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Talkin' Turkey

Beach School Kindergartners Write Recipes



These little gobblers are busy in November! Pensacola Beach Elementary School Kindergartners learn about the first Thanksgiving, host a holiday feast complete with historic costumes and even take time out to visit their neighbors at the Escambia County Fire Station 13. The kindergartners certainly hope your holiday meal preparation will not require a visit from the fire department. But, they will tell you, just dial 9-1-1. While these youngsters are not likely to cook a turkey dinner this year, they submitted their ideas about how to make the best Thanksgiving meal. Their cooking tips are a recipe for laughter. Special thanks to their teachers Jennifer Neal and Katie Shearlock, along with kindergartners (front row): Imana Ali-basic, Malakai Wright, Emmy Nilssen, Charlie Everage, Logan Whitley, Eli Pena, Tyler Hough, Conrad Church, Michael Dunford, Landon Campbell, Brody Hanson, Ella Schulte and Aubrie Peterson. (Back row) Neal, Cooper Stewart, Maxwell Bruce, Anna McPherson, Liam Teston, Will Grosso, Josie Tarver, Maverick McKinney, Eliana Fazio and Shearlock. Put down the turkey baster and turn to page 10 to read, "Talking Turkey."

Turkeys Dash And Trot At Thanksgiving Day Fundraiser

Dashing and trotting on Thanksgiving Day is a Pensacola Beach tradition thanks to Jessica Carn and her team of race organizers. The eighth annual Pensacola Beach Turkey Trot is Thursday, November 22 at the Gulfside Pavilion on Casino Beach. On site registration opens at 7 a.m. while the Turkey Dash for kids starts at 8 a.m. and the 5K Trot For Thought begins at 8:30 a.m.

The Kids Turkey Dash is a fun run in the sands of Pensacola Beach. Kids line up in the sand, and chase the Turkey about 100 yards in an out-and-back course. There are awards for first, second and third and all entries get to make a color craft Turkey Dash t-shirt to take home. The entry fee is \$15 through November 20. The fee increases for late and day-of entries.

The Turkey Trot has become an increasingly popular event. The 5K route is suitable for runners and walkers. It is flat and scenic, traveling east from Casino Beach, along Via de Luna, through the adjacent neighborhood and back to the Casino Beach. The race is kid, stroller and pet friendly as long as slower movers are careful not to hinder others. Race organizers expect the entry to reach 1,200 athletes.

"I started this race in 2010 and have always been the race director, said Carn. "I love doing this event! I created it to be a family fun event with great music, a fun costume contest, a great after party with give-aways. It's an event where families can get together and have a blast. They can enjoy each other on a day that is set aside for America to be thankful."

If you are fleet-footed, you can earn awards. The winner of last year's Turkey Trot finished in 16 minutes and 32 seconds.

Historically, the entrants

arrive in pilgrim, Native American and turkey costumes. There are usually a host of Christmas characters – elves, reindeer and sometimes Santa. There are usually those dressed as turkey chefs as well as some who show up as side dishes. One mom dressed as a whole cherry pie while her child was just one slice. Last year, nearly a dozen super heroes showed up. Clearly, the costumes are as important as the running contest.

While the atmosphere is festive and entrants race in outrageous costumes, the event is a fundraiser for the Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University. Carn has a very personal reason for working so hard to ensure the Trot for Thought is successful.

"My favorite part about the race is I get to honor a dear friend, Sabine Laguna," Carn commented. "She passed away in 2014 from a Glioblastoma. I get to honor her memory and help spread awareness. Each year that we raise funds for the Tisch Tumor Center and make our donation, we hope they find a cure or improvements to treatment for those that suffer from this disease."

Entry fees include a Trot for Thought t-shirt, and an after race party from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Gulfside Pavilion. The party will include a runner's breakfast of bagels, muffins, fruit, mimosas and beer; along with an awards ceremony. First, second and third places will be awarded in all age groups. The costume contest is part of the festivities, so get your friends to dress up and enter.

Catch the Turkey for a photo op, and sometimes Santa Claus stops by. It's a family-friendly atmosphere.

For registration or more information, www.Pensacola-BeachTurkeyTrot.com.



Kids will chase a giant trotting turkey through the sand during the Turkey Dash, Thursday, November 22. The fun run course is about one hundred yards and there are prizes for the quickest dashers. Everyone gets to make a Turkey Dash t-shirt to take home. [The 2017 Turkey was portrayed by Eric Owens.]

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Mark Your Calendar

BCC: Tuesday, Nov. 20, Special BCC Installation Meeting, 9 a.m. 221 Palafox Place. www.myscambia.com, Questions? District Four 850-595-4940

BCC: Thursday, Dec. 6, 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

SRIA: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 5 p.m. SRIA Boardroom, #1 Via de Luna. Full Board Meeting. Agenda available at sria-fla.com

Helpful Contact Numbers

Escambia County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Dispatcher: **850-436-9620 (9-1-1 for emergencies)**

Animal Control Pensacola Beach: **850-595-0097**

Santa Rosa Island Authority: **850-932-2257** (Report unpermitted construction to Developmental Services)

Stranded/disoriented turtle: **1-888-404-3922, #FWC or *FWC or 850-916-5636** (NPS Wildlife Response)

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 24, 1993

The businesses in the old Via de Luna Shopping Center, which have been sitting on Death Row, have been given a reprieve. The SRIA will not run a humongous five lane thoroughfare smack through their parking lot. At least, not very soon.

So, those of us (and we are a legion) who have a sentimental attachment to the establishments on both sides of "The Corner" can breathe a little easier.

There was a time, not so many years ago, when the little cluster of bars and shops were among the few businesses on

Pensacola Beach which stayed open year around. When I arrived on the beach in the winter of 1979, I discovered that my Ariola Drive neighbors all lived in other parts of the country, and spent only summer vacations in their island homes. So, I began to wander to Dirty Joe's, Nero's and The Islander to find friends. That's how I so easily became a member of the Beach Family. Those were, and still are, the carefree expatriots who welcome those new islanders who seem to fit into their casual lifestyles.

I have dozens of memories of incidents in the shopping center filled with laughter and love.

Of a birthday party on the curb in front of Dirty Joe's when Stanley brought me a bouquet of wild flowers he picked in the alley behind the center. Of sitting in the chairs on "The Corner," holding up judge's number cards we made from pizza boxes, and rating automobiles and drivers travelling on Via de Luna. Of a cold December night, when I was alone, so I went to Nero's. Little E was the only one in the place. He wanted to make me feel welcome, so he decided to build a fire in the metal stove, recently installed by Motley. Somehow, the stove was not quite up to drawing properly, and the whole building quickly

filled with smoke, so we opened the doors and let the smoke drift into the cold night air. We talked a little while and soon, all the free spirits began to filter in. No one complained about the smoke. They threw some darts, played pool, and munched on pizzas, and downed a few cold ones. The hottest event of the evening was a domino tournament.

The old Islander Lounge was the scene of so many time honored happenings, that it's hard to single out one that stands out more than others. It probably was the annual Thanksgiving Party, when the beach family covered the pool tables with *Islander* newspapers, placed their covered dishes on them, and proceeded to have a sumptuous Thanksgiving Dinner. Christmas at Dirty Joe's followed the same pattern.

A few years ago, the SRIA required the businesses to renovate the exteriors, and while this

was done with some reluctance, the coordinating effect, has not dimmed the historic memories of the interiors.

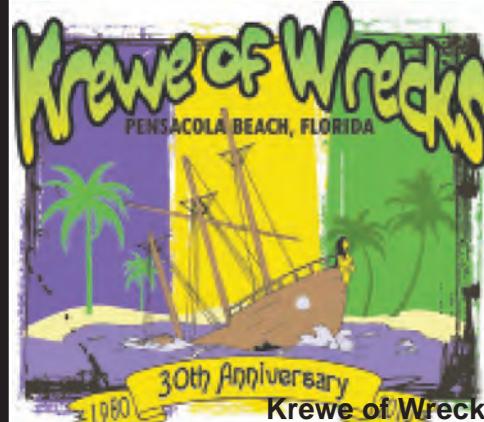
It's true some of the places have changed perceptibly. (Remember the long dark entryway to The Islander? Now, we can all see where we are going.) Dirty Joe's has expanded into Capt'n Jack's and now includes a night club with live entertainment, Dirty Joe's East. But, the middle bar remains the same, even if some of the more interesting memorabilia which used to decorate the bar, has been removed.

So, all of us, whose memories go back to the years when the shopping center's businesses were our second homes, we give thanks to the SRIA for not taking the parking places away, even if it is only a short term gift to these landmark establishments. Happy Thanksgiving.

See you at Joe's.



The Merry Mermaids turned into Scary Mermaids at their Halloween Bunco Party at the Beach Elk's Lodge, October 31. Mermaids are L to R: (kneeling) Wendy Brandon and Merrie Pearson; (seated) Joy Bryant, Loretta Browder, Sharon Burnside, Shirley Blake, Shirley Hart and Norma Dodge; (standing) Masked Patsy Ledford, Betty Burrell, Chris Hill, Sherry Van Dyk, Beverly Sheffield, Liz Glackin, Sandy Watkins, Deb Friedman, Gloria Skaggs, Mary Ann Davis, Carolyn Blanton and Lee Springer.



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Krewe of Wrecks Meetings

Nov 12 Crab's	Dec 17 The Islander	Jan 28 Riptides
Nov 19 PegLeg's	Jan 7 Flounder's	Feb 4 Capt'n Fun
Nov 26 Paddy's	Jan 14 Sideline's	Feb 11 Bamboo Willies
Dec 3 Paradise	Jan 21 Shaggy's	Feb 18 Elk's Lodge
Dec 10 Hemingway's		

Mardi Gras on the Island Events

January 12 Nereids King Cake 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, 7 PM, Capt'n Fun
 February 16 Bananimals Grand Ball, 7 PM Bamboo Willies
 February 23 Kids and Kritters 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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LONGTIME FRIENDS

Becca Boles posted a story on Facebook about her mom Betty Topmiller Ward and Betty's best friend of 90 years, Dorothy Hanes. Bolles tagged television celebrity Ellen DeGeneres in the post, since her mother instructed her to do so. Not to be outdone, Sharon Traud told *Island Times* about her best friend – Pensacola Beach's Bonnie Elbert. "I have a best friend of 75 years, Bonnie Rueff Elbert. We grew up together in Louisville, Kentucky. We have lived in different cities, different states, but always kept up our friendship. We shared good times, bad times and lots of memories with our families together. Still besties." Here's to friendship!

NEW CLUBBERS

The members of the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club accepted a few new gals into their ranks. Dodi Dean, Brenda

Romine, ReJeana Rondot, Karen Hendrix and Barbara Harris were welcomed at the October membership meeting and luncheon.

FEATHERS AND FUN

Once upon a time, a group of friends decided to make a once-in-a-while lunch date into a regular gig. The Lunch Bunch was born. It was not long after that one of the founding fun-stirrers, Karen Cook, asked them to support children in foster care at the holidays. Fast forward through many years and thousands of Christmas stockings, Easter baskets and birthday gifts to 2018. The Lunch Bunch and the Krewe of Bananimals' Feather Ladies delivered treats for Trick or Treat at Capstone for their preschool program on Halloween morning. Plus, the Krewe of Bananimals gets a special thanks for collecting the candy at their Halloween party! (See photo, below)



Representing the Lunch Bunch and Feather Ladies at Capstone on Halloween are (L to R): Carlette Howell, Frances Bryan, Bev Kinego, Gena Raymon, Mary Jo Tibbits, Barbara Altemeyer, Jen Cole, Dicksie Booker and Shelby Smith.

Feasts To Football - Thanksgiving on the Beach

Wondering who is open on Turkey Day? Where will you dine or watch football with friends? Here are a few tips to guide your holiday eating and drinking plans Thursday, November 22 on Pensacola Beach:

The Grand Marlin: A waterfront experience, open on Thanksgiving from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Enjoy traditional roasted turkey and stuffing with a sweet potato casserole, mashed potatoes and turkey gravy. Warm your heart with pumpkin, pecan or Honeycrisp apple pie. An a la carte menu is available all day. At the foot of the Bob Sikes Bridge. While reservations are not required, they are a good idea.

Sidelines: The doors open at 3 p.m. serving a full menu of football and sports on the endless televisions. The Washington Redskins take on the Dallas Cowboys at 3:30 p.m. followed by the New Orleans Saints against the Atlanta Falcons at 7:30 p.m. Wings are wonderful. Beer is cold. On Via de Luna, next to Casino Beach parking lot.

Sandshaker Lounge: Opens at 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Need to escape the traditional pumpkin pie? Have a bushwacker for dessert. It's a Thursday Throwback Party starting at 7 p.m. Half price drink specials for those wearing a Shaker shirt. MoFo Bridge on stage at 8 p.m.

The Frisky Dolphin and The Sandbar: One business with two personalities. Get yourself to Frisky prior to Turkey Day, because they will not be open. However, The Sandbar slides the glass doors open for patrons beginning at 4 p.m.

The following beach establishments are closed so their employees can enjoy time with family: Crab's on Pensacola Beach, Flounder's Chowder House, Native Café, Paradise Bar and Grill, PegLeg Pete's and Shaggy's.

The Natives will be open at 7:30 a.m. on Friday for breakfast. All eateries and bars promise to return to regular hours on Friday, November 23.

Trivia

The Trivia Master went easy on the crowd of trivia players, it was either "yes" or "no." The question, "Was Veterans Day always celebrated on November 11" sent most marching the wrong way. The smarties who answered, "No," were correct.

The all-knowing big wigs in Congress passed a Uniform Holidays Bill which moved Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. So in 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974 the holiday which originated in the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month was moved to October. Made no sense. In 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

The first correct "no" was sent by Pensacola Beach's Lynn Clark.

Of course, our favorite Knight of the Trivia Roundtable Morrie Drees sent the correct answer. Before taking his seat at the Trivia Roundtable, he served in the United States Navy, retiring as a commander. He is a veteran and knows his Armistice and Veterans Day factoids.

The Queen of Wrong Answers Joanne Brooks has a battalion of wrongsters lounging in the Land of the Woefully Incorrect.

Sandi Johnson, who is living in central Florida and longing for Pensacola Beach, won the race to answer first. Too bad she was wrong. Military Veteran Bruce Clark, who sent his t-shirt size with his answer, was confident. Too bad for Bruce. Maybe the Queen of Wrong Answers will give him a shirt.

And, then, there's Ella "Two-Answer" Hess. Her first answer was "Yes...it was first called Armistice Day and changed by Dwight Eisenhower to Veterans Day in 1954." Followed by, "Well, No. In 1968 it was moved to the fourth Monday in November, but in 1975 President Ford returned it to November 11." The Trivia Master nearly tipped off his barstool laughing her answers. Thanks for playing T.A. Better luck next time.

It's the time of year for thankfully eating and drinking. Who can answer this two part question (perhaps Two Answer Hess)? A group of party-minded people hosted a Land Cruise on Thanksgiving Day, 1983. Do you remember which group did this and where the 1983 Land Cruise took place? So, you need to email the name of the group and the place where they hosted the Land Cruise. The first person to correctly do this will win a

coveted *Island Times* t-shirt. Hint: Jean Luke will know the answer to this one.

Send your two answers to shelley@myislandtimes.com with trivia in the subject line. Please include your name with your answer. Hurry! The deadline to answer is Monday, November 19. Fair winds and good luck.

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SRIA Committees Discuss Lease Fee Rates And Renewal Policies

It's all about the money. The discussion items at the November 7 Santa Rosa Island Authority committee meetings largely revolved around changing lease fees.

Santa Rosa Island Authority Executive Director Paolo Ghio stated at the Development and Leasing Committee meeting that he had proactively discussed the Lease Fee Reduction Policy with each SRIA Board member. The reduction policy, put in place in 2015 with the encouragement from the County, annually reduces lease fees by half. The SRIA revenues were reduced to approximately \$4 million. The County was collecting taxes from leaseholders, so they agreed to take over the Public Works and Public Safety Departments. Those two departments have a combined budget of nearly \$4 million.

The Authority's track record of providing services to beach businesses and residents within budget goes back 70 years. Escambia County has been providing Public Works and Public Safety to the beach for 3 years and is experiencing just shy of a \$2 million shortfall, according to Ghio.

A long range plan, if the full lease fees were reinstated, would see funds dedicated to covering the County's shortfall in their Island Public Service and Public Safety budgets plus the SRIA could increase the annual funds earmarked

for beach renourishment to total \$1.5 million; and dedicate \$1 million to capital improvement projects.

Board Member and Beach Resident Karen Sindel stated that it was unprecedented for the County to single out one group of citizens to fund a budget shortfall. She pointed out that the County does not go to Perdido Key or Myrtle Grove when they experience a shortfall. Since the County agreed to take over the departments, then encouraged the lease reduction, she compared the action to a "bait and switch."

"No. Just no," said Sindel.

Tammy Bohannon, who is retiring from 12 years as an SRIA board member, agreed with Sindel. She wants to review the County's budgets to see why they have a shortfall. While the county lost some tax revenue because of the outcome of the tax lawsuits, she believes their payroll structure is different from the SRIA's.

"I knew 12 years ago," said Bohannon. "They want it all. The lease fees and the taxes."

She proposed that the Bob Sikes Bridge toll be increased and the interlocal agreement be amended to allow those additional funds be dedicated where needed rather than confined to transportation-related projects.

Elected Board Member Thomas Campanella said the County never had enough money

to take over the two departments. He was concerned about level of services, future renourishment funding and that additional MS-BUs might be levied on Beach residents.

"This issue should require a lot of thought on everyone's part," said Campanella. "There is more than meets the eye."

Board Member Brigette Brooks asked, "If the SRIA refused to raise lease fees, could the County refuse to provide services?"

While he did not address that directly, Ghio reminded the Board that the County must approve the SRIA budget. If the budget approval was stalled, it would prevent the SRIA from functioning.

Ghio pointed out that the County has not requested the increase of lease fees.

Pensacola Beach Advocates President and Beach Resident Terry Preston believes the discussion is premature since the County has not asked for the funds. She added that the PBA is preparing a financial analysis that will show an annual windfall of millions of dollars to Escambia County generated by the island in taxes and fees. The analysis is a comparison of revenue generated versus funds spent on the island.

The Development and Leasing Committee tabled the Lease Fee Reduction Policy discussion. The Committee further dis-

cussed staff's request to develop a policy to address lease renewals. At present, no such policy exists and lease renewals are taken on a case-by-case basis. Ghio advised that it would give staff a policy and guidelines regarding lease renewals.

Committee Chair Bohannon preferred to maintain the case-by-case flexibility in renewal rather than standards set forth in a policy. Board Member Janice Gilley noted that there was one lease renewal that has triggered this discussion, but supported the guidelines a policy would give staff. She said it was like a menu of options and the Board would still have the ability to hear from leaseholders in special circumstances.

The lease fee renewal policy was a discussion item only.

Ghio asked the Administrative Committee to discuss the potential for a CPI increase; over

two years before it would take effect. According to Ghio, this discussion would show those who are watching that the SRIA board is proactive in addressing this. The CPI increase to lease fees can be considered every five years. The Board did not employ it in 2010 due to the recession, nor in 2015 which was the year fees were being reduced.

Gilley agreed that it gave them plenty of time to consider the topic, while Brooks said at this time she could not see any reason that it should not be implemented. Campanella, however, said he would need to see the reasons to raise it before agreeing to do so. Sindel agreed and asked that staff prepare financial documents that reflect the needs.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority will meet Wednesday, December 12 at 5 p.m. Agendas are online at www.sria-fla.com.





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I voted because I always vote. I was born into a belief that it was a civil right to be allowed to vote, especially women. To even consider not voting would dishonor those women who braved a war on our own soil and did not stop fighting until they won. It's because of them that I could mark my ballot on November 6 and be counted. I must confess, I always feel proud to vote and I offer a whispered "thank you" to those brave souls on my way out. Yes, I do love that little sticker, too.

Another confession is that I find it harder and harder each Fall to adjust to the "time change." It unsettles me the first day and I really do not adapt until Spring. I know all the logical reasons why I should actually feel better and adapt quickly. I'm known as a night person but night slips in too early in Fall and Winter. I don't like night at 4:30 in the afternoon. And I only see Sunrise on my way to bed anyway so who cares what time that happens, just that it does happen. I'm already waiting for Spring.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I was not feeling well because of a summer cold. I fell asleep on the couch and when I woke up the clock above our television read 6:00. There is no a.m. or p.m. Looking outside the windows it looked as if the sun was about to rise. I woke Bill who was asleep on the big couch and told him Peanut and I were going to bed. The next time I woke and the bedroom clock read 12:00. Thinking it was noon, I got up. I got the shock of my life when I whipped open my bedroom curtains expecting sunshine but saw pitch black darkness. I was positive I was losing my mind.

Wandering around the house I finally figured out it was midnight instead of noon and I had actually gone to bed at 6 p.m., not 6 a.m. I stayed up until the real 6 a.m., went back to bed and slept until it was really noon. Some days you just need to start over. It's amazing that I ever get anything done.

We've already celebrated with an early "Florida Family Thanksgiving" on November 3. We took advantage of the perfect weather and Don and Mel's grandsons Zander, 4 and Xavier, 3 spending the weekend. Those little boys have 5 tons of energy

between them. As cool as it is to be a Great Grandmother, I'm sure not as fast as I used to be.

I wasn't alone. It took just under three hours for two tiny boys to wear out eight grown-ups and one 18 year-old. But it was worth every minute. They are so precious and nothing equals the sound of a child's laughter or the feeling of a child's hug.

We are now well prepared to feast again at the Georgia Family Thanksgiving, which takes place on actual Thanksgiving Day. We have two brand new babies in our family that I can't wait to meet.

As I write this, I am preparing to meet Whey Jennings. What a treat and a real blessing to have Whey Jennings perform a free concert at The Dock to raise Funds for Hurricane Relief. I'm sure his grandfather, the Legendary Waylon Jennings approved. More on Whey and his band in my next column.

I was honored to serve as a Guest Judge for the Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church's Annual Chili Cook-off this year. According to the event coordinator LeeAnn Taylor, there were 17 entries. That's a whole lotta chili people. Each entry was served under a team name (judges did not know who prepared it) and the contest in-

cluded a category for kids, 12 and under.

Miss Emma Eidson won the Kids Category and is sharing her prize winning "Straight A's" delicious chili recipe with us. So, let's cook.....

Straight A's Chili

- Ingredients
- 3 lbs ground beef
 - Half medium onion
 - 2 tablespoons minced garlic
 - 3 14.5 ounce cans diced tomatoes
 - 1 1/2 cup water
 - 2 can dark red kidney beans
 - 1 can light kidney beans
 - 2 tablespoons chili powder
 - 1 tablespoon paprika
 - 1 teaspoon ground red pepper
 - 1 tablespoon salt
 - 1 tsp black pepper
- Toppings:
- Cheddar Cheese
 - Fritos Corn Chips
 - Sour Cream

In a big pot lightly brown ground beef and drain. Add chopped onions and garlic and cook until onions are almost clear.

Add tomatoes, water, beans, chili powder, paprika, red pepper, salt and pepper. Simmer on low for 45 minutes. Serve with shredded cheddar cheese, Fritos and sour cream.

Warms my heart to see kids cooking. Enjoy, share, be kind and have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

See ya in the kitchen...



Emma Eidson won the children's category of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church's Chili Cookoff, October 28. Her recipe is featured in *Island Times*.

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NATURE NOTES

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

The Return of the Horseshoe Crab

This is pretty cool...

The Horseshoe Crab pre-dates the era of the dinosaurs and is truly a living fossil. Once found in all oceans, it is now restricted to four species found along the Pacific coast of Asia and the east coast of the United States. The local, *Limulus polyphemus*, is the only species found in the western hemisphere. This species of Horseshoe Crab is found all along the eastern seaboard of the U.S. and the Gulf of Mexico. Though more common in the Delaware Bay region, there are populations along the Florida Gulf coast, and now they are beginning to be sighted in the Pensacola Bay area.

I grew up in Pensacola and honestly do not remember many Horseshoe Crabs here. Others, who have lived as long as I have and longer, do remember them – even mentioning a small island in Little Sabine called “Horseshoe Crab Island” because of how common they were.

These animals require different habitats during different parts of their life cycle. Spawning requires sandy beaches, of which we have plenty. However, the beaches they seek must have low wave energy because the developing young will incubate within the well-oxygenated sand for a couple of weeks. Such beaches can be found along

Santa Rosa Sound.

The juvenile Horseshoe Crabs prefer shallow estuarine waters with sandy bottoms. I most often find them in habitats associated with seagrass beds. Here they plunge their helmet like shells into the sediment forcing up worms and other invertebrates on which they feed.

Their thick chitinous shell has protected them from most predators for almost 500 million years. As they grow, this shell, which is actually an external skeleton, must be shed in a process called molting. The empty shells are usually thin and tan in color. When found, many people think they are the remains of a dead Horseshoe Crab, but in fact the animal is still walking the bottom of the Sound somewhere with a new, thick, green colored shell. Adult Horseshoe Crabs will venture into much deeper water and have even been found in the open ocean.

In recent years, their numbers have declined to the point where wildlife managers are concerned for their future. Horseshoe Crabs are commercially harvested. They produce a product that is used to detect bacteria adhering to a variety of materials. This compound is responsible for assuring that the tubing, and other equipment used in medical procedures, is free of

bacteria – and is much needed. However, millions are removed from the beaches to obtain this compound. Scientists are working on methods to synthetically produce it without having to kill the crabs. They are also used as bait in the marine eel fishery in the Mid-Atlantic.

Locally, the decline of Horseshoe Crabs was probably due to loss of, or degrading of, habitat. There has been an effort in recent years to improve local water quality and habitat restoration – and the return of the Horseshoe Crab suggests these efforts may be having a positive impact.

Reports of both Horseshoe Crabs, and their molts, have been coming in from Pensacola Beach, Gulf Breeze, East Bay, Pensacola Bay, and even Bayou Grande. This is fantastic news and may trigger a tagging program conducted by volunteers trained by Florida Sea Grant. We encourage residents to report sightings to the Sea Grant at the county extension office; 850-475-5230 ext.111 or rocl@ufl.edu. They are most easily found along the beaches during the high tide of a new or full moon.

Welcome back Horseshoe Crabs – this is pretty cool!

Will Do Grants Funds To Local Agencies

Morgan Park Earns Partial Grant Funding and Anonymous Donor

Pensacola Beach's Morgan Park will have two new all-weather state of the art educational signs thanks to efforts of Gulf Breeze Will Do and a generous donor. Will Do, a local philanthropic group allocated over \$60,000 after the finalists made presentations November 4 at The Arbors in Gulf Breeze.

Santa Rosa Island Authority Executive Director Paolo Ghio delivered the request for the Morgan Park educational signs which are slated for installation during the park's refurbish and replanting next year. The two signs are estimated to cost \$2,484. The request earned Will Do “Wild Card” funding of \$966. The remaining \$1,518 is being donated by a citizen who will remain anonymous.

“After the Will Do awards presentation, a person approached me and offered to make up the shortfall in funding for the Morgan Park signs,” commented Ghio. “The only requirement was the wish to remain anonymous. I am rarely speechless, but that left me without words.”

The board announces the following as 2018 Grant Award Winners:

Art, Recreation & Sports

- Flags in The Breeze: GBHS Band Boosters, \$8,290
- Miracle Field of Dreams:

Miracle League of Santa Rosa County, \$4,995

- Storage Building: Adaptive P.E. Teacher Gulf Breeze, \$3035
- Upgrade Equipment/Cost Offsets: GBHS Swim Team, \$966

Education

• Empowering Young Journalists by Expanding Technology: GBHS Yearbook, \$7,989

• Focus on Communication: Oriole Beach CBSA Classroom, \$1,308

• Improving Conceptual Understanding of Algebra Through the Use of Graphing Calculators: GBHS Math Department, \$7,911

• Reading Cafe: Gulf Breeze Middle School, \$1,899

Hardship Support Services

• Pumping Hearts, Paint Brushes and Wheels to Go: Interfaith Ministries/Good Samaritan Clinic, \$9,517

Public Safety & Environment

• Conservation Stations: GBHS Marine Science Club, \$6,524

• Morgan Park Educational Signs: Santa Rosa Island Authority, \$966

• Rescue Equipment: Gulf Breeze Volunteer Fire Department, \$9,483

More information about Gulf Breeze Will Do is available at GulfBreezeWillDo.org.



Liv Tenpenny is a real living doll. The six-month-old stole the show with her Cabbage Patch Kids costume at the first ever Beach-O-Ween, October 26 on Pensacola Beach Boardwalk. Liv and her parents, Austin and Cara, reside in Gulf Breeze.



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A-B Honor Roll

Lamija Alibasic
Sloan Jenkins
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Bella Grace Martinez
Victoria Samii
Marley Satterfield
Tate Sellers
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Thomas Vanfleteren

Joy McLaurine's **Third Grade Class**

A Honor Roll

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Phare Newlin
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A-B Honor Roll

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Bindy Nita
Kenzley Vaughn

Erin Olson's **Fourth Grade Class**

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A Honor Roll

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Jack Cromey
Brayden Dadisman
Chloe Hargraves
Nick Jenkins
Stella Keigley
Mitchell McCoy
Lauren Olson
Tre Patroni
Graham Pennington
Estelle Reese
Anna Uszok

A-B Honor Roll

Colby Coolbaugh
Max Durrance
Conner Entrekin
Sidney Flemming
Joseph Gilbert
Trey Hanson
Julia Hills
Brett Horton
Ryan Kalb
Lily Roltsch
Mason Simpson
Lily Walker

Gulf Breeze High School

Ninth Grade A Honor Roll

Taylor Brame, Peyton Bunting, Natalia Dadisman, Dominic Jackson, Madeline Johnson

Ninth Grade A-B Honor Roll

Caitlain Braun, Avery Burt, Max Kronlage, Amy MacKinnon, Kacie May, Matthew McCoy, Savanna Smoker

Tenth Grade A Honor Roll

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Seniors A-B Honor Roll

Carlee Amberson, Margaret Braun, Devon Elliott, Kyle Imm, Hannah May, Cayson McCurdy, Harrison O'Daniel, Sophia Slobodian, Madison Therrell, Joshua Thompson

TOP TEACHERS

Santa Rosa Education Foun-

ation included three Gulf Breeze teachers in the thirty-three nominees for Santa Rosa Teacher of the Year. Nominees were selected by their peers at each school throughout the district. Congratulations to Melissa Jones, Gulf Breeze Elementary; Charles

Phan, Gulf Breeze High and Christina Cornelius, Gulf Breeze Middle. The Santa Rosa Teacher of the Year will be announced on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

DATES TO NOTE

November 19-23: Fall Break, no classes

Friday, December 14: Beach School Holiday Concert, Our Lady Catholic Church, 6:30 p.m.

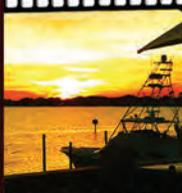
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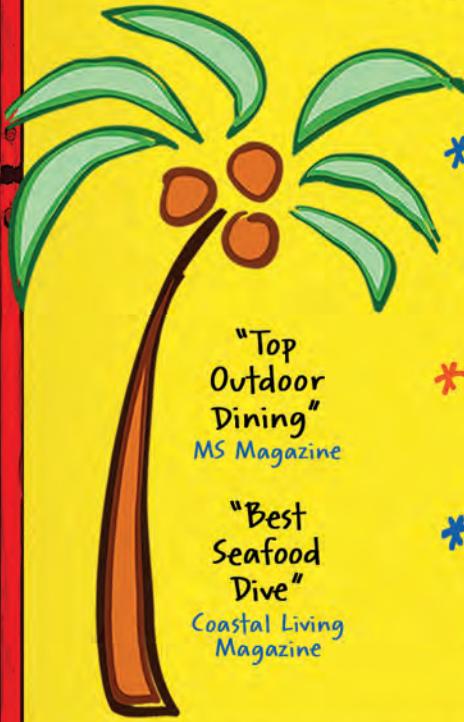






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Sharla Dawn At Dawn

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.

It's all a matter of perspective. To the ghost crabs on the beach, this sand sculpture was a mountain. To me and my little boys, it was a tiny drip castle—barely twelve inches tall.

We kind of don't want to hear it. In times of high emotion or distress, it seems reductive. It seems kind of "duh-now" (to quote my 14-year-old-self) to say it out loud.

But I'll say it again anyway: It's all a matter of perspective—of where we're standing on that beach. Of the angle from which the snapshot was taken. Of the illusions the photographer wants to create.

I saw a meme that depicted the Titanic nose-diving into the Atlantic captioned: The sinking of the Titanic was a miracle to the lobsters in the ship's kitchen. There are those who saw this whole mid-term election drama from the lobster's perspective—and those who have counted the passengers and the lifeboats and have done some troubling math.

And I feel distressed over the political vitriol that oozes from every screen in our homes, that overflows our mailboxes, that corrodes conversations over dinner. And it's not even the political agendas and policies that trouble me the most. It's our righteous divisiveness. We all seem to believe that the way we see it is the way it is. That sand castle is a mountain. Full stop.

And yes, sometimes I get discouraged and I feel like it doesn't look great for us non-crustaceans. But again, that's my perspective. I could be wrong. Yes, I just typed that. I could be wrong. So could you.

Those who follow my blog or social media pages know that I'm not one to participate in political controversy anyway. My Facebook feed is surely less saturated with all the political hostility than the pages of those who are more involved. That's the way Facebook works—kind of the way life works. What you click on, you get more of. (The only good thing about having been glued to the Weather Channel during the



recent storms, was that there were no nasty political ads urging me to hate one candidate more than the other.)

That said, I do get it—ignorance is not bliss when it comes to politics. I want to understand; I'm just having a hard time filtering out all the sarcasm, hyperbole and downright meanness. I want to be informed, but I don't want to fight my friends—real or cyber—to the death over it.

If you are one of the many Americans who feel that these midterm election results—no matter which candidates won—felt like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic, I get it. If you've done the math and know that there simply aren't enough lifeboats to go around, I'm glad you're good at long division, and can inform me. Even if you do not believe in the existence of icebergs because you've never seen one, I'm not going to fight with you over it.

And if you just wish you were a lobster, I get that, too.

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Talkin' Turkey

Anna McPherson: You get your turkey from a store that has a flower on it. Cook it on hot for 4 minutes. Eat steak, mac & cheese, lobster, crab, fruit, strawberry and chocolate milk with your turkey. I eat with Gigi, Teto, Daddy, Mommy, Becca & Boo-Boo, Joyce & Beep-Bop. See the tail and then you have to mix it all up. Then put it in the oven, and then put it on plates. Yum!

Tyler Hough: Go to the woods and get a turkey. Cook it on 80 degrees for 50 minutes (that's how long my grandparents do it for and it's good). I have ham with it and sometimes candy for the kids when they're done eating. There's more stuff we eat with it, but I forgot the name of it. We have juice pouches and grown up drinks. Eat with Nana, Papa, my cousins, Pawpaw, Meme, Mom, Dad and Adam and Marlin. We go to a cabin that has beds and everything, just like a house. There is even popcorn there. The grown-ups cook and like seasoning.

Landon Campbell: Go to a farm and get a turkey. Cook it on the temperature green for five minutes. We have pizza, chicken, spaghetti, meatballs, a smoothie and coffee. I eat with Mommy, Daddy, Nia and Isla, Grandpa & Grandma. We clean the table first before we eat on it!

Logan Whitley: I go to the turkey shop to get my turkey. First you have to cut it, otherwise it would run away, and you couldn't eat it. I cook on the stove on 8 for two minutes. Then you take it out and let it cool, so you don't burn your mouth. I eat my turkey with lettuce, beef, and cauliflower. I eat with my brother, Mimi, Papa, my Mom and my Dad. Family makes Thanksgiving special.

Cooper Stewart: "Yay! I get to hunt my own turkey and cook it!" I go to the forest to get it. I take it home, then I put it in a big thing and put something hot on and then you close it up and then as much minutes as you put it on, that's how you cook it. If I were me, then I would cook it for one minute, cook it on

hot enough to burn your fingers. We eat it with cranberries, bread, not grapes cause you know, if your table was short then your dog would get your grapes... Thanksgiving is special because I am glad that the Pilgrims did stuff to help the Indians and the Indians helped show them how to grow corn.

Emmy Nilssen: You get your turkey from Publix. You cook it in the microwave on high for 10 minutes. You eat your turkey with mashed potatoes, salads, strawberries, mac and cheese, milk and wine for the adults. I eat it with my Mom, my Dad, my brothers Stellan and Malloy, my Uncle, my Mimi, my Papa.

Aubrie Peterman: You get a turkey from hunting it or getting it from the market. First you have to kill it. Cook it on a frying pan on medium for 20 minutes. You eat bacon with your turkey. You can maybe put some lemon on your turkey. You can eat it with eggs, sometimes you can eat turkey for breakfast. You give people stuff on Thanksgiving and thank them. I eat Thanksgiving with my Mom, Dad and sister and sometimes my dog. I may wear one of my three unicorn horns for Thanksgiving dinner.

Conrad Church: You get your turkey from the wild. You bring it home and you cook on the stove on medium for 10 minutes. You serve it with chicken, skittles, M&M's, lemonade and my Dad would drink Coke and my Mom would have coffee. I eat with Bink, my brothers Jasper and Warren, and friends. I would get a bouncy house for Thanksgiving when my Mom is cooking so that I didn't have to help her! We will pray before we eat. I am thankful for my Mom.

Michael Dunford: You go to Walmart to get your turkey. You take it out of the package and put it into the oven. You cook it at 19 degrees for two hours. You eat it with mashed potatoes, beans, fish, rice, and candy. I eat with my family. We play and have a party. I would go water skiing if it isn't very cold. You can celebrate with your family on Thanksgiving. Thank you, God.

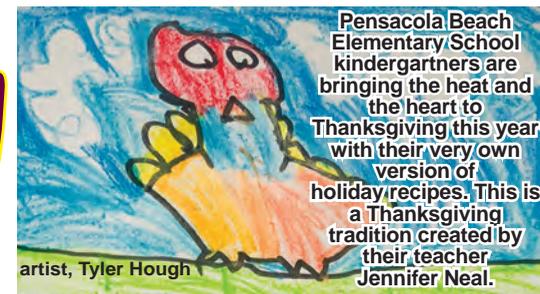
Will Grosso: You go to a far away farm to get a turkey. You have to drive to drive a car like 8 hours to get there. Then you

drive back home. You lay it down on the table then cook it. But first you have to put salt on it. You put it in the oven on the warm turkey setting. Cook it for an hour. Then you eat it with a hot dog, mac & cheese, strawberries, cheese sticks, apples and I would have sour patch kids, too. I eat with my Mom, Dad, brother and all my friends. Thanksgiving is special because you get to say things with other people, like Happy Thanksgiving. When everyone is done eating and you get hungry again, you can cook more. I am a little bit tired of talking this much.

Charlie Everage: You go to the forest to get a turkey. Then you cut it up, then you cook it on a barbecue on hot for 20 minutes. You eat rice & beans, broccoli, and french fries (just cause I love them), and sometimes I like to serve it with salad, maybe ketchup, maybe a cheese sandwich cause I've got one in my lunch. I am stretching my thumb thinking. You could serve mushrooms or maybe a bread roll with it. I eat with my Mom and Dad. Thanksgiving is about being kind. Give people chocolate love hearts, 'cause I just know about them. I had a chocolate bunny on Easter. You can be kind to people. You can try all of these things.

Maxwell Bruce: You go to the grocery store to get your turkey. You cook it in the kitchen on warm for a long time. We eat it with friends. You put hot dogs inside your turkey and fruit, too. On the outside you put grapes and strawberries. You can eat it with chicken and bread. I eat with my family and my grandparents, my Mom and Dad, brothers and my sister. Owen is big and Benjamin is little like a baby. It is a special day to have some fun and TV watch. You can also play and color and blow bubbles and pop them with our fingers. One more thing we do at Thanksgiving is called swing. That's it, that's the end.

Malakai Wright: You go to the supermarket to get a turkey. You take it home and get the bone out. Then you cook it in the oven on hot for 28 seconds. I eat it at Rodizio's (that's a restaurant and I love it), salmon, to top it off with some carrots, I would sprinkle some sprinkles (like you put on cupcakes). I eat with Yaya, Papa, Coco, Tanker, Mom, Uncle J.T. and Christina and Brayden the baby and my dogs. Being with my family makes Thanksgiving special. Eat cake after the turkey, and that's all.



Pensacola Beach Elementary School kindergartners are bringing the heat and the heart to Thanksgiving this year with their very own version of holiday recipes. This is a Thanksgiving tradition created by their teacher Jennifer Neal.

Eli Pena: You go to a grocery store and get a turkey. You have to put it in the oven on hot for 5 minutes. You eat it with ham, bacon, eggs, muffins, chips & dip (I really like that), and apple juice. I eat Thanksgiving with my family. Giving something away is why it's called Thanksgiving. You could give away a towel to trade it for magic beans.

Maverick McKinney: You go to the farm to get a turkey. You have to harvest it. Then you can grill it or put in the oven. You cook it on 20 for 88 seconds. You eat it with pizza, because I like pizza. You can serve it with my favorite food...apples. Also, french fries! I would actually dip the french fries in ranch and ketchup mixed together. (I know what color it makes when you mix it together, orange.) I eat dinner with my friends and my family, my Grandpa and Grandma. Thanksgiving is special because you get to play a lot and sometimes people give you stuff. One time my Mom gave me a porcupine stuffed animal and I named it Love.

Brody Hanson: You go to Walmart to get a turkey because they have a lot of turkeys. You cook it on the grill on low for one minute. You eat it with steak, beef, maybe a little bit of raw meat, apples, carrots, peaches, ice cream. The kids drink water and my Mom drinks beer. I eat with my Dad, my Mom, my Grandma Marsha, Edward, and Trey. I play with my brother and practice soccer on Thanksgiving. I also practice baseball because I am going to play baseball. Oh yeah, you have to add salt to the turkey.

Ella Schulte: Go to Publix to get a turkey. You cook it in the oven on hot for 30 minutes. Then you cut it up. You eat it with forks. You serve cookies, cake, ice cream, milkshakes and smoothies with it. Also chocolate, carrots and broccoli. I eat with Mom, Dad, and my brother. Thanksgiving is special because you get to eat lots of good stuff. I am thankful for food.

Liam Teston: You go to a bank to get a turkey. You take it home and cook it on a pan and put hot stuff and pepper and salt on it. Cook it at the

house in the oven in the middle. You need a big oven since it's really big. You need to cook it for 20 minutes, it will beep when it's done. I eat it with bacon, ham, eggs, dinosaurs, lizards and carrots, I love carrots. Oh yeah, and apples. I eat with my family. We are thankful for being together. Make Thanksgiving presents for your whole family. Every box we get, I make something out of it.

Josie Tarver: You go at a turkey store to get a turkey. You cook it in the oven on a little bit hot for 60 months. You serve it with treats like something very sweet. You can put it on ketchup or ranch. You can eat ham, chicken, roast beef, cous cous (I like cous cous), I have Sprite with it and the adults have whiskey and wine. I eat it with my Mommy, my Daddy, my Grandmas, and my dog. You pass out cards on Thanksgiving and give stuff away if somebody doesn't need it and it's too big.

Imana Alibasic: You go to the store to get a turkey, may Publix. You like cook it in the oven on hot for an hour. You serve it on a plate. You eat it with chicken, corn, salad. I eat with my Mom, brothers, sister and my Dad. Spending time with your family makes Thanksgiving special. You can decorate your house with lights. You can wear something red.

Eliana Fazio: You get a turkey from a store like Walmart. You have to pay for it. You cook it on the stove on hot for 25 minutes. Then you put it on a plate. I don't eat turkey, so I have ice cream, French fries, water, and the big people have wine. I eat with my Mom and my Dad but not my baby sister because she only drinks milk. You have dinner and talk with your family. You also get to watch lots of TV and have lots of dessert. I get to eat lots of my Halloween candy. You get to lay on the couch to relax after dinner.



KREWE NEWS

Wrecks Rocked Halloween – The traditional Krewe of Wrecks Halloween meeting was held October 29 at the Sandbar. Sec Wreck Melanie Waite said, “Almost everyone had some kind of costume, whether scary, character, or just bewitching.”

Twenty individuals or groups competed for the prizes. Costume contest winner was Judy L’Oignon as The Geisha. Runners-up were the adorable and nerdy Debbie and Bill Hinners with third place going to the Big Bad Wolf (Gary Booker.) The Wrecks are quickly approaching their maximum member cap of 200. Membership applications and tickets for events are available at the Wrecks meetings. See schedule on page 3 or at www.PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com.

Green Dress Crawl - The Krewe of St. Patrick presents Shamrock Shuffle - The Green Dress Crawl, Saturday, November 17. Check in and cup pickup begin at noon at the Tiki Bar located soundside in the Pensacola Beach RV Resort. The Green Dress Crawl moves to a new location at the top of each hour. The historic Islander Lounge at 1 p.m. followed by Paddy O’Leary’s, Paradise Bar and Grill, The Sandbar and the final stop is at 5 p.m. at Capt’n Fun on Pensacola Beach Boardwalk.

The event is open to everyone, but you must get a ticket to attend. Tickets, \$15 each. <https://kosp.yapsody.com/event/book/318471/5221786>

The kilted krewe has a few rules on this one. Must be 21 to participate. No Refunds. No Reschedule.

Pink Pedal Party – Decorate your bike, your self, your golf cart and join the Krewe du YaYas at their sixth annual Pink Pedal Party, Saturday, November 17. The day long fundraiser starts at The Sandshaker. Registration and check-in from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The schedule includes door prizes and game quest along with special drink prices. Stops will be at Casino Beach Bar, Fish Heads, Paradise Bar and Grill, Bamboo Willie’s, Capt’n Fun and the after party at The Sandshaker. It’s twenty bucks to participate which includes lunch at Bamboo Wil-



lies, a grand prize ticket and five door prize tickets. The grand prize drawing is for an overnight stay on Pensacola Beach with dinner and drinks. Door prizes galore. Pre-registration is discounted to \$20 through November 15. Click on www.kreweyayas.com, go to Special Merchandise tab and follow the directions. It’s that easy!

Even One Can – The Krewe of Bananimals host their annual Food Drive For St. Ann’s. Please donate any non-perishable food or toiletry products. Collection box will be at Paddy O’Leary’s through November 24. According to the Bananimals, “Even one can, will make a difference.” If you stop by between noon and 4 p.m. on November 24 you can meet some of the wild krewe in person at Paddy’s. It’s their Thanksgiving Leftovers & College Football Party. It’s a smorgasbord of food, friends and football. If you need to know more about the krewe, KreweofBananimals.com.

Are you kidding me? - The Krewe of Kids are celebrating their twenty-seventh carnival season. It’s the only co-ed social organization for elementary school children. And, as far as we know, the only krewe that kicks you out for getting too old. The Krewe of Kids is open to fifth grade and younger. Pre-schoolers must have an adult partner. The Kids will have their sign up and organizational meeting, January 26. There will be more details soon according to the Captain of Kids Diana Harvey.

Beach krewes are flourishing. Ball and parties are set.

For more updates and schedules, log on to www.PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com.

Sidelines Honors The Life Of Brian Frank With Toys For Tots Holiday Collections

Shannon Berry and Shannon O’Neal are hosting a Toys for Tots toy drive in honor of a dear patron, Brian Frank, who passed away in 2014.

Community members can drop off any new, unwrapped toy for any gender and age group at Sidelines from now until Wednesday, December 12. There will be a box in the vestibule for donations or they can give the item to the manager on duty.

Longtime Sideline’s employee Shannon Berry wrote this about her friend and customer Brian Frank.

He was beloved by all who met him. He was a small business owner and beach resident. He enjoyed his corvette, Ohio State football and an occasional adult beverage from Sidelines.

Brian was a true believer in the spirit of giving. He would always offer to sponsor my Relay for Life Team, Connor’s Crusaders. When I hosted the annual bake

sale to raise money for Relay for Life, he would often purchase the entire lot of sweets. He would give them to patrons.

Each Friday, he would make sandwiches and take them to the homeless.

He would often pay for first responders meals. During Hurricane Ivan, he went to the local McDonald’s and bought enough meals for each deputy and first responder stationed out on the beach. Which was amazing, considering they didn’t have access to food or water for quite some time.

Each year at Christmas, he would meet me at a store to purchase enough gifts to fill my husband’s truck for a Toys for Tots drive. He would also dress as Santa and pass out candy canes to the entire restaurant the Friday



Brian Frank at Sidelines

before Christmas.

We miss him dearly. We always honor the departed in my family with a gift of remembrance, and what better way to honor Brian than host a toy drive is his memory.

December Delivers Santa To His Island

Santa makes his first stop at Crab’s on Pensacola Beach for a Pancake and PJ Party, Saturday, December 1 from 9 a.m. until noon. Breakfast is \$9.99 for kids and includes crafts, pancakes and unlimited hot chocolate.

Santa needs to fuel himself for the day ahead. He gets nauti-

cal at Beach Chamber’s Lighted Boat Parade. The event kicks off with a kids party at 4 p.m. at Shaggy’s. From there, Santa will board one of the festively decorated vessels to lead the Boat Parade from Little Sabine Bay at 6:30 p.m. The final destination is Pensacola Beach Boardwalk

where kids can visit him.

He will sleep tight because he has an encore performance in the Surfing Santa Beach Parade, Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m.

Get ready. It’s time to Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit. More online at www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com.



Krewe of Wrecks Costume Contest winners, (L to R): Nerdy Bill and Debbie Hinners, second place. First Place Judy L’Oignon as The Geisha; and third place went to the Big Bad Wolf, Gary Booker.

Seeing Stars.....

this week's horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other, potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (November

22 to December 21) You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

Sunrise and Sunset

by Susan Haselton-Barr

with Safari-Su



Jambo! (*Hello everybody*) During the American Revolution children were no strangers to the realities of war, and some would find themselves in the very center of the action. One such case was Daniel Granger who began his service in the Continental Army at the age of thirteen. He would fulfill the duties and responsibilities of an enlisted soldier, experience the hardships of military life, and see first-hand the humor and camaraderie that helped get the men and boys through those hardships.

Winter Hill lived up to its name. One evening the thirteen-year-old Granger, who was among the youngest soldiers, was posted as a sentry at night and proved himself a level-headed man despite his youth. Another guard fired his gun at what turned out to just be shifting ice, and fled his post. When other soldiers heard the shot and came to investigate, Granger explained what happened based on the sounds he heard.

"Just shifting ice, he said. "No reason to get scared."

Daniel Granger's experiences provide insight to what the warfront may have been like for boy soldiers. His reflections on

his experience in the Revolution highlights the human aspects of the soldiers.

Granger also understood the significance of the events he was living through. In 1777 his tour was over. He enlisted once again, this time as a musician, and was stationed in Fort Arnold. This was right when Benedict Arnold was preparing to hand West Point over to the British.

Eventually, Arnold's treachery was revealed and he successfully escaped to the British lines. The Continental Army expected an attack on the ill-prepared West Point. As a precaution the men standing guard were increased. Granger was given a pike and stood among those in the lines all through the night. Upon being relieved of guard duty, he cut off the handle and polished the pike "smooth and sharp at the edges and point," keeping this piece as a "Memorial" of what happened at West Point and Arnold's treason.

His reflections serve as a reminder that the Revolutionary soldiers were real, often youthful, men and boys. They showed courage and dedication sprinkled with human vulnerabilities during the often harsh conditions by the

same means young people always have - - joking, making friends, claiming souvenirs, and finding those who could relate to the same experiences. [*Reference credit, "Daniel Granger, Thirteen-Year-Old Soldier" by Lindsey Wood.*]



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Bytes & Bits

By Joe Stuke, Your Computer Pal

Q: Is It Time For A Social Media Detox?

A: I recently saw a news story in which 12 teenage girls agreed to give up all social media for two weeks. Doing such a thing was not an easy task for them. They mostly communicate with their peers through Instagram and Twitter, so they often don't even have a phone number for their friends. To participate in the detox experiment, they all had to delete the social media apps from their smartphones. For the teenagers, two weeks without social media seemed like forever.

Many teenagers have never known what life is like without social media. They have carried Internet-connected phones for

their entire life. My grandson, at age 16, has his phone in front of his face every time I see him.

The detox experiment was an eye-opening experience for the teenagers. They discovered that, without social media, life was still good. They said that they fought less with their parents, had more time to do homework, and discovered that there actually was lots to do without participating in the social media scene. They got together without their phones and learned a lot more about one another, doing things like... talking.

Interestingly, they also reported being more happy during those two weeks. While they said that being involved in social

media was generally enjoyable, they said that it has a bad side also. The teenagers said that interactions on the Internet often made them feel left out, not good enough, and stressed. They would return to social media, but would see it in a different light and would be aware of its effect on them.

Social media activities take up a lot of time. Checking Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter can take up several hours a day. That is just a sample of all the social media apps in use today.

Detox implies that there is some kind of addition or compulsion affecting an individual. For some people, that may be the case. But our children have not known life any other way.

For those 12 teenagers, the detox experiment was a way of showing them another way of living. They realized that the quality of their lives should not be measured only by how many thumbs up a they got on a phone app.

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

Book Club Meets

The Gulf Breeze Book Club will hold its next regular monthly meeting Monday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge, third floor.

"Our book for discussion this month will be 'Ender's Game' by Orson Scott Card. This is the first book of his famous trilogy," said Book Clubber Donna Jones. "Everyone is welcome to join us, particularly visitors."

"Ender's Game" by Orson Scott Card introduces a world

where the threat to mankind is from outside our solar system. Humanity bands together to survive, preparing to fight aliens who have superior weapons and far outnumber us. How can we hope to prevail? By training our brightest... "Ender's Game" is the story of that training.

Contact Donna Jones 850-932-8620 or donna@jones@hotmail.com for more information.

Uszok Wins Art Award

Work Gets Published

Anna Uszok of Pensacola Beach received first prize in the July 2018 Cricket League art competition. For this contest, each entrant was asked to submit original artwork depicting "a dream inside you." Anna's artwork "Alien Dreamland Planet" appears in the Cricket League section of the November/December 2018 issue.

In each issue, award-winning Cricket sponsors a different and unique writing or art competition, with hundreds of entries pouring in each time from enthusiastic Cricket readers all over the world. Winners receive recognition and a certificate, and the best entries are published in the magazine.

Ten-year-old Anna, who has previously been published in Cricket, is a fifth grader at Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

The art is posted at cricketmagkids.com/contests.

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14: IMPACT 100 Meet & Mingle, 4:30 p.m. Portofino. Open to all those interested in joining. www.impact-100pensacola.org

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: Krewe du YaYa Pink Pedal Party. \$20 at www.krewedyayas.com or \$25 day off at Sandshaker, 9:30 a.m. Entry includes lunch and prize tickets.

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. Gulf-side 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

25: Bingo at the Beach Church, 6 p.m. Bring your friends, family, snacks and drinks. A few bucks to play. www.TheBeachChurch.com

30: Woolly Booger Kiss The Hurricane Season Goodbye Bawl. Open to everyone who loves the beach. 4 p.m. til at Paradise Bar and Grill. No charge. Bring Queen Shugah a

token or good luck charm.

DECEMBER

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

1: Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m. to noon, Crab's on Pensacola Beach.

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.

8: Toys 4444 Tots Poker Tourney. 1 p.m. The Break. Two new unwrapped toys entry fee. Open to the public.

9: SOB Christmas Brunch, Flounder's around noon.

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

14: Pensacola Beach Elementary School Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m. Our Lady of the Assumption. Open to the public.

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 at midnight. Santa Rosa Sound.

LOOKING FORWARD... 2019

January 1 - Polar Bear Plunge, 2 p.m. Paradise, Hosted by the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. Island Times Plungewear Costume Contest. www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com ☺☺☺☺

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

January 12 - Pensacola Beach Half Marathon, 10K, 5K. After Party at the Sandshaker. www.PensacolaRunners.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 ☺☺☺☺

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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. PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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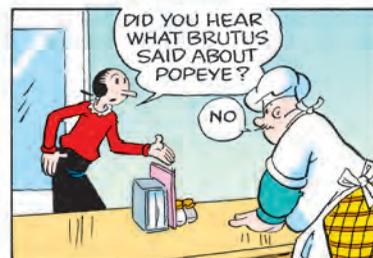
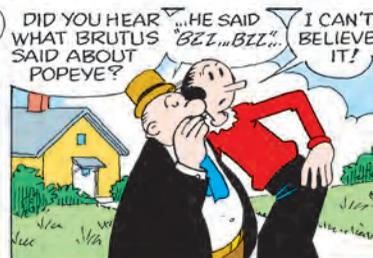
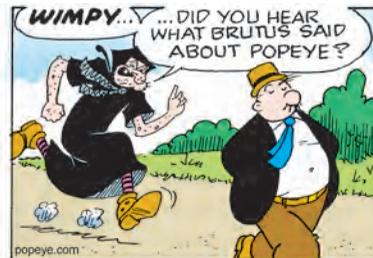
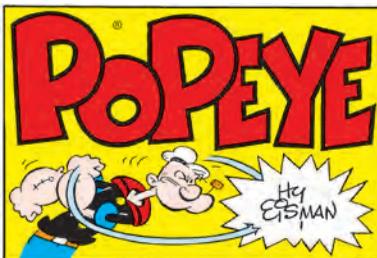
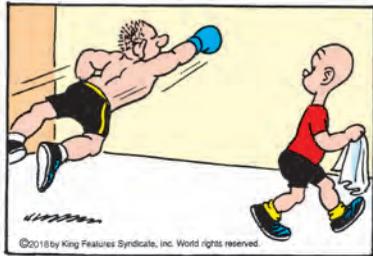
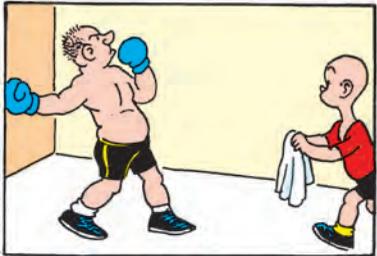
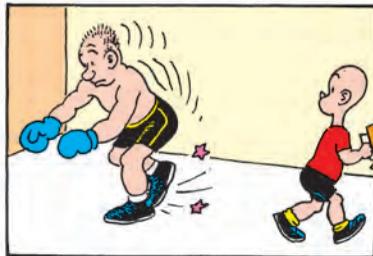
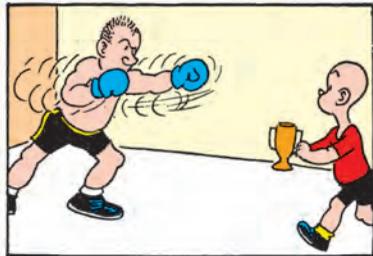
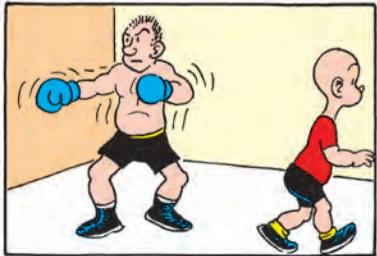
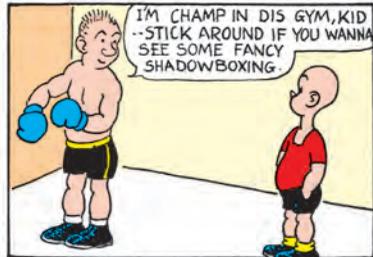
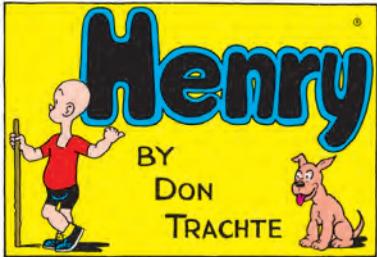
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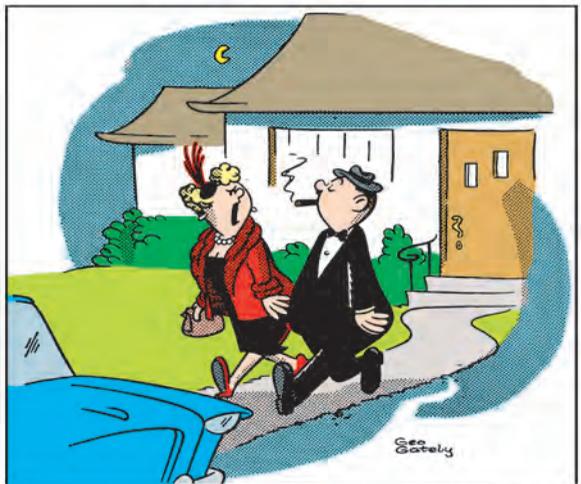
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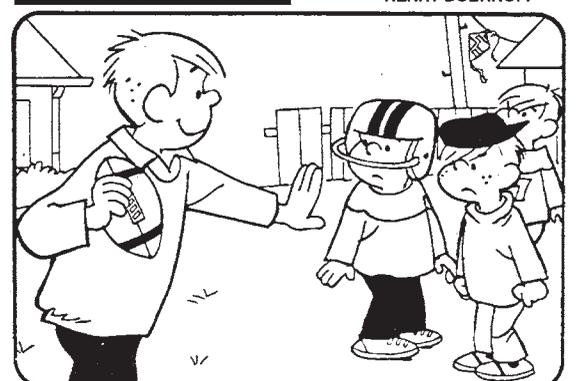
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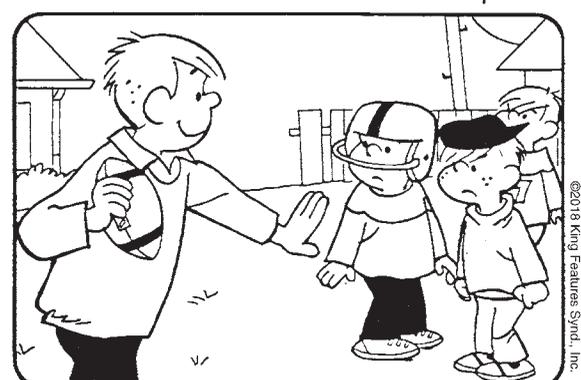
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Never Hurts To Tri



By Charles Gheen
 USAT Certified Race Director
 Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

Catching Up With Allie Kieffer

Over the years I've met many professional triathletes and runners. As the Elite Athletes Chairman for the Double Bridge Run for eight years, I had the privilege of recruiting outstanding runners to compete in our road race. Those runners shared many of the same traits. They were disciplined, dedicated and all were slender or very slender. Well, almost all of them.

We heard from Allie Kieffer late in the registration process for the 2015 race. She lived in New York City and had some really good races in 2012 and 2013. After that I couldn't find any results for about a year and a half for her. However, based on some of her times, I was excited she was coming to Pensacola. When I picked her up at the airport, I have to say she didn't "look like a runner." That means she wasn't skinny-skinny.

I asked her where she was training in New York City and what kind of shape she was in. She said she was running loops around Central Park and she was in "decent" shape. I asked her about her seeming hiatus from competition. She said she was training in Boulder, Colorado (as many of our runners were) and she got burned out. She moved back to Manhattan and quit running for a while. Then, she missed it and started training again.

She won the Double Bridge Run easily and that was the last time we saw her in person. Then, last year, she astoundingly finished fifth in the New York City Marathon (the greatest road race in the world) in 2:29. It was an amazing finish and a fast time and "it came out of nowhere." She was basically an unknown in the elite running world and here she was challenging the best of the best.

An article in the *New York Times* leading up to this year's race was a mini-profile of Allie and focused on her "doing it her way." She had gone through issues over the years with following the accepted training regimens

and with resembling the usual runner's body image. She started improving when she decided she was only going to live up to her standards. She trained harder, lifted weights, didn't try to be thin and it all worked for her.

This year she was one of the featured runners in New York City. We watched her on the live broadcast at the start in Staten Island as she was facing the best women runners in the world. She did not disappoint with a 2:28 (a personal record) and a seventh-place finish.

She's a very interesting person and her story is a good lesson. Not every standard regimen works for every runner and not everyone fits into the same cookie-cutter image. Find what works for you. Stick with your plan and don't pay attention to the nay-sayers and the doubters.

Move Your Body

Recently, I read Admiral William McRaven's book "Make Your Bed"....twice! McRaven is the former Navy SEAL who was the commander of the Joint Special Operations Command when Osama Bin Laden was located. McRaven planned the raid (Operation Neptune Spear) to capture Bin Laden which was carried out by SEAL Team Six. He was later promoted to commander of the United States Special Operations Command as a four-star Admiral.

After retiring from the Navy, he became the Chancellor of The University of Texas System for over three years.

He is also well-known for his commencement speech (find it on youtube.com) at the University of Texas in which he described the "life lessons" he learned as a SEAL trainee. Various videos of the speech or parts of it have been viewed nearly 50 million times. In the address he says "if you want to change the world, make your bed." What he means

is if you start your day off by accomplishing a task that means something, you can move on to more important tasks and goals. You have to do it correctly every day (as he did in training) and you will feel a sense of discipline and accomplishment that will carry you through the day. That is the first of his ten life lessons.

I'll borrow from those thoughts and say start off each day (every day) by moving your body. Wake up, get yourself out of bed and do something. Yes, you may have responsibilities in the morning and those are important. So, get up 15 minutes earlier. It doesn't take much time to improve your physical resolve and make a difference in your wellness, health and attitude.

Admiral McRaven says you'll feel better about yourself and your day if you make your bed. I say you'll feel better physically, mentally and emotionally if you move your body in some manner.

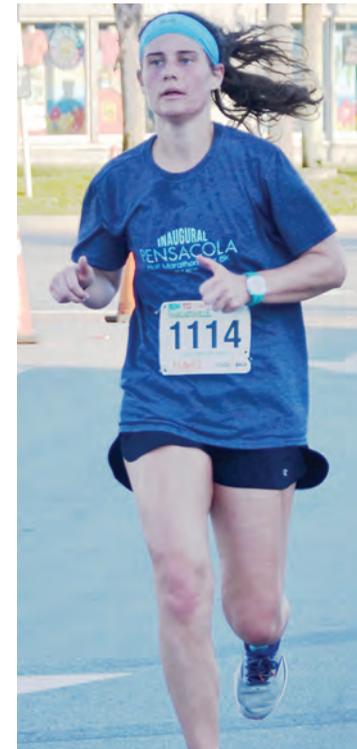
It would be great if you would go for a run or if you get up early enough to go to a pool and swim. However, any sort of regimented motion is a positive especially if it's at least ten or fifteen minutes. Heel raises, toe raises, deep knee bends, some form of dynamic stretching, jumping jacks, a plank or two, a short yoga routine or a series of squat thrusts (also known as "burpees") will make a big difference.

I recently read an article about doing 50 burpees a day (spread out throughout the day) for 30 days and the positive things it did for the author. He got stronger, felt more disciplined and had a better attitude than when he started.

So, if you want to change your world, move your body. Move it every day, the first thing in the morning and you'll see a difference I am sure.



Shannon Lewis costumed at the October 28 Run To Margaritaville on Pensacola Beach. She managed to complete the 5K in 53 minutes while walking with a hurricane on her head and a Florida Strong sign.



Winners of the October 28 Run To Margaritaville Half Marathon on Pensacola Beach were (photo, left) Men's Division Stephen Harris, 38, and (photo, right) Kaitlan Moynihan, who was the first female and third runner overall to cross the finish line. Harris' time was 1:24:30 and Moynihan finished the 13.1 mile course in 1:36:26. There were a total of 73 runners in the Half Marathon.

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Spanish and King Mackerel are moving south now as temperatures drop and there is plenty of talk of nighttime Flounder giggering going on. Get your light and your gig, and go!

I am heading south for the next few weeks so Happy Thanksgiving everyone. See you in December. And don't forget, grab a kid and go fishing!

So there has been a lot of talk and people complaining about Red Tide here on the island. Fact is that it's been found in a variety of concentrations on Pensacola Beach and at the Bob Sikes Bridge and in medium concentrations at Navarre Beach and Destin. That can change, daily and by location. No substantial fish kills have been reported. Some people may experience itchy skin, burning eyes and respiratory irritations. These symptoms will dissipate after leaving the beach.

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, "Coastal areas of Southwest Florida have been experiencing this since October 2017." While we are experiencing a small episode here, it is not expected to last.

FWC advises that Red tide in Florida and Texas is caused by the rapid growth of a microscopic algae called *Karenia brevis*. When large amounts of this algae are present, it can cause a harmful algal bloom (HAB) that can be seen from space. NOAA issues HAB forecasts based on satellite imagery and cell counts of *Karenia brevis* collected in the field and analyzed by NOAA partners.

As anglers, if you see sick, injured, or stranded wildlife, such as a sea turtle, manatee, dolphin, seabird, or a large fish kill in Florida, report it to the following network hotlines:

- To report an injured, hooked, entangled, or stranded sea turtle, call 1-877-942-5343.
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Now that we have gotten that out of the way conditions are already beginning to improve. It's just important that you should know all the facts and be aware. I've been fishing with little or no problems this week. Last weekend my eyes were a little irritated



Local angler Robbie Louhier reeled in this 42.5 inch Bull Red while fishing in Pensacola Bay, October 4. Louhier, an accomplished fisherman, and is also blind.

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