

Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle



March

Fri 10th Blues for the 21st Century at Rio Carrabelle Show Time 8 pm, admission \$ 20, BYOB. Longineau Parsons, World Renowned Trumpet player & singer, brings his HOT Quintet to Rio Carrabelle. Blues Jazz Fusion like you've never heard before. For reservations & info, contact Rob @ (850) 307-0098.

Sat 11th-Fri 17th Wild Paddling Adventure: Dam to the Bay on the Panhandle's Ochlockonee River. For more info, call (850) 681-5963 or email marti.miller@freshfromflorida.com

Sat 11th 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

Thurs 16th "Apalachicola River: An American Treasure" 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 (This is the last film in this series of four made in or about the area.)

Thurs 16th Panhandle Florida's Spectacular Seepage Bog Wetlands: Vanishing Biodiversity & Why You Should Care by Dr. Bruce Means 7-8 pm FSU Coastal & Marine Lab, St. Teresa. For more info, call (850) 697-4120 or go to www.marinelab.fsu.edu

Fri 17th Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Enjoy a Rueben Sandwich 11 am-1 pm at Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. Donation \$ 6. For info, call Pat Bott (317) 408-8409 or call (850) 408-1308 & leave message.

Sat 18th Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department Rib Cookoff Gates open at 9 am, BBQ dinners served at 11 am till gone so get there early! Music, silent auction, & the famous liar's contest. For more info, Call George Pruett (850) 670-9000 or email pru911@gtcom.net.

Sat 18th Tate's Hell State Forest Clean up 8 am-noon. Meet at Gully Branch Recreation Area and Landing in Tate's Hell State Forest. For information & sign up, call (850) 697-0010 or email marti.miller@freshfromflorida.com

Sat 18th Archaeology Day 2017 at the Nature Center in Eastpoint 10 am-4 pm Call (850) for more info

Fri 24th Dos Blues Guys from Macon, GA at Rio Carrabelle Show Time 8 pm, admission \$ 15, BYOB. A harp blowin' fretboard sliding' string pickin' blues show. For reservations & info, contact Rob @ (850) 307-0098.

Monday, March 6, 2017

Welcome to our Newest Member



Franklin County School Board

Thurs 23rd Board of Directors meeting 4:30 pm at Carrabelle Library
Member meeting/mixer at 6 pm-Crooked River Lighthouse
Details in next Newsletter

Have you overlooked renewing your membership?

We have many members that are still not current. Without this support, our efforts in becoming the "Business Chamber" will be curtailed. Please review your records carefully and send the Chamber your membership renewal TODAY!! Give Lisa a call at (850) 697-2585.



From the Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers: The 2017 Mardi Gras parade and street party was the best ever. Thanks, Apalachicola! Thanks, beautiful dogs! Thanks, visitors! This year canine aliens, astronauts, Wookies, and Martians wandered the streets of Apalachicola. The fun, local seafood, live music, local vendors, and entertainment was enjoyed by all. Laissez les BONE temps roulez!

This annual event is organized by an all-volunteer organization to raise funding for the humane societies, animal welfare organizations & the Apalachicola Dog Park. It was great to see the Procession of the Species & the Fishy Fashion show crew from Carrabelle participate. Truly a great community event and awesome job everyone! Can't wait to hear what next year's theme is....I'll keep you posted!

Sat 25th Carrabelle Culture Crawl 11 am-3 pm. This cultural event is a free, multi-venue showcase of art, music and history in the heart of downtown Carrabelle. For more info, call Tamara Allen at (850) 0697-2141 or email carrabellehistorymuseum@gmail.com

Sat 25th Tony Partington, vocalist & Rio Carrabelle Quartet at Rio Carrabelle Show Time 8 pm, admission \$ 15, BYOB. Music by Cole Porter, Jimmy Van Heusen, Kurt Weill, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Thelonious Monk, Duke Ellington, & Carlos Santana. For reservations & info, contact Rob @ (850) 307-0098.

Sat 25th Release of the Chinese Memorial Sky Lanterns at the Carrabelle Beach at dark. These lanterns support Tonya's Hope to benefit residents of Franklin County being treated for cancer. You can purchase a lantern at the Carrabelle Chamber for \$ 5.

Sat 25th Spring Fling-Dance 7:30 pm until.... Chillas Hall in Lanark Village. "Greg & Krewe" DJ. Bring a friend and your favorite finger food for all to enjoy. BOB. Donation \$ 6 each person

Events on Multiple Dates:

Feb 2nd-April 13th AARP Foundation Tax-Aide at the Franklin County Public Libraries Carrabelle Branch Thurs 10 am-3 pm 3/9, 3/23, & 4/6 Call (850) 697-2366 for appointment; Eastpoint Branch Thurs 10 am-3 pm 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 22nd-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

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve in Eastpoint will be hosting a **series of nature talks & events** this spring: 3/10 Oyster 101 Lecture; 3/15 Seagrass Awareness; 3/18 Archeology Day; 3/24 Bay Friendly Lighting; 4/14 Estuary Class; 4/19 Reserve Wednesday; 4/22 Birding the Bay. For more info, call (850) 670-7700.

The PanCare Medical Bus will be at the PanCare Dental Facility in Carrabelle, 106 NE 5th St. 10 am-4 pm. 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 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 or www.forgottencoastline.com or www.saltyflorida.com

Tonya's Hope (April 1st) will be adding a little extra something this year, we will be selling **Chinese Memorial Lanterns** for \$5.00 each. You can write a message on it to a departed loved one in heaven, and then **on March 25th at dark** we will all go to the Carrabelle Beach and light them and sent them on their way. These are eco- friendly lanterns so no one needs to be concerned on that aspect. We have a bunch and they can be purchased at the **American Legion in Lanark**, some of us will be around town selling them, or you can pick one up at the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce.



Executive Board

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Skip Frink/Old Carrabelle Hotel

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Executive Director-Lisa Munson

Representatives-**Chester Reese**-FC Tourist Development Council

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	233	27	63	56	47
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 Website Visitors: Jan 1-Feb 26: 32,243

Average of 566 per day !




2017 CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON DAYS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

Welcome & Registration, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum, 1001 Gray Avenue. Refreshments. All WWII to present day Veterans are invited to be greeted at the museum and meet other veterans and visitors. Interviews may be taped for those with stories connected to CGJ Veterans Training and War time experiences. For information call 850-697-8575. 

Hospitality Low Country Boil, 6 p.m.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 82 at 2316 Oak St., Lanark Village. Event is open for all WWII Veterans; WWII widows/widowers; non-WWII Veterans with proof of service & Guests; & all Members of Post 82. One guest per veteran/member. This event is not open to the public – For information call 850-697-9998.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

Enjoy breakfast at one of Carrabelle's local Restaurants. For information call the Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce at 850-697-2585. 

Camp Gordon Johnston Days Parade 10:45 a.m.

Parade lineup 9:45 a.m. at Hwy 98 & NW 10th St. To participate, register online at campgordonjohnston@fairpoint.net and return or join the rear of the lineup.

Camp Gordon Johnston Days Parade Military Vehicle Preservation Association Rally at CGJ WWII Museum after parade, 11:45 – till.

Military Vehicle Presentation Association vehicles
To participate call 850-697-8575.

Carrabelle Airport Fly-In 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“A Salute to Our Area's Military”

Vintage aircraft, static displays, helicopter rides \$35 each,
live entertainment, food vendors, information booths, free admission.

Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Refreshments available. Documentary videos to be shown throughout the museum.

Camp Gordon Johnston Days Dinner-Dance, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle. Donations \$10 per person. Chicken or Shrimp Entrée. This event is open to the public but limited seating – Reserve your tickets soon by calling Franklin County Senior Citizens Center at 850-697-3760.