

Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle



Friday, June 23, 2017

June

Sat 24th Fish Fry!! At the Senior Center, 201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle, noon 'till we run out of fish. Grouper/sheepshead/snapper or bream with two sides & iced tea--\$10. Desserts available for purchase. Carry out available. This is a community wide fundraiser for the FC Senior Center.

Mon 26th Phil Meyer-The Magician 11 am-Eastpoint Branch of the FC Library. A fun-filled show of magic & comedy. Part of the Summer Reading Program. Free & kid-friendly. For more info, call (850) 670-8151

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Wed 28th 10am-3pm CareerSource Gulf Coast is hosting a two-day job fair for Express Lane stores in the Franklin County area. This is the second - and it's from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28 in **at the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce**. Get the details on both job fairs here: <https://goo.gl/oav5Vj> Refreshments & snacks provided by Express Lane.

July



Tues 4th 1st Annual Carrabelle Boat Show-Boat Club members only-Not open to the public 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Carrabelle Boat Club-Due to limited parking and peak season for the Club, the BOD have decided they will have a full house with just their customers for the Boat Show. The Boat Show at the Carrabelle Boat Club will be open to **members only**. Contact for this event: Caden Barber 850-697-5500 (closed Tuesdays) or caden@cmmmarinas.com

Sat 8th Fish Fry Fundraiser to benefit Thomas Lee Brannan Medical Expense Fund. 11 am until it's all gone! Fried Mulled, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies \$ 8 donation. American Legion Post 82, Lanark Village.

Welcome to our newest member: The Belle

If you are looking for that 'perfect spot' for your special event, meeting, photo session, retreat, etc., look no further than *The Belle*! Enjoy Carrabelle's newest event venue with huge porches overlooking the harbor, indoor/outdoor options for rental space, off-street parking and outstanding sunset views. *The Belle* can accommodate 50-120 people depending on the nature of your event and offers a one-of-a-kind experience for your guests. We also have limited overnight lodging.

The Belle is a historic home perched high on an ancient sand dune overlooking Carrabelle's quaint harbor. Built by the Franklin County Lumber Company around 1900, the home features its original floors, massive coffered ceilings, four fireplaces, wraparound porches, and a host of interesting wood features. The building style is known as Frame Vernacular which is common to the region. *The Belle* is far from "ordinary" though – with vistas of the Carrabelle River to the NW and St. George Sound to SW, this lovely historic property boasts some of the finest views in the area.

The Belle's owners/stewards are Martha Murray-George & Vince George who restored this blighted property in 2015-16. Attention was paid to renovating this special old house without major changes to its original integrity. The Georges share this local gem with Carrabelle's residents and visitors:

- Rental for special events, photo sessions, retreats, meetings, etc.
- Open houses and tours
- Overnight lodging
- Porch sitting, sunset watching and conversation

To visit *The Belle*, enjoy harbor breezes and outstanding sunsets, and plan your special event, please contact Martha anytime: thebelle1900@gmail.com 850-684-8995. Lodging (only) is booked through Airbnb: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/18389813>



In spite of the weather, the **Southern Exposure HOG Rally, R.U.S.H. LLC (Riding the Ultimate Scenic Byways)** came through Carrabelle Tues. the 20th. They left SC Fri 16th and began arriving here about 10:30 am. A lot of them fueled up at our local gas stations, some even stopped at the **World's Smallest Police Station** for a photo op, & then on to lunch at **Hog Wild Bar-B-Q** (opening & serving just for them). As usual, a great spread of food! About 100 riders stopped for lunch. Next stop after Carrabelle is Pensacola. (PS: None of us expected Tropical Storm Cindy when we started planning this months ago!)

Mon 10th Animal Tales 11 am Eastpoint Branch & 1 pm-Carrabelle Branch of the FC Library. Part of the Summer Reading Program. Free & kid-friendly. For more info, call Eastpoint: (850) 670-8151 or Carrabelle: (850) 697-2366

Tues 11th Invasive Exotic Weeds and Other Surprises in the Landscape-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director 1-30 pm Free & open to the public. Eastpoint Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 670-8151 for info.

Tues 18th Preparing a Bird Friendly Landscape-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director 1-30 pm Free & open to the public. Carrabelle Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 697-2366 for info.

Mon 20th Quite A Catch-Comic & Juggler 1 pm Eastpoint Branch & 3 pm-Carrabelle Branch of the FC Library. Part of the Summer Reading Program. Free & kid-friendly. For more info, call Eastpoint: (850) 670-8151 or Carrabelle: (850) 697-2366

Sat 22nd The 13th Annual C-Quarters Marina Youth Fishing Tournament 8 am-4 pm Free to youth 16 years old & younger. Free rod & reel combinations, shirt & visor for the first 125 kids registered. Register at C-Quarters Marina. All kids must attend fishing clinic with parent or guardian Fri, the 21st 6 pm. For more info call (850) 697-8400. Delicious watermelons are available NOW for only \$ 5 to help support this event. Pick one up today!

Fri 28th Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming 1 pm Eastpoint Branch & 3 pm-Carrabelle Branch of the FC Library. Part of the Summer Reading Program. Free & kid-friendly. For more info, call Eastpoint: (850) 670-8151 or Carrabelle: (850) 697-2366

Sat 29th 2nd Annual Crab Cake Cookoff At the Marine Street Grill Live music with Slim Fatz! More details will follow as available. All proceeds to benefit the re-building of **The Carrabella** pirate playground at the Crooked River Lighthouse Park. Call (850) 697-2732 or go to carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com for more info.

Events on multiple dates:

Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Workshops 6 pm-9 pm \$ 15 per person. Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Spring & Summer Dates: 6/24, 7/8, 7/19, 7/22, 8/5. Call (850) 697-4120 or go to www.marinelab.fsu.edu for more information.

Weekly Sea Turtle Talks at the Apalachicola Research Reserve (Nature Center), Eastpoint. 2-3 pm 6/29; 7/5; 7/12; 7/19; 7/26; 8/2; 8/9; 8/16; 8/23; 8/30. Registration is not required, but seating is limited. Call (850) 670-7700 or email gibby.conrad@dep.state.fl.us for more info.

Franklin County Public Library: Summer Reading Programs
Ages K-6

Eastpoint Kids- The Three C's: Compassion, Contribute, Construct— We are building a city. June 14th through July 28th Wednesdays at 3 pm (except July 4th week) For more info, call (850) 670-8151

Carrabelle Kids-Seed, Sow, & Grow June 14th through July 28th Wednesdays at 3 pm (except July 4th week) For more info, call (850) 697-2366

For More info on any Carrabelle Chamber member events & activities

See our website www.carrabelle.org under "Things to Do" Events Calendar or the Community Calendar

Events Further afield: Listen to WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio
Or go to
www.oysterradio.com or www.forgottencoastline.com or
www.saltyflorida.com

Franklin's Fabulous Night out to benefit Big Bend Hospice-Fri 6/16

Awesome music by Tony Partington and the Recollections. Thank you to all who contributed and to all who gave. Music, raffle items and beverages were all donated in kind. Thank you. And we raised 10k. The money will be used to support folks in hospice care in Franklin County.



New stairway being installed behind the Carrabelle History Museum

From the Carrabelle History Museum:

The contractor is making great progress with the egress stairs behind Old Carrabelle City Hall (Phase III). The weather has not been very cooperative. The Duke Energy guy was here deciding where they are going to move the power pole to move the wire so people walking up the stairs cannot reach out and touch it. We are now most optimistic that we could make the June 30 deadline. We appreciate the City Staff doing so much prep work for this project. We received notice that our Small Matching \$50,000 grant for Phase IV Renovations was funded by the Legislature. It will begin July 1, 2017 and will allow us to rewire the upstairs and renovate the restroom. So we will be well on our way to being able to use upstairs for museum exhibits.

The Franklin County Public in Carrabelle wants to extend their thanks to all who attended the Flag Raising Ceremony on June 14th, all who had a part in the ceremony, and to all the volunteers who helped organize and set-up for this event. Thank-you American Legion Post 82, the Sons, the Riders, and the Ladies Auxiliary for their generous donations to the Summer Reading Program. Tyndall Air Force Base Honor Guard presented an impressive raising of the flag.



From the Crooked River Lighthouse Association (CLA):

The play "1766: Shipwrecked on Dog Island" by Don Denig had its first indoor performance over Memorial Day weekend as a benefit for the Crooked River Lighthouse. Actors from the Panhandle Players did a fantastic job of portraying the challenging roles of 18th century French travelers, as recounted in "Shipwreck and Adventures of Monsieur Pierre Viaud," first published in French in 1768 and in English in 1771. Ticket sales, concession, sponsors & donations raised \$ 2,691.50 for the replacement of *The Carrabella*. Expenses were covered by a grant and CLA, with help from the Panhandle Players.

Harry's Bar/Marine Street Grill showed their support for *The Carrabella* by donating all the dollar bills inside that had accumulated over the years. A dedicated group of volunteers collected \$ 3,270! An additional \$ 150 had to be sent to the Treasury Department for reimbursement because it was so damaged. A huge thank-you to Sean O'Shea & Henry Vara for this generous show of support!

The Carrabella Fund is now well over \$ 15,000! Don't miss the next fundraiser, The Crab Cake Cook-off, once again at the Marine Street Grill this July 29th.

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