan. Pour in chicken broth, then add just enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and cook until almost tender. Drain cooked bacon, then add onions and celery to saucepan with potatoes and carrots. Once veggies are almost tender, add fish and shrimp along with Half and Half. Do not boil. Bring almost to boil then cook 5 minutes or until shrimp is pink. Add crab last, stirring gently until hot. (Tip: you may need to adjust liquids to get the level you prefer in a chowder.)

Happy Halloween. Don't drink and fly. And, as the calendar pages turn to November, please circle November 11 in red. It's Veterans Day! We should appreciate and thank veterans daily, and grandly on Veterans Day. Go to the parade!

See ya in the kitchen....

## Retired Officers Wives and Widows Association Hosts Luncheon

The Retired Officers Wives and Widows Association (ROWWA), will meet for lunch from 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, November 8, at Franco's Italian Restaurant, 523 E. Gregory St., in Pensacola. ROWWA members meet every second Thursday of the month, September through May, for social activities. New members are very welcome. The annual membership dues are \$15, and the monthly luncheon fee is \$20. For more information and reservations, please contact Mary Chase at 850-686-1160.



Pinkius and Bud W. Phoenicopteridae have returned to their sandnest. According to beachologists who study all things wild, these flamingos may be the last surviving from a large flock that were here in the 1980s. Do not approach. They are protected.

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# NATURE NOTES

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

## Reflections on Hurricane Michael

To leave, or not to leave... that is the question!

The weekend that Hurricane Michael was brewing in the southern Gulf of Mexico (October 6-7), my wife and I were camping near Slidell, Louisiana. We had decided to do a Swamp Tour and when boarding the boat, the guide asked where we were from. We told him Pensacola.

He responded by saying, "Awe, y'all are local. You're just running from the storm."

We laughed a bit, but had no idea what he was talking about – we did not know a storm was brewing.

We returned to our campsite to find several campers packing and leaving. So we decided we better check the weather. Sure enough – there was a storm brewing and heading Pensacola's way. I contacted my office for an update and was told that the Emergency Operations Center had not been activated yet, and they expected the storm to track east. No one seemed on high alert... so, we relaxed as well.

The next day we made our way home wondering whether there was a needed to board up the house. The forecast had the storm turning east toward Panama City. We could expect tropical storm force winds, but not much more. We decided not to board. I did not even go down and tighten lines on my sailboat. Seemed we might get 35 mph winds – but that can happen during a good thunderstorm. So we were ready – I guess.

As Michael approached, we

were in awe of the strength... and the fact it was not turning. I know others who felt the same; they trusted the weather reports, but were getting nervous that the storm was not turning. We were not ready for a category 4 hurricane – no way. Then, the storm turned – as predicted – and, horrifically, really popped much of Bay County. It was terrible to see what happened to some of those communities, and we have been over there assisting our University of Florida Extension Family with clean up and supply deliveries.

Afterwards, someone asked my wife and me, "Had the storm been forecast to hit Pensacola would you have evacuated?"

It was a question that we both pondered. We were both born in Pensacola and have weathered through many hurricanes – but never a direct hit from a category 4. If you live on Pensacola Beach, it is a no-brainer... LEAVE. Gulf Breeze, many people do stay. We are in East Hill. Our ancestors thought enough of building on a hill that our communities – North Hill and East Hill – were the obvious choice to build. It was not until the community grew beyond the "hills" that we began building in low areas – and still do.

But would you evacuate from a hill? According to my phone, the elevation at my house is 72 feet. The thought of water rising high enough to overcome the "bluffs" east of Bayou Texar is hard to imagine. But then a category 4 – almost category 5

Michael...would we be okay?

I can tell, as many of you may have witnessed as well, there was a tremendous amount of wind damage in Bay, Calhoun, Jackson and other counties. It appeared to be more of a large tornado than a hurricane. I am not sure the "hill" would be a good place to reside during such a storm.

This column is about local natural history, and hurricanes are one of the most powerful natural events we experience. For many reading this column, there is no doubt you would evacuate. Others may be pondering the question as my wife and I are. Either way, as they say – it is not a matter of if, it is when – there will be more storms and some of these could be very powerful.

I think Michael has many folks re-thinking their hurricane preparedness. I feel for those who were hit by this storm and hope they can recover as quickly as possible. Those of us who went through Ivan remember it was not quick, but is part of the game of living on the Gulf Coast.

Now is a good time to think about what you would do if such a storm were heading our way. I will not "relax" around category 4 again, that I know.

# Half Marathon Benefits Safe House Project

Lace up your running shoes for The Safe House Project Half Marathon and 5K, Saturday, November 3 on Pensacola Beach. The Gulfside Pavilion will serve as the start line for the half marathon distance which begins at 7:45 a.m. 5K runners will toe the start line at 8 a.m.

The event is hosted to raise funds and awareness for The Safe House Project, which provides refuge for victims of sex trafficking. Services provided at a safe house can include educational development, career development, medical attention, detox and rehab, tattoo removal, legal counseling, and multiple types of therapy and counseling. Safe House Project aims to double the number of safe houses in the United States in the next 10 years.

Runners will follow an out-and-back course for the race, which starts and finishes near the Gulfside Pavilion on Casino Beach. From there, runners head east along the island, running largely along Via de Luna. The course turns off Via de Luna at a number of points during the race, for twists and turns that will take racers into the neighborhoods that overlook Sharp Point and along Ariola Drive, with a view of the white sands of Pensacola Beach.

If you are unable to be on beautiful Pensacola Beach, November 3 but would like to participate, you may enter the Virtual 5K. There is a \$25 entry fee. Complete a 5K anywhere in the world, submit your results and receive an event t-shirt.

Each race distance has age groups ranging from 8 & under up to 70 and older. An awards party is expected to commence at 9:30 a.m. Awards will be made to the top 5 overall males and females in the Half Marathon; and the top 5 overall males and females in the 5K. A Finisher's Medal will be given to all participants. The first 250 to register will receive a race t-shirt.

Advocare Rehydrate and Rehydrate Gel will be served on the course. Runners should make sure they are accustomed to the official race fuel, should they choose to use it.

Race registration is available online at <https://events.hakuapp.com/af06428756874328e98b>



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## Watch For Manatees

November Deemed Manatee Conservation Month

November is an annual celebration and a dedication to manatee conservation in Florida. As manatees seek warm water sites during the cooler winter season, residents, visitors, and the boating community are reminded to watch for manatees and help safeguard them as they freely move about Florida's shallow, slow-moving rivers, bays, estuaries, and coastal water ecosystems.

This year 180 manatees have been killed by boat strikes and red tide. There are sightings reported in Northwest Florida.

In addition to watching for manatees, the Save the Manatee Club has ways to help. It is an

international nonprofit organization established in 1981 by singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett and former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham. The Club's mission is to protect manatees and their aquatic habitat for future generations.

One way to help is by joining the Club's Adopt-A-Manatee® program. Each "adoptive parent" learns about the species by following the real, living manatee they've chosen through adoption materials and follow-up newsletters the Club provides.

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# The School Bell Rings

## NEW TEACHER

Pensacola Beach Elementary School second graders welcomed Emmie Nutt who will share classroom teaching duties with Jordan McKinney.

## NEW BOARD

Pensacola Beach Elementary School Board is lead by longtime President Todd McCurdy. At their October 22 meeting, the board approved Wendy Kauffman as their vice-president, Jason Brewster, treasurer and Staci Corley will continue to serve as secretary.

## HIGH MARKS

Congratulations to these Beach School grads who earned a place on the Gulf Breeze Middle School honor roll.

### Sixth Grade A Honor Roll

Izabella Beech, Marguerite Corley, Micah Fournier, Brody Hills, Carter Hoeft, Chloe McMillion, Lily Montgomery, Savannah Slusher, Buck Trammel, Dmitry Webber and Kathryn Westholm.

### Sixth Grade A/B Honor Roll

Finn Allen, Taylor Brady, Jason Cerone, Eleanor Goodwin, Austin Mickler, Daniel Satterfield, Riley Seeliger, Gabrielle Virant

### Seventh Grade A Honor Roll

Noah Allen, Isaac Braun, Nicholas Collins, Charles Hunter, Ivey Johnson, Benjamin Kalb, Maya Leshnov, Stellan Nilssen, Ben Olson, Jazmin Roltsch.

### Seventh Grade A/B Honor Roll

Caleb Buccella, Parker Cote, Leahna Gilbert, Lily Hoffert, Re-

ece Houston, Will Jenkins, Ella Kauffman, Ella Montgomery, Anderson Tanner

### Eighth Grade A Honor Roll

Baylen Crance, Margaret Feltenberger, Zachary Giovannini, Jack Gordon, Kylee Spring, Katharine Turk, Hollyn Will

### Eighth Grade A/B Honor Roll

Katherine Allen, Landon Catrelle, Avae Dantino, Emery Hassell, Gracyn Phelps, Jameson Walker

### DATES OF NOTE

Wednesday, October 31: Students Early release day.

Friday, November 9: Beach School Veterans Day assembly  
Monday, November 12: Veterans Day celebrated. No classes.  
November 19-23: Fall Break, no classes.

Friday, December 14: Beach School Holiday Concert



Pensacola Beach Elementary School first grader Isla Newlin takes the field during the October 20 soccer game at the Gulf Breeze Sports Association. Isla is the daughter of Isaac and Lauren Newlin.



Pensacola Beach's Will Cromey is deep in the defender's territory, hoping to score a goal at the October 20 soccer game at the Gulf Breeze Sports Association. His parents are Jason and Carrie Cromey.

## Give One Hour, Make A Difference

If you donate one hour of your time, you can make a difference! Join Ocean Hour's clean up at the Bob Sikes Bridge Saturday, November 3. Meet at in the parking lot of The Grand Marlin to register at 8:45 a.m. The clean up begins at 9 a.m. Please check at facebook.com/oceanhourfl for details.

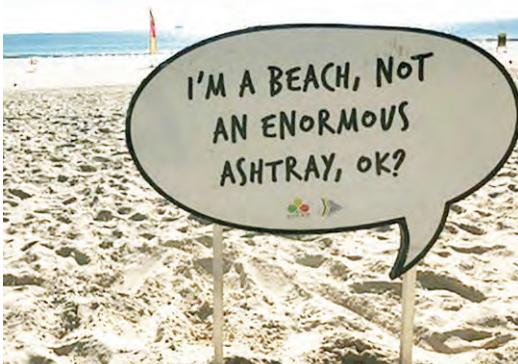
Buckets, grabbers, gloves and trash bags will be supplied. Participants should dress appropriate for the weather, bring sunscreen, bug spray and water in a refillable tumbler.

Bring some friends and make

an impact to the environment while beautifying the beach.

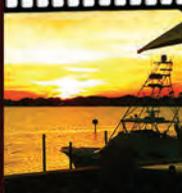
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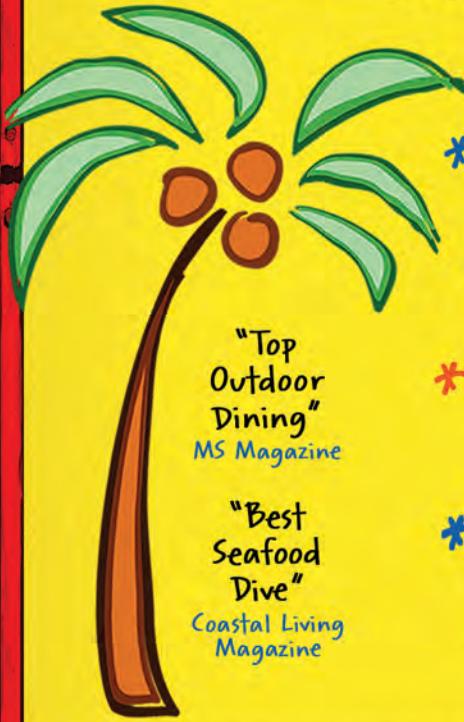






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# Sharla Dawn At Dawn

*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.*

Today on my walk, I came upon some itty-bitty footprints, a toddler's, I assume. They were perfect little "Hang Ten" feet like that ubiquitous logo from the '70s I loved so much. The sweet little feet were pointing toward the Gulf, but I followed them for a few paces away from the water and toward the street until they suddenly disappeared.

It made me think of that lovely old poem, "Footprints in the Sand," but from an entirely different perspective.

The original allegory, perhaps inspired by a passage from the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 1:31), retrospectively describes a believer's journey through life with God, symbolized by a walk along the beach together. She looks back over the path their footprints illustrate and is troubled by the realization that during the most difficult times of her life, the trail dwindles to only one set of footprints.

She cries out, much like Jesus himself did—My God, my God, why have you forsaken me—to which He answers: "When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

This is such a gripping allegory about holy protection and support in times of heartache and loss. But the toddler toes I followed this morning brought to mind an entirely different way to look at footprints and our walk with the Divine.

These little footprints appeared abruptly, as if out of nowhere, about ten yards from the shore break. Someone had been carrying this child to the water but had let him/her down as they got close.

At first the little feet were



contained within a sort of parenthesis of bigger feet. And then, they were off! Messy little footprints dashing all the way down to the tiny waves rolling in. I smiled when I imagined this toddler's glee as he/she explored, perhaps for the first time, the shore of our lovely beach. You go, little guy! I love your adventurousness.

I bet it was a little bit "cooey"—the word Taylor used (when he was about three) to describe that delicious mix of scary and cool. But the bigger footprints were never far behind. They never are.

I look back on the metaphorical beachwalk of my own life. There is no doubt that I have been carried in times of great distress. But that's not the only time I feel inspired to acknowledge the presence of divinity in my journey. How often have I been carried to the very edge of my comfort zone—then encouraged to play, or explore, or simply trust?

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*Pensacola Beach Elementary School PTA Fall Festival was held October 19 on the school campus. The community event features games, food, entertainment by Dancingly Yours and a kids costume contest. The silent auction, raffles and game tickets racked up a big score for the PTA with preliminary estimates topping \$13,000.*



Suri Amjad was a Cotton Candy Frappuccino.



Captain Jack Sparrow, left, and his sidekick Paula Burns, right, judged the costume contest. Overall winner, Adam Hough, the Killer Clown.



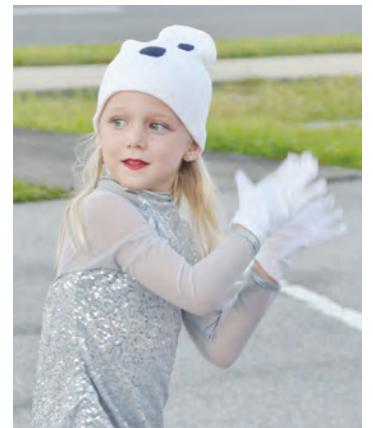
Little Liv Newlin won a trophy for her tropical hula girl costume. Liv was having fun at the Festival with her sisters Isla and Phare.



Hailey Rose Mardis, left, and Ruby DePascalis, are among the youngest in the Dancingly Yours dance troupe.



Dancingly Yours Dancers Emily Johnson and Kendal Homewood entertain the crowds with a spooky number.



Dancingly Yours Dancer Miller Crooke knew all the moves.



← Savannah "Sassy" Glover is not even old enough for pre-school but she is a veteran performer at the Beach School Fall Festival. Under the direction of Monette Hodges at Dancingly Yours, children from 3 to adult presented a Halloween Show for spectators.



Lauren Pinkston performs with Dancingly Yours.



Lucca DePascalis, left, is a dead mermaid and Bella Grace Martinez is the music producer, Marshmello.

# KREWE NEWS



### Get Socialized:

Krewe of Bananimals host their first Krewe Social/Meeting of the season at Casino Beach Bar & Grill, Sunday, November 11 from 3 to 6 p.m.

### Shamrock Shuffle:

It's exactly four months until St. Patrick's Day and the kilt-wearing Mardi Gras Krewe of St. Patrick has issued an invitation to all good lads and lasses. They are hosting "Shamrock Shuffle-The Green Dress Crawl" Saturday, November 17 on Pensacola Beach. The day long pub crawl begins at noon at the Tiki Bar located at the Pensacola Beach RV Resort. The party continues all day including stops at the historic Islander Lounge, Paddy O'Leary's, Paradise Bar and Grill, the Sandbar and finally at Capt'n Fun.

The head leprechauns say there will be drink specials at

every stop. Participants should show up in their best Shamrock Shuffle attire.

The charge to participate is \$15 and must be paid online at <https://kosp.yapsody.com/event/book/318471/5221786>. Green dress wearers and other shenanigan starters must be 21 to participate.

PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com for more events.

## High Schoolers Present Bright Star

Pensacola Beach's Victoria Williams is among the talented cast members of the Gulf Breeze High School Theatre Department's musical, "Bright Star." Performances are December 7, 8 and 9 at the Pensacola State College Ashmore Theatre.

The stage will come alive with blue grass music, dancing feet, and vintage costumes from mid-1940s and early 20s when the high school troupe brings a

very current Broadway musical to Pensacola. A cast of 34 talented theatre performers under the direction of Margie Timmons with Asst. Director Sami Young will run one weekend only.

"Bright Star" the play was inspired by a Grammy winning Blue Grass music album written by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell in 2013. With the success of the album, the two collaborated on "Bright Star" the musical theatre

production, first workshopping it at more than one theatre in the country throughout late 2013 and 2014. They finally brought it to Broadway in February 2016.

Tickets for the Gulf Breeze High School production are \$20 with all seats reserved. They are available online through Pensacola State College Theatre Dept. <http://www.pensacolastate.edu/mt/index.asp> or by calling 850-484-1847.

## IMPACT 100 Awards \$1.1 Million in Grants

IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area, a local women's philanthropic organization, extends special congratulations to this year's grant recipients. With a record number 1,103 members in its fifteenth year, IMPACT 100 awarded \$100,300 to eleven nonprofit organizations for a total impact of \$1,103,000 in 2018.

Photo: Pensacola Beach resident and Impact 100 President Meri Asmar, left, and President Elect Brigett Brooks, right, award grants to representatives of Pyramid for their Bringing the Arts to the Underserved in Escambia and



Santa Rosa Counties. IMPACT 100 is accepting

new members; please visit [www.impact100pensacola.org](http://www.impact100pensacola.org).



Gerry Moore of Pensacola's 1938 Plymouth was a fan favorite at the Mopar and More Beach Bash Car Show, October 13 at Casino Beach. Proceeds from this event benefitted Santa Rosa Kids House. Will we see Moore next year? The event is set for October 19, 2019.



Robert Huffman made it a family affair at the Mopar and More Beach Bash Car Show, October 13 at Casino Beach. Huffman showed his 1965 Plymouth Barracuda under matching blue skies while three generations of his family enjoyed the sunshine.

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

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The high standards you set for yourself don't always translate into the behavior you expect of others. That relationship problem can be resolved if you're more flexible and less judgmental.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Not enough party bids to satisfy the Bovine's fun-loving side this week? Go ahead and throw one of your own. Then prepare for some serious work coming up early next week.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A new and intensely productive cycle is about to kick in. Be careful not to get too stressed out, though. Make time to restore your energies by relaxing with family and friends.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) This could be a good time to share some of your plans with those closest to you. Their comments could give you some added insight into how you might accomplish your goals.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)

An attack of self-doubt might be unsettling for the usually super-assured Feline. But it could be your inner voice telling you to hold off implementing your plans until you've reassessed them.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a great time for you to reward yourself for all your hard work by taking a trip you haven't spent months carefully planning, to somewhere you never thought you'd be going.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Some misunderstandings resist being resolved. But your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month's end, that relationship should begin to show signs of healing.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A hectic job schedule begins to ease just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. A family situation runs into an unexpected complication.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember: How you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Once again, that Capricornean stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by week's end, in time to make an informed decision.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you've made some decisions.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Learning dominates the week for perspicacious Pisceans, who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. A series of important job-linked commitments begins late in the week.

## Sunrise and Sunset

by Susan Haselton-Barr

with Safari-Su



Jambo (*Hello Everybody!*)! Veterans Day is approaching. Fortunately, there are organizations that are recognizing our veterans throughout the year.

### POW/MIA Flag

Daughters of the American Revolution is just one example. Stephen Swinford, Post Commander, American Legion Gulf Breeze Post 378 was presented with a POW/MIA Flag by Karen Murphy, National Defense Chair of the Fort Pickens Chapter of the DAR on Tuesday, September 11.

### History

National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established by a Congressional resolution, originally in 1979. It was observed in July and April until 1986 when it was established on the third Friday of September. This day is one of the six days that Federal Law requires the POW/MIA Flag be flown at all places designated by the U.S. Secretary of Defense. The other days are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

### National POW/MIA Recognition Day

In the United States, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is

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# Advocates Discuss Beach Issues, Elect Officers At Annual Meeting

Pensacola Beach Advocates seated two new Board members, and covered beach topics from fee simple to Spring Break at their October 22 Annual Meeting. Board President Terry Preston welcomed Pete Nemeth and James Crittenden to the board after the membership votes were tallied. They join Vice President Ben Clabaugh and Lauren Campanella. Glenn Windham is the PBA treasurer and Crittenden will serve as Board Secretary.

The PBA Governmental Affairs Committee report included fee simple, Spring Break and vacation rental issue follow-up. Preston announced that the non-binding referendum placed on the Escambia County November 6 ballot to protect the undeveloped areas of Pensacola Beach included a caveat to affirm the 1947 deed. This language, according to Preston, will negatively impact future attempts to secure fee simple title for beach leaseholders. The referendum was demanded by a group of Escambians called Save Pensacola Beach who appeared at Commission meetings.

Preston encouraged PBA members to regularly attend County Commission meetings and voice their opinions on topics of concern.

The Governmental Affairs Committee is seeking answers from neighboring communities, hoteliers, rental agencies and law enforcement about the escalating problems caused by Spring Breakers. After identifying a lack of enforcement of laws prohibiting underage drinking, the committee met with Escambia County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Chip Simmons and Commander Bain Custer. There will be a follow up meeting with Sheriff Department deputies to make clear the need for enforcement.

The development of oversized homes strictly used for vacation rentals concerns full-time residents. The noise, traffic and disruptions caused by the party houses is at issue. Preston noted that the Committee has studied ordinances, building codes and SRIA large gathering permits, none of which will cure the problem. Discussion included supporting a Code change to the definition of a single family home and asking the SRIA to issue a commercial lease and collect associated fees from those running a vacation rental business in areas zoned for single

family residences.

Preston addressed the recent request from the SRIA to clear obstacles from the County's right-of way. Letters were sent to each leaseholder and County Code Enforcement is to begin enforcement. While PBA took no position on the issue, Preston said it was presented as a safety issue. Two Ariola Drive neighbors had divergent opinions, but Beach resident and Realtor Kathy Tanner succinctly said, "respect your survey lines."

The Treasurer's Report brought good news. PBA's income from membership continues to support its operations.

To address a current misconception about the beach leaseholders paying less than their fair share, PBA member Jim Cox is preparing a Pensacola Beach 14 year tax summary as it relates to funds generated annually and expended on Pensacola Beach. PBA will make this document available as soon as it is complete.

"We realize that the Beach will always be a net contributor to Escambia County," said Cox, a founding member of PBA. "But how much is enough?"

The PBA will make the report available online when com-

plete.

In new business, PBA member Elizabeth Hewson asked the group to support changes to the general public's beach access after an evacuation order is issued. Noting that while she complied with the evacuation order, non-beach residents streamed across the bridge creating traffic and home security issues. She also asked that on-street parking be prohibited when the island is under a hurricane warning.

The Pensacola Beach Advocates Beachkeepers subcommittee Chairman Lauren Campanella submitted her report electronically. Preston recounted the Beachkeeper's activity which included co-hosting Earth Day in Navarre Beach, the Sea Turtle Baby Shower and also the Sea Turtle Soiree on Pensacola Beach. The Beachkeeper's have started a recycling project at Pensacola Beach Elementary and will also participate in the Pensacola Beach Chamber's Surfing Santa Beach parade, December 2. They maintain a social media presence on Facebook.

The PBA welcomes new members. Dues are \$30 per year. For more information, go to [www.pbadvocates.org](http://www.pbadvocates.org).

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Cleo's slayer
- 4 — de deux
- 7 Ornamental loop
- 12 Neither mate
- 13 Performance
- 14 Wahine's greeting
- 15 Excessively
- 16 Intercom speaker
- 18 "— Impossible"
- 19 African capital
- 20 At the home of (Fr.)
- 22 "— be an honor"
- 23 Maja painter
- 27 Table scrap
- 29 Luxury stadium seating
- 31 Italian isle
- 34 Put one's two cents in
- 35 Fridge
- 37 Insult (Sl.)
- 38 Ten (Pref.)
- 39 Anger
- 41 Vacillate
- 45 Foolish
- 47 Chaps
- 48 Chest for money
- 52 Type measures
- 53 Minimum
- 54 Corroded
- 55 "Gosh!"

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- 56 "Whoopee!"
- 57 Sleuth
- 58 Pismire
- 11 Earning's burden
- 17 Helps
- 21 1964 Anthony Quinn role
- 23 "Everything's Coming Up Roses" musical
- 24 Sapporo sash
- 25 Thither
- 26 Lumberjack's sequence
- 28 Carnival site
- 30 Pond carp
- 31 Spanish literary hero
- 32 Expert
- 33 Chest muscle, for short
- 36 Intersection, on signs
- 37 Indicate
- 40 Moroccan city
- 42 Last letter
- 43 Mideastern land
- 44 Beginning
- 45 Division word
- 46 CEO, e.g.
- 48 Crafty
- 49 Earl Grey, e.g.
- 50 "Go, team!"
- 51 Bear, in Barcelona

### DOWN

- 1 Caper
- 2 Start for "sayer"
- 3 Regular writing
- 4 History
- 5 Find not guilty
- 6 Action-film
- 7 Fido's feet
- 8 Sort
- 9 Corn castoff
- 10 "So that's it,

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

### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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# Calendar

### OCTOBER

30: Bands on the Beach, free concert. 7-9 p.m. Gulfside Pavilion. Bring a lawn chair. No glass or pets. Visit-PensacolaBeach.com

31: Happy Halloween

### NOVEMBER

1: Stories of Brick and Mortar, Fort Pickens. Daily at 1p.m. Meet at Fort Pickens Bookstore. Fee to enter Fort. Programs are free. NPS.gov/guis (pending re-opening after Hurricane Michael)

2: School of the Soldier, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday-Sunday. Meet at Fort Pickens Bookstore. Fee to enter Fort. Programs are free. NPS.gov/guis (pending re-opening after Hurricane Michael)

3: Safe House Project, Half and 5K, 7 a.m. Gulfside Pavilion.

3: Ocean Hour Clean Up, 8:45 a.m. Grand Marlin Parking lot to register. Clean up near Bob Sikes Fishing Bridge, 9-10. OceanHourFL.com

4: Daylight Savings Time ends. "Fall Back"

7: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna. Agendas online at www.sria-fla.com

11: No Entrance Fees at Ft. Pickens

11: Pensacola Beach Veterans Day Parade 2 p.m. Via de Luna to the Gulfside Pavilion

14: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna. Agendas online at www.sria-fla.com

15: 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.

17: Turkey Trot Regatta. Find Pensacola Beach Yacht Club on Facebook.

17: Shamrock Shuffle "The Green

Dress Crawl," noon, starts at Tiki Bar (PB RV Resort). Hosted by Krewe of St. Patrick. Open to public. Tickets online, \$15, at https://kosp.yapsody.com/event/book/318471/5221786

20: Board of County Commission Installation of District Four Commissioner Robert Bender, 9 a.m. Board Chambers. 221 Palafox Place.

22: Thanksgiving Day

22: Turkey Trot 5K, 8:30 a.m. Gulfside Pavilion. Benefits Brain Cancer Research. Run. Walk. Costume Contest. Kids Dash with Santa. PensacolaBeachTurkeyTrot.com

24: Ocean Hour Beach Clean Up, Park West, 8:45 registration. OceanHourFL.com

### DECEMBER

1: Ocean Hour Beach Clean Up, Quietwater Beach and Bob Sikes Bridge areas, 8:45 a.m. registration. OceanHourFL.com

1: Pensacola Beach Chamber Lighted Boat Parade, 4 p.m. Kids Party at Shaggy's. 6:30 p.m. Little Sabine to Quietwater Pier. 8 p.m. Fireworks in the Sound. PensacolaBeachChamber.com

2: Surfing Santa Beach Parade, 2 p.m. Avenida 10 to Gulfside Pavilion. PensacolaBeachChamber.com

7: Gulf Breeze High School Drama Department's Bright Star, PSC Auditorium. 7:30 p.m. Also, Saturday. Matinee, Sunday, 2:30. Tickets, \$20, online through Pensacola State College Theatre Dept. or call 850-484-1847.

12: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna. Agendas online at www.sria-fla.com

15: Sea Turtle Soiree, Pensacola Beach Hilton, 6 p.m. Benefits Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center.

22: Ocean Hour Beach Clean Up, scheduled for Fort Pickens Pier, 8:45

registration. OceanHourFL.com

25: Christmas Day

31: New Year's Eve, fireworks

LOOKING FORWARD.... 2019

January 1 - Polar Bear Plunge, 2 p.m. Paradise, Hosted by the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. PensacolaBeachChamber.com

Mardi Gras Schedule on Page 3 or at PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com.

February 2: Double Bridge Run. 15K starts in Pensacola, 7 a.m. 5K starts in Gulf Breeze, 8:30 a.m. Ends at Pensacola Beach Boardwalk. Post race party at the Amphitheatre. PensacolaSports.org

February 14: Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Valentine Voyage Dinner Dance, GB Rec. Center, 5 pm Tickets, \$25. sjloper@hotmail.com

February 16:Glow Run, 5 p.m. Gulfside Pavilion. Benefits Catholic Charities. Glam Up, Glow Up, Show Up. www.Active.com for entries



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# Business Buzz

## BROWN RETIRES

Escambia County Administrator Jack Brown has retired. He took over the position in 2014. Amy Lovoy will serve as the Acting County Administrator. Amy Lovoy, a 20 year County employee, most recently has been the assistant county administrator. In that position, she oversees the Office of Management and Budget Services, as well as the Office of Purchasing, Office of Risk Management, property sales, contract management and the Pensacola Bay Center. She will now be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Escambia County.

## BEAUTIFUL 25

Danah and Gwen Gibson, owners of Danah's Hair Salon, celebrated twenty-five years of business. The sisters opened their first salon in the heart of the Sandspur Republic October 11, 1993. It's also the birthplace of the "Nauga Nation." The shop flourished in the Surf and Sand location until it was time to raze the building. They moved to the Via de Luna Shopping Center near The Islander Lounge where they operated until a slew of hurricanes made them move to higher ground. They are happily located at 2705 Gulf Breeze Parkway, just half a block west of Gulf Breeze Animal Hospital.

## BRAS ADD UP

The ninth annual Bras Across

the Bridge which begins and ends at The Grand Marlin Pensacola Beach, raised more than \$36,000 for Baptist Health Care Foundation's Mammogram Fund – a \$10,000 increase from last year's event.

The Mammogram Fund provides mammograms to women in our community who are not financially able to afford one on their own, as well as raises awareness and support for early detection. For every \$100 raised through the Foundation, one mammogram can be provided to a woman in need.

## NO ROAD YET

Structural engineering assessments of Highway 399 through the Santa Rosa Area were conducted following Hurricane Michael. Highway 399 which links Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach is expected to remain closed through the middle of January, due to the damage and estimated repair timeline of up to three months.

The National Park Service and the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) are working closely to complete the repair work as quickly as safely possible. In addition to repairing road damage, the park service will work with FHWA to pursue options for lowering the elevation of a road section of Highway 399, similar to the method used for Fort Pickens Road after Hurricane Ivan. These methods may help

avoid future road damage caused by over wash during hurricanes and tropical storm events.

## PR AWARD

Pensacola Beach's Jillian Marks is a student at the University of Alabama and a member of the student-run integrated communications firm, Capstone Agency. The Agency has been awarded Best Campaign, Best Tactic and Best Student-Run Firm in the 2018 Public Relations Student Society of America Student-Run Firm Awards. Given annually at the PRSSA National

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## CHAMBER CHATTER

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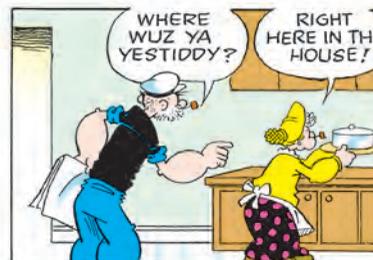
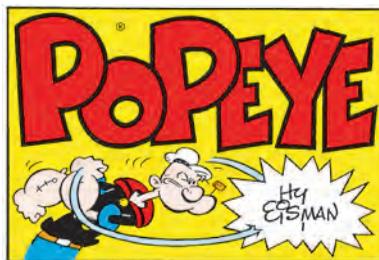
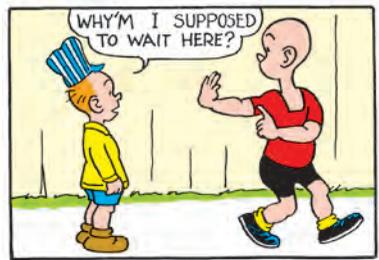
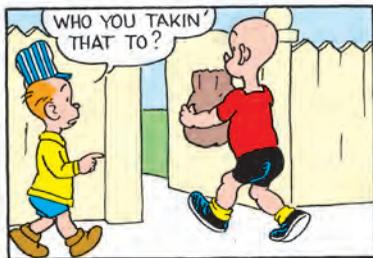
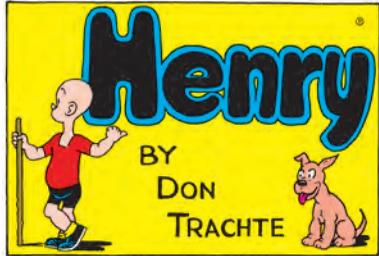
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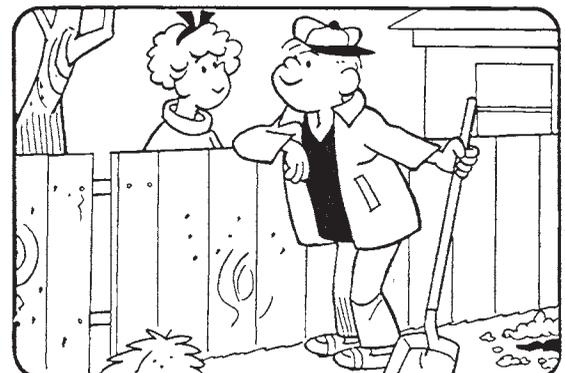


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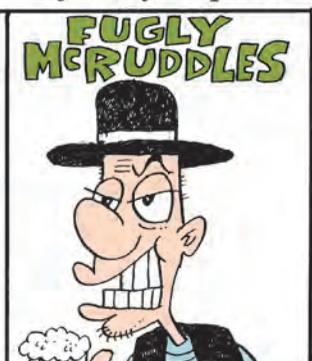
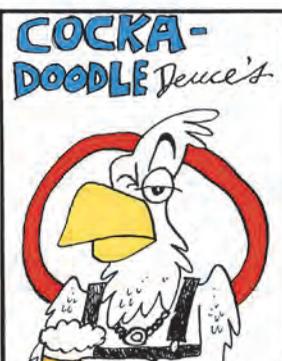
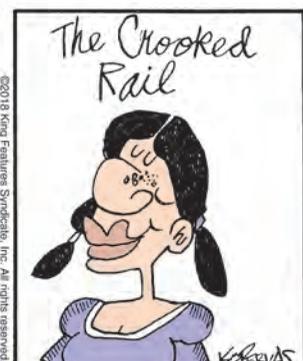


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# Never Hurts To Tri .....



**By Charles Gheen**  
USAT Certified Race Director  
Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

## Pensacola Marathon/Half-Marathon/5K Is Next Up

Our next major road race in Northwest Florida will be the Pensacola Marathon along with a half-marathon and a 5K on Veteran's Day weekend. The event is actually taking place at 6:30 a.m. on November 11 (the original Armistice Day date). You will have the opportunity to run the only marathon in the Pensacola area (which is a Boston Marathon qualifier) or your choice of the other two races.

The two scenic long courses are very challenging and you'll have to be in good shape to take on the hills you will encounter along the way. The races feature some of our best local vistas along Scenic Highway and you'll run past a panorama of our most well-known historic sites on your way to the Finish Line at Veterans Park.

Recently, the event has enjoyed a large field of well over 1,000 runners participating in the three races and you'll want to be part of the action. More information and registration is available at [www.pensacolaspports.com](http://www.pensacolaspports.com).

## Pensacola's Wild Turkey Trot Gives Back

I always love races that contribute to the community in addition to putting on a quality competition. Seville Quarter has been doing this for decades with their Wild Turkey Trot 5K. This year the event is Saturday, November 17 at 8 a.m. All your friends are going to run or walk, so you should as well. You'll have a great time and you will also help out with the cause of feeding those less fortunate.

Yes, it's a great downtown Pensacola race course. Yes, Seville Quarter puts on an amazing "celebration" afterwards with music, refreshments, food and for-real Wild Turkey. The most important thing, however, is the proceeds from the race help Seville Quarter and their employees prepare Thanksgiving meals for 125 needy families in Northwest Florida at this special time of the year.

Also, the organizers are part-

nering with their sponsor, Columbia Southern University, to present a special Thanksgiving eve traditional dinner for 100 of our service personnel in the area who will remain here for this great holiday. Go to [www.sevillequarter.com](http://www.sevillequarter.com) for all the details on registering for this special road race.

## Pensacola Beach Turkey Trot On Thanksgiving Day

Speaking of races for a good cause, the always-successful Pensacola Beach Turkey Trot 5K will welcome a large field of runners on November 22 at 8:30 a.m. Hosted along one of the world's most beautiful beaches, proceeds from this event benefit brain cancer research and the Preston Robert Tisch Tumor Center at Duke University. This is the eighth year for the competition and more than 1,000 participants from throughout the United States are expected to run or walk.

This race is fun, competitive, family-friendly and it offers a variety of activities for all ages. While appreciating this great venue for a road race, you'll also be helping to defeat this terrible disease.

There's a kid's race first, then the 5K and from 9-11 a.m. there's a Runner's Breakfast and Race Awards Party. You'll have bagels, muffins, fruit, mimosas, and beer to enjoy. Get involved in the race and the cause by going to [pensacolabeachturkeytrot.com](http://pensacolabeachturkeytrot.com).

## The Final Ironman 70.3 New Orleans

Ten years ago we happened to be in the Crescent City when the first Ironman 70.3 New Orleans was held. It received a great deal of international notoriety and there were athletes in the race from around the world. At the time, it was the largest half-Ironman ever and the anticipation from the triathletes was "off the charts."

However, it seemed a black cloud got stuck over the race that first year and it never would go away. They struggled with windy conditions that made Lake Ponchartrain too rough for the swim more than once. One year the heat index was far higher than expected and the field used all the water at the aid stations early on in the race. The rest of the athletes suffered without hydration until the huge quantities of water required could be replenished on the course.

The unpredictable open lake finally proved to be an unsuit-

able for the swim and the course was moved to a marina with a protective seawall. Last year a violent thunderstorm with high winds made it impossible to hold the event and it was cancelled. After years of bad luck, the announcement was made that 2018 would be the final edition of this triathlon.

We had another commitment in New Orleans October 21 and our stay there happened to coincide with the race. So, the alarm went off on Sunday morning at 4:45 and an hour later we were headed for the South Shore Harbor Marina. Arriving well before the scheduled 7 a.m. start, we parked far away from the venue. The parking lots at the marina were taken up with Transition and other parts of the course and we were hoping to get away following the completion of the swim and the start of the bike discipline.

About 10 minutes before the race was to begin, we heard an announcement that the race was delayed 30 minutes due to high winds and that the swim would be shortened to 600 yards (vs 1.2 miles). That was like sticking a pin in a balloon for me. I wasn't in the race. I hadn't done all the training. I hadn't paid the high entry fee and I was still very disappointed. Imagine how the registered athletes felt.

Finally, the sun came up and the field of less than 1,000 triathletes began streaming somberly into the water. It was dark, cloudy and windy and you could tell it was going to be another of those days for this event.

Perhaps it's good it was the last one.



Sean Conroy was the second place finisher at the NeoEndurance 5K, October 21. The race is run on the Gulf front sands of Pensacola Beach. His time, 25 minutes flat.



Charlie Green of Gulf Breeze earned first place in the Neo-Endurance 5K Run, October, 21, on the soft sands of Pensacola Beach. The gulf front footrace's start-finish line is near the Gulf Pier. His time was 24:44.

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# Off the Hook

By Terri McKamey

As everyone knows, "Fair season" brings the first cool temperatures of fall. Sure enough the temperatures have started to drop. This week and next will be a fantastic time to get out and enjoy the fishing.

The Pompano and Whiting are picking up a little. I can't think of a better excuse to get out and enjoy a day on the beach. I recommend using live shrimp this time of year. Enjoy that slight north wind.

If you are working the shores expect Redfish and Flounder, too. I'm hearing reports of successful late night flounder gigging.

The Redfish bite is excellent right now! Be sure to fish docks,

piers, pilings and bridges. Again live bait is working like a charm here and I highly recommend finger mullet, live shrimp or menhaden.

These fish are hungry! If you are working the piers you can expect to see a few Sailfish and King Mackerel.

I hear that the offshore bite has been pretty good, too. Amberjack, Gag and Scamp grouper, and King Mackerel have been plentiful.

I also want to take a moment

and express my gratitude to the people on this island. With the devastation of Hurricane Michael so close to home, I think everyone on this island has either volunteered or contributed supplies. I couldn't be more proud of everyone's efforts to help our neighbors. A heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you.

Happy Halloween and Welcome to November! If you have the opportunity, grab a kid and go fishing. It's the perfect time of year and the fish are biting!



Fish Frenzy Charters put Tim (right) and his son from Texas on the fish October 13. They caught their limit of Vermillion Snapper. What a great diversity of fish we have on the Gulf Coast!

## Catch a Florida Memory Today

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioner hosts three Saltwater Angler Recognition programs. These three programs encourage ethical angling while earning rewards for your efforts.

FWC encourages responsible angling. Remember proper catch-and-release techniques when fishing. Anglers do not have to harvest their fish to be eligible and are encouraged to release their catches alive.

Go to MyFWC.com and get signed up for:

- Saltwater Fish Life List: A list of 71 different species. Can you catch them all?

Anglers can get recognized for catching at least 10 different Life List species and becoming a member of a Life List Fish Club. Each time an angler submits a valid application for a Saltwater Life List Fish Club, they receive a certificate of accomplishment, various prizes, FWC saltwater publications and will become a member of the corresponding Life List Fish Club.

- Saltwater Reel Big Fish: Recognition for extraordinarily-sized catches. The catch must be photographed over a qualifying measuring device as well as in a photo with the angler who is applying for recognition.

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Saltwater Fishing Records. State all-tackle records for the heaviest fishes caught in Florida waters, or in federal waters extending directly outward of Florida state line boundaries, are maintained for 77 marine species in conventional tackle and fly-fishing categories.

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specified time.

Grand Slams challenge anglers to catch three specified fish species in a 24-hour period. The FWC updated the program in 2014 by creating nine Grand Slams including a Small Fry Slam for children age 15 and under.

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## Teenager Wins North American Boardsailing Championship

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the runner up. Billy Mason, Tom Pace, Maverick Putnam, Karen Marriott, Barbara Belt, Adrian Winkelman, Randy Rhodes and Cody Stewart rounded out the top ten.



Alexander Temko, right, of Clearwater won the 2018 Kona North American championship in Pensacola, October 21. Noah Lyons also from Clearwater was second. Talbot Wilson Photo



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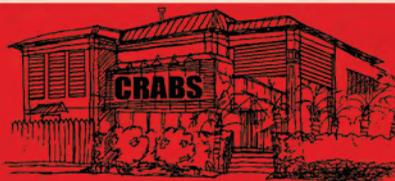
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