



# Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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*The Pearle of the Panhandle*

**Join today!**

Friday, May 15, 2015

## Events-May

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Rock by the Sea Charity Golf Tournament**  
St. James Bay Golf Resort (850) 697-9609

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 3-6 pm Sunday in Lafayette Park,**  
Apalachicola-Seahawk Concert Band and  
Apalachicola & Carrabelle Artists "Plein Air"  
**Demonstrations**

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 5-7 pm C-Quarters Liquors Grand Opening  
& Ribbon Cutting**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Red Snapper Tournament C-**  
Quarters Marina [www.c-quartersmarina.com](http://www.c-quartersmarina.com)

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day** St. James Bay Golf Resort  
will be open 7 am-6 pm

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Community Drumming 10:30 -11:30 am**  
with Mershell Shermanat Rio Carrabelle.  
(850) 321-0416

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Senior Center 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration 7-9  
pm** Greg K DJ will have a sing along. Cake, Ice  
Cream, punch will be served

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> The Coastal Blessing at the Crooked River  
Lighthouse Park 3:00-3:30 pm** (850)697-2732 or  
[www.crookedriverlighthouse.org](http://www.crookedriverlighthouse.org)

## Events-June so far

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>-Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Fitness Challenge** Registration and  
weigh-ins 8 am-5:30 pm Carrabelle Department of  
Health Call Amy Crosby (850) 697-4121 ext 0  
[www.facebook.com/C.H.I.PofFranklinCounty](http://www.facebook.com/C.H.I.PofFranklinCounty)

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun 7<sup>th</sup> License-free saltwater days**

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> & Sun 14<sup>th</sup> License-free freshwater days** All  
other rules (seasons, bag & size limits) apply.  
[www.myfwc.com/license/recreational/do-i-need-a-  
license//free-fishing](http://www.myfwc.com/license/recreational/do-i-need-a-license//free-fishing)

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Saltwater Fishing Tournament** The  
Tallahassee Builders Assoc hosted at C-Quarters  
Marina [www.tallyba.com](http://www.tallyba.com)

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Disaster Expo 10:00 am-5:00 pm** Franklin  
County Emergency Operations Center, Apalachicola  
(850) 370-6576  
[www.franklinemergencymangement.com](http://www.franklinemergencymangement.com)

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>-Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Big Bend Saltwater  
Classic** hosted at The Moorings of Carrabelle  
[www.saltwaterclassic.com](http://www.saltwaterclassic.com)

**Thurs May 21<sup>st</sup> Chamber Meet & Greet 5-7 p.m.**  
**The Old Carrabelle Hotel**

### New Members

Mainstream Merchant Services

### Welcome Back:

St. James Health &  
Rehabilitation Center

### Holiday on the Harbor Sponsors:

Mainstream Merchant Services

Call or download our Membership Application on our website

[www.carrabelle.org/contact](http://www.carrabelle.org/contact)



**Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the  
Carrabelle Area Senior Center!**



**Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Beachtrader!**

Let us know what's happening with you so we can include YOUR accomplishments here!

**Seacrafters Nail Salon & Emporium** has expanded into a new location! Her store/salon has moved into the front spaces next to the Chamber/Visitor Center. Still providing her nail services, she is now able to expand her furniture, gift, and jewelry selections for your shopping pleasure. Call (770) 300-6608 for an appointment

**Beachtrader** is celebrating their **13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this year! 1781 Hwy 98 right before Carrabelle Beach. "She sells sea shells by the Sea Shore", souvenirs and nautical décor. [www.beachtraderpam.com](http://www.beachtraderpam.com) or call (850) 653-7628

See our website [www.carrabelle.org](http://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](http://www.oysterradio.com)  
or [www.forgottencoastline.com](http://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)

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> a Board of Directors Meeting was held and a new Executive Board was selected:

**Executive Board**

President-**Cher Novaria**/At Your Service Concierge  
Vice President- **Skip Frink**/Old Carrabelle Hotel  
Secretary-**Tonia Chisholm**/FC Public Library-Carrabelle  
Treasurer- **Paul Marxsen**/Marxsen Accounting

**Directors**

Marketing- **Sheila Hauser**/Century 21 Collins Realty  
**Bo May**/Rio Carrabelle  
**Pamela McCreery**/The Beachtrader  
**Lewis Christie**/Christie's Cottage Living  
**Ann Wilson**/NHC Homecare  
**Dr. Lois Kaitland**/Phoenix Family Health Care  
**Executive Director**-Lisa Munson

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			26		
Jun	64			66		
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-May 15: 59,377

Total New Members Year-to-date: 36

(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**  
**Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Closed Sunday**

*Military*  
APPRECIATION MONTH  
MAY 1 - 31



Honoring our Korean War Veterans

Sat May 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am

Armed Forces Day at the Korean War Memorial

Tallahassee (850) 606-5300

[www.leoncountyfl.gov/operationthankyou](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/operationthankyou)



**Wilburn "Curley" Messer**

One of Carrabelle's longest serving mayors, **Wilburn "Curley" Messer**, 92, passed away last Sunday morning and his absence in the community will be notable. He arrived in Carrabelle at age 17 to train at Camp Gordon Johnston during World War II. He worked in law enforcement of the city and county and has served as mayor on 6 separate terms since the 1960's. He was instrumental in the formation of the Camp Gordon Johnston WW II Museum as well as a long-time benefactor.



Just a pause in the CGJ Days Parade for a VIP....



**The American Legion**

**Camp Gordon Johnston Post 82**

Membership is open to all veterans who have served during eligible wars eras. They are always seeking to increase their membership, both legionnaires and auxiliary. Active duty troops, veterans, and dependents are welcome to apply for membership. Guests of members are welcome. Call (850) 697-9998 or go to [www.floridalegion.org](http://www.floridalegion.org)



Sun, May 10<sup>th</sup>, **The Carrabella**, a 70 foot wooden pirate ship located in the **Crooked River Lighthouse Park** was destroyed by fire. The Lighthouse Association is going to make every effort to encourage the replacement of this valuable community resource ASAP. Call (850) 697-2732 to learn how you can help!