

Community BRIEFS

Silver Sands recognizes employees

Silver Sands Factory Stores has recognized Jane Waters of January's Employee of the Month.



JANE WATERS



HEATHER POLOMSKI



SHEAWNA MAYS

The employee of the month for March is Sheawna Mays of Wilsons Leather, a team member for more than two years. She has developed a reputation as a leader and role-model for fellow employees.

Employee of the Month winners receive a \$25 gift card to Silver Sands and \$20 gift certificate to Carrabba's Italian Grill.

Lance Cpl. Brant Stinnett deploys with fellow Marines

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Brant A. Stinnett, son of Elaine M. and Rex A. Stinnett of Destin, is currently deployed with fellow Marines and sailors of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), Camp Lejeune, N. C., assigned as the ground combat element of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force — Afghanistan (SPMAGTF-A), Islamic Re-

public of Afghanistan.

Stinnett is a 2003 graduate of Lee County High School of Leesburg, Ga.

SPMAGTF-A's mission is to conduct counterinsurgency operations with an emphasis on training and mentoring Afghan national police.

Curves of Destin donates to local organization

Curves of Destin raised more than 750 pounds of groceries from March 9 to 28 during the Curves 11th annual Food Drive promotion offering a \$0 service fee when a new member brings in a sack of groceries.

"While we work to improve the lives of the women in the Destin area through Curves, we also feel it is important to reach out to others in our community," said Irene Stroh, owner of Curves of Destin. "It's apparent to us that Harvest House cares about the lives and the health of the people in our community. We are proud to be able to partner with them to help the Destin area."

According to Stroh, one of Curves of Destin's goals is to foster community involvement through charitable efforts.

Sacred Heart named one of nation's 100 top hospitals

Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast was recently named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Reuters, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare. Sacred Heart was also among 23 winning hospitals, and the only hospital in Florida, recognized for delivering the fastest rate of improvement over a five-year period. These hospitals are the inaugural recipients of the 100 Top Hospitals: Everest Award for National Benchmarks.

"From the very begin-

ning, it has been our passion to provide this community with the highest quality, patient-focused care," said Roger Hall, president of Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast. "To be named as a Top 100 Hospital with only six years of operation is an incredible accomplishment by our physicians, staff, foundation, and the community."

The Everest Award recognizes hospitals that have achieved excellence in clinical outcomes, patient safety, patient satisfaction, financial performance, and operational efficiency.

"The boards, executives and physician leaders of the Everest award-winning hospitals developed long-term strategies and executed them with extraordinary skill to produce extraordinary results," said Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement and 100 Top Hospitals programs at Thomson Reuters. "The Everest award winners are leaders and innovators and they are bringing great value to their communities."

Web site recognized at advertising competition

Easy Street Pet Friendly Vacation Rentals was awarded a Gold Addy award for its creative Web site design during an ceremony Feb. 28 at the Emerald Grande in Destin. The Web site, www.easystreetvacationrentals.com, was developed and submitted to the competition by Firestorm Creative Studios in Fort Walton Beach. Easy Street Pet Friendly Vacation Rentals, owned and operated by Rick and Debbie Scall, specializes in pet friendly single-family vacation rental homes in the Destin area.

Linda Kedy receives Golden App award

Walton Chamber Ambassador Linda Kedy just returned from her company's International Convention in Oklahoma City where she received her "Golden App" Award in front of 15,000 associates. The award celebrated Linda helping 1,000 families get access to convenient and quality legal services, as well as identify theft protection, through North America's largest law firm, Pre-Paid Legal Services, for under \$1 a day. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact Kedy at Linda@HealthySpirits.com or (888) 252-2653.

DINNER TONIGHT

Easter dinner begins with lamb

Roast Leg of Lamb

2 cloves garlic, sliced
1 Tbsp. fresh rosemary
Salt to taste
Ground black pepper to taste
2 1/2 pounds leg of lamb
Cut slits in the top of the leg of lamb every 3-4 inches, deep enough to push slices of garlic down into the meat.
Salt and pepper generously all over the top of lamb, place several sprigs of fresh rosemary under and on top of the lamb.



milk. Bring to a boil, cook and stir for 2 minutes or until sauce is thickened.

Place half of potatoes in a greased 3-quart baking dish. Pour half of sauce over potatoes. Repeat layers. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 60-70 minutes or until potatoes are tender and top is lightly browned. Serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

Spinach and Strawberry Salad

2 bunches spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces
4 cups sliced strawberries
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 cup white sugar
1/4 tsp. paprika
2 Tbsp. sesame seeds
1 Tbsp. poppy seeds
In a large bowl, toss together the spinach and strawberries.
In a medium bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, sugar, paprika, sesame seeds and poppy seeds. Pour over the spinach and strawberries, and toss to coat. Makes 8 servings.

For Easter, make it quick, make it easy, but make it good. — Pam Griffin

ADDY AWARD



SPECIAL TO THE LOG

EXCELLENCE: Cornerstone Marketing & Advertising, Inc. was recognized by the Emerald Coast Advertising Federation for advertising excellence at the 2009 ADDY Awards Gala Feb. 28 at the Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village in Destin. Winning 37 awards — 10 Gold, including one Judge's Choice Award, and 27 Silvers, 13 of which were the highest in their category — Cornerstone had a successful evening. Pictured are (from left) Jessie and Eric Shepard, Crystal Hamon, Lisa and Gerald Burwell, Bob Brown, Lisa Comeau, Hui-Ting Tang and Lisa Ferrick.

Auditions: Beauty and the Beast

NICEVILLE — The Humanities, Fine & Performing Arts Division of Northwest Florida State College will hold open auditions for this summer's musical production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast at noon April 11 on the main stage of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center on the NWF State College Niceville Campus.

Those who audition should come ready to sing and dance. All audition material, including a rehearsal schedule, will be distributed at auditions. Disney's Beauty and the Beast requires a large cast. Call 729-5382.

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