When you are four-months-old everything is a new experience — especially welcoming a new year. Little Vera Ann Schepper will miss the dazzling parties and midnight fireworks, that’s past her bedtime, but she may make the scene at the Polar Bear Plunge on New Year’s Day. You can find her in the protective arms of her parents, Wade and Melia Schepper of Gulf Breeze. Dad is a United States Marine and Mom is employed at Surf Burger. Island Times is pleased to appoint Vera as our New Year’s Ambassador. Turn to page 2 for more new year’s news.
Bears And Cubs Take The Plunge On New Year’s Day

Out with the old and in with the new. As the year draws to a close, tuck the sweet memories of 2011 away. It’s time to celebrate and look forward to the promise of a New Year, a fresh start, a blank slate. As a grand finale to the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit celebration, the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce provides a sizzle and a splash for revelers to usher in 2012.

Dazzling fireworks will light up the inky night sky over the Gulf of Mexico when the clock strikes midnight on New Year’s Eve. The pyrotechnics will launch from the end of the Gulf Fishing Pier. The display can be viewed from the soft sand at Casino Beach or from your favorite beach location.

New Year’s Eve parties will be in full swing as Beach businesses offer free champagne, balloon drops with prizes and dancing to live bands.

The party continues on the sand beach at Paradise Bar and Grill where the Polar Bear Plunge begins at 2 p.m. on New Year’s Day.

The Polar Bear Cub Club is open to paid Plunge entrants 12-years-old and younger. Each Cub will receive a special Plunge goodie bag, and will be entered in the Cub Club’s prize drawing.

Showing off your sense of style at the Polar Bear Plunge has become a beach tradition. The Pensacola Beach Polar Bear Plungewear Contest... Awards will be given for first, second and third place for the most creative costume. Judges identities are kept secret and make their determination before, during and after the event.

“Whether you choose to get wet or just watch, don’t miss this New Year’s day tradition,” said Chamber Executive Director Maureen LaMar. “The costumes are crazy and get better every year.”

Top costumed contenders each year include Marcia Hoven and her gang of willing plungers; Eleni Weissnicht, who traveled from the University of Colorado to defend her previous title; and the devilish Jim Cox. His red costume, complete with horns and pitch fork was a crowd favorite. “I don’t know if the costumes keep the Polar Bears any warmer than those who just have on swimsuits,” said Johnson. “But each year we see wet and wild entries.”

Will the Polar Bears be shivering or will it be like a day at the Beach?

Longtime Santa Rosa Island lifeguard and supervisor Dave Greenwood predicts the water temps on January 1 to be in the low 60s. “It’s very unpredictable,” he states with certainty.

Predicting air temperatures are even more difficult, according to National Weather Service, they range between a balmy seventy down to a chilly 23 degrees. No matter the weather, the event takes place.

“We will have the heat turned up in our tented areas, but bring dry clothes and fluffy blankets” said Renee Mack. “The kitchen will be open and our bartenders will be ready with spicy Bloody Marys.”

The awards will be made immediately following the Plunge.

The event is open to the public. Ample free parking is available on the east side of the Paradise property or in the Via de Luna Shopping Center.

Tammy Bohannon, acting secretary; Thomas Cannon Prather will serve as the secretary; and later as an Escambia County Commissioner, topped the slate which received the unanimous vote of the SRIA and Chamber,” Prather said. “We had a great year. We are looking forward to another great year. This cooperation is instrumental in achieving the good cash position the SRIA is in.”

SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee reported that the project to upgrade the planks on the Boardwalk is moving forward and should be complete by April 2012. His report also contained two entries where Chamber executives from Virginia Beach have been seeking information on how to conduct an air show as successful the Blue Angels Air Show on Pensacola Beach.

Mike Langston of Baskerville Donovan presented the engineer’s report which contained items of restoration, repair and master planning. EDSA, planning firm who developed the Pensacola Beach Master Plan, began weekly meetings with County and Baskerville Donovan engineers on December 6. Features of the Core Area Redevelopment Plan approved by the Steering Committee and SRIA, which did not meet engineering standards, are being discussed. The final presentation is set for the week of January 23.

Other projects include:
• The iconic water tank located in the Casino Beach parking lot will be repaired and repainted in the New Year.
• Beach renourishment permit documents, and construction plans are in process. Timing of the renourishment will depend on the Sturgeon migration.
• Via de Luna landscaping is on hold. Cars exceeding the speed limit are creating a concern with regard to how much landscaping can be safely planted.
• Leaseholders on Corto and Largo Drives may see some relief when it rains. Flooding issues are being addressed by the County. Langston also notes that erosion problems on Rio Vista Drive are being reviewed. Improvements are on hold awaiting direction from Escambia County.

The next Full Board meeting is Wednesday, January 11 at 5 p.m. in the SRIA meeting room. The meeting is open to the public. Agendas are online at www.sria-fla.com.
The only person I know who does not have a cell phone is me.

Since I am so notoriously low tech, this should come as no surprise to anyone. I am a telephone recluse, as a result of years and years of spending a number of my business hours, talking and listening on the telephone. I also spent a huge number of my leisure hours with the telephone glued to my ear. People used to call me during dinner, during television, and during my bedtime. Those were the night folks.

Then, there were the day callers, starting at about 5 in the morning. When it finally dawned on me that I was the listening post and mother confessor for an increasing number of regular phone buddies, I secured an unlisted number. In view of this, why would I now want to carry a two-inch device to their ears and gossip when someone calls. You can listen to a symphony or jazz or almost anything you want.

Long ago, I attended a meeting when a booming symphonic rendition disrupted the proceedings. The owner recognized the music as coming from her phone, but she was at the back of a large room, and her purse was on a chair in the front row. Guiltily, she hurried toward the music, started rummaging around in a gigantic bag and finally stopped the symphony. By then, the room had grown noisy with everyone talking and laughing. It took a while for the speaker to regain his own composure, and finally he quieted his audience.

I wonder what General Henry M. Robert, author of Robert's Rules of Order would have thought about cell phones?

There would, no doubt, have been a section on tabling them. I do not intend to organize a protest march against cell phones and their users. Who would be marching with me? No one.

And I do not begrudge those talkers who hold a tiny device to their ears and gossip endlessly. Maybe, soon, you will just implant a phone into your ear, and get your hands back on the steering wheel.

I must admit there are certain advantages to finding people who might not answer a standard, old fashioned phone. For instance, when I call a cell, I ask, "Where are you?"

The answer, "I'm in the grocery store buying bananas."

Thus begins a long conversation about groceries, how much they cost, and why are the bananas always too ripe or too green? By the time this chatter ends, I have forgotten why I called in the first place.

Which just goes to show you that phone calls are not always necessary.

Don’t let any of this column keep you from calling me. If I’m home, I will answer. If I’m not, my answering machine will take a message for me. Just keep in mind that you can never reach me while I am conducting important business, such as trying to find bananas that are at the perfect stage of ripeness.

Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper

What does a Bear Wear?
Polar Bear Plunge Wear Contest

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What does a Bear Wear?

Mardi Gras on the Island Events

January 7
Krewe of Nereids King Kake Party, Paradise, 3 p.m. Open

January 13
Krewe of Junkanoon Costumes&Crowns, Shaker, 7 p.m. Open

January 20
Krewe of Nereids Moon Pie Party, Sandshaker, 7 p.m. Open

January 21
Krewe of Shakers WigWacker Wiggin’ Out, Shaker, 9 p.m. Open

January 28
Krewe of Nausa Champagne Breakfast, The Dock, 10 a.m. $$
Krewe of Brewe Beach Babe Contest & Party, Shaker 1 p.m. Open
February 4
Krewe of Brewe Black Tie Ball, 8 p.m. Elks’ Lodge. $$
February 11
Kids and Kittens Parade, 10 a.m. Open ($5 fee for dogs)
Krewe of Wrecks Grand Costume Ball, Elks’, $$
February 13
Queen’s Dinner, Flounder’s,$$
King’s Supper, Elks’, $$
February 18
Champagne Breakfast, Crab’s We Got ‘Em, 10 a.m., $$
Street Dance, Sabine Sandbar, 1 to 5 p.m. Open
February 19
Krewe of Wrecks Parade, 2 p.m. Open
February 20
Red Beans and Rice Lunch, 11 a.m. Casino Beach. Open
February 21
Krewe of Coma, Sandshaker, 6 p.m. Open
Shoe Box Float Contest, Paradise, 8 p.m. Open

OPEN = everyone is welcome to attend. No cover charge. $5= Ticket is required

Krewe of Wrecks Meetings
begin at 6 p.m. Memberships are available at meeting, $30

Jan 2 Flounder’s
Jan 9 Hemingway’s
Jan 16 Lilo’s
Jan 23 Paddy O’Leary’s
Jan 30 The Break
Feb 6 Elks’ Lodge

Be sure to visit the Mardi Gras on the Island Founder’s Bench at Flounder’s
Who’s New
Amanda Eaton is a new hire at the Santa Rosa Island Authority. She serves as an assistant in the Administration Department which is directed by Jayne Bell. Amanda also will assist Developmental Services Department Director Paolo Ghio. Jamee Thompson and Melody Bolster also have new assignments at the SRIA.

Special Delivery
Jack and Michelle Parris are lullabying a new baby, Parker Rene, who was born on December 8 in Pensacola. The little tyke’s granddad is Bruce Parris.

Go Noles
The Beach’s Sherry and Jim Hobbs are Alabama football fans – to the core. But, their kids and their money go to Florida State University. Son Drew is a creative writing major and younger sister Shelby is studying broadcast journalism. The college students are back home on the beach for Christmas.

On The Wing
Kacy Ray, Officer with the American Bird Conservancy has tapped DJ Zemenick’s photo of Least Terns at Ft. Pickens to use in National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s reference materials about nesting beach birds. DJ takes photos of all kinds of wildlife, including Beach Mardi Gras revelers.

Gym Time
Kristin Amberson and husband Scott have plenty to cheer about – their three children, Jayce, Blair and Carlee are all playing basketball. The parents get in overtime with Blair’s year round soccer league and Carlee’s volleyball games. Keep cheering. Jayce’s baseball games begin in January.

Costa Birthday
Freddy Espo carved up waves instead of birthday cake on his December 14 birthday. He and wife Heidi were in Costa Rica having a great time. They’ll be back in time for the annual Surfer’s Memorial, January 12.

Just Like Dad
Beach resident Steve Luppert reports that son Ethan, 23, is following in his footsteps. Both are park service employees working on an island. Ethan is a lifeguard on St. John in the Virgin Islands.

Have Some Fun Sending Off 2-0-1-1
Pop. Pop. Pop. Those are the familiar sounds of New Year’s Eve on Pensacola Beach. Bottles of champagne and midnight fireworks. Resolve to welcome the New Year on Pensacola Beach. Nightlife at Nightclubs
Bamboo Willie’s on the Boardwalk. No cover, free champagne and party favors. Balloon Drop at Midnight with prizes. The Mainstream is on stage.

Paddy O’Leary’s Irish Pub celebrates Irish New Year with a countdown, party hats and champagne toast when the clock strikes 6 p.m. on Pensacola Beach. Fun for early birds. Stick around they celebrate the American New Year at Midnight. Pints, car bombs and pub fun.

Paradise Bar and Grill, tucked onto the Soundside Beach at the Paradise Inn. Champagne party with The All Star Band. Special room rates.
Sabine Sandbar is pouring free champagne at midnight. Dance to Southern Breeze and win a prize at the Balloon Drop.
Sandshaker is one of the best places to view the fireworks. Party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. Trunk Monkey will get you dancing.

Memorable Meals
Crab’s has a romantic way to end the year with a Steamer For Two. Toast the evening with a bottomless glass of champagne. For Two. Toast the evening with a bottomless glass of champagne. For Two. Toast the evening with a bottomless glass of champagne.

The Grand Marlin has a show stopping New Year’s Eve lined up for you. Three courses. Slow roasted prime rib and spice grilled shrimp play a starring role. Reservations accepted.

PegLeg’s celebrates with a casual atmosphere and exceptionally friendly staff. Pirates and landlubbers should order the Surf and Turf; it’s the special on New Year’s Eve.

Sidelines scores with five bowl games on December 31. Big televisions and plenty of them. Wings and beer, plus a full menu.
Surf Burger is serving up fun with a side of burgers, fries and beer. Bring the entire family.
Clock Stops Ticking - Fifty Percent Rule Removed From Committee Agenda

Members of the Santa Rosa Island Authority Architectural and Environmental Committee were met with applause from Beach residents when they gave zero support to a change in the Fifty Percent Rule at the December 14 meeting.

In an effort to mitigate repetitive storm damage claims and lower insurance premiums, Paolo Ghio, Director of SRIA Developmental Services recommended that the time frame for accumulating damage be extended to the lifetime of the structure. A structure must be brought into compliance if it accumulates damages greater than fifty percent of its market value. This often means that the structure would have to be demolished and elevated to be out of harm’s way.

There are 93 homes on Pensacola Beach that are currently non-compliant. FEMA had a grant workshop last month on the Beach to seek those who would qualify for assistance and Environmental Committee Member Dave Pavlock commented that this would affect property values on Pensacola Beach in a way is almost like a taking of property. Longtime Pensacola Beach leaseholder Linda Broadus spoke to the board about her family’s one story cinder block home. Her family has owned the same home for four decades.

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Let Them Eat Cake

Waving her royal scepter from high atop her glittering sand castle, Mystic Krewe of Nereids Queen Daisy Long commands her subjects to eat cake. It’s not just any cake. It’s King Kake, served by the friendly all-female krewe at their annual King Kake Party, Saturday, January 7 at 3 p.m. at Paradise Bar and Grill.

The party, which is open to the public at no charge, blasts guests into the Mardi Gras season with dancing, drinking and a serving of the purple, green and gold topped King Cake made famous in New Orleans.

The Nereids will crown a new king and queen during the afternoon soiree. There will be chances to win elaborate gift baskets. Chances to win at the 50-50 game. And, chances to meet Mardi Gras royalty.

Find your best purple, green and gold outift, add some dancing shoes and a big smile, because the Nereids are getting the Island Mardi Gras parties started.

Let the good times roll.

Jodie’s English Muffin Goodies
1 - 4 oz. can chopped ripe olives
½ Cup sliced green onions
8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
¾ Cup mayonnaise
½ Tsp. salt
½ Tsp. curry powder
6 English Muffins

Combine all ingredients together and mix well. Split the 6 English Muffins (Chrissy used 100% whole wheat muffins). Spread mixture on each half. Cut into quarters and place on baking sheet. Heat in a 375 degree oven until cheese melts.

Enjoy, share and have a safe Year but it’s still the Season of Peas, Porridge & a Dry Martini
by Kathi Lewis

The best thing about a brand new year is that I know the shortest days of winter are over. I know logically there’s the same amount of time in each day. I just cannot get the same amount of stuff done when the sun goes down so early. Get up earlier? You must be joking or talking about someone else.

I’ve always been content to let the early birds have the worm. I don’t want ‘em any other way. What I do want is long, slow, lazy days full of bright sunshine and nothing more on my to-do list than reading a good book. That can’t happen soon enough for me.

In fact, it’s not going to happen anytime soon. Even though the shortest days are over, I still need much more sunlight than I am allotted now. Since I live such a magical fantasy life, why can’t I have days when the sun rises around 11 a.m. and doesn’t go down until 11 p.m.? I know I could get a lot more done.

I might even be able to fit a nap into my schedule. I tried to take a short nap the day after the Krewe of Nereids Christmas Party. It was the day after because it was an overnight party. I was tired and just wanted a tiny bit of sleep to energize me so I could wrap more gifts and hopefully finish the last of the holiday stuff. It was not meant to be.

I went to sleep just fine. It was the waking-up part that caused me the trouble. I didn’t wake up energized in just a couple of hours. Oh no, I didn’t wake up until seventeen hours later!

I wake up with ‘brain fog’ on a good day so after sleeping that long, my brain didn’t clear for days. So much for naps! I lost more time by trying to take a nap than had I just muddled through in the first place.

What I don’t understand is that I never have to really muddle through until the end of the year. How is it possible that I’m the only one who runs out of time at the end? I start out with the same time as everyone else in the beginning. I never muddle through Mardi Gras! There seems to be plenty of time for that. I’m also pretty sure I get through Spring Break and Easter fairly quickly. And there’s that beautiful lull between Easter and the real beginning of summer that I truly love. Oh yes, I love that lull. So, in hindsight I’m beginning to see that it’s some-where around July that time begins to speed up. Then summer just flies on by until it’s suddenly over.

Aha! I believe the true culprit, the time-stealer, might just be Halloween. Once the pumpkins start popping up, fall begins to steal the sunlight making the days shorter and shorter. So much shorter, in fact, that by the time the Christmas Parties begin, there’s hardly any daytime left at all. No wonder I get so tired.

So this year I’m going to slowly savor the first few months. That will be easy since I love Mardi Gras so much. Then I’ll definitely going to try to make the most of that lovely lull before real summer arrives. If that goes well, then maybe I can nap sometime during July to keep the summer from flying by so quickly.

And as soon as I see the first pumpkin, I’m going to start wrapping gifts and finishing all my holiday plans. We’ll see how that works out because I know there will only be a couple of sunlight hours left in the day by that time.

Maybe I should schedule the SOB Christmas Brunch, the Mental Health Night Group and the Mystic Krewe of Nereids’ Christmas Parties at the same time, thereby saving a few more precious hours. We’ll see. I’ll let you know how it works out at the end of next year. Same time, same place……

In the meantime, we still have to eat. This recipe is shared by Chrissy Cook who brought this to the Mental Health Night Christmas Party. It is very tasty, goes very quickly and it’s definitely a keeper. It may be a New Year but it’s still the Season of the Appetizers!

So, let’s cook……

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BP Sends Funds For Sand Dunes

Escambia County is in line to get $4.4 million for boat ramps in Pensacola and $585,898 for dune restoration on Pensacola Beach because of the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

The Deepwater Horizon Draft Phase I Early Restoration Plan & Environmental Assessment contains $57 million in projects. But, before they move forward, the Trustees of this money are looking for formal public comment.

Keith Wilkins, Escambia County Community and Environ- ment Department director, commented that the dune restoration will be focused on rebuilding and vegetating dunes from the Gulf pier eastward.

According to the plan, the proposed dune restoration project will help prevent beach erosion by restoring a “living shoreline,” a coastline protected by plants and natural resources rather than hard structures. As a result, this project would assist with the restoration of wildlife, habitats, and communities along the northwest Florida Gulf Coast.

Public comments are currently being accepted online at www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov. and at a public meeting Thursday, January 12 at the UWF Conference Center from 6 to 10 p.m.

“In addition to public comments at the meeting, experts will be on hand to answer questions about the proposed projects, Early Restoration and the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process,” said Kristin Lock, Communications Manager at Florida’s DEP office.

This is the first in an anticipated series of plans to begin restoration of the Gulf of Mexico to compensate for natural resource injuries, including the loss of human use of Gulf resources, from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Visit www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov for details.

The Island Times
December 27, 2011
During this time of year you do not have to look far or listen carefully to hear about a New Year’s resolution. New Year’s Eve has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It’s a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. Here is a top ten list that I think is worth considering.

1. Assess our Faith Journey, see where we have been and where we want to go. (This may include finding a church home)
2. Spend more time with family and friends.
3. Take care of yourself (both physically and mentally)
4. Enjoy your life. (It is yours)
5. Find a way to help others.
6. Resolve stress (get out of debt if possible)
7. Open yourself to learning something new/different
8. Resist bad habits (Smoking, excessive drinking, good eating habits)
9. Resolve conflict (this will give you peace of heart and mind)
10. Organize your time (this will give you the time needed for important things)

Well, I know these resolutions are not from a survey, but I hope they are helpful on your life journey. The Beach Church welcomes everyone that comes our way. It is a great place to begin the New Year.

Polar Bear Plunge
January 1
2 PM
Paradise

$11 includes shirt
$5 without shirt

I think one of the most important things that exists in our country is freedom of the press. Thomas Jefferson said it best, “Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.”

My sentiments exactly, which brings me to the ideals of the Island Times newspaper. No large conglomerate or corporation owns this paper. The columnists are given free reign to write and express themselves. I certainly have written a variety of articles on all types of topics – some controversial, some not. The news presented in this paper is about Pensacola Beach and its inhabitants, some human, some not. It’s about the structures on the Beach, some mammal, some not.

But beyond all this, it represents the true meaning of a “free press” as guaranteed in the Unites States Constitution.

I hope they are helpful on your way. It is a great place to begin the New Year.

Happy New Year!
School students, at the request of Pensacola Beach Elementary, gifts, food, and time are donated. This supports the on-site gift shop. All of the gifts are used for their foster parents at Christmas. Children can earn Santa dollars. Children use the fun money to purchase Christmas gifts for their foster parents at Christmas. It is a huge undertaking, serving 500 breakfasts, and providing a midway of games where the children can earn Santa dollars. Children use the fun money to purchase gifts for their foster parents at the on-site gift shop. All of the gifts, food, and time are donated. This year Pensacola Beach Elementary School students, at the request of their Junior Optimist Club, held a toy drive. Gulf Breeze Elementary Schools students have been part of the project for three years. Pandora is fostering a legacy of giving and teaching others to do the same.

REQUESTS GRANTED
Santa Rosa Education Foundation awarded 87 grants totaling $15,225 to Santa Rosa public educators. SREF, with the support of the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations, the Florida Legislature, Mediacom Communications, Gulf Power Foundation, and the Gulf Breeze Optimist Club, is enabling teachers to implement grants that engage students in active learning while increasing student achievement. Congratulations to the Recipients: Tom Aldridge, Shelly Mann and Kimberly McCullough of Gulf Breeze Elementary; and Sara Dykstra, Gulf Breeze High.

BIG WINNER
First Grader Addison Commeaux won the paddleboard raffled off during the Beach School Christmas program. The custom board was donated by professional paddleboard racer Slater Trout. Trout, a former Beach School student, lives in Hawaii and competes internationally. The drawing netted $4400.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK
The Beach School welcomed Courtney German to their rolls. She is a transfer student from Huntsville, Alabama.

Fourth graders get tuned up backstage before the Beach School Christmas program, December 9 at Our Lady Performers (L to R): Grant Gaennie, Tanner Braxton, Dylan Renfro, Madeline Taylor, Sofie Babcock and Jon Smith. Hayley Carrick-Viviers is in the background.

Kindergartners (L to R) Zoey Amjad, Liam Allen, and Anderson Tanner are bundled up in scarves and mittens. Seated in a window sill, they waited for their turn to take the stage at the Beach School Christmas program, December 9. They sang The Mitten Song under the direction of Mary Holway, Music teacher.

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Beach Krewe News where to be when and what to do when you get there pensacolabeachmardigras.com
Dennis Remesch, a Realtor with RE/MAX on the Coast in Gulf Breeze, has been named Realtor of the Year by the Pensacola Association of Realtors. He received the annual award for his significant involvement in local, state and national realtor association activities, as well as wide participation in local community projects.

Remesch serves on the board of directors for the Pensacola Association of Realtors as well as Florida Realtors. He also is past president and current chairman of the board of directors for Gulf Breeze Second place went to a playoff first place. S.S. Dixon's Cole Dixon's Camden Lowe for Gulf Breeze Middle School's Price of S.S. Dixon for the Brook Jockers defeated Emma Jockers will be the representative for the boys. His sister Gulf Breeze Elementary's Brady Pettinicci competes for the Elks Lodge's team.

Regional contests held throughout the state and these winners compete for the State Championship. State winners qualify through National Regional contest for the National Finals held in Springfield, Massachusetts at the Basketball Hall of Fame. Fred Bryan is the Pensacola Beach Hoop Shoot Director and event coordinator.

Elks Lodge Hoopsters Advance To District Contest

The Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot was Saturday, December 17 at Gulf Breeze High School with participants from schools across Santa Rosa County qualifying for the Elks Lodge’s team.

In the 8-9 year old category Gulf Breeze Elementary’s Brady Jockers will be the representative for the boys. His sister Brook Jockers defeated Emma Price of S.S. Dixon for the Girls title.

In the 10-11 age category Gulf Breeze Middle School’s Alyssa Lewter defeated S.S. Dixon’s Camden Lowe for first place. S.S. Dixon’s Cole Jenkins took the boys title hitting 16 of 25 for the day. Second place went to a playoff with Woodlawn Beach’s Walter Yates taking a one shot win over Gulf Breeze Elementary’s Ben Hepworth.

In the 12-13 age group Gulf Breeze Middle School’s Owen Hayes took top honors in this age group, as well as Best Overall, knocking down 19 of 25 foul shots. Woodlawn Beach’s Octavian Moyer was second scoring 17 of 25. There were no participants in the girls division of this age group.

The Pensacola Beach Elks team will now compete in the NW District contest January 14 at Gulf Breeze High School against Elks Lodge teams from Destin, Ft. Walton, Navarre, Tri City, Crestview, and Warner. District Winners advance to the North Regional in Live Oak. There are three Bathtub Races. He enters 5K running races and enjoys the local music scene.

“I am honored to have received this award and pledge continued dedication to serving the Gulf Coast community,” he said.

Remesch entered the real estate profession in the greater Pensacola area in 2003. Prior to joining the real estate industry, Remesch worked in architectural and engineering fields, gaining 14 years experience in commercial and residential design. He is currently a CCIM candidate, seeking Certified Commercial Investment Member designation.

He and his wife, Anita, reside in Gulf Breeze.

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Feel the rhythm. Hear the rhyme. This end-of-the-year column is being written on island time. Greetings from the British Virgin Islands where the water is warm; the breezes are gentle; and the rum drinks are flowing. This is the perfect place and clime to reflect on beating the odds in 2011.

Once again my family enjoyed a healthy year except for the occasional tummy trouble, strained muscle, or pimple that took on a life of its own. We are very grateful that we are not the target audience for all the commercials paid for by pharmaceutical companies and run during the nightly news or football games.

I am incredibly grateful that my degree from the University of West Florida continues to pay off. I am privileged to be working for the same company over the past three years in a field that I love -- Corporate Communications. As we have grown tenfold over those years, I am valued as not only an employee, but a mom as well. Thanks in part to great thinkers like Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, I am able to work remotely when the need arises and tend to my family, too.

I am fortunate the Colonel and I are buying a home that I love as the statistics suggest so much for this great nation of ours. Until next time, have a safe and fun New Year's Eve as you usher in 2012.

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Don’t forget

Kim Schmitz is behind the wheel of the Christmas Cart, while Ashley Nelson helps throw candy and beads to the spectators at the Beach Chamber’s Surfing Santa Beach Parade, December 11.

The merrily decorated carts are a crowd favorite.
**Business Buzz**

**Give Me A Dozen**

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**Geaux Tiger**

Gulf Breeze Attorney John Bordelon as been serving clients on the Beach and in Gulf Breeze since 1987, but his roots are in Louisiana. His first law school degree was conferred on the LSU campus. Will he be cheering for the Tigers in their bid for the national college football title on January 9? You bet he will.

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Captain Melissa Clark’s Boozer II, was followed by Jason Massarelli’s On Site at the December 9 Lighted Boat Parade hosted by the Beach Chamber.

Q: “How Does Skype work?”

A: Skype is a computer program that allows you to communicate with friends and relatives, free of charge, through the Internet. Skype was recently purchased by Microsoft for $8.5 billion, in cash. The program can be downloaded to your computer from the Skype.com website. When installing Skype, you will be asked to provide your name, an account user ID, your email address, and a password.

Your name, your user ID, and email address will be listed in the international Skype directory. Other Skype users can then search the directory to find you. Skype has more than 150 million users in the directory. As many as 25 million have been on-line at the same time. In order for two people to begin communicating with one another, one must send a request and the other must accept it. That person is then in your contact list. That protects you from being bothered by people that you don’t know.

To talk to others and have them see you, you will need a web camera with a built-in microphone. Most laptop computers already have those built into the screen. For computers that don’t already have cameras, you can buy a webcam, with a microphone, for around $40. It is a great way to stay in touch with family. Grandparents especially like to use it to see the grandkids.

Once you start Skype on your computer, it will notify you when someone is trying to connect with you. Just click on the screen to accept the connection and they will appear on your screen. You can connect with several people at the same time if you want to have a group conversation. You can also send text and pictures to your friends through Skype. With Skype you can also make international Internet calls directly to phones, paying only a couple of cents per minute. This article was provided by The Stukey Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 850-206-3156.

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We had a good snow that year and Daddy took us up to visit our aunt in Watkinsville, Georgia. We were hoping to maybe go rabbit hunting with Swep and Joe who were our friends. They would have gone to the “other” schools had they not been living in Decatur. Swep was my age and Joe was the age of my brother, Dan. Dan and Joe both were good athletes and loved to play football.

When asked, they said yes, they wanted to go hunting. The next morning we were up bright and early and headed for the field. These were mule farming times so the fields were small with low terraces to retard washouts during heavy rains. The low terraces were built up a little with bushes and this was where the rabbits would find cover.

To get them to run out of their cover you could walk along the terrace line and flush them out. The rabbit would blast out of its cover but he would duck back into the bushes on the terrace as soon as he could. The rabbit wouldn’t run very far at a time before hiding again. The trick was to get in a shot before he was hidden again.

We were out there in the snow for most of the morning before we headed for the house carrying our trophies. Of course, Aunt Miriam didn’t want any of the rabbits, so all of them went to Swep’s mom. She knew better what to do with them, anyway.

How many did we kill that cold morning? Well, Dan had two rabbits and shot 8 times. I wasn’t much better. I had three rabbits and shot 10 times. I remember Swep had a 12 gauge single barrel shotgun and carried only three shells. He brought in three rabbits on those 3 shells. Joe, the youngest of the four brave hunters, didn’t carry a gun at all. He just carried a stick. He would flush a rabbit and run it down before putting it in his bag.

What was in Joe’s bag that morning? Joe had 12 rabbits and didn’t fire a shot.

By the way, Swep ended up as a teacher after going off to college and Joe played college football as a defensive lineman where he used the speed he showed when rabbit hunting. Luckily, he couldn’t use that stick when playing football in Athens.

Sweet Sue Smith Retires, Looks For Travel and Adventure

For thirty-five years, Sue Smith had a candy dish on her desk, filled with sweets no matter which Escambia County office she called home. Smith, who retires December 31 from the Santa Rosa Island Authority, began her career in Pensacola working as an aide to the Escambia County Commissioners. She had been with the County Commission for 18 years, when a call came from SRIA General Manager Monte Blews in 1994.

“I was invited to interview for a newly created administrative assistant’s position in the Environmental and Developmental Services Department,” said Sue. “I got the job!”

Working with the Santa Rosa Island Authority has become her second home and family.

“There is a lot of team work in this office,” she said.

Smith, who proudly announces that she was born and raised in Decatur, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta. Those were segregated times so there were two school systems operating at the same time. Sounds kind of dumb, but that’s the way it was.

When my brother and I were about 15 and 16-years-old, Daddy gave us each a brand new 16 gauge, double barrel shotgun. We couldn’t wait to go rabbit hunting. We had been shooting squirrels with an over/under 22/410 for several years but these were our first “real” shotguns. They were good guns, but had a Tenite plastic stock that would absolutely show when rabbit hunting. The “other” schools had their guns stored in the closet in the back hall of our high school. We were out at the “other” schools had they not been living in Decatur.

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Letters To The Editor

Words From Danah
I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of my family - both Blood and Beach - friends, clients, business associates, JME, SOB's (really, too many to name) for the encouragement and support during this very difficult time. The overwhelming amount of love and prayers fills my heart and makes me realize just how fortunate I am to be here, surrounded by a community that cares so much. The feeling is just indescribable!

Also, thank you to all of my clients for being so understanding and patient! I miss you all and hope to be back to work in January.

And, finally, a special thanks to my sister Gwen, my rock, for taking extra special care of me and our clients and our shop, to Dana Graves for organizing the benefits at Paradise and The Shaker and to all of those who donated at the benefits and to the SunTrust Dollars 4 Danah!!

Love to all, Danah

Special Thanks
Words alone cannot express my gleeful appreciation to each of you and to the community for your involvement in what is almost a secret Santa event.

As we counted gifts, we found that GBES and Kristin Amberson, on behalf of PBES Jr. Optimists, brought gifts for our foster children and for foster parents. Add that to: Marney and Don, Scott, Elizabeth, Chuck, Allan, Barbara, Rosemary, Yucca and Thomas, Linda, Caroline, Morgan, Josh, Sarah, Katie, Capt. Brian and Lynn Waters, Cailyn and even sweet Kenady, the lovely Valerie, Chuck and Helen Randle, my entire staff, plus Leo and Eric who so graciously moved and patiently assisted, all those fabulous kids from Pace, the incredible Jr. League of Pensacola, Susan, Jackie, and more...not to mention the incomparable Mary Poss, her husband David, their son and the entire Opera Chorus group, Lorrie Woolard, and his fabulous musicians, and all of you who prayed for us. Were it not for you, this event would never occur.

Pandora de Balthazar
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The 2011 “Vettes on the Beach” car show held on the weekend of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce’s Taste of the Beach was the biggest and best yet! Over 170 Corvettes, America’s sport car, were on display for the public.

The Miracle Strip Corvette Club thanks everyone who contributed to the show. Special thanks should go to Pete Moore Chevrolet, whose sponsorship helps to make the show an annual reality.

As a result of the show, the club was able to donate $2,000 to the Santa Rosa Kids House. We held a toy run on December 4 that brought hundreds of holiday gifts to the SRKH. Separately, the club has donated $2,000 to Covenant Hospice, our second club charity.

The 2012 event is Saturday, September 15. Mark your calendars and start your engines!

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6. Huge
7. Bowling alley
8. Roman X
9. Aide
10. Extinct birds
11. Faction
12. Culture medium
25. Articulate
26. Morning moisture
29. Mel who voiced Bugs Bunny
30. Shock and —
32. Study of wine (Var.)
34. Distort
35. Website info, for short
36. Cubic meter
37. Fijiyama’s island
40. Gentleman’s address
41. Jai —
42. Famed

DOWN

4. Consumed
5. Singer Celine
7. Comfortably treat
8. “I’ve —, — and"
9. Harvest need
10. Sea eagle
11. Active one
13. Sras., across
15. Pyrenees (Var.)
18. Sch. goings-on
20. Old man
21. Curved
22. Molding
23. Sunrise
24. Hosiery
25. Speaking
26. Birthday
27. Basin accessory
29. Mediocre
31. Ram’s mate
33. Cover a multitude —
34. Fly low and attack
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Mardi Gras Events are listed on Page 3 of this edition; and at PensacolaBeachMardiGras.com

Surf Flags

Red: High hazard, high surf and/or strong currents

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Green: Low hazard, calm conditions, exercise caution

Purple: Dangerous marine life
Pete Falgout was the champ at the first ever Toyz 4444 Tots poker tourney, but the real winners were the kids who received over one hundred new toys donated by the Texas Hold ‘Em 4444 Fun players, December 17. Twenty-one players battled at The Dock with notables like Justin Scher, Tex Atkinson earning second and third places, respectively. Waldo Defindorfin, who remains a wild card, finished in fourth place.

Not to be outdone, Pete’s brother Freddy Falgout earned the top spot at the Christmas Party for the poker gang hosted by Larry and Ana Paz at their Villa Sabine home. Tex Atkinson was the runner-up.

Regular weekly games take place at Paddy O’Leary’s in the historic district on Pensacola Beach, where Pete Falgout was the winner ahead of Sara Mandel on December 15. Mandel, who is one of the poker playing divas, outlasted Angela Hartzog on December 18 for the top spot.

It takes two to tangle at Texas Hold ‘Em, so check out these results. Mary Jo Misiak beat husband Hank at The Dock on December 10; and Mike Wood landed in the winner’s circle with wife Mary Kay as the runner up the Sandshaker on Monday, December 12.

Texas Hold ‘Em 4444 Fun is open to any player, 21 and older, who has a basic knowledge of poker. Games begin at 7 p.m. Beach Time. For information, call Poker Promoter Rick Uzdevenes at 850-324-2667.

No fears. No tears.

Owen Fangman, 3, is a big fan of Santa’s. He quietly shared his Christmas wish with the Jolly Elf on December 18 at Island Style. He posed patiently for photos, because Santa has his own Paparazzi who follow him all over the beach during the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit events.

Owen was in town visiting his grandparents Sherry and Jim Ready- dy. He lives in Curacao, Netherland Antilles.
Out on a Limb

A field guide to humans: Part one in a series...

BAR FLY

GYM RAT

BOOKWORM

“Two ’gs’ in ’eggsactly’?”

“But accordin’ to the weather forecast the ice SHOULD’VE been strong enough...”
Our very own guru of the gridiron Barry McCleary has issued the following picks for the upcoming college bowl games, noting that these come to you from the bottom of his heart. According to Barry, his picks in no way reflect any actual research nor reason, he just picks 'em.

(Due to an early holiday deadline, not many scores were available. But, Barry’s initial prognostications are holding up well. He picked two of the first three bowl games correctly. Cheers to Temple and Louisiana Lafayette for their victories. The Ohio Bobcats scratched out a win and tarnished Barry’s December 17 picks.)

December 17
• New Mexico Bowl, Temple over Wyoming (Temple 37- Wy. 15)
• Idaho Potato Bowl, Utah State over Ohio (Ohio 24 - Utah State 23)
• New Orleans Bowl, Louisiana Lafayette over San Diego State (La. 32 - SD State 30)

December 20
• Beef O’Brady’s Bowl, Marshall over Florida International
• Poinsettia Bowl, North Carolina over Missouri

December 21
• Independence Bowl, North Carolina over Missouri
• Little Caesars, Western Michigan over Purdue
• Belk Bowl, North Carolina State over Louisville

December 24
• Military Bowl, Air Force over Toledo
• Holiday Bowl, Texas over California

December 25
• MAACO Las Vegas Bowl, Boise State over Arizona State
• Poinsettia Bowl, Texas Christian over Louisiana Tech

December 26
• Hawaii Bowl, So. Miss over Nevada

December 28
• Beef O’Brady’s Bowl, Marshall over Florida International
• New Orleans Bowl, Louisiana State over Stanford

December 29
• Compass Bowl, Pittsburgh over SMU. “This is for Bill Griffith.”
• Capital One Bowl, South Carolina over Nebraska. “They beat Alabama last year”
• Gator Bowl, Florida over Ohio State. “Home State”
• Rose Bowl, Oregon over Wisconsin. “Who could root against a Duck?”
• Fiesta Bowl, Oklahoma State over Stanford.

December 30
• Sugar Bowl, Virginia Tech over Michigan. “That is for Jerry Wright at the Sandbar”

January 1
• Discover Bowl, West Virginia over Clemson. “Take me home country roads.”

January 2
• Insight Bowl, Iowa over Oklahoma. “Because Oklahoma did not beat the Cowboys”
• Meineke Bowl, Texas A&M “the new guys in the SEC” over Northwestern
• Hyundai Sun Bowl, Georgia Tech over Utah. “Because the Utes beat Alabama”
• Liberty Bowl, Vanderbilt “Had a great year, but a few points short” over Cincinnati
• Fight Hunger Bowl, Illinois over UCLA. “It’s Zook’s last game.”
• Chick-fil-A Bowl, Virginia over Auburn. “Just look who they are playing!”

January 3
• Ticket City Bowl, Houston over Penn State
• Outback Bowl, Georgia over Michigan State. “I remember what happened last year to Michigan State when they played an SEC team.”

January 4
• Discover Bowl, West Virginia over Clemson. “Take me home country roads.”

January 6
• Cotton Bowl, Arkansas over Kansas State.

January 7
• Compass Bowl, Pittsburgh over SMU. “This is for Bill Griffith.”

January 8
• GoDaddy.com Bowl, Arkansas State over Northern Illinois

January 9
• BCS National Championship, New Orleans Superdome. 8:30 p.m. ESPN. “Alabama over LSU by three points...roll, tide, roll”

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**readin’ the water**  
*By Saltwater Rick*

Wow! 2012! Some say, “The world will end on December 12!” So I think I’ll pack up my new fishin’ gear and head out, a lot!

The Redfish are feeding on bait schools on the surface of the Sound and Bays. I walked out on the old bridge after some oysters with my loving wife Janie at The Grand Marlin last Monday and there were thousands of them bustin’ up the top. Then an endless school of mullet was swimming below the surface and not a fisher-person in sight.

The Sound was a sheet of glass and I thought to myself, all this food and people are starving?

I did not have my net with me in the Van, something that will not happen again so I just jigged around the bridge a little and bam - one of those Bull Reds peeled all my line and was gone. I guess it was the fish’s day.

Anyway, it’s been a great year on our Island and I’m looking forward to a lot of fishing in 2012. I would like to wish all a very happy new year. Do yourself a favor and go fishin’

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**Hooked on Fishing -**

Tristan Riley reeled in this 33 inch Redfish at Fort Pickens, just days before his thirteenth birthday. This is his first Redfish, and according to his fishing friend, Justin Scher, his birthday presents included a new rod and reel.

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**Fishing is good at the Fort -**

Gulf Breeze resident Brandon Carey braved the chilly water and weather to bring in this Bull Red while fishing at Fort Pickens. Area anglers agree that 2012 should be a great year to wet a line.

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**Looking Good!**

Justin Scher shows off his lucky Island Times shirt and his big Redfish caught at Ft. Pickens. When not fishing, the expert angler spends a little time at the poker tables, too.

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