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Party Line: Funky Blues Shack helps Aaron plant peace

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By Deborah Wheeler

Funky Blues Shack in Destin will host a Planting Peace Benefit tonight from 7 p.m., until whenever, with live music by Donny Sundal, Chris Alvarado and Dread Clampitt.

The NBC show "The Office" is auctioning off rare items on eBay for the Planting Peace Haiti relief effort, such as the Dunder Muffin suitcase signed by cast members. Check under the Entertainment Memorabilia, Television Memorabilia, or Other category.

Fort Walton Beach native Shane Reynolds, of Color Earth (<http://www.colorearth.tv/>), also known as "Shane O" on the Travel Channel, has teamed up with South Walton real estate agency Beach Properties of Florida to produce a series of cutting edge videos about the beach communities of Grayton Beach, Rosemary Beach, WaterColor, WaterSound, The Retreat, Alys Beach and Seaside. Each of the one-to three-minute videos are intended to serve as an informational resource to introduce and educate visitors about the area and the company. The videos can be viewed at <http://www.beachpropertiesofflorida.com/30a-video-series.php>. Individual community videos are also showcased on the community sections of the Web site and will be available through various on and offline distribution outlets locally and regionally.

The Resort Collection of Panama City Beach announced that Chef Heem K. Chee, formerly with Sandestin resort, has joined their company as vice president of food and beverage.

Stinky's in Tallahassee reopened Jan. 27 on Mahan Drive, across from Walmart.

Donna Burgess Gallery is moving to Grand Boulevard, opening March 1.

Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge released two white-tailed buck

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deer back into the wild last week. The deer had come to the refuge as orphaned fawns.

I hear Phyllis Bleiweiss (formerly with the Seaside Institute) has moved to the Atlanta area.

Pat and Sid Braunstien have moved to Pace to be closer to their kids. Pat has served as the point person for Sacred Heart Guild, which she hands off to Sharon Abele.

Tommy and Barbara May are headed to Atlanta and Scottsdale to play with their grandchildren. They tell me while waiting for a venue to begin at Stinky's during the recent Songwriter's Festival, John Oates, his wife Aimee and son Tanner joined them at their table for well over an hour. Tommy said they were fun, open, interesting and gracious as John picked up their check!

Cynthia Kennedy went to Steamboat Springs, Colo. for a week, while Janet Taylor skied Telluride.

Bo Goodson took a Carnival cruise to Mexico.

Paige and Mark Schnell watched last weekend's football games from Apalachicola while noshing on oysters and scallops.

Snookie Parrish visited Jacksonville.

Joan Luchese's daughter has been visiting from California.

Malcolm and Linda Patterson, Tom and Peggy Lawrence, Jim and Peggy Poteet, Joe and Mallory Bear enjoyed their trip to the British Virgin Islands, where Malcolm was voted King Conch Blower. Linda said a conch shell was passed around to folks in the audience wanting to try to blow the conch. Contestants ranged from less than 8 years to seniors. Judging was on duration and loudness. The winner won a bottle of Pusser's Rum and a signed T-shirt from Mariana Cay. Malcolm says his success involves the lips and cheek muscles, similar to blowing a horn. Linda says it is a lot of hot air!

Denise Earles has added to her family a Shih Tzu named Ellie.

Get well wishes go out to Judy Pritchett and Stephen Ladow.

Johnell Hunt of J.B. Hunt Transport, was in town to celebrate her birthday last week.

Susan Gongos spent her birthday in Orlando.

Susan Thornton threw a surprise birthday party for Sherri McCarty Jan. 22 with help from Sherri's daughter, Kelly. About 40 people attended.

Wish a happy birthday tomorrow to Laurie Hood.

On Monday to Murray Balkcom.

Wednesday to Linda Patterson.

Thursday to JoAnn Graham.

And Friday to Ed Berry, Dawn Moliterno, and Shannon Wallace.

Sympathy is expressed to David and Kellie Biegler on the passing of their Coco.

Sympathy is expressed to Leslie Bumpas in the loss of her mom, and to Sandi Simons in the passing of her husband, Ray Fann.

Condolences and joy are expressed to Joann Vanfleteren in the loss of her husband, Didier, on Jan. 14, and the birth of their son, Thomas, on Jan. 25.

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