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There are a few more months to go before we are out of hurricane season and so far we certainly have been fortunate to dodge any severe storms — other than Tropical Storm Fay’s flooding. We can all sympathize with the less fortunate people of the Gulf Coast for the storms they have encountered recently and realize what they are going through struggling to survive and rebuild as we did back in 2004.

With school back in session and summer vacations seeming like a distant memory, Main Street Fort Pierce’s busy event schedule begins. Coffee with the Mayor started back after the summer break in September with the Mayor’s Golden Hammer Awards. Business owners and residents are nominated and recognized for their improvement efforts with this bi-annual award. Mayor Benton keeps the one-hour event informative and positive with interesting monthly sponsors. Coffee with the Mayor is held the 3rd Friday every month at 8:00 a.m. in Historic City Hall. The Main Street staff supplies coffee, Orchid Island Orange Juice and donuts!

Main Street’s Fall activities features the ever popular Historic Ghost Walk on October 29 which brings out the “spirit” in some of the local haunts around town. You do not want to miss this event to discover history and meet our local ghosts! November brings a wine tasting at the historic Arcade Building with many of the merchants opening their doors to attendees. Pull your boots on in November because Cowboy Golf is moving to a cooler time of the year at the expansive Adam’s Ranch. Do not miss out on this unique golf course, manicured greens of ‘pasture’ and skillet holes. For the shoppers in need of retail therapy before the holidays, Main Street is hosting another Trunk Show at the Platts-Backus House, featuring Silpada jewelry, sample clothing, leather goods and more.

December is the annual Sights and Sounds on Second Christmas event with the tree in the roundabout and the start of the City’s Holiday Lights Spectacular at the waterfront plaza.

Need a unique gift for your loved one? The historic Sunrise Theatre, a truly a cultural gift for all of St. Lucie County and Treasure Coast residents, offers memberships with various levels of benefits! The Sunrise’s season is filled with fabulous entertainment, Broadway shows, ballet, opera and more. Stay tuned and keep up to date with all the Fort Pierce events with the Main Street Focus.
BUSINESS EXPANSION

New Resources for Clients
Comet Creative Adding Staff, Launching New Website

“Comet Creative allows you to expand your marketing capability without the expense and hassle of hiring additional personnel.” – Carol Archebelle

Comet Creative is expanding its staff and services to better address today’s marketing landscape for clients.

It’s a much different world than it was 15 years ago. Digital video recorders such as TiVo allow you to skip commercials, I-Pods, mp3 players and satellite radio are commercial free and traditional newspaper readership has fallen. So where are consumers going for information? Most of the time, it’s the Internet.

To help businesses take advantage of this shift, Comet Creative has added new staff and services. New staff includes Carol Archebelle as Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Alice Cornelius as Project Manager and Gilberto Prujansky as Interactive Media Designer. Also, on October 1, Comet Creative launched a new website to help clients stay informed about media trends.

The new site, cometcreativeinc.com, gives clients insight into emerging media, such as online video, web design, search engine marketing and more. It also features news you can use to stay in touch with ever-moving target audiences.

Carol, as the newest addition to the staff, brings years of experience helping businesses reach out to potential customers through on- and offline marketing. Thus, she knows how to blend traditional and non-traditional media to best suit clients needs.

“Most of the time clients need both,” Carol said. “They need a mix of traditional media such as print, broadcast, outdoor advertising and public relations, along with online marketing to achieve their objectives. Comet Creative is here to help businesses think strategically about their target audience and message, then find the best way to cut through the clutter to connect with customers’ emotions.”

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MAIN STREET AND DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Calendar

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

Friday, October 3: **Friday Fest** — 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org

Friday, October 17: **Coffee with the Mayor** — 8:00 a.m. Historic City Hall; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

Saturday, October 25: **“Pops in the Park”** Jaycee Park — 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Music by Eclipse; Free to the community (rain date October 26); Sponsored by the Fort Pierce South Beach Association, Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and Oculina Bank.

Wednesday, October 29th: **5th Annual Downtown Fort Pierce Ghost Walk** — Tours from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Main Street Fort Pierce 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

Friday, October 31: **Halloween Classic Car Cruise-In** — 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Downtown Business Association, 465-7080, www.fortpierce-fl.com.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Ft. Pierce Farmer’s Market** – Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to Noon; Marina Square on Melody Lane; Market Manager, 940-1145.

**Arts and Crafts Show & Sale** – Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; north of downtown Fort Pierce Library, 465-7080, www.fortpierce-fl.com.

**Fort Pierce Bike Night** – Thursdays, 6 to 9:30 p.m.; 2nd Street, Downtown Fort Pierce; Yellowtail Grill, 468-7071.

**Fort Pierce Jazz Jams** – 7:00 p.m.; Fort Pierce Community Center; $2 Admission; Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5124.

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The Heathcote Herb Society meets the first and third Sundays of every month at 9:15 am, at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, in Fort Pierce. The Society meets to maintain the Heathcote Herb Garden, and to learn about growing and using herbs in south Florida. Contact Miriam Charles at (772) 336-8047 or email jupiternapa@yahoo.com.

Heathcote Kids Garden fall session meets Thursdays 4:15 to 5 p.m. at Heathcote Botanical Gardens; $5 fee for 14-week session; call (772) 464-4672.

**FORT PIERCE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE**

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**September 27 to October 18:** **Wit and Whimsy;** Sponsored by Seacoast National Bank; The works in Wit and Whimsy are smart, yet fanciful creations; a great combination for those who like a surprise and a little fun with their art. Artists include Pam Fessel, Harry McVay, Maureen Claire Peterman, Ginny Piech Street and Anita Prentice.

**October 22 to November 22:** **27th Annual Four County Juried Show “The Best of the Treasure Coast;”** Sponsored by SunTrust: The Four County Juried show includes work by some of the best artists in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties. The 27th annual exhibition shows the great diversity and creativity of artists in this region. The selection process for this show is a tremendous undertaking, as hundreds of pieces will be submitted for judging.

**FORT PIERCE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE**

Saturday, October 18: **PAL TOBERFEST;** Family Fun for Everyone! The Fort Pierce Police Athletic League is hosting PAL TOBERFEST, a day filled with fun activities for the entire family at the PAL Center. From 1 to 5 p.m. there will be a bounce house, police equipment and many other displays inside the Center; free hay rides will be in progress from 1 to 3 p.m. A Car/Audio Show will also be in progress from 1 to 3 p.m.; to participate in this event call 772-361-3346. At 3 p.m. a youth boxing demonstration begins which will be followed by “Inside Kids’ Show” directed by Brenda Cooper at 4 p.m. Concessions will be available. A $5.00 donation which will benefit PALS Youth Crime Prevention Programs is requested for indoor activities.

The Fort Pierce PAL Center is located at 1401 N. 2nd Street; call 224-9332 or visit fortpiercepals.com or prowrestlingfusion.com. The Fort Pierce Police Athletic League: “Filling playgrounds … not prisons.”
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by Anne Satterlee

Cooler weather brings more ‘cool’ events along the city’s historic downtown waterfront. The city’s Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and Darryl Bey’s BlueBird Productions, Inc. present a new and exciting event in Downtown, Music on the Plaza at Marina Square.

A variety of musical genres from Rock to Pop, R&B, Country, Latin-Jazz and Salsa, Roots and Americana to Jazz & Blues will fill the air from Noon to 4:00 p.m. on the Plaza at Marina Square, the second Sunday of each month. Beginning October 12, 2008 and ending May 10, 2009, the community event is free to the public and will certainly become a Sunday afternoon staple. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy great music, friends and food in a relaxing waterfront environment.

The kick-off Music on the Plaza, October 12, will feature Fort Pierce’s own Eddie Tobin and Ventura’s with special guest John Lamb formerly of the Duke Ellington Orchestra. For more information call (772) 979-6176 or visit www.bluebirdshows.com.
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Fourth Annual Cowboy Golf Tournament

by Pam Gillette

Howdy cowpokes! Main Street Fort Pierce and Adam’s Ranch have moved the 4th Annual Cowboy Golf Tournament and BBQ to the fall. So grab your partners, search your closet for your best cowboy/cowgirl attire, and join us for the wackiest golf tournament on the Treasure Coast.

But wait, not only have we changed the season, but we have changed the day. The tournament will be held on Friday, November 14, 2008. So, let your imagination run wild, lie through your teeth, and find a way to play hooky from work and join us as the sun comes shining through the hammocks at Adam’s Ranch.

Main Street will transform Adam’s Ranch 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. Serious golfers beware — this is not your everyday golf tournament.

Team name and 4 cowboys/cowgirls are required to play, but a single cowpoke can sneak in and belly up with another team. The registration fee is $100.00 per cowboy. The fee includes 9 holes of Cowboy Golf, a Goofy Bag, breakfast grub, a BBQ lunch, and prizes.

Cowboy Golf begins on the severely punishing 9 hole course at 9:00 a.m. The 7 iron is the club of choice or maybe a pitchfork or shovel would work best, but are not encouraged. Leave your golf attire at home. Overalls and camouflage are the dress of the day and a prize for the wildest dressed cowboy/cowgirl is the number one award. Extra BBQ tickets are available for non-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. See you at the Ranch!

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 Platt’s/Backus House and Main Street Fort Pierce.
Downtown Hero – Pat Alley

by Pam Gillette

In August 1991, Doris Tillman became manager of Main Street Fort Pierce. One of her duties as manager was to recruit new Board Members to Main Street. She was very fortunate to recruit one of the top business women in St. Lucie County — Pat Alley.

Seventeen years later Pat Alley is still on the Board of Directors for Main Street Fort Pierce and still supporting the efforts of Main Street. “I love serving on Main Street and I feel this Board has accomplished so much for Fort Pierce,” says Pat. Her favorite events are the Wine Tastings, Cowboy Golf and Friday Fest. But she is most remembered for the Reverse Raffle, where she and Tom Kindred have co-hosted the event for the past 15 years.

Let us not forget, the famous Coffee with the Mayor College Bowl. Who else but Pat Alley could get community leaders to dress up in their favorite college fan costumes? I believe this is her way of promoting community spirit through college rivalry and also promoting her beloved Gators.

Raised in Fort Pierce since the age of three, Pat is fiercely passionate about Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County. She was the first employee at Riverside National Bank 25 years ago and is now serving as President of Riverside National Bank in Fort Pierce. She is also Governor Appointee to the Children’s Services Council, Board Member of the United Way of St. Lucie County, Board Member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of Economic Development Council. But closest to her heart is her work with the March of Dimes where she has served as Honorary Co-Chair for the past 3 years.

Pat has been married to Bob Alley for 47 years. They have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandsons. Pat says, “My personal outlook on life is corny but true — I do like to give back to my community, doing for others and to live, love & laugh. Also I love being on Michael Goforth’s Beautiful People Hall of Fame.”

To say that Pat gives back to the community is an understatement. She is an outstanding volunteer to Main Street and the community at large. Main Street Fort Pierce is proud to have Pat Alley serving on our Board of Directors and proud to highlight her as this month’s Downtown Hero.
Scott Woodward to be Featured Artist for October Artwalk

by Sue Dannahower

Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

During the month of October local artist, Scott Woodward, will be the featured artist for the D.B.A. sponsored Artwalk. Scott will display his artwork at Picture Perfect which is located in historic downtown Fort Pierce.

Scott Woodward has lived in Fort Pierce for most of his life. He started painting at age 10, using snapshots of the outdoors as a guide. He exhibited in Fort Pierce and in other Florida cities and won an award.

Growing up, Scott studied under well-known artists Denny Privateer, Natalie Nijinsky and Helen Terry. As a young adult, he studied under renowned portrait artist, Mal Camins, a Palm Beach instructor trained at Pratt University in New York. Scott is a graduate of Indian River Community College with a degree in Fine Arts. While in college he traveled to Italy to study master works of art in Florence, Milan and Rome.
Scott was acquainted with A.E. Backus and has been influenced by study of his work. He has also studied under Jackie Schindehette.

Scott has worked primarily with media of pastels and oil on canvas. His works include portraits of people and pets, landscapes and native Americans. He has shown at the Backus Museum and Gallery’s 2006 exhibit “A Land Remembered” and several of the Gallery’s 4-Country Juried Shows, donated to the Heathcote Botanical Gardens “Artist Days at Adam’s Ranch” and will be the featured artist for the October 8, 2008 downtown Fort Pierce Artwalk.

Picture Perfect is located at 124 North Second Street in Downtown Fort Pierce, (772) 461-0410.
Main Street Volunteer Raises Money for Local Charities
Michelle Tovar Training for Ironman Competition

Some people like to swim, some like a nice bike ride, and others prefer to take a nice jog to keep in shape. In the case of Main Street Board Member Nancy Ingle’s daughter, Michelle Tovar, she prefers to swim, bike and run — but not in a leisurely way. She is an accomplished triathlete, competing in a variety of events for the last 5 years. Michelle, born and raised in Fort Pierce, grew up with Main Street Fort Pierce. She started running and swimming while she was attending Lincoln Park Academy. After high school, she attended IRCC and was a member of the history-making swim team, graduating with two championship rings.

As fate would have it, Michelle met her husband, a fellow swimmer, at IRCC. Together, they started participating in the Publix Family Fitness Weekend triathlons, held statewide, where each eventually won the championship titles for their age group. In addition to being a 7th Grade Reading teacher at the new Palm Pointe Educational Research School, Michelle is a Certified Level 1 Triathlon Coach and teaches cycling classes at LA Fitness in Tradition. She regularly races in marathons, triathlons, and adventure races.

She is currently training for her biggest challenge yet — the Florida Ironman in Panama City Beach, on November 1. That means she'll be swimming 2.4 miles in the Gulf, cycling 112 miles, and then running 26.2 miles (that’s a marathon!). This is a grueling race that requires months of preparation.

Shortly after Michelle started her training, Nancy’s mother passed away unexpectedly. The family’s experience at Hospice, from the care her grandmother received to the time volunteers spent with family members, led to Michelle’s desire to give back to this wonderful organization of very special people. She decided to turn her race into a fundraiser for our local Treasure Coast Hospice, in memory of her grandmother, Patricia Wilson.

The Janus Charity Challenge allows athletes to register the charity of their choice and set a fundraising goal. The top athletes at their respective races will have their fundraising balance matched by the Janus Corporation. When Michelle reaches her goal of raising $10,000, there is a chance that a total of $20,000 could be donated to a local organization that affects so many of us and our loved ones. As a community united, this is a realistic and achievable goal. If you want to help Michelle cross the finish line as a top fundraising athlete and support your local Treasure Coast Hospice, please visit Michelle’s personal web page at http://januscharitychallenge.kinterra.org/fl08/tovarironmanflorida.

Contributions can also be mailed or dropped off at 1201 SE Indian St. Stuart, FL 34997. Please make checks payable to Treasure Coast Hospice, In Memory of Patricia Wilson. Your support doesn’t end there! On November 1, track Michelle and other local athletes during the race at www.ironmanlive.com. Your support is a testimony to this loving and caring community. Visit www.TCHospice.org for more information about donations, volunteering and Hospice programs and services.
Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past

by Pam Gillette

Did you know that there are ghosts hidden in the old walls and buildings of Fort Pierce? Did you know that there are many tales and secrets lurking around our downtown and stories about the people who lived here?

Come join us on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 as we walk through the streets of Downtown Fort Pierce. Your personal guide will lead you on a journey of discovery into the history of our great town.

Colonel Benjamin Pierce established the original fort on Indian River Drive as an army headquarters. You will meet a soldier from the past who will tell you about how Fort Pierce got its name and interesting stories of the Fort.

You will be taken to a railroad worker and listen for the sounds of the train pulling into the depot. And visit with Annie Hogg, wife of the man who built the original Cobb Building and general store.

AE “Beanie” Backus also known as the “Dean of Florida Landscape Painters” will make an appearance. He will
explain how he painted his beautiful landscapes and how he inspired Alfred Hair and the Highwayman painters. Did you know that Beanie was first employed as a painter of theatrical signs, posters and displays during the Depression at the Sunrise Theatre?

Your guide will take you into the Sunrise Theatre on our tour of Downtown. Rupert Koblegard created a stir when he completed the largest vaudeville theatre on Florida’s East Coast in the 1920s. But from the time it opened it was the place to go and many Hollywood stars such as Sally Rand and Tom Mix performed on the stage.

Fort Pierce has many landmarks, the Raulerson Building, the Boston House, the courthouse and many characters that inspire our rich history. Walk with us, Wednesday, October 29, 2008 for the Main Street Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past walking tour. There is $5.00 per person donation for the walk; Children under 5 are free. Tours will begin at 6:00 p.m., leaving from the gazebo at the roundabout on Indian River Drive and Avenue A in Downtown Fort Pierce every 10 minutes. The last tour leaves at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are preferred and can be made by calling the Main Street office at 466-3880 to set up your time of departure.

Join Main Street and our ghostly friends as they return you back to the days of blacksmiths, livery stables, and general stores. Don’t miss your chance to hear the many secrets of Downtown Fort Pierce and the stories of the people who made our town great.

All Hallow’s Eve, more commonly known as Halloween, will be celebrated in downtown Fort Pierce this year with activities sure to entertain the whole family. The date, Friday, October 31st, coincides with the monthly Classic Car Cruise In and the Downtown Business Association is sponsoring a costume judging contest and will award prizes to those costumes judged to be the best. In addition, many of the local merchants will be passing out goodies to trick-or-treaters in their businesses. This proves to be a perfect activity for all members of the family. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!
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Riverside Bank Celebrates 26 Years in Business

During the week of September 15, 2008, Riverside Bank will commemorate its 26th anniversary by celebrating with cake and refreshments for customers and visitors in its Treasure Coast locations.

Riverside Bank’s Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Vernon D. Smith, saw his vision of a hometown bank come to realization on September 13, 1982 by successfully anticipating the growth and financial needs of the local community.

“The greater Fort Pierce area was growing and I saw the need for a customer-focused bank — a bank that could provide service by local people to the local residents and businesses, and that’s exactly what we created,” said Smith.

In 26 years, Riverside Bank has developed a reputation for providing friendly, helpful services, as well as local community involvement. That hometown style of banking is the foundation for the bank’s success, which it provides today to people and businesses in 42 home towns along the east coast and in the heartland of Florida.

Beginning with ten employees, Riverside Bank currently employs nearly 950 people, including five of the original ten (see photo). From its humble beginnings of one modest branch in Fort Pierce, the bank now has 61 offices locations in ten Florida Counties.

With over $4 billion in assets, Riverside Bank has the largest market share for financial institutions in St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties. Plus, it is the largest community bank in Brevard and Volusia Counties.

“Reflecting on our first 26 years in business,” said Smith, “our Riverside team is deeply grateful to our customers for their willingness to trust a new endeavor in the early 1980s. We also want to offer our heartfelt thanks to the employees and their families, whose dedication and sacrifices allowed us to fulfill our customers’ needs while also building a strong foundation for future growth. As we look into the future, we pledge to continue our commitment to the home towns we serve.”

Five of the original ten Riverside Bank employees are (l. to r.) John Giordano, Pat Alley, Bob O’Neal, Vernon Smith and Tina Talley.
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Sunrise Theatre News
by Sue Dannahower

The Charlie Daniel’s Band
Thursday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. – Tickets $49

Charlie Daniels is partly Western and partly Southern. His signature “bullrider” hat and belt buckle, his lifestyle on the Twin Pines Ranch, his love of horses, cowboy lore and the heroes of championship rodeo, Western movies, and Louis L’Amour novels, identify him as a Westerner. The son of a lumberjack and a Southerner by birth, his music — rock, country, bluegrass, blues, — is quintessentially Southern.

For decades, Charlie Daniels has steadfastly refused to label his music as anything other than “CDB music,” music that is now sung around the fire at 4-H Club and scout camps, helped elect an American President, and been popularized on a variety of radio formats. Classic CDB hits include “The Devil Went Down to Georgia,” “Long Haired Country Boy,” “The South’s Gonna Do It,” and “The Legend of Wooley Swamp.” Charlie Daniels has won multiple awards from the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music, the Gospel Music Association and a Grammy. Over a span of 50 years in the music industry, he has had gold, platinum and multiplatinum albums. And on January 19, 2008, Charlie Daniels was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry.

“Few individuals have symbolized the South in popular culture as directly and indelibly as Charlie Daniels.” – Encyclopedia of Southern Culture

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy
Friday, Oct. 17th, at 8 p.m. – Tickets $39

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy is inspirational in carrying on the traditional of legendary big bands and orchestras by kick starting the swing revival in the mid-90’s. Their new album Save My Soul pays tribute not only to the wellspring of American music but, as in the words of bandleader Scotty Morris, “my favorite musical city, New Orleans.”

Los Lonely Boys
Saturday, Oct. 25th at 7 p.m. – Tickets $39

The multi-platinum 2003 debut Los Lonely Boys and 2006’s Sacred, made the Texas trio one of the most beloved and acclaimed new arrivals in rock. “Heaven” earned the group a Grammy Award for best pop performance. Other hits include “Whatever Gets You Through the Night” and “Love Don’t Care About Me” from their new album Forgiven.

ABBA
Sunday, Oct. 26th at 7 p.m. – Tickets $45/$39

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Salon de Ana Bernal

by Sue Dannahower

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Salon de Ana Bernal is a full-service boutique salon specializing in color techniques, precision haircuts, special occasion hair styles, manicures, pedicures, semi-permanent eye lash applications and permant makeup. Their day spa services allow you to be pampered in just the way you deserve, and in just the way you choose. Services include massage, body wraps, facials and more.

Ana Bernal gives back to Fort Pierce and her community. She works with nonprofit organizations such as:
• Locks of Love provide prosthetic hairpieces to children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. The prostheses they provide help to restore self-esteem and confidence, enabling the children to face the world and their peers. Ana will harvest your hair as well as give you a new “do!”
• Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia Society is Ana’s main project. She runs marathons, holds an annual “cut a thon” and many other events to benefit the Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia Society. Currently Ana is selling raffle tickets for an 8 day/7 night Alaskan Cruise & airfare for two. Tickets are $20, so buy them as stocking stuffers. For more details or to purchase a ticket call Ana at 772-468-2555.

At Salon de Ana Bernal it’s all about you! Call today to schedule an appointment.
RIP Recipes: Tasty Halloween Treats

**Pecan-Caramel Spiders**

1 1/2 cups toasted pecans
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, in pieces
1/4 teaspoon salt
5 ounces thin black licorice strands, cut into 2-inch pieces
6 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
4 ounces milk chocolate, chopped
Chocolate curls or jimmies, optional

Line 2 baking sheets with waxed paper and lightly spray with nonstick spray. Mound 30 small clusters of pecans; about 3 or 4 pecans each spaced a couple inches apart on the pan.

Make caramel: warm the cream over low heat and keep warm while you cook the sugar. Put the sugar and corn syrup and in a deep, heavy-bottomed large saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until the sugar dissolves. Stop stirring, raise heat to medium-high, and simmer until the sugar reaches the hard crack stage, 240° on the thermometer, about 7 minutes.

Whisk the butter and salt into the sugar mixture. Gradually pour in the cream and vanilla taking care since the mixture will bubble up. Reduce the heat to medium and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until the sugar reaches soft ball stage, 240° on the thermometer, about 5 minutes more. Immediately remove from the heat and cool for a minute.

Ladle a couple tablespoons of warm caramel over some of the nut clusters, to make the spider bodies. Then press 6 pieces of licorice into the warm caramel to make the legs. Repeat with the remaining caramel and licorice. Let spiders cool 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, put the chocolates in a medium heatproof bowl. Bring a saucepan filled with 1 inch or so of water to a very slow simmer; set the bowl over, but not touching, the water. Stir the chocolate occasionally until melted and smooth.

Spoon about 1 tablespoon of melted chocolate on top of each spider. Sprinkle with jimmies or chocolate curls, if desired. Let cool until firm.

**Ritz Spiders**

12 Ritz Crackers
1/4 cup peanut butter, divided
48 small pretzel sticks
1 Tablespoon Halloween sprinkles
12 currants

Spread each of 6 crackers with 1 tsp. of the peanut butter; cover with second cracker for the spider’s body.

Insert 8 pretzel sticks into the peanut butter layer in each sandwich for the spider’s legs.

Spread 1 teaspoon of the remaining peanut butter onto top of each spider. Decorate with sprinkles. Add currants for the eyes. Makes 6 servings, one spider each.
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Sheriff Ken J. Mascara

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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
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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.

Main Street Focus October 2008
What a Memorable Season at the Manatee Center!

by Jann Widmayer

The 12th season at the Manatee Observation Center has been full of surprises and opportunities. From informative Brown Bag Lunch Lectures to the exciting summer camps, we have continued to offer a wide variety of nature related programs that visitors return to experience year after year.

Our Lunch Lectures covered topics such as backyard ponds, echinoderms and sea grasses just to name a few and our summer camps hosted nearly 100 campers. The best part about our programs is that we are offering them again this year along with more opportunities to join the fun! If you haven't visited the Manatee Center in a while, or even if you have, you'll want to come see what we have in store for our lucky 13th season.

The Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop has undergone several changes. A dramatic facelift includes a new floor and paint to highlight our beautiful, nature-inspired gifts. The exhibit hall boasts a new layout with many informative, interactive displays on manatees and the Indian River Lagoon.

As always, our education department is offering new programs for visitors from 1 to 101, such as the Nature and Nurture series that meets once a month to help toddlers and preschoolers work out the “Wednesday Wiggles” with fun! During this series, Education Coordinator, Lesley Vincent-Ryder, offers lessons on nature that child and Mom can enjoy together. Another great learning opportunity is our “Art in Nature Series.” Instructor Gerard Saltus, III inspires children’s imaginations to soar as they create puppets and other types of art depicting animals from Treasure Coast habitats.

While at the Manatee Center be sure and visit our butterfly garden. Master Gardeners have donated their time and talents to make it tempting to even the most finicky butterfly. Each of our plants have been chosen for their butterfly attracting qualities. You won’t be disappointed when you sit out on our patio and feel the gentle breeze on your face.

No tour of the Manatee Center is complete without a ride on our Wildlife Boat Tour upon the “Gator,” a 36-passenger covered pontoon boat. Captain and Audubon Warden Chop Legé and his crew know where all the good spots are to locate manatees and pods of dolphins. Even though we can never guarantee that you’ll see them since they are in the wild, you can rest assured that Captain Legé and his crew will do their best to spot one. It will be a memorable trip because there is plenty of other wildlife to behold. The Captain and crew will share stories along the way and you will depart knowing that you have visited one of the most unique and beautiful areas of the world.

On October 1st, the Manatee Center will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 – 5 and Sunday, 12 – 4. Boat tours depart daily at 1:00 p.m. and reservations are suggested. Call the Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop at 772-460-6445 for tickets and information. The Manatee Observation and Education Center is located at 480 N. Indian River Drive in beautiful downtown Fort Pierce. Visit us online at www.manateecenter.com and www.manateegiftsgalore.com.
Sheriff’s Explorer Tournament

by Dan Dannahower

The St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Explorer Annual Fishing Tournament was held August 29th and 30th. It’s the 16th year for this popular area tournament which is actually two parallel tournaments — one offshore and one inshore. Based out of the Fort Pierce City Marina, captain’s meetings were held Friday evening and both tournaments fished all day Saturday with weigh-in and awards back at the marina Saturday evening.

The two tournaments are each divided into two divisions: adult and junior (age 15 and younger). This division makes for more prizes being awarded and indeed there are some very nice prizes for the winners of this tournament. Some examples: 1st place in the Offshore Adult Division, God’s Triumph with a 33.5-pound kingfish, won a TwinVee boat, motor and trailer! Colton Hester won a $500 savings bond for a 24.3-pound king in the Offshore Junior Division. You can see the full list of winners and their prizes at www.stluciesheriff.com.

The above website also has a nice section explaining the Sheriff’s Explorer Program. Sheriff’s Explorers are young adults ages 10 to 19 with an interest in law enforcement careers. The program builds character while teaching leadership skills and educating young
adults about the criminal justice profession. They participate in numerous community activities, programs and conferences. It’s a very worthy program for our area youth and all the proceeds from the fishing tournament go to help support the explorers.

Not a lot of fishing news to report. Thanks to Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike our waters have been very stirred up and dirty. Offshore fishing has been pretty slow. The river is yielding some trout and redfish. Snook season just opened and reports are that snook are being taken in the inlet, turning basin and around the bridges. Hopefully, the wind and rain will die down and the fishing will improve soon. I hope you get a chance to enjoy a day of relaxation on the water. Good luck and good fishing!
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