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SIZING UP THE COMPETITION

Bluffton's first opponent in the Dixie Youth World Series has a championship pedigree. **Page 14**

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Stephen Berend/Bluffton Today

Alan Plaia and his children, Zachary, 8, and Cassidy, 6, enjoy the view from the top of the lighthouse at Hunting Island State Park.

COME OUT AND PLAY

Hunting Island State Park celebrates its 75th anniversary with lighthouse tours, pier fishing and more. **Pages 12-13**

NEWS

Rotary Club takes over Village Festival

BY FRANK MORRIS
BLUFFTON TODAY

Babbie Guscio gave up her baby, the Bluffton Village Festival she founded and raised to a strapping and popular 30-year-old, on Wednesday.

The Bluffton Rotary Club is the proud adopter of the street fair staged each second Saturday in May.



Guscio

Under Guscio's watch, the festival has grown to attract up to 10,000 people for its vendor sales of arts and crafts, foods and nonalcoholic beverages; for musical and other entertainment; and the ugly dog contest — all on and around Old Town's Calhoun Street.

Club President Barry Connor announced Guscio's retirement as festival organizer and the 12-member Rotary board's agreement to take

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Jasper County in no rush to give up ACE

ANTHONY GARZILLI
SPECIAL TO BLUFFTON TODAY

Jasper County's school board won't just give the Beaufort-Jasper Academy of Career Excellence to Beaufort County.

After Jasper County School District Superintendent Delacy Sanford brought to a July 29 school board meeting several talking points concerning ACE, which included the option of having Beaufort County assume complete ownership, board members Berty Riley and Kathleen Snooks each had definitive opinions.

"I'm opposed to total ownership," Snooks said. "We shouldn't give it to them."

Riley agreed: "I can't see giving our building away."

They agreed that the opinions of the county's legislative delegation — state Sen. Clementa Pinckney and state

Rep. Curtis Brantley — should be sought to see if the option of Beaufort taking ownership is, as Sanford said, "a viable option."

The ACE facilities are in need of renovations, but Sanford said there Jasper might funds available — about \$4 million — although he'd planned to ask the board to spend that money on Ridgeland's athletic facilities.

The other options are that either county will withdraw from ACE over two years or Jasper will match any money Beaufort spends to renovate the school.

Sanford said a fourth option — Jasper County taking over ACE — is not viable financially.

Beaufort and Jasper's boards are set to meet Aug. 21 at ACE after individually deciding which option they'd like to pursue.



Photo by Paul Wood/Special to Bluffton Today

Memories from Iwo Jima

Marine Corps veteran Monroe Boaz of Moss Creek talked to a platoon of recruits on the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot recently after he and his friend, Paul Wood, stopped by to visit. Wood said he asked a passing drill instructor if he'd be interested in having Boaz, a survivor of the battle for Iwo Jima in World War II, talk to his recruits. "An hour later, Monroe was still holding their attention," Wood said.

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12:15 2:30 4:45 7:15 9:30

Step Brothers (R)
12:20 2:30 4:45 7:05 9:15

The Dark Knight (PG-13)
11:45 12:00 12:30 2:55 3:40 4:00 6:00
7:00 7:40 9:10 10:05

Mamma Mia! (PG-13)
12:15 12:40 2:40 3:05 5:00 5:25
7:20 7:45 9:45 10:05

Space Chimps (G)
11:50 1:35 3:25 5:20 7:10 9:00

Hellboy II (PG-13)
12:00 2:35 5:05 7:40 10:10

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG)
1:05 3:10 5:20 7:35 9:45

Hancock (PG-13)
12:10 2:25 4:35 7:00 9:20

WALL-E (G)
11:45 1:50 3:55 6:00 8:05 10:10

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