Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society 10th Anniversary Celebration
Charmaine Neville will perform on Saturday, September 16

by Robin Dannahower

The line up of events for the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society's 10th Anniversary Celebration is quite impressive. The weekend celebration starts on Friday night with dinner and dancing at the Pelican Yacht Club featuring music by the talented and lively Bob Davis and the Prime Time Orchestra. The dinner fare will include a double entree of petite fillet mignon and chicken murat, which is served with a cream sauce mixture of tomatoes, artichokes, mushrooms and white wine. The Jazz & Blues Society will also launch its new and exciting Gifted Raffle™, a fun alternative to all of the silent auctions we've come to expect. Darryl Bey, executive director of the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society said, “The evening should be lots of fun, we have a wonderful dinner planned, the music will get everyone up on their feet, and we're introducing a new fundraiser where everyone wins a prize. That's right — everyone who participates in the Gifted Raffle™ gets a prize.” See story page 10...
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With the summer months coming to a close, September signals the resumption of the monthly Coffee with the Mayor and the Gold Hammer Award presentation on Friday, September 15, 8:00 a.m. at Historic City Hall. The Gold Hammer Award recognizes the efforts of city residents and business owners in Fort Pierce that have significantly improved their home or business through new construction or rehabilitation efforts. The Award is presented on a semi-annual basis — September and March.

Our community has seen rising property values, new developments and overall positive changes in and around Fort Pierce — with more to come! With numerous public revitalization projects completed or underway in the city, homeowners and business owners in the community can be nominated for the Mayor’s Gold Hammer Award by contacting the Mayor’s Office at 460-2200 x212 for a nomination form before the deadline of September 8.

East Coast Lumber and Supply have sponsored this event since the inception of the Award by Former Mayor Eddie Enns. Winners of the prestigious award are presented with the “Gold Hammer” Award, a sign for their home or business and a gift certificate of $100 from East Coast Lumber who have served the Fort Pierce area for over 100 years. We all benefit from everyone’s effort to improve, rehabilitate or provide new construction in our city and I hope that you will participate in nominating a new or improved structure in our city. Coffee with the Mayor is held at Historic City Hall, 315 Avenue A, Fort Pierce. I hope to see you there.
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Calendar

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Friday Fest – Friday, Sept. 1; 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

2nd Wednesday Walkabout – Wednesday, Sept. 13; 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Downtown Business Association, 465-7080

Coffee With the Mayor – Friday, Sept. 15; 8:00 a.m. at Historic City Hall, Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880

Ft. Pierce Jazz & Blues Society 10th Anniversary Celebration – Friday, Sept. 15; at Pelican Yacht Club, info@jazzsociety.com, 460-5299

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, north of downtown Fort Pierce Library, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fort Pierce Bike Night – Thursdays, 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.; 2nd Street, Downtown Fort Pierce; Yellowfin Grill & Raw Bar, 468-7071

COMMUNITY CENTER

For more information on the Fort Pierce Community Center activities listed below please call 462-7071.

Slimnastics – Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Jazzercise – Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Adult Flamingo Class – Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Adult Social Dance Class – Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Pilates Class – Monday, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Karate for Kids – Monday & Wednesday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. & 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Space Discovery Class – Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Archery Class – Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Hooked on Fishing – Tuesday, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Taoist Tai Chi – Monday & Wednesday, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Dog Obedience Class – Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Yoga Class – Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Kozy Crafters – Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge – Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Jazz Jam – Thursday, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Country Line Dancing – Monday, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT

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Governor’s Grill, 466-6900 – “Texas Hold ‘Em” on Tuesdays, call for times; “Blues Night at the Grill” on Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.; “Ladies Night” on Thursdays, 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.; Live Music on Friday evenings.

~EVENT SPOTLIGHT~

WHO: Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society
WHAT: 10th Anniversary Celebration
WHEN: Friday, September 15
WHERE: Pelican Yacht Club
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
INFO: 772-460-5299

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Meet the Band

by Pam Gillette

Do you know who is behind the music at Friday Fest? Main Street Focus would like you to meet the bands who play. Some of the bands have been with us for many years and some are new, but they are the people who bring us country, jazz, R&B, and rock & roll. They are the entertainment for all of us to enjoy as we party into the night at the Treasure Coast’s longest running street festival: Friday Fest.

Main Street Fort Pierce would like to welcome a new band to the Friday Fest lineup. OPM: Other People’s Music is a newly formed band to the Treasure Coast area. They play a wide variety of music from the 60s to the 90s. OPM’s vocalist, “Big John,” is a familiar face to the Treasure Coast. Big John was born in Savannah, Georgia, then moved all around the United States before settling in Indiana prior to moving to Florida in 1984. He has been in many bands like Chocolate & Vanilla, 5 Miles High, Panther and Barracuda. He has also done many theatre performances, including Oklahoma, Best Little Whore House in Texas, and Jesus Christ Superstar.

Other band members include: Bob, “Pete the Hammer,” the drummer; Marshall, the “Funk Master,” playing bass; Pete “The Fingers” Jorgensen on the keyboard; and “Fast Eddie” on guitar.

Bob began playing drums in the sixth grade. He has played throughout the state with many bands and styles. Rock, Country, Funk, and yes — Disco.

Marshall has been playing music since the fourth grade. He moved to Florida about 20 years ago and has been bringing his bass sound all over the state.

Pete has been playing the piano since 1950. He likes playing all kinds of music and playing with and off other musicians. Oh, did I forget to mention he is an attorney?

Fast Eddie was raised in Philly, worked the Jersey shore,

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represented the Gretsch Guitar & Drum Company and then returned to playing and co-formed the Mike's Towing Band in 1976. He came to Florida in 1981, recorded an album on Atlantis Records and then was forced to make career changes in 1982. Ed is pleased to be able to get his collection of vintage guitars out of storage and back on stage.

OPM: Other People's Music played at the August Friday Fest. They are available for parties, wedding, and clubs. If you are interested in reserving the band call Big John at 772-539-2640 or Marshall Herring at 772-461-7099.

So what’s ahead for next Friday Fest? Coming up in October, Main Street Fort Pierce is letting the dogs out with “The Riverdawgs”. Wayne Leonard, Jim Smith and Tony Snyderski make up the classic rock trio whose music selection consist of cover songs from ZZ Top, The Rolling Stones, and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Wayne Leonard is from Fort Pierce and plays bass and is the song writer for the trio. Jim Smith is from Port St. Lucie and plays the guitar. Wayne and Jim have played together for approximately 15 years with the Jailhouse Rockers and Route 66. Four days before playing a Friday Fest, they met Tony, a drummer from Vero Beach, and “The Riverdawgs” were formed.

“The Riverdawgs” enjoy the classic rock, but their play list covers a wide variety of music. The band will play Stevie Ray Vaughn, Cream, Wilson Pickett for a blues feel and then change to some good ole’ southern rock with Lynyrd Skynyrd, Molly Hatchet and The Allman Brothers Band.

So come on down and listen to some rock and roll from our local dawgs: “The Riverdawgs” at the October Friday Fest. To have “The Riverdawgs” play at your event, call Wayne at 772-466-1502.

Friday Fest is held the first Friday of each month. Friday Fest is held at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34950.

Friday Fest is put on by Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. For more information please call the Main Street office at 772-466-3880.

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The celebration will continue on Saturday with the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society’s Annual Street Festival on Second Street. The activities will include some of the hottest local and national touring jazz and blues bands. There will also be plenty of food and beverages and arts and crafts vendors will also participate as part of the festivities.

First on the list to perform on Saturday is The Lady A Blues Band. Lady A has a strong, rough blues vocal style and her band has opened for some of the most popular touring acts such as Hootie and the Blowfish and Kenny G.

Then, Eric Culberson, a local favorite who emerged and burst fully mature onto the national scene will perform. His style is unmistakably authentic, energetic, and set apart with sex appeal and charisma.

The evening continues with the renowned Charmaine Neville Band. The band, comprised of some of the best musicians in New Orleans and a high-flying, high-styled vocalizing member of the Crescent City’s illustrious Neville family, will undoubtedly be an act you won’t want to miss. Charmaine started out backing up the Neville Brothers and went on to perform with the Survivors, a band whose alumni list includes Harry Connick Jr. and Bobby McFerrin. The band is also featuring sax player, Reggie Houston for the evening’s performance.

Finally, the evening will wind-up with Beautiful Bobby Blackmon and Deborah Coleman. Blackmon is
an excellent entertainer who plays to the audience. He specializes in contemporary blues and classic R&B soul music. He sings and plays lead guitar and his music makes you want to get up and dance. Coleman is, as USA Today notes, “one of blues music’s most exciting young talents.” Along with a list of musical recordings that now span a decade; she gives knockout live performances that have made her one of the hottest commodities on the contemporary blues scene.

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Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society

History & Activities

Founded in September of 1996 by Larry Lee and Darryl Bey.

- Started with 8 people; today has more than 400 members.

- Has presented jazz greats such as Wynton Marsalis, Ramsey Lewis, the Duke Ellington Orchestra and Freddie Cole (brother of Nat King Cole).

- Sponsors two free weekly jazz jam sessions; one in Port St. Lucie and one in Fort. Pierce.

- Established a weekly blues jam in Fort Pierce.

- Conducts lectures, workshops, and brown bag lunch concerts during Jazz and Mardi Gras weeks as well as organizes Fort Pierce’s Mardi Gras parade.

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Sunrise Theatre Now Officially Owned & Operated by City of Fort Pierce

by Anne Satterlee

The City of Fort Pierce recently acquired the Sunrise Theatre as a new City department. Once the construction $13 million renovation and new construction was completed, the City agreed to take over the operations and building of the Sunrise from St. Lucie Preservation, Inc.

The nonprofit organizations, St. Lucie Preservation, Inc. and Sunrise Theatre, Inc., funded the construction efforts of the Sunrise through fundraising, private donations, state and federal grants and funds from St. Lucie County and the City of Fort Pierce. The City of Fort Pierce has a debt free theatre that will continue to create interest and economic stimulus to our waterfront downtown. The “new” city employees are a welcomed and value addition to the City of Fort Pierce.

Mr. David Jenkins hails originally from Boston, Massachusetts. His background of 33 years of experience in...
the concert business includes, but is not limited to, presenting over 1,000 live entertainment events in North America and England. He contributed to 32 historic theatre restoration projects as a paid consultant, 5 of which he personally directed. He was also, at one time, the National Promotional Director of the Ice Capades.

Ms. Linda West is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; however, she lived in West Virginia for 23 years, where she worked for the Chamber of Commerce for 18 of those years. She coordinated many celebrity events, including visits by Henry Kissinger, Former President Gerald Ford and Colin Powell. She brings her skills in event planning and coordination acquired during that time period to her current position at the Sunrise Theatre. She received her Master’s Degree from Temple University, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Les Alberts has been working in the theatre industry for 30 years. He started out as a teenager as an apprentice in stage lighting at the Palladium in London, England, where he stayed for five years before moving on to the Sydney Opera House, in Sydney, Australia. He then traveled throughout Australia as a lighting technician with the Australian Opera Company. He came to Chicago, Illinois and worked as an event coordinator with a roadhouse theatre at Governor’s State University.

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![Left to Right: Ted Geiger, David Jenkins, Les Alberts, Thais Gomes and Linda West.](image1)

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While living in Tampa, Florida, he worked with Community Theater in Winter Haven, Florida. He later moved to this area and became the Box Office Manager for the Maltz Jupiter Theatre in Jupiter, Florida. In November he brought his depth of knowledge and experience to the Sunrise Theatre.

Mr. Ted Geiger was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but spent most of his childhood in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He has been a member of the theater business since 1974 in the technical operation aspect of lighting, audio, rigging, etc. He studied theatre in graduate classes at Temple University, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He spent some time as a Union stage hand out of Ft. Lauderdale working on movie and music video projects, in addition to working with the Casinos in Atlantic City. Before coming to the Sunrise Theatre in November, he was with the Coral Springs City Center, where he was the Technical Director.

Ms. Thais Gomes is originally from Brazil and works in sales for the Sunrise Theatre. She has a degree in Theatre Arts and teaches both dance and drama. In the next year, she will be involved in multi-lingual dance and theatre projects with the Theatre. Her first language is Portuguese.
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Never-Ending September

by John Culverhouse

It felt like it would never end. The wind roared and the rain drenched our streets and our homes as Hurricane Frances took two days to cross over us. It seemed like a month had passed. In essence, September 2004 would never end. Exactly three weeks after Frances — to the half hour — Hurricane Jeanne zipped through, crossing just a few miles from where Frances had come ashore. Fort Pierce has dealt with hurricanes in the past, but this was the first time we have sustained back-to-back direct hits in one season. “It’s never happened before, and likely will never happen again,” said Steve Weagle, Chief Meteorologist of WPTV-NBC News Channel 5. “The big problem was getting people aware that a second storm, Jeanne, was out there, since very few people had power.”

According to St. Lucie County Administrator Doug Anderson, Hurricane Frances caused the county $2.1 Billion in damage, while Hurricane Jeanne’s cost was $915.4 Million. Hurricane Wilma, which struck in 2005, caused $48.7 Million to the county. All three hurricanes caused $126 Million in unbudgeted costs to the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners. In many respects, we were lucky. Two days before impact, category four Frances was forecast to slam into Saint Lucie County with 145 mile-per-hour winds, drawing a 15-foot tidal surge across Hutchinson Island and into Downtown. When she arrived on September 4-5, she brought 105 mile-per-hour winds with her. Days before Jeanne blew through our area, she meandered over Haiti for nearly 36 hours, causing flash floods and mudslides that killed more than 3,000 people. When she finally made it here on September 25-26, her top winds were 120 miles-per-hour. Two years later, many residents are still coping with the after affects of these hurricanes — Frances a strong category two and Jeanne a strong category three. There are, however, remarkable differences between category two and three hurricanes and category four and five hurricanes.

“The Atlantic basin is indeed in an active period for hurricanes that started in 1995,” said
Max Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center. These active periods are tied to warmer ocean currents. Generally, whenever the Atlantic Ocean produces more tropical cyclones, less are generated in the Pacific Ocean, and vice versa. The active cycles usually last about 25 years, and are followed by about 25 years of lesser hurricane activity.

There is a big debate among scientists and forecasters alike regarding global warming and its influence on hurricanes. Whether or not it is affecting the cycles, it is likely producing stronger, more intense hurricanes. The past decade has seen several of the hottest years on record, and water temperatures are over 80 degrees — not only at the surface, but over 100 feet deep in many areas of the Atlantic basin. The warmer the climates and water temperatures are, the stronger tropical storms and hurricanes will be, permitting that the upper level winds are favorable for development. Therefore, hurricanes that reached category two or three strength in the past will be more likely to reach category four or five strength today. Among the many records broken in 2005, Hurricane Wilma became the most intense Hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic basin at some point in her track. What is more impressive is that this was a late October storm, well beyond the peak of hurricane season. Hurricanes Rita and Katrina became the fourth and sixth most intense storms ever recorded in the Atlantic basin at some point in their lifetimes.

Saint Lucie County has come a long way in its preparation for future hurricanes. “We are told that we are in a weather cycle of at least 10 more years,” Anderson said from his office at the Saint Lucie County Administration Building. “The good news is that St. Lucie County probably has the best prepared response team, not only in Florida, but in the entire nation.”

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It has been two years since Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne earned national and international press coverage for Fort Pierce. Amidst the footage of damage and heartbreaking stories of area residents who suffered catastrophic losses was Doug Anderson fighting for much needed government assistance. His fiery persistence caught Washington’s attention, who then sped up their efforts.

Saint Lucie County officials earned the reputation as top-notch responders, and when Hurricane Katrina slammed into Mississippi and Louisiana, they were once again called into action. Anderson traveled to the city of Westwego and Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, with County Commissioner Doug Coward; Tara Coward; Jack Southard, SLC Director of Public Safety; Faye Outlaw, Assistant County Administrator; Linette Trabulsy, SLC Public Information Officer; and Bob Hood, Fort Pierce Public Works Director. Anderson said that Florida is much further advanced and prepared to handle hurricanes and other emergency situations due to our extensive and ongoing training.

Here at home, the County has been working around the clock to prepare for the possibility of future hurricane strikes. A new state of the art Emergency Operations Center and a new special needs shelter / auditorium will open in 2008, and generators have been installed at County facilities and at the Fairgrounds. There are now stock-piles of water, meals ready to eat (MREs), tarps, and other emergency supplies at strategic points in the county to cushion the blow until outside assistance and additional responders are able to arrive in our area. The county has also created a Disaster Recovery Department to deal directly with storm recovery issues. FEMA will have staging sites of their own, providing trailers and other services at the Fairgrounds and at the St. Lucie International Airport.

Are multiple hurricane strikes part of our new reality? “The most likely landfall area is from Palm Beach County south to Miami, and there is slightly less risk on the Treasure Coast,” Weagle said from the News Channel 5 Storm Team studio. “When there are more storms in the active periods, there’s more of a risk to Fort Pierce. The decade ahead promises more storms and more close calls. We were just very lucky before 2004.”

During the last active hurricane period in the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, category four and five hurricanes were not unusual, but most slammed into Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties.

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This season promises to be an above average season, however, nothing like 2005. At this time last year, we were approaching the 15th named storm. There is no comparison to last year’s record breaking season, as 28 named storms were spawned, using each name on the list and blowing into the Greek alphabet. In a given year, there are ten named storms. Hurricane season ends November 30, however, we were watching Tropical Storm Zeta over the New Years Holiday weekend and into January. It should, however, be pointed out that there have been tropical storms in each month of the year at some point in history. They can form anytime during the year, but the time at which conditions most support development is from June through November.

This is nothing new. The second busiest Atlantic hurricane season occurred back in 1933, when 21 storms formed. The third busiest was in 1995, when 19 storms formed. While 1995 dealt Fort Pierce a minor blow from Hurricane Erin and Tropical Storm Jerry, why all of a sudden are we dealing with relentless strikes from more powerful hurricanes? "The simple explanation as to why Florida has been impacted is that the steering currents were such that some, but certainly not all of the hurricanes, were steered toward Florida," said Max Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center, on why so many hurricanes have affected our area. “Sometimes, hurricanes seem to hit the same area for several years. During the 1940s, most of the major hurricanes hit Florida, during the 1950s, most major hurricanes hit the east coast, and during the 1960s, most major hurricanes hit the central and western Gulf coast. In the 1930s, however, major hurricanes hit anywhere from Texas to New England. Landfall depends on the steering currents that are in place when the hurricane gets close to the U.S. No one can forecast those more than a few days in advance.”

Increased hurricane activity is no reason to pack your bags and leave the Florida. South Floridians dealt with major hurricanes in the 1920s-40s, and we’ll deal with them now. Every place has their problems. The Midwest has tornadoes, the northeast has chilling blizzards, the southwest has raging firestorms, and California has earthquakes. We have advanced notice of hurricanes and with good preparation, we can be ready for whatever comes our way. For more information on hurricanes, visit the National Hurricane Center online at www.nhc.noaa.gov, and to better prepare yourself, your families, and your property, check out News Channel 5’s “Eleventh Annual Hurricane Survival Guide” which is available at all Publix locations from the Palm Beaches to the Treasure Coast.
The Downtown Shuffle

by Bill Cheverie

As our historic downtown area continues to go through revitalization, the buildings and landscape are not the only things that are affected. As downtown property values and subsequently rents increase, the names, faces and locations of downtown businesses are also changing.

The parking garage carousel seems to have finally stopped with the latest and hopefully final decision to place it on the grounds that is currently the city hall parking lot. Eager construction predictions will have us parking in the new garage in 18 months. We will all keep our fingers crossed. In the meantime, free all day parking is still available behind the Governor’s Grill and adjacent to Cobb’s Landing. Park and ride lots will soon open as our trolley inches closer to hitting the streets.

Two staples of the downtown business district can now be found at one address. With a combined thirty-six years of service to the downtown area, Jiffy Printing and the Gift Horse now share a location at 205 Orange Avenue. This unique arrangement which has been proven effective by large corporations benefits both businesses. Jiffy Printing is able to maintain their downtown presence and utilize available space at the Gift Horse, while the Gift Horse is able to enjoy an influx of new potential customers as they come in to inquire about their printing needs. Expect the same great service you have always received when you visit either of these businesses at 205 Orange Avenue.

The retail space at 210 B North Second Street was formerly occupied by Parties and Pedals gift boutique. The location which is part of Second Street station is slated to be the new location of a state-of-the-art hair salon coming to Fort Pierce soon.

The quick sale of Governor’s Grill came as a surprise to many downtown businesses. The sale, which was made final on May 30th, brought Karen, Alli and Tony Thompson up from Coral Springs, Florida. This family of restaurateurs also owns and operates the Omega Diner Restaurant in Coral Gables and takes shifts traveling back and forth. When asked what brought them to Fort Pierce Karen responds, “The realtor who sold us our current restaurant told us he had a listing we may be interested in. I drove up here and quickly fell in love with the city. I love this waterfront community. We quickly rented a place in Harbour Isle and purchased the Governor’s Grill.” Governor’s Grill will continue their line up of live entertainment Wednesday through Saturday. Ladies’ night is Thursday. Happy hour is Monday through Friday and Governor’s now carries draft beer. Come enjoy free Texas hold-em on Tuesday nights where someone will walk away with $1,000. Karen summed up her conversation by saying, “We look forward to being a part of the downtown business community as Fort Pierce becomes a vibrant waterfront tourist destination.”

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Another long time business that was recently sold was Chaney’s House O’ Flowers. Chaney’s has been doing business in Fort Pierce for 70 years. Jill Powers became the new owner and along with her associates Bob and Dick, they bring over thirty years’ experience in the floral business. For Bob, this is his second business in Downtown Fort Pierce. Between 1989 and 1994 Bob owned and operated Scotty’s Grey Gull Restaurant on Avenue A. Currently that location is occupied by the Tropical Wave Restaurant. Chaney’s is currently open while they renovate. Jill, Bob and Dick are working to bring the store back to the original look. Along with fresh flowers Chaney’s carries gift baskets, corporate gift baskets, silk flowers, and other gifts. They can also handle all your bridal and bereavement needs. Deliveries are made daily and orders in by 2:00 PM will be delivered the same day. Remember, if you are sending roses red is for love, pink is for appreciation, and yellow is for joy and friendship. “This was the perfect opportunity to purchase a business with a great reputation. The people and the atmosphere in the downtown area has certainly been on the rise. We will continue to give the same great service Chaney’s has been known for. Please call us at 461-4100 or order your flowers online at Chaney’sflorist.com,” said Jill Powers, Chaney’s House O’ Flowers.

We are still awaiting the opening of Yellow Tail Grille formerly Gatley’s Grill. Construction is moving along rapidly and we should be able to dine there by September. Expect to see two other restaurants coming to Orange Avenue soon. The Mambo Grille which will feature Cuban and Latino cuisine and across the street will be Yanni’s Authentic Greek Café.

As we continue to grow and prosper, the business district in the Fort Pierce downtown area is certain to change. We are on track to take our place as a beautiful and historic bustling downtown waterfront community and tourist destination.
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◆ Elementary School Art Contest
◆ Bookmarks Given To Fort Pierce Libraries

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The Sunrise welcomes Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Dion DiMucci, still the very coolest cat around, best known for his massive hits The Wanderer, Runaround Sue, Ruby Baby, Donna the Prima Donna and his later classic Abraham, Martin and John. With a body of work weaving deeply between doo-wop, pop and folk, Dion continues to rock the house.

Opening for Dion is another ground breaker, Lou Christie. One of the first teen stars to write his own material, Lou will deliver his set of gold hits including The Gypsy Cried, Two Faces Have I, Lightening Strikes and I’m Gonna Make You Mine.

Brett Butler
Thursday, October 5th,
8:00 p.m.

In a very special comedy concert it’s the stand-up return of one of the most gifted comedienne’s of the past few decades. The star of her own TV series Grace Under Pressure, Ms. Butler just may have invented “blue collar comedy” but brings to that form a razor-smart, highly literate woman’s perspective.

Blending personal candor, vulnerability and a scathing Southern wit, this People’s Choice Award winner and veteran of her own Showtime specials and countless appearances on the David Letterman and Tonight shows is often referred to as the “Southern Lenny Bruce.”

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Find out why many of the Beatles’ closest associates are 1964 fans, including George Harrison’s sister (who narrates the band’s radio commercials) and former Apple Records President Alistair Taylor, who said, “The resemblance was uncanny, it sent shivers down my spine. It was just like the boys. Never have I seen a group go to such detail. Born again Beatles!”

But what brings fans back year after year, wherever 1964 plays, is the astonishing mirror image quality of the music and the sheer joy it brings. If the Beatles are a part of your DNA, come feel the magic live … and bring your kids! They’ll finally get it!

Little Richard
Saturday, October 14th, 8:00 p.m.

Well, what can we say, really? If Rock and Roll had a Mount Rushmore, this man’s face would be on it. Be there as he rips the roof off the Sunrise!

“If there’d been no Little Richard there’d be no Beatles. Period.” —Paul McCartney, 1965

The man whose backup band on his visits to Northern England was the Beatles. The man whose lead guitarist was a very young and shy kid named Jimi Hendrix. The man who gave us Good Golly Miss Molly, Long Tall Sally, Tutti Frutti, Keep A Knockin’, Jenny Jenny, Ready Teddy, Slippin’ and Slidin’ and Lucille. We’re honored to present the True and Forever Architect of Rock and Roll!
As Fort Pierce Main Street begins its 18th 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.

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In a world of chains and franchises, Jiffy Photo, located at 940 South U.S.#1 for over 50 years, is one of the few family-owned camera stores left. While film, film cameras and accessories are still readily available at Jiffy, digital cameras and gadgets, digital printing, wide format printing (up to 40 inches wide), and framing have become the new focus of the business. Canon, Nikon, and Sony, along with other major brands, play a big part in the digital camera picture. As a newly appointed Sony dealer, Jiffy now has a user-friendly Sony Picture Station where customers can make beautiful prints and scrapbook pages up to 8 x 10 in minutes. A wide selection of reasonably priced, ready-made, and custom frames are also available.

FAQs — (By far the most frequently asked question is “How much does that cat weigh?” I am delighted to say that while Winston weighs 20-1/2 pounds he has lost nearly 4 pounds in the last year!) Now for the real questions:

**QUESTION:** Can you make prints from digital files?

**ANSWER:** Of course! Not only do we still print from slides and negatives and original prints, but we also now print from memory cards, CD’s memory sticks, and Internet (emailed) files. These services are available instantly with our self-service Sony Picture Station, or in one hour, same day, or next day with our conventional processing service.

**QUESTION:** Can you restore my old photos and how large can you print them?

**ANSWER:** Old photos can be scanned (or photographed, depending on the size of the original) and restored beautifully through digital retouching techniques. Turnaround time is 1 to 2 weeks depending on the degree of restoration necessary. Our new printer enables us to print on photographic paper or canvas from wallet size up to 40 x 60 and everything in between. Affordable custom and ready-made framing is also available in our on-site frame shop.

**QUESTION:** Can I still get my old 8mm movies and VHS tapes copied to preserve them?

**ANSWER:** Preserving old moves and tapes is easier and more permanent because we can now copy them to DVD. This is a great way to both preserve the memories and fill those holiday gift lists, so get started today!
Summer Doldrums

by Dan Dannahower

It’s hot, really hot out there. Temps have been in the 90s and the heat index has been at or above 100 on many days lately. Getting out on the river or ocean for a little recreational fishing can be a great break from the pressures of the work week and also a great way to cool off a bit in a nice sea breeze.

Summer can make the fishing a little iffy. Those denizens of the deep get the heat doldrums too! But there is always action to be found somewhere in the waters of the Treasure Coast. Talk to your bait and tackle shops. They’re bound to have some current info on where to go for a hook up while you’re out there cooling off.

Offshore fishing has gotten a taste of the doldrums with reports of good and bad days. A lot of cold water upwelling has been occurring which hurts the offshore bite. Paying attention to water temps and finding reefs and structure away from this cold water can result in a successful catch. Bottom fishing for snapper at night as the full moon approaches seems to still be a good bet.

Inshore fishing in the river seems to have avoided the doldrums and remains a good bet for a nice catch. Snapper, flounder, redfish, Snook and trout are all being caught in good numbers. Try casting or drifting light tackle, 10 to 15 pound test line with live shrimp on a light (1/8-1/4 Oz) troll-rite hook. Along the Inter-coastal Waterway channel or near any structure, rocky ledges, jetty, pilings, etc. are good places to try. Our inshore water levels are running very low. This is due to Atlantic Ocean water piling up on the other side of the ocean caused by planetary and moon alignment. There have been reports that large schools of redfish can be found on the flats, particularly at low tide where they can be seen tailing due to the extremely low water levels. Be careful, sand bars and flats you might be used to fishing may be much shallower than normal due to these low water conditions.

Good luck fishing and stay cool!

Joey Blandford lands a sea trout during a recent summer fishing trip.
My first review is a landmark restaurant known to have the best waterfront views in Fort Pierce. The Original Tiki Bar and Grill has graced our waterfront for over 16 years. The Tiki has a reputation for high quality food, incredible selection and attentive service. Perched on the outer edge of the Fort Pierce Marina, alongside the Indian River, the Tiki Bar’s huge thatched roof covers a large, open space, two bars with tables in between, with a water view in every direction. It feels like outside dining but is protected from inclement outbursts. Visit long enough and you may stumble upon dolphins lazing down the river.

Emphasizing seafood, the Original Tiki Bar and Grill offers a casual dining atmosphere, with interesting, but moderately priced culinary delights. Quality, fresh seafood; lobster, oysters, conch, shrimp, clams — they have it all. There is always a “Catch of the Day” special.

A visit to the Tiki Bar is a must for out of town visitors. The atmosphere and fresh seafood is impressive to your “land-locked” houseguests.

Enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon (4:00 – 7:00 p.m.) listening to the music of Barely Broken, a long time house band entertaining a packed house with their mix of tropical, Jimmy Buffet-style music. Sip one of the Tiki house specials: Voodoo Juice, the infamous Tiki Punch, or the amazing Jose Cuervo Gold Margarita. If a cold draft beer is your desire they have many to choose from. Of course you will need sustenance to go with your brew. Here are some of my favorites:

**CONCH FRITTERS** — The conch shell is still used by fishermen as a blowing horn. However, the real magic is in the meat of the conch. Here, the fritters are fashioned from sweet conch meat and finely chopped with some tasty vegetables, spices and herbs, then deep fried and served with a savory dip. They are, unquestionably, the best in town.

**BAHAMIAN CONCH CHOWDER** — Rich and laden with fresh conch and veggies. Sprinkle on some Tabasco sauce to heat it up!

**CALAMARI** — Crunchy fried and awesome, however the dip is much too chunky for calamari. I would love to see a thin, more flavorful marinara sauce.

**SUMMERLIN’S SMAK** — A locally made fish dip served

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with traditional Captains Crackers, and not so tradition-
al jalapeno peppers, red onions & tomatoes. The untra-
ditional works nicely with this dip.

**Fried Lobster Basket** — Succulent lobster tid-bits with both clarified butter and a savory dipping sauce. One of my favorites.

**Crispy Fish Sandwich** — Grouper coated in almonds, fried, served on a bun with lettuce, tomato and a side of very tasty Cole slaw.

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