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Key West at a glance

Population: 25,208

Famous residents: Ernest Hemingway, Shel Silverstein, Harry S. Truman, Tennessee Williams, Calvin Klein, Jimmy Buffett, John Dewey, Shane Spencer, Boog Powell, Amber McDonald, and Paul Cotton.

Annual visitors: 2.25 million tourists visited the Florida Keys in 2016, according to floridakeys-treasures.com.

Why are they called the "Florida Keys?" The word "key" was derived from the Spanish word "Cayo" which means small island.

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By Hannah Ball

In the cold and damp winter, minds often wander to vacations of warmer places with sandy beaches and the sound of crashing waves.

One popular travel destination in the cold months is Key West, Florida. Full of clear waters, bars and restaurants and coastal life, it's a splash of Caribbean culture without having to leave the states. Key West is the southernmost city in the U.S.

The Florida Keys are a coral

island archipelago, which extend in a southwest direction toward the Gulf of Mexico, connected to the mainland by a 42 bridges ranging in length. The longest is the Seven Mile Bridge and the shortest is the Harris Gap Bridge at 37 feet.

How to get there

A flight from Detroit Metro Airport to the Key West International Airport costs around \$350. Expect to be in the air for five to six hours. Driving from Fenton to

Key West would take 23 hours and 20 minutes.

How much will it cost?

The cost to stay on Key West will depend on which accommodations you choose, from the Historic Key West Inns to the pet-friendly Ambrosia Key West. Both cost around \$300 a night. You can choose to stay at a guest house, bed and breakfast, vacation rentals or a campground or RV park.

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By Vera Hogan

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Lake Havasu, Arizona

Lake Havasu City is in western Arizona. It's known as a base for trails in the nearby desert and water sports on Lake Havasu. London Bridge, relocated from England, links the mainland to marinas and a looped path in an area known as the Island. The Lake Havasu Museum of History documents Native American and steamboat history. Lake Havasu State Park has beaches with mountain views, plus picnic spots and birdlife.

Huntington Beach, California

Huntington Beach winters are mild, with temperatures averaging about 63 degrees during January. But the beaches are clean and clear, offering a break from the typical tourist season.

South Padre Island, Texas

South Padre Island is a resort town on a barrier island of the same name, off the southern coast of Texas. It's known for its beaches and calm waters. South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center is home to a five-story watchtower with views of migrating birds. The South Padre Island Dolphin Research & Sealife Nature Center offers boat tours and touch tanks. Sea turtles are rescued and rehabilitated at Sea Turtle Inc.

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Hot Springs is a city in the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas. It's known for naturally heated springs, many of them in Hot Springs National Park to the north. Bathhouse Row has eight bathhouses from the 19th and 20th centuries. These include Buckstaff Baths, with thermal baths. The elaborate, stained-glass-and-marble Fordyce Bathhouse has a lobby fountain and houses the park's visitors center and museum.

Sanibel Island, Florida

Sanibel is a city on Sanibel Island in southwest Florida. It's known for beaches filled with shells that wash ashore from the Gulf of Mexico. Lighthouse Beach has a fishing pier, the towering, 19th-century Sanibel Lighthouse and a boardwalk winding through marshes. The Causeway Beaches are a water-sports hub and have picnic facilities. J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge covers about half of the island.

St. Simons Island, Georgia

St. Simons Island captivates visitors with remarkable beauty and fascinating history. It has lovely beaches, 99 holes of golf, acres of tennis courts, miles of bike trails, and countless shops and restaurants. Historic remnants of bygone eras, including the St. Simons Island Lighthouse (a working lighthouse in operation since 1872) the Bloody Marsh, Fort Frederica National Monument, historic Christ Church, and the sites of antebellum plantations dot the Island.

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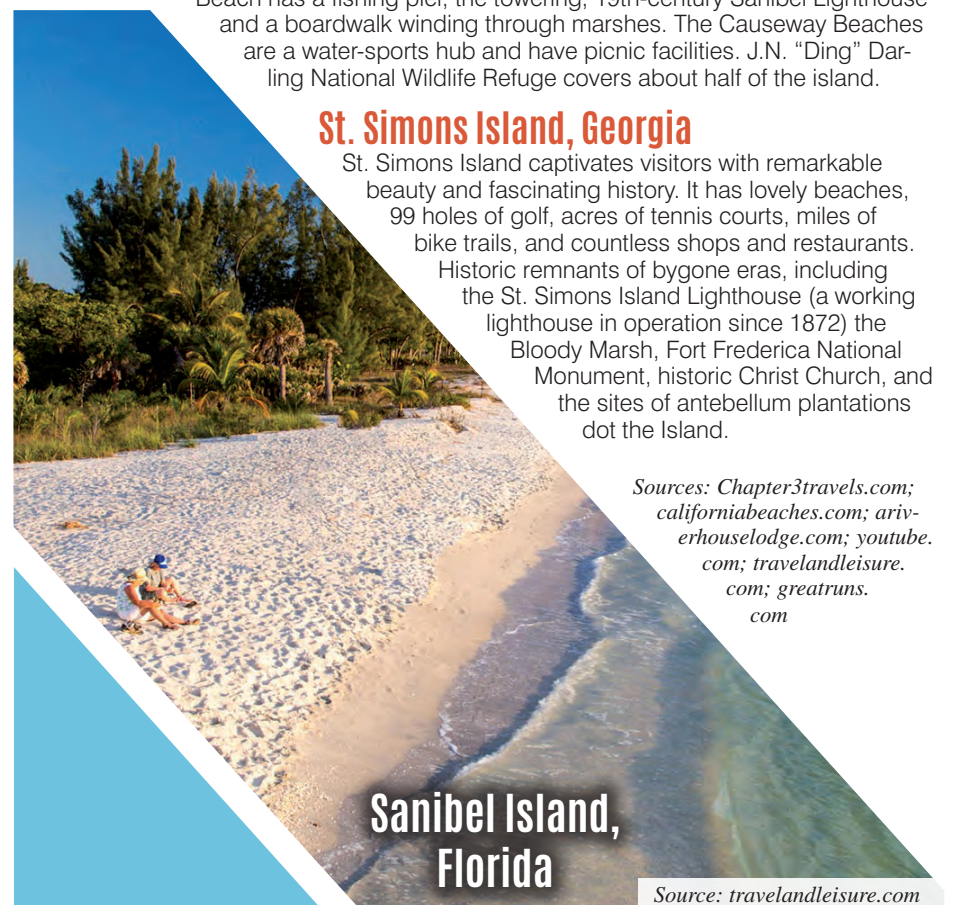
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My dating fails

Last week, Hannah Ball did a Facebook shout out asking people to share their dating “fail” stories. Since she didn’t get any responses, I can only deduce that people around here know how the dating thing is supposed to work.

Well, I had two dating fails or should I say failed dates. They were both a long time ago, but I remember them like they were yesterday.

The first took place during my junior year in high school. My boyfriend Mike and I had been going out for a few months. We didn’t attend the same high school. He went to an all boys school in Chicago.

Anyway, Mike was very cute — tall, thin and handsome, and had very cool brown wavy hair. We went to the

Homecoming Dance at my school that year. About a week after my dance, Mike said he had a big favor to ask me. The dance at his brother Mark’s high school (not the same as Mike’s) was coming up but he didn’t have a date. Would I be willing to go as his brother’s date?

I had not yet met any of Mike’s family members, but how bad could it be? When Mark showed up at my house, I opened the door to the Pillsbury Dough Boy in a tuxedo. He had a crew cut (not a popular look in 1969 unless you were on your way to Vietnam). This was terrible, I’m only 16. I was so embarrassed. What if my friends saw me?

I recovered quickly though. We were going with his friends so who cares. So

I went and believe it or not I had a wonderful time. Mark’s friends liked him a lot, he was funny and a good dancer.

I broke up with Mike the next day though. That was a dirty trick. I think I was more angry with myself though for being so shallow and unkind. Mark didn’t know that, but I did.

My next failed date was a set up, too. There were two girls in my neighborhood that I hung out with throughout high school and even after graduation. I should have seen this coming.

Debbie and George started dating, and Mary Kay and Larry started dating. They always tried to set me up with a third guy, their friend, Joe, but I always said no. I don’t know what it was about Joe,

but I just didn’t like him.

One night, Debbie, Mary Kay and I had tickets to see the Rolling Stones in concert. I was so excited, I could not wait. But once we got to the amphitheatre, in the lobby, who should come walking up to us but George, Larry and Joe. They said, “Oh come on, it’s only for one night.” Like I had a choice in the matter.

The concert, of course, was amazing and I made it through the date and even managed to have a good time.

Debbie and George are now married, as are Mary Kay and Larry. Both couples have been married for decades and have adult children and grandchildren.

Me, I had a far better future ahead even though I didn’t know it at the time. It’s a good thing, too. I was getting to be one of the mean girls and I didn’t like it.

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Places to go

Visit the Dry Tortugas National Park by taking a ferry about 70 miles from Key West. The park is made up of seven small islands and was used as a prison during the Civil War. The structure of the prison is still intact.

You can go snorkeling at Fort Jefferson in the shallow waters (5-15 feet) and watch the birds fly over the islands. The park is a staple in the Great Florida Birding Trail, so visitors could see a ruby-throated hummingbird, peregrine falcons, yellow billed cuckoo and more.

Make sure to visit Mallory Square, which is where tourists and locals go to shop, eat and talk. You can buy trinkets at Ron Jon Surf Shop and then eat at the famous Hog’s Breath Saloon. Mallory Square is a popular nightlife destination.

What to do

From museums, to parks and beaches, you have a whole array of activities to choose from. You can go sightseeing on sunset cruises, sailing charter tours and island tours. Take a kayak and go on an ecotour. Call one of the many companies that allows dolphin encounters and swim with the ocean animals. Key West water

sport activities include Jet Ski tours, Wave runner rentals, kayak tours, small boat rentals and more as different ways to experience the beautiful water life.

Go on sightseeing adventures around Key West by renting a Jeep Wrangler from Key West Adventures for \$27 an hour.

Once you tire of the sun, visit the Waterfront Playhouse for some theatre, which was named, “The best professional theater in Florida” in 2010 and 2011. Pop into any of the art galleries and antique shops to browse.

Food

Some of the best restaurants in Key West include Tavern N Town for good American food, seafood and a bar; Prime Steakhouse, which specializes in steak and seafood; Latitude’s Restaurant, which serves Caribbean food; and Fisherman’s Cafe, serving a mix of American and Caribbean food.

More moderately priced options include Santiago’s Bodega, which serves Mediterranean and European food, La Trattoria Oceanside, serving Italian selections and Key Plaza Creperie, which is a café that serves American and European foods.

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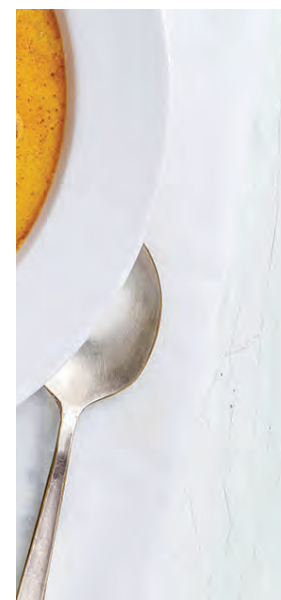
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- Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Marcella Husted, Treasurer Jennifer Eden, Trustees Al Pool, Soren Pedersen, David Walker, and Chuck Schultz.
- Opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to hear objections to the proposed Irish Hills Subdivision Road Improvement Project. Closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.
- Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
- Received and placed on file Communications 1-2 as presented.
- Adopted Resolution #190201 to approve the petitions, project, cost estimates, special assessment district and to prepare the roll for the Laurel Springs Road Improvement Project.
- Adopted Resolution #190202 to file the special assessment roll and to schedule and issue notice of a public hearing for the Laurel Springs Road Improvement Project. The public hearing will be held March 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- Adopted the 2019-2020 Meeting Dates Resolution #190203 as amended.
- Authorized the release of Enbridge Grant funds to the Lake Tyrone Improvement Board.
- Discussed the township-wide garbage service and agreed to put it on a future ballot.
- Reviewed the preliminary budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- Adopted Resolution #190204 to collect 2019 summer school tax.
- Rejected the Treasurer's request to attend the MMTA Institute program due to budget constraints; she will apply for a scholarship.
- Resolved to convene in closed session at 7:57 pm. to discuss real estate purchase. Reconvened in open session at 8:23 pm.
- Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be viewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk at (810) 629-8631 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - **Organizational Meeting**

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2019 BOARD OF REVIEW
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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

Organizational Meeting 9:00 am

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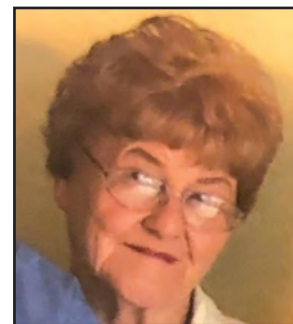
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Training essential for happy pets

Developing strong and healthy relationships with pets requires that pet owners provide for their pets in a variety of ways. Although affection and exercise are essential elements to raising a well-rounded pet, owners should not overlook one of the most important parts of pet care: discipline.

Well-trained pets can be a joy to be around. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says learning how to train a dog can improve the life of the pet and the life of the owner, enhancing the bond between owner and dog while ensuring the pet's safety. Many dogs are eager to learn and will embrace their training.

Dogs have special needs and instincts, communicating in ways separate from humans. When a puppy is brought into a home, both puppy and person must adapt to each other. Humans must learn to communicate effectively in a language that a dog will comprehend, while dogs must learn to fit into the human world and refocus some behaviors that may not be appropriate in a home setting.

Pet owners have various training methods at their disposal. Pet owners can find many resources in the library, at pet care centers or online. No matter which training method pet owners choose, the most effective are those that reward good behavior so that dogs will be more inclined to repeat that behavior over and over. Bad behavior should not be punished, but there should be consequences. The ASPCA says dogs live in the moment and cannot make connections between events and past experiences. Therefore, praise or consequence has to happen immediately for the notion to be reinforced. If the dog sits on command, she should be given a treat or a good amount of praise. If she is nipping while playing, the owner should stop the play so that the fun ends immediately.

Training also requires consistency. Any one involved in the training and interaction with the pet should be following the same set of guidelines.

It's also important to consider the dog's temperament during training. Certain breeds tend to be more docile or dominant than others.

Dogs who are trained as puppies will learn good behavior right away and be less likely to adopt bad habits. But dogs can be trained at any age. Older dogs may just require a little more effort.

Training tends to be most effective when it is short and fun for pets and their owners. Dogs do not have long attention spans, so many trainers recommend that training sessions last no longer than 15 minutes.

Try practicing the training in different environments and scenarios. This way

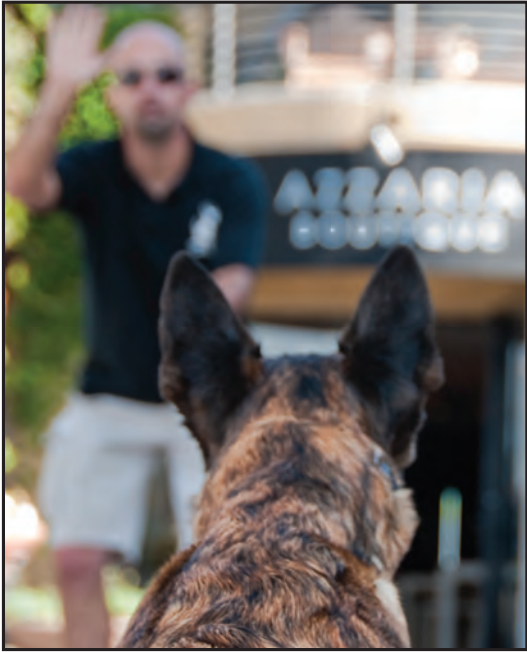
the dog will behave whether at home or in a friend's backyard.

If training doesn't seem to be working, try a few different options. Some pet owners find they need help training their dogs. In addition to informative literature and training videos, dog trainers are readily available. Classes can be scheduled privately, and many pet centers offer group classes to interested pet owners.

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior emphasizes the importance of starting a puppy in training, including training classes, before all vaccinations have been completed.

Pet owners should know that not all behaviors can be stopped. Rather than punish the dog for every natural behavior, try to find acceptable ways to channel those instincts into something safe.

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- Several drops of food coloring (optional)
- 2 1/2 cups cake flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

Cream shortening. Add sweetener, egg, and food coloring (if desired); beat well. In a separate bowl, combine dry ingredients, add the milk, vanilla, and water. Put in flour mixture and stir well. Chill dough 2 to 4 hours. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Roll out 1/8 inch thick and cut the cookies into desired shapes. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool. Store in air-tight container.



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