



# APALACHICOLA

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# Bay



January 2018

Happy New Year

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Meetings

Monthly Business Luncheon



Up The Creek Raw Bar  
Wednesday, January 3rd  
313 Water St.  
Apalachicola  
Noon

Monthly Business After Hours

TBA

February Monthly Business Luncheon

Franklin County School Culinary Program

January Chamber Events

22nd Annual  
Forgotten Coast Chefs  
Sampler  
Sunday, February 11th  
at Fort Coombs Armory

Tickets are on sale now for the 22nd annual Forgotten Coast Chefs Sampler on Sunday, February 11, 2018, from 6:00-9:00 pm. Tickets are \$60.00 per person

Chefs from all over the Forgotten Coast will prepare their most creative dishes at the historic Fort Coombs Armory located on 4th Street and Avenue D in Apalachicola.

Our talented shopkeepers and local designers give the event an extraordinary touch and add creative flair by decorating each table individually. The tables range from elegant, artistic and funky. Tickets are \$60.00, for more information call the

Sponsors



Events

February 7th 2018  
1250 Us Highway 98,  
Eastpoint, FL 32328

## Visitor Statistics

### Apalachicola

November 2002 825  
November 2003 842  
November 2004 986  
November 2005 789  
November 2006 1,752  
November 2007 2,384  
November 2008 1,790  
November 2009 1,986  
November 2010 1,925  
November 2011 2,356  
November 2012 1,638  
November 2013 1,469  
November 2014 1,316  
November 2015 1,013  
November 2016 1,040  
November 2017 1,253

### St. George Island

November 2017 717

## November Website Stats

Sessions  
14,801

Users  
11,813

Pageviews  
38,506

Pages / Session  
2.60

Avg. Session Duration  
00:02:08

Bounce Rate  
58.71%

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 850-653-9419 or email us at [info@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:info@apalachicolabay.org)  
Call and reserve your tickets soon as this event sells out fast.

## Table Sponsors

### Golden Chef Sponsor \$1,000 level

Table for 12 people includes food, beverages a decorated table with your corporate logo prominently displayed during the event  
Sponsor name & logo in program for event  
Inclusion in Apalachicola Bay Chamber Newsletter, ABCC Website and social media sites

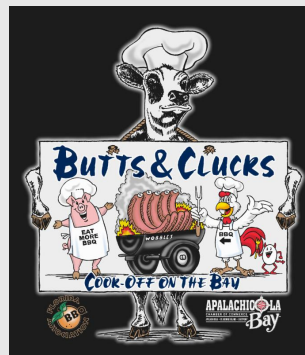
### Silver Chef Sponsor \$600 level

Table for 8 people includes food, beverages a decorated table with your corporate logo and theme prominently displayed during the event  
Sponsor name & logo in program for event  
Inclusion in Apalachicola Bay Chamber Newsletter and on ABCC website and social media sites

### Chef Sponsor \$200 level

2 tickets to the Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler includes food, beverages  
Company Name or logo included in program for event and mentions in newsletters and social media

## Butts & Clucks Cook-Off



The Butts & Clucks Cook-Off is a State Sanctioned Florida BBQ Association event and is a Regional Championship. The event will be held January 26th & 27 in Battery Park in Apalachicola. Also on January 25th there will be a Certified Judging Class held at the Community Center. Space is limited for judging class so sign up early.

Also, since most of the big BBQ teams from all over north and central Florida will be coming to cook in the contest, we have decided to have a local competition to go along with it so this year also we will be holding a Deviled Egg contest. (the

## Book Launch by Local Author John Spohrer

December 30 @ 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Local author and photographer John Spohrer will be launching his new novel " Love, Football and Murder. A Louisiana Story" in Apalachicola on Saturday, December 30th from 1-3pm at Downtown Books in Apalachicola.

Wear your school colors and get \$1.00 off Discount!

## A BS New Year's Eve with Barbato and the Lucky Doggs

There's New Year's Eve...and then there is NEW YEAR'S EVE with Johnny Barbato and the Luck Doggs! We want to bring in 2018 with a crew that makes any night seem like New Year's eve...and when it is actually New Year's Eve...well get your Rockin' and Blues shoes on....cause the night is on and will be one to remember....bring in 2018 right....or should we say ....not quite right!

## 6th annual Tapas Bar NYE balloon drop party!

Come ring in the new year with us 2018 We will have hundreds of dollars in cash and prizes tucked in the balloons that will drop at midnight. Free Champagne and lots of fun and great music with Frank Jones and the Frank Jones Band. We will make sure we have another unforgettable night! come and celebrate the new year, shed a few tears for 2017 but most of all, enjoy the night with great friends and family!

## Harry A's

The Brown Goose w/friends NYE Party

You guys! We are back on SGI for a special NYE party at Harry A's on St. George Island, FL! We have some friends coming too...

Music starts at 8pm | NO COVER

## New Years Eve Bash

December 31, 2017 @ 7:00 pm - January 1, 2018 @ 2:00 am

The Thirsty Goat, 501 Monument Ave.  
Port Saint Joe

Come ring in The New Year at The Thirsty Goat! We will have live music by The Currys, The Goat as always will be a Celebrate Twice Trolley Stop, Champagne Toast at midnight, and no cover charge!

## Red Pirate Family Grill & Oyster Bar The New Years Eve's Pirates Ball

Music, Free Party Favors and Drink Specials

Dec. 31st 2017  
9:00pm - 1:00am

## Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon

Wednesday ,January 3rd at Up The Creek Raw Bar  
313 Water St. Apalachicola at noon.

## THE CURRYS at Rio Carrabelle

Friday, January 5, 2018

THE CURRYS at Rio Carrabelle at 8 pm. Need I say any more...The Currys are our own Forgotten Coast Treasure!

% New Sessions  
73.41%

### Board of Directors

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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?  
Would like to be a volunteer with the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.  
Ideas and volunteers are always welcome. Feel free to call or email us with your ideas at [execdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:execdirector@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 2017-18, please feel free to call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 850-653-9419 or email John C. Solomon at [execdirector@apalachicolabay.org](mailto:execdirector@apalachicolabay.org)

Cluck that came from the Butt Contest) This contest will be judged at 4:00pm at the Community Center. Check [www.buttssandclucks.com](http://www.buttssandclucks.com) website for rules and applications.

With a total of \$10,000 in prize money and the winner moving on to the Jack Daniels Cook-off in Tennessee we expect this to be a wonderful annual event, which should bring Judges and Cook teams from all over to visit and enjoy our wonderful community. So far we have 13 teams from all over the south signed up to compete for the Championship.



## Sponsor the Butts & Clucks Event

We would like to offer the opportunity to sponsor this event. This event will bring many people into Franklin County and Apalachicola many that have never visited before.

Sponsors will enjoy seeing their logo on the back of the T-Shirts (Logo above is the front of T-Shirt), Radio Mentions, Newspaper Mentions, Multiple posts on Facebook, Newsletter, Visibility in the park during the event. All sponsors will be listed on the main webpage of the event.

We Would like to thank our Sponsors so far.

**Apalachicola Bay Animal Clinic**  
**Mainstream Merchant Services,**  
**Courtney Chason**  
**Apalachicola Ace Hardware**  
**Helen Spohrer, Realtor**  
**CW Roberts Contracting**  
**Indian Pass Raw Bar**  
**Backstreet Trading Company**  
**Builders by the Sea**  
**Apalachicola Seafood Grill**

Sponsorships:

**Chicken Sponsor**  
**\$250.00**

Name of Business on T-shirts  
1- T-Shirt, Radio Mentions, Newspaper Mentions, Multiple posts on Facebook, Newsletter, Visibility in the park during the event and Website. All sponsors will be listed on the main webpage of the event.

## Apalachicola Farmers Market



Saturday, January 6th & 20th 9am-1pm  
Located at the Mill Pond Pavilion at 479 Market St. in Apalachicola come out to get Local seafood, produce, honey, homemade breads, pies, jewelry, art and other regional specialties offered every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9 AM until 1 PM. If you or someone you know offers home grown or hand made products, and is interested in becoming a vendor, please email [apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:apalachicolafarmersmarket@gmail.com)

## Apalachicola Oyster Cook-Off January 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm - January 13, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

The event is held every year on the Friday and Saturday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in downtown Historic Apalachicola at Riverfront Park. All proceeds goes directly towards paying for the brand new fire truck they were able to purchase a few years ago, due to this sole fundraising event! This year's 8th Annual Oyster Cook-Off will be held January 12th and 13th, 2018 The event features a silent auction, oysters galore, shrimp, smoked mullet, hot dogs, hamburgers, local beer, live music, kids' activities, dancing performances and a 5K run! Enter your best recipe and be a contestant in the oyster cook-off or just come out and enjoy a day of wonderful food, refreshments and music.

## The Muscle Shoals Singer / Songwriter Series

January 12, 2018 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Rio Carrabelle, 102 St. James Ave  
Carrabelle, Florida 32322 + Google Map  
The Muscle Shoals Singer / Songwriter Series at 8 pm. Hosted by Donny Lowery is Rio Carrabelle's newest continuing series. Muscle Shoals is known for recording many hit songs from the 1960s to today and the music from the area is often referred to as the "Muscle Shoals Sound"! Donny has more than 100 songs recorded by country artists!

## INCONCERT

Friday, January 12, 2018  
Ilse Newell Fund For The Performing Arts presents Jazz at Rio Carrabelle January 12, 2018 at 7:30pm.

## Pig Sponsor \$500.00

Logo of Business on T-shirts  
2-T-Shirts, Radio Mentions, Newspaper Mentions,  
Multiple Posts on Facebook, Newsletter, Visibility  
in the park during the event / near concert and  
stage and Website. All sponsors will be listed on the  
main webpage of the event.

## Cow Sponsor \$1,000

Logo on T-Shirts, Awards Sponsors-Radio  
Mentions, Newspaper Mentions, Multiple Posts on  
Facebook, Newsletter, Visibility in the park during  
the event / at concert and Stage and Website. 12x12  
Location in park for a booth during the event. All  
sponsors will be listed on the main webpage of the  
event.

You can call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of  
Commerce for more information on Competing or  
Sponsoring the event at 850-653-9419 or email  
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### New Members

## Aqua Pro Water System

Aqua Pro Water Systems is the premier choice for water  
treatment solutions in Panama City, Panama City Beach,  
30A, Lynn Haven, Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, Cape San  
Blas, St. George Island, Pensacola, Destin, Fort Walton  
Beach & Surrounding Areas. We're an authorized  
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Systems company growth is a result of residential and  
commercial customers looking for professional water  
treatment solutions & affordable prices. Local  
representative for Aqua Pro Water Systems is Charlie  
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## Southern Towing

Home & Auto Locksmith, Tire repair & replacement.  
Towing big or small. Jump start, Lockout, Tires or  
Batteries. Southern Towing is the only Insurance  
Certified Towing in Franklin County. Owned by  
Brandon Atkinson.

## Centric Aviation LLC

Apalachicola Airport management team Centric  
Aviation is operated by Tara Maugham and Andrew

## Florida BBQ Association BBQ Judges Seminar

January 25th Battery Park 5:30-7:30  
Train and become a certified BBQ Judge.

## Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce presents: Butts & Clucks Cook-Off

January 26th & 27th  
Butts & Clucks is a Sanctioned event by the Florida  
BBQ Association. \$10,000 in prize money. Music  
Food and Fun The event will be held in Battery Park  
in historic Apalachicola January 26th and 27th 2018.

## St. George Island Lighthouse Full Moon Climb

January 31st 6:00pm-7:30pm  
The Full Moon Climbs at the Cape St. George  
Lighthouse on St. George Island are held every  
month and include light hors d'oeuvres and a  
sparkling cider toast to the full moon. Cost is \$15.00  
for the general public and \$10.00 for members of the  
St. George Lighthouse Association.  
After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of  
the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full  
moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for  
the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members.  
The Cape St. George Light is located in St. George  
Lighthouse Park at the center of St. George Island,  
where Island Drive (the road off the bridge) ends at  
Gulf Beach Drive. Parking is available in lots at  
either side of the park.  
Because space is limited, reservations are  
recommended. For reservations or more information,  
please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-  
7745.

## The Sarah Mac Band at the Dixie Theatre

February 3rd 6pm  
While the DIXIE's 20th Season was the last "proper  
season", we'll still be producing events throughout  
the year, this one being one of the most important as  
the Sarah Mac Band closes the book on their  
incredible collaboration after 12 years together. We  
want to celebrate our favorite band by giving them  
an appropriate send-off...At 6 PM Up the Stairs will  
host a Wine Tasting with delectable Hors  
d'oeuvres in the Theatre's Orchestra area. At 7:30 the  
Tasting ends and wine selections may be purchased,  
while we ready the stage for the "Dixie House  
Band's" final performance at 8 PM. While we're all  
so very sad to see this talented Trio call it a day, we  
certainly understand turning the page on a new  
chapter. Please join us on Saturday February 3 for a  
one of a kind event.

Reserved Tickets are \$50, while supplies last, and  
available a 3 locations.

Dixie Theatre at 21 Avenue E, 850.653.3200,  
Up the Stairs at 76 Market Street, 850.653.4888  
or OYSTERBONES® at 58 Market  
Street, 850.653.9144

Don't miss your chance to experience this  
monumental event.

## 2017 New Chamber Members

Skin Care Essentials

Hartman. They Provide aircraft services, fueling and hanger management.

### **Fools Gold VRBO #1004067**

Across the street from the beach on a private one acre lot! Fool's Gold features Gulf views from the comfort of a brand new home! The living area offers an open great room with a large, well stocked kitchen, spacious dining area, and comfy living room with a large flat screen TV.

The front porch, right off the living area is great for watching the sunrise over morning coffee or catching a great sunset with afternoon drinks.

### **Shannon Lease, Real Estate Sales Associate , The Naumann Group**

Shannon Lease joined The Naumann Group's Coastal Branch Division as a Real Estate Sales Associate in 2017. A native Floridian, she earned a Master's Degree in Counseling from Florida State University and spent the next 25 years in both executive level state government and the private sector - managing mission-oriented non-profits in Florida's Panhandle, including Apalachicola Riverkeeper, a 1500 member-supported non-profit dedicated to restoring and preserving the Apalachicola River and Bay. Unable to put off her passion for real estate any longer, Shannon is thrilled to be teaming up with Catherine Korfanty, a Broker Associate with The Naumann Group Real Estate, Inc. Throughout her life, Shannon has lived and adventured all along the Forgotten Coast and knows it well. St. George Island and its neighboring port, Apalachicola, are most special to her: "I've always loved the community here with its colorful blend of maritime history, commercial and recreational fishing and our low-impact tourism. I really do understand the powerful lure of our beautiful coastline. My dream to live here came true. Now, I'm excited for the opportunity to combine my unique knowledge of 'all things local' with my professional skills in social media marketing and photography to help others make their dreams a reality, too!" Shannon is currently living her dream in a quaint cottage in Apalachicola's Historic District, just two blocks from the pristine waters of Apalachicola Bay, its world-renown oysters and some of the best recreational fishing in the world.

### **Brett & Carrie Johnson AFLAC**

Add an extra layer of protection for life's speed bumps. At Aflac, we offer a wide range of insurance policies to help you feel confident about your coverage. New local representatives Brett & Carrie Johnson

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 Allen Family Childcare  
 Campaign to Elect Barbara Sanders  
 County Judge  
 Madewell Essential Oils  
 Outcasters Bait & Tackle  
 Pam Nobles Studio  
 Caroline Koch, Mary Kay  
 A-1 Air Conditioning  
 The Pelican of Apalach  
 Ashley's Cakes by the Bay  
 Doug's Fishermans Headquarters  
 Follow Me Realty: Tony Middleton  
 Captain Coy's Guide Fishing  
 Apalach Lawn Care  
 A Second Chance Bail Bonds  
 Matt's Small Engine Repair  
 Coastal Edge Salon & Spa  
 Indian Pass Raw Bar Uptown  
 Betternuttin Charters  
 Roberts & Roberts Inc  
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 Healing the Natural way with  
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 Bottoms Up  
 Express Lane  
 Doc Myers Island Sports Bar & Pub  
 Pendelton's Raw Bar ( The Station )  
 Segree Lines  
 B & D Promotions  
 Padgett's Door Service  
 Kelly's Coastal Kitchen  
 Ole Bay Charters  
 Constitution Title  
 Southern Salinity Guide Service and  
 Photography  
 Allegro Sailing and Cruises  
 Tyler Askew : Strategic Wealth Group  
 Forgotten Coast Flyers  
 Webers Little Donut Shop  
 Forgotten Coast Parrot Head Club  
 30A Television  
 Style Loft  
 Save our Shotguns  
 Tideline Charters  
 Blue Pearl Car Service  
 Sams On Site Service  
 Culligan Water Treatment  
 Coastal Interiors by Twila  
 Whatley Funeral Services  
 St. George Island Methodist Church  
 John & Julianna Rutz  
 Jerry & Andrea Marksbury  
 Live Communication 106.5  
 Gone Country Airboat Charters  
 The Shop  
 Gunner Pontoon Rentals  
 Franklin County School

## Growing Minds Center Inc

The mission of Growing Minds Center, Inc. is to give children with autism and other developmental disabilities the optimal potential to function and thrive in mainstream society. We provide intensive, behavioral therapy administered by a professional staff using only research-validated methods. Growing Minds Center is a school located in Port St. Joe, Florida. We serve children in Gulf county and the surrounding counties of Franklin and Bay.

## Backstreet Garden Art Gallery

An Eclectic collection of Wood, Metal, Canvas and Garden Art and Tropical Lamps. Owned by Beverly Hewitt & Jerry Hall, located in downtown Apalachicola.

## Jolly Roger Beach Shop

We are the only complete one-stop shop for all your vacation needs while vacationing on St. George Island! Our rentals include Gas powered Golf carts, Bicycles, Kayaks, Stand Up Paddle Boards, Beach Chairs, Fishing Poles and much more. We carry all the supplies you need to hit the beach including towels, sun block, floats, snorkel gear, fishing supplies and more! For the fisherman, we carry a complete line of rods and reels, hooks, lures and bait with Free expert advice and the best fishing spots to visit from our Captains. For the ultimate in fun book a boat trip, we offer pirate trips, sunset cruises, eco tours, air boat rides and more. Professional guide fishing trips are our specialty, we offer both ½ and full days in Apalachicola Bay, Apalachicola River and offshore. Enjoy the serene beauty of the Forgotten Coast with a kayak or paddle board excursion, we both rent and offer guided trips. If cooking is not your idea of fun, you're in luck...we offer private chef services and catering! Jolly Roger Beach Shop is a family owned business started from scratch 10 years ago to give the guests of St. George Island, Florida all the amenities deserved for a great beach vacation. As you can see we really do have everything! Be greeted with a friendly smile and lots of free area advice and information. We truly try harder to earn your business and keep it. Planning a trip to St. George Island, Florida? Stop by and see us on St. George Island.

## LegalMatch

LegalMatch has been assisting local consumers and small businesses address their legal issues since 2000. Our extensive 5000 article Law Library, a legal forum and legal blogs provide 24/7 legal information and our

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Aqua Pro Water Systems  
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Shannon Lease, The Naumann Group  
Brett & Carrie Johnson , Aflac  
Growing Minds Center  
Backstreet Garden Art Gallery  
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The Truck Link  
Marilyn Brogan Jewelry  
The Sea Grape Gallery  
Apalachicola Area Historical Society  
Houseland VRBO

online attorney/client matching system is FREE to use and allows people and businesses to post their case to local attorneys who may respond immediately with offers of service. Users can review attorney profiles and ratings of responding attorneys in order to make an informed choice.

## **Apalachicola Area Historical Society**

The history of the Apalachicola area is a patchwork of cultures woven together by the river and bay that surround this unique stretch of North Florida. You'll find echoes of Apalachicola's steamboat era along its historic waterfront and learn about the town's role in the Civil War. The Apalachicola Area Historical Society is a nonprofit organization devoted to preserving and promoting the area's history and preservation efforts. We welcome you as a member and supporter.

## **Chamber News**

### **Holiday Lights Contest Winners**



#### **Apalachicola Business**

The Gibson Inn - 51 Ave C

#### **Apalachicola Home**

Art & Bobbie Clough - 268 Hwy 98

#### **St. George Island Business**

Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop - 160 East Pine Ave

#### **St. George Island Home**

Joanna & Wesley McCall - 408 & 423 North Sawyer St.

#### **Eastpoint Business**

Ard's Tire & Service - 407 Hwy 98

#### **Eastpoint Home**

Jim & Pat McWhinne - 251 Hwy 98

## **Member News**



This year's 8th Annual Oyster Cook-Off will be held January 12th and 13th, 2018. The event features a silent auction, oysters galore, shrimp, smoked mullet, hot dogs, hamburgers, local beer, live music, kids' activities, dancing performances and a 5K run! Enter your best recipe and be a contestant in the oyster cook-off or just come out and enjoy a day of wonderful food, refreshments and music.

### **VOLUNTEERS!**



We will be having an appreciation party and job sign ups for this year's event Thursday January 4th, 2018 at Tapas Bar, 6-7pm. You are crucial to making this event possible and we want to thank all of our previous year's volunteers for all your hard work, so join us for appetizers and to pick up your free volunteer shirt Jan 4th. Bring a friend or neighbor who wants to make the 8th annual event, the best yet!!

**Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department  
Auxiliary loves artists!**





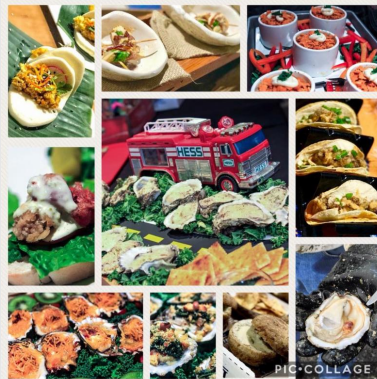
### "Art of the Oyster Fundraiser Paint Party", Exhibit and Auction

Calling up to 24 artists to participate in a painting party with an oyster theme. We want to give thanks and honor "The Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department" by creating art for auction at the Cook off and Fundraiser. Local Artist, Ed Springer will be on hand to provide coaching and advice.

16 x 20 Gallery ready canvases and acrylic paints will be supplied along with wine and appetizers.

Your completed Oyster Art painting will be on exhibit starting Friday, January 12th and be a featured auction item for preview Friday night from 6pm to 9pm. The auction continues throughout the day on Saturday.

### Calling All Chefs:



### Sign Up Today to Compete in the 8th Annual Apalachicola Oyster Cook-Off

For nearly a decade, Apalachicola has played host to one of the most fun, delicious and entertaining seafood competitions in the area.

And it wouldn't be possible without competitors. That's why we are looking for good chefs or wannabe's to showcase their culinary talents in the 8th Annual Apalachicola Oyster Cook Off, January 13th.

What's the objective, you might ask? And more importantly, what's at stake?

Teams will have 2 hours to create their dishes. From there, a panel of expert foodies will taste-test each oyster creation based on originality, predominance of oysters, taste and presentation. to determine the

Top 3 oyster dishes for their trophies and most importantly bragging rights!

Additionally, a People's Choice Award will be handed out, and audience participation (by way of tasting tickets used to purchase oysters throughout the day) will help determine the people's choice.

If you think you've got what it takes to compete, gather your team and act quickly! The entry fee is \$25.

And don't leave your family and friends behind, either. There's tons of activities on schedule for the weekend event, including the local craft beer, kid's activities, inflatable bouncy houses, art auction, live music, and much more!

Come enjoy our amazing town on the Beautiful Forgotten Coast and fill your bellies with fresh oysters while you're at it. And if you play your cards right, you might even go home a winner.

## Whatley Funeral Services

Whatley Funeral Service now offers pre-arranged services.

There are many benefits to taking care of your prearranged services before the time of need. Here, I'll give you a few of the most important:

- \*ensures your services are carried out to your specific preferences
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- \*eases the financial and emotional burden for your family

Call us today for more details at 850.227.3200  
507 Tenth Street  
Port St. Joe, Florida  
WhatleyFuneralServices.com

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