



The Islander

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The September meeting will be on the 17th at the Volunteer 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. Representatives from the Humane Society will speak.

Franklin County Commissioner Jackel to be Supervisor of Elections

At the civic club meeting on Thursday night, County Commissioner Pinki Jackel said she had contacted Governor Rick Scott about the unfulfilled Supervisor of Elections seat in



Pinki Jackel

Franklin County. On Friday, Governor Scott named her to fill out the rest of the term of Ina Elliot, who had resigned due to health reasons.

Governor Scott will now name her replacement on the County Commission.

SGI Civic Club Membership Increases

According to Treasurer Mike O'Connell and Secretary Linda Thurman, we now have 400 members in the SGI Civic Club. Mike says that membership forms are still coming in. We also had 6 more new and renewals at the August meeting.

Summer Bingo Results

Bingo Coordinator Kelly Rowland sent the following message: To all of you that volunteered this summer, I want to say thank you. Because of you, Summer Bingo 2015 was a huge success. I want you to know I appreciate your taking time out of your busy life to help out the Civic Club. With your help, we made \$6,332.58 and provided entertainment and fun for 1,465 people. Looking forward to Winter Bingo 2016.

Full Moon Climb at Cape St. George Lighthouse

On Sunday, September 27, climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light and watch the sunset and the rise of the full moon. It's the Northern Hemisphere's Harvest Moon, or full moon nearest the September equinox. It's the Southern Hemisphere's first full moon of spring. This September full moon is also called a Blood Moon, because it presents the fourth and final eclipse of a lunar tetrad: four straight total eclipses of the moon, spaced at six lunar months (full *(See Lighthouse, Page Two)*)

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moons) apart.

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. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information, please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

Upcoming Events

Early People of the Forgotten Coast

The Carrabelle History Museum and Historical Society presents: "Early People of the Forgotten Coast: 1500 to 1800" on Saturday, September 12th. The three speakers will cover 300 years of local history in three hours! Dr. Madeline Carr, Dr. Joe Knetsch and James Levy are walking encyclopedias of Florida History. The spring program covered the first people to inhabit our coast. This program will pick up where it left off, covering a time when Europeans were exploring our state, remaining Native Americans were learning

to trade and work with them, and African Americans were seeking safe havens. Starting with the Spaniards arriving in St. Marks, to the destruction of the colony at the old British fort on the Apalachicola River, the guest experts will introduce everyone to some fascinating characters.

An exhibit of black powder weapons used during that time period will be on display and ship wreck artifact conservator James Levy will be available to answer questions about his impressive collection.

This free program will be held from 10 am to 2 pm on September 21 at the Franklin County Senior Center in Carrabelle located at 201 NW Avenue F. It is sponsored by the Franklin County Public Library, the Apalachicola Municipal Library and funded in part by Carrabelle CARES, the City of Carrabelle and the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.

For More Information contact: Carrabelle History Museum 850-697-2141 or Tamara Allen 850-524-1153

ANERR

Sea Changes in Franklin County: A Story of Three Lighthouses

On Wednesday, September 16 from 2 to 3 p.m., James L. Hargrove will lecture on how area coastline changes have impacted the Cape St. George, Cape San Blas and Dog Island lighthouses. Discussions will include how the barrier islands and Franklin and Gulf counties developed and how they have shifted over the decades.

Mr. Hargrove resides on St. George Island and is a member of the SGI Civic Club. After earning a B.S. degree in Biological Oceanography from the University of Washington, graduate studies led him to a career teaching and researching cell biology at Emory University and nutrition science at the University of Georgia.

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James L. Hargrove

He volunteers as a docent at the Cape St. George Lighthouse Museum and assists with field work at the Apalachicola Research Reserve.

The lecture will be at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve Nature Center at 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint.

Registration is not required. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information contact Rebecca Bernard at 850-670-7721, or

Rebecca.Bernard@dep.state.fl.us.

Apalachicola Farmers Market

Local seafood, produce, herbs, and honey, homemade breads and pies, along with other regional specialties will be fare offered at the Apalachicola Farmers Market which will be open from 9 am to 1 pm on September 12th and 26th at the Mill Pond Pavilion. The Pavilion is located at the north end of Market Street in Apalachicola.

Enjoy music with your friends and neighbors in a beautiful setting by the water. Relax under the live oaks that grace the Farmers Market on the Mill Pond off Scipio Creek.

From the blinking light in Apalachicola Center, the Farmers Market is just down Market Street less than a mile.

Interested in becoming a vendor or volunteer? Email apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com to be a part of this vibrant community.

Rock By The Sea Charity Music Fest

From Thursday, September 24 through Saturday, September 26, Rock By The Sea & Now I Play Along Too present this charity music festival to benefit Now I Play Along Too and Franklin County Library. The three-day event, hosted at Harry A's on St. George Island, will feature artists including Melodime, Steve Everett, Stephen Kellogg, Tony Lucca, Paul McDonald, Amy Gerhartz, Brian Fechino, Tim Brantley, Hey Monea!, The Georgia Flood and The Blues Factor. Activities include a Scavenger Hunt and Golf with a Musician. For more information, go to rockbythesea.org

National Estuaries Day

It's all about the Bay on Sept 25 as the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) celebrates National Estuaries Day at its Nature/Visitor Center in Eastpoint. The festivities will run from 1:30-6 p.m. and will feature family-friendly activities, touch tanks, fun and educational games. The Visitor Center is located near the St. George Island Bridge at 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint. For more information, call 850-670-7700, or go to: apalachicolareserve.com/vcenter.php

Heritage Dinner

The Apalachicola Municipal Library and Apalachicola Area Historical Society will host a Heritage Dinner on September 25. New York Times Bestselling Author Karen White will be the featured guest. The event will be held at the Robert Lindsley Gallery (*See Dinner, Page Four*)

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in Apalachicola. The evening of local cuisine, wine and literature, will also feature a special unveiling of Apalachicola's new library design and the kickoff of the project's capital fundraising campaign. For more information, call 850-653-8436, or go to: www.apalachicolahistoricalociety.org/

***Camp Gordon Johnston Museum:
National Museum Day***

This marks the ninth consecutive year that the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum has been asked to participate in the Smithsonian Magazine's Annual National Museum Day on Saturday, September 26. The museum is located in the Carrabelle Municipal Complex, at 1001 Gray Ave., Carrabelle. We will be welcoming visitors from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. Come view our ever-growing exhibits. Our gift shop will be open all day. Hear live music and enjoy free refreshments!

As always, admission is by donation. You can learn more about the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum and download directions at www.campgordonjohnston.com. For further information on National Museum Day, please visit Smithsonianmagazine.com/museumday.

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

Late Breaking News - September 5

I received an email from SGI Civic Club member Bill Rogers' family this morning. (Eric Roberts):

Bill Rogers passed away in the early morning hours of September 2 in his sleep in his home in Tallahassee.

In lieu of flowers, any memorials may be sent to the following care facility for cancer patients: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home, 760 Pollard Blvd. SW, Atlanta GA 30315 in the name of William G. and his father, Kenneth G. Rogers -- or -- to The Westminster Oaks Foundation, 4449 Meandering Way, Tallahassee, FL 32308-5710.

Challenge to Civic Club Members

The Board of Directors has challenged Club members to reduce the ecological footprint by bringing their own reusable plates, flatware and glasses to the Club meetings.

Please visit our website

www.sgivicclub.org for the latest news from St. George Island and the surrounding area. Email us at sgivicclub@gmail.com Dues are \$20 per person and can be mailed to SGI Civic Club, P.O. Box 451, Eastpoint, FL 32328. Checks may be made to SGI Civic Club.

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