



Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle



July

Fri 22nd The 1st Annual Crab Cake Cookoff 5 pm – 7 pm at the Marine St. Grill & co-sponsored by Millender & Sons Seafood. Fundraiser to replace the pirate ship *The Carrabella* at the Crooked River Lighthouse Park. Four chefs competing-\$ 5 donation to be a judge. Door prizes \$ 1 per ticket, 6 for \$ 5. All donations welcome, including more door prizes (just bring them with you!)

Sat 23rd Animal Tales- 1:00-2:00 pm Carrabelle Library FREE to the public! For all ages. Nature's Olympians will feature live, exotic wildlife & the audience will be asked to interact with the animals through "hands-on" volunteering, question & answer and crowd participation activities! All are guaranteed an up-close and personal experience. (850) 697-2366

<http://southeast.animalzooeducation.com>

Starting Sat 23rd A Tale of Tate's Hell at the Carrabelle History Museum –Free viewings of this classic short film & documentary will be at the museum Saturdays & Thursdays at 11 am (Limited seating-approx. 50 minutes) (850) 697-2141

FYI-Legend of Tate's Hell T-shirts are available for purchase at the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center 105 St. James Ave (Hwy 98)...across from the World's Smallest Police Station. Stop in & get yours today!

25th-28th NEW Student Registration & T-shirt Sales 3-5 pm at the Franklin County School Front Office, 1250 Hwy 98, Eastpoint (850) 670-2800

August

Sat 5th & Sun 6th The 13th Annual Kingfish Shootout at C-Quarters Marina. All profits go to The Leukemia Research Foundation. Register & Pay online. www.c-quartersmarina.com (850) 697-8400.

Fri 5th through Sun 7th Florida's 3-Day Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday Prior to the sales tax holiday, lists of qualifying items, frequently asked questions, examples, and additional information will be available on www.myflorida.com/dor

Fri 12th Student/Teacher Meet & Greet 1-3 pm in the FC School Cafeteria. Middle/High 1st day orientation schedule will be available.

Mon 15th The 1st Day of School, Dad Bring your Child to School Day. FC School. This is a FL Dept. of Education Initiative. All parents are encouraged to participate!

Thurs. 18th Open House at the Franklin County School 4-6 pm in the Cafeteria. There will be drawings for door prizes & light refreshments. Returning students can update their information here.

****Link to supply list is found at www.franklincountyschools.org ****

There you will also find new & returning student registration forms. Feel free to print & fill out the forms prior to New Student Registration & Open House.

Friday, July 22nd, 2016

Welcome to our New Member:

Brad Segree, Candidate for FC Sheriff

*After Hours Mix it up Mixer
& New Business Ribbon Cutting*

Marine Street Grill

Thursday, July 28th

5:30 to 7:00 'ish pm

The Marine Street Grill

306 Marine Street, Carrabelle



The Brotherhood Ride

& Honoring all First Responders/Emergency Personnel of Franklin County
Wednesday, July 27th and Thursday, July 28th, 2016

The Brotherhood Riders are scheduled to arrive in Carrabelle on Wed., July 27, around 4—5 p.m. and depart Carrabelle Thurs., July 28th 8 a.m. Individuals can show their support by lining up on Hwy 98 in front of the IGA as they enter Carrabelle Wednesday around 3:45 till... and Main Street in Apalachicola Thurs. around 9:30-10:00 a.m. The morning of Thurs., July 28, Hog Wild Bar-B-Q will host breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Christian Center (142 River Rd., Carrabelle) and riders will be on the road at 8 a.m. heading to their next stop in Panama City. **The breakfast will be FREE and open to all active and retired Franklin County Law Enforcement, Emergency Personnel, FWC, Cities and County dignitaries of Franklin County.** The invitation is also open to family members who have lost a First Responder, whether or not in the line of duty.

The Brotherhood Riders organization, a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity, consists of Firefighters, Police Officers and EMS personnel who ride bicycles to honor emergency first responders who died in the line of duty and are very proud to have donated over \$ 359,000 to the families left behind. The 2016 ride will leave Naples, FL on July 23 and end in Ft. Walton, on July 29, 2016. www.brotherhoodride.com or Follow them on Facebook

Youth Fishing Tournament-C-Quarters July 16th

Thank you to all the sponsors of the Youth Fishing Tournament that was held last Saturday. We had 202 register for the Tournament. Each child received a visor, tee shirt, rod and reel combo and we feed them hotdogs, chips, drinks, watermelon and cupcakes. John's Hauling missed the deadline for names and didn't get their name on the back of the shirt. Make sure you thank everyone on the list. Without their support we could not have this Tournament. (Copy available at the Chamber office)

Events on Multiple Dates:

FSU Coastal & Marine Lab offering Emergency First Responder One Day Workshops 9/17 CPR, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillator, & Oxygen Administration www.marinelab.fus.edu or (850) 697-4120

FSU Coastal & Marine Lab Workshops: Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea 6-9 pm 7/30; 8/17; 8/27 FSUCML St. Teresa. Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Price \$ 40 adult, \$ 30 student; (850) 697-4120 fsucml@fsu.edu www.marinelab.fus.edu

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:

Listen to **WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio** Or go to
www.oysterradio.com or www.forgottencoastline.com
or www.saltyflorida.com

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Chester Reese-FC Tourist Development Council
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Total www.carrabelle.org Website Visitors: Jan 1-July 17: 90,679
Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2016: 16
Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2015: 50

FAC (Fishing Assassin Challenge) is an in-house fishing tournament that is exclusive to **Carrabelle Boat Club** members. Anglers are eligible to win awesome prizes that carry a combined value of about \$3,500 with no entry fee. They do this through sponsorships that fund the entire event. This tournament was created a year ago with the goal of giving their customers something to do during the summer that is competitive and fun. The FAC Award Presentation was held July 4th and included live music, food, refreshments, and fireworks. The most prestigious award is the Spessard Holland Award. This is named after long-term customer & friend Spessard Holland, who passed away two years ago from ALS. They've dedicated this division and the Spessard Holland Award in his honor. A special thank-you goes out to Emcee Cpt. Chester Reese (Natural World Charters) and his alter ego "Doc Safety". Chester has been doing his Doc Safety presentation for years and it really is a lot of fun. He instructs viewers on how to secure dock lines and ropes from their boat, a much needed skill set for any boater. This is a private event, but next year it would be great to have the public there to watch the presentation. There would be different starting times for private & public audiences. Call Caden Barber at (850) 697-5500 if you are interested in membership.

Call for RFP's for Camp Gordon Johnston Museum Building

Inovia, LLC has prepared the bid package for interested builders to bid on phase one of the project. The building will be located on 1.3 acres of museum property at 1873 US Hwy 98 west, across from Carrabelle Beach. Upon completion of this building the museum will relocate from its current location at the old Carrabelle School. During WWII, practice beach landings and combat training was conducted all along the beach area where the building is to be located. The structure will have 4,000 square feet with the interior arranged to display a large portion of the photographs, artifacts and displays and is intended to be the first phase of a two-phase construction project, which will ultimately have a second building and memorial park. The Franklin County Tourist Development Council, in the form of a grant, is providing funding with matching funds from the Camp Gordon Johnston Association and private donations collected over the past 17 years.

GCSC Fall 2016 registration underway

~ It's not too late to register for fall semester classes ~
Gulf Coast State College is currently registering students for Fall 2016 classes. Advisors and admissions experts are ready to help in the Center for Advising and Success. With over 150 programs to choose from, whether you're a first time student or returning for a career change, there is something for everyone. The College is an open-access, open enrollment institution and anyone can enroll. Fall Sessions A and B classes begin August 22 while Fall Session C classes begin October 18. GCSC is open throughout the summer and students can enroll in person Monday – Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Fridays, from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Online registration is also available 24/7 at www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (850) 769-1551, ext. 3892. If you would like to explore your options for programs and career paths, please contact the Advising Center at (850) 872-3871.

	Visitors at our Visitor's Center				Carrabelle Brochures Sent			
	2014	2015	2016	% Inc	2014	2015	2016	% Inc
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			36	66		
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		