



# The Islander

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**The January meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse. Bring a side dish and enjoy meeting with fellow Islanders. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meal at 7:00. The speaker will be Shelly Swenson of the Wakulla County Extension Service on Heart Healthcare.**

## **Civic Club announces new Board of Directors at December Meeting**

President Steve Childers announced the nominations for Officers for 2015. The members present moved to accept the nominations and passed without a negative vote.

The new Board is comprised of:

Chris Jensen, President

Eric Roberts, Vice-President

Mike O'Connell, Treasurer

Linda Thurman, Secretary

Steve Childers, Immediate Past President

Lon Wilkens, Director at Large

Kelly Rowland, Director at Large

## **Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse**

The January Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse on St. George Island will be held on January 4 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light to watch the sunset and the rise of the full moon. The Sunset/Full Moon Climb includes 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.



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.

The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island, where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at either side of the park.

Reservations are recommended; please call the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Winter Bingo**

The 2015 Winter Bingo season begins on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay Abbott Fire House on St. George Island.

### ***Apalachicola Research Reserve Offers Free Monthly Lecture Series***

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve announces a new monthly (*See ANERR, Page Two*)

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natural history lecture series, “Reserve Wednesdays,” that explores the ecology, geology and natural history of the Florida Panhandle.

Free lectures will be held the third Wednesday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at the Apalachicola Research Reserve Nature Center at 108 Island Drive in Eastpoint. Sara Merritt, environmental specialist with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, will kick off the series on Jan. 21 with a lecture about deadhead logging in the Apalachicola Bay area. Participants will learn about this unique method of logging from a historical and ecological perspective. The “Reserve Wednesdays” lectures are free and are held at the Apalachicola National Research Reserve. For more information contact Gibby Conrad at 850-670-7702.

***Franklin County Survey***

The Franklin County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is lead by Aimee DiPalma Sapp who is the SART Coordinator in Franklin County for Refuge House. The Franklin County Sexual Assault Response Team has been working together to provide a coordinated, multi-disciplinary and survivor focused response to the needs of sexual assault victims and the community as a whole. SALT has developed a survey that will impact services in Franklin County. This survey has been created based on various disciplines and the needs addressed specific for Franklin County. To link to the survey, go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DTTB9CT>

***Tallahassee Swing Band***

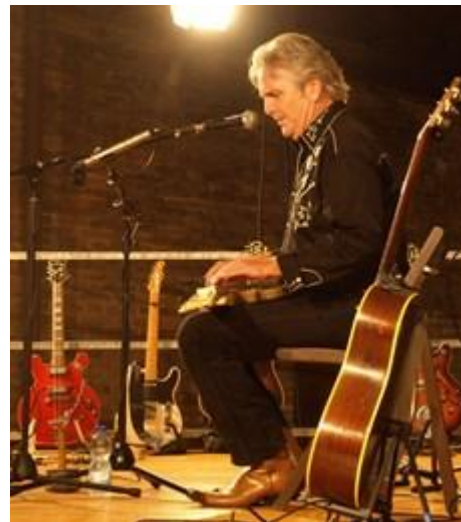
On Saturday, January 3, at the Dixie Theatre, 21 Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Join the Tallahassee Swing Band returning for their 2nd season at the Dixie. This band wowed audiences when they



opened the 2014 Season. For more information, call 850-653-3200 or go to [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com)

For more information about the band, go to [www.tallahasseeeswing.com](http://www.tallahasseeeswing.com)

***Spencer Bohren***



On Saturday, January 10 at the Dixie Theatre, 21 Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320, Spencer Bohren will entertain with his take on New Orleans jazz. After traveling the globe and playing at the New Orleans Jazz Festival, we are honored to have this incredible musician grace the Dixie stage. For more information, call the Dixie Theatre at 850-653-3200, or go to [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com)

***Apalachicola Oyster Cook-Off***

The Apalachicola Oyster Cook-Off is held (*See Cook-off, Page Three*)

every year on the Friday and Saturday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in downtown Historic Apalachicola at Riverfront Park. All proceeds go directly towards paying for the brand new fire truck. This purchase was due to this fundraising event!

This year's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Cook-Off will be held January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The event features a silent auction, oysters galore, shrimp, smoked mullet, hot dogs, hamburgers, local beer, live music, kids' activities, dancing performances and a 5K run! Enter your best recipe and be a contestant in the oyster cook-off or just come out and enjoy a day of wonderful food, refreshments and music.

### ***IN Concert: FSU Voice Professors***

On Sunday, January 11, the Apalachicola Historical Society presents voice professors from FSU at 79 6th St, Apalachicola. The professors will be accompanied by Read Gainsford. The concert begins at 4pm.

### ***Pas de Vie Ballet***



On Saturday, January 17, at the Dixie Theatre, 21 Avenue E, Apalachicola, FL 32320, welcome back for their 4th year at the Dixie, the Pas de Vie Ballet Company. This ballet company is a Franklin County favorite, breathtaking beauty in motion. For more information call 850-653-3200, or go to [www.dixietheatre.com](http://www.dixietheatre.com) The Ballet Company's website is [www.pasdevieballet.com](http://www.pasdevieballet.com)

### ***The Lady with All the Answers***

On Saturday, January 24, after performing the Bell of Amherst, Sinda Nichols has taken on Ann Landers and it's going to be nothing but fun for everyone. For more information, call 850-653-3200.

### ***Tribute to Patsy Cline: Margo Anderson***

What would a Dixie Theatre Season be without this show? We don't want to find out because everybody loves Margo and she's back for her 10th appearance! Come by the Dixie Theatre on 21 Avenue E, on Saturday, January 31. For more information, call 850-653-3200.

### **2015 Board of Directors**

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Dues are \$20 per person and can be mailed to SGI Civic Club, P.O. Box 451, Eastpoint, FL 32328. Now is the time to pay the dues for 2015.

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*Pictures from the New Year's Eve Bonfire*



Incoming President Chris Jensen



DJs



Initial Lighting



Catching Fire



Fully Ablaze

Thanks to Mason Bean, Steve Kearney, Fred Stanley, John Olander and Chris Jensen for helping with the preparation of the Annual St. George Island New Year's Eve Bonfire.