



Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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www.carrabelle.org/contact

The Pearle of the Panhandle



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Friday, August 7, 2015

Welcome Back ! Hog Wild Bar B Q

Events

Fri 7th-National Lighthouse Day Visit the Crooked River Lighthouse from noon till 5 pm-Climb for a spectacular view!

7th- 16th Back-to School Sales Tax Holiday-A list of the eligible items available on www.myflorida.com/dor

Sat 8th Get a Jump start Enrollment, Advising & Financial Aid 9 am-1 pm Gulf/Franklin Campus (850) 227-9670 or www.gulfcoast.edu

8th-12th The Governor Stone Moon Light Sail 9 pm-11pm Reservations required (904) 653-8708

Wed 12th & Thurs 13th Perseid Meteor Shower Peak viewing time 3-3:30 am. Some meteors may be visible on the 11th & 14th

Thurs 13th FC School Open House 4-6 pm

Thurs 13th Orion's Light-Part 3 of the Dreamland Diaries Series-**Meet the Author Bruce Ballister** at the Franklin Co Public Library, Carrabelle Branch 5:30-7:00 pm (850) 697-2366

Thurs 13th What were we thinking? Taking big science to little streams in Trinidad FSU Coastal & Marine Lab Conservation Lecture Series 7 pm FSUCML Auditorium, St. Teresa www.marinelab.fsu.edu

Wed 15th V-Day at St. George Island State Park-The Camp Gordon Johnston WW II Museum will have displays and lecture. www.campgordonjohnston.com

Sat 22nd Fourth Saturday Paddle Apalachicola Riverkeeper (850) 653-8936 or email georgiaackerman@earthlink.net

Tues 25th The key to maintaining a successful K-9 Program 11-1 pm Franklin Co Public Library, Carrabelle Branch (850) 697-2366

Thurs 27th Two Moons??-Not really, one is Mars. Don't miss, won't happen again until 2287

Sat 29th CGJ Movie 10:15 am FREE popcorn!



Crooked River Lighthouse: Lisa Munson, Chamber; Nancy Spraker, Freelance Writer; & Delores Hardin, Treasurer at Lighthouse

Franklin County Senior Center 201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle

Thurs. Noon Lunch (\$5 donation)

13th-Stuffed Peppers, squash medley, biscuits, dessert

20th-Fish, cheese grits, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert

27th- Pork Roast with applesauce, rice, carrots, rolls, dessert

(menus subject to change)

Coming up in September:

Meat Pie, Fiesta Chicken, Baked Ziti, Chicken & Rice

Fall marketing

Nancy Spraker is a professional writer with experience in publishing since 1982. The Franklin County Tourist Development Council funded her accommodations (The Moorings Marina) and meal gift certificates on her most recent visit. Ms. Spraker will be writing an article about Carrabelle for the November issue of **Southern Boating**, a privately owned consumer boating publication and the South's largest boating magazine. Thank you to the Crooked River Lighthouse (Laurel Newman & Delores Hardin) for opening the Museum on a Tuesday to give Ms. Spraker a tour and to answer any questions she had.

Rochelle Ward, another freelance writer, will have an article featuring Camp Gordon Johnston WW II Museum in the **850 Magazine** in either the October or November issue. 850 Magazine, The Business Magazine of Northwest Florida, is a bi-monthly publication by Rowland Publishing, Inc., Tallahassee, FL.

Waterway Guide-The Cruising Authority, publishes six editions of cruising companion chart kits/guides each year. Carrabelle is included in the Southern edition, Florida section under Carrabelle to Panama City. This publication targets boaters that cruise America's waterways, ports, and towns and is referred to extensively by boaters cruising the Loop. The "Loopers" usually start arriving in Carrabelle after Thanksgiving through the spring. We worked with many of the Carrabelle marinas to submit revisions to the "Goin' ashore: Carrabelle" section to highlight businesses and attractions that people can reach by foot (no more than a mile or so) from our waterfront, as most are arriving by boat. See www.waterwayguide.com for more info.

We will continue to research and recruit travel writers for future articles.

Please email all event info/flyers to the Chamber to be included in OUR Newsletter, on the website & Facebook

See our website www.carrabelle.org under

“Things to Do” Entertainment/Events for

More info

Events Further afield:

Listen to **WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio**

Or go to www.oysterradio.com

or www.forgottencoastline.com

(Reminder: Please forward your events for the next month by the third week of the prior month in order for them to be included in the Coastline Newspaper under area events)

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Visitor’s Center

Brochures Sent

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Inc</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Inc</u>
Jan	51	106	208	30	75	250
Feb	111	167	150	27	63	233
Mar	163	171	105	25	74	296
Apr	118	178	151	41	47	115
May	66	137	208	26	79	304
Jun	64	153	239	66	90	136
Jul	80	133	166	36	66	183
Aug	52			36		
Sept	56			21		
Oct	76			22		
Nov	79			19		
Dec	<u>62</u>			<u>32</u>		
Totals	978			381		

Total Web Website Visitors Jan 1-Aug 2: 106,080

Total New Members Year-to-date: 45

(Includes return Memberships of pre-2014 Members)

Chamber Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Franklin County Visitor Center

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Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

12th Annual Kingfish Tournament



Master Clock Suckers 18.03 lbs.

C-Quarters Marina 8/1 & 2



Real Southern 18.6 lbs.

Go to www.c-quartersmarina.com for a list of the winners!

News from the Crooked River Lighthouse:

Tripadvisor has awarded a **2015 Certificate of Excellence** to Crooked River Lighthouse based on favorable ratings from our visitors. Thank you to all who took the time to give us a positive rating.

A beautiful hand stitched bowtie quilt was donated by the Lanark Village Wandering Star Quilt Guild. Annually, the Guild selects an organization to receive a quilt to support their work in the community. The Carrabelle Lighthouse Assoc. will be selling **raffle tickets for the quilt**, with the goal of raising \$ 1,000 to be added to the funds raised for rebuilding the recently burned Pirate Ship *Carrabella* playground at the park. Tickets are also available at the Chamber. The drawing date has not yet been determined.

The **Tallahassee Community College Dance Company**, a popular part of our annual Lantern Fest celebration, is donating a part of the proceeds from their performance on July 31st for the *Carrabella* fund. Thank you dancers!

We had six climbers for last Friday nights “Blue Moon” climb.

For more events, see the Summer 2015 Newsletter at

www.crookedriverlighthouse.org or visit and “like” on Facebook

Carrabelle’s Famous “World’s Smallest Police Station” Gets a New Bubble Top

For many years the bubble top on the World’s Smallest Police Station has been broken. There was an ongoing search for a part to repair the broken plastic bubble top on the old phone booth, but nothing suitable was ever found.

Finally two weeks ago repairs were made by the creative folks at Marshall Marine. Sponsored by Carrabelle’s CRA and organized by the Waterfront Partnership, Marshall Marine was contracted to repair the bubble top.

Using a beach ball sitting inside a tire to form the half-bubble shape, a fiberglass bubble “top-hat” was fashioned to fit atop the World’s Smallest Police Station. The repair fits in perfect with the old phone booth style and now gives even better photo opportunities for local citizens and tourists.

The World’s Smallest Police Station is very famous and advertised by the City of Carrabelle, the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce, and the Franklin County Tourist Development Council. Visitors come from near and far just to say they have been inside the World’s Smallest Police Station.

Submitted by

Brenda La Paz, City Commissioner

CRA & TDC Board Member