

# Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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## The Pearl of the Panhandle



### February

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jazz from Blues (Kind of Blue)**-Part of the Jazz Concerts presented at Rio Carrabelle. 7:30 pm \$ 15 at the door. All Jazz Concerts have limited seating-email for reservations: [inconcertapalachicola@gmail.com](mailto:inconcertapalachicola@gmail.com)

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Tallahassee 8U Golf Tournament** (4-Player Scramble Charity) at the St. James Bay Golf Resort. To sign-up or for questions, please contact the Golf Shop (850) 697-9606.

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Explore the Black Backwater of Tate's Swamp.** 10 am-2 pm Cost \$ 22 Four mile intermediate canoe/kayak trip Led by instructor, Serge LaTour, LaLutra LLC. For more info & to register; [www.tinyurl.com/zewud17](http://www.tinyurl.com/zewud17) or call (850) 661-2461

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Butterflies at St. George Island** 9 am Part of "Coffee in the Campground" series at SGI State Park, Sugar Hill Campground behind site 28 in Interpretive Center. Programs are free with park admission. Bring breakfast item to share, free coffee. **For more info, call (850) 927-2111 or email [melody.brennan@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:melody.brennan@dep.state.fl.us).**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Spring Garden Preparation** 1:30 pm Carrabelle Branch of FC Public Library. Free & open to the public. Presenter: Les Harrison, Director Wakulla County Extension Office. For more info, call (850) 697-2366

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Touch a Truck-Hippy Family Event** 5-7 pm Eastpoint Fire Dept. See our website under Things to do for details & list of member sponsors.

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive & Health Fair** 10 am-3 pm St. James Health & Rehab Center in St. James. For more info or to make an appointment, call Kristine in Admissions (850) 697-2020 or (850) 661-2967

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> "Coastlines" part of the Forgotten Coast Film Festival** presented by the Carrabelle History Museum. 6 pm FREE Admission. Donations to the museum appreciated. Film will be shown at the FC Senior Center in Carrabelle, 201 NW Ave F. For more info, call (850) 697-2141 or go to [www.carrabellehistorymuseum.org](http://www.carrabellehistorymuseum.org) (This is the third film in a series of four made in or about the area...make them your Thursday night date nights!)

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jazz from Swing to Fusion**-Part of the Jazz Concerts presented at Rio Carrabelle. 7:30 pm \$ 15 at the door. All Jazz Concerts have limited seating-email for reservations: [inconcertapalachicola@gmail.com](mailto:inconcertapalachicola@gmail.com)

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Bread & Book Sale** 11 am- 2 pm Carrabelle Branch of FC Public Library. For more info, call (850) 697-2366

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> First Barrier Island Inhabitants** 9 am Part of "Coffee in the Campground" series at SGI State Park, Sugar Hill Campground behind site 28 in Interpretive Center. Programs are free with park admission. Bring breakfast item to share, free coffee. **For more info, call (850) 927-2111 or email [melody.brennan@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:melody.brennan@dep.state.fl.us).**

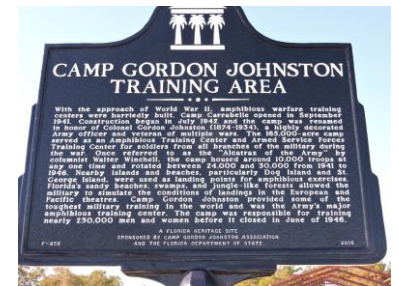
**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Bark Side of the Moon! 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Barkus Parade in Apalachicola.** All proceeds go to benefit animals of Franklin County including the Franklin Humane Society. For more info, call (850) 670-5064 or go to [mystickreweofsaltybarkers.com](http://mystickreweofsaltybarkers.com)

Friday, February 17, 2017

### Welcome to our Newest Member



George E. Weems Memorial Hospital is located at 135 Ave. G in Apalachicola PLUS there are Weems Medical Centers in Apalachicola & Carrabelle. We are very excited to have them as a part of the Carrabelle Chamber team!



### News from Camp Gordon Johnston

If you haven't driven by Carrabelle Beach lately...you may not have seen the great progress that has been made on the new Camp Gordon Johnston Museum building. In spite of some very windy weather lately, the building is being constructed amazingly fast. This is Phase I of the project and we are all looking forward to its completion this summer. Moving all the displays and artifacts to their new home is going to be quite the project and I'm sure they'll be looking for volunteer help before too long, give them a call if you are interested in volunteering. Call David Butler, Board President, at (850) 274-3890 or (850) 697-8575. Looking forward to the grand opening of the new facility, and thank you FCTDC for all your support!

### What's new at the American Legion in Lanark Village?

#### Smoke free evenings!

In an effort to encourage a healthier environment for their dining members and guests, there will be no smoking in the Post Lounge on days when food is served. E-cigarettes will be allowed. Stop by and enjoy a smoke free evening. Friday is Hamburger nights 5 pm-7 pm, Sunday is pizza nights 5 pm-7 pm. Come be their guest, non-members of Post 82, please have a member of the Post sign you in.

**Thinking about quitting tobacco products entirely? Then quit your way with free tools and services from Tobacco Free Florida.** Free community classes are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month, 6 pm at George E. Weems Memorial Hospital in Apalachicola; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month, 2 pm at the Franklin County Senior Citizens Center; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month, 5 pm at the Eastpoint Medical Center. Seating is limited, register at [register@bigbendahec.org](mailto:register@bigbendahec.org) or call (850) 224-9340.

**Sun 26th "Flea Bitten Dawgs" Ukulele Americana Jazz at Rio Carrabelle** 4 pm Guest Hot Dog Stand "Mr. V's Finest All Beef Dogs" \$ 15 door For more info, call (850) 307-0098

**March**

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Singer/Songwriter Night at Rio Carrabelle** 7-9 pm Hear two well-seasoned, immensely talented guitarists/songwriters perform in a casual, up-close setting with great acoustics! \$10 at the door, Byob, for more info: (850) 697-8777

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Clean up in Lanark Village** 9 am-noon. If you are able, please help! Meet at Oak St. & Heffernan in Lanark Village's Gene Sewell Park, across from mini mall. Gloves & bags available at park pavilion.

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> SGI Charity Chili Cookoff & Auction.** Kick off the day with the Red Pepper Run! (Art preview is Fri. night) Join in the fun filled bidding at the auction or just enjoy some great chili. All proceeds benefit the SGI Volunteer Fire Department & it's First Responder Units. For more info, call (850) 927-2753.

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Big day in Carrabelle:**  
**Camp Gordon Johnston Days Parade 10:45 am**  
**Dance 6 pm at FC Senior Center**  
**Carrabelle Airport Fly-In 9 am-3 pm**  
**See our website for more info.**

**Events on Multiple Dates:**

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>-April 13<sup>th</sup> AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at the Franklin County Public Libraries** Carrabelle Branch Thurs 10 am-3 pm 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, & 4/6 Call (850) 697-2366 for appointment; Eastpoint Branch Thurs 10 am-3 pm 3/2, 3/16, 4/13 Call (850) 670-8151 for appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

For more in-depth assistance in preparing your tax returns, Call for an appointment with one of our Chamber Members: Friedman Financial Advisors, Eastpoint—(850) 670-1253 Roberson & Associates, PA, Carrabelle—(850) 697-2542

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 1st Food Drive** presented by St. James Health & Rehab to benefit America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend. Drop Boxes located at St. James Health & Rehab, 239 Crooked River Rd. or the Carrabelle Chamber. For more in, contact Kristine Baust (850) 661-3967

**Through Feb 28<sup>th</sup> African American Art Collection** Original & limited ed. by artist featuring Haitian, African & American Art on display at the FCTDC Visitor Center, 731 Hwy 98, Eastpoint For more info, Call Jean Lane (850) 670-3474 or Oryan Speed at (850) 653-8156

**The PanCare Medical Bus** will be at the PanCare Dental Facility in Carrabelle, 106 NE 5<sup>th</sup> St. 10 am-4 pm. 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16 Offers Physicals, Exams, Primary Care, Urgent Care & Flu Shots. For an appointment, call (850) 247-9834

**For More info on any area events**

**See our website [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) under "Things to Do" Events Calendar or the Community Calendar under "The Area"**

**Events Further afield:**

**Listen to WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio**

Or go to

[www.oysterradio.com](http://www.oysterradio.com) or [www.forgottencoastline.com](http://www.forgottencoastline.com) or [www.saltyflorida.com](http://www.saltyflorida.com)

**Just when you think their calendar is full, the Carrabelle Library adds another free program---Aerobics 101!**

Get your motor started on Tuesdays 9-10 am with a great aerobic workout. Also offered at same time every other Thurs when room is not used for **AARP Tax Help**. (See events on multiple dates in left column) or call the library (850) 697-2366 for more info. If you want a slower pace, remember **yoga** is offered 4-5:30 pm Mon- Wed & Fri.



**Kudos to Mr. George Jackson** for all the "quiet ways" he supports the Carrabelle community. He took the time to stop by the Chamber to show us the trash he & his helper picked up from 12 St. & Hwy 98 to the tower. He not only helps us build our community, he's contributing to keeping it clean!

**Executive Board**

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**Lisa Keith-Lucas**-Chamber Special Events Committee

	Visitors at our Visitor's Center				Carrabelle Brochures Sent			
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Jan	51	106	131	215	30	75	56	64
Feb	111	167	233		27	63	56	
Mar	163	171	248		25	74	73	
Apr	118	178	226		41	47	77	
May	66	137	160		26	79	69	
Jun	64	153	171		66	90	74	
Jul	80	133	188		36	66	46	
Aug	52	125	93		36	70	92	
Sept	56	109	111		21	37	47	
Oct	76	152	147		22	25	36	
Nov	79	113	203		19	31	20	
Dec	<u>62</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>189</u>		<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	
Totals	978	1,686	2,100		381	683	676	

**Total [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) Website Visitors: Jan 1-Feb 12: 24,111**  
**Average of 560 per day !**