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August Celebrations in Downtown Fort Pierce

by Beth Williams

It seems like every month we have something fantastic to celebrate at Main Street Fort Pierce and August is no exception! The annual Reverse Raffle is always a great excuse to get together and party, but this year we have a couple of added reasons to make that signature event the best ever.

This month we celebrate two milestones in the life of Doris Tillman. We recognize Doris as this month’s Downtown Hero as she marks her 20th year as MSFP’s Manager extraordinaire! I’m not sure I’ve done anything consistently for 20 years but she certainly has. Her energy and commitment to our downtown have been the foundation that ensured our organization has been successful and remained a vital force in our growth and improvements.

Whether raising millions of dollars to renovate the Sunrise Theatre, or working the phones to help raise a few thousand for holiday fireworks, Doris is wonderfully relentless when it comes to getting the job done on behalf of our community.

I’ve heard her joke that people cross the street when they see her coming to avoid her asking for some help on the project du jour. (By the way folks, that doesn’t work. She’ll cross the street too!) Doris is single-minded in her mission to get the job done for Fort Pierce.

The other milestone for Doris is her birthday. Now, we ladies don’t talk age, but I can tell it’s a big one. It’s so big that we just can’t let it pass by without making a fuss. In fact, if you would like to let Doris know that you are thinking of her on her special day, you can make a contribution of SIXTY dollars to MSFP in her name or you could go spend SIXTY dollars at a downtown business and treat yourself to a nice meal, gift, etc. Enough said.

Happy Birthday, Doris!

Seriously, the best way to honor Doris Tillman during August, 2011, is to support the cause that keeps her motor running — Main Street Fort Pierce. Buy a ticket for the Reverse Raffle. Encourage a friend to sign up as member and supporter of MSFP. Volunteer to help with one of our many functions that bring people downtown. Everyone who loves our beautiful historic district as much as Doris does needs to be a part of this great organization.

Doris, happy birthday and congratulations on 20 years of making a difference in our community!
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Art Mundo Open Studio — Wednesdays, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., The ArtBank at 111 Orange Avenue. artmundo.org@gmail.com, 772-766-0021 www.artmundo.org

Fort Pierce Bike Night — Thursdays, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., 2nd Street, Downtown Fort Pierce, Yeow Tail Grille & Raw Bar, 468-7071.

St. Lucie Farmer’s Market — Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to Noon; Marina Square on Melody Lane; Market Manager, 940-1145.

The Jazz Market — Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; ½-mile north of downtown Fort Pierce; Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5299, jazzsociety.org.

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**Saturday, August 6**

Classic Car Cruise-in ArtWALK — 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Downtown Business Association, 465-7080, fortpeirceba.org. Downtown Business Association, 465-7080, Artmundo.org@gmail.com, 766-0021 www.artmundo.org

**Wednesday, August 10**

**Art Wednesday at ArtMundo** — 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., The ArtBank at 111 Orange Avenue; Artmundo.org@gmail.com, 772-766-0021, www.artmundo.org

**Saturday, August 10**

**Jazz & Blues Society** — 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., Pelican Yacht Club, 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., www.pelicanyachtclub.org. 469-3880. Tickets are limited, advance ticket purchase only.

**Friday, August 12**

**Fort Pierce Police Athletic League** — Practice is Tuesday and Thursday. For information, please call 464-6599.

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Gentlemen throw on your denim, dust off your boots, and put on your cowboy hat. Ladies throw on your diamonds and your best country outfit for this much anticipated event — the 17th Annual Reverse Raffle. This year’s theme is “Double D … Denim & Diamonds.”

“Double D … Denim & Diamonds” will be held on Saturday, August 20, at the Pelican Yacht Club on Seawave Drive in Fort Pierce. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. with registration and the silent auction. The reverse raffle will begin at 6:30 p.m.

What is a reverse raffle? A reverse raffle begins with 250 numbers. The first number wins a $100. Every 25th number called with two, light appetizers, music, dancing, and ticket holder to one number, admission for raffle. Each ticket is $100 and entitles the numbers all win a prize starting at $100 wins $50, up to number 225. The last 10 wins a $100. Every 25th number called begins with 250 numbers. The first number wins $2,000.

The reverse raffle will begins at 6:30 p.m. with registration and the silent auction. Fort Pierce. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. on Seawave Drive in

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“The Cutting Edge Extravaganza” to Benefit Pink Tie & Friends

*by Valerie DeWitt*

How fun is a ladies night out — especially if the ladies night out has hair designs, fashion, beauty tips and all the proceeds go to a worthy charity? Well ladies, such a night is coming to the Sunrise Theatre Black Box on Saturday, September 10, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The Cutting Edge Extravaganza is to benefit Pink Tie & Friends.

Vision’s Hairstyling will be the host for The Cutting Edge Extravaganza. My husband Carl and I moved to Fort Pierce and after falling in love with Downtown Fort Pierce, we decided to open Vision’s Hairstyling in 1991. Since that time, Lisa Abernethy and Rita Butler joined the salon and together we now offer complete professional services. Vision’s Hairstyling will bring their professional new hair designs to the stage of the Black Box Theatre, along with friends to create an evening of beauty, fashion & wellness. Joining Vision’s will be Maria Creel with the latest fashion designs from Alisari; Master Aesthetician, Candis Bein, demonstrating the newest products in skin care; and Lisa Faircloth will show stress maintenance and relaxation through massage therapy. Other activities for the night will be a 50/50 raffle, gift baskets, refreshments and a cash bar. Tickets to the event are $20 per person and all proceeds will go for Pink Tie & Friends. Seating is limited so get your tickets now.

Tickets are available for purchase at the following locations: Vision’s Hairstyling at 208 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce; The Black Box at 117 S. 2nd Street, Fort Pierce; Alisari’s at 209 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce; and at Working Man Cycles, 875 S. Kings Hwy., Fort Pierce.

The Cutting Edge Extravaganza is to benefit Pink Tie & Friends and is sponsored by: Vision’s Hairstyling, Alisari, Candis Bein, Master Aesthetician, Lisa Faircloth, Massage Therapist, and Betty Reed of Isn’t She Lovely Boutique. For more information or to donate a raffle prize or gift basket call Val or Rita at 772-460-1755.

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Brewer’s Café has reopened with a multicultural menu offered by owner/chefs Emmanuel and Rocio Ribeiraud. Emmanuel boasts French/Italian culinary skills and Rocio, Latin cuisine. The affordable menu offers good home cooking that won’t break the bank.

Brewer’s serves an eye opening breakfast to start your day. Items include some of the usual fare as well as some unique offerings: Ratatouille Omelet, Blueberry Pancakes with Orange Glaze, Brewer’s Eggs Benedict and the Southwestern Scramble (eggs with cilantro, jalapenos, onions, tomatoes and cheddar.)

My lunch group visited Brewer’s last week. We were all in the mood for hamburgers with the works; cheese, onions, mushrooms and jalapenos. The burgers, made of Angus Beef, were outstanding! Brewer’s also boasts a good selection of salads; Chef, Caesar and the Brewer’s Salad (grilled chicken, boiled egg, tomato, cucumber and blue cheese.) Their most popular daily soup is their gourmet shrimp bisque. Sandwiches include: grilled cheese, egg, tuna and chicken salad. If you’re in the mood for a hearty meal try the roasted chicken with garlic sauce served over beans and rice or Tilapia served with rice and ratatouille.

Most breakfast and lunch entrees are under $8.

Dinner is served on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, as well as before Sunrise Theatre performances. House specials include Chicken Niko (Chicken Breast with Cream Garlic Sauce) and Chicken 4 Eman (Chicken Breast with tomatoes, olives, artichoke hearts, garlic & shallots in a 4 Season Sauce). Also on the dinner menu are Baby Rib Eye Steaks, Pork Chops and Parmesan Encrusted Tilapia. All entrees are served with fresh vegetables, homemade ratatouille, beans and/or rice.

Brewer’s Café also offers catering and private parties. They are the official caterers for Sunrise Theatre performers and hope to expand their services to include other local businesses and professional meetings. Private parties can enjoy a custom seven-course dinner in the café Sunday through Wednesday. Brewer’s Café, 204 Orange Avenue, (772) 460-4237, brewerscafe@yahoo.com. Open weekdays for breakfast & lunch, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner is served Thursday, Friday & Saturday starting at 6 p.m. and before Sunrise Theatre performances.
United Way of St. Lucie County has formed a new partnership with the Sunrise Theatre to support the School Supplies for Students program. The Sunrise Theatre, under the guidance of Finance Manager Debbie Soesbe, called upon the help of City Hall, Indian Hills Golf Course, the Fort Pierce Police Department and Larry Lee Jr. (philanthropist and owner of a local State Farm Insurance office on Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce).

“When Chris Adams came to me, and told me the devastating truth about how many children wouldn’t have supplies for school this year, I felt we had to get involved,” said Debbie Soesbe. “I made the boxes, delivered them to our partner locations, and now … it’s time to put the word out,” said Soesbe.

“When the Sunrise Theatre asked me if I would be a drop off location, I felt honored and immediately offered to help,” said Larry Lee Jr. “But I’m just one person, and we need everyone’s help if we’re going to make a difference in the lives of our children,” he went on to point out.

Since its inception in 1997, School Supplies for Students has provided children in need with the basic tools necessary to be successful in school. Educators overwhelmingly agree that students with the appropriate supplies at the start of school are more prepared for class, eager to work, and in general have a better attitude toward school. For older students, it can be a reason to stay in school.

Participants in School Supplies for Students are those children eligible for free lunch who are recommended by their school. The program has provided supplies for over 35,000 children in the past 12 years. New to the program this year is “Stuff the Bag.” Donors can fill bags or boxes with new school supplies and return to the United Way office or a drop off site such as the Sunrise Theatre.

“We appreciate the commitment to children by the Sunrise Theatre,” explained Kris Adams, Vice President of Community Impact at United Way of St. Lucie County. “United Way wants to boost every child’s chance for success in school and we need community partners to make that happen.”

In addition to being a drop off location, the Sunrise Theatre will be promoting the school supply drive through e-mails to their patrons, as well as during their Missoula Children’s Theatre Camps and performances this summer. “What a better way to spread the news about this worthy cause, than at our children’s camps and performances,” said Renee Page, Marketing and Development Director for the Sunrise Theatre.

Each summer, the Sunrise Theatre brings in the Missoula Children’s Theatre, (MCT) to work with the children to develop life skills through participation in the performing arts. MCT provides a unique opportunity for youngsters to learn group dynamics while excelling as an individual — a lesson from art that carries into life. There are still openings in the upcoming camp sessions and tickets to the performances, which are held Friday at 7 p.m. at the end of each session, are only $10.

To participate in the United Way School Supplies Program, you can:
- Collect general school supplies
- Fill supplies requests for individual children
- Adopt-A-School or Adopt-A-School Grade
- Make a financial contribution
- Volunteer at a “Stuff-the-Bus” location Friday, July 22, 12 noon – 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Sort and pack supplies at Southern Oaks Middle School, Sat., July 30, Wednesday, Aug. 3, and Saturday, Aug. 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day

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Downtown Hero Doris Tillman Begins 20th Year as Main Street Fort Pierce Manager

by Joanne Blandford

Throughout the years, there have been many people who contributed to the rebirth of downtown Fort Pierce. Doris Tillman is one of these people. As the Manager of Main Street Fort Pierce for 20 years, Doris is a gifted leader with big dreams for downtown Fort Pierce. Her job is a labor of love. Through her diligent efforts, creative ideas and networking skills, she has been able to bring together the key players needed to convert dreams into reality.

Originally from Jacksonville, Florida, Doris came to Fort Pierce in the late 1970s. Her first job in Fort Pierce was with Office Products and Services (OPS) as a saleswoman. While working for OPS, she found the people of Fort Pierce to be very friendly and giving. Doris always had an excellent personality for sales. She is able to talk to anyone about anything. It is one of her best assets and, thankfully, downtown Fort Pierce has benefited greatly from her abilities.

Meanwhile, Fort Pierce received its Main Street designation in 1988 after concerned citizens joined together to begin a grassroots effort to revive the ailing downtown district. The suburban mall trend that swept the country forced many businesses to leave or shut their doors in downtown Fort Pierce. This was a nationwide epidemic and the reason the National Trust for Historic Preservation created the Main Street Program.

In 1991, Tom Kindred Jr. decided to step down from his position as the first Main Street Fort Pierce Manager. Tom and the Main Street Board of Directors had initiated several important façade projects, business promotions and public events to stir interest and draw people to the downtown area. Sights & Sounds on Second and the popular monthly street festival, Friday Fest, were two events that began and grew under Tom’s leadership. The Main Street board needed a new manager to continue the progress Tom had begun. Doris interviewed for the position and was hired in August 1991.

When Doris was hired, the Historic City Hall building was facing demolition. Main Street formed a 501©3 sister corporation, St. Lucie Preservation, to raise money through grants and public/private donations. Partnerships were developed with the City of Fort Pierce, architect Robert Terry and R.K. Davis Construction to restore the 1925 building.

Today, Historic City Hall is used as a special event venue. Hundreds of couples have been married in the building since its restoration. Partnerships have played an important role during the transformation of downtown Fort Pierce. Many of the wonderful changes that occurred are because of the efforts of many. Examples of partnerships Doris and Main Street played a role in throughout the 1990s include the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market, the Manatee Observation & Education Center, the reopening of Tickle Tummy Hill on Second Street and the Master Plan, which was the community-driven blue print for all the downtown streetscapes and public improvements.

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From its beginning, Main Street wanted to restore the historic Sunrise Theatre. At the time, the Sunrise was a large piece of vacant, first floor, downtown real estate. To further the ultimate dream of a shopping, dining and residential destination, the Sunrise needed to be restored to its former glory. Doris played a pivotal role in the restoration process from start to finish. Early on, the plan was to purchase and repair the auditorium portion of the building to show movies and more. In 1997, Main Street began negotiations with the owners of the Sunrise Theatre, the Koblegards. Main Street's sister corporation, St. Lucie Preservation, purchased the auditorium in 1997 using funds from grants written by Doris and matching donations. An architect firm hired to draw the restoration plans discovered the remaining part of the Sunrise, including the first floor storefronts and second floor offices, would have to be included in the project to properly restore the building. In 1999, the rest of the building was purchased.

I worked alongside Doris during the restoration of the Sunrise Theatre and have first-hand knowledge of the struggles, the triumphs, the setbacks and the excitement during each phase of the restoration. Doris led and attended almost every weekly meeting between the architects and the contractors. She frequently spoke at meetings, to reporters and to any other interested parties regarding the restoration process. She wrote grants, helped with fundraising and even contributed a substantial amount of her own money to the project. She lived and breathed the Sunrise Theatre for the five-plus years the building was under restoration. She knew every inch of the building and was able to picture what it eventually would become.

As predicted, the Sunrise Theatre became a catalyst for downtown development. Its performances have entertained thousands of people from all across the country. Restaurants and retail shops in downtown Fort Pierce have benefited from the constant influx of people attending shows, concerts and other events at the Sunrise.

After the Sunrise was restored, Main Street/St. Lucie Preservation purchased the Dr. Platts/Backus house and once again raised money to have it restored. The Platts/Backus house, located on the northeast corner of Avenue C and Second Street, now serves as the home base of Main Street Fort Pierce.

Main Street also organizes more than 25 public events every year. Since the City of Fort Pierce doesn’t have a Recreation Department, Main Street assists businesses and the City through these events by bringing people to downtown Fort Pierce.

Although this is a huge burden on an organization with only two full-time staff members, Doris and Pam Gillette work with many wonderful volunteers each day. “These people I work with are like family,” Doris said. “Without help from the community, Main Street would not be able to accomplish all it does.”

Throughout the 20 years Doris has been Main Street Fort Pierce’s Manager, she has been asked to speak on both the state and national level dozens of times. She has created presentations for towns wishing to become Main Street cities. In 2003, Doris became a certified Main Street Manager after completing a rigorous, two-year training course conducted by the National Main Street program in Washington, D.C. She is regarded as a lifer in Main Street circles and is highly admired as the Manager of an accomplished, organized, Main Street program.

In May 2011, Main Street Fort Pierce was awarded the highest honor a Main Street city can receive – the Great American Main Street Award. Winning the award this year is fitting since it coincides with Doris’s 20th year at the helm of Main Street Fort Pierce.

Doris has always said working for Main Street is like working with a piece of clay. It can be molded to accomplish the goals of the particular downtown district it represents. Even after winning the Great American Main Street Award, Main Street Fort Pierce is poised to begin working on future goals. These goals include developing a more contiguous retail...
Spend sixty in August in honor of Doris Tillman!

Doris Tillman is turning sixty in August! She is also beginning her 20th year as Manager of Main Street Fort Pierce. To celebrate these milestones she has requested a special gift — that you SPEND SIXTY DOLLARS on yourself at a downtown business during the month of August.

Ladies, call your friends and schedule a ladies spa day complete with new hairstyles, manicures, pedicures and facials. Have lunch at a downtown restaurant then shop the afternoon away at the many retail shops in downtown. Complete the girl’s day with a nice dinner downtown and an evening show at the Sunrise Theatre.

Gentlemen, schedule an early morning charter fishing trip out of the Fort Pierce Marina or play a round of golf at the Hills Golf Course followed by lunch at one of the many downtown restaurants. Shop for that special watch you’ve been wanting or that piece of art you’ve had your eye on.

Downtown Fort Pierce makes date nights easy for couples. From flowers to jewelry, to dinner and entertainment, downtown Fort Pierce has it all within a few blocks. As an added bonus, the beautiful Indian River makes downtown Fort Pierce one of the most romantic spots along the Treasure Coast.

There are many creative ways to support your downtown Fort Pierce merchants. In return, you will receive better customer service and most dollars spent in downtown Fort Pierce will remain in the community. Happy Birthday, Doris!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DORIS!

I moved to Fort Pierce in 1999 to work at the hospital. One of the first community events I attended was a United Way roast of Pat Alley. Doris was a speaker and I remember laughing like crazy. That was the first time I had seen Doris in action and I thought, “this woman is hilarious.” Shortly after that I was asked to serve on the board of Main Street and of course I couldn’t say no to Doris. Over the years I’ve come to appreciate her, not only for her incredible sense of humor, but for her even greater sense of community. I think Doris is Fort Pierce’s number one cheerleader and promoter. I have no doubt that it has been her steadfast commitment to the city and Main Street that has been the foundation for our great success over the last 20 years. She has a way of getting the right people involved in the right project, at the right time. She doesn’t give up. She’s great at what she does and Fort Pierce and Main Street have benefited from her talents and dedication for two decades. Congratulations Doris and Thank You!

—Beth Williams, President, Board of Directors, Main Street Fort Pierce

Whatever it takes, Doris does it! During the Sunrise Theatre renovation I was surprised to see striped trustees walking down Orange Avenue with Doris leading the pack! The prisoners were being led to the theatre to find their seat(s) by literally removing the old seats for preparation for the construction. I’ve known her since 1993 and she has never given up on a ‘Main Street’ project, especially the Sunrise which is the diamond in the City’s revitalization effort over the past 15 years.

—Anne Satterlee, Main Street Fort Pierce Board of Directors

I’ve known Doris for over 25 years. I joined the Main Street board the year after she became Director. I have valued our friendship over the years & love the many accomplishments of Main Street because of her vision(s). Fort Pierce has enjoyed the positive results for our city because of the partnership with Main Street. I have so many wonderfully fun memories of our years of friendship, but probably best not all shared with the world through media! My most favorite Main Street event is Sights & Sounds at Christmas with the Reverse Raffle a close second.

—Pat Alley, Main Street Fort Pierce Board of Directors

Doris took me under her wing right after college when I was hired to work for Main Street. I learned so much working for her and we became great friends. She allowed me to think creatively and valued my opinions. Because of her, I discovered my true talents and a love for nonprofit work. She is as stubborn as her miniature donkeys but everything she does is for another’s benefit; whether it is for her animals, her friends, or her community. On a side note, it was through Doris that I met my husband (who also worked for her prior to college) and she was the Maid of Honor at our wedding. Thank you for everything Doris!!

—Joanne Blandford, Editor, Main Street Focus
In June I visited my daughter, Kristen, in Austin, Texas. She took me to lunch at a place called Taco Deli. They had an amazing selection of tacos. When I came home to Fort Pierce I had to recreate these fresh, healthy tacos. Here are two of my favorites. I use my George Foreman Grill to make both. These can also be made stovetop or on the grill.

**Mojo Fish Taco**

- Tilapia filets grilled with guacamole and pico de gallo

**Serves: 2**

- 2 Tilapia filets
- Montreal Steak Seasoning to taste
- Vegetable Oil
- 1 Lime, cut in half
- 4 6-inch flour tortillas, warmed
- 8 Tablespoons guacamole (store bought or homemade)
- 4 Tablespoons pico de gallo or chunky salsa (store bought or homemade)
- Queso Fresco Cheese

Heat Grill or stovetop pan to medium high. Sprinkle a generous amount of Montreal Steak Seasoning on both sides of the Tilapia. When the grill/pan is hot sear fish on each side until done, about 2 minutes per side. Squeeze ½ lime on each filet. Grill another minute. Remove from pan, place half of each filet into the warm tortillas, garnish with guacamole and pico de gallo. Sprinkle with Queso Fresco Cheese. Serve immediately.

**Poblano Taco**

- Pepper Jack cheese stuffed Poblano pepper

**Serves: 2**

- 4 small Poblano peppers, top removed and seeded
- 8 slices Pepper Jack Cheese (for a less spicy version use Monterey Jack Cheese)
- 8 tablespoon guacamole (store bought or homemade)
- 4 Tablespoons pico de gallo or chunky salsa (store bought or homemade)
- Queso Fresco Cheese

Grill Poblano peppers on both sides until soft and the skin peels off. Remove skin. Place two slices of cheese into each Poblano pepper. Grill until cheese melts. Remove from pan, place 1 Poblano into each warm tortilla, garnish with guacamole and pico de gallo. Sprinkle with Queso Fresco Cheese. Serve immediately.

Poblano peppers can be purchased at Nelson’s Family Farms located at 875 West Midway Road in Fort Pierce.
Edgartown Renovations Continue – The Yellow House

by Sue Dannahower

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Macy’s Smoked Fish Dip: The Real Deal

Linda Hudson, Chair Downtown Farmers’ Market of Fort Pierce, Inc.

Macy’s Smoked Fish Dip is the “real deal,” and can be found year round at the Downtown Farmers’ Market of Fort Pierce.

“I use fresh fish only,” says Dennis. “I clean it thoroughly, then soak it in a briny salt solution, dry it, season it and then smoke it for twelve hours.” Dennis uses a high-end mayonnaise to add smoothness and flavor, and there are no fillers. He uses a smoker, with a fire box, and according to Macy, you really have to know what you’re doing not to burn the product.

Macy, a Fort Pierce native, has been smoking fish for 30 years. According to Dennis, “customers come to the Market just to buy his smoked fish dip.” If he can get a customer to taste it, they’ll more than likely buy it. Macy says, “If you don’t bait the hook, you don’t get a bite.” It isn’t uncommon for seasonal visitors to take half-dozen of Macy’s Smoked Fish Dip back up North with them after spending the winter on the Treasure Coast.

Macy’s Smoked Fish Dip can be made from smoked kingfish, amberjack, dolphin, wahoo, swordfish, yellow fin tuna and just about any fresh fish found in the ocean waters around Fort Pierce.

Macy has participated in other Markets, but he likes the Fort Pierce Market because customers come for the ambiance, sit along the seawall, eat breakfast or lunch, and spend Saturday morning shopping, eating or just listening to music.

Macy’s Smoked Fish Dip can be found Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market, and at Pelican Seafood, local restaurants, Little Jim Bridge, Seaway Market, Best Choice Foods, Al’s Family Farms, and a variety of spots in Vero Beach. Customers can also order Macy’s Smoked Fish Dip by calling 772-519-0025.

The Downtown Farmers’ Market of Fort Pierce is a Saturday morning tradition with a variety of vendors, like Dennis Macy, selling fresh and local products. Call Market Manager at 772-940-1145 or visit our website at www.ftpiercefarmersmarket.com or find us on Facebook.
Fishing Tips for the Heat of the Summer

by Dan Dannahower

The heat of summer is upon us. August is one of the hottest months in south Florida and with the heat come some subtle changes in the fishing scene. There are always fish to be caught in Fort Pierce’s numerous water venues, but you may need to adjust a bit in order to be successful.

In the Indian River Lagoon the heat of midday may slow the action as game fish lay in the shade of mangroves or deep holes. Early morning, late evening, or even night fishing may produce better results. Deeper holes, channels and structures with shade like docks or overhanging shrubbery may produce results if you must fish during the heat of the day. The lagoon and inlet always have a lot of feeding activity going on at night. It’s usually cool, no sunburn to contend with and most of the species you hope to catch are probably out looking for a meal. If you elect to boat at night be sure you have plenty of lights and know the area you’re going to fish. It’s much easier to run aground or hit a channel marker at night.

Offshore fishing also changes in the summer months. The general thinking is that trolling for game fish like kingfish, dolphin, cobia, etc., slows down quite a bit and bottom fishing is the only way to get any action. While that’s probably true to some extent you never know what our dynamic ocean and the gulfsream will do. For example, as of this writing, kingfish continue to be abundant offshore with many boats bringing home a limit if desired. The dolphin catch continues to be spotty. Bottom fishing on the reefs continues to be good. If you’re going to fish either the lagoon or offshore on your own our local tackle and bait shops continue to be your best bet for information on what’s working and what’s not so your chances of having a successful day on the water are good.

One other option, not just for summer but any time of year is to hire one of our local charter captains. These extremely knowledgeable professionals provide everything except your food and they work hard to provide you with a great day of fishing. Both river guides and offshore boats can be found at your local marinas, through your tackle shop, or in the phone book. They know the area and keep up on a daily basis with what’s working and what’s not so your chances of having a successful day on the water are good.

Hope you get to catch a big one this summer. Good luck and good fishing.

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