



Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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www.carrabelle.org/contact

The Pearle of the Panhandle



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Friday, July 24, 2015

Events-July

Sat 25th Fourth Saturday Paddle Apalachicola Riverkeeper (850) 653-8936 or email georgiaackerman@earthlink.net

Sat 25th The Boy in the Striped Pajamas Camp Gordon Johnston Movie 10:15 am www.campgordonjohnston.com

Tues 28th Franklin County School Registration for 2015-16 school year FCS Cafeteria 2-6 pm (850) 670-2800

Tues 28th Interactive & More Meaningful Business Planning Free workshop 9-11:00 am Gulf Coast State College, Advanced Technology Center

www.panamacity.score.org/localworkshops admin@businessinnovationcenter.com College

Tues 28th Keys to Running A Business From Your Home Free workshop 5:30-7:30 pm FSU-PC Dean's Conference Room A301, Holley Building

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Fri 31st- Aug 1st- Annual Kingfish Shootout C-Quarters Marina www.c-quartersmarina.com

Fri 31st Tallahassee Community College Dance Company 7:30 pm \$ 10 gen admin/\$ 5 Seniors. TCC Turner Auditorium-Portions of proceeds from concert donated to the Crooked River Lighthouse Assoc towards purchase of new ship. Advance tkts avail at Lighthouse or call Aurora (850) 321-1114

Events-August (so far)

7th- 16th Back-to School Sales Tax Holiday-A list of the eligible items available on

www.myflorida.com/dor

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



10th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament Friday 17th & Saturday 18th

One of the fish caught during the Youth Fishing Tournament last weekend was a 31 lb. drum caught using a Fish Florida.com Zebco 202 reel combination.

197 kids fished in the tournament!

Friday evening, prior to Saturday's fishing day, all entries in the tournament attended a Fishing Clinic taught by the Dock Master of C-Quarters Marina. They were instructed how to tie knots, tie on hooks, and overall safety while fishing. At the completion of the clinic, each one received a rod and reel, a tee shirt, hat, and bait. Rod and reels were furnished by FishFloridaTag.org.

There were nine categories of fish with three places in each category, trophies awarded for each category. On Saturday morning, the kids could fish from docks or, if they could go out on a boat, they were allowed to fish the Carrabelle River up to Dog Island. There was a weighmaster available all day. Lunch was provided to the kids (Hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and cokes) while the officials determined the tournament winners.

Sponsored by Jimmie Crowder of C-Quarters Marina, FishFloridaTag.org and local businesses.

Welcome Back !

**Pioneer Telephone Directories Corp
Halsey Beshears, State Representative**

New Members:

**William Shumpert
Lanark Village Laundry Room**

Marketing Report:

The Website continues to be under revision to improve Membership visibility. This is a long process and we appreciate your patience and input! We are investigating options to make site more mobile friendly.

The TDC Visitor Center will be receiving new signage soon, funded by the TDC. We will keep you posted. New signage for the Chamber is being bid out, will reflect the new "Get Hooked" Logo, both frontage signs will be a larger 3' x 6' with a solar-powered floodlight. This past Monday, signs were attached on the TDC's county line signage that names the closest Visitor Center and the distance to it. I've visually confirmed the Carrabelle Chamber's signage on Hwy 98, haven't been up Hwy 67 to confirm that one yet. This should increase the number of visitors to the office, **so please stop in with current brochures/business cards for us to distribute.**

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)

Executive Board

President-**Cher Novaria**/At Your Service Concierge

Vice President- **Skip Frink**/Old Carrabelle Hotel

Secretary-**Tonia Chisholm**/FC Public Library-Carrabelle

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Directors

Marketing- **Sheila Hauser**/Century 21 Collins Realty

Bo May/Rio Carrabelle

Pamela McCreery/The Beachtrader

Lewis Christie/Christie’s Cottage Living

Executive Director-Lisa Munson



The New 12th Street Sidewalk Connector Project is well underway.

This project will connect the 12th Street Fishing Pier and Park to Carrabelle’s main sidewalk system on Northwest 11th St. The new connector begins at the corner of NW 11th St and NW Ave B with a new concrete sidewalk extending one block west to NW 12th St. Soon to come, at the corner of NW Ave B and NW 12th Street a boardwalk will crossover a storm-water holding area and connect with the original 12th Street Park sidewalk installed last year. Please stop by Carrabelle’s new 12th St Pier and Park for an afternoon of fishing. Better still; take an evening walk to the Pier using the new sidewalk connector to watch a beautiful sunset over the Carrabelle River.

Submitted by:
Commissioner Brenda La Paz

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			36		
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-July 19: 98,780
Total New Members Year-to-date: 44
(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

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News from Camp Gordon Johnston: In memorium : Sidney Winchester, 1937-2015

Sidney Winchester went to be with the Lord at 11:55 A.M. on Sunday, July 12, 2015.

One of the founding members of the Camp Gordon Johnston Association and World War Two Museum, Sid was a driving force in growing the museum to where it is today.

Among his accomplishments was acquiring our WWII DUKW from the Police Department, City of New Orleans, and he put great effort in its restoration. On the Apalachicola Courthouse Steps he bid on the property where the old Officer’s Club in Lanark Village had been located. Along with his wife Bobbye Jean, he promoted and supervised the Camp Gordon Johnston Days Parades for the last 20 years.

Sid became president of the association in 1997. He was a friend to all who walked through the doors of our Museum. There is no proper way to relate all of the accomplishments he brought to the Museum and Carrabelle.

Sidney proudly served in the U.S. Army as a Paratrooper. Whenever he and Bobbye could get away they would attend reunions with his old unit.

Sidney had two major interests: The First Baptist Church of Carrabelle, where he taught Sunday school, and the Camp Gordon Johnston Association and WWII Museum.

Sid loved Camp Gordon Johnston Days and all the veterans and families that attended the reunions. If you so desire you can make donations in his memory to the Camp Gordon Johnston Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation of North Florida “Find Learn Give” through our web site at www.campgordonjohnston.com