



Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle



August

Thurs 25th AANF Senior Service Counseling Day 10 am-1 pm
Franklin County Senior Center, 201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle (850) 697-3760 FREE counseling & assistance Medicare, Medicaid, Long Term Care, Food Assistance SNAP, & elder abuse prevention program.

Fri 26th & Sat 27th An Evening of Magic with Matthew Holtzclaw 7:30 (Central) Amelia G. Tapper Center for the Arts Theatre Lab at the Panama City Gulf coast State College campus. (850) 872-3886 or jhedden@gulfcoast.edu

Sat 27th Annual Drive to "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies 9 am-1 pm Carrabelle-in front of Dollar General store, Eastpoint-in front of Dollar General store, Apalachicola-across from Burger King. "Wish" lists are available at the Carrabelle Chamber. If you would like to drop off items earlier, please feel free to drop off here, will be picked up on the 26th. All donations welcome!

Sat 27th FSUCML Workshop- Florida's Nighttime Chorus 7 pm
Registration is required, space limited. Price: \$15 adult, \$ 10 student (850) 697-4120 or fsucml@gsu.edu

Sun 28th Carrabelle Dixie Youth Sports Banquet 2-4 pm at Will Kendrick Sports Complex. Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Cake & snacks. Wear your swimsuits for water slides & water balloons!

September

Thurs 1st-Deadline to register for Putt Master Mini Golf Tournament (see Oct. 1st below for more info)

Mon 5th Third Annual Franklin County Locals Rib Cook-Off to benefit the 2016 Pink Out & Franklin Needs. 11 am Regatta Park, St. George Island. Registration deadline: Mon 8/29 at Harry A's or Paddy's Raw Bar, (SGI)

Sat 10th Your Nonfiction Book Proposal: A Workshop by the Sea 9 am-2:30 pm Registration is required, Space is limited. FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Workshop, 3618 Coastal Hwy 98, St. Teresa \$ 110 Adult, \$ 95 Student (850) 697-4120 or www.marinelab.fsu.edu

Wed 14th Annual Meeting at the Franklin County Senior Center 2 pm
201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle (850) 697-3760

Sat 17th Franklin County Coastal Cleanup 8:30-11:30 am For more info, see our website under "Things to do/Event calendar" or call Ada Long (850) 927-3776 or email adalong@uab.edu

Sat 24th The Fifth Annual Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta 12 pm-3pm FSU Coastal & Marine Lab. Time for you to rise to the challenge! Just build 'em & they will float...more or less.... (850) 697-4120 or go to <https://marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta/> to register online!

Friday, Aug 19th, 2016

Welcome New Member:
Rhonda Millender Skipper, CFA, Property Appraiser



1st Place: Team Dasta Crew of Hahira, Georgia won with a 47.5 kingfish



"Fishing for a Cure" \$ 60,000 donated for research for a cure of Leukemia. Tournament has raised over \$ 865,000

Kingfish Shootout at C-Quarters Marina

Once again the sponsors and anglers helped us present a check for \$60,000 to The Leukemia Research Foundation. Total raised in the past 13 years is in excess of \$865,000. Thank you to everyone for their support! A special thank you to the following people for their help with the Shootout: Paula Mauney, Suzanne and Thomas Lee Brannon, Rodney Kelly and all the people from Lanark Village that help with selling raffle tickets.

To view the Final Leaderboard, go to www.c-quartersmarina.com



Wanted--Actors, theater techs, and stage hands for the 2016 October Lantern Fest production

Have you thought about being in a play? We want you! There are a variety of unique characters, for all levels of acting experience (even none) & both lead roles & bit parts. If you would like to audition or volunteer for this exciting play (1767-Shipwrecked on Dog Island), contact Don at dondenig@yahoo.com Anyone interested in being a part of this exciting play can attend a meeting this Sunday, August 21st at the Crooked River Lighthouse.

October

Sat 1st Sixth Annual Putt-Masters Mini Golf Tournament noon – until...Red Pirate Family Grill & Oyster Bar, Eastpoint. An event to benefit the Franklin County Public Library. For more info, contact Adele Colston (704) 975-7035 or colston_adele@yahoo.com

Sat 8th Fall Festival Carrabelle Senior Center

Sat 22nd Lantern Fest t the Crooked River Lighthouse

Sat 15th Gumbo Cook off & Car Show for the Franklin County Fire Victim Relief Fund. The Red Pirate, Eastpoint. Contact Richard Wade (850) 370-0655 or Jimmy Sapp (850) 670-1090 for more info.

Attention all Boaters!

Mark your calendars NOW for Sat. December 10th

The 22nd Annual Holiday on the Harbor & Boat Parade

See our website www.carrabelle.org under “Things to Do”

Entertainment/Events for More info

Events Further afield:

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Total www.carrabelle.org Website Visitors: Jan 1-Aug 7: 101,017

Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2016: 17

Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2015: 50

Visitors at our Visitor's Center

Carrabelle Brochures Sent

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Inc</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>% Inc</u>
Jan	51	106	131	1.24	30	75	56	.75
Feb	111	167	233	1.40	27	63	56	.89
Mar	163	171	248	1.45	25	74	73	.99
Apr	118	178	226	1.27	41	47	77	1.64
May	66	137	160	1.17	26	79	69	.87
Jun	64	153	171	1.12	66	90	74	.82
Jul	80	133	188	1.41	36	66	46	.70
Aug	52	125			36	70		
Sept	56	109			21	37		
Oct	76	152			22	25		
Nov	79	113			19	31		
Dec	<u>62</u>	<u>142</u>			<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>		
Totals	978	1,686			381	683		

GCSC's new Unmanned Vehicle Systems program earns accreditation

Panama City, FL – Gulf Coast State College has received approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to offer an **Associate in Science in Unmanned Vehicle Systems** that will begin this Fall. SACS is the regional accrediting body for GCSC and other institutions throughout the South. This required approval allows students to receive financial aid assistance, including the G.I. Bill, and ensures that credits will transfer to any state college or university in Florida.

The program is designed to prepare students in the repair, use of sensor data and operations of unmanned platforms, and they will receive their “Remote Pilot” airman certificate allowing them to operate drones commercially. The number of students enrolling in the program is expected to increase in the coming semesters as high school students in Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties participate in dual enrollment courses through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

“Students in the program will perform hands-on training exercises to simulate real-world scenarios and they will be guided to earn various industry certifications that fit their educational goals,” said José Lopez-Baquero, GISP, GEOINT, UVS Program Manager. “In addition, we are also forming various partnerships with companies locally and out-of-state to keep our training in-line with industry requirements and develop internship opportunities.”

The UVS program is focused on land, air and sea vehicles covering Autonomous System Design, Drone Pilots, Drone Geospatial Intelligence and Drone Maintenance and Repair. Based on the strength of the curriculum, instructors are also working to develop professional certificates for industries that can benefit from UVS including law enforcement, firefighters and emergency operations, surveyors, engineers, imagery analysts, cartographers and cinematographers.

For questions or additional information about the UVS program, please contact Lopez-Baquero at 769.1551, ext. 4012 or jlopezbaq@gulfcoast.edu.

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