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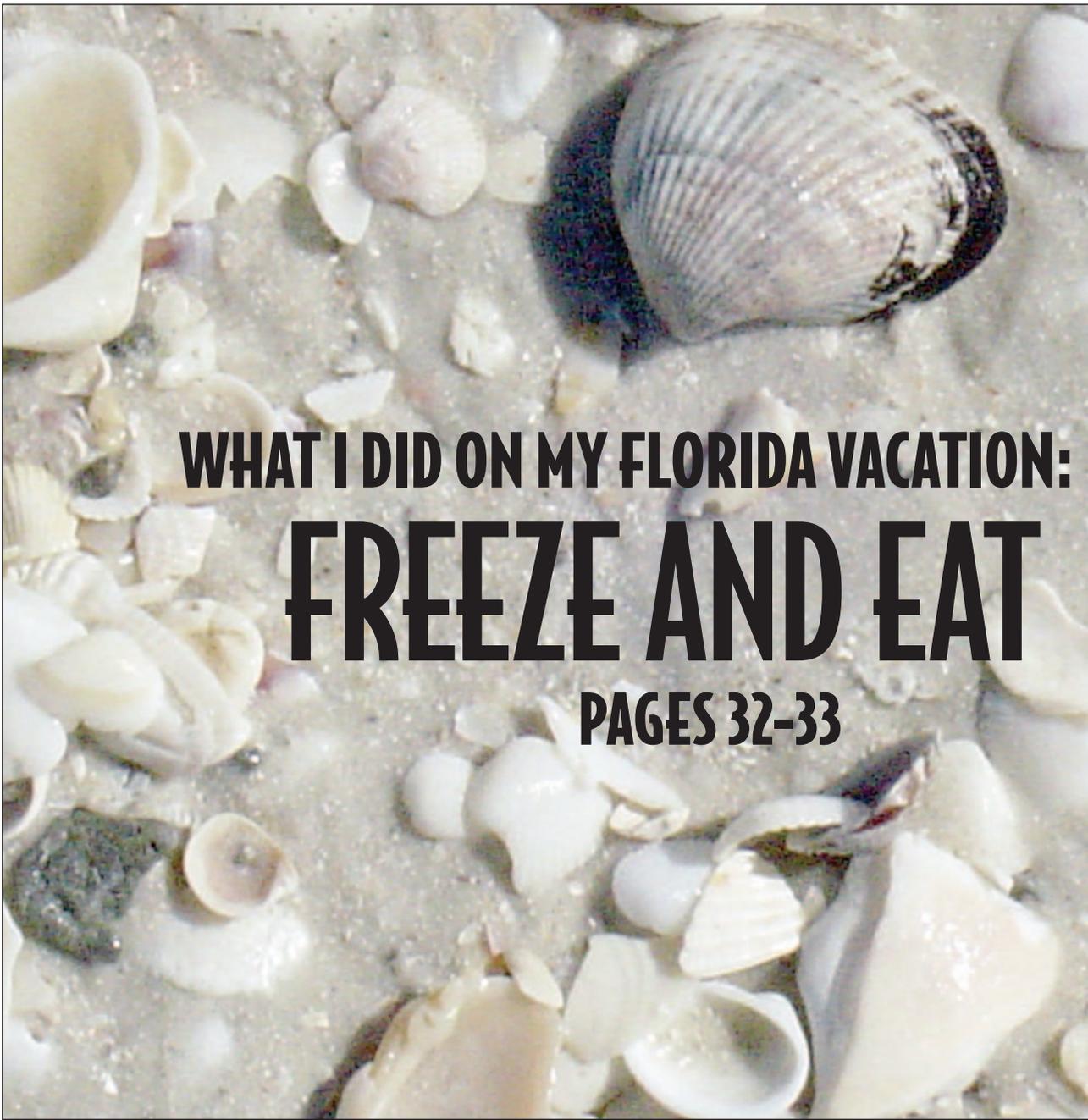
BY SARA WRIGHT
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Pulling off a successful fundraiser during a recession is a little like being handed a basket and told to whip up a world-class meal out of its contents: one quail, a coconut, a hammer, a screwdriver, sweet potatoes, yellow beans, one peach and a quarter pineapple.

But just as a winning chef shines when the heat is on, an army of multitalented volunteers rendered Sunday's Cooks & Books fundraiser for Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry a rousing success.

"It's a fun event because it brings a bunch of chefs together," said Keith Josefiak from Old Fort Pub, overall winner in The Heat is On Chefs'

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Honoring an Iwo Jima veteran

Monroe Boaz, holding the "Iwo Jima" book, landed with the second wave of Marines on the tiny Japanese island of Iwo Jima during the World War II. Friends and fellow members of the Moss Creek Marines observed the 65th anniversary of the battle (Feb. 19) by taking Boaz out to breakfast. Those attending were, from left, Bob Harding, who fought in the Marshall Islands; Hank Parker, Roger Garreau and Bill Mott, Korean veterans; Ken Bills, a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman who served with Marines in Vietnam; Boaz, Bob Alpaugh and Fred Will, also Vietnam veterans; and Dick Eyet, a Korean veteran. The Moss Creek Marines support current active duty Marines by sending care packages to units deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hazardous material to be collected March 6

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Beaufort County will host a household hazardous material and medicine cabinet roundup March 6.

Unwanted cleaning products and harmful chemicals can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Beaufort County Public Works South facility at 9 Benton Field Road, off Burnt Church Road.

These items will be collected for proper disposal in an effort to prevent them from harming the environment. The list of products containing contaminants includes such things as cleaning products, batteries, paints, turpentine, antifreeze, oil, gas, insecticides, poisons, photo and hobby chemicals, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs of all types, propane tanks and other products. Expired and leftover medicines (including prescription

and over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and herbal supplements) can also be dropped off for proper disposal.

This is an amnesty event and participants will not be prosecuted for surrendering medication during the event, organizers said.

Fireworks, ammunition, smoke detectors, liquid meds, syringes and medical waste will not be accepted.

Be sure to tighten caps and lids on products and leave them in their original containers.

Only residential materials will be accepted at this event. Commercial contractors or businesses with hazardous products that require disposal may call county public works at 470-6405 for more information. To learn more about recycling and waste disposal visit www.bcgov.net/SolidWaste&Recycle/Welcome.php

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Members of the Moss Creek Marines fill care packages headed to a battalion of the 2nd Marine Division deployed in Afghanistan (from left) Hank Parker, Stan Potter, Bob Alpaugh, Fred Will and Monroe Boaz.

From Leatherneck to Leatherneck

The Moss Creek Marines have adopted their 18th deployed Marine combat unit, the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines from the 2nd Marine Division. The 2/2 is now attached to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit deployed to Afghanistan, and boasts a proud and very distinguished Marine Corps history. This unit participated in numerous island invasions during World War II — including — Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa. The 2/2 has deployed four times to Iraq and in October 2009 deployed to Afghanistan.

To date, the Moss Creek Marines have mailed 105 boxes of items requested by the 2/2. Shipments included 924 pairs of cushion sole socks; 410 disposable hand warmers; 100 bags of beef jerky; 1,000 Slim Jim's; 768 bags of Ramen Noodles; 10 sets of barber clippers; two large cases of wipes; 36 tins of Copenhagen Smokeless

Tobacco; 75 Beanie Babies; four huge bags of Tootsie Rolls; and 150 telephone calling cards.

The Beanie Babies were donated by Moss Creek realtor Jackie Riggins. They will be distributed by the 2/2 Civil Affairs Units to Afghan children.

The Moss Creek Marines continue to work with the 1st Marine Division and 2nd Marine Division Public Affairs Offices to identify more units to adopt.

Information on the 17 other units adopted previously by the Moss Creek Marines is available at www.moss creek-marines.com.

To donate to the Moss Creek Marines, send a check to Fred Will, commanding officer, 25 Toppin Drive, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29926. To learn more, call 837-2870. The Moss Creek Marines is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization.

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