



The Islander

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County Commissioner Jackel Speaks at Civic Club Meeting

District One County Commissioner Pinki Jackel spoke about the challenges facing Franklin County and St. George Island at the July 17th meeting. She first talked about the Bed Tax increase that will be on the November ballot. The proposal would be to increase the bed tax from 2% to 4%.



County Commissioner Pinki Jackel

Each percentage point brings \$450,000 into the Franklin County Tourism Council and is funneled back into Franklin County for improvements. When asked how much the surrounding counties charge, she said that they all now charge a 5% bed tax on rental property.

Another item was the pending No Trash Left
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The next Club Meeting will be August 14

Franklin County Librarian Addresses membership

Anne Birchwell, the Librarian of Franklin County gave an update on the programs offered by the library at the July meeting. One of the items was the possibility of making the Eastpoint library an AARP Tax-Aide Site for 2015.



Anne Birchwell

To have a Tax-Aide Site, the library would need a sufficient number of volunteers to insure that at least two counselors are present on every shift. The volunteers would have to complete training to become Tax-Aide Counselors. Training starts with an orientation class in mid-December where they receive all their class

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Behind ordinance. There was a lively discussion regarding who would be in charge of enforcing the ordinance, would the county be violating unlawful seizure laws and do renters have to take everything off the beach every night? Since the ordinance hasn't been written yet, she could not comment on these specific questions, but would expect them to be addressed in the ordinance itself.

Commissioner Jackel also discussed County money that would be used to upgrade the picnic area and restrooms at Carrabelle beach and the restrooms at Lighthouse Park on the Island. The improvements should begin later this year or early next year.

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or other material and learn how to access the on-line training modules and TaxWise software. Volunteers then have until January 3rd to complete the on-line tax law course offered by the IRS called "Link & Learn" plus complete at least one simple Tax Return using the TaxWise Online software. Then in January, classroom sessions are conducted each Saturday from 9am-1pm in the computer lab at the Wakulla Library.

Ann also discussed the desire of the library to offer interesting programs to Franklin County citizens. The library has recently offered gardening, recycling and law enforcement investigation process programs. If someone has a hobby or skill that they would like to share, the library would like to talk to you. Examples could be photography, fishing, deck building or mechanics. Interested members should call Ann at 850-670-8151.

Sunset/Full Moon Climb

The August Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island

will be held on Sunday, August 10, and will celebrate the second of three consecutive supermoons in the summer of 2014. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb will take place



from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 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 8:25 p.m. and the moon will rise at 8:18 p.m. on August 10.

The August full moon is another "supermoon," meaning that the moon is full at a point in its orbit when it is close to earth. The August full moon, which is forecast to be the biggest and brightest full moon of the year, could be as much as 14 per cent closer to earth and 30 per cent brighter than other full moons this year. The August full moon also coincides with the Perseid meteor shower, which occurs from August 9 to August 14.

After sunset, additional climbers can view the full moon as time and space allow. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Upcoming Events

Apalachicola Water Street Festival of Ice

Apalachicola will honor Dr. John Gorrie as part of the upcoming Water Street Festival (*See Festival, Page Three*)

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of Ice. On Friday August 15 noted author and ice expert Ellie Morris will present a talk about the impact the introduction of ice on early North Florida development. Morris' ice presentation will be the first in the City's 2014-2015 Visit Florida funded lecture series. The presentation and exhibit will be in Apalachicola's Center for History, Culture and Art on Water Street.

The next day, Saturday, August 16, the town will host a re-inactment of the first delivery of ice to Apalachicola and celebrate Dr. John Gorrie's induction into the Florida Hall of Inventors with a proclamation from Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson and ceremonial champagne toast. Ice carving, snow cones and music will follow at the John Gorrie Museum located at 46 6th Street.

Later in the month, Bo May's Faux Jazz Quartet at will play at Apalachicola's Riverfront Park 7:30-10:30pm on Friday, August 29 through Monday, September 1. John Gorrie, M.D. (1803-1855), invented the ice-making machine and is considered the father of air conditioning and refrigeration. Gorrie's invention began with an attempt to cure Yellow Fever during an outbreak in Apalachicola in 1841.

Convinced that cold was a healer, he advocated the use of ice to cool sickrooms and reduce fever. Ice was shipped by boat from northern lakes until Gorrie's successful experimentations with the rapid expansion of gases to create refrigeration. The State of Florida honored Gorrie as a notable person in Florida's history by donating a statue of John Gorrie to the National Statuary Hall collection located in the United States Capitol Building and naming a museum and Florida state park in his honor.

Dr. Gorrie is among six inventors announced recently as the first inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame.

Kingfish Shootout

Saturday, August 2 through Sunday, August 3 at 501 St. James Ave., Carrabelle. This weekend event gives everyone an opportunity to enjoy themselves while advocating a wonderful cause that helps so many. All proceeds go to the Leukemia Research Foundation. Over \$703,000 raised



in the past 10 years. For more information call: (850) 697 8400, or go to www.c-quartersmarina.com/shootout.html

St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race & One Mile Run

The 17th Annual St. George Island Sizzler 5K Race & One Mile Fun Run – Saturday, August 9 - A Tate's Hell Track Club production benefitting the Franklin County Humane Society.

On-site registration & packet pickup begins at 3:00 p.m. at St. George Lighthouse Park. The One Mile Fun Run begins at 5:30p.m. and the 5K Race begins at 6:00p.m. The Post Race Party and awards will be at the St. George Lighthouse Park at 6:30p.m. For more info and pre-registration information visit: www.stgeorgeislandsizzler.com or call 850-509-2191.

Ecology of Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish in FL



August 14: Dr. Dean Grubbs will speak on the “Ecology of Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish in Florida and the Bahamas” where he will be showing a clip from a Changing Seas episode featuring his research. It will be held at the FSU Coastal & Marine Lab, 3618 Coastal Highway 98, St. Teresa, FL 32358. For more information call: (850) 697-4092 or go to marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/lunchbunch

Camp Gordon-Johnston Museum (CGJM) Movie Night: The Great Raid

THE GREAT RAID - Saturday August 30. Movie begins at 1015 hours at 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle, Fl 32322.

In 1944, American forces were closing in on the Japanese-occupied Philippines. The Japanese held around 500 American prisoners who had survived the Bataan Death March in a notorious POW camp at Cabanatuan and subjected them to brutal treatment and summary execution. Many prisoners were also stricken with malaria. The film opens with the massacre of prisoners of war on Palawan by the Kempeitai, the Imperial Japanese military’s secret police (though factually, it was

committed by the Japanese Fourteenth Area Army). Meanwhile at Lingayen Gulf, the 6th Ranger Battalion under Lt. Col Mucci is ordered by Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger to liberate all of the POWs at Cabanatuan prison camp before they are killed by the Japanese. The film chronicles the efforts of



the Rangers, Alamo Scouts from the 6th Army and Filipino guerrillas as they undertake the Raid at Cabanatuan. Throughout the film, the viewpoint switches between the POWs at Cabanatuan, the Rangers, the Filipino resistance and the Japanese. In particular, the film covers the resistance work undertaken by nurse Margaret Utinsky, who smuggled medicine into the POW camps. The Kempeitai arrested her and sent her to Fort Santiago prison. She was eventually released, but spent six weeks recovering from gangrene as a result of injuries sustained from beatings. Admission is by donation, and appreciated. This film is one in a series shown monthly to educate our visitors on the sacrifices made for us by our WWII generation. Free popcorn will be served. For more information, call: 850-697-8575 or go to

www.campgordonjohnston.com

Semi-Terrestrial Crab Interpretive Program

On Saturday, September 6th from 10:00am-11:00am at Bald Point State Park-North Point Entrance at the Fishing Pier gather with a Park Ranger who will be discussing about Semi-Terrestrial Crabs such as Hermit Crabs, Ghost Crabs and Fiddler Crabs and learn about the interesting ways that they benefit the shoreline and other marine life. \$4 admission fee is required and all ages, especially children, are welcomed. For more information, call 850-349-9146 or go to www.floridastateparks.org/baldpoint/default.cfm

Painting "IN THE MOMENT" with Lori Putnam

Spend 4 days working en plein air September 11-14 with American Impressionist Lori Putnam, capturing the culture and history of Apalachicola. This workshop includes lectures and demonstrations, individual painting time, personal instruction, and group critiques to promote your progress. Class at the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art. For more information, go to www.historicapalachicola.com/schoolofart/

Rock by the Sea

From Thursday, September 25 through Saturday, September 27 join the annual Rock by the sea concert, 5k run and golf tournament. The tentative schedule is:
Music Thursday, September 25 – Harry A's 7:00 PM – Midnight
Music Friday, September 26 – Harry A's 4:00 PM – 1:30 AM
Golf Tournament Saturday, September 27 – St. James Bay 9:00 AM
MODIFIED FLORIDA SCRAMBLE
Prizes for 1st–3rd places
\$10,000 Hole in One Prize
5k Run Saturday, September 27 - St. George

Island 9:00 AM

Music Saturday – Harry A's from 4:00 PM – 2:00 AM. Artists scheduled are: Chuck Cannon, Steve Everett, Melodime, The Roosevelts, Tim Brantley, Radiobirds, the Brian Collins Band and W2. Rock by the Sea benefits the following charities: The Pediatric Brain Tumor Program, Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Camp Sunshine, Cops for Kids. **For more information, go to** www.rockbythesea.org

Thanks to the Franklin County Tourism Council for Upcoming events.

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