



The Islander

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A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club
The next club meeting will be on January 18 at 6:30.
The presentation will be on solar power.

2018 Bonfire Rained Out

Mother Nature stepped in and brought heavy rain that caused the New Year's Eve Bonfire to be cancelled.



Several SGI Civic Club members braved wind and cold weather to set up the bonfire on the morning of December 31 to no avail. It was decided around 7 p.m. to cancel with rain coming in from the West stretching all the way to Pensacola.

Planning & Zoning – Land Use Change for Eastpoint

On the agenda for the next Franklin County Planning & Zoning Commission on January 16th is the consideration of a request for a Land

Use Change from Residential and Commercial to a PUD Mixed Use Commercial in Eastpoint. Re-Zoning from R-2 Single Family Mobile Home and C-2 of a 57.08 acre parcel lying in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 7 West, 105 Island Drive, Eastpoint. (Note: ANEER is at 108 Island Drive, so this property is across Island Drive) The PUD will consist of 180 RV Slips, 85 Dwelling Units, and a Restaurant/Bar Lounge, with liquor sales and including indoor and outdoor seating capacity of 200. The request was submitted by Craig R. Dermody, authorized agent for Max Cross, applicant.

Two new items have been added to the P&Z Agenda for the January 16th meeting, in addition to the original PUD RV/Residential development located on Island Drive and S. Bayshore Dr. in Eastpoint (across from ANERR).

1. The proposed language for the SGI Commercial District Overlay. The (See *Planning on Page Two*)

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County currently has in place a 6-month moratorium on new commercial projects/developments until a new ordinance is adopted. The County currently has a moratorium for new homes requested to be built of metal. This Ordinance was borne out of a high demand for requests to build metal, industrial-looking buildings in residential neighborhoods. The P&Z Advisory Board will take public input on all of the above Agenda items at Tuesday's meeting. If you want your ideas and opinions to be heard, plan to attend.

Bingo 2018

Our first Bingo of 2018 took place on January 2. Twenty-nine hardy souls ventured out in the cold and we collected \$265.50 for the club. Remember, Bingo is held each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Volunteer Fire Station on East Pine. The money collected is donated to local charities at the end of each year.

Upcoming Events

INCONCERT

Ilse Newell Fund for The Performing Arts presents Jazz at Rio Carrabelle 102 St James Ave on January 12, 2018 at 7:30pm.

The Muscle Shoals Singer/Songwriter Series



The Muscle Shoals Singer/Songwriter Series at 8 pm on Friday, January 12 at the Rio Carrabelle Arts Center, Corner of Hwy 98 & Hwy 67/Tallahassee Street. It is hosted by Donny Lowery and is Rio Carrabelle's newest continuing series.

Muscle Shoals is known for recording many hit songs from the 1960s to today and the music from the area is often referred to as the "Muscle Shoals Sound"!

Donny has more than 100 songs recorded by country artists! For more information, call (850) 307-0098 or go to:

www.caribbeanraftrentals.com/events

Apalachicola Oyster Cookoff

The Apalachicola Oyster Cook-off event is held every year on the Friday and Saturday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in downtown Historic Apalachicola at Riverfront Park. This year's 8th Annual Oyster Cook-Off *(See Oyster on Page Three)*

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will be held January 12th and 13th. 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.

Trumpeter Longineau Parson and Pianist Joanna Sobk

The Ilse Newell Fund For the Performing Arts will have two performers on January 14 at the

Apalachicola Trinity Episcopal Church at 4pm.

Longineau Parson

FAMU professor, Longineau Parsons, has been hailed by critics internationally as being one of the world's finest trumpet players. He also performs on recorders, flute, percussion and is a vocalist. Longineu performs classical and jazz on trumpet and his compositions include orchestral works and chamber music as well as jazz and world music. He is the protégé of the great cornetist, Nat Adderley.



Joanna Sobkowska

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Dr. Sobkowska has served on the faculties of Universidad del Cauca in Popayan, Colombia and Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia. She taught piano and *(See Trumpeter on Page Four)*

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performed extensively as a soloist and chamber musician with the Orquesta Sinfonica del Valle and various ensembles for the chamber music concert series, and as a harpsichordist for the early music ensemble Conjunto Dolmetch. She has also participated in the International Summer Courses in Zurich, Switzerland. For more information, go to www.inconcertapalachicola.org/

Leon Anderson Group

The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts will present Leon Anderson, Jr. on January 21 at the Apalachicola Trinity Episcopal Church at 4pm.

LEON ANDERSON, JR., Associate Professor and Director of Jazz Studies, joined the Florida State University faculty in 1998. His musical experience includes that of a classical and jazz percussionist, educator, clinician, and composer.



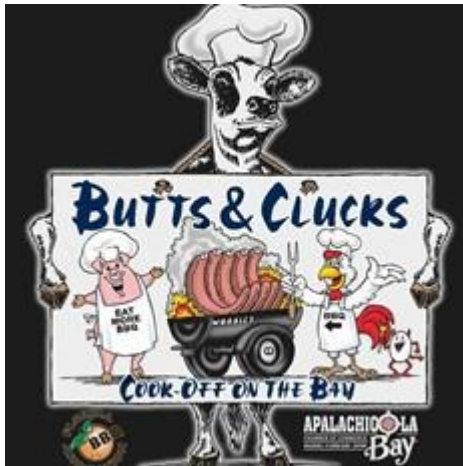
Mr. Anderson received the B.A. degree in Education of music at Louisiana Tech University and in 1996 completed the M.A. degree in Percussion

Performance at Southeastern Louisiana University. His mentors have included Ellis Marsalis and Victor Goines of the New Orleans jazz scene. Mr. Anderson currently teaches drum set, jazz ensembles, and rhythm section methods at the FSU College of Music.

National Estuarine Research Reserve Nature Center

January 2018 marks three years since the beginning of the Reserve Wednesday lecture series at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve Nature Center. Presenting a new subject each month, the talks all share a common goal – increasing understanding and awareness of the diversity of life in the Apalachicola Watershed and promoting better stewardship of the land. The series are on the third Wednesday of the month from 2-3 PM. The next two Reserve Wednesdays that ANERR will host are “*Apalachicola National Forest*” presented by John Dunlap of the US Forest Service on January 17, and “*Raptors of Florida*” presented by Lynda White of Audubon Florida on February 21. Be sure to watch the Friends of the Reserve website (apalachicolareserve.com) for future speakers. All Reserve Wednesday talks are free and seating is available on a first-come first-served basis.

Butts & Clucks Cook-Off on the Bay



The 7th annual Butts & Clucks is now a Sanctioned event by the Florida BBQ Association. The event will be held in Battery Park at 1 Bay Avenue, in historic Apalachicola January 26th and 27th. For more information, call 850-653-9419, go to www.ButtsandClucks.com

A Conversation on Ferry and Party Boats



On Saturday, January 27, at 201 NW Ave F Carrabelle, there will be a conversation about the fascinating

local ferry boats, like the “Spica” and party boats, like the “Miss Carrabelle” that served Carrabelle for years. Sometimes feature professional historians and other times are fortunate to feature local citizens with first hand knowledge of the Forgotten Coast’s fascinating maritime heritage. This special event will feature tales and reminiscences from local people, like Raymond Williams, Bevin Putnal and Micky Gay, who were captains, deckhands and children on board the area’s beloved ferry boats and slightly infamous party boats. We encourage those with memories or family stories and tales of their own to come and share in this conversation and bring your pictures., 2018

For more information, call 850-697-2141 or email carrabellehistorymuseum@gmail.com

Vocalist Tara Burns

The Ilse Newell Fund For the Performing Arts presents Tara Burns on January 28 at the Apalachicola Trinity Episcopal Church, 79 6th St., at 4pm. Tara Burns is a Manhattan based singer and actress from Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated from
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Vanderbilt University where she studied Vocal Performance and Theatre and served as Miss Tennessee before moving to New York City to pursue her entertainment career. Upon moving to Manhattan, Tara served as the head Soprano vocalist with the USO Show troupe for over two years. She has performed solo shows in acclaimed Manhattan cabaret venues including 54 Below, Birdland, and the Bemelman's Bar at Cafe Carlyle.

For more information, go to www.inconcertapalachicola.org

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