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Florida's Oldest Chamber of Commerce (circa 1836)

Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday February 3rd
Papa Joe's Oyster Bar
 45 Ave D
 Apalachicola
 Noon

Business After Hours

Thursday February 11th
Fisher & Friedman P.A.
 171 US Hwy 98
 Eastpoint
 5:30-7:00

20th Annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

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March Monthly Business Luncheon

Wednesday March 2nd
ANERR
 108 Island Drive
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 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
 December 2015 1,005

Website Stats

December 2015

Sessions
 10,804

Users
 8,920

Pageviews
 31,482

Pages / Session
 2.91

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Join Us For the Dining Experience of the Year!

20th Annual Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler

February 28, 2016

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

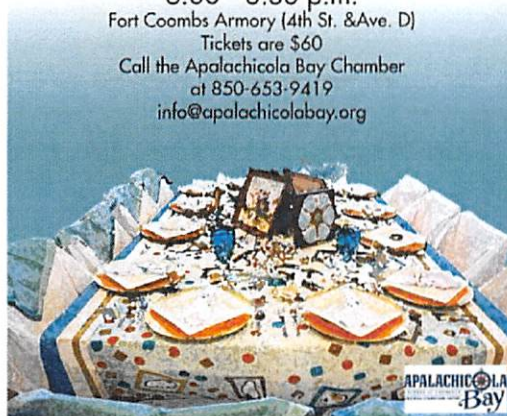
Fort Coombs Armory (4th St. & Ave. D)

Tickets are \$60

Call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber

at 850-653-9419

info@apalachicolabay.org



Don't miss out on the culinary event of the year tickets are going fast get yours today.

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Events

Awakened Life School of Yoga with Liz Carey

Jan. 21st to March 3rd 5:15 - 6:15 PM Awakened Life School of Yoga with Liz Carey

The Apalachicola School of Art is hosting and partnering with Fr. Promise and Liz Carey Awake School of Yoga to

introduce "Restorative Yoga" a

6-week series in early 2016, on

Thursday from 5:15pm to 6:30

"Restorative Yoga" is a relaxing

of yoga where the postures are

reclined on a mat that is on the

or sitting up on the floor. The

intention of this style of yoga is

relaxing & stress-reduction, fo

breath, meditation, concentrati

being present and letting go.

Awakened Life

Yoga."Restorative Yoga" Series

would be offered on the follow

day/dates: Thursday: February

18, and March 3 - Time: 5:15

6:30pm,

Location: Apalachicola Center

History, Culture and Art, 86 W

Street, Cost: \$15 per class, or

the 6 week series Please call to

reserve your spot or for additio

information at 855-272-5224 c

at apalachicolaschoolofart@gr

"The Way We Worked" I

January 28th- March 12th

"The Way We Worked", a

Smithsonian exhibit, and

collaboratively sponsored by th

Apalachicola Municipal Librar

the Historic Apalachicola Four

Franklin County is one of six l

in Florida competitively chose

display this traveling exhibit w

explores how work became su

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by tracing the many changes th

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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 John C. Solomon at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org

6th Annual Oyster Cook-off



Photo by David Alderstein: 1st Place John Solomon from Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce and his mom Margie and 2nd place Jeff Ilardi and his wife Caroline

The 6th Annual Oyster cook-off an event put on by community volunteers to support the Apalachicola Volunteer fire Department was a huge success. Over 100 volunteers showed up to help this growing event. The crowds showed up early and stayed all day. The Oyster cooking competition consisted of 8 competing teams, teams which were made up of some of the best home and professional cooks in the area. When the results were tallied the winner was the John Solomon of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce team who prepared "jalapeno, spinach, bacon wrapped oysters with a spicy aioli sauce". Jeff Ilardi came in a close second, Jeff who is a former winner and multi time second place finisher in the event prepared his "Apalachicola Sunrise Oysters". Coming in third was the team of Allen and Sam Mathis who cooked "Southwest oysters". The Oyster Cook-off only in its 6th year has drawn wonderful attention and attendance that can only be attributed to the hard working volunteers and organizers of the event.

New Members

Harry A's

We're committed to providing top-notch entertainment, dining and adult beverages. Our kitchen is staffed with culinary masters and our talented and friendly bar staff can whip up

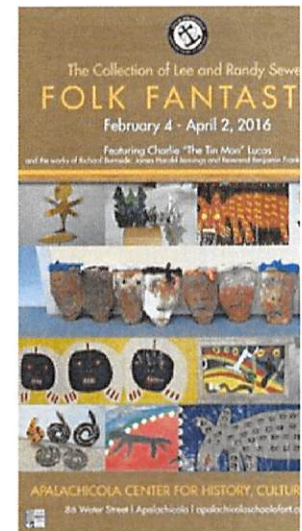
affected the workforce and the environment over the past 150 years. January 28, 2016 (opening reception 6-8 pm) to March 12 Wed. - Sat. and Thurs eve 6-8 for discussion

Sea Oats Gallery Work JUDY SOPRANO

Drawing Journal-Shapes in Life & Landscapes

February 1, 2016 to March 3, 2016 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET) Sea Oats Gallery 128 E. Pine St. George Island

Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Arts presents FOLK FANTASY



The Collection of Lee and Randy Sewell featuring Charlie "The Tin Man" Lucas. Exhibited folk art February 04, 2016 - April 02, 2016. Meet and Greet with Lee and Randy Sewell and Charlie Lucas at Opening Reception Saturday, Feb 13, 2016 from 6-8 pm.

IN Concert: Boyce Griffith Sextet

Friday, February 5, 2016 10:30 PM Avenue Carrabelle The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts presents Boyce Griffith Sextet www.inconcertapalachicola.org

13th Annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Ball

Saturday February 6, 2016 at 5

anything from an Alabama Slammer to a
Zombie Punch.

We offer a wide variety of entertainment from
karaoke and DJs to live local and national
performers.

When it rains, we pour! If it's raining in the
courtyard at 4pm, our happy hour extends until
closing. Harry A's is located at 28 West
Bayshore Drive on St. George Island

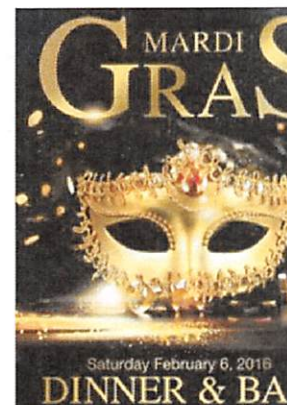
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the needs of contractors and homeowners in all
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roofing and siding, commercial roofing and
siding, and repairs. We understand that in
today's market, quality workmanship and
customer service is the key to continuing
business.

Bay Community School

Bay Community School is located at 269 Fred
Myers Street in Apalachicola. The philosophy
here at Bay Community School is based on our
belief that all children share certain needs and
have a drive to be self-confident, self-
motivated individuals, seeking out an
understanding of the world around them. It is
our goal to provide a learning environment
which will empower children and enhance self-
esteem by creating an atmosphere where
social, emotional, physical, and cognitive
development can take place. This goal is met
by providing a variety of activities and
experiences which allow the child to be
creative, to discover and to solve problems.

For more information or to res
seat or table call (850) 653-31



Mardi Gras Barkus Pa

February 6, 2016 1:00 PM - 3:
PM (ET)

Riverfront Park

Mardi Gras Barkus Parade

Saturday, February 6, 2016

1pm - until (come early to regi
line up for parade)

Riverfront Park, Downtown

Apalachicola. Sponsored by TI

Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers

Theme for this year: WOOFST

Dogs dressed as hippies, flowe

pooches, The Grateful Dogs, T

Beagles - with their people in :

garb. Brightly adorned golf cai

floats and boats, music and be

lots of beads. An after party w

liquid sustenance, games, a pic

booth, music and dancing. Cor

immerse yourself in the sights,

smells, and tastes promised by

event.

All proceeds go to the Apalach

City Dog Park and the Frankli

County Humane Society. Mar

calendars now.

Call or email 269-568-9468 or

670-5064 for info or to pre-reg

Dixie Theatre presents Spencer Bohren

February 6, 2016 3:00 PM - 5:
PM (ET)

Saturday February 6, 2016, 3 P

matinee, 8 PM evening perfor

Spencer Bohren's enthusiasm f

America's music is infectious.

decades he has been sharing hi

unique blend of blues, country

folk and original songs with a

all over America and on dozen

L & B Burgers

Locally owned and operated by mother daughter team of Linnie Lolley & Brandy Raffield, L & B Burgers is located at 312 Hwy 98 in Eastpoint. They serve many variations of burgers and have daily lunch specials. they are open 7 days a week.

Paddy's Raw Bar

Paddy's Raw Bar is located at 240 East 3rd Street on St. George Island and is owned by Patrick and Jessica Sparks. What goes better with cold beer than fresh, local Apalachicola oysters? If oysters aren't your thing try our Panhandle Peel & Eat Shrimp or our famous crab dip! More of a land lover? You will love our hot juicy burgers and Hawaiian chicken sandwich. We have a full menu to satisfy the hungriest of beer lovers.

Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop

Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop is St. George Island's newest business, Located where the Island Emporium used to be at 160 East Pine ave. They have Local art display and art for purchase. Original paintings, watercolors and prints, Featuring a wide variety of beautiful photographs from around the island. Take home an incredible sunset. Exclusive Island Dog T-Shirts, Sea Dog, and many other designs only available at our shop. UV Shirts for men, women, and children. Unique rentals and sales for all the little and grown up kids to enjoy. Our outdoor sports center will provide all you need for land and water activities for the entire family!

He lives in New Orleans, but he's everywhere, man! In fact, way back in 1975, Spencer spent a couple of years in Apalachicola playing night club music for the locals at the Gibson Inn. His current album at the Dixie Theatre will draw from seventeen albums and feature songs inspired by a life on the road. I might even offer a glimpse into Apalachicola from days gone by.

Trinity Episcopal Church Pancake Supper

February 9th at Benedict Hall

Snowbird Appreciation 2016

will be held on Tuesday, February 9th. The event is sponsored by George Island Business Association who invites all winter visitors to the area to enjoy an evening out on George Island. If you consider yourself a visitor to the area, you are welcome to participate! This year's Snowbird Day consists of happy hour, dinner and live music. The event is being held from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Harry A's Restaurant at 28 West Bayshore Drive. Price is \$12 per person. Advance tickets are available at Sometimes it's Hotter. Tickets will also be available at the door. Happy hour (cash bar) starts at 4:00pm and live music. Low Country Shrimp dinner will be served at 5:00pm.



If you have any questions, please call Sometimes it's Hotter 850-927

Sea Oats Gallery Work
NATALIA ANDREEVA

Associate Members

Pinki Jackel

Mrs. Jackel is the Franklin County Supervisor of Elections. She is a resident of St. George Island. She is formerly District 1 County Commissioner

Heather Riley

Mrs. Riley works at Eastpoint Medical Center and is a Resident of Carrabelle.

Chamber News

Gorrie Statue Under Fire

Article by Lois Swoboda from the Apalachicola Times

If a South Florida Republican gets his way, the statue of John Gorrie on display at the Capitol building in Washington DC may be replaced by a sculpture of another prominent Floridian. Each state is entitled to two statues representing prominent residents. Among those now on display are Dwight Eisenhower, Brigham Young, Rosa Parks, Gerald Ford, Helen Keller and William Jennings Bryant. Florida's current representatives are John Gorrie, whose statue was installed in 1914, and Confederate Gen. Kirby Smith, whose statue was placed on display in the Capitol in 1922. Gorrie's statue was created by artist Adrien Pillar, from the single, anonymous portrait in oils depicting Gorrie. Gorrie, as all of Franklin County knows, was the inventor of an early refrigeration system which produced ice used to cool the rooms of yellow fever sufferers. In 1850, he gave the first public demonstration of mechanical refrigeration at a gala party held in Apalachicola on Bastille Day where guests were served champagne chilled in blocks of

Light Effects, Spontaneous Expression

February 9, 2016 to February 11
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)
Sea Oats Gallery 128 E. Pine St.
George Island FL 32328

George E. Weems Memorial Hospital Blood Drive

at 135 Ave G in Apalachicola
11th from 10:00am-3:00pm

Dixie Swim Club



Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13
@ 7:30 pm
Sunday, Feb. 14 @ 3:00 pm at
Eastpoint Fire House

Tickets available at
Downtown Books, Apalachicola
Some like it Hotter, St. George
Butler Agency, Eastpoint
Carrabelle Junction
No Name Cafe, Port St. Joe
Caribbean Coffee, Mexico Beach
Tickets \$15 each

IN Concert: Tyler Tolles Quartet

Friday, February 12
102 St James Avenue Carrabelle
Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts presents the Tyler Tolles Quartet - originally based out of the San Francisco Bay Area and has performed in a number prestigious festivals as the Next Generation Jazz Festival and the Monterey Jazz Festival

ice. Although he was born on the island of Nevis in the West Indies, he spent most of his adult life in Apalachicola and contributed to the community here in many ways.

Gorrie was inducted into the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame in 2015.

Smith, on the other hand, was born in Florida but left at the age of 12 never to return. His claim to fame was that he was the highest-ranking Florida-born officer in the Confederate army and the last Confederate general to surrender. He never fought on Florida soil and spent most of his life in Tennessee. Numerous editorials have been published around the state asking for the Smith statue's removal.

Although statues have not been removed from Statuary Hall in the past, several states are considering replacing statues of Confederate leaders on display.

Two bills are making the rounds in Tallahassee concerning Florida's representatives in Statuary Hall.

The original bill, introduced to the Florida Senate by John Legg, a Republican from Pasco County, calls for the removal of the statue of Kirby. The statue would be taken to another place of honor for future display. That bill came before the Senate rules committee Wednesday, and could come before the Senate for a vote as early as next week.

A second bill, HB 141, passed 18-1 in the Florida House Appropriations Committee Jan. 21. Introduced by Jose Felix Diaz, a Republican from Miami, that bill originally asked only for removal of the statue of Smith, but was amended last week to remove the statue of Gorrie as well.

Marcia Mathis, from Sen. Bill Montford's office, said if the House bill passes first, it will come before the Senate for approval. Likewise, the Senate bill would come before the house. Gov. Rick Scott could veto either bill.

A number of names have been suggested to replace Smith and Gorrie. They include authors Carl Hiassen, Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Zora Neale Hurston; developer Addison Mizner; Chief Osceola; Dr. Robert Cade, inventor of Gatorade; and pinup model and photographer Bunnie Yeager.

Member News

Dixie Theatre presents: West Theater: Groovy Love

February 13, 2016 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Saturday February 13, 2016, 3:00 PM matinee, 8 PM evening performance

GROOVY KINDA LOVE by WEST THEATER COMPANY. Returning for their 4th Season will remember their fabulous performances in previous seasons: Go Everywhere Together, Soc & Soda Pops, and Doo Wops & Beauty Shops. STEPHEN WADE is Creative Director and writes most of the shows. JEFF QUERIN is Managing Director and they bring with them BECCA ANDERSON and MADDIE CASTO to entertain with their latest spectacularly funny show, don't miss it!

IN Concert: David Kall

Sunday, February 14, 2016

David Kalhous is a pianist from Florida State University Faculty

Sea Oats Gallery Work JUDY SOPRANO

Oils-Painting through Exam

February 16, 2016 to February 2016 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)
Sea Oats Gallery 128 E. Pine Street
George Island FL

Marine Debris in Florida Lecture

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
Island Dr., Eastpoint, FL

Speaker: Leonardo Mata

Marine debris brings hazards to marine life and impacts both global and local ecosystems. Leonard will discuss some of the leading causes, and how local residents can work to prevent it.

Composition in Plein Air Charlie Hunter

Friday, February 19, 2016 through Sunday, February 21, 2016 86 Street, Apalachicola

Charlie Hunter's distinctive plein air work turns heads and raises questions. Why water-mixable oils? Is it

Studio 16 is coming to the REALTORS Association of Franklin & Gulf County to provide "magazine ready" images for all your marketing needs and to help us raise money for our 2016 Laundry Projects in Franklin & Gulf Counties. The company has 19 years national experience, and will take the time to capture that perfect image.

Pictures will be only be taken on Monday, February 1st and Tuesday, February 2nd

Franklin County Republican Party Will host a luncheon

- dutch treat -

Thursday, February 11, 2016 - Noon
Crooked River Grill, St James Bay, Lanark Village

Guest Speaker - Mary Thomas

Candidate U S House of Representatives - district 2

St. George Island Tour of Homes

Seven distinctive and beautiful homes will be featured during the fifth annual St. George Island Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2016, benefiting the St. George Lighthouse Association (SGLA). Also included on the tour are the Cape St. George Lighthouse and Keeper's House, and the St. George Plantation Clubhouse. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 on the day of the Tour.

Tour weekend will begin with a kick-off event on Friday, February 12, featuring a special presentation, refreshments, cash bar, and door prizes. Josh Hodson, manager of the St. George Island State Park, will talk about the scenic and award-winning park's wildlife and other amenities. This event, which is free for Tour of Homes ticket holders and \$5.00 for others, will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the

about those Stim-U-Dents and we keep hearing about? All w revealed in this fun and fast-m workshop. We'll take a look a great paintings of the masters; go over some simple, yet inval tools for accurate rendering, ar Charlie will expound and instr about how and why he uses w mixable oils. We'll learn and l lot during outdoor painting and critique sessions each day whi staying true to the credo of hav fun; make big mess.

IN Concert: Samuel Winternheimer

Friday, February 19, 2016
102 St James Avenue Carrabel
The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts presents Samu Winternheimer. He is a bassist composer and arranger. Samue born in Chicago, and spent his childhood between Chicago ar Indianapolis. He started playin when he was 14 years old, insp a Ray Brown Trio recording. F recently graduated from Michi State University with a Jazz St degree, and is currently pursui Master's in Jazz Studies at Flo State University.

IN Concert: Longineau Parsons

Sunday, February 21, 2016
79 6th St, Apalachicola
The Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts presents Long Parsons - Longineu Parsons ha hailed by critics internationally being one of the world's finest players. He also performs on recorders, flute and percussion vocalist. Longineu performs cl and jazz on trumpet and his compositions include orchestr and chamber music as well as world music. He is the protégé great cornetist, Nat Adderley.

Sea Oats Gallery Work KELLY RYSAVY

Collage by Design- Art Sense
February 22, 2016 to February 2016 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)
Sea Oats Gallery 128 E. Pine S George Island

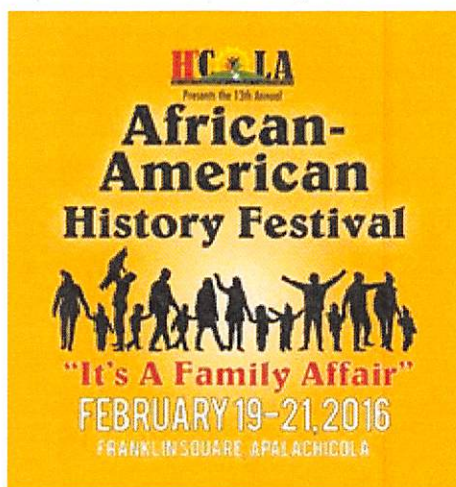
Jay Abbott Firehouse, 324 East Pine Avenue, St. George Island.

Tour tickets are available at the Lighthouse Gift Shop on St. George Island. To order tickets, call the gift shop at (850) 927-7745. Tickets will be available on Tour day at Lighthouse Park and at the St. George Plantation Clubhouse.

SGLA is a non-profit Florida corporation organized to preserve, maintain and promote the Cape St. George Lighthouse. The Lighthouse was reconstructed in 2008 after collapsing in 2005. SGLA also built a replica of the Lighthouse Keeper's House which includes a museum and gift shop. Funds raised by SGLA are used for the on-going maintenance of the Lighthouse, the Keeper's House and Lighthouse Park, and this year will help fund a new exhibit featuring a replica of the Cape St. George Light's third order Fresnel lens.

For more information, please visit our website at www.sgitourofhomes.com.

H'COLA's Annual African-American History Festival



Saturday, February 20, 2016 through Sunday, February 21, 2016

Come experience the excitement of Spectacular Live Entertainment, Vendor Exhibits. Decadent Food. Inspirational

Sea Oats Gallery Work KELLY RYSAVY

Abstract Expressionism in A
February 24, 2016 to February
2016 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)
Sea Oats Gallery 128 E. Pine S
George Island FL

IN Concert: Brandon Robertson

Friday, February 26, 2016
102 St James Avenue Carrabel
The Ilse Newell Fund for the
Performing Arts presents Bran
Robertson. Robertson exempli
passion and musical aspiration
field of entertainment. At the a
10, he became very fascinated
upright bass while taking musi
lessons from a former teacher,
was also a member of the Flori
Symphony Orchestra. He quiet
attached himself to the instrum
hasn't let go since.

IN Concert: Alessandra

Sunday, February 28, 2016
79 6th St, Apalachicola
The Ilse Newell Fund for the
Performing Arts presents Ales
Feris -Following undergraduat
studies in piano at the Univers
Federal do Rio Grande do Sul,
Brazilian pianist Alessandra Fe
awarded a fellowship from KA
study at the Hochschule für M
Franz Liszt in Weimar, Germa
Weimar she concluded Künstle
Fortbildung-Aufbaustudium in
Performance and Künstlerische
Diplom in Piano, Chamber Mu
Lied Accompanying, under the
orientation of Thomas Steinhö
Lazar Berman.

Speakers, Handmade Arts and Crafts, Awesome Music, Sensational Dance and much, much more!

Headline entertainment includes The P&W Trio, The Dream Reality Revue, The Sharper Boys, and many more local and regional artists!

H'COLA's Annual African-American History Festival celebrates and showcases the African-American aspect of Apalachicola and Franklin County's unique history while celebrating the national recognition of African-American History Month.

The festival opens Friday@ 4pm. This year's kick-off event is a Mardi Gras Masquerade Party. Grab your favorite costume and mask and join H'COLA for an evening of great fun leading into the main attractions on Saturday beginning with the festival parade at 10am, and festivities all day until 8pm. The festival concludes Sunday with outdoor interdenominational worship at noon.

Vendor space and sponsorship's still available! For more information, call 850.323.0544 or 850.653.7515. Visit our website, hcola.org and like our Facebook page for a full list of events. The 13th Annual African-American History Festival is brought to you in part by the Franklin County TDC.

Dixie Theatre Presents: Oystertown a Musical Comedy

February 20th 3pm & 8pm, February 24th 3pm, February 27th 3pm & 8pm
OYSTERTOWN ~ a musical adventure
Come celebrate the rich history of Apalachicola and The Forgotten Coast in an original evening developed especially for The Dixie Theatre. Oystertown combines storytelling, music and historic archival footage to celebrate and examine the history of this hidden hamlet on the Forgotten Coast of Florida. Apalachicola is a small town that

rich history steeped in Southern tradition and American history. Join Dixie Theatre veterans Cleo Holladay, David Hemsley Caldwell, and many others as they weave tales of how Apalachicola began and where it is going. In the tradition of Dixie Theatre favorites, Leaving Iowa, Smoke on the Mountain and Almost Maine, Oystertown explores what makes us all the same and what makes this forgotten gem on the Gulf Coast so unique. "Oystertown is a postcard to small town Americana"

Gulf Specimen Marine Lab Time of the Turtle

Gulf Specimen Marine Lab & Aquarium's continuing mission: In 2015 we had a 600% increase in injured turtles needing our help due to our Responsible Pier Initiative. Our goal is to reach \$30,000 to enlarge our current rehabilitation facilities to meet this need. "The Time of the Turtle" is NOW and with your help it will be for many years to come. Help us continue our mission of saving turtles and returning them back to the wild. We would like you to consider making a donation and also please share this information through social media. Every donation helps.

<http://www.tilt.com/tilts/time-of-the-turtle>
Or send a payment to: Gulf Specimen Marine Lab PO Box 237 Panacea, FL 32346

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