

Community BRIEFS

Shannon Quinlan joins VIE Magazine

Cornerstone Marketing & Advertising Inc., The Idea Boutique and VIE-People + Places would like to announce a new addition to their staff. Shannon Quinlan, a native of the Emerald Coast hailing from Shalimar, has been brought on as a distributor of the magazine, working to deliver new copies to businesses from COLA 2 COLA.

Quinlan is an award winning photographer and a graduate of the Creative Arts Institute. Her

work has been featured in WEAR TV's brochures, capturing the spirit of the Emerald Coast through her camera lens, from historical sites to romantic getaways.

"I ran across the VIE magazine on Facebook," Quinlan said. "I fell in love with the articles and the photography, and I love the softness of the cover."

"I was so excited to come aboard and work for such an amazing company and extraordinary people," said Quinlan, who began her work by delivering the Spring 2011 issue all over South Walton, Destin, Niceville and Pensacola. "I love delivering VIE because everyone is so excited to receive the new issue, and I get to meet so many

nice people and see many new places I have never been before."

"We are delighted to have Shannon on board as a distributor," said Lisa Burwell, president of Cornerstone Marketing and Advertising and owner of VIE.

"Her enthusiasm for the magazine and eagerness to spread the word about VIE is a tremendous asset to our company."

Leslie Stricklin new private banking relationship manager

Regions Panama City-Destin Market President Michael Menk has named Leslie Stricklin as the private

banking relationship manager for the Destin market.

"Leslie has a well rounded and solid banking background," Menk said. "She is an



LESLIE STRICKLIN

accomplished banker, well recognized for her talent and commitment to serving customers in both business and the community." Stricklin brings six years of experience to her new role. She has spent a majority of that time as a branch manager in the Destin market at the Regions Grand Boulevard branch. She is a graduate of Florida State

University.

"Destin is a strong market for us," Menk said. "Leslie will provide the management presence and leadership necessary to continue to our growth and expand our tradition of community leadership, excellent customer service and sound banking."

Stricklin is active in the Walton County community. She is a member of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast, serves on the BUILD Council through the Walton County Chamber and is a Leadership Walton Alumna.

Regions has 19 offices in the Panama City-Destin market. Stricklin will be located at the Grand Boulevard Office at 200 Grand Boulevard.

BARE ESSENTUALS



SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Bare Escentuals Outlet celebrated its grand opening at Silver Sands Factory Stores just in time for the holiday weekend. The 1,995-square-foot store, located in the Fashion Court near Banana Republic Factory Store and Esprit, will feature the brands award-winning bareMinerals foundations, eye shadows, bronzers, lip glosses, blushes and more along with an assortment of brushes, gift sets and RareMinerals skin care.

WaterColor is celeb central, and I'm gonna be a mother-in-law!

I knew it would happen, but I just didn't know when.

The word arrived from my son via email Friday morning that he had asked Elizabeth to marry him.

I knew when I met her that she would be

the keeper; a mother can just tell these things. The two have a lot in common, and it was obvious she was crazy about my son. That's always a good thing.

They met in Washington, D.C., when both were newly hired at the National Credit Union Administration, hit it off immediately and kept in touch.

For more than two years, they have overcome the obstacle of distance. She lives in New York; he lives in Birmingham, Ala. But they have made it into an adventure with them taking turns traveling north and south, meeting in the middle and rendezvousing in exotic places. One of these adventures was their week-long vacation last week to London that included a two-day side trip to Paris.

After taking the exhilarating ride to the top of the Eiffel Tower, as they sat in the park admiring the lighted tower, Brett popped the question with a one-carat diamond solitaire. Before leaving on the trip, he had asked her dad for his blessing.

I must say I am really proud and impressed with

the way my son carried this out, and I couldn't be more pleased with his choice. She is the right one for him. The only complaint I had was, why didn't you tell your mother beforehand? My son laughed. "Because, mom,

you would have told everybody!"

Yep, he's right. Welcome, Elizabeth!

Rick and Karen Saunders welcomed new granddaughter Ava Lynn into the family in time for the 4th.

Lane and Brenda Rees welcomed their son and his family home for the 4th. They enjoyed Seaside's parade, along with Sheila Wachsman, Robin Wiesneth, Linda Miller, Laura Granberry, John Rosenberg, Mark and Paige Schnell, Robert Davis, Willie Mason, Leah Stroble, Paula and Jim Carter, Geri Golding and David Higgs, Coop and Peggy Jones, Kelli Arnold, Oliver Petit, and Hunter, Jami, and little Emery Ray. Hugh and Grace Marse hosted a post-parade party at their home.

Debbie Weant-Lane enjoyed a picnic and fireworks at Grayton Beach. Dwight Ward, Annie Lockamy, Cheri Peebles, Donna and Richard Matthews were also there.

Oli Petit, Billy and Kelly Buzzett, Leslie Provov, Kitty and Janet Taylor were in Grayton for its annual celebration.

Robert and Marinella

Monk hosted a fabulous 4th of July party around the pool at their bayside home Monday night. Andrea and Dennis Soltis, Donna Rhea, Dennis and Marsha Adamson, Jerry Graves, Toy and Rena Arnett were some who enjoyed their hospitality. From their dock we enjoyed fireworks shows from four locations.

Margie and Dennis Dumler also hosted a 4th of July party at their Sandestin home Monday evening, where guests had a bird's eye view of the Baytowne fireworks display.

Madra McDonald celebrated the 4th in St. John.

Margie Jordan spent the 4th in California with friends.

Jane Soloman hosted her annual Live Oak Street Dance July 2. Paige Schnell, Payson Howard, Allison Craft, Sheila Goode and Gina Shifflett attended.

Shellie Arriaga, Lane and Brenda Rees, Bobby Johnson, Rick Talbert, Allison Wickey, Anne Hunter, Eve Blair and Cheri Peebles were among those who enjoyed First Note Music Hall's opening night.

Nancy and Billy McConnell hosted a send-off party for Ronnie McBrayer last Friday night.

Susan Thornton, Mario McNally and Anne Hunter were at The Naked Grape last Wednesday.

Dread Clampitt played Pirate's Cove in Josephine, Ala., last Saturday night.

Sean Dietrich gave

a classical guitar performance in Columbus, Ga.

Kenny Chesney was seen hanging out in WaterColor.

According to national news reports, Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, Cowboys tight end Jason Witten, Lions linebacker Bobby Carpenter, Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman and Saints coach Sean Payton played some beach football at WaterColor recently.

Carol Dickson is back from Maryland.

Carol Saucier is spending the month in Denver.

Seagrove's Tony and Suzanne Lagratta are spending the remainder of the summer at their lake home in Deep Creek Lake, Md.

Seaside is on the cover of the new Travel+Leisure.

Paige and Mark Schnell's front porch along with Lynn Nesmith's "30A Style" book is featured in the latest Birmingham Home and Garden.

Walton Sun columnist Ron Hart took home a Benjamin Franklin Award for humor in his book "No Such Thing as a Pretty Good Alligator Wrestler," which is a selection of his columns that appear in more than 40 newspapers. Hart, by day a managing investor, began his column in 2002 for his Columbia, Tenn., hometown paper, The Daily Herald. Buckhead publisher Schroder Media released the book last fall. The award was given at a dinner in New York. Hart is a part-time resident of Rosemary Beach.

Congrats to Paul Maum for finishing his first 10k at the Peachtree Road Race.

John and Pat Magee celebrated 38 years of marriage last week.

Jessica Proffitt celebrated her birthday at Tuscany last Wednesday. Kay Phelan attended.

Sympathy is expressed to Frith and Brad O'Brien on the passing of Hershey.

Wish a "happy birthday" today to Meg Nelson.

Tomorrow to Kathy Shepherd, Jackie Lynch and Giovanni Filipponi.

Tuesday to Bill Leonhardt.

Wednesday to Sara Comander.

Thursday to Michael J Thomas, Rick Thomason, Helen Geberding, and Lori Ceier.

And Friday to Dave Rauschkolb, Debra Adams, Rocky Hard, and Tony Lange.

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