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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

See You In Historic Downtown Fort Pierce on *March 21*

by Sue Dannahower




Save the Date! Saturday, March 21, 2020. You won't want to miss the *Bev Smith Automotive Group's Sandy Shoes Seafood & Brew Festival*. This is my favorite festival. Lots of great seafood, a *Citrus Squeeze-Off*, *Celebrity Cooking Demonstrations*, *Chowder Competition*, *Beer Garden*, great entertainment and so much more is on the schedule for this iconic event.

We need volunteers: folks to pour beer, man the information booth, help in the VIP room or beer garden. We love our volunteers. If you are looking for a way to get involved with your community, please come find out what we are all about. *Main Street* has over 30 events each year that are designed to bring people to downtown Fort Pierce or to raise money

for projects that enhance the downtown area. Do you like to work at events? Besides the *Sandy Shoes Festival*, other events include the *Fourth of July "Stars over St. Lucie"* celebration and the *Reverse Raffle* in August.

Members are an important part of our organization. If you are not a member, I urge you to join today. For as little as \$25 per year you can be a part of this exciting organization. Your personal involvement and membership commitment will help *Main Street Fort Pierce* accomplish goals, set new ones, and support downtown's economic wellbeing, revitalization and cultural vibrancy in the very heart and soul of our downtown community. We strive to make Fort Pierce a shopping, business and entertainment destination.

Remember, to shop and dine local in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. ❖



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Dine, Shop and Enjoy Beautiful, Historic, Downtown Fort Pierce!



MONTHLY EVENTS

March 5, Thursday: *HISTORIC TROLLEY TOURS* — 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.; in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce; Reservations required, \$10 per person; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; mainstreetfortpierce.org.

March 6, Friday: *FRIDAY FEST* — 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Marina Square & Melody Lane; live music by **Daniel Keith Band**; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; mainstreetfortpierce.org.

March 7, Saturday: *TOUR OF HISTORIC CRAINE HOUSE* — 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce; Call 772-801-5729, ext 103.

March 7, Saturday: *HISTORIC TROLLEY TOURS* — 1:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.; in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce; Reservations required, \$10 per person; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; mainstreetfortpierce.org.

March 14, Saturday: *4TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL* — 2:00 to 11:00 p.m.; **Sailfish Brewing Company & 2nd Street Bistro**; See story page 5.

March 20, Friday: *COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR* — 8:00 a.m. at the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**; *Sponsor* — **Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society**; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; mainstreetfortpierce.org.

March 20, Friday: *ARTWALK* — 5 to 8:00 p.m.; Various studios and shops open throughout the downtown area; seriouslymixedmedia.com, artconnectionfp.com.

March 21, Saturday: *SANDY SHOES SEAFOOD & BREW FESTIVAL* — Veteran's Memorial Park; 10:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.; 466-3880.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesdays: *Wednesday Green Market & Food Co-Op* — rain or shine 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., Downtown Marina Square; 971-8480.

Saturdays: *The Jazz Market* — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; north side of the Downtown Fort Pierce Library; Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5299; jazzsociety.org.

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Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.: *Fin-Tastic Fish Feeding* — come meet the fishes in the Center.

SUNDAY DOWNTOWN CHURCH SERVICES

Common Ground Vineyard Church — 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; 460-5414, commongroundvineyard.com.

First United Methodist Church — 9:30 a.m.; 464-0440, umatter2Godandus.com.

Fort Pierce Haitian United Methodist Church; 940-6728, haitianmethodist.org.

Notre-Dame Mission Catholic Church — 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.; 466-9617, notredamecc.com.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church (founded 1893) — 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.; adult Bible study 9:15 a.m., nursery provided; 461-5009 mystandrews.org.

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Book Lecture and Discussion on Tuesday, March 3 at 1 p.m. featuring local author Victor Begg as he discusses his book *Our Muslim Neighbors*.

Evolution of Irish Folklore and Celtic Tales on Thursday, March 12 at 1 p.m. Dr. Dennis Sommers, Professor of Irish history and literature returns to delight us with the lyrical tales of Irish Folklore and their influence on Irish writers.

Genealogy Lecture Tuesday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m.: An informative and entertaining presentation by character actor Lonnie Kirsch as she portrays Susan B. Anthony in celebration of Women's History Month. Offered in partnership with the Treasure Coast Genealogical Society.

Page to Screen Movie and Book Discussion, Friday, March 20 at 1 p.m.: *All the King's Men* (2006) is a remake of the 1949 classic by Robert Penn Warren about a ruthless Louisiana politician.

Art in the Afternoon, Wed. March 25th at 3 p.m.: Try your hand at watercolor painting! Artist Kathrine Taylor will guide you through a basic drawing lesson and watercolor techniques. All materials provided, first come first served. No registration is necessary

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St. Patrick's Day on 2nd Street



St. Patrick's Day on 2nd Street is coming back to Downtown Fort Pierce on Saturday March 14th for the 4th year in a row! Hosted by **Sailfish Brewing Company** and **2nd Street Bistro**, this annual block party is full of family fun for everyone. There will be live music,

street vendors, artists, street bars, children's activities, and interactive games on the street from 2:00–11:00 p.m. Come paint the streets green with **Sailfish** and **2nd Street Bistro**!

The String Assassins, 2–4 p.m. Acoustic power jam band that melds rock, punk and bluegrass influences into an energetic, fast-paced performance that has to be seen and heard to believe!

Rivertown, 5–7 p.m. Fort Pierce band with influences of Irish music, alternative country, rock & folk. Guitars, drums, banjo, mandolin, harmonica and vocals.

The Mona Lisa Tribe, 8–11 p.m. Female-fronted folk band that specializes in three-part harmonies and writing original, fun, folk music with a modern twist. ❖

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The **Blessing of the Fleet** is a time-honored tradition where vessels are blessed to mark the beginning of a safe boating season. From powerboats to sailboats, canoes to kayaks, and riverside spectators, this tradition is for you! Help us celebrate Fort Pierce's historic waterfront during this unique event. The procession will begin at the Turning Basin and parade east toward the Fort Pierce Inlet. Each boat will be blessed as they pass the Coast Guard vessel.

Everyone is invited to a free Community barbecue following the parade with marine safety booths, demonstrations by the U.S. Coast Guard and live music starting at 12:00 noon at South Causeway Park (414 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce).

This event is made possible thanks to a partnership between the *City of Fort Pierce*, **Fort Pierce City Marina**, **St. Andrew's Episcopal Academy**, **Freedom Boat Club** and the *United States Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce*.

Online registration is required for fleet blessing participation. Please visit: lovefortpierce.com/about-blessingofthefleet for more information, or contact the *City of Fort Pierce* at 772.467.3031. ❖

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Fort Pierce Yacht Club Hosts March Events

by Diane Korbey, Commodore

March is a busy month in the *City of Fort Pierce* and at the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club!** With our part-time members here and visitors in the area, it is the perfect time to ratchet up our activities on and off the water.

We kick the month off with a **Dock Party** for area boaters (free and open to non-member boat owners), to be held on March 1st. Snacks, cash bar and lots of like-kind people to meet and greet will make for a great party outside on our patio and deck. The Club will familiarize attendees with activities that our Club has to offer “on the water” and the socializing we do off the water. There will be a raffle for a 4-month affiliate membership in the Club and a free entry into our fundraiser **On the Water Poker Run**, as well as a prize for the best dressed boater. If you own a boat, come by land or sea at 5 p.m. and join the festivities!

On March 11th, **Boating Women’s Meet and Greet** kicks off our *Women Boater’s Week*. Wednesday evening at 5 p.m., we invite all the women in the area who would like to meet other women boaters. There will be a cash bar, snacks and great conversation, and a raffle for a 4-month affiliate membership and for a free entry into the **On the Water Poker Run**. We don’t know how this first-time gathering will evolve — into a quarterly social gathering? with speakers? with training for women? We want you to tell us!

If you are a woman sailor who owns a sailboat, join us on March 14th for our annual **Betty Jo Memorial Offshore Sailboat Race**. We will have approximately eight female-skipped boats competing in a 6.8- to 11.2-mile offshore course with a staggered start. Men are welcome aboard, but we encourage no more than 40% males. We have one all-women crew registered for the event. If you don’t own a boat, you can skipper in the race, then message us through our Facebook page for a crew spot. All participants are welcome to our celebratory dinner on March 15th which will be a Low Country Boil.

On March 19, we will hold our monthly *Third Thursday Eco Evenings* talk — and this month our final speaker of the season will Billy Stover from NSAS speaking on “Tracking Earth’s Vanishing Resources” from space. This will be amazing!

Our **3rd Annual On the Water Poker Run** will be held on



March 22nd. This poker run is a fun day out on the water, gathering cards at docks from Causeway Cove Marina in the south to Harbor Branch in the north. We also offer a paddle course that will originate in Inlet Park; paddle boards and kayaks have been donated for the event by **Lisa’s Kayaks**. This event raised funds to sponsor a summer marine research intern at **FAU Harbor Oceanographic Institute**. Join in and win a \$500 cash award for the *Best Hand*. More information is available on fortpiercelyachtclub.com.

Capping off a month of on- and off-the-water activities for boaters, we join **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society** on March 29 for our annual **Dollars for Scholars** fundraiser. This event enables scholarships for area music students. The event will be a brunch on the patio and deck of the Club, with music provided by **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society**. And the brunch caps off a week of jazz in downtown Fort Pierce! Contact **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society** for more information.

An amazing array of activities in the City of Fort Pierce also enhances the month. Hope you are ready to join us! ❖



Mayor's Message **Keeping Fort Pierce and Our Waterways Clean**

by Linda Hudson, Mayor, City of Fort Pierce



Thanks to a grant from **Wells Fargo**, *Blue Tube* devices that hold plastic bags used to clean trash are being installed along the Indian River Lagoon and Moore's Creek. The use of plastic bags, like those supplied by grocery and other retail stores, will keep those bags out of the Lagoon, and will allow and encourage walkers and volunteers to pick up trash and debris along the linear parks on the Lagoon and Moore's Creek.

The *City of Fort Pierce* sought and received support for the *Blue Tube Project* from the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**, **A.E. Backus Museum**, the **Manatee Observation and Education Center (MOEC)**, **St. Andrew's Episcopal Academy** and *Men of the Sword*, a volunteer group that already holds quarterly



cleanups along Moore's Creek, in conjunction with the *Marine Cleanup Initiative*, *City of Fort Pierce* and St. Lucie County. *Blue Tubes* are planned at **St. Andrews Episcopal Academy**, *St. Lucie County Kilmer Library*, **City Marina**, **MOEC**, **River Walk Center**, **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**, **Fisherman's Wharf**, and 7th, 9th and 10th Streets along Moore's Creek.

Blue Tubes have been installed at South Beach Parks and have proved to be successful in keeping beach parks clean. The beach *Blue Tubes* were paid for by the *Fort Pierce South Beach Association (FPSBA)*. Volunteers for FPSBA work year-round to clean parks and beaches. Their hours are tracked and reported to the City of Fort Pierce. In 2018, volunteers worked enough hours for a full-time employee, and 2019 volunteer hours surpassed 2018.

The *City of Fort Pierce* plans **Great American Cleanup** on March 7, 2020, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Volunteers will meet at the **Fort Pierce Recreation Center** 903 S. 21st St., for registration and work on projects throughout the city. In addition, *Corridor Cleanups* have been held at U.S. #1 and K Mart Plaza and 25th Street and Dreamland Park. *Corridor Cleanups* are scheduled for April 18 on North U.S. #1 and City Hall and on July 25, at Indian River Drive and Veterans Memorial Park. Students who participate in these cleanups earn community service hours.

Taking a walk along Lagoon and Moore's Creek linear parks? Take along a plastic bag and pick up trash (wear gloves for your safety), or deposit the bag in any of the *Blue Tubes* along your way. Want to help with *Keeping Fort Pierce and our Waterways Clean*? Contact the *City of Fort Pierce* Public Works Department. ❖

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Anita Prentice Fort Pierce Art Trail

by Sue Dannahower



Main Street Fort Pierce presents the **Fort Pierce Art Trail** hosted by Anita Prentice. This is a unique opportunity to get to know Anita and her vast collection of art in Fort Pierce. She has completed over 175 Mosaic benches and so much more. Spend the morning exploring sites where Anita has her artwork installed.

Attendees will meet at Anita's studio in Historic Casa Caprona. This is the location that Anita Prentice creates the magic. See her workspace, where the materials are stored and the tools that Anita uses to create the beautiful painted mosaics.

Then on to *Highwaymen* gravesites in Pine Grove Cemetery. Anita has adorned them with copies of the deceased's artwork. You will visit the graves of Alfred Hair, Livingston "Castro" Roberts, John Maynor and Carnell "Pete" Smith.

The next stop will be the mural of a Royal Poinciana Tree honoring the *Highwaymen* at the Intermodal Transit Station. A mosaic and 26 plaques, each with a single name, are located on the west wall of the Station dedicated

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on August 23, 2011. The work is a collaborative effort of Anita Prentice and Pat Cochran.

On to the Platts/Backus House for a private tour. Fort Pierce's first doctor built the house in 1895. Then artist Beanie Backus lived there from 1960 – 1990. This is now the office of *Main Street Fort Pierce*. Anita created the beautiful mosaic door mat at the home's entrance.

Next stop, Veterans Memorial Park on North Indian River Drive. Local artist Ginny Piech-Street and Anita collaborated on memorial benches of the various military branches.

Last is a trip over the bridge to South Jetty Park where we will view 16 benches with indigenous fish and 2 memorial benches.

Anita Prentice's *Fort Pierce Art Trail* is offered on two dates: Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th. This 2½ hour tour starts at 10:00 a.m. at Casa Caprona. The cost is \$15 per person. Registration is required. Payment is due at time of registration. Call *Main Street Fort Pierce* at (772) 466-3880.

Registration is limited to 20 attendees. Carpooling is encouraged. There is very little walking as we will be driving to each stop. Lunch is not included but there are four great restaurants at the South Jetty to choose from: **Taco Dive, Hurricane Grill, Square Grouper** and **Rhum Cay**. ❖

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The Backus Museum Welcomes Home Famed Florida Artist James F. Hutchinson For Special Exhibition “Visionary Truths”

Florida Artists Hall of Fame inductee James F. Hutchinson returns to the **Backus Museum** for a special exhibition of his majestic oil paintings. “James F. Hutchinson: Visionary Truths” opens Friday, February 21 and continues through Sunday, April 26. The exhibition’s opening reception will be held on Friday, March 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with the artist in attendance. Members may attend the reception free; not-yet members \$20. The Museum is located at 500 North Indian River Drive in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce.

Years before the first Florida *Highwayman* found his way to Fort Pierce, a striking woman entered the studio at 103 Avenue C with her teenaged brother in tow. The talented teen was a bright young Jim Hutchinson, led there by his older sister, Patricia (or “Patsy”), who was looking for lessons to encourage the artistic talents of the boy. Patsy made an impression on the resident artist, A.E. “Bean” Backus, and on that day in 1948, he opened his studio to the youngster, even though Backus was not known for giving the kind of step-by-step lessons a student might expect. Jim Hutchinson maintained that maybe Bean was more interested in courting his sister than teaching him to paint. Despite this, immersed in a creative environment and under the watchful eye of a master artist, Hutchinson honed his sight and skills, developing into a gifted artist in his own right. Hutchinson, like so many others, traced his beginnings to the open-door policy of Bean Backus. Two years after that introduction, Patsy and Bean married, starting their own creative partnership, and a few months later Hutchinson graduated from Martin County High School and headed off to college. In 1952, he joined the

U.S. Navy (like his brother-in-law Bean had ten years earlier) for a short stint, then attended The School of Illustration and Cartooning in New York City on the G.I. Bill to further refine his skills. Returning home in 1954, he worked at the original McKee Jungle Gardens as a tour guide and botanist, befriended Waldo Sexton, and in the late 1950s started joining Backus on his regular painting trips to Jamaica. But as his talent continued to grow, he knew that he needed to make his own artistic path beyond Bean’s shadow and explore the environment with his own vision, and in his own way.

From 1959–1965, Hutchinson had his most profound and inspiring creative experiences to date as an artist, experiences that would resonate within him for the rest of his career. Hutchinson and his wife Joan moved west to live among, study, and paint Florida’s Seminole and Miccosukee peoples on the Brighton Reservation/Big Cypress Reservation. This was a transformational moment in time, as their traditional customs and lifestyles were



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beginning to drift and yield to the dominant modern culture of 1960s Florida. During this period, Hutchinson became close friends with many of the Seminole elders, including Billy Bowlegs, Charlie Cypress, Charlotte Tommy, and Billy Osceola. In 1971, Hutchinson received a major grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations to paint 50 works representing the Seminole culture, producing a significant body of work that documented and celebrated the distinctiveness of these Native Americans. The State of Florida arranged for the paintings to go to the state capitol, and later travel throughout the state. From 1975–79, Hutchinson was asked to serve on the state Council of Indian Affairs due to his extensive experiences and advocacy for the Seminole peoples. And in 1980, his art again was used to represent the state, when a set of lithographs of Hutchinson’s Seminole War Leaders was given to dignitaries during Governor Bob Graham’s visit to Europe.

For nearly twenty more years he continued to paint his home state, as well as other places that would inspire him. In 1998, he and his family decided to embark on a new artistic adventure, moving to the Big Island of Hawai’i, where his keen observer’s eye and affinity and respect for indigenous peoples led him to study the lush landscapes of the island chain, and the culture and beauty of the native Hawaiians. Shortly after Hutchinson was inducted in 2011 into the *Florida Artists Hall of Fame*, he decided that after fourteen years living in Hawai’i, it was time to return home, and found his way back to Sewall’s Point, where he continues to paint in his studio residence. “Jim Hutchinson is almost a legendary artist these days,” says **Backus Museum** director J. Marshall Adams. “He’s enjoyed a long and creatively vibrant career. His art has brought fresh and important appreciation for the beauty of our natural environment, for the respect and dignity of Native Americans, and his compelling and sensitive vision has represented the State of Florida at home and abroad. He has traveled far and wide in those years, but we’re pleased to welcome him ‘home’ in this exhibition, to where it all began.”

James F. Hutchinson: Visionary Truths features more than 30 oil paintings that present the exquisite variety of scenes from Florida, Hawai’i, Jamaica, and the American West, as well as perceptive Seminole portraits and glimpses of a vanished way of life, all rendered with deep and genuine insight by a modern master. *James F. Hutchinson: Visionary Truths* is on view February 21 – April 26. For more information, please visit www.BackusMuseum.org. The exhibition is generously sponsored by **Fee, Yates and Fee Attorneys at Law**. ❖



Fort Pierce Memories

100 years ago...

A.K. Wilson Sells Out His Four Newspapers

The News Printing company, publishers of the Fort Pierce News, of which R.H. Glenn is president and editor, has purchased the St. Lucie County Tribune, semi-weekly, the Stuart Messenger and the Fellsmere Tribune, weeklies, from A.K. Wilson and will continue publication of the four newspapers. The plants are valued at \$10,000.

It is understood that the News Printing company will begin the publication of a daily in December or January to run during the tourist season each year, until conditions warrant an all-year daily.

As reported in the March 9, 1920 edition of The Miami News

Florida Cold Snap Causes \$5,000,000 Loss

The recent cold snap wrought great damage to early truck and citrus fruit extending throughout the central part and into southern Florida. Temperatures of 34 above at Miami, and 32 at Tampa established – new records and inflicted losses estimated at \$5,000,000. The temperature at Fort Pierce reached a low record of 38 above zero.

As reported in the March 3, 1920 edition of the Oakland Tribune

75 years ago...

Fort Pierce Amphibious Base Will Observe Third Birthday

As the Amphibious Training Command of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet observes its third anniversary today, alumni of this base in Florida waters are in action in war theatres around the world, Capt. Clarence Gulbranson, USN, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base here, said Thursday.

Underwater demolition teams trained here cleared Jap-placed obstacles from the beaches at Iwo Jima, and assault boat officers and crews from flotillas trained at Fort Pierce were among those that successfully put the Marines ashore there, Capt. Culbranson said.

There was word, too, that other assault boat forces, trained here at Fort Pierce, were participating in amphibious crossings of the Rhine as Gen. Eisenhower's massed armies pressed for a final decision in the war with Germany.

The Amphibious Training Command, that has trained more than 400,000 officers and men who have already spearheaded 35 major invasions, was set up by Rear Adm. Roland W. Brainard, USN acting under dispatch orders, on March 16, 1942, at Norfolk, VA.

The Fort Pierce Base was commissioned by Capt. Gulbranson –

who has been its only commanding officer – on Jan. 26, 1943, and has trained thousands of assault boat personnel; together with demolitionaires and scouts and raiders...

The anniversary day, on Friday, will be observed here with a public ceremony, at Jaycee Field, at which awards and citations will be presented to men who have earned them in action and are now on duty here, Capt. Gulbranson said.

Capt. Gulbranson, veteran of 36 years in the Naval service, established the base here after serving as commodore of a transport division during the North African landings.

He has remained in command at the USNATB during its expansion and growth, during which it has become much larger than the St. Lucie County countyseat that is its official host. The intensive Base training program is carried on at North and South Island camp sites, just offshore, and isolated for more than two years.

The Navy Legion of Merit was recently awarded to Capt. Gulbranson for "exceptionally outstanding service" in training invasion boat crews for overseas amphibious operations against enemy-held shores...

Training of the LCM and LCVP crews is centered here...

Training given here is principally devoted to manning the 50-foot LCM, or tank lighter used in unloading transports and in carrying medium equipment ashore, and the 36-foot LCVP, that takes soldiers or Marines ashore in assault waves.

As reported in the Friday, March 16, 1945 edition of The Palm Beach Post

50 years ago...

At 2:30 p.m. today the flag will be raised at the Savanna Recreation Area, and dedication ceremonies will mark the official opening of the camping-boating-and picnicking facility.

"Everything except the small fresh-water lake for swimming has been completed, as outlined in the first phase for development," reported Tom Kindred, Superintendent of Recreation, Friday.

"Everyone is invited to the dedication ceremonies – and we are crossing our fingers and hoping for good weather."

The Savanna Recreation Area is located on Midway Road south of Fort Pierce, between U.S.1 and S. Indian River Dr., on city-owned land that was once part of the municipal water source.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Washington D.C., provided \$111,000 for the development with Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County each contributing \$55,000.

The State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has constructed a boat launching ramp and set up a fish management program in the Savanna.

As reported in the March 15, 1970 edition of The Miami Herald

Show your Fort Pierce Pride by Volunteering at the *Great American Cleanup* on Saturday, March 7th

Take part in the largest community cleanup event in the *City of Fort Pierce* on Saturday, March 7th at the **Fort Pierce Recreation Center**.

Fort Pierce residents and visitors are invited to spend a Saturday morning beautifying the city by volunteering at the **Great American Cleanup** on Saturday, March 7th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. This annual event, sponsored by the *City of Fort Pierce* and *Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful*, is an opportunity for volunteers to participate in a variety of beautification projects throughout the community.

Participating volunteers will be provided with a free t-shirt, safety supplies and the first 300 volunteers will receive a goody bag. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at **Fort Pierce Recreation Center**, 903 S 21st St. Volunteers will be assigned to a team to tackle various improvement projects. The 2020 project locations include: Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting – Melaleuca Dr. / South Beach Hutchinson Island, C.A. Moore Garden cleanup/planting and painting, Indian Hills

Recreation Area cleanup, Graffiti Abatement (citywide) and Painting at Jetty Park. Transportation will be provided to and from all project locations.

The cleanup will conclude with a *free* volunteer barbecue and festival at **Fort Pierce Recreation Center**. Volunteers will enjoy a free grilled lunch and refreshing drinks provided by the **Fort Pierce Utilities Authority**. The community festival will also feature a bounce house, jumbo slide, activities, raffle prizes and demonstrations.

Students can earn community service hours for scholarships and graduation by participating in the **Great American Cleanup**. Groups are also welcome! This is a great event to get your family, business, civic organization, sports team, school, church or organization involved.

Those interested in volunteering at the **Great American Cleanup** can pre-register online at <http://cityoffortpiece.com/383/Great-American-Cleanup> or call 772-467-3000 for additional information. ❖

Arbor Day Foundation Names Fort Pierce Tree City USA

The City of Fort Pierce was named a *2020 Tree City USA* by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The City of Fort Pierce has received this prestigious designation for 31 consecutive years.

Fort Pierce achieved *Tree City USA* recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. "This award was made possible by the *Fort Pierce Tree Board* and all of their hard work throughout the year," said Paul Bertram, Urban Forester.

The *Tree City USA* program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"*Tree City USA* communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of

the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among other benefits. For more information, visit: arborday.org/treecityusa. ❖



Support Nature's Gentlest Giants: 12th Annual Manatee Center 5K

by Patricia Parker, MOEC Volunteer Program Coordinator

The 12th Annual Manatee Center 5K, a Treasure Coast Manatee Foundation (TCMF) fundraiser, is just around the corner. This year's event will take place on Saturday, March 21st at 8 a.m. and includes a new, shorter, one-mile option. The event is held at the **Manatee Observation and Education Center** (MOEC) and is TCMF's largest fundraiser of the



year. In addition to the 5K over Seaway Drive Bridge and the one-mile along the lagoon, there will be live music, a riverside cleanup, drawings for fantastic prizes and medals, and a **Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop** tent sale featuring end-of-season deals on your favorite gift shop items.

TCMF is also hosting a *5K Packet Pick-up Party* at the **Manatee Center** on Wednesday, March 18th from 5 – 7 p.m. Pre-registered walkers and runners can pick up their packets, meet the TCMF Board, and explore the museum. You can also come to the **Manatee Center** to register in person during the packet-pickup party. TCMF is a six-member board who works very hard on this event, seeking sponsors and gifts for the drawings, setting up, and manning stations the day of the race.

Of course, this event could not take place without the help of some very special people — all of the volunteers that make it happen each year! There is much preparation to make sure that everything is ready when walkers and runners arrive on race day. Some of the MOEC volunteers that would normally be showing you around the exhibit hall will be on-site at 6 a.m. to set up tents, tables, water stations, refreshments and more. Additionally, we have had the pleasure for the past two years of working with the Port St. Lucie High School National Honor Society members. These dedicated students not only attend high school, many are also dual-enrolled at Indian River State

College, work part-time and still find time to volunteer with us on special events and maintain amazing GPAs. They have a dedicated teacher sponsor, Ms. Erin Bator, who helps to coordinate all the logistics of getting the students here. We are very thankful to have their help again this year and in years past.

Additionally, this year's 5K tent sale comes to you in response to a request

from one of our own dedicated volunteers, Patti Mehm, who started volunteering with MOEC in October of 2018. She is one of our seasonal volunteers who owns her own seasonal gift store in upstate New York. She brings a great deal of retail management experience and enthusiasm with her and will be present at the tent sale too.

With discounts from 20 – 80%, this will be a great opportunity to get a head start on gifts for the rest of the year, especially for those who head north in April or May. Join us in welcoming this new addition to one of our favorite annual events and remember, all gift shop proceeds benefit the **Manatee Observation and Education Center's** mission of environmental education and responsible stewardship of our Indian River Lagoon.

Our volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the **Manatee Center** and they are so willing to help with the daily operations as well as all our special events. So, come check us out on race day! Run or walk the 5K or one-mile — there is plenty of time to register and multiple options. The 5K is only \$35, the one-mile is \$20, and kids 15 and under are only \$15 for all routes. You'll enjoy the live music and drawings and we invite you to stay for the tent sale. There will also be volunteer applications on hand if you would like to become part of the best volunteer team in town — *the ManaTeam!* ❖

The Manatee Center March Events

Season hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 5th at 10:30 a.m.
and Thursday, March 19th at 10:30 a.m.
Mermaid Tales

Join us every first and third Thursday as we share tales from the sea. Each program features a fun nature story followed by an activity and/or a craft. This program is *Free with admission* and is great for preschoolers and early elementary school students.

Saturday, March 7th at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 8th at 1:00 p.m., and Thursday, Monday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Guided Kayak Trip

Look for wildlife, get up close and personal with mangroves, learn about the Indian River Lagoon on an easy ninety-minute paddle led by a MOEC naturalist. Great for beginners and anyone who wants to learn more about the Lagoon. Tours start at Fort Pierce Inlet State Park. The fee for this program is \$25 per person and includes kayak, paddle and safety gear (state park entrance fee of \$4-\$6 per car not included). Registration is required. Call for more information or to register: (772) 466-1600 ext. 3337 or e-mail Education@ManateeEducationCenter.org.

Friday, March 13th at 12:00 p.m.
What do the Manatees Say?

Lunch & Learn — Biologists know a lot about what manatees eat, how they care for their young, and even where they travel during the warm summer months. But, little is known about manatee communication. Join Marine Biologist Beth Brady of Sirenian International to learn just what the manatees have to say to one another. Bring your lunch and bring a friend. *Free event.*

Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m.
Earth's Diminishing Resources

Eco-evening at the *Fort Pierce Yacht Club* — Join us for a special

presentation by NASA scientist Billy Stover. By combining satellite observations with data from other scientists, NASA has developed a comprehensive picture of the ways that Earth's resources are changing and how those changes impact and can be impacted by humans. Beer and wine reception hosted by the *Treasure Coast Manatee Foundation* begins at 6:30 p.m.; presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.

Free event at the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**

Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 a.m.

12th Annual Manatee Center 5K or One-Mile Walk/Run

Challenge yourself and support nature's gentlest giants. Registration is \$35 for the 5K and \$20 for the one-mile. Kids 15 and under are only \$15 for all routes. Register online at RunSignup.com. Walk or run across the Seaway Drive Bridge, relax and listen to live music, or bring the family to help clean up the riverside during the **Trash Dash Clean-up**. For more information search Manatee Center 5K or call (772) 429-8597.

Recurring Programs

Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. — Fin-Tastic Fish Feeding — come meet the fishes in the Center.

Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. — Tide Pool Touch Tank — a special hands-on touch tank presentation!

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. — Meet the MOEC Reptiles — and witness Diego the corn snake eating.

Fridays, 2:00 p.m. — Seahorse Snack Time — watch the MOEC seahorses eat and play.

Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. — Fin-Tastic Fish Feeding — come meet the fishes in the Center.



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Saturday, March 21, 2020 — 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you love fresh seafood, arts & crafts, music, and enjoy having a day of fun with your family, join us on Saturday, March 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 600 N. Indian River Drive in beautiful Downtown Fort Pierce. **Bev Smith Automotive Group** presents the **Sandy Shoes Seafood & Brew Festival!** Admission is free.

The **Sandy Shoes Festival** has been a Fort Pierce tradition since 1957 when the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to create a celebration that would entice tourists to stay a while in Fort Pierce. The festival was

named **Sandy Shoes** and the tagline was created: “If you get sand in your shoes, you’ll have to come back.” Throughout the years, the festival has seen changes and grown into today’s most popular event in historic downtown Fort Pierce.

This year’s festival has a lot to offer the community: from great seafood, including lobster rolls, shrimp, crab cakes, clams, fish & chips and more; to our great music lineup, competitions, kids zone, and over 100 vendors. Guests can purchase a wristband to sample 24 local different craft beers at the *Craft Beer Pavilion*. Wristbands are \$20.00 pre-sale and \$25.00 the day of the event.



- 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. — **Festival Hours & Music**
- 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. — **Arts & Crafts Show**
- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. — **Kids Zone Activities**
- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. — **Chowder Cook-Off Competition**
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — **Craft Beer Pavilion**
- 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00 p.m. — **Pro Flyboard Shows**
- 2:15 p.m. — **Citrus Squeeze Off Competition**
- 3:30 p.m. — **Local Celebrity Food Demonstrations**

- MAIN STAGE**
- 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — **Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society**
 - 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. — **Doo Wop Guys**
 - 2:00 p.m. — **Chowder Cook-Off Awards**
 - 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — **Checkmate Band**
 - 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. — **The Big Pine Band**
- CRAFT BEER STAGE**
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. — **Ben Lewis**
 - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. — **The Little Things**
 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. — **Open Mic Karaoke**

Free Parking is available along A.E. Backus Avenue, Second Street, City Parking Garage between Avenue A and Orange Avenue off US Highway 1, and St. Lucie County Parking Garage south of the Sunrise Theatre. Handicap DROP OFF and limited Handicap parking will be at the Manatee Center Parking Entrance. Trolley will be available for pick up at parking areas until 7:00 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL FLYBOARD SHOW

Professional Flyboarder world-ranked athlete Kristen “The Destroyer” Smoyer will wow you with twists and flips as she flies up to 50 feet over the Indian River. Demonstrations will be at 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. with a special light display at the 6:00 p.m. show.

LOCAL CELEBRITY FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

New this year we have invited some our local celebrities and foodies to present food demonstrations for your enjoyment. Our home chefs will be demonstrating their special techniques and recipes from local seafood and/or beer items. Some lucky spectators will be able to sample some of these delicious dishes.

CITRUS SQUEEZE-OFF

Seacoast Bank and Brooke Harris Real Estate are the sponsor of this year’s *Citrus Squeeze-Off*. The *Citrus Squeeze-Off* is a tradition dating back to the beginning of *Sandy Shoes* festivals. This is an exciting competition, and due to our citrus industry, brings some St. Lucie County history to the festival. Dana McSweeney will be on hand to emcee the competition as local businesses, schools, and community leaders squeeze grapefruits for the top prize — *Community Bragging Rights*. The Squeeze-Off begins at 2:15 p.m.

CHOWDER CUP COMPETITION

The *Chowder Cup Competition* is sponsored by **Cobb’s Landing** and **Little Jim Bait & Tackle**. This competition is open to restaurants, private, and home chefs, all competing

for the title of *Chowder Cook-off Champion*. Join the fun and excitement as talented chefs compete for the glory of the *Best Seafood Chowder*. The competition features first, second, and third place for *Best Chowder* and a *People’s Choice Award*. All awards and trophies are sponsored by **Varsity Sport Shop** located on Orange Avenue in Downtown Fort Pierce. Professional and visitors may donate \$1 to \$3 to sample the seafood concoctions. Get here early for your taste and vote for your favorite! For more information please contact *Main Street Fort Pierce* at 772-466-3880.

Main Street Fort Pierce is proud of the sponsors and community groups for coming together to make this a great event for our community. Stop by their booths at the festival and say ‘thank you’ for making this possible.

Join us Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 600 N. Indian River Drive in beautiful Downtown Fort Pierce. Admission is free.

- Title Sponsor: **Bev Smith Automotive Group**
- Brew Sponsor: **Southern Eagle Distributing**
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- Supporting Sponsors: **Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Gotta Go Green, Macaroni Kid, Varsity Sport Shop, 12A Buoy, Southern Comfort, Total Golf Cart, and Top Clown Karaoke.**

For more information, sponsorship or volunteer opportunities at the Seafood Festival call the *Main Street Fort Pierce* office at 772-466-3880 or e-mail at mainstreet@mainstreetfortpierce.org.

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Main Street Fort Pierce would like to thank our sponsors who make the *Sandy Shoes & Seafood Festival* possible!

Title Sponsor: Bev Smith Automotive Group

Bev Smith Automotive Group is once again the Title Sponsor for the *Sandy Shoes Seafood & Brew Festival* to be held in beautiful downtown Fort Pierce on March 21st at the Veteran's Memorial Park at 600 North Indian River Drive. Frank Gonzalez and the **Bev Smith Automotive Group** are excited to join forces with *Main Street Fort Pierce* to bring you this great event. Frank says, "Great food, fun and entertainment will be on the agenda, so make certain that you mark your calendars for this exciting event. We also will have many vehicles available for your viewing including the all-new 2020 Toyota Supra and introducing the Kia 2020 Telluride and the 2021 Seltos."

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for their car to be serviced by experienced certified technicians. Special amenities for those that like the comforts of home, such as a continental breakfast and complimentary refreshments throughout the day, big screen HD TVs, free WiFi and plush, comfortable chairs are for your convenience and pleasure. A shuttle service is available Monday – Saturday. We also have a large fleet of vehicles at your disposal for rent at competitive rates. Ask for our Toyota Rent-a-Car department.

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Bev Smith Toyota is located at 3350 South U.S. Highway 1 and **Bev Smith Kia** is at 5655 South U.S. Highway 1 in Fort Pierce. With over 65 years of serving the community, **Bev Smith Automotive Group** looks forward to the future and being part of the 9th annual *Bev Smith Automotive Group Sandy Shoes Seafood & Brew Festival!* We look forward to seeing you there!

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Arrive at **Little Jim Bait & Tackle** by land or by boat, get your order to go or relax here and enjoy the view. **Little Jim’s** serves fish tacos, shrimp baskets, cubans and some of the best fish dip available on the Florida east coast, in a general-store sort of atmosphere. There’s outdoor seating, a great view of a mangrove-lined bay called Shorty’s Slough and live music some afternoons and every weekend. **Little Jim’s** is not only a good place to buy bait, sandwiches, cold beer and ice but also a great location to put in a kayak and explore the wildlife-filled waters and shore of the lagoon. The bay is a quiet spot, with much of the land belonging to Fort Pierce Inlet State Park.

Media Sponsor: iHeart Media

iHeart Media — **WAVE 92.7** and **Oldies 103.7** is our radio sponsor for the **Sandy Shoes Seafood & Brew Festival**. **WAVE 92.7** is the Treasure Coast’s #1 for New Country, bringing the area all of the best in country music with the Bobby Bones Show in the morning. **Oldies 103.7** is the Treasure Coast’s only oldies station! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or just head to WAVE927.com and Oldies1037fm.com!”

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Love, JAZZ Community: Jazz Week Brings Music to the Fort

by Don Bestor

Every year, **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society** pulls out all the stops and offers a full week of concerts and live musical events, and most of them are absolutely free. What? Are they crazy? Not totally. The members of **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society** are just crazy in love with music and the chance to live in this beautiful piece of paradise we all call home. To show their gratitude, they put together a week's worth of awesome, live professional music to share with the Treasure Coast and help spotlight our beautiful and historic downtown Fort Pierce. And all you have to do is show up to join in the fun and festivities of **Jazz Week 2020**.

This year's **Jazz Week** kicks off on Sunday, March 22nd, with a free *Waterside Blues Concert* at Melody Lane in beautiful and historic downtown Fort Pierce. As always, the party starts at 1 p.m. with a set from the *Jazz Ensemble*, then kicks into high gear at 3 when the *Rusty Wright Band* takes the stage. Bring your lawn chairs and umbrellas but leave the bottles at home; we'll have plenty of food and drinks available on site that afternoon.

Just when you've recovered from *Waterside Blues*, on Tuesday, March 24th, a jam session with the incomparable wizard of the trumpet, *James Suggs*, will take place at the **Sunrise Black Box Theatre**, along with the seasoned pros who always come together for the community's weekly *Jazz Jams*. Because

there are limited seats available, you'll want to reserve your seats and come early for this awesome addition to **Jazz Week**.



Wednesday the 27th features amazing guitar music and a free concert on the waterside from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Fort Pierce, with live music from jazz guitarist *Randy Johnson* and plenty of room for dancing. Then, we'll give you time to finish out your workday or catch a quick catnap, then we'll bring on *FDO – the Big Swingin' Band*, which is nearly 20 pieces of awesome musicianship and a whole evening of tunes you can dance to. We'll close down Second Street, so you'll have plenty of room for *Dancin' in the Streets*, and if your happy feet are feeling lucky, take a chance at our swing and Latin dance contests. And the whole evening is free because, well...that's what we do!

And be sure to save some energy for Sunday, March 29th, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., as **Jazz Week** closes out with a collaboration with the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club** we like to call Dollars for Scholars. It's a Sunday afternoon bash we hold at the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**, and proceeds from the event will help fund scholarships for young, talented, and up-and-coming musicians who want to continue their music education.

Even though most of the events during **Jazz Week 2020** are absolutely free of charge, no one will ever mind if you make a small donation to help fund the music scholarships, we provide to talented Treasure Coast students preparing for a career in music.

Valentine's Day may be over, but there's still a gift from the heart and a whole lot of love heading in your direction thanks to the annual week jam-packed with music, fun, and festivities we've come to know as **Jazz Week**. If you'd like to learn more about **Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society**, want to know how to join (to get super discounts on upcoming events and activities), volunteer, or snag a copy of our schedule, call 772.460. JAZZ (5299), or visit us online at www.jazzsociety.org. ❖

Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?

by Lisa Jill Allison



A quick night out was just what I needed. I actually didn't realize how much so. When a friend invited me to join her and a few of her friends downtown for a glass of wine and some music, I actually said yes. For those who know me well, you know I'm not a big "going out" person, usually reserving my time to paint, paint and then paint some more. I'm so glad I acquiesced and joined the party.

Fun, diverse, and interesting just begins to describe the group gathered at the table with wine, iced tea, and sparkling water glittering in the soft lighting, and music tickling our ears and touching our heart. Those gathered spanned two generations in age and a potpourri of hometowns and occupations.

I had the delightful experience of conversation with all gathered. The first conversation was with an old time Fort Piercean, born here almost 70 years ago. I got to relive a bit of Fort Pierce's history through his tales of fishing and farming back in the day and I got to share in his excitement over the changes and ever-increasing growth of the area.

The next conversation was with a new couple to the area, coming here from West Virginia. She had the fascinating job of being a fact finder, checking the accuracy of facts prior to publishing. I loved hearing about her works with *National Geographic* and then a giant software company. Animal lovers that we are, we also shared dog photos.

A painter/tattoo artist was next to be chatted with. I was carried from thoughts of old time Fort Pierce and *National Geographic* to scenes of a waterside shop, full of art, along with clients seeking art for their bodies. Talk of the meaning of life and self improvement books ensued. Then another new couple, this time from Michigan, shared their sheer joy at being in such a beautiful and friendly town, this being their first time out with new friends. Their excitement was contagious and lists were made of must-see places around town. I must say, it rekindled any waning of my appreciation for this spectacular area.

A former Fort Pierce restaurant owner joined in the fun, delighted to see the area restaurants busy and ever increasing in

choices, and a local real estate agent beamed as she told of all the new contracts passing across her desk as the well kept secret of our area is secret no more. Dress was from "let's get a little dressed up to go out" to "I just came from running around all day" and both attires felt comfortable, one of the benefits of Fort pierce's laid-back approach.

I find all of this noteworthy to share because, these are the people in your neighborhood, the people that weave the fabric of everyday life in Fort Pierce. As diverse and interesting as our foliage, the people that fill our town are likewise and there are lots of ways to get to know each other. Head downtown to the neighborhood coffee shop where people always end up chatting. Try trivia night at a local restaurant; you're sure to meet new people and there will be plenty to talk about. Wine-pairing dinner your style? That happens here too. In this nice cool weather, outside seating around fire pits with live music is a great place to cozy up and share conversations. Several downtown restaurants can oblige you here. Rosy (my trusty side kick) and I are delighted at the many places that have outside seating and are dog friendly, again a win/win for meet-and-greats for 2-legged and 4-legged ones. So, I suggest as you are out and about, seek out opportunities to get to know the people in your neighborhood and please, if you see Rosy and me out and about do come up and say hi! ❖



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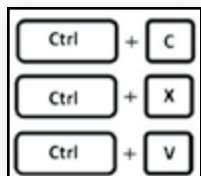
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Microsoft Tips & Tricks

In my former life I was a Computer Consultant & Instructor in the Corporate sector. I've taught Microsoft software for over 30 years. Over the next year, I will share with you Microsoft Tips & Tricks.

CUT & PASTE

These shortcuts will work in almost all software, not just Microsoft products.



Keyboard Shortcuts: Ask anyone who knows these shortcuts — Ctrl + C to Copy, Ctrl + V to Paste, and Ctrl + X to Cut — and they will testify to their critical timesaving nature. (On Macintosh products, use the COMMAND key instead of the CONTROL key.)

Technique: Select the text you wish to Cut or Copy. In this case we will copy. Hold down your CONTROL Key and Tap C. Move your cursor to where you want to place the text and hold down your CONTROL Key and press V to paste.

USING THE CLIPBOARD

I just used this the other day. It is so handy when you want to move around chunks of text. Most folks have noticed Clipboard on the ribbon but really don't understand its use. The Office Clipboard allows you to copy up to 24 items from Office documents or other

by Sue Dannahower

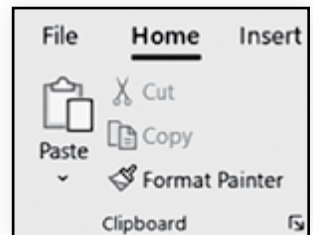
programs and paste them into another Office document. For example, you can copy text from an e-mail message, data from a workbook or datasheet, and a graphic from a presentation, and then paste them all into a document. By using the Office Clipboard, you can arrange the copied items the way that you want in the document.

Technique: Open the Clipboard by clicking the down-right arrow next to Clipboard.

The Clipboard displays. Now use what you learned above to copy text. Select text, hold down the Control Key and Press C. Note the text you selected is now placed on the Clipboard. Do this several more times. Notice more items are placed on Clipboard. In this example I have 4 paragraphs on the Clipboard.

You can paste into the same document, another document or another program. Just position your cursor where you want to paste and click the text you wish to paste.

Happy computing. ❖



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The Blush Bar Studio Offers Customized Skincare Solutions for All

by Dale van der Lugt

There is a new skincare studio in town that will surely cause you to blush with adoration. We're talking about **The Blush Bar Studio**, located in an upstairs unit of the **Galleria at Pierce Harbor**. I recently met with **The Blush Bar Studio** owner, esthetician Gladys Garcia, immediately feeling the warmth and passion she exhibits for a proper skincare routine.



her time to be available for her daughter away from the studio.

What Gladys loves about her studio is that it's specialized, all about skincare, ingredients, and before/after care. She loves the mall aspect of her location, saying it feels so Fort Pierce, so connected, and is super happy and comfortable with where she's at, content with what she's accomplished in her first year.

Gladys is a certified esthetician who early on transitioned to skincare as a more targeted approach. Gladys professes that "women go through so much" and "Mom's often don't have times for themselves. They need to get out of their daily routine to take care of themselves first for some self-care."

Gladys has always been an "art child. It seemed natural to her to choose make-up and skincare as a career path, one that gives her time to spend with her young daughter, often sharing mommy/daughter pampering time, and sometimes allowing

The Blush Bar Studio carries a skincare product called "Image." Gladys states scent is important as well as clean ingredients, botanical based, as just what the skin needs. For some clients it's difficult to keep up with proper skincare routines and now **The Blush Bar Studio** also offers a more affordable line, ideal for college students, called "Skin Script."

For now, **The Blush Bar Studio** is appointment only, at <https://www.theblushbarstudio.com>, as she builds up her clientele, dedicating one-on-one time to her clients. ❖

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Ask a Coach: *Allen Cooley*

Q: What do you think of when you hear the word “CrossFit”?

A: Six years ago, it was probably the same as most people. Flipping channels, I landed on the CrossFit games on ESPN. “What the heck is this sport? These people are nuts!” It was captivating. The rumors and propaganda kept me away for over a year. The information about CrossFit at the time was all misguided and negative. “It’s a cult. It’s unsafe. You are guaranteed to get injured” etc. It was new, different, misunderstood, and threatened everything that was “known.” When I found out my sister loved it, I decided to give it a month.

Six years later, when I hear the word CrossFit, I think of how grateful I am for it. I think of how this training and this community of people has drastically altered the course of life to build a better me. I think of how it is life changing, life improving, and lifesaving. Not only in health and fitness, But in mindset and mentality, and the way all of it carries outside of the walls of the box. There are quite literally thousands of stories like this out there. Many of them, more impressive than mine.

You could have one too, if you want. ❖



by Sue Dannahower

The Perfect Blanched Asparagus

Trimming: There are two methods for trimming asparagus. You can simply snap off the woody ends wherever they naturally break. This is super easy, but there is some waste. Or, peel the woody outer bits with a vegetable peeler. Not only will they look beautiful, but you’ll be saving some of the asparagus you would otherwise be throwing away!

Cooking: Next, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil then add cleaned asparagus. Cook 1 minute. There will be no need to shock in cold water to stop the cooking process. The asparagus comes out perfect every time. This tip is from my good friend Jane Rowley.

Seasoning: Here are some ideas for flavors that will complement your roasted asparagus. Keep it simple and choose just one or two. Or go all-out like I did and use all four of the first ideas.

~ Sprinkle of finely grated Parmesan cheese

~Light drizzle of balsamic reduction or thick balsamic vinegar

~ Toasted sliced almonds



Get Lucky ... Go Fishing!

by *Captain Bo Samuel, Pullin Drag Charters*

March is a great time to try your luck at fishing! The Treasure Coast is known for fantastic fishing and if you're not on the water, you're missing all the fun. Inshore and offshore anglers are catching sails, redfish, cobia, snapper, tarpon, snook, and sheepshead. Sailfish are large pelagic billfish and Florida's state saltwater fish. Try for these lively fish by trolling offshore using mullet or naked ballyhoo. Their enlarged bright blue dorsal fin runs almost the entire length of the fish. Watch for this dorsal fin to break water as they feed. Be quick to release this catch for adequate revival.

Snook are still highly prized for the fight and the later feast. Your best chance to land one of these linesiders is live finger mullet, pilchards or artificials. Look for current and structure when targeting snook. Permit have been active inshore and near shore especially in sandy waters and shallow reefs. Use live shrimp or blue crabs and get ready for some great permit action. Permit size must be not less than 11 inches or more than 22 inches fork length. Try grilling, baking, or frying for your permit dinner.

Check with your local bait and tackle shops for more rules and regulations. So have some fun hooking a great fish and then sharing the freshest fish dinner you could ever have. Hope your St. Patrick's Day includes a bit of luck *Pullin Drag!* ❖



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An advertisement for White's Tackle. It features a black and white photograph of a fishing lure with a spinner and feathers. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says "Fish to Live Longer" in a cursive font. Below that, "WHITE'S TACKLE" is written in large, bold, block letters. Underneath, "SINCE 1925" is written in a smaller font. At the bottom, the address "FT. PIERCE, FL 1106 South US 1 Fort Pierce, Florida 34950" and contact information are listed: "(Telephone) 772.461.6909", "(Email) info@whitestackle.com", and "(Website) www.whitestackle.com".



Recipe Corner

by Sue Dannahower

Grilled Asparagus with Gorgonzola Butter

- ¾ cup (loosely packed) crumbled Gorgonzola cheese
- 6 tablespoons (¾ stick) butter, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 pounds asparagus, trimmed

Stir Gorgonzola cheese, butter and lemon juice in medium bowl to blend. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate. (Gorgonzola butter can be prepared two days ahead. Keep refrigerated.)

Prepare barbecue (high heat). Whisk oil, basil and garlic to blend in small bowl. Spread out asparagus in single layer

in baking dish. Pour oil mixture over asparagus and turn to coat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Transfer asparagus to barbecue. Grill until charred on all sides, turning occasionally, about four minutes. Transfer to plates. Top asparagus with some Gorgonzola butter and serve. *Serves 8.*



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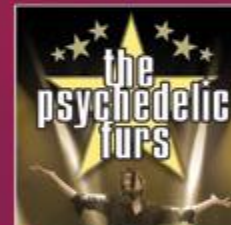
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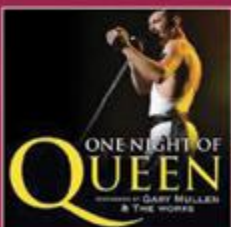
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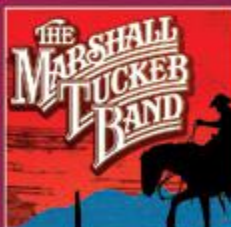
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