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Meetings

**Monthly Business Luncheon**

Wednesday, June 6th
Hosted by 10-4 BBQ
Next to Chamber of Commerce at
122 Commerce St.
Apalachicola
Noon

**June Business After Hours**

Chamber Business After Hours
Networking at its Best...
Thursday, June 14th
TBA

**July Chamber Business Luncheon**

Wednesday, July 11th
Doc Myers’ Island Pub & Sports Bar
36 West Pine Ave
St. George Island

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**2018 - 2019 Membership Renewals**

Invoices to all current Chamber Members were mailed this month. Membership dues for the 2018-2019 year are due on or by **July 1st, 2018**. If you did not receive your invoice and would like us to email it to you please contact us info@apalachicolabay.org or call us at 850-653-9419.

If you are not a current member and would like to join the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce email John at executrdirector@apalachicolabay.org or Sam at info@apalachicolabay.org or Nancy at sginancyh@gmail.com.

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**New Members**

**I-10 Beyond the Exits**

Owned by Angela Hathaway and located in Bonifay Florida. I-10 Beyond the Exits is a full color publication featuring places and events along the I-10 corridor in the Beautiful North West Florida Panhandle…and beyond! The magazine is published 2 times a year and over 120,000 copies distributed throughout Northwest Florida.

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**Sponsors**

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**Events**

**Bowery Station Music Schedule (May 31 - June 2)**

Summer is fully upon us, and with it Bowery Station is pleased to move into our "summer hours!" That's right,
Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce June Newsletter

Visitor Statistics

Apalachicola

April 2004 1,494
April 2005 1,189
April 2006 1,268
April 2007 2,200
April 2008 2,987
April 2009 2,497
April 2010 2,968
April 2011 2,731
April 2012 2,687
April 2013 2,379
April 2014 1,180
April 2015 1,342
April 2016 1,237
April 2017 1,942
April 2018 2,120

St. George Island

April 2018 1,298

April Website Stats

Users 16,513
New Users 15,216
Sessions 20,435
Number of Sessions per User 1.24
Pageviews 53,708
Pages / Session 2.63
Avg. Session Duration 00:02:18
Bounce Rate 57.17%

Real Paella

Real Paella offers a unique culinary experience and spectacular entertainment with live cooking demonstrations and the music to liven up your party with the sounds of Spain. The products we use are never processed, gluten free, with no artificial colors, MSG, flavors or preservatives. We use fresh seafood from the Gulf, and organic produce and pasture-raised chicken from local farms. At Real Paella we understand and embrace the importance of style and presentation and we have the experience and resources to make your event stress free and effortless for you.

10-4 BBQ, LLC

Professional Cook Team. Head BBQ Cook John Solomon. Competes in local and state competitions as well as provides assistance with fundraisers.

Catering Connections

Owned and operated by Colleen Sinor Catering Connections offers a wide variety of menu items from Apalachicola to Port St. Joe Restaurants for Intimate Dinners, Family Gatherings, Weddings & Events of any size. "Just 1 Call & you Feed Them All"

Sparks & Sons Island Grocery

Sparks and Sons’ Island Grocery is a full service grocery store located on beautiful St. George Island along Florida’s Forgotten Coast. Locally owned and operated, we are dedicated to providing high quality, reasonable prices and outstanding customer service. We proudly offer the freshest produce in the area, along with local seafood and an outstanding meat counter. Whether you are local, a “snowbird” or first time visitor, we look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our little store in paradise! Follow us on Facebook (@stgeorgeislandgrocery) and Instagram (stgeorgeislandgrocery) for specials, news and updates.

Better Business Bureau of Northwest Florida

For more than 100 years, Better Business Bureau has been helping people find businesses, brands and charities they can trust. BBB Serving Northwest Florida, founded in 1985 and serving 14 panhandle counties (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Franklin, Liberty, Gadsden, and Wakulla Counties), is one of over 100 local, independent BBBs across North America. In 2017, people turned to your local BBB more than 444,000 times for BBB Business Profiles and over during June and July you might notice a few changes to our days, nights and hours of operation. First, we will now be open Wed-Sat. (Taking an extra day of rest on Sundays) Further, you may have already noticed our hours are from 2-9pm... "or until the music stops." Well, it’s summer and you will find that everything slides a little later, more than likely a wee past 9pm on most summer nights... As is clearly evident by our scheduled music times. (Just keeping you all on your toes!) Also, take note that we will be closed the entire month of August...even live music enthusiast need some time to reflect on what a great year it was, and let the anticipation build for the year to come.

But enough about that, let’s take a look at what we have in store for live music this upcoming week!

Thursday, May 31 - We are proud and honored to have Ryan Broshear kick off his summer tour in Apalachicola at Bowery Station with a show from 6-9pm. Once recognized by Billboard magazine as “One of the top 10 artist to watch” Ryan puts on a remarkable performance every time he hits the stage! In today’s country music, there is not an overwhelming amount of artists and songwriters raring to tell you how “country” they are. And none exemplify the merge of the genuine country music genre with a hip fresh sound quite like Ryan Broshear. Born and raised on an Oxford Ohio farm, he is as charismatic and gifted as it gets. Ryan is carving out a successful career by writing and singing traditional leaning country music with a brilliant modern edgy feel. Bowery Station is pleased to continue our efforts to make Thursdays the New Friday in Apalachicola, and love doing so with this all show miss!

Friday, June 1 - Somebody say "Awww...Sh**!” as Johnny Barbato rolls into town for an afternoon show from 4-6pm. Johnny is a self proclaimed “Love song singing... Summmanabetch!” Get ready to kick your weekend off right with an “intimate” show as this Gulf Coast legend and Florabama mainstay takes you on a tour of blues rock and Americana with some of the best originals you will hear! Then, Garnet and Soul return for a show from 7-10pm! Mary has a sultry voice backed by keys, horns and percussion that brings on a wide range of genres with a captivating enthusiasm. From soul to jazz, funk a little RB&B with a sprinkling of Country Garnet and Soul has become one of the region’s most sought after acts and it is a blessing to have them join us at Bowery Station.

Saturday, June 2 - Here is a one of a kind day... first we open early at noon for a big day... then Cat Braaten takes the stage from 2-4pm to get us in the mood for... a wedding. That’s right, BS is poised to host a wedding that will rival any royal wedding you have ever witnessed. Patty and Michael of Boo Radley fame will be tying the knot at 5pm in a style and manner that only they could. And... you are invited! Patty and Michael wanted to share their special day with all of you that love and appreciate them, not only for their gift of music they share with us, but for the fine upstanding giving folks they are! Then, get ready to shake your booty off, as our happy couple has selected one of the funkiest, soulful, get down and dance your behind off groups to hit the BS stage... Tallahassee High Test! Directly after the ceremony at approximately 5:30... it’s game on as High Test starts one of their all original, improvised jams into the Apalachicola evening! Horns, Keys, and powerful heartfelt vocals are the trademark of High Test and no one can sit still once the fuse is lit! Come on out and celebrate with one of the finest couples to grace our stage...Patty and Michael! Boooooo00000000000000!

Sunday, June 3 - Get some salt and sand in your beers as we will see ya on the Beach as summer hours officially kick in!

The Gallery at High Cotton is excited to present:

Artworks by Jenny Odom and Beth Appleton
Chamber News

Business Luncheons and Business After Hours

If you or your business is interested in hosting a Business Luncheon or a Business After Hours in 2018-19, please feel free to call the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce at 850-653-9419 or email John C. Solomon at execdirector@apalachicolabay.org

Member News

Visit Legal Match

https://www.legalmatch.com/find/Florida-lawyers.html

Click to view the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Centers Commercial

57,000 times to request a business roster on more than 16,000 business profiles all available for free at bbb.org/nwfl.

Save the date! Friday, June 1, 2018, 5-7 pm: The Gallery at High Cotton is excited to present artworks by Jenny Odom and Beth Appleton. Please join us for good cheer and spirits as we celebrate summer and our colorful collaboration. We are located at 230 Water Street, in the High Cotton building in historic downtown Apalachicola, Florida. Drop in and say hello; regular gallery hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Feel free to share with friends.

Note from Beth and Dave: We are happy to announce our partnership with vibrant artist, Jenny Odom, as we share gallery/studio space with her now at The Gallery at High Cotton. We would love to see you at this opening but if you can't make it June 1st, our works can be seen during our regular hours listed above. Please email for more info or to arrange a personal visit.

Pam Nobles Studio Presents: 37th Annual Recital "A Red Carpet Affair"

June 2 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Pam Nobles Studio Presents: 37th Annual Recital "A Red Carpet Affair"
Saturday, June 2nd 11:11am and 6:02pm
Franklin County Seahawk Auditorium
Tickets are on Sale now - Call 653-8078 or stop by Pam Nobles Studio at 86 Market St. in Apalachicola anytime between 3:30 and 6:00 pm

Taste of Art - Silk Scarves
June 5 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm $30
Learn a smorgasbord of silk painting techniques to create lovely silk scarves of your very own design! Come to one or all... everyone and anyone can learn to paint on silk! Make some new friends as you explore this beautiful activity, and at the end of the night, you take home your creation. All supplies included. No experience necessary. Classes are $35 and include materials. Wine, cheese and sundry artsy munchies will be provided but feel free to bring a bottle or nibble to share. See you there!
Call 850-927-2303 TO REGISTER TODAY
Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce June Newsletter

Monthly Luncheon
Wednesday June 6th at Noon
Will be hosted by John Solomon & 10-4 BBQ
Menu: Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and Roll.
It will be held in the park next to the Chamber of Commerce at 122 Commerce St. in Apalachicola.

Reserve Wednesday's
June 6 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ANERR, 108 Island Drive
Eastpoint
Upcoming Reserve Wednesday Talks: June, July and August
Every Wednesday during the summer Sea Turtle Talks 2pm-3pm

Forgotten Coast Parrot Head Club
Monthly Gathering of the Phlock
Doc Myers Island Pub on St. George Island
Wednesday June 6th at Doc Myers Island Pub & Sports Bar
Gather at 5:00
Get down to business @ 5:30
Over at 6:30-7ish

Marine Lab Hosts St. Teresa Lecture
June 7 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
The FSU Coastal & Marine Lab will host a presentation on June 7 about the history of St. Teresa. Ed Moore, an area native whose family dates back to the founding of St. Teresa, will utilize maps, letters, newspaper articles, photographs, local histories, deeds and other legal documents to trace the origin and development of this community located in eastern Franklin County. The June 7 lecture will be hosted at the FSU Coastal & Marine Lab from 7-8 pm. The lecture is part of the Conservation Lecture Series, Enhancing Global Coastal Literacy in Florida.

Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament
June 9
Annual Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament. Kids 16 and under will fish for fresh and saltwater species. Each entry receives a t-shirt, and after the tournament, entrees are invited to attend a cookout at Fisherman's Choice in Eastpoint. Entry is free!
Saturday, June 9th & 23rd 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

Women's Fishing Clinic
June 9 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
A free Women's Fishing Clinic will be held at the Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park on Saturday, June 9 from 9-5 pm. Hosted by the Florida Wildlife Commission, the day-long clinic will teach basic angling skills, safety, ethics and conservation stewardship in a fun laid-back atmosphere. Participants will learn knot tying, cast netting, rod and reel rigging, fish and habitat identification and catch-and-release techniques. If conditions allow, women will practice their newly learned skills fishing from the shore. Fishing equipment and bait are provided during the clinic but participants are encouraged to bring their own gear. All participants must have a valid recreational fishing license. Registration is limited

Mullet Toss
June 9 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
The Blue Parrot Oceanfront Cafe, 68 West Gorrie Drive St. George Island
This event takes place on the second Saturday of June each year. The Mullet Toss is sponsored by The Blue Parrot for the benefit of local charities. Visitors and locals compete for prizes and bragging rights. There are prizes for the longest throws in the men's, women's and kids divisions. Located on the Blue Parrot Beach 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

July 4th Paint Party Fundraiser for HCA

July 4th Paint Party Fundraiser
Saturday, June 9th 6PM-7PM
90 Water Street
Join us for a fun night of 4th of July themed painting with local artists. Artwork will be donated and put on display at HCA, and available for purchase. All remaining artwork will be sold at a silent auction during the 4th of July Fireworks. To sign up and reserve artwork, please visit https://www.facebook.com/events/2264623609376037/1. If you cannot attend the paint party, but would like to make a donation, artwork will be accepted until Thursday, June 7th. All proceeds will be donated to Apalachicola Centre for the Arts, culture & art.
June 9 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
July 4th Paint Part Fundraiser Saturday June 9th 5pm-7pm at HCA at 86 Water St. in Apalachicola.
Join us for a fun night of 4th of July themed painting with local artists.
Artwork will be donated and put on display at HCA and available for purchase. All remaining artwork will be sold at a silent auction during the Riverfront Park July 3rd event.
To Sign-up and help support the HCA email: apalachicolaschoolofart@gmail.com
All Proceeds will be donated to the Apalachicola Center for History, Culture & Art.

Cuban Food History Demo
June 13 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Eastpoint Public Library, 160 Hickory Dip Rd
Eastpoint, FL 32328
Libraries in Eastpoint and Carrabelle are teaming up to host a unique variety of summer reading programs this month.
The Eastpoint Library will host a Cuban Food History and Cooking Demonstration on Wednesday, June 13 at 1 pm.
Marisella Veiga, author of We Carry Our Homes With Us - A Cuban American Memoir, will share her memoir and the history of some Cuban Recipes, complete with a cooking demonstration.

Tony Partington & Frank Miceli - Soft and Sentimental
June 13 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm $10
Tony Partington and Frank Miceli have been musical colleagues for years. They are, as the Italians say, “Simpatico.” Their connection is the love of beautiful music. This program is just that: A selection of personal favorites. They range from Jazz Standards to beautiful Neapolitan Canzone. All are delivered Soft and Sentimental and with the love and joy these two fine artists have when making great music together. Tickets are $10 per person and can be purchased online or at Cat Pointe Music. For more information about this and our other performances and events, call 850-688-0952 or visit www.catpointemusic.com
Cat Pointe Music, 29 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328
Don't forget to BYOB!

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Traditional Japanese Drumming
June 14 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Event is free and open to all ages. Join the Franklin County Public Library's Summer Reading Program Presentation of Tampa Taiko Drums. Join us for an exciting, interactive time of traditional Japanese drumming featuring BIG, LOUD DRUMS.

Cinematic Journeys
June 16 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
The Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art will host Cinematic Journeys, a presentation by National Geographic filmmaker Kevin McCarey on Saturday, June 16. McCarey, best known for his Emmy-award winning environmental work in films and books, will talk about his environmental film career that has taken him from remote
Pacific Islands to Africa's Kalahari Desert. The 3 pm talk will be followed by a discussion on writing the travel adventure memoir. McCarey will also be available afterwards to sign his most recent work Oceans Apart. Book signing from 5-6pm.

**Shaken and Stirred at Cat Pointe Music**
June 17 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm $10
Cat Pointe Music is pleased to announce that we have booked Shaken and Stirred for an afternoon concert, 3 - 5 pm on June 17th, Father's Day. Come on out to the Pointe on Father's Day for an afternoon of wonderful music by the area's hottest new trio, Shaken and Stirred! Their repertoire is varied and eclectic so there's something for everyone. Shaken and Stirred is Carol Harris, Randy Mims and Charles Elliott. All local favorites and all consummate musicians. Admission is $10 per person and you can get tickets online or at Cat Pointe Music in Eastpoint! Spend Father's Day enjoying music that's sure to please. Come see Shaken and Stirred at Cat Pointe Music! Don't forget to BYOB!

**Hobson Fulmer at Cat Pointe Music**
June 20 @ 12:00 am
Cat Pointe Music, 29 Island Drive
Eastpoint, FL
Hobson Fulmer returns to Cat Pointe Music for an evening of acoustic music, stories and a good time. Known region-wide as the voice of the popular rock group Southern Flood, here is an opportunity to hear this talented performer in a more intimate setting with a repertoire that's multi-faceted and personal.

**Magician Michael Crosniak**
June 21 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Come enjoy an exciting hour of magic with a performance and workshop by Magician Michael Crosniak. Programs are free and open to the public. All ages welcome. Part of the Franklin County Public Library's Summer Reading Program. 2 pm performance at the Eastpoint Branch Library; 4 pm performance at the Carrabelle Branch Library

**The Forgotten Coast Parrot Head Club's 2nd Annual - The Longest Day**
June 23 @ 7:00 am - 11:00 pm
Sponsoring our 2nd Annual - The Longest Day. A fundraiser to raise funds and awareness for The Alzheimer's Association.
7am - 5k Run
8am - 5k Phun Walk
1pm - Phamily Phun at Doc Myers' - Giant water slide, face painting, cornhole, and Dunk Tank with special guests - You know them all!
3pm - Cornhole Tournament
5pm - 5 O'clock Somewhere Party with Jimmy Buffett cover artist, Bwana Ray. $10 Low Country Boil, The Landshark Team with giveaways, amazing Silent Auction, 50/50 raffle, and so much more!
Apalachicola Riverkeeper's Field Trips
June 23
Explore your river and basin with us! Our volunteer-led eco-outing are fun and memorable. We hike and kayak in the spring and fall. We kayak year round. Group size is limited and registration is required. Trips are donation based. Paddle trips and hikes are free to members. Donations are always appreciated, as this is a volunteer-based program. Our skilled trip leaders truly enjoy introducing people to the river system. Loaner kayaks are also available. Paddlers and hikers need to bring: water; snacks/lunch; sunscreen; and hat. Paddlers, please wear clothing that won't weigh you down if it gets wet. Synthetics like nylon blends are best. No jeans or boots. Please contact us at outreach@apalachicolariverkeeper.org to register or call 850-653-8936. Sign up for our mailing list to receive 4th Saturday Paddle and Basin Hike updates.

Herbs & A Healthy Lifestyle
June 27 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Eastpoint Public Library, 160 Hickory Dip Rd
Eastpoint
Herbalist Denise Williams will host a discussion and demonstration concerning Poultices at the Eastpoint Library on June 27 at 1 pm. The same program will be presented at the Carrabelle Library on Friday, June 29 at 1 pm. Presented as part of the summer reading program. Sponsored by the Franklin County Friends of the Library.

St. George Light Full Moon Climb
June 27th
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.

Will Keating, Puppeteer
June 28 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Eastpoint Public Library, 160 Hickory Dip Rd
Eastpoint
Puppeteer Will Keating will present a children's puppet show "Wizzle's New Beat" at the Eastpoint Library on Thursday, June 28 at 1 pm and again at the Carrabelle Library at 4 pm.
Carrabelle 4th of July fireworks
July 2
Carrabelle Visitor Center, 105 St James Ave
Carrabelle, FL
The City of Carrabelle will be having our annual 4th of July fireworks this year on Monday July 2nd. With Apalachicola's fireworks being on July 3rd and St. George Island on July 4th you have the opportunity to see all three shows. Make your reservations now to come visit us for these great events!

Apalachicola Main Street presents
Apalachicola's Independence Eve Celebration
Tuesday, July 3 at Riverfront Park starting at 5 p.m. The event features live music, food trucks, a parade, ice cream social, veterans' tribute, a performance of the National Anthem, and the best fireworks show on the Forgotten Coast. This year's featured entertainment will be the Bo Springs Band. The Red, White and Blue Parade coordinated by Franklin's Promise Coalition starts at Lafayette Park at 6:30. This Apalachicola tradition welcomes golf carts, people on bicycles, and even dogs to get decked out in patriotic colors and join in. Free ice cream brings everyone together at Riverfront Park at the end of the parade. The fireworks are launched from a barge in the river, creating a spectacular display of lights over the water. Reserved seating is available.
www.july3fireworks.com or 844-272-2523.

4th of July Freedom Fest
July 4 @ 2:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Blue Parrot, 8 West Gorrie Drive
St. George Island, Fl
Come celebrate our great country's spirit of freedom and independence. Watch the greatest fireworks display on the Island from the Blue Parrot decks. Have a delicious fresh seafood dinner while the sky lights up. Enjoy drinks from the Tiki Bar while the crowd oooohs and aaahs. Music and fun. Check out our Special Events page to learn about other great events at Blue Parrot!