



# The Islander

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## **Presentation made to Carrabelle City Commission to take over SGI Water Again**

At the January Carrabelle Commission meeting, land developer Gene Langston made a suggestion that Carrabelle take over the SGI water system and provide a sewage treatment plant. He said Carrabelle could ask for BP money to finance the acquisition and either build a sewage treatment plant on the Island or pump the sewage across the Bay to Carrabelle. The idea of pumping sewage across the Bay generated opinions that this pipe would not be approved by any Environmental Agency. City Commissioner Brenda LaPaz, who is in charge of the water and sewer system in Carrabelle, brought up several reasons that Carrabelle should not take up this issue again. This discussion was tabled until the next Commission meeting in February. The St. George Island *(See Water, Page Two)*

## **The next Club meeting is February 20.**

### **Social Security was the subject at January Meeting**

St. George Island Civic Club member Jamie Myers addressed the January meeting on the need to plan for Social Security. When he asked the members how many were receiving Social Security (SS), about 3/4 held up their hands. Jamie emphasized that one of the biggest decisions that should be made is when to start taking SS. Two key risks in retirement planning are living longer than expected and inflation. Jamie suggested using LENS, or life expectancy, employment, your needs and your spouse's needs to determine the best age to begin receiving SS. Of course the longer you put off receiving SS, the more you will receive if you live into your 80's. Taxes are another item to take into *(See SSA on Page Two)*

## **The Third Annual SGI Tour of Homes**

Tour seven unique island homes from beach to bay, as well as the St. George Plantation Clubhouse, and the Cape George Island Lighthouse and Museum on Saturday, February 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the Kick-Off Reception with hors d'oeuvres and beverages



and a presentation on island history, on Friday, February 7, from 6 p.m. to 8, at the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department. James L. Hargrove, author and retired University of Georgia professor, will talk about the early development of St. George Island. Mr. Hargrove is the author of "The Oyster King" which tells the *(See Tour on Page Two)*

***(Water, from Page One)***

Water District, Inc., formed to consider purchasing Water Management, is still an entity and has met to decide how to protect the Island from this takeover. Representatives of the Civic Club will be at the February Carrabelle City Commission meeting. The speaker at the February Civic Club meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> is Lynn Tipton with the Florida League of Municipalities and she will discuss the options of Charters or Incorporation of entities such as St. George Island.

***(SSA, from Page One)*** consideration. If you plan to continue working, it will have an impact on how much your SS will be taxable. For more information on Social Security benefits you can go to: [SSA.gov](http://SSA.gov).

***(Tour, from Page One)*** fictionalized story of William Lee Popham, the first man to attempt the development of St. George Island in the 1920's. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the Tour, and are available at the St. George Lighthouse Gift Shop, 850-927-7745. For more information, go to [www.sgitourofhomes.com](http://www.sgitourofhomes.com)

**Civic Club Helps Volunteer Fire Department in Apalachicola**

The SGI Civic Club and SGI Volunteer Fire Department raised \$870 selling funnel cakes and coffee for the Apalachicola VFD at the Apalachicola Oyster Roast on January 18. Mikyla Lloyd, Kevin Delhaney, Steve Childers, Fred Stanley, Lon Wilkens and Mason Bean all spent time preparing food.



**SGI Civic Club's Funnel Cake Tent**

**Bonfire signals end of 2013**

The SGI Civic Club's Annual bonfire on New Year's Eve was enjoyed by many permanent and winter visitors as they rang out the old and rang in the new.



**Bonfire ready to go** Mason Bean, Fred Stanley, Steve Kearney, Chris Jensen and Wayne Thomas

were the team that made this possible.

**Franklin County Library Winter Hours**

The winter hours of the Franklin County Library in Eastpoint are: Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5:30 pm. Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

***Upcoming Events***

***Apalachicola - Tribute to Patsy Cline***

Friday, January 31 at 8 PM & Saturday, February 1 at 3 PM & at 8 PM at the Dixie Theatre. Our beloved Margo Anderson, back for her 7th year, brings the talented Encore Band with her

portrayal of Patsy. This season includes her tributes to Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette and Reba McEntire...that hasn't been seen by Dixie Theatre goers in many years, it's remarkable. For more info, call 850-653-3200 or visit [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com)

**SGI – Snowbird** Appreciation Day will be held on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by the St. George Island Business Association. The SGI



Business Association invites the area's winter visitors to spend the day on St. George Island. If you consider yourself a visitor ***(See Snowbirds on Page Three)***

*(Snowbirds, from Page Two)* to the area, you're welcome to participate! More details are available at [www.SgiSnowbirds.com](http://www.SgiSnowbirds.com), or call Charolette at 323-1260 or Sometime's Its Hotter at 927-5039.

### **Apalachicola - Bob Milne Ragtime Piano**

Friday, February 7 at 8 PM & Saturday, February 8 at 3 PM & at 8 PM. The top ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist today returns for his 15th year at the Dixie and no one does it better! In the Library of Congress as a National Treasure, Bob has followers from all over the country so get your tickets early. For more info, call 850-653-3200 or go to [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com)

### **Apalachicola - 18th Annual Forgotten Coast Chef's Sampler**

Chefs from all over the Forgotten Coast will prepare their most creative dishes at the 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 \$60. For more information, call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber at (850) 653-9419 or email us at [info@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:info@apalachicolabay.org).

### **Mrs. Mannerly**

Wednesday February 12 at 3 PM, Saturday February 15 at 8 PM, Friday February 21 at 8 PM, Saturday February 22 at 3 PM, Wednesday February 26 at 3 PM, Saturday March 1 at 8 PM  
Jeffrey Hatcher is a genius! We found that out in 2010 with our production of MURDERERS. Well he's at it again, only this time with his memoir "of sorts" recounting his experiences in his 1967 etiquette class. This offering will certainly assure his place as the best of the best playwrights, you'll be amazed. For more information, call 850-653-3200

### **"Kitchen Witches" by Panhandle Players**

Friday, February 14 through Sunday, February 16. "Kitchen Witches" is

about two cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years and when circumstances put them together on a TV show called The Kitchen Witches, the insults are flung harder than the food! The show becomes a rating smash as the two hostesses, Dolly and Isobel top both Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer! This production will be performed over two weekends both in Franklin and Gulf Counties. Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

### **Almost, Maine**

Friday February 14 at 8 PM, Saturday February 15 at 3 PM, Wednesday February 19 at 3 PM, Saturday February 22 at 8 PM, Friday February 28 at 8 PM, Saturday March 1 at 3 PM. A delightful midwinter night's dream right here on the Forgotten Coast! "Utterly endearing..." - Broadway.com. "Sweet, poignant and witty" - The New York Daily News "A charmer...unexpected magic lingers in the air like someone's breath on a cold winter's night. John Cariani aims for the heart by way of the funny bone" - The Star Ledger. For more information, call 850-653-3200, or go to [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com)

Thanks to the Franklin County Tourist Development Council for Upcoming Events.  
<http://www.saltyflorida.com/events>

**2013 New Year's Eve Bonfire Pictures**



**Bonfire is ready**



**GI Civic Club tent & DJ station**



**Initial lighting of bonfire**



**Bonfire and crowd**



**DJ enjoying the night**



**Sitting by the Bonfire**



**Fireworks**



**More Fireworks**

Thanks to Mason Bean, Fred Stanley and JoAnn Russell for the bonfire pictures

More Pictures from Oyster Roast



**Some of the crowd at the Civic Club tent**



**President Steve Childers mixing batter**



**Fred Stanley, member of the Board of Directors, frying funnel cakes**



**Mikyla Lloyd helped out**

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2014. The dues are  
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