



JIA board apprised of W3 weekend success

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Going over the final results from the Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife event on Jekyll Island, Jekyll Island Authority marketing director Meggan Hood detailed to the Board of Directors the event's progress over its four days.

"It was a raving success," Hood told the board

at its monthly meeting Monday. "I think lots of you got to come and join in the festivities. Some of the highlights here — there are many, many events within this weekend that goes Thursday through Sunday. It starts out Thursday with the wine cruise. That sold out. The events Friday night and Saturday afternoon also sold out completely. This was

the first time for all those events selling out, so that was exciting. We had no at-the-door sales on Saturday, which is the first time for that."

She said educational classes like wine and beer tastings had record attendances, along with adding an additional class because of demand. Record attendances also followed the Thursday night din-

ner, Saturday after-party and Sunday brunch. Hood noted the Westin, in selling packages for the event, sold three in its first year and sold around 60 this year.

"This event is doing nothing but growing, which is wonderful for the island," Hood said.

Meanwhile, the process continues on the northern oceanside portion of the

island to rebuild a rock revetment damaged by hurricanes Matthew and Irma.

"After some unexpected turns there, as far as the Native American archaeological site, we were able to mitigate the requirements there, and agree to some ongoing mitigation efforts that will be part of the actual construction effort," JIA executive director Jones Hooks said.

The JIA received approval Feb. 12 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to go ahead with work at the site, and the board approved a request for proposals at the Monday meeting. The bid package is available for viewing at www.jekyllisland.com/jekyllislandwp/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Jekyll_Island_Revetment_RFP-351-1_of_2.pdf.

BOOK BUYS ABOUND AT LIBRARY SALE

Members of The Friends of the Brunswick-Glynn County Library sort books for their annual winter book sale. The event kicks off from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday with a preview sale for Friends members or those wishing to join for \$10 for an individual membership. The sale opens to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. A \$5 per bag sale will be from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. This will be the last book sale to be held in the library's auditorium due to interior renovations that will begin in June. Proceeds from the sale benefit the library's programming as well as helps fund new books and supplies.

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Good News Club comes to Frederica

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A new club at Frederica Academy aims to show students from a young age that Bible study and worship can be fun.

Frederica Academy started its own chapter of the Good News Club this school year. The program is part of a national organization through which trained volunteers meet with children in schools and provide Bible lessons, worship sessions and student fellowship.

The program is also offered in the elementary schools in the Glynn County School System.



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Volunteer Christina Godwin leads members of the Frederica Academy Good News Club in song and dance during their weekly meeting.

"God wants us to be like fruit trees," she said. "And when a fruit tree is a good fruit tree, it has fruit on it, right?"

Marcia Smith, a board member for the county-wide Good News Club program, has helped Frederica Academy get its club off the ground. She works as a coordinator for the club at C.B. Greer Elementary. She said she's seen the program completely change students who participate.

"I have seen lives transformed," Smith said.

The students at Frederica Academy have already fallen in love with the club, Smith said.

"In middle school, it gets to be a little bit more challenging."

A donation from more than a dozen individuals made the program possible at Frederica Academy.

Ed Ralston, a former school trustee, died last year. A group then came together to make the donation in his name to bring the Good News Club to the school.

"We received several gifts in Mr. Ralston's memory which provided the funding we needed to start the Good News Club," said John Pope, a spokesperson for the school.

At a recent club meeting, Christina Godwin, owner of Christina's Dance World on St. Simons Island, led a special Valentine's Day worship session that centered on the importance of

showing others love.

"Before you ever spend money on a gift, do you know that the best way to share love with your parents is simply all of the things that don't cost a penny — hugs, telling them how much you love them, telling them how much you appreciate everything they do for you," Godwin told the students.

Godwin volunteers with the program as its praise and worship coordinator.

She leads the students in spirited worshipping, transforming the school cafeteria into a dance hall.

She challenged the students that day to go home and research the fruits of the spirit and focus on how they can be better versions of themselves every day.

The Tony Pace experience

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Crime SCENE

Among reports filed with police:

Arrests Golden Isles Parkway and Chapel Crossing Road: There was a car crash. One woman involved in the crash tried to leave afterward, saying she did not have time to wait on the police to arrive. Police ended up making an arrest.

U.S. Highway 341 and Ga. Highway 99: Police got a report of a man driving all over the road in a black Chevrolet Silverado. A patrol officer realized the driver was coming his way, so he parked and waited. The driver was not impaired but he was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant, so he did go to jail.

4930 U.S. Highway

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341: A driver at the Taco Bell hit something and damaged it while in the drive-thru line. The driver went to jail, charged with DUI.

Suspicious Incident Beverly Shores: A man caught a guy who lives down the street peeping into his window. A neighbor told police he saw it too. The homeowner chased the peeping Tom out of his yard, and he ran home. The homeowner told police it might turn out bad if he caught the guy in his yard again.

2303 Demere Road: Two drunks stumbled into the McDonald's on St. Simons Island after midnight. One of the guys walked around the counter and tried to snatch the cash register, without success. They left. Police were called.

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