

THE February ISLANDER

Next meeting February 16, the speaker is Bill Mahan from the Franklin County Extension Service

Social begins at 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Hall at the SGI Firehouse, 324 E. Pine Avenue

BYOB and a covered dish

Panhandle Players Preview Upcoming Comedy

The Panhandle Players entertained members at January meeting with a scene from "Murder at the Howard Johnson's". Director Ed Tiley introduced three of the Panhandle Players; Bob Inguagiato - Megan Lamb and Ed Aguiar.



Director Ed Tiley

The ultimate love triangle has never been so hilarious!
The three act play consists of the woman and her boyfriend want to kill her husband!

The woman and the husband want to kill her boyfriend!
Her husband and her boyfriend want to kill her!
Performances are at the Eastpoint Volunteer fire house on Friday, February 3 through Sunday, February 5, and at St. James Bay Golf Resort, Laughing Gull Lane, Carrabelle on Friday, February 10, through Saturday, February 11. Any questions call 850-670-5064.

Progress Energy plans for St. George Island

The January meeting had one of our biggest turnouts (over 65 people) due to the announcement that Bobby Pickels of Progress Energy was going to speak about their plans to bring electricity across the Bay and improve the utility poles already on the Island. Bobby didn't show, but did send a letter to Fire Chief Jay Abbot who passed out copies and answered questions from the floor.

This is the letter:

"Chief Abbott: As we know our current transmission line crossing the Sound and serving St. George Island has been impacted by high winds several times in recent years. Because this is a radial feed, or the sole source of electricity to the Island's substation, any transmission outage results in a total loss of power to the Island. Therefore, Progress Energy is planning to replace the existing line with a new line composed of steel and concrete structures. We anticipate these new structures will be much less likely to fail in high wind scenarios. While there is no "storm proof" design, we anticipate fewer storm related outages and should outages occur, they would be of shorter duration.

This project is scheduled to begin sometime within the next two to six weeks and have the new line in service in June of this year. The project requires us to leave the existing line in place during construction of the new line. However, (See *Progress Energy, Page 2*)

(Progress Energy from page 1) once the new line is completed, the old line will be removed. I expect the total project will be completed sometime in the third quarter of the year. During the construction of the new transmission line, Progress Energy will also be performing work to strengthen the distribution facilities on the Island. The purpose of this work will be to proactively replace certain poles along Gorrie Drive in order to provide additional wind tolerance and to redistribute load to make restoration of power easier in the event of a total outage on the Island. There will be a few small, short duration outages only affecting a few customers at the time. Progress Energy will be sending out letters to folks on the Island to provide additional information about this project. I greatly appreciate the work you do to keep residents and visitors to St. George Island safe and all of the assistance you have been to our crew during past outages. We expect the work we are planning will result in fewer and shorter outages allowing everyone to have a safer and more enjoyable time on the Island. I will keep you up to date as the project moves along and please let me know if you

need any further information."

Any questions can be emailed to Bobby Pickels and should be addressed to:

Robert.Pickels@pgnmail.com

Upcoming Events:

Cape St. George Lighthouse

The February Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00 for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association.

The sun will set at 6:22 p.m. and the moon will rise at 6:27 p.m. on February 7.

After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members.

Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the St. George Island Visitor Center at 850-927-7744 or toll free at 888-927-7744.

St. George Island Tour of Homes

The first-ever St. George Island Tour of Homes will be held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Feb. 4, sponsored by the St. George Lighthouse Association, Inc. No more advance tickets are available, but tickets (\$20) will be sold beginning at 9:30 in front of the lighthouse on Sat. Feb 4th. An associated reception and discussion on island-style interior decorating and external landscaping will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at the St George Island Fire Station, 324 East Pine Avenue, St. George Island. The event is free.

Snowbird Day - Tuesday, February 7th. Snowbird Day, sponsored by the St. George Island Business Association. The county's winter visitors are invited to spend the day on St. George Island. If you consider yourself a visitor to the area, you're welcome to participate! Tuesday, February 7th. Events will include a raffle "run" to the local businesses, lighthouse climb, state park entry and hike, bridge walk, bingo, a visit to the new Estaurine Nature Center, and dinner with a cash bar. Register at any St. George Island vacation rental company.

Apalachicola: Bob Milne Ragtime Piano at the Dixie Theater from Wednesday, February 1 through Sunday, February 5. The top ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist today, Bob delights audiences with his piano playing pyrotechnics and his infectious enthusiasm for the music and the history behind the music. At the Dixie for his 13th year!

Habitat for Humanity Mardi Gras Fundraiser Friday, Feb 3, 2012 at 5:30 PM

Pet & Golf Cart Parade (featuring Mardi Gras bead throws) beginning at the Bowery to Riverfront Park on Water Street. Beginning at 6:30 in the Centennial Bank parking lot join us for Louisiana Mardi Gras style gumbos, Louisiana bread pudding with whiskey sauce and beverages with entertainers Brian Bowen and then the Beth McKee Band. Saturday, Feb 4, 2012 at 6:30 PM - 9th Annual Mardi Gras Ball at the Historic Armory Dinner & Show, \$50 per person and Reserved Tables, \$300 for 6. For the 7:30 General admission show only \$25 (Entertainers are Brian Bowen and Beth McKee Band)

Jerry Lee Lewis Tribute & The Todd Williams Band

Friday, February 10, 2012 at The Dixie Theater. Piano Man Todd Williams is a king of tributes and plays the piano with everything imaginable, occasionally he plays with his fingers!

The Old Folkie at the Dixie Theater

Saturday, February 11. Back for his 19th appearance at the Dixie, Ken Sizemore sings all your favorite folk tunes from the 50's, 60's & 70's as well as some finely crafted originals.

Forgotten Coast Chef's Sampler

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce will host the 16th Annual Forgotten Coast Chefs Sampler on Sunday, February

12, from 6:00-9:00 pm. Chefs from all over the Forgotten Coast will prepare their most creative dishes at historic Fort Coombs Armory located on 4th Street and Avenue D in Apalachicola. Sample an array from our area restaurants. Our talented shopkeepers and local designers give the event an extraordinary touch and add creative flair by decorating each table individually. The tables range from elegant to artistic and funky. Tickets are \$50. For more information, call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber at (850) 653-9419 or email at info@apalachicolabay.org.

Second St. George Plantation Juried Art Show

March 16 - April 16. The exhibition is open to artists in all media from Franklin, Gulf Counties, Wakulla, Bay and Leon Counties. Each artist may enter no more than two recent pieces for consideration.

CASH PRIZES

First Place \$150, Second Place \$100, Third Place \$50. For more information call (850) 591-4770.

Summerwind - Frank

Sinatra starring Gabriel

Russo - the Dixie Theater

Friday, February 17, 2012 through Sunday, February 19.

Summerwind - an intimate evening with Frank Sinatra, starring Gabriel Russo

"This guy has Frank's style and snap, nobody else has it."

- Bob Reneke, Mr. Sinatra's long-time personal assistant...spot-on

performance and vocal

renderings" This is as close

as it gets!

African American History

Festival Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19.

HCOLA African American History Festival in Apalachicola showcasing African American History, Art, and Culture. Features parade, exhibits, music, food and inspiration.

Carla Conners, Soprano & Timothy Hoekman, Piano

Sunday, February 19 at Trinity Episcopal Church at 79 Sixth Street, Apalachicola.

Begins at 4 PM, open reception in Benedict Hall following the concert, door donation \$5. Part of the Ilse Newell Concert Series.

My Nobel Destiny at the

Dixie Theater Wednesday, February 22 through Sunday,

February 26. Written & performed by Beth Blair, this

inspirational look at the life of Nobel Prize recipient

Marie Curie takes us on the journey of her fascinating

life, love and scientific achievements.

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