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The City of Fort Pierce’s Historic Preservation Board, comprised of seven members, recently announced the 2008 Treasure Galleon Awards on May 29, 2008. The annual award program was initiated to promote and recognize the historic preservation efforts of businesses and individuals in the community.

Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. received an award for Organizational Achievement for restoration of historic City Hall, Sunrise Theatre and the Platts-Backus House, plus three murals that were completed with the St. Lucie Mural Society. Over the past 20 years, Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. has been able to utilize historic preservation grants and funding to preserve several historic structures to create a greater sense of place in our community. Typically, public funds invested in historic preservation grants are matched many times over with private funds in local rehabilitation projects.

Historic preservation helps to maintain property values in a community. Only recently, Saint Lucie County Property Appraiser Jeff Furst announced that property values in Fort Pierce only had a decline of 9.72 percent compared with last year. Despite the passage of Amendment 1 for the additional Homestead Exemption, the City of Fort Pierce fared significantly better than other municipalities and illustrates that our historic city is a good place to invest. As we have all seen and experienced over the past 15 years of redevelopment in the City of Fort Pierce, it is important for citizens to understand that preserving historic structures adds to the quality of life and ultimately the economic value of the community.

Other recipients for the first Treasure Galleon Award are: Residential Structure Rehabilitation, 125 S. Seventh Street, Michael Menard; Residential/Commercial Rehabilitation, 212 S. Seventh Street, Cook and Menard Architects; Commercial Building Restoration, The Gates Building, 307 Orange Avenue, Sunny and Phillip Gates; Preservation Education and Media, St. Lucie Historical Society, and Individual Distinguished Service Award, Ramon Trias.
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

For information, please call 462-1795 or visit www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us/museum.

Take A Walk on the Wild Side this summer at the St. Lucie County Historical Museum. This special natural history exhibit, featuring the Florida wildlife photographs of local cattle rancher and environmentalist Bud Adams, opens Tuesday, June 17, 414 Seaway Drive, So. Hutchinson Island. A Walk on the Wild Side of St. Lucie County features 30 of Adams' large color photographs depicting the native wildlife thriving in harmony with the cattle being raised on the Adams Ranch. The Museum's collections of mounted animal specimens and fossil remains of Florida's prehistoric past will also be highlighted. The exhibit runs through Sunday, Aug. 17, and will be complemented by special Florida wildlife programs. For further information, please contact Anne Sinnott, museum educator at 462-1891.

FORT PIERCE COMMUNITY CENTER

For information, please call 462-1792.

HEATHCOTE BOTANICAL GARDENS

For information, please call 464-4672 or visit www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org.

June 5 to August 14: Heathcote Kids Garden Group Heathcote Kids Junior Master Gardening Program and Pioneer Garden summer session meets Thursdays 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. $5 fee for 11-week session, plus $16 for optional text book.

BACKUS GALLERY & MUSEUM

For information, please call 465-0630 or visit www.backusgallery.com.

FORT PIERCE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

For information, please call 370-6162 ppearson@fppd.org

The Fort Pierce Police Athletic League is looking for volunteers for their new PAL Center. They need a boxing coach, greeter, music/light person, and a minor (light duty) repair person. If you have a few hours each week to help local at-risk youth by assisting this worthwhile organization please contact Master Officer Paul Pearson at 370-6162 or e-mail ppearson@fppd.org. The Fort Pierce PAL Center is located at 1401 N. 2nd Street in Fort Pierce.
Save the Date — 15th Annual Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction

Pam Gillette

Save the date for Main Street’s 15th Annual Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction. Come join us as we watch and wait for your number NOT to be called. Wait, your number is NOT to be called? That’s right, this is a Reverse Raffle. Main Street’s Reverse Raffle begins with 300 numbers. The first number and every 50th number called up to 250 wins $100.00. The last 10 numbers range from $250.00 to the grand prize of $2000.00. So, last is best at this raffle.

Only 300 tickets will be sold for the raffle. Each ticket is $80.00 and entitles the bearer to one number, admission for two people, light hors devours, 2 free drinks, live music, dancing, and a fabulous silent auction. Tickets are limited, advanced ticket purchase only, and no tickets will be available at the door.

This year’s theme is “Hot Salsa Nights.” So, on Saturday, August 16, 2008, the Pelican Yacht Club at 1120 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce will be turned into a Latin resort. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with registration and the silent auction. The raffle begins at 7 p.m. as the excitement begins counting down the numbers to the grand prize winner. The band will provide music to help dance the night away.

Casual attire requested! Look for more details in the August edition of the Main Street Focus.

The Reverse Raffle is a fundraiser for projects and goals of Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please call Main Street at (772) 466-3880.
Bottlenose Dolphin – The Other Lagoon Mammal

By Camille S. Yates

In past Main Street Focus issues, we have reported on the Florida Manatee, an endangered species that is a resident mammal in the Indian River Lagoon. The Lagoon is also home to another marine mammal, Tursiops truncatus, the bottlenose dolphin. According to the Smithsonian Marine Station, the bottlenose dolphin is a toothed whale of the Family Delphinidae, which includes approximately 30 species of dolphins, pilot whales, killer whales and false killer whales.

Bottlenose dolphins are found throughout the 156-mile-long Indian River Lagoon from New Smyrna to Jupiter. Scientists believe that the Lagoon hosts a resident dolphin population with as many as 800 individuals. These dolphins that live in the Lagoon are different from those that are found offshore in the Atlantic Ocean. Scientists recognize that two bottlenose dolphin ecotypes (forms) exist: coastal and offshore. In the northwest Atlantic, bottlenose dolphin coastal and offshore ecotypes can be differentiated by skull and body measurements as well as by characteristics of their blood.

The average lifespan for bottlenose dolphins is approximately 20 years; however, some bottlenose dolphins have lived as long as 48 years. Scientists determine a dolphin’s age by examining the teeth. As dolphins grow older, they produce growth layer groups on their teeth. Their age is determined by examining a sliced cross section of tooth and counting the growth layer groups.

Bottlenose dolphins breed throughout the year, however breeding peaks have been observed. The Lagoon dolphins have their calves most often in either April or August. The gestation period is 12 months. The adult female will deliver her calf in the water. Sometimes an assisting dolphin may stay close to the new mother and calf. Although this assisting dolphin often is referred to as an “auntie” dolphin, it may be male or female. This
auntie dolphin is often the only other dolphin a mother allows near her calf.

Since dolphins are mammals, the adult female will nurse her calf for about 18 months. Calves nurse below water, but close to the surface. The calf suckles from nipples concealed in abdominal mammary slits. Observations in zoological parks show that nursing usually begins within six hours of birth. A calf nurses as often as four times per hour for the first four to eight days.

Bottlenose dolphins mostly eat fish, but will also consume squid and shrimp. Scientist have documented that they eat over 45 different fish species. Croakers are eaten most often. Since most of the dolphin prey do not swim in schools, some scientists believe that dolphin find their prey by listening for them.

Dolphins are more successful finding food when they hunt together. A group of dolphins, called a pod, may surround large schools of fish, herding them into tight masses and often stunning them by use of the tail flukes. When the school is dense enough, the dolphins take turns swimming through the school to feed. Dolphins also have been observed to herd schools of fishes against shorelines in order to trap them in shallow water where they may be easily fed upon.

Adult bottlenose dolphins eat approximately 4% to 6% of their body weight in food per day. A nursing mother’s daily intake is considerably higher: about 8%. Dolphins feed most often in the early morning and late afternoon.

Dolphin come to the surface of the water to take a breath through their blow hole located at the top of their body. The bottlenose dolphin can leap out of the water up to 10 feet or more. It depends on the depth of the water because it needs to use its flukes to get a good starting jump. If the water is shallow, then the leap is lower.

Why not go on a dolphin sightseeing trip in downtown Fort Pierce? It’s easy to do. Just mosey along Melody Lane and be on the lookout for a fin breaking through the surface of the water. You may even be lucky enough to see one jump out of the water.

References: K. Hill, Smithsonian Marine Station and N. Barros, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute.
If you’ve attended Main Street’s Annual Meeting the last two years you’ve listened to the music of Mike Denne, a local singer/songwriter, whose original works are every bit as enjoyable as his rendition of well known favorites. Having moved from Pennsylvania to North Hutchinson Island in the 1980s after visiting the area and falling in love with the beauty of the community, he’s become a well known talent at several of the local establishments and various fundraising events. Many of Denne’s songs capture the easy going nature of the people here and the beauty of the ocean and the Indian River Lagoon. He was featured in a 1999 Fort Pierce Tribune article about the lagoon and its fragile state quoting lyrics from his original Sweet Indian River Lagoon.

Denne’s music runs the gamut of serious love songs to hilarious commentaries on various social issues and local places. His Lost in Port St. Lucie spoofs the somewhat confusing design of the roadways in the sprawling community. No More Hurricanes, written after the 2004 storms, implores Mother Nature to spare St. Lucie County from future disastrous weather. His ability to wordsmith a quick song about one of his listeners makes him a favorite of locals who enjoy his humor and comfortable rapport with an audience.
The **Original Song Shop** is Denne’s latest venture. He writes personalized songs for special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, or “just because.” This writer is the subject of one of his creations *Southern Girl* written as a wedding present and it’s a gift that my husband and I will always treasure. “People love music and having your own song is a special kind of gift,” says Denne. “I just ask for information about the subject of the song and then I write and record something that everyone can enjoy but is especially meaningful to that person.” The personalized songs can be serious or humorous. “It just depends on what they are looking for,” explains Denne. “I write songs that meet the needs of my customers.”

For more information on The **Original Song Shop** and how to order your own personalized song, e-mail Mike Denne at songshop1@aol.com. Mike Denne is currently playing Friday evenings at Harbor Cove in Harbor Town Marina.
Local Businesses Give Renaissance a Neighborhood Feel

by Thondra Lanese

Typically, when you see seven businesses opening within 12 weeks and one block of each other you can assume another mall or suburban shopping plaza has opened. But in the case of several local businesses scheduled to open in Renaissance on the River, between early June and mid-August, it’s a sign of a thriving downtown revitalization.

“We wanted to give locally-based businesses the first opportunity for these retail locations,” says Heather Bell of Boca Ven land, Inc., developers of the Renaissance project. “They are the ones who believed in this community and should enjoy its success.”

Local business owners responded to the opportunity with enthusiasm, filling virtually all of the ground-floor commercial space in the property. Look for these businesses opening between now and the end of August:
SunTrust Bank — On June 2, 2008 the bank opened a stylish new office in the northwest corner of the building, at the intersection of Orange Avenue and Indian River Drive.

Uncle Carlo’s Gelato — Carlo and Stacey Sacco opened in early June, just in time to offer summer residents a chance to cool off with sweet treats from their storefront on Melody Lane.

Rumirs Day Spa — Longtime downtown business owners Rufus and Mirta Mead are moving Rumirs into new digs. Look for the day spa to open with a full-service salon, facials, massage, tanning, permanent make up, and other pampering services.

Renaissance Gallery — St. Lucie County Supervisor of Elections, Gertrude Walker, and her husband, wildlife artist Charles Walker, will open the Renaissance Gallery on Melody Lane.

Amir Kazeminia — Engineer Amir Kazeminia will open the Renaissance’s only ground-floor professional office on Melody Lane.

Mr. Bread — For years fans of Joe and Carol Impor-tico’s bakery have waited for Saturday’s downtown Farmer’s Market to get their fix of crisp baguettes, delicate croissants, and rustic multi-grain loaves. Now they can get their fill of fresh baked breads, as well as soups, salads, and sandwiches, at the new store on the Southwest corner of the Renaissance building.

One Yoga Planet — The little yoga studio tucked into the backside of Second Street Station will move to a spacious location in the Renaissance. Owner Margarida Tree is looking for an August opening.

Bell says there are only two unoccupied retail spaces left in the property. Located on the building’s east side, the units feature views of the Indian River Lagoon and foot traffic from Melody Lane. Whatever business opts into the premium space couldn’t ask for a better bunch of neighbors.
Local Hospitals Contribute to the Good Health of Downtown Fort Pierce

Main Street Fort Pierce has many important supporters, from volunteers to corporate donors, who make our programs and efforts to continue revitalizing our beautiful downtown possible. Two such donors are Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute and St. Lucie Medical Center. Both of our county’s hospitals contribute many ways to many different organizations throughout the area helping to ensure the healthiest community possible. Main Street would like to recognize and thank both of these important institutions for the part they have played specifically in the renovations of both the Sunrise Theatre and the Backus House.

For many years the hospitals have sponsored events, donated food and items, and supplied energetic volunteers for our programs. In 2001 together they pledged $50,000 over five years to the Sunrise renovation and in 2007 pledged an additional $30,000 to help restore the Backus House. These are significant contributions to two of our downtown’s most important historical buildings.

These important financial donations are just one way the hospitals have improved both the image and desir-
ability of our area for attracting new businesses and homeowners. By focusing on quality improvement of medical services, expansion of medical expertise through physician recruitment to the community, and investment in both the buildings and equipment at the hospitals, they have placed health care at the top of the list of community assets for economic development. They provide over 1700 jobs making them one of the largest employers in the county and they contribute to our county and city tax base helping to relieve the tax burden of homeowners. But most importantly both Lawnwood and St. Lucie Medical Center have dedicated and skilled staff who have saved and improved the quality of life for thousands of patients every year.

Both hospitals have been recognized for outstanding quality patient care by HealthGrades with the most recent award going to Lawnwood as One of America’s 50 Best Hospitals in both 2007 and 2008. Each facility offers services that allow patients to receive the care they need close to home.

Main Street would like to thank and salute the physicians, employees, volunteers, and Board of Trustees of both these vital institutions for the significant role they play every day in the good health of downtown Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.
“Woof Woof” Means Take Me to The Barkery

by Beth Williams

When Greg and Kim Vaday walked into The Barkery on Orange Avenue nearly two years ago, they fell in love with the unique gourmet pet boutique. Greg was especially taken with the business and spent many Saturday hours chatting with former owner Terri Palumbo. “I’d just go shopping for an hour or so while Greg learned about The Barkery from Terri. As a planner he loves downtown Fort Pierce and what’s going on here,” says Kim. When Terri decided to focus on her book editing business this past Spring, the Vadays jumped at the opportunity to own the store and become a part of the downtown business community.

Kim, a former Martin County administrative employee, and Greg, a planner with the Treasure Coast Regional...
Planning Council, have always been animal lovers. Greg prefers dogs and Kim is a cat person. “But we’ve both grown to appreciate and love both cats and dogs equally,” Kim points out. “The Barkery caters to animal lovers by providing healthy and nutritious food and treats and also carries specialty items that only people who love their pets can really appreciate.”

Maybe she’s referring to the cushy pet beds that can be custom designed to match your home’s décor, or possibly the “puppalicious” treats such as cranberry scones and peanut butter cannoli. Whatever your pet needs, Kim and Greg look forward to being an integral part of the thriving downtown community and continuing The Barkery tradition of providing a fun shopping experience for animal lovers and healthy products for their pets.

Visit The Barkery at 211 E. Orange Avenue or email Kim and Greg at barkerystore@gmail.com.
Stars Over St. Lucie, a 4th of July Celebration, falls on Friday Fest night this year and Main Street Fort Pierce, along with the City of Fort Pierce, have a special evening planned for you. Stars Over St. Lucie will be held at Marina Square and Melody Lane at 5:00 p.m. with extended hours till 9:30 p.m. This year’s entertainment will be held on the Community Stage with THINK BIG LIVE.

THINK BIG LIVE has become one of the most popular bands in Orlando and throughout Central Florida because of their diversity in musical styles, and remarkable precision in which they perform each song. THINK BIG LIVE is not just any ordinary band. On any given night, fans are treated to one or two of their incredible tributes to: Eric Clapton, Garth Brooks, Billy Joel, Jake & Elwood, or Elvis.

THINK BIG LIVE has been hired to play conventions throughout Central Florida, Nashville, and even Las Vegas. They are also one of the most popular dance band choices for weddings, parties, reunions, and private parties.

THINK BIG LIVE was formed around world class musicians. With members who have traveled the world, performing along side mainstream artists such as Jeff Beck, Deep Purple, Jethro Tull, The Commodores, Foreigner, Alan Jackson, and Roy Clark. Main Street Fort Pierce is happy to have THINK BIG LIVE perform at Stars Over St. Lucie.
Also entertaining the crowd is Jeff Brown, from Clear Channel Radio. Jeff will be at Stars Over St. Lucie in Marina Square with Karaoke, Top 40 music and a special appearance from Jernie. Jernie, a Fort Pierce native has just returned from Nashville where she was awarded the CMA Music City Rising Star Award.

Bring the kids to Stars Over St. Lucie. Paragon Entertainment, www.paragoninflatables.com, has teamed up with Main Street Fort Pierce to provide children’s activities during Stars Over St. Lucie. Children’s activities include a Giant obstacle course, a 19-foot slide and a bounce house located in front of the library.

Arts & crafts vendors will line up in front of the Indian River in Marina Square. Make sure you bring your appetite when you come to Stars Over St. Lucie. The food variety includes Greek, Caribbean, barbeque ribs & chicken, seafood, Americana, and various snack items.

At 9 p.m. the night sky will light up with a firework spectacular, provided by Pyrotechnico. This year’s fireworks are sponsored by The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA).

Admission to Stars Over St. Lucie is free and there is always plenty of food, music, and activities for all ages! For your parking convenience, the new City Parking Garage is open for free parking during the event. Entrance to the parking garage is located on Avenue A.

Stars Over St. Lucie /Friday Fest – July 4, 5:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., at Marina Square: Melody Lane and Avenue A in Fort Pierce

Yearly sponsors of Friday Fest and Stars Over St. Lucie include: Budweiser, Coca-Cola, the Tribune, the Press Journal, Paragon Entertainment, Reliable Poly Johns, WAVE Country 92.7, OLDIES 103.7, STAR 94, the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA).
Gift Horse Owner Retiring After Twenty-One Years

By Carol Johnson

On June 30, 2008, Jo Pye will be retiring and closing a well loved fixture of downtown Fort Pierce; however, there are many good memories that will keep it alive. When she opened the Gift Horse 21 years ago, neither she nor downtown Ft. Pierce knew how many lives and business she would touch over that time. But as Jo reflects back modestly on those years, she insists that it was the other way around. She didn’t want to talk about whose lives she has touched; instead she spoke of all the people that impacted her life.

The Gift Horse first opened its doors at a location further north on US 1, but Jo saw the business potential of being located in downtown Fort Pierce so decided to move there after being open for one year. It didn’t take long for her to be discovered by individuals working to improve the image and business climate downtown. So, she was approached to volunteer on Main Street’s Reverse Raffle steering committee, and she remained on that committee for eight years. The Reverse Raffle has evolved into a major fundraising event for Main Street, but for the first few years it was a modest affair held outside, at first on Second Street in front of the Sunrise Theatre, then in the parking lot of the old City Hall, located at US 1 and Avenue A.

Even though she was never on Main Street’s Board of Directors, Jo has always been influential in helping promote a positive image of Fort Pierce, and stated that she was very happy to have played a part in helping to preserve the downtown area. She mentioned that Main Street played an influential role in the restoration of the old City Hall. But, she modestly failed to mention that as a part of Main Street she was also involved in the restoration of that historic city building. And, she participated in events to raise funds to build the Manatee Observation and Education Center and to move the Seven Gables House from US 1 to its present location.

She spoke of how much she enjoyed working with Tom Kindred, the first president of Main Street, then
when Doris Tillman took over that position, she loved working with her and her staff, stating how she enjoyed the young ideas that they would share. Jo said that under Doris’ leadership Main Street and Friday Fest are both a great success due to her definite purpose, which is the promotion of downtown Fort Pierce.

Another topic that Jo likes to express her opinion on is the safety one encounters on the streets of Fort Pierce. She stated that downtown is the safest place you could be at any time of the day or night. She contributes this safety to the wonderful job that the Police Department is doing by being a visible presence downtown and by discouraging loitering. She stated her thanks to both the Police and Sheriff’s Departments for all they do to keep Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County safe.

Jo and her husband and 3 children, 2 daughters and a son, first moved to Fort Pierce from Dade County in 1962 because her husband owned Pye Construction and was instrumental in constructing the Turnpike between Fort Pierce and Orlando. They are still residents to this day, with her son now running the construction company.

Even before moving here, Jo was doing things to shape the world around her. One noteworthy contribution was to be the very first person to walk the streets of Dade County collecting money for the American Heart Association. Jo has always been an avid volunteer and feels that it is a great way to give back to your community. Because of this she has made many friends and some of them nominated her to be chosen for the title of “Golden Girl” at the St. Lucie County Fair in 2007. She won because they highlighted the many ways she has given of her time and talent throughout the years.

No article about Jo Pye would be complete without mentioning her contribution to the Fort Pierce Downtown Business Association. She has served on their Board of Directors for the past nine years, with three years of that as Secretary and one as President. Jo said that she is happy that she was able to contribute to the many projects that the DBA has been a part of while she has served on the board.

While Jo Pye will be living a life of retirement, don’t count on her to disappear completely from the Downtown Fort Pierce scene. When she’s not busy helping raise her grandchildren, she promises to keep her eye on Fort Pierce and occasionally pop in on those business owners that have come to be her friends. Even though she won’t be around on a daily basis, as she has in the past 21 years, her legacy lives on in all of the contributions she had made for the downtown establishments and events that she was instrumental in making a success.
For more than a decade, parents have been stashing income in custodial accounts like Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UGMA/UTMA) accounts. The intent was to fund a child’s college education while saving on taxes. In the past, custodial accounts were taxed at the child’s lower rate, once he or she turned 14 and until he or she enrolled in college.

In 2007, Congress extended the tax rate to age 17. As of January 1, 2008, the so-called ‘Kiddie Tax’ was extended to age 23. The new legislation makes the taxation of custodial accounts more complex, as well as more expensive.

A 529 plan works a bit differently. It is not taxed at all on investment earnings or withdrawals, as long as the money is used for qualified higher-education expenses. When compared to custodial accounts, 529 plans are considered more effective from a tax efficiency standpoint. Therefore, investors saving for their children’s higher education expenses may want to explore liquidating their existing account investment and moving the proceeds to a custodial 529 Plan. In addition, transferring an UGMA or UTMA into a 529 savings plan may also allow for limited impact on financial aid.

Once a 529 plan account is funded with the proceeds from a custodial account, the Beneficiary cannot be changed and the custodian is not able to take a non-qualified distribution. Although cashing out a custodial account is a taxable event, some investors may find it worthwhile to pay the taxes now, with capital gains rates being at historical lows. The tax savings — over the long-
term — will likely make up for any higher fees paid by a 529 plan investor. Plus, when it is time to tap the 529 plan to pay for college costs, the tax bill on any gains will be zero, as long as the withdrawals are used for qualified higher-education expenses. Your financial advisor can help you determine whether funding a 529 college savings plan with the proceeds from a custodial account is in your best interest.

For more information: if you’d like to learn more about education savings plans, please write in care of Main Street Focus, 122 AE Backus Ave., Fort Pierce, FL 34950. Investments and services are offered through Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, member SIPC; submitted by Jim O’Connor CFP®, CIMA®; Morgan Stanley, Stuart, FL; 772-223-2400.

Investments in a 529 plan are not FDIC-insured, nor are they deposits of or guaranteed by a bank or any other entity, so an individual may lose money. Before your clients invest they should review a Program Disclosure Statement, which contains more information on investment options, risk factors, fees and expenses and possible tax consequences. Account owners should read the Program Disclosure Statement carefully before investing.

If an account owner or the beneficiary resides in or pays income taxes to a state that offers its own 529 college savings or pre-paid tuition plan (an “In-State Plan”), that state may offer state or local tax benefits, but only for participation in the In-State Plan. These tax benefits may include deductible contributions, deferral of taxes on earnings and/or tax-free withdrawals. In addition, some states waive or discount fees or offer other benefits for state residents or taxpayers who participate in the In-State Plan. An account owner may be denied any or all state or local tax benefits or expense reductions by investing in another state’s plan (an “Out-of-State Plan”). In addition, an account owner’s state or locality may seek to recover the value of tax benefits (by assessing income or penalty taxes) should an account owner rollover or transfer assets from an In-State Plan to an Out-of-State Plan. While state and local tax consequences and plan expenses are not the only factors to consider when investing in a 529 plan, they are important to an account owner’s investment return and should be taken into account when selecting a 529 plan.

Tax laws are complex and are subject to change. This information is based upon current tax rules in effect at the time this was written. Morgan Stanley and its Financial Advisors do not provide tax or legal advice. Individuals should always check with their tax or legal advisor before engaging in any transaction involving 529 plans, Education Savings Accounts and other tax-advantaged investments. This material was not intended or written to be used, and it cannot be used by any taxpayer, for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed on the taxpayer under U.S. federal tax laws.
Got Membership?

Are you a member of the Sunrise Theatre? John Wilkes, executive director, is in the final stages of placing the 2008-2009 season into the hands of our printer for publication and you don't want to miss the opportunity to purchase the best seats in the house before they go on sale to the general public! How can you be the first to purchase tickets? That is simple — become a Sunrise Theatre member today. Membership levels begin at $50 with perks of being able to purchase tickets in advance of the general public, receiving email notices of upcoming shows before anyone else and possible meet/greets with the artists.

The biggest question though is who is coming worthwhile for me to purchase a membership, right? Below is a sampling of confirmed shows that the Sunrise is presenting:

- “Nunsence” starring Sally Struthers – Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008
- Dave Koz & Friends Christmas – Friday, Nov. 28, 2008
- Doc Grober – Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009
- Englebert Humperdink – Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009
- Art Garfunkel – Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009
- Lebay – Tuesday, March 10, 2009
- Bill Cosby – Saturday, March 14, 2009

We have a variety of more shows being performed on the Sunrise stage. The above references are just examples of the fantastic season we have in store for our loyal patrons. If you are not a member of the Sunrise Theatre consider becoming one today. Additional information is available on our website at www.sunrisetheatre.com and to become a member, call our box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 772-461-4775.
First Sunrise Theatre Children’s Theatre Summer Performance is a Success

Sixty-two local children entertained an audience of parents, family relatives and friends at the Sunrise Theatre on Saturday, June 14. The children presented the timeless classic Hansel & Gretel under the direction of Brandon Price and Ian Vytacl of the Missoula Children’s Theatre.

The week-long summer camp hosted by the Sunrise Theatre was a winner with the participants. From the moment the students took the stage, Branden Brown gave a stellar performance as Hansel/Hank; Jill Lassister was a natural on the stage as she portrayed Gretel/Gretchen and Damaris Diaz stole the show as the Wildwood Witch. From beginning scene to final curtain, each child did an outstanding job. In addition to Hansel, Gretel, and the Witch, the story included such characters as the Cooks (Hannah Groff, Emily Jones, Adaire Mullins, Shannon O’Connor, Kelly O’Keefe, Elyssa Rowe, Ivy Orr, Lumin Welch); the New Campers (Aurora Arrington, Angelica Bassetti, Anthony Beringhaus, Caroline Boudreaux, Molly Boudreaux, Janae Carter, Debra Cymbal, Mariah Dravo, Emilee Francisco, Shannon Glendinning, Quinten Jabeth, Elizabeth Osborne, Erin Recor, Kayla Tucker); Old Campers (Ariel Boudreaux, Ted Cymbel, Madison Dravo, Dylan Lawson, Colin Stanton); Nasties (Savannah Cymbal, Ashton Ellison, Brenden Ellison, Seth Ingersoll, Corrine Isble, Cassie Kirk, Emily Manville, Cory Merritt, Rebecca Moss, Samantha Nicosia, Michael Pena-Ariet, Brett Pittman, Brooklyn Venezia); and the Wallybirds (Gabrielle Boudreaux, Alexander Faline, Nicholas Faline, Michael Faurot, Holly Forbis, Sarahi Fraga, Jessica Goldstein, Ava Ingersoll, Aidan McDonnell, Serenity Merritt, Zoe Olson, Colin Perkins, Ethan Sierra, Eli Smeds, Samantha Smith, Billy Taylor, Lillian Tougas, Lauren Trevino, Justine Vega).

The Missoula Children’s Theatre will be back in August for two shows, Robinson Crusoe and the Little Mermaid. Pre-registration is through the Sunrise Theatre Box Office at 772/461-4774. The Robinson Crusoe summer camp is August 4-9 and the Little Mermaid is August 11-16.
Check Please! by the Mystery Diva Devour

Miracle Ribs Restaurant and Catering
Historic Downtown Fort Pierce
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Miracle Ribs Restaurant and Catering

Last week my lunch group travel to the historic Lincoln Park district to savor our favorite fare, southern BBQ. As we pulled up to the homey restaurant the smell of BBQ permeated the air. We quickly ordered from the generous menu. The service was quick and impeccable and the food, well … you just have to try it for yourself. The meat was cooked tender and succulent, the sides were divine and the entire meal was a BBQ cornucopia of new and old experiences.

 Owned and operated by Reverend Harry Macky and his wife Ruby, their Heavenly Ribs are truly an inspiration from above. The Macky’s first tried their hand at catering in 1977 for a church fundraiser. Since then they have opened a storefront at Avenue D and 18th Street. However, they may be best known for selling their BBQ fare
at Friday Fest. They have been a Friday Fest vendor for more years than they can count (we concluded it must be more than 15 years).

Entrees include ribs, chicken, tilapia, Buffalo wings and beef stew with rice. The BBQ sauce is sold by the pint, it was so good that I just had to take some home with me.

Accompany the BBQ meats were sides of Bahamian rice, fried okra, collards, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, limas, cornbread and more. For dessert, if you have room, try the banana pudding, peach cobbler or the bread pudding.

Restaurant Hours: Wednesday, 3 – 10 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m. – 1 a.m.; and Sunday, 5 – 10 p.m.
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As Fort Pierce Main Street begins its 20th successful year, it is undertaking an aggressive Membership Drive. “The Next Big Thing” campaign took off in May, 2006. Please consider becoming a Main Street Member.

Membership in Main Street Fort Pierce is open to anyone interested in helping preserve our unique heritage. Our goal is to encourage and assist in keeping Downtown Fort Pierce a vibrant shopping and business district for future generations.

We invite you to share your expertise and contribute toward making Fort Pierce Main Street a success in historic preservation and revitalization. Donations to Fort Pierce Main Street, a 501(c)3 corporation, are tax deductible.

**Main Street Membership Levels**

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- Student ........................................... $15.00
- Friend ............................................. $25.00
- Family ............................................. $50.00

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- Membership to St. Lucie County Preservation Association
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  (Corporate & Private)
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Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., a 501©3 not-for-profit corporation, has encouraged and participated in the revitalization efforts of downtown Fort Pierce for the past 20 years. The efforts of many have paid off. Downtown Fort Pierce is now recognized as one of the most desirable locations to live and work on the Treasure Coast, as well as, in the state of Florida.

The Main Street program was created by the National Trust of Historic Preservation in the early 1980s. The program was designed to revitalize the historic commercial districts that were threatened to extinction by urban sprawl. The four-step Main Street approach is used by over 1,600 communities across the United States and its model has been studied internationally.

The success of Main Street Fort Pierce over the past 19 years is due to the faithful commitment of current and past members of the Main Street board of directors, the City of Fort Pierce, local community organizations, local businesses, and general public support. Currently, the program consists of fourteen volunteer board members and two full-time employees. During its existence, Main Street Fort Pierce has held approximately twenty-six downtown promotional events each year, educated public school children about the history of the area, won numerous local, state, and national awards, restored historic buildings including the Sunrise Theatre, recruited businesses to the downtown area, held downtown charrettes to encourage the public participation in revitalization efforts, created outdoor art programs, and helped fund an award winning image campaign along with the Downtown Business Association, the Community Redevelopment Agency, and the City of Fort Pierce.
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Spring Fishing

by Dan Dannahower

I recently had the opportunity to venture out for a day of offshore fishing with Captain Scott Crippen of White’s Tackle, and mate Devin Silas. I, brother Jim, friend Greg Fredrick of Ft. Pierce, and old hunting buddy Bob Buhl from Washington State met at the Pelican Yacht Club docks, loaded our gear and we were off and out the inlet headed for the deep blue in no time. We had a beautiful day with light winds, full sun and 1-2-foot seas. We spent a short time catching bait on the inshore reefs and then headed out where the big-uns bite! Scott’s 43-foot competition style boat with three monster outboards hanging off the stern had us on the fishing grounds in no time, trolling 4 lines with live bait just begging to be eaten.

For the next six hours we trolled, did some bottom fishing then trolled some more and had a fairly steady rate of fish coming into the boat. Everyone caught fish. There were kingfish, Bonita, remoras, amberjacks and more. I spent 30 minutes battling what we all thought was a monster amberjack or dolphin but turned out to be a 20+ pound jack crevalle! Bob caught his first ever Atlantic Ocean fish, some big Kings and a nice amberjack.

Bob Buhl and mate Devin with a nice kingfish, Bob’s first ever Atlantic fish.

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Jim caught the big one of the day, a 40+ amberjack of which part has already been to the smoker and consumed. If you like smoked fish it’s all good but amberjack is pretty much the cream of the crop in the smoker! A great time for all with a knowledgeable and fun crew that worked hard to ensure we had a memorable day.

This trip is just one example of the kind of fun that happens on our waters, both offshore and inshore, on a daily basis. This particular trip was an auctioned item at a fundraiser for the Sunrise Theatre so not only did we have a great time on the ocean complements of Captain Crippen, the theatre received a very nice donation towards its continuing improvement. Many opportunities for trips like ours are available with a multitude of very experienced captains for both offshore and lagoon fishing. Get a few friends together, go in on a charter and you can have an awesome time on the water for a reasonable expense. You’ll not only have fun but if you’re a fisherman you’ll probably pick up some great new techniques and spots to go on your own.

Our great spring/summer weather fishing weather is upon us. Hire a charter, fish from the shore or piers, or get out in your own boat for some fun spring fishing. Whatever your preference I hope you get the chance to “wet a line” and enjoy a day on the water. Good luck and good fishing!
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