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PLEASANT SURPRISE AT THE PUMP



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Local resident James Dozier gasses up his truck at Parker's on the F.J. Torras Causeway.

Gas prices surprisingly low during holiday weekend

By ANNA HALL
The Brunswick News

For the first time in a decade, drivers can rejoice. Gas prices have dropped at the pump nationwide to the lowest point they've been in 10 years. The timing for the tanking costs of gas comes at the perfect moment. A record number of families and travelers are hitting the road this Labor Day weekend. "It's a good time to get going, get on the road, and still save," said Mike Healy, field manager for AAA Auto Club South. In the Peach State, gas cost averages are \$2.31 per gallon. That, Healy said, is a full dollar below where the price was this time last year. Georgia gas prices were noticeably lower than the national average, which is \$2.44 per gallon. Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service, said travelers heading out this Labor Day weekend will spend \$1.6 billion less than last year. On average, consumers will save about \$15 per fill up, he said. As of Friday, crude oil prices had fallen by about 23 percent, dropping its June 10 high and being approximately half the price it was last year at this time, Kloza said. Healy noted that crude oil is now about \$40 a barrel. With state and national economies growing stronger and consumers finding themselves with a little extra change in their pockets, the rule of supply and demand can be seen playing out at the pump, Healy said. "Disposable income leads to people taking road trips," Healy said. "With gas prices this low, we will be seeing a lot of people out there. It

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Russian spy ship off Ga. coast

Newest Russian spy vessel spotted in the area of Kings Bay

By GORDON JACKSON
The Brunswick News

ST. MARYS — The Department of Defense is closely monitoring a Russian intelligence-gathering spy ship operating about 300 miles off the coast of Camden County, home of the Navy's Atlantic fleet of ballistic missile submarines. The presence of the ship was disclosed by officials with the Pentagon, according to a number of news reports. The Russian vessel Yantar is named after the shipyard in Kaliningrad where it was built. The Yantar, commissioned earlier this year, is described as a research vessel about 350 feet long with a crew up to 60 sailors. The "research" by the Russian ship is what concerns the Navy. The Yantar is believed to be trying to identify undersea communications lines, underwater sensors, submarine training areas and transit lanes to Europe. The area is near Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, home port for six ballistic missile submarines, as well as two guided missile submarines. The Russian ship has two deep-water vehicles that can be used for rescue operations. Those unmanned vessels are also believed to have the capability to cut cables and disrupt communications. In April 2014, the Russian ships Viktor

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PLAYING IN THE DIRT



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St. Francis Xavier kindergarten student MacKynna Miller makes sure new plants are completely covered with dirt in a garden for the class Friday. **Story, 2A**

SAT scores lower than state averages

Glynn County high school scores fall slightly behind rest of Georgia

By ANNA HALL
The Brunswick News

Glynn County high school students fell short on their SAT score averages compared to state averages in all categories of the test, according to a recent report from the Georgia Department of Education and the College Board. Averages from high school students from Glynn Academy and Brunswick High School were slightly below state means in critical reading, math and writing, with the widest gap seen in the writing category. The local school system averaged 460 in writing; the state average was 475. In math, local students averaged 476; the state average was 485. The smallest gap was seen in the critical

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