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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

February 4th, 2015
AJ's Neighborhood Bar & Grill
120 Martin Luther King Jr Ave
Apalachicola
Noon

Business After Hours

February 12th, 2015
Hosted by
Weems Memorial Hospital
Apalachicola Community Center
1 Bay Ave Apalachicola
5:30-7:00 pm

Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

February 8, 2015 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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Silent Auction Items

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce is looking for items for the silent auction at the Forgotten Coast

Sponsors



Events

March Monthly Business Luncheon
March 4th 2015
Family Coastal Resturaunt
on the Bay
500 Hwy 98 Eastpoint
Noon

Visitor Statistics

December 2001 523
December 2002 432
December 2003 858
December 2004 946
December 2005 1,288
December 2006 1,189
December 2007 1,660
December 2008 1,135
December 2009 1,258
December 2010 1,310
December 2011 1,209
December 2012 1,071
December 2013 963
December 2014 1,020

Website stats December 2014

Sessions
12,073

Users
10,116

Pageviews
35,619

Pages / Session
2.95

Avg. Session Duration
00:02:36

Bounce Rate
54.99%

% New Sessions
77.28%

**Chef Sampler on Feb. 8th. If you or your business is interested in donating a item or items for the silent auction please email
Execdirector@apalachicolabay.org or call John Solomon at 370-6602**

New Members

Island Charters

Owned and operated by Captain Krista Miller. From advanced anglers, novices and even young children, Captain Krista customizes each charter to ensure her clients' experience is one to remember!
850-653-5005
www.stgeorgeislandcharters.com

98 Liquors & Lounge

Owned by Jay Woolever located at 191 Hwy 98 in Eastpoint. 98 Liquors & Lounge is a full line package store with many selections of Beer, Wine and Liquor
Happy Hour 4-7 pm Mon.- Thurs.

Sign De-Sign

Owned and operated my Mishelle Mcpherson Located at 20 Franklin St. in Eastpoint. They Specialize in logo design, printing and sandblasting also offers a wide array of signs including billboards, magnetic signs, truck and car graphics.
850-670-5757

Spirit of the River Yoga

Owned by Kathy Jansen located at 29 Ave F Suite B. Spirit of the River Yoga Studio

SOUPer Book & Bread Sale!

January 31, 2015
Eastpoint Library
160 Hickory Dip Road
Delicious homemade soups and breads PLUS great used books of all kinds! Enjoy a bowl while you browse, or just buy by the quart for later. All proceeds benefit the county libraries in Eastpoint and Carrabelle.
Want to donate books, soups, or containers? Got questions? Want to volunteer? Call Anna Carmichael at (850) 273-1174

Tribute to Patsy Cline Dixie Theatre

January 31, 2015 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM (ET)
Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street
Apalachicola
Margo Anderson What would a Dixie Theatre Season be without this show? We don't want to find out because everybody loves Margo and she's back for her 10th appearance!
www.margoanderson.com
www.theencoreband.com

Death by Design

February 6, 2015 to February 15, 2015 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)
Death by Design ~ Set during a weekend in an English country manor in 1932, Death by Design is a delightful comedy with murder. Edward Bennett, a playwright, and his wife Sorel Bennett, an actress, flee London and head to Cookham after a disastrous opening night. But various guests arrive unexpectedly - a conservative politician, a fiery socialist, a nearsighted ingénue, a zany modern dancer - each with a long-held secret. When one of the guests is murdered, it's left to Bridgit, the feisty Irish maid with a macabre interest in homicide, to solve the crime.
The Panhandle Players will

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[Optional Link](#)

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Got Ideas? Suggestions?

How can the Apalachicola Bay Chamber better serve you?
Is there something that we can do better to help your business?
Is there something you would like to see us add or change on the website, at the visitor's center or in the visitors' guide?
If you would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.
Ideas are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at info@apalachicolabay.org.

Business Luncheons and Business After Hours

If you or your business is interested in hosting a Business Luncheon or a Business After Hours in 2015, please feel free to call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 850-653-9419 or email
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Wake & Bake Bread Company

Owned by Wendy Murwin Located at 15 Ave F in Apalachicola has fresh Artisan bread baked daily, also a selection of daily soups made fresh.

House Boats at River Watch

Owned by Karen Hoff houseboats are located at 309 Water St. in Apalachicola. For an exotic and lifelong experience, comes stay on The Reelaxation Houseboat, conveniently docked in Apalachicola Florida. Wake up to the sunrise peering through your bedroom window and step outside to see the shrimp boats coming in with their daily catch. Grab your morning coffee and sit on your screened porch to enjoy a wide variety of activity pass by. Watch the pair of dolphins swim by, a family of ducks sunning themselves and birds diving for their breakfast. It is a short walk to the Historic Downtown Apalachicola, featuring a bevy of shops, stores, and galleries.

Oyster City Brewing Company

Oyster City Brewing Company was founded in 2014 by Cassie Gary, Susan Gary, Rex Humphries and Bo Walker. Cassie, Susan and Rex, owners of Apalachicola's Owl Cafe & Tap Room, have long shared a passion for fine wine and craft beer. Combine that with Bo's experience in the brewing industry, and

present Death by Design over two weekends in Franklin and Gulf Counties. See the show at the Windmark Beach Town Hall in Port St. Joe Beach February 6th - 8th and again February 13th - 15th at the Eastpoint Firehouse. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and matinee performances begin at 3 p.m. ET. Doors open 30-minutes prior to show time. Tickets are \$15 each and are being sold at Downtown Books in Apalachicola, The Butler Agency in Eastpoint, Sometimes It's Hotter on St. George Island, Carrabelle Junction, No Name Cafe in Port St. Joe, and Caribbean Coffee in Mexico Beach.

Seating is limited for both locations and those planning on attending are encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance to insure they get a seat. For more information call 404-326-7791 or visit the Panhandle Players online at www.PanhandlePlayers.com

Bob Milne Ragtime Piano-Dixie Theatre

February 7, 2015 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM (ET)

Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street
Apalachicola

If you haven't seen or heard Bob in the 15 years he's been playing the Dixie, don't wait any longer, he's truly amazing and back for his 16th year. www.bobmilne.com

Mardi Gras Parade, Barkaritaville

February 7, 2015 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Commerce St., Apalachicola
Dress yourself and your dog in tropical parrot head costumes and celebrate Mardi Gras Apalach style! You may walk, ride in golf carts, pull wagons, push strollers, or come up with any other unique form of transportation. Floats are allowed and this may be the only place you'll see oyster boats in a parade. The day's events, for the benefit of our local animal shelter and for the Apalachicola Dog Park, begin at 1:00 pm at the

you have the recipe for a dedicated, ambitious craft brewery. Seeds planted through years of experimentation and small-batch tinkering have borne fruit in the form of three unique brews to date - Apalach IPA, Hooter Brown Tupelo Honey Ale, and Mill Pond Dirty Blonde Ale. 17 Ave D Apalachicola

Old Stuff Shop

Owned and operated by John Layne Sr. Located at 49 Market St. The Old Stuff Shop has antiques and collectibles. Also a large collection of new and used merchandise. From Waterford crystal to antique license plates and everything in between.

The Clipper Shoppe

Owned by Dorothy Cooper located at 130 Ave F in Apalachicola The Clipper Shoppe is a full service beauty salon offering cuts, styles, perms, color and facial waxing. Also a nail salon that includes manicures, pedicures, acrylic nails and gel polish. Monday - Saturday 8:30-6:00 850-653-2255

Family Coastal Restaurant on the Bay

Owned By Roger & Kim McKenzie located at 500 US Hwy 98 in Eastpoint. They are a family owned and operated business. Specializing in seafood, however, offering several options for non seafood lovers. They opened their first restaurant 9 years ago in Sumatra Florida in the heart of the natural forest. Roger and Kim along with their son Zack decided to bring their great seafood along with country cooking back to their home town of Wakulla and Eastpoint on the Apalachicola Bay. Come join us for great view, food, excellent

Bowery and winds through town, ending at the dog-friendly where the party will continue with live music, dancing, Cajun food, games, And contests. Parade registration is \$5.00 per person. Dogs, of course, are free. Golf carts, floats, and boats are \$20. Dogs are still free.

Admission to the fais do-do at Bowery Station is free for everyone. All donations are tax-deductible and are for the benefit of the shelter and dog park.

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Snowbird Appreciation Day
February 10, 2015 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET) Snowbird Appreciation Day, 2015, will be held on Tuesday, February 10th. The event is sponsored by the St. George Island Business Association, who invites all winter visitors in the area to enjoy an evening out on St. George Island. If you consider yourself a visitor to the area, you're welcome to participate! This year's Snowbird Day consists of happy hour, dinner and live music. The event is being held from 4:00-6:00pm at Black Marlin's Bar & Grill at 212 East Bayshore Drive. Price is \$12 per person. Pre-

service in a relaxing atmosphere.

Gulf Coast Auto Parts & Service

Owned and operated by Amy & Robert Crosby Located at 318 US Hwy 98 in Eastpoint. They offer a full auto parts store including small engine parts. Full service center including but not limited to alignments, tires, A/C repair and also carry a full line of Interstate batteries. 850-670-4593

Southern Belles Hair Salon

Owned by Dona Harrell & Brittney Turner they are located at 29 Island drive in Eastpoint. They offer hair color, waxing, haircuts, perms and specialize in bridal and formal hairstyling as well as airbrush makeup. Hours are Monday -Friday 9:00am-5:30pm and Saturday by Appointment only. Brittney (850) 653-5844 + Dona (850) 323-1873

The Rancho Inn

Under new owner Bharat Patel The Rancho Inn offers their guest rooms at reasonable rates. Rooms include refrigerator, microwave, in-room coffee, 4-HBO's and many other premium digital channels, pet friendly, boat parking, pool and picnic area and conveniently located across from restaurant and convenience store. They are located 240 US Hwy 98 in Apalachicola. 850-653-9180

Allen's Bait & Tackle and Seafood Market

Owned by Jimmy Allen and located at 462 west Hwy 98 in Apalachicola. They offer

registration is not required. Guests will pay in person upon arrival. Happy hour (cash bar) starts at 4:00pm along with live music. Low Country Boil dinner will be served at 5:00pm. If you have any questions, please call 850-927-5039

Mardi Gras Parade

February 13, 2015 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Riverfront Park, Apalachicola
Habitat for Humanity's Mardi Gras Celebration Friday night is the Mardi Gras Parade on the Riverfront. Live music beer, wine and food will be served.

Mardi Gras Ball

February 14, 2015 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM (ET)

Fort Coombs Armory
Habitat for Humanity's Mardi Gras Celebration Saturday night is the Mardi Gras Dinner and Ball at the Armory. There will be music, dancing and a floor show, plus the crowning of the Mardi Gras king and queen. Dinner tickets are \$50.00, 6:30 pm, and general admission \$25.00 at 7:30pm

Doo Wops & Beauty Shops- Dixie Theatre

February 14, 2015 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM (ET)

Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street
Apalachicola
34 West Theater Back for their 3rd Season, these folks are top notch, great and more fun than a barrel of monkeys! www.34west.org.

Beach Home Tour of St. George Island

February 14, 2015
St George Island

The home tour will be held on Saturday, February 14, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. "We have a great selection of homes from the Plantation to the East End and from the beachfront to the bay," said Dany Ray, who is chairing

crickets, worms, frozen shrimp and offshore bait. Fresh shrimp when available also Tackle for any anglers needs They have a seafood market with fresh and frozen selections.

They also have boat access for boat customers via the back deck! 850-653-9882

Elements Gallery

Owned by David Rybicki Elements Gallery is located at 123 Commerce St. in Apalachicola they are selling fine art and handcrafted wood furniture. The Gallery will also be home to many of Susan Richardson's art

Chamber News

Ribbon Cutting

Spirit of the River January 6th, 2015



5th Annual Oyster Cookoff

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce was happy to participate in the 5th annual Oyster Cookoff this past weekend. The cookoff is held annually to support the Apalachicola Fire Department. The Chamber of Commerce team of President Donna Duncan & Executive

the event with her husband Marty Ray. "We have modern and traditional beach-front homes, bay-front homes, and historic homes. This is the first and best chance for people to get a total view of the island lifestyle from inside some our out best and most interesting homes. Tour tickets are \$15.00 in advance, \$20 on the day of the tour. The event is sponsored by the St. George Lighthouse Association. To reserve tickets, call 850-927-7745. For more info, www.sgiTourOfHomes.com or call 888-927-7744.

DINO!- Dixie Theatre

February 21, 2015 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM (ET)

Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street
Apalachicola

A Salute to Dean Martin: Tony Partington

Elvis & Friends do the Dixie- Dixie Theatre

February 28, 2015 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM (ET)

Dixie Theatre - 21 Market Street
Apalachicola

Todd Allen Herendeen returning with his Follow That Dream Band, audience favorite Todd is back for his 6th Season-
yea!www.toddallenherendeen.com

Director John Solomon finished in 3rd place with bacon, spinach, Jalapeno wrapped grilled oyster with spicy sauce. The real winner of this event was the Apalachicola Fire Department which the event raised over 45,000 for. Congratulations to all involved.



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