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After almost three years, **Spout Off** Obama is finally trying to act like a president instead of a rock star.

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### WEATHER

Partly cloudy with isolated storms. High 87; low 68. Wind from the northwest at 4 to 15 mph. Water temp. 84. Sunset at 6:31 p.m. | B6



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**COVER STORY**

# 33rd Annual Destin Seafood Festival this weekend

**Special to the Daily News**

**DESTIN** — With a theme of Heritage on the Harbor, the 33rd Annual Destin Seafood Festival fishes for fun this weekend.

Festival hours are 4-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is free and open to the public.

This event draws 30,000-plus visitors each year and will be set up along the length of the Destin Harbor from Harborwalk Village at the foot of the Destin Bridge to the Boat-house Oyster Bar.

The new and expanded venue brings the festival back to its roots on the Destin Harbor.

**Music and food**

Special live headliner entertainment on Friday

evening will be the Southern Gentleman's Tour with Ed Rolland and Kevin Griffith of Collective Soul and Better than Ezra and the Andy Velo Band, Jim Beam's Emerging Artist.

Broadcast Music Inc. and the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association will bring in 15 of the most talented songwriters in country and popular music to entertain throughout the festival venue.

These award-winning musicians are a who's who of songwriters of country music and have written for and collaborated with such stars as Willie Nelson, Rascal Flatts, Toby Keith, Jason Aldean, and many more.

Big local favorites Forrest Williams, Heritage, High Racket Bracket, Coconut Radio and Cheryl Jones will also perform for the crowds each day.

In addition to live entertainment, 50 arts and crafts artists will be on site. Visitors will enjoy an abundance of delicious food selections from 20 food vendors located throughout the venue.

Observe and learn firsthand at cooking demonstrations by well-known area chefs at the Fresh From Florida outdoor demonstration kitchen. Cooking demonstrations at the Ferguson/Okaloosa Gas provided Gulf Safe Seafood Kitchen will take place outdoors on the east side of Fisherman's Wharf.

Featured chefs will be: (Friday) Jim Richard, Stinky's Fish Camp; (Saturday) Jim Shirah, Dewey Destin's Seafood; Jimmy McManus, Legendary; Tim Cheyrick, McQuire's; Tim Creehan, Cuvee Bistro; and (Sunday) Tim Creehan.

**Children's activities**

Sandy the Swordfish, the new official Destin Seafood Festival mascot,

will welcome attendees.

A special Kid's Zone will include everything from bounce houses, facepainting and hamster balls, to arts and crafts activities for kids of all ages.

A mingo toss, kid's fishing clinic and citywide tug of war are also on the schedule of activities.

**Parking and shuttles**

Destin Seafood Festival parking will be near the event, Emerald Grande's parking deck and the Destin Community Center. Also, free shuttles will be run to and from Destin Commons and The Track, both on U.S. Highway 98.

The free event is presented by The Destin Charter Boat Association. Presenting sponsors include The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, Broadcast Music Inc., Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau, Visit Florida and ResortQuest.

For more details, visit the website at [DestinSeafoodFestival.org](http://DestinSeafoodFestival.org).

## New artist captures old Destin with winning poster

By **KATY HOUGHTON**

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After winning the Seafood Festival poster contest nine years in a row, local artist Judy Shillingburg says there are no hard feelings as she passes the torch on to this year's winner, Toni Dineen. She's even offered help to prepare the new artist for her Destin debut.

"Toni will have a tent full of artwork and hopefully a very successful show... She has a different style, but she's a good artist," Shillingburg said.

Dineen, a Shalimar resident, has been living in Northwest Florida for nearly her whole life. She's an engineer by trade and has been painting only a few years.

"I was never much on the artistic side, but I was always more on the technical side," she said. Dineen started dabbling in watercolor after a trip to Hawaii in 2008 for her 10th wedding anniversary. She wanted a painting of a particular church, but couldn't find it anywhere.

"When we got home, I decided, 'Well, I can do this'... and it came out OK. It's still hanging on the wall."

Two months later for her birthday her husband bought "Watercolor Painting for Dummies." She read every page, did every practice assignment and began painting small pieces for friends and family.

"This past May I saw in the paper a call for artists to do the Destin Seafood



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Toni Dineen with her award-winning Seafood Fest poster.

Festival poster. The theme of the festival is 'Heritage on the Harbor.' I have lived here almost all my life, and I remember Destin when it was just a small fishing village and didn't have any big buildings," Dineen said.

"Heritage to me was that sign, that wooden sign when you're coming over the Destin bridge that said 'Welcome to Destin — World's Luckiest Fishing Village.' And it was the old harbor with the Wharf restaurant, and the trees and very little buildings," she said.

Dineen decided to capture the sleepy fishing town of the 1970s when the boats in the tree-lined harbor included Revielle, Shooting Star and the Finest Kind.

But the most challenging part of the poster process was trying to fit all of her ideas into one painting, and

PLEASE SEE ARTIST | C6

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September 30<sup>th</sup>  
October 1<sup>st</sup>  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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Saturday, Oct. 1: 10:00am-10:00pm  
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[destinseafoodfestival.org](http://destinseafoodfestival.org)

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