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The Oak Tree

President's Message

Well, the voting is over, the votes counted and officers have been selected for your 2013 Grand Haven Master Association Board of Directors. The Board members who will be representing your interests are as follows:

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In the coming months, as in the past, the Board will continue to address those issues our residents have indicated have the greatest impact upon Grand Haven. I understand that the governing structure of our community is not always easy to understand when it comes to areas of concern. The following descriptors are not all inclusive but will hopefully provide you with a working understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each group.

The Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA) is responsible for all issues related to individual lots and home sites within the community. In this capacity, the equitable enforcement of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) are one of its highest priorities. There exists a Master CC&R's which apply to all of Grand Haven and in addition, each Village has its own set of CC&R's. These may be found on the GHMA website at grandhavenmhoa.com at the Village Information link. The management company for the GHMA is Southern States Management Group. They are under contract to the Association and perform duties as directed by your Board and in accordance with governing rules and regulations. As such, they have no independent authority and are simply implementing the directions of the Board.

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GHMA Meeting Schedule for 2012

The Board of Directors of the Grand Haven Master Association (GHMA) will meet on the third Friday of every month (unless otherwise noted).

All residents are welcome to attend.

When: 2 p.m., Friday, March 22, 2013
2 p.m., Friday, April 19, 2013
2 p.m., Friday, May 24, 2013
2 p.m., Friday, June 21, 2013
2 p.m., Friday, July 19, 2013
2 p.m., Friday, August 23, 2013
2 p.m., Friday, September 20, 2013
2 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2013 (Budget)
2 p.m., Friday, November 22, 2013
2 p.m., Friday, December 20, 2013

Where: Creekside Amenities Center in Grand Haven
2 North Village Parkway

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The Oak Tree seeks contributors to help with ideas and topics for future issues.

Residents are welcome to write articles about something they feel may be of interest to others - a Grand Haven activity, club, happening, sporting event, etc.



Mold on Roofs and Concrete Surfaces – Each owner should take a look at their roof and consider having it cleaned. The roof itself can and will get dark in color and/or moldy (particularly tile roofs). Also the border or fascia around the edge of the roof may need attention as well. This is something to plan for at least annually if not more frequently. Remember, driveways/walkways/sidewalks tend to develop mold this time of year. Cleaning roofs and concrete surfaces all at once can save time and/or money.

Lake Bank Maintenance – Each owner living on a retention pond needs to continually maintain their lake bank. Each lake bank (where there is not a concrete stem or retention wall) was originally developed and planted with spartina grasses. These are the feathery bushes or clumps of grass about 4 feet tall that were planted to keep the lake bank from eroding. **REMEMBER**—if your spartina has died or is not there, then you will need to replant them. Please go to www.grandhavenmhoa.com and click on “Detention Pond (lake bank) Planting Scheme” at the top of the page (under General Forms/Documents) for further details on planting requirements. It is each lake bank owner’s responsibility to preserve those spartina grasses and keep the lake bank free of weeds, vines and/or wild growth. This maintenance responsibility is best accomplished with regular monthly attention.

Landscape Mulch – Landscape mulch is required for landscape beds pursuant the GHMA ADC Specifications. It is necessary to add to or refresh your landscape mulch from time to time (bi-annually). **REMEMBER** – you should only add to or refresh the same landscape mulch that has been approved by the ADC for your landscape plan. If you would like to utilize a different type of mulch or mulch alternative (rock) you will need to submit to the ADC for approval prior to installing.

If you have questions about any of these items, please contact Troy Railsback (Ext. 307) or Lindsay Marriott (Ext. 310) at 386-446-6333.

CDD Corner: DISTRIBUTION OF NEW GHCCD SMART AMENITY ACCESS CARDS (SAACs) IS UNDERWAY

The Grand Haven CDD Office administrative staff has begun the distribution of the District's new Smart Amenity Access Cards.

The process: Residents of each village are being invited to call and make an appointment with office staff. Villages are being notified in alphabetical order of village via eblast from the CDD and Amenity Company's email systems and/or hard copy notices posted at the CDD and Village Center offices.

Both email systems are eblasting the invitation announcements in order to reach as many residents as possible. Both systems use different email lists contained in different databases which cannot be coordinated. The CDD office has also been informed by some residents that they do not read CDD eblasts, but will read eblasts from the Village Center (Amenity Company's) because those contain "fun information." The eblasts contain links to the new forms to be completed, and a list of items required to bring to the appointment. All information is also posted on the GHCCD website: www.grandhavencdd.org in the What's NEW section of the Home Page.

At the appointment residents first meet with their fellow resident volunteers who will help out by reviewing the process, checking that forms have been completed, and verifying that the appropriate items required for the process are present. The actual time with administrative staff averages ten (10) minutes. During this time staff will verify or update existing data, input new data, take individual photos of all residents, print and distribute the new Smart Amenity Access Card/s.

The creation and distribution of the new Smart Amenity Access Cards is an essential part of the overall GHCCD Program "Keeping Grand Haven Grand." The previous Amenity Membership cards contained information (resident name, picture, village) useful on the day created (some going back to 1997) but incapable of being updated. The new Smart Amenity Access cards contain a bar code tied to the District's new real time interactive Microsoft CRM Master Database. The new SAACs can be scanned by a portable scanner to verify authorized amenity use privileges.

The previous Amenity Access cards will continue to be honored, along with the new SAACs, until the distribution process is completed, projected for mid-June to July, 2013. At that time only the SAAC will be honored. An additional full time facilitator will be present at both the Village Center and Creekside Amenity Centers to scan the new SAACs and verify authorized use of the amenities. Those without the new SAAC will not be allowed amenity use and will be directed to the GHCCD offices to register for the new SAAC. Those refusing to leave will be trespassing. Frequent and ample warning will be given to all prior to the new SAACs "going live."



Ashley Higgins and Victoria Kane
CDD Staffers

The new SAACs are an essential component of the overall "Keeping Grand Haven Grand" project. The new cards will allow, for the first time in District history, facilitators to verify on a real-time, updated daily basis, authorized use of the District's amenities.

The goals:

- Increased safety and security by more accurately verifying those using the District's amenities are actually authorized to do so, and
- Better controlling repair and maintenance expenses of the amenities by reducing unauthorized overutilization of the District's facilities.

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A recap of the Items required at the appointment for registration and distribution of the new SAACs:

Items Required for Registration

For the most beneficial, least time consuming distribution of the new cards, whenever possible all parties living in an individual residence are encouraged to appear at the registration appointment together, so all photos can be taken at the same time. (appointments for photos can be made at the initial registration appointment.)

Property Owners:

- Drivers License or other form of official Photo ID for every adult
- All or list of current Gate Access Devices in use (any not verified will be deactivated same day)
- All current vehicle registrations (copies ok)
- Waived for initial registration period: Check or Money Order, \$5.00 for each new card, no cash will be accepted during registration

Renters:

- Drivers License or other form of official Photo ID for every adult
- All or list of current Gate Access Devices in use (any not verified will be deactivated same day)
- All current vehicle registrations (copies ok)
- Copy of currently active lease.
- City of Palm Coast Registration Rental Form – completed and filed by property owner
- GHMA Rental Registration Form - completed and filed by property owner
- Blank Check or Money Order, \$5.00 for each new card, no cash will be accepted during registration

Detailed explanations of these projects can be found by clicking on the “Keeping Grand Haven Grand” line on the “What’s NEW” section of the home page of our website:

<http://www.grandhavencdd.org/>

Submitted by Dr. Stephen Davidson, Chair,
GHCCD Board of Supervisors
GHCCD BOS Liaison for the “KGHG” Project

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Grand Haven’s first board of governors: (from left, front row) Irene Klingenberg, Tom Corum and Dee Glass. (Back row, from left) Bill Klingenberg, Don Cameron, Bob Witty, and Bob Borer.

Neighborhood Watch

On behalf of the residents of Grand Haven, we want to congratulate Jim Manfre, the newly elected Sheriff of Flagler County and wish him and his staff great success in the years to come. In keeping with our commitment to provide a safe community to the residents of Grand Haven, your Neighborhood Watch Team reached out to Sheriff Manfre for an update of any changes to the Sheriff's Department.

The following news release was provided:
Flagler County Sheriff James Manfre has announced the appointment of Sgt. Mike Lutz as the coordinator for the agency's Community Outreach Unit.

In addition to coordinating the Neighborhood Watch program, Sgt. Lutz will be overseeing crime prevention programs. Sheriff Manfre said Sgt. Lutz will continue to present the Women's Self Defense program. "I believe the community will enjoy working with Sgt. Lutz. He brings experience and enthusiasm to this position," said Sheriff Manfre.

Sgt. Lutz said he is interested in disseminating crime prevention information to every family in Flagler County as a partnership with the Sheriff's Office.

It's important that everyone plays a role in protecting our community," Sgt. Lutz said. "Many people think that crimes can only happen to someone else and so they may not take a few simple precautions to avoid being targeted by thieves."



Here are a few tips to make your home a little more secure:

- Be sure all doors and windows are locked when you leave home.
- Keep an exterior light on at night.
- Trim tall bushes that someone could hide behind.
- Never open your door to strangers.
- Watch your neighbors' home and be alert for suspicious activity.

Call the Sheriff's Office at 313-4911 if you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood.

President's Message, *continued*

There are two committee's under the direction of the GHMA, the Architectural Design Committee (ADC) , who must grant prior approval to all exterior changes to your residence and the Fine Committee who must approve all fines resulting from CC&R violations prior to them being imposed. Further information regarding these committees is available on the GHMA website.

The Community Development District (CDD) is responsible for all community infrastructure, common grounds and landscaping, Amenity Centers and recreational facilities, ponds, gates, streets and entryways/walls. Further information regarding the CDD is available in your Community Directory and on the GHMA website.

In order to both be informed and have a voice in those decisions made on your behalf, I would strongly recommend that you take the time to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of both the GHMA and CDD. The meeting schedules are posted at the Village Center and on the GHMA website.

As we head into the new year, the Board of Directors of the GHMA welcomes your input and is looking forward to the challenges to be faced. I encourage your participation and involvement and on behalf of your Board, I share with you our commitment to a most productive year. I have every confidence that with a joint effort and with all of us working together, we can ensure that our community continues to provide a lifestyle that is unique, enjoyable and a source of pride for all of our residents.

Dr. Robert Jay Carlton, President
Grand Haven Master Association

Grand Haven: The Golf Course and Clubhouse

Fourth in a series by Art Dycke Editor's note: Prior issues of **The Oak Tree** covered the history of Grand Haven from 25 Million B.C. to 1996. To review, in 1969, ITT, the development's original planner, received authorization to build the Grand Haven development (known at that time as River Club). While ITT completed many other projects in this area, its development of River Club/Grand Haven was not to be. In August 1995, ITT sold the undeveloped land to Lowe Enterprises.

Back in the heady days of 1996, the Lowe organization employed Bobby Ginn as general manager of its Grand Haven development, with Bob Devore in charge of construction. Jack Nicklaus' design firm was retained to design the golf course. In August of 1997, Jim Cullis, an employee of Lowe Enterprises in Seattle who previously worked for Nicklaus, came on board to head the entire development. Ginn moved over to work on Lowe's development of Ocean Hammock.



Dennis Cross, an early GH resident, points to a flag denoting the location of the 18th hole in a photo taken in January 1997. Cross recalls the day he purchased his Front Street lot: "We were stuck in the middle of (what would become) the golf course in our salesperson's four-wheel-drive vehicle and had to be pulled out by large earth grader. No streets, no utilities, no amenities and only piles of dirt for a golf course. What the hell did I just do?"

The groundbreaking for the golf course took place on December 3, 1996, at the site of the present 18th hole; construction continued for another year. At the time, there was speculation that the course's signature hole would be the third, but Nicklaus was reported to prefer the sixth hole because of the need to tee off over a hazard. Others were convinced that Grand Haven's signature hole would be

the eighth, a par 3 over water. The golf course officially opened for play on May 10, 1998, although early residents were able to play prior to that date. Six months later, on October 6, Grand Haven was officially designated as a Jack Nicklaus Signature Course with a three day celebration and the eighth as its signature hole.

A massive sales effort for the Grand Haven development featured the Nicklaus Signature designation, and he was at the October 6 festivities, signing autographs, taking photos with residents and talking with guests. Nicklaus played the course wearing a microphone so he could describe it hole by hole to the gallery that followed him.

Amenities were limited at the course in those early days. The clubhouse was a triple wide with a pro shop and snack bar, a facility beloved by early residents.

LandMar, a Jacksonville-based subsidiary of Crescent Resources bought Grand Haven from Lowe in June of 2000. In mid-2000, Hampton Golf, a golf management firm affiliated with LandMar, took over the running of the course.

On October 11, 2001, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the construction of a 17,000-square-foot clubhouse. At the ceremonies, Ed Burr of



Crescent Resource told the large crowd that the club would soon become private, and would no longer be open to the public. The transition from a public course to a private one would be completed on June 1, 2002.

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Jack Nicklaus putting on opening day.

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GOLF CLUB

Spring into the Grand Haven Golf Club!

I would like to thank all of our members for making 2012 such a great success and would like to welcome each of you who have not had the opportunity to come by and enjoy what Brian Collins has in store for 2013. Brian was added to the Grand Haven family as our new Food and Beverage Manager in 2012 and has truly made some fantastic strides in entertainment at the club.



The Mentalist Dinner Show and Country Western Night were a huge success as well as our monthly member events that include: Member Birthday Bash • Culinary World Tour Dinners • Champagne Brunch • Grill Room Entertainment. So be on the lookout for these new upcoming events and make your reservations early: Spring Dance • Casino Night • Bourbon Cigar Night • Wine Social • Derby Day Party • Summer Luau • Comedy Night • Trivia Night. We would also like to welcome our newest addition, Troy McLaughlin, Head Chef. Troy comes to us with over 30 years of experience in golf club dining. We are very excited to have him aboard and look forward to what he can bring to the table, like his famous MAKERS MARK BOURBON GLAZED BREAD PUDDING.

And that's just the half of it here at Grand Haven Golf Club...we have announced our new membership plans for 2013 and they are a big hit!! From our Trial Memberships, 50 and under Memberships, unlimited cart plans to the new and improved Associate Membership, we are extremely confident this year will be our best ever.

With another successful Pinehurst and New Years Day Golf Tournament in the books, we are closing in on our 5th Annual North/South Members Golf Tournament as well as our 2013 Membership Drive Golf Tournament. I just want to take another opportunity to outline some of the improvements that occurred this past year—some will be redundant for most but not for our new and future members...club house has been painted inside and out; new carpet throughout ; new patio umbrellas; new furniture in the bar and restaurant; remodeling of the pro shop; a new fleet of carts with GPS ...this is just a snapshot of some of the improvements in 2012. It is a testament of Escalante's commitment to continuous improvement and I know I speak for the membership when I say "Thank You" for making Grand Haven Golf Club a club we are proud of and enjoy belonging to.

Go to Grandhavengc.com and check out our calendar of events and sign up on our E-club to receive weekly updates.

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GOLF CLUB

We are very excited to announce that Patrick Leahy will join Grand Haven as General Manager and Director of Golf. Patrick will join us on a full time basis on Monday, February 11.

Patrick has an impressive legacy in golf including playing on the PGA Tour and nearly 30 years in the club business as a Head Professional and Director of Instruction. He is originally from New York and was raised in Connecticut and graduated from Boston University with a degree in economics and finance.

He grew up playing all sports including tennis, football, baseball, lacrosse and basketball, but his primary interest has always been golf. After college, he played on several professional tours before an injury derailed his hopes of playing full time on the PGA Tour.

He is one of the most respected teachers in the game and has been in charge of instruction at several prestigious clubs – most recently at Black Diamond Ranch in Lecanto, Florida. He was honored by being named the Georgia PGA Teacher of the Year in 2000.

We know that you will truly enjoy Patrick and the passion he brings to this great game. He is a certifiable sports junkie and loves to talk football, baseball and golf. Patrick is married to his wonderful wife Dena and together they have three wonderful kids.



Please welcome Patrick and Dena to the club and make sure they know what a special environment we have here at Grand Haven.

We will hold a formal welcome reception for them in the near future.

Grand Haven: The Golf Course, *cont'd*

Following his announcement, all the guests were presented with champagne flutes embossed with the Grand Haven name. The Hampton Golf organization would manage the entire facility and company officials promised members that the best quality food, linens and customer service would be offered.

In an interview, Cullis, who is no longer with Land-Mar and has since opened his own business, Grand Haven Realty, said meetings were held with Grand Haven members before the clubhouse construction to determine what should be included in the building. According to Cullis, the members decided they preferred a more spacious dining area and social amenities to large locker rooms.

The Grand Haven clubhouse opened on August 3, 2002. A promise of the developers and a dream of the early “pioneers” had finally become a reality.

Contact Art Dycke at artpchistory@bellsouth.net or 446-8636 with questions, corrections and information!



The triple-wide trailer used as a clubhouse from the spring of 1998 until the opening of the clubhouse in August 2002. Early members recall the triple wide with fondness.



The new clubhouse, prior to its August 2002 opening.

Town Rover

Resident Gene Murphy will contribute articles of interest about the community.

On a rainy day in late 2012 Louise Leister stepped on a patch of landscaping next to a massive pine tree in the north end of the parking lot in the Village Center. Her left foot sank into a hollow area next to the big pine's base.

That was an important misstep, for Leister. She is Grand Haven's horticulturist and arborist, in which capacity she keeps an eye on every decorative shrub and tree in the community's boundaries. On a state level, she is an agronomist by trade, and is the water and environmental program coordinator for Flagler County, as a consultant to the University of Florida's agricultural division.

Soft spots in the ground are no big deal for most of us in Grand Haven. Armadillos make pot holes in our lawns with gusto, especially in soft spots. But it sent an ominous message to Louise. "When that earth collapsed," she said, "it told me that the tree had some serious decay in the roots, and that the tree might be weakened enough to go down."

That possibility was serious, indeed. The pine towered above the parking lot, at the edge of curbing next to half a dozen parking paces.

It doesn't take much imagination to see a Mercedes station wagon, a Lincoln SUV, two Corvettes – one red, one blue – a Porsche and a Land Rover in these presently empty spaces, with an 80-foot tree resting well into the front seat headrests.



So on a Saturday morning in mid-February Leister was on hand to monitor the work of Jack Fugate, 24, a Certified Arborist from Shaw Tree Service who planned to drop the 75-foot tree in a northeasterly direction in a narrow area of low growth between two large lagerstroemia trees.

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Richard's Books

Grand Haven has our own published author, Richard Rudomanski who lives in Heritage Oaks with his wife, Trish and their dog, Scout.

For over two decades Richard owned a successful construction company in lower Fairfield County, Connecticut. His education includes both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree. His first novel, **Sealed Correspondence**, broke the top 100 best seller list on Amazon.com for a short stint. His latest novel, **The Note**, was released in October of 2012. It spent most of January 2013 in the top 100 on Amazon.com.

Sealed Correspondence

For two hundred and twenty four years an 18th century desk has remained hidden in an attic southeast of London, England—that is, until now!

A discovered treasure worth millions, documents hundreds of years old inside, and three lives that are about to change—forever!



The Note



Nora Williams discovers her husband of forty-four years stroke-ridden and comatose in their home in rural New York. In his pocket she finds the cause—a blackmail note.

She will soon discover, hidden within the decades of deception, there is a secret so powerful it could tear her entire family—apart!

You can visit Richard at www.Rudomanski.com and if you wish, feel free to leave a comment.

Purchase Richard's novels at BarnesandNoble.com, Amazon.com, and Rudomanski.com.



Flagler County Art League By Stephanie Salkin and Ann DeLucia



The Flagler County Art League is proud to present its second annual “Celebration of the Arts”—a diverse array of artistic programs free and open to the public, thanks to a grant from the City of Palm Coast—all designed to free your creative spirit! The events feature jazz, storytelling, performance art set to music, a fine art show, a journey through Florida’s “haunted inns”, an artist’s workshop. These programs will take place in Palm Coast through April 10th.

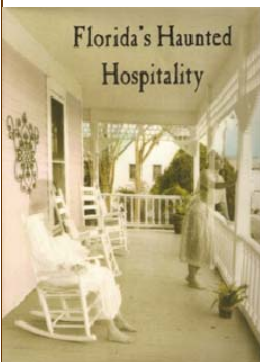
The kick-off is FCAL’s show, “Art with Wow,” opening reception Saturday, March 9, from 6-9 p.m. at our City Marketplace gallery, running until April 10th. At the same time, the neighboring Hollingsworth Gallery is featuring a William Brant retrospective.

MAJOR EVENTS

Thursday, March 14th at 7:00: Enjoy a free evening of jazz music and creativity with Don Nedobeck at Matanzas High School auditorium. Titled “No Right Way.” We will celebrate a whimsical, artistic and musical evening with this internationally acclaimed musician, artist, and storyteller - jazz by the Nedobeck trio. A conjurer of laughter and smiles, Nedobeck is a treasure you don’t want to miss!



Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00: “No Recipe for Disaster” Performance art with music – J.J. Graham, at Hollingsworth Gallery will treat viewers to a unique live painting demo done to music, at his own gallery. “What I want to do is emphasize creativity, approach and the motive for why we create art,” says J.J.



Thursday, March 21st at 6:30: “Florida’s Haunted Hospitality” with Michelle Davidson, an author and talented artist in a variety of media, will take visitors on a “journey” though Florida’s historic and haunted inns, evoking the “spirits that dwell therein.” This presentation will take place at the FCAL gallery.

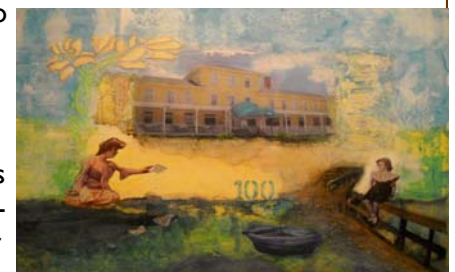
Thursday, March 21st at 6:30: Abstract Aquamedia Printmaking. Tom Anastasio concludes the Celebration program with a workshop for artists of all levels who want to loosen up! Materials will be provided. “My goal is to get artists to express their spiritual, supernatural and dream world, though an aqueous printmaking technique by 12th century Japanese Shinto priests,” Tom says. (Space is limited, so call to register: 386-986-4668.)

All this is in keeping with the first sentence of our newly revised mission statement: “The Flagler County Art League is dedicated to promoting the arts and nurturing the artist.” Thus, we are assisting in the planning of an alliance of arts organizations, to promote the arts to area residents and tourists. Toward this end, we are working with the Hammock Business Association on its second art event along AIA— a follow-up to their successful inaugural art walk in December. The “Hammock Galleria Festival,” Saturday, March 23-24 (9-5 p.m. Saturday the 23rd and 10-4 p.m. Sunday the 24th) will feature gallery openings and artist tents all along AIA in the Hammock. FCAL will have its own tent there.

Of course, our new mission statement also includes the key goal of “nurturing artists.” FCAL has been hard at work in the last year to provide its 300-plus members the kinds of educational programs and the environment they need, whether beginners, professionals, or simply aficionados. We encourage people to join and to explore or, indeed, to discover their own talents. Our class offerings have widened significantly.

Furthermore, our objective of nurturing arts and artists extends to the budding artists in our school system. FCAL annually sponsors high school art scholarships in memory of Shirley Newton, a former Palm Coast Woman of the Year, in addition to student art shows in our gallery. FCAL members also serve as judges for student shows held in the schools. For more information on any of these programs please call 386-986-4468 or our website:

www.flaglercountyartleague.com.



One of Michelle Davidson’s ‘haunted’ inn works which she will discuss, as part of her presentation on old Florida Inns, at the art league’s Thursday March 21 meeting (open to the public).

Town Rover, *continued*

Fugate used a powerful chainsaw to cut a deep notch in the tree in the direction of the proposed fall. Then, slowly and carefully, Fugate cut into the opposite side of the trunk. The tree began to slowly lean northeast. Then the notch closed, and the big tree dropped exactly on target.

The exposed stump, Leister noted, offers a simple calendar to gauge the age of the tree – each ring is a year, and the thickness of the circle lines of divisions tells an observer whether it was a dry or rainy year. When asked to cut a slice out of the base, Fugate promptly complied; the tall pine began to grow, Leister estimates, between 90 and 80 years ago.

In the slice there was a section that might have been a scar from whatever was eating away at the tree; darkened material that created a cavity in the slice. Leister's practiced eye noted it. She drew a circle, and sectioned it off to look like servings of pumpkin pie. "Trees that contain disease," she said, "are isolated in these areas, which will not allow it to spread throughout the tree" these areas are called Rays. In this tree the rays failed and the decay went thru the trees trunk making it dangerous due to decay.

White pine trees are the source of the familiar two-by-fours, the timbers that are the skeletal start of all the nearly 2,000 homes that comprise Grand Haven. The pine felled in the parking lot now felled would have provided 519 board feet, sliced up into two by fours. (The parking lot tree, however, would be rejected as building material because it was diseased. (A home with 2,000 square feet of living space requires 3,700 board feet.)

At day's end all that remained of the potential threat to the community's cars was a modest hill of sawdust and a stump.

Palm Coast Arts Foundation



On Sunday May 5, 2013 the Palm Coast Arts Foundation will present our annual **Picnic and Pops** in Central Park. This concert is so popular that this will be the seventh year that PCAF has sponsored this memorable musical event. For those of you who miss the beauty of a full symphony concert, this night is for you.

The event is a combination of a picnic and an outdoor pops concert under the stars at Town Center. Attendees may bring a picnic for their dinner (6:30 to 8 PM) before the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents their performance of light, popular musical selections at 8 PM.

This year we are proud to partner with Carrabas Italian Restaurant. For those of you who appreciate the special attention of being a sponsor, Carrabas will provide your full plated dinner for your entire table at no additional cost to you! Carrabas will also be available to individual ticket buyers on site to pick up your pre-ordered meal at the concert when purchased through PCAF.

Tickets are available now. Sponsorship tables are also available (\$1,000 and \$2,500). For the last two years this concert has been a sell-out, so we encourage you to purchase your tickets early to insure that you have a seat at this wonderful community event.

Please check our website for more details (www.thepcaf.org) or call our office at 263-2991.



Photo by Jim Pagano

Grand Haven Women's Club



Annual Book Sale

Saturday, April 20th

9:00 - 3:00

Village Center

Hardback books: \$ 1.00

Paperbacks: .50

CDs and DVD's: 1.00

If you have books to donate, please contact:
Gail Naworal at gnaworal@yahoo.com -- 986-4069

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Flagler Humane Society

As we begin a new year at the Flagler Humane Society, we would like to take a look back at 2012 and see what we were able to accomplish. Last year we took in 3635 animals, mostly cats and dogs (2155 and 1386, respectively) but also some birds, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, and assorted other little creatures. Of those, 1226 animals—617 cats and 564 dogs--were adopted into loving families. More than 300 were reunited with their owners after they were lost and 265 others were transferred to other shelters or to rescue groups to they could be seen by a wider audience. As a result of our efforts, we were able to save the lives of 1,800 animals in total.

We participated in several major adoption events, both locally and out of our area. Our most successful multi-day event resulted in 49 animals finding new homes. It was exhausting but very satisfying to see so many dogs and cats leave with their new families. We hit the peak of our adoption efforts during August through October when we participated in the ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100,000 Challenge. FHS was one of 50 shelters nationally to be

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invited to the Challenge and while we didn't win the big money, we were very proud that our efforts resulted in a 52 percent increase in the numbers of lives saved over the same period last year.

At FHS, we are committed to giving every animal that comes in our door the very best opportunity to find a forever home and we take that commitment seriously. It's quite a challenge sometimes, to house, feed and provide medical services to the between 300 and 400 pets in our care on any given day. But, with the support of the community, we are able to fulfill our promise.

While not as heartwarming as our saved animals, we are pleased to say that we have just completed our first audit, examining our financial statements for FY 2012 and passed with no exceptions. This "clean" audit will enable us to seek major grants to help support our activities.

We invite everyone to come to the shelter and meet our wonderful staff and volunteers and to see all of our amazing animals. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised to see so many happy and healthy pets. And, maybe you'll even want to take one home with you.

When you think about the Flagler Humane Society, don't forget our Thrift Store. It is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 to 3. And keep an eye out for an exciting new announcement about the Thrift Store, which will be coming soon.

Please check out our website, www.flaglerhumanesociety.org to keep current on all of the Shelter's news, upcoming events, and photos of our available animals. You can even donate to us right from the website. Also, please like us on Facebook, both Flagler Humane Society and Blue Moon Sanctuary.



News from the Nest.....

How fortunate we are to have our resident Wild Oaks eagle pair return and produce young year after year without fail. They are committed and incredible parents devoting nine months of each year preparing their nest for their new family and then diligently caring for them.

After 37 days "sitting on eggs", mom's days of relaxation in the nest turned busy. The first chick hatched on December 16 and within two weeks the eggscitement began as two bobble heads were visible.

Mom faithfully feeds and protects her chicks. Yet dad is busy foraging and provides most of the meals for the family. He's constantly seen making a mad dash towards the east where he seems to prefer the "intracoastal fish market" versus the resident lakes. However, both mom and dad are on "high alert" guarding the nest from other eagles that find their way into their exclusive, protected territory. They both share responsibilities and work together as a team to assure safe and healthy offspring.

YIPPING YOUNGSTERS.....is what is heard at the nest lately as they are ten weeks old and have big appetites. Unless they are napping, they are forever (vocalizing) begging for food. And when it's delivered, they can be heard from quite a distance. At this point the parents often choose to do a "drop" instead of a "stop" when they deliver as the youngsters are now eating on their own and quite aggressive.....all good "eagle stuff" as they prepare for their life independently. The parents at this stage are simply regarded as "Meals on Wings".



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It's rather "bitter-sweet" as the intruders are likely one of their own from a past brood finding his way back home. Although once the fledglings migrate, they are not welcome (should they return) nor are they likely recognized by their parents. Until they reach sexual maturity at approximately five years, they flounder and call "no place" home. At that age their plumage has made a transformation and their signature white head and tail feathers announce their Majesty. At this point they are eager to find a suitable mate to bond with and reproduce.

By the end of February the youngsters will be seen jumping to the branches of the nest tree (branching) and taking their first most apprehensive flight (fledge) approximately one week later. We



Photo by Tatine Rehm

will then have the entertainment of viewing their skills (and not so skills) flying and landing and playing together mid-air (sky dancing). Somewhere mid to end of April they will take to the sky and find their way "somewhere north".....likely together.

From Hatchlings (3-4oz) to Nestlings to Fledglings (8-10# approx) all in a matter of three months! Now that's a lot of fish to deliver.....I think mom and dad soon deserve a well-earned break!

Until we get into the "eggsciting" part of this nesting season, I hope you will enjoy watching this video starring "Mom and Dad Wild Oaks" and co-starring their off-spring "Whitey and Dudley" from last nesting season compliments of "John The Video Man".....
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38LBLAkK-3o&feature=youtu.be>

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7. Neighbors will appreciate your good manners.

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leather-like skin which takes several weeks to harden before they are can go seek their own fortunes.

Besides these riveting facts, it should be known that by handling armadillos, humans can acquire a leprosy infection from them. Armadillos are the confirmed vector and natural reservoir for the bacterial disease in Texas and Louisiana, where about a third of the reported cases come from contact with infected armadillos. Leprosy (Hansen's disease) was unknown in the species until the arrival of Europeans, when at some point they acquired the disease from humans. Consequently, the only animals in which the leprosy bacteria is known to flourish are humans and armadillos. So we definitely should control our contacts with at least one of these two species!

Grand Haven Critters

Armadillo, translated from Spanish means "little armored one". With their armored backs, short legs, long narrow snouts and elongated claws, armadillos are not the most attractive species to behold, much less cuddle.

Fortunately, here in Grand Haven, we are unlikely to encounter the giant armadillo found in South America, which can weigh up to 180 pounds, although many residents here in Grand Haven would be happy if our local nine-banded armadillos took up residence in S.A. Having few natural predators, these creatures have consistently expanded their range northwards to Illinois and westwards to Colorado. Armadillo road kill, a common sight, is mostly caused by their habit of jumping up several feet when startled, thus smashing into the undercarriage of moving vehicles. They could stay off the roads!

Although armadillos have very short legs, they can dash off in a hurry when they are so inclined and can outrun dogs and people. Interestingly, they can swim across small bodies of water such as streams and ditches. Inflating their digestive tract to create buoyancy, they must first swallow a large quantity of air, otherwise the weight of their armor would make them sink. Their menu is composed mainly of grubs, worms, insects, birds eggs and small reptiles. Also, fruit and berries and sometimes carrion. They have extremely poor eyesight but nature compensated by endowing them with an acute sense of smell. That, and very sharp curved claws, enables them to dig for their supper around our shrubs, which is never appreciated.

Armadillos create living quarters by digging customized burrows, preferring moist soil near creeks or swamps. They are nocturnal animals doing their dirty work at night! If threatened, they wedge themselves into their burrows head first, then with behinds rudely facing outward, their tough bony backs protect their delicate underbellies. Stuffing themselves in like this makes it difficult to eject them.

These solitary creatures seek "companionship" only during the summer romance season. A peculiar fact is that a female can actually suspend pregnancy up to two years! The young, born inside the burrows within nesting chambers, have soft



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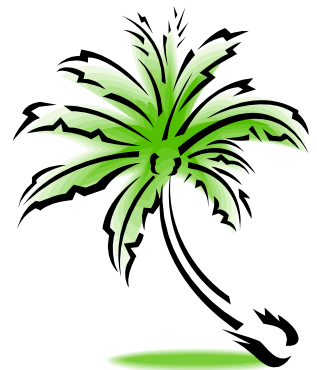
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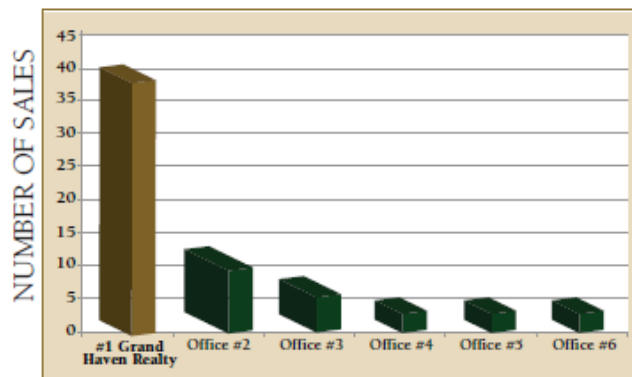
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