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Recently, the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council recognized four local citizens for their contributions to culture and the arts at the second annual “Lucie Awards.” The award was started by Jon Ward, to honor and recognize the efforts to better our community. One of those that will have a lasting and significant impact is the reopening of the Sunrise Theatre for the Performing Arts. Through the tireless efforts of Doris Tillman, Main Street Fort Pierce Manager and the Board of Main Street, the Sunrise Theatre is here today for the Treasure Coast community to enjoy for years to come. Doris accepted her “Lucie Award” gracious as always, with one simple and honest statement, “I may be standing here holding the award, but it belongs to the Board of Main Street, the volunteers and the people that supported it.” Thank you, Doris for all of your efforts.

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Calendar

Dine, Shop and Enjoy Beautiful, Historic Downtown Fort Pierce

❖ MONDAY, MAY 1 ❖
River City Brass Band
Sunrise Theatre, 461-4775

❖ FRIDAY, MAY 5 ❖
Friday Fest - 5:30 until 8:30 PM
Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

❖ WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 ❖
2nd Wednesday Walkabout
5:00 until 8:00 PM
Downtown Business Association, 465-7080

❖ SATURDAY, MAY 13 ❖
Cowboy Golf Tournament at the Adam's Ranch
Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

❖ SATURDAY, MAY 13 ❖
Jefferson Starship
Sunrise Theatre, 461-4775

❖ FRIDAY, MAY 19 ❖
Coffee With The Mayor
Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

❖ SATURDAY, MAY 20 ❖
Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society
present “Highwaymen Art Festival”
Governor’s Grill, Downtown Fort Pierce
11:00 AM until 4:00 PM, 460-5299

❖ SATURDAY, MAY 20 ❖
Four Bitchin Babes
Sunrise Theatre, 461-4775

❖ SATURDAY, MAY 27 ❖
Ismael Miranda
Sunrise Theatre, 461-4775

Weekly Events

❖ SATURDAYS ❖
Ft. Pierce Farmer’s Market
8:00 AM to Noon
Marina Square on Melody Lane
Market Manager, 940-1145

❖ SATURDAYS ❖
Arts & Crafts Show & Sale
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
600 N. Indian River Drive
F.P. Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5124

❖ THURSDAYS ❖
Fort Pierce Bike Night
6:00 until 9:30 PM
2nd Street – Downtown Fort Pierce
Yellowfin Grill & Raw Bar, 468-7071

❖ THURSDAYS ❖
Weekly Jazz Jam Sessions
7:00 until 10:00 PM
Fort Pierce Community Center
Fort Pierce Jazz Society, 460-5299

Community Center

❖ SLIMNASTICS ❖
Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Ft. Pierce Community Center, 462-1792

❖ JAZZERCISE ❖
Mon., Wed., Fri., 10:00 to 11:15 AM
Ft. Pierce Community Center, 462-1792

❖ ADULT SOCIAL DANCE CLASS ❖
Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Ft. Pierce Community Center, 462-1792

❖ PILATES CLASSES ❖
Monday, 7:00 to 8:15 PM
Ft. Pierce Community Center, 462-1792

Restaurant Entertainment

❖ THE ORIGINAL TIKI BAR ❖
461-0880
Sunday Afternoons 3:00 to 7:00 PM
Music by “Barely Broken”

❖ GOVERNOR’S GRILL ❖
466-6900
“Open Mike Night”
Tuesdays, 9:00 PM to Closing
“Blues Night at the Grill”
Wednesdays, 8:00 PM
“Ladies Night”
Thursdays, 10:00 PM to 12:00 AM
Live Music - Friday Evenings
Live Jazz with Matrix - Saturday Evenings

~Event Spotlight~

WHO: Main Street Fort Pierce
WHAT: Cowboy Golf Tournament
WHEN: Saturday, May 13
WHERE: Adam's Ranch
off of Orange Avenue
in west Fort Pierce
INFO: 772-466-3880
Cowboy Golf & BBQ Fundraiser for Main Street Fort Pierce

Bring All Your Favorite Things: Golf Clubs, Boots, Horse

by Sue Dannahower and Pam Gillette

Pebble Beach, Augusta National and TPC Sawgrass move over — it's Adam's Ranch turn to shine as Main Street Fort Pierce presents the first and soon to be Annual Cowboy Golf Tournament and BBQ. Out of the minds of 3 men and a lady, Bobby Knowles, Dave Miller, Bucky Walters and Pat Alley, came the notion that whacking golf balls around a pasture could be fun. Bobby Knowles and Bucky Walters, after attending a similar event out West, decided that Fort Pierce was the place to bring Cowboy Golf to the South. The first of its kind in this area, Main Street is proud to host the event.

On Saturday morning, May 13, 2006, as the sun comes shining through the hammocks and the mist lifts off the pasture, Adam's Ranch will be transformed into a golf course that will not compete with the majors. The course will be made of hay bales, stumps, and toilet seat holes. The spectators will be deer, raccoons, and cows. The final prize will be a good 'ole time and lots of laughs. So ... serious golfers beware. This is not your everyday golf tournament.

A team name and 4 cowboys are required to play, but a single cowpoke can sneak in and belly up with another team. Registration fee is $100.00 per cowboy. The fee includes 9 holes of Cowboy Golf, Goofy Bag, breakfast grub, BBQ, live entertainment, Ho-Down and prizes.

Cowboy Golf begins on the severely punishing 9 hole course at 9:00 a.m. where the 7 iron is the club of choice ... or maybe a pitchfork or shovel would work best. But remember to leave your golf attire at home. Overalls and camouflage are the dress of the day and a prize for the wildest dressed cowboy is the number one award. A Ho-Down begins at the Tree House with more games, a live band, and BBQ. Extra BBQ tickets are available for your none golfers, friends and family for $25.00 for adults and $10.00 for children under 12. So come on down for the wackiest event of the year — Cowboy Golf.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities call Main Street Fort Pierce at 772-466-3880. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the restoration of the Backus House and Main Street Fort Pierce. All donations are tax-deductible.
On May 12, 2006 at 11:30 a.m., Boca Ven Land of Fort Pierce, Inc., will officially break ground for their much anticipated project, Renaissance On The River. The ceremony will take place at 100 Atlantic Avenue. This mixed-use plan of upscale residential homes, waterfront retail and professional office space is the latest project from developer Leo Henriquez and his group of companies. Renaissance will be an asset to the downtown as the benchmark for residential living and will provide a prestigious address for business owners. All units enjoy views of the Indian River, Fort Pierce Marina and Historic Downtown. Sales information can be obtained at 110 South 2nd Street, by calling 800-842-1755, or on the web at www.bocavenland.com.
Federal Courthouse Update
by Sue Dannahower

The site for the planned Federal courthouse is the corner of U.S. 1 and Orange Avenue, a major intersection in Fort Pierce. Long time Fort Pierce residents will recall the site was the former home of Sewell's Hardware.

The Architectural firm of Merrill, Pastor and Colgan of Vero Beach designed the new look of the courthouse. The plan is to build an 118,000 square foot federal courthouse on a 143,000 square foot parcel, approximately a block and a half from the central business district. The estimated cost will be under $50 million dollars.

Mayor Bob Benton recently traveled to Washington to lobby for this project. He reports that the war and the recent storms have delayed funds for the project and that we are number two in line behind Buffalo, NY. We need more support from Congress for the GSA (General Services Administration) and the funds are not presently in the President's budget. Mayor Benton stated that with the population growth we're experiencing we really need this building. “This would be the shot in the arm we need for Fort Pierce” says Mayor Benton.
St. Lucie County to Host Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Clerk of Courts Building

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners, along with the Clerk of Circuit Court Ed Fry, Jr., hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Clerk of Courts office building on Tuesday, April 11 at 2 p.m. The event took place at the corner of Indian River Drive and Atlantic Avenue in Fort Pierce.

The $12 million project, being constructed by David Brooks Enterprises of Palm Beach Gardens, will house the Clerk’s employees that have been displaced in locations all over St. Lucie County since the hurricanes of 2004. The five-story, 57,000-square-foot building will also include over 2,500 square feet of retail and restaurant space and construction is expected to be complete by late 2007.
Last month I attended a couple of shows at the Sunrise Theatre. Although I had walked through the Theatre at least once a week during the five years of restoration, it was only the second and third time I had been inside the completed building. I was thoroughly entertained by each presentation, however, I also enjoyed listening to the comments from the people sitting around me. I felt like a spy, as my identity and my former occupation with the organization that restored the Sunrise was unknown by those seated around me. There were many familiar faces and many more that I had never seen before. Comments like, “I used to come here as a child,” or, “it is so nice that we have a theatre like this in Fort Pierce,” were expressed a couple of times by different people. Then there was one comment that brought tears to my eyes. A gentleman behind me stated, “Wow, they sure did a great job with this place.” I know that the Boards of both Main Street Fort Pierce and the Sunrise Theatre and their staffs waited a very long time and worked very hard to hear those very words from the public.

The dream of the restoration of the Sunrise began with the first Main Street Fort Pierce director, Tom Kindred, Jr., in the late 1980s. When Doris Tillman was hired in 1991 to replace Tom, she kept the dream alive and started researching ideas to make it a reality.

When I joined the Main Street staff in 1999, Doris had finally convinced enough people to believe in the Sunrise vision to form the Sunrise Theatre Board, which was lead from its formation to the present by a positive and motivated Chairman, Michael Horowitz. The Sunrise Theatre Board was formed to begin organizing the operations of the Theatre and to help Main Street raise money for its restoration.

Continued on next page...
It has been a long, hard road for Doris and the Sunrise Theatre supporters. Unfortunately, there were many voices of opposition by non-believers and sometimes these voices were louder than those who supported the idea of a restored 1923 Vaudeville House turned performing arts center in downtown Fort Pierce. However, Doris encouraged all of us to think positively, shrug off the negative views, and continue to work toward our goal.

Since its opening night, the Sunrise Theatre has become what Doris told us it would be: a key institution for promoting social interaction, cultural influence, and economic restructuring. Once the Theatre opened its doors to the public, Doris graciously stepped back from the project that consumed her for over 10 years and watched the new Sunrise Theatre Director, staff, and Board welcome an amazed public through the lobby.

Doris’ contribution to the Treasure Coast area was celebrated on April 2, 2006, at the St. Lucie Cultural Affairs Council’s annual “Lucie Awards” presentation. The “Lucie Awards” are given to special individuals who excel at promoting awareness for cultural entertainment and the arts in St. Lucie County. Along with Doris, the 2006 award winners were Ann Abood, Harvey Littleton and Olive Dame Peterson.
All Aboard! Downtown Trolley Ready to Take to the Streets

by Anne Satterlee

The buzz is the new Downtown Trolley which was manufactured by Specialty Vehicles of Huntington Beach, CA, and is a 35-foot, 20,100-pound, rear engine diesel pusher, powered by a Cummins B 5.9 liter, 6-cylinder engine. The classically-styled vehicle has a seating capacity of 31, with the ability to have an additional 20 passengers standing, using the period brass handrail. The new transportation addition to the Downtown Fort Pierce area will soon be “hitting” the streets. Finishing touches to the trolley have been signage and adding a wheelchair lift. Funded by the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA), the Fort Pierce Trolley will be operated by the St. Lucie Council on Aging.

The Trolley will operate on a closed loop in the downtown business district, shuttling passengers from the satellite parking lots to local businesses, restaurants and the court system from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Passengers on the Treasure Coast Connector transit system can access the Downtown Trolley at the Avenue D transfer stop. A pamphlet is being prepared to distribute to local residents and businesses to familiarize residents with the availability of this free service. The Trolley will also be available for special events and, as the ridership grows, the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency, who funded this project, will look at the possibility of expanding routes and adding other Trolley units.
“COWBOY GOLF & BBQ”
at the Adam’s Ranch
Saturday, May 13, 2006

Not for the “Serious Golfer”
Four Cowboy Team ♦ Shotgun
Start: 9:00 AM ♦ $100.00 per Cowboy

Fees include: 9 holes of Cowboy Golf, Goofy Bag, Breakfast Grub, BBQ and Ho-Down

☐ Full Team (four Cowpokes)  Team Name: ________________________________
    Cowboy 1_________ Cowboy 2_________
    Cowboy 3_________ Cowboy 4_________

☐ Single Cowpoke (you will be put with a team)
    Registration begins at 8:00 AM ♦ Cowboy Golf begins at 9:00 AM
    Band, Games, Lunch begin at 11:30 AM
    Awards (Best Dressed, Closest to the Pin, Longest Findable Drive) at 12:30 PM
    Clubs limited to: 1 iron, 1 putter and a shovel!
    Come dressed in your best cowboy golf attire!
    50/50 Raffle and Prizes

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Membership
Main Street Fort Pierce

As Fort Pierce Main Street begins its 18th successful year, it is undertaking an aggressive Membership Drive. “The Next Big Thing” campaign takes off April 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.

Membership Benefits:

- Subscriptions to Main Street Focus and Website Links to Focus On-Line
- Advance Notice and Invitation to Special Events
- Membership to St. Lucie County Preservation Association
- Listed on our On-Line Membership Page
- Networking & Volunteer Opportunities

When residents support and appreciate the business district, the businesses flourish. When the businesses flourish, the residents in the neighborhood prosper as well. We are all neighbors investing in each other’s success.

Complete the form below and join our growing group of committed members. By joining Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., you are supporting the economic well being of the entire community.

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- Friend .................................. $25.00
- Family .................................. $50.00

Corporate:
- Small Business (less than 10 employees) .. $100.00
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- Large Business (51 or more employees) ... $500.00
- Patron (all others) ...................... $500.00
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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 18 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 18 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 twelve 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.
It's Saturday morning in downtown Fort Pierce, and there's music, the scent of fresh bread and coffee in the air—wafting across the marina parking lot and up Avenue A, luring visitors down to the waterfront.

It's the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer's Market in full swing, with some forty vendors offering everything from organic produce and locally harvested seafood to home-grown and homemade delights like potted flowers and scented soaps and lotions.

It's a downtown tradition, say the vendors who make this year-round festival possible; and they're committed to keeping the market alive on the waterfront.

"We took a survey of our vendors and they really love the site," says Linda Hudson, Vice President of the market's board. Hudson acknowledges the board considered moving the market to Second Street, at least temporarily while construction on Indian River Drive is at its heaviest, but says the group decided to stay put because vendors and customers alike love the market's waterfront location on Melody Lane between the library and the marina.

"We have been very happy with the attendance," says Hudson. "This brings people downtown to the library and to local businesses."

Attracting business downtown is just one of the ways the market helps support the local economy. The market also emphasizes selling locally grown and produced goods. "Patrons like buying local goods," says Hudson.

The market also encourages student growers and entrepreneurs to use the market as an opportunity to test-market their agricultural products.

"We have great vendors, really high quality," says Hudson. "The seafood is all local, and the produce is as local as possible."

Products at the market include fresh citrus and juice, organic vegetables and herbs, seafood, poultry and eggs, nuts and dried fruit, baked goods both sweet and hearty, jams and jellies, and honey.

You'll also find a variety of prepared foods, gourmet pet treats, herbal remedies, handcrafted soaps and candles, and potted plants from orchids to shrubs.

The common thread is that all these products are agriculture-based. "We really try to keep those products at the forefront," explains Hudson, noting that the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society runs its Arts & Crafts Show every Saturday morning just north of the Farmer's Market on Indian River Drive.

Rounding out the lineup every Saturday morning are the St. Lucie County Master Gardeners and the Heathcote...
Sandy Shoes Festival

Main Street President, Anne Satterlee, and Main Street Director, Doris Tillman, take a quick picture break.

Anthony Westbury with Governor’s Grill head chef, Mark Muller.

Anthony Westbury with Treasure Coast Scripps Newspapers, instructs local chefs during the Iron Chef competition.

Judges for the Iron Chef competition make every taste count.
Team Main Street! Beth Williams, Andy Ingle, and Pam Gillette, compete during the Annual Grapefruit Squeeze-Off Competition.

City Commissioner, Duke Nelson; Main Street President, Anne Satterlee; St. Lucie County Commissioners, Joe Smith and Chris Craft; and City Commissioner, Christine Coke prepare for a little friendly competition.

Pat Alley, AKA Queen of the Grapefruit Squeeze-off competition, announces the team results.

Team FAU races to fill their pitcher with grapefruit juice during the Squeeze-off competition.
Botanical Gardens volunteers. Each group attends the market twice a month to answer questions and give growing advice.

Then there’s the music. Like the food, it’s homegrown; featuring local musicians playing upbeat tunes. A grant from the Cultural Affairs Council helps provide a budget for the live performances, and Hudson says the market is always looking for new performers.

If you are interested in performing at the market, or want to be a vendor, visit the market website at www.ftpiercefarmersmarket.com, or call market manager Bobbi Spencer at 772-940-1145. And if you just want to enjoy your morning breakfast out in the Spring sunshine of Florida, come on down to the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market, on Melody Lane, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
River City Brass Band  
Monday, May 1st, 8 p.m.  
Often called the Boston Pops of the brass world, don’t miss this truly exceptional ensemble that brings over 120,000 people to their feet every year. The most active band of their kind in the nation, over 25 brass players and 3 percussionists take you through a sweeping repertoire of big band swing, Broadway and Hollywood classics, contemporary masterworks and traditional marches.

Jefferson Starship/Airplane Family Galactic Reunion  
Saturday, May 13th, 8:00 p.m.  
Join Jefferson Airplane founders Marty Balin and Paul Kantner, Country Joe McDonald (Country Joe & The Fish), David Freiberg (Quicksilver Messenger Service), Tom Constanten (Grateful Dead) and a host of others as Haight Ashbury descends upon Fort Pierce. Join us as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the San Francisco Sound.

Special package available: $125 tickets include Priority Seating, access to late afternoon sound check performance, a special “meet and greet” event, access to a private auction featuring a very special piece of art by Grace Slick and a complete soundboard recording of the entire evening’s performance. Only 120 tickets are available, so order today. Proceeds benefit the Humane Society of St. Lucie County.

The Four Bitchin’ Babes In “Hormonal Imbalance”  
Saturday, May 20th, 8 p.m.  
How can funny sound this pretty? Start with four richly gifted singer/songwriters, add 3/4-cup married life, four kids, four part harmonies that would make Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young take notice, one piano, four guitars, a dollop of sharp social commentary, cheerleading pom poms, a pinch of PMS and you’ve got an estrogen-fueled hilarious show that celebrates the best of babes, boys and Botox. After 15 years as a traveling pajama party, this “fabulous female folkestra of indestructible divas” are hotter than ever. Literally!

Ismael Miranda  
Saturday, May 27th, 8 p.m.  
Internationally acclaimed star Ismael Miranda has never stopped touring or recording since his days with the Fania All-Stars. This distinctively buoyant sonero (a vocalist with the ability to improvise lyrics), is known for volcanic performances delivering the instrumental tightness and vocal flavor of classic Salsa. This is the real thing—a unforgettable evening of scintillating Latin rhythms from a true master of the art!
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Downtown Heroes: Ellie Hightower

by Kathleen McKee

In 1990, Ellie Hightower left Boynton Beach to find a small friendly community. She stopped in Ft. Pierce and was immediately drawn to the area. The second person she met was Jo Pye, owner of the Gift Horse. Jo introduced her to Tom Kindred who was head of Main Street at the time. Tom asked Ellie if she would like to volunteer for Main Street. Ellie was taught as a child that community involvement was a responsibility that each individual should acquire. So she started volunteering in Ft. Pierce and has not stopped.

Ellie remembers how “dead” downtown looked in 1990. But the “spark” was there as her first task was selling tickets from a card table in the Sunrise Theater for the Friday evening monthly event. She remembers Doris Tillman coming to Main Street and the enthusiasm that Doris had and created in the community. Ellie continues selling tokens at the Friday event which was named Friday Fest. Friday Fest has become a huge success. Ellie helps with all the Main Street festivals and events and says, “if you need me I’m there,” and, “like a disease, I’m always around.” She was also a guardian ad litem, an adviser with the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Explorer’s Post 400, and a volunteer at St. Andrews Church.

As Ellie prepares to move to Virginia she reflects on the transformation of downtown Ft. Pierce including the businesses as well as the architectural revitalization. She is excited about the renovation of the Backus House. Her love of Ft. Pierce and the people will always be with her and Ellie Hightower will always be with the community of Ft. Pierce and the people whose lives she touched. The lesson she learned as a child has come true—your community is what you make it. Good luck Ellie. You will be missed.

“Her love of Ft. Pierce and the people will always be with her and Ellie Hightower will always be with the community of Ft. Pierce … .”
Backus Gallery News
by Sue Dannahower

“The Eye of the Camera”
Juried Photography Show
April 12 – May 13
Sponsored by Jiffy Photo and Canon. Open to both amateur and professional photographers, this exhibit is sure to bring fierce competition. Last season’s juried photography exhibit brought 258 entries in six categories.

“The St. Lucie County High School Show”
May 17 – May 27
The best of things to come — from the area’s public and private high schools.

“The Indian River School of Painters”
May 31 – July 15
Whether formally instructed or merely mentored by A.E. Backus, legions of artists gained in skill and wisdom from the influence of Bean Backus. This exhibit, held in honor of his 100th birthday, pays tribute to Backus’ artistic and humanitarian legacy through the exhibition of paintings by those he influenced the most. Exhibiting artists include Don D. Brown, James Hutchinson, Michael G. Enns, Michael Sitaras, Jackie Brice, Jackie Schindehette, Sherry Johnson, Therese Knowles, Tom Fresh, Julie Enders, Rick Kelly, Dan Holt, Delores Hutchinson, Leslie Szakacs, selected works by The Florida Highwaymen and more.

The Gallery will be closed to the public July 17 through September 22, 2006.
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Go Forth and Do Good ... that is the mantra that Bud Boudreaux not only preaches but also practices. As an employee of Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) for almost seven years, I have seen Bud in action as he has pulled together and rallied the troops of almost 300 people who act to serve all of Fort Pierce and parts of St. Lucie County with reliable electric, gas, water, wastewater, and communication utility services. Bud has displayed leadership skills within the hometown publicly-owned utility that has indeed led to enhancing the quality of life in our community.

Having served as Director of Utilities for 12 years, Bud will be retiring from FPUA in August 2006. Most people don’t realize how dedicated he has been to Fort Pierce. Over 10 years ago, Bud agreed that providing an educational facility that would teach people about manatees, which frequented the warm water in Moore’s Creek adjacent to the King Power Plant, was a good thing for the community. As a result of his dedication to the re-growth that was just beginning in Fort Pierce, Bud urged the FPUA Board of Directors to make a 25-year commitment to have FPUA manage the Manatee Center once Main Street had completed the building. The Manatee Center is now a thriving hub of tourism and education in Downtown Fort Pierce.

As FPUA’s leader, Bud has been setting a good example by volunteering and spending personal time and money to help those in the community who are in need. He has been a long-time advocate for the United Way of St. Lucie County. His decade-long volunteer work for United Way has included serving as Annual Campaign Chairman, President of the Board of Directors, and Board member. Bud also encourages FPUA employees to make annual donations to United Way, and as a result FPUA has received the United Way Circle of Honor Award.

As past President of the Fort Pierce Rotary Club, Bud showed the community that he is willing to not only volunteer his time, but he is also willing to go the extra mile and provide leadership in a charitable, local organization.
that is over 80 years old. He has also served as Trustee for the Lawnwood Regional Medical Center. Other leadership roles that Bud has volunteered for include President of the Florida Municipal Electric Association and Chairman of the Board for the Florida Municipal Power Agency.

Not only has Bud served our local community, but he has also served our country. He was a Tactical Fighter Pilot and Flight Instructor for the U.S. Air Force. While in the military, he was stationed in South East Asia where he flew 203 combat missions during the Vietnam War and also served with a combat-ready crew in Europe and the Middle East. After the war, he became Chief of Operations for Base Civil Engineering at McDill Air Force Base where he supervised a workforce of 300 engineers, technicians, and draftsmen in 12 maintenance shops.

By the way, I have neglected to mention that Mr. Boudreaux is a Cajun, having grown up in Southern Louisiana. Since he will be retiring, Main Street thought it would be fitting to “Roast” Bud. You don’t want to miss out on the fun night called, “Cocktails with a Cajun,” a Roast to honor Boudreaux’s retirement, on Thursday, May 25th at the Pelican Yacht Club. Call Main Street to get your tickets; or, if you want to wish Bud “Goodbye,” you can place your thoughts in the Bayou Billboard booklet that will commemorate the night’s event. Happy Trails, Cher’.
Britt Reynolds was born a Florida boy. He attended school locally at John Carroll High School and Indian River Community College. The Reynolds family was involved with cattle, but also owned several of the Babcock Home Furnishing Stores in St. Lucie and Indian River Counties.

When Britt got involved in managing the Babcock Stores he contacted Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., and wanted to participate in the many activities. At first he volunteered at Friday Fest and sponsored some of the other events. Due to his interest and involvement with Main Street, he was asked to become a Main Street Fort Pierce Board Member in 1998. Even though the family is no longer in the retail business he has remained an active participant of the board. He recently described being on Main Street Fort Pierce's Board as, “like being involved with a cult ... if you try to leave they will kill you.” (It’s not that hard to leave, really.)

For Britt, his involvement is a family activity. His daughters are often in the background helping out. He knows his involvement shows them the importance of giving back to your community.

Britt serves as Vice-President of the Board of Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. He fondly recalls his years of service by the moves the office has made. He started when the office left the Raulerson Building, and later the office moved from 106 Depot Drive to 210 Depot Drive and now to the Backus House.

Britt is always there to help when needed. He finds the time between raising two daughters, tending to the family business as well as running his own business and taking care of his horses. He truly is a hero to the organization.
Got A Tough Question? Ask A Professional!

Skin Care Facts & Fiction

by Sue Dannahower

**Question:** Will waxing cause more hair growth?

**Answer:** No. Actually waxing helps reduce hair growth. Waxing removes the hair as well as the root. Therefore the regrowth is lighter and not as coarse.

**Question:** Is there anything I can do for brown (age) spots?

**Answer:** Yes. That condition is referred to as hyperpigmentation (lightening of the skin is known as hypopigmentation). Both conditions are very treatable via microdermabrasion, chemical peels and/or with routine facials. However, equally important is the use of good home care products and sunscreen is a MUST!

**Question:** What causes these brown spots?

**Answer:** Quite a few factors: sun damage, pregnancy, hormonal changes and unfortunately the aging process.

**Question:** Will facials dry out my skin or cause a reaction?

**Answer:** No. A client should be questioned regarding allergies and reactions to certain products. Therefore, a facial should be customized to the individuals needs, whether it is intense hydration, hyperpigmentation, rosacea, fine lines, wrinkles or acne.

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Fishing Update
by Dan Dannahower

March is one of our windiest months and this year has been no exception. The frontal systems keep rolling through from up north and with them come the windy conditions we've seen during much of March and the first third of April. I'm sure a number of fishing excursions have been cut short or cancelled due to blustery conditions.

If you've been lucky enough to pick a day when the weather was nice, and there have been a few very pleasant days scattered between frontal passages, you likely found fish of one species or another willing to cooperate. Snook fishing around the bridges, turning basin, and jetties has been good with many reports of catches bigger than the legal limit of 34 inches. Trout and redfish have been abundant around the spoil islands and on the grass flats. Sheepshead and snappers can be found in numerous areas with rocky bottom, ledges or other structure.

Offshore has been tough due to the wind and resultant rough seas but there have been some reports of good grouper and snapper action on the reefs and ledges from 60 to 100 feet.

As reported in last month's Focus two big offshore tournaments will be completed by the time this article gets to press. The Southern Kingfish Association, or SKA

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will hold its 2005 National Championship from April 20th through 22nd. The Yellowfin-Mercury Kingfish Classic is scheduled for April 27th through 29th.

We should be just about done with the windy conditions with the next few months offering some of Florida’s nicest weather. Hope you get a chance to get out on a nice day and “wet a line”.

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