



# Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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## The Pearle of the Panhandle

### Events-May

- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Community Drumming 10:30 -11:30 am** with Mershell 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)
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> FDOT Alternating lane closures** will occur on the Hwy 98 Carrabelle River Bridge for routine inspections.
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Charm Workshop** (Community Health & Resources Mgmt. 10-2 pm FC Emergency Mgmt Office, Airport Rd., Apalachicola (850) 670-7708 or [anita.grove@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:anita.grove@dep.state.fl.us)
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Dancing with our Stars-Franklin County School Auditorium-34<sup>th</sup> Annual Recital –Pam Nobles Studio 4:14 pm** (850) 653-8078 for advance tkts.
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Red Snapper Tournament** C-Quarters Marina [www.c-quartersmarina.com](http://www.c-quartersmarina.com)
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun 7<sup>th</sup> License-free saltwater days**
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Frogs, Conservation, and what genetics can tell us: Tales from Africa and Back** 7 pm FSUCML Auditorium [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu)
- 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 Emerg 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)
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Forgotten Coast Open** St. James Bay Golf Resort (850) 697-9606 [www.stjamesbay.com](http://www.stjamesbay.com)

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Friday, May 29, 2015

### New Members

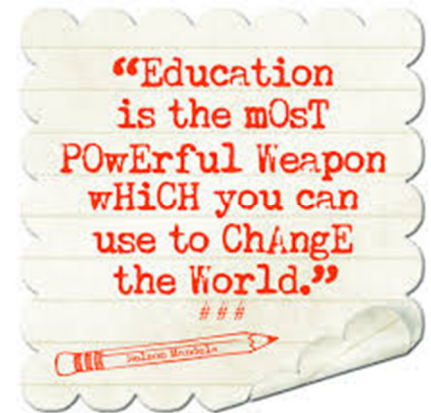
**Forgotten Coast Paddlesports**

### Welcome Back:

**Franklin County  
Republican Committee**

Call or download our Membership Application on our website

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



**The Franklin County Senior Center** in Carrabelle is a Happening Place! This Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup>, they'll be celebrating their **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. See "Events" to left or check flyer on facebook. Starting this Tues, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, they will be serving "**Souper Tuesdays**" **FREE lunch for everybody!!** Tasty soup & bread will be served from 11-12 am. They've added a huge flat screen TV in a cozy viewing room. Anyone have a sofa/loveseat to donate and make it even cozier? Call (850) 697-3760. **And don't forget Thurs. lunch at noon** (\$5 donation) June 4<sup>th</sup>-Turkey Pot Pie, Corn, Dessert; June 11<sup>th</sup>-BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Rolls, Dessert June 18<sup>th</sup>-Mojo Pork, Black Beans and Rice, Onions, Collard Greens, Biscuits, Dessert June 25<sup>th</sup>-Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert. For an extra \$1-take a chance on winning a dessert. Door prizes too!

**The Franklin County Tourist Development Council's Carrabelle Getaway winner** was here last weekend for Memorial Day. They enjoyed the beach, climbing the Crooked River lighthouse, a river excursion up past burnt bridge, meals at two local restaurants, accommodations provided at The Old Carrabelle Inn, among other activities. The Carrabelle Area Chamber wants to thank everyone participating! We put together a "goody bag" with brochures and visitor guides for the county; Carrabelle Cares donated 2- 2015 Riverfront T-shirts; The Beachtrader contributed a \$ 20 gift certificate; Christie's Cottage Living donated two beautiful bracelets; and we added 8 postcards, 4 of Carrabelle, 4 of Florida, with postage, to the mix. Thank you everyone for giving them such a warm and memorable reception!

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)



### Crowder Cuts Ribbon for C-Quarters Liquors

Friday of Memorial Day weekend, a Carrabelle crowd gathered for the latest Carrabelle Area Chamber new business ribbon cutting. The location of C-Quarters Liquors is on Hwy 98 right next to the Crowder property management office, across from the FC Public Library.

C-Quarters Liquors, owned by Jimmie Crowder, is now open Sun-Thurs from 12 to 8 pm, and Fri-Sat 9 am-10 pm. Part of the appeal of this occasion was the taste testing of Backwoods Moonshine (several flavors) and Carey Chen Wines (yes, the same Carey Chen of the gorgeous underwater fish paintings). The shop offers beer, wine, soft drinks, mixers, liquor and cigars.

Pizza squares and peel & eat shrimp were enjoyed by all! Included in the gathering were Chamber directors, City Commissioner LaPaz, interested local residents and business owners, Mr. Crowder, store manager Shannon Pruett, Crowder Property Manager Kim Tucker and Coordinator Todd Langford.

Next month’s plan is to continue expansion of the products currently carried.

### 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: 66,677

Total New Members Year-to-date: 38

(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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**Closed Sunday**



### Old Carrabelle Hotel wins 3rd TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

*Congratulations to The Old Carrabelle Hotel!*

TripAdvisor is delighted to award The Old Carrabelle Hotel the 2015 Certificate of Excellence. This achievement is a direct result of your consistently great reviews from TripAdvisor travelers.

Congratulations!

### Marc Charron, President, TripAdvisor for Business

The Hotel, situated one block off Carrabelle harbor, won this distinction in 2013, 2014 and now 2015. From their start in 2001, Skip and Kathy Frink have enjoyed a steadily increasing business volume of travelers from all over the world. Says Skip, “Of course, the internet is the tool that allowed us to get on the world map in the first place. We aren’t even on the main highway. But our increased contact with TripAdvisor, and its devotee travelers, has taken us on a quantum leap.

“We also qualified for their GreenLeader status, resulting from an increase in our awareness of waste avoidance in any form. Controlling energy, water, trash—they all contribute to greening. Our rank rose to Gold last year. And increased public concern with waste has led to many favorable guest comments on our efforts!”