I’m excited to begin my 4th year as President of Main Street Fort Pierce. Having been on the board for 11 years, I know the amazing impact this organization has and will continue to have on our historic downtown. Main Street Fort Pierce is blessed with a fantastic staff and a dedicated Board of Directors who truly take to heart the mission of this organization.

Our Annual Meeting at the Sailfish Brewery was a huge success. We partnered with Art Walk, which added to the wonderful celebratory atmosphere that evening in historic downtown Fort Pierce. Thank you to our members, sponsors, volunteers and supporters for making this a memorable event.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for your continued support!

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MONTHLY EVENTS

June 2, Friday: FRIDAY FEST — 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Live music by Southern Vine Band; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

June 9, Friday: 2nd ANNUAL SAILFISH BEER MILE — 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Sailfish Brewing Company; 971-971-6868, www.SailfishBrewingCompany.com; 772-466-0606; Downtown Fort Pierce, 466-3880; www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

June 14, Wednesday: ART WALK — 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Various studios and shops open throughout the downtown area; www.peacocksclay.com, www.seriouslymixedmedia.com,

WEIGHTY EVENTS

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SUNRISE THEATRE & SUNRISE BLACK BOX

Tuesdays: Jazz Jam at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre — 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.; 460-5299.

June 1, Thursday @ 7 p.m. — The Naked Magicians.
June 3, Saturday @ 7 p.m. — South Florida Dance Company Presents: Cinderella.
June 10, Saturday @ 8:30 p.m. — Comedy Corner Presents: Cisco Duran/Chris Flanagan.
June 11, Sunday @ 7 p.m. — Ann Wilson of Heart.
June 17, Saturday @ 7:30 p.m. — Family Meals, Inc. Presents: McCartney Mania’s Birthday Tribute to Paul.
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9:00 p.m., followed by a final cannon shot to end the celebration.

Patriotic 40-Piece Air National Guard Band of the South to Play at annual Stars Over St. Lucie 4th of July Celebration

This year marks the 241st year since the United States of America became an independent country. The City of Fort Pierce will celebrate this milestone during its annual Stars Over St. Lucie 4th of July event. This year, in addition to the 9 p.m. fireworks show, a very special musical tribute will be performed by the Air National Guard Band of the South at the six a.m., sponsored by Seminole Brighton Casino.

The Air National Guard Bands are made up of part-time Air National Guard members with full-time civilian careers. Their mission is to serve as Air Force ambassadors to the public by inspiring patriotism and fostering appreciation for the role of the U.S. Military in the past and present. There are five Air National Guard Bands, each assigned to regions in the U.S.: Northeast, Midwest, Southwest, West Coast and South. The headquarters for the Air National Guard Band of the South is the McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tennessee.

With a two-fold mission of boosting morale of fellow Airmen and educating the public about the mission and programs of the Air Force, the Air National Guard Band of the South presents a stirring performance its audience will not soon forget. Throughout their concerts, the band uses several different ensembles that appeal to all generations of audience members. From the jazz/big band “Smooth Groove” ensemble to the classic and current rock hits of the “Space A” and “Sound Barrier” ensembles, there is something for everyone.

Stars Over St. Lucie will be held on Tuesday, July 4th at Marina Square in downtown Fort Pierce. Common Ground Vineyard Church will be at Stars Over St. Lucie to present historic demonstrations around the fountain area across from the library using a replica war cannon that they will fire at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Dancers from Moxie’s Dance Studio will perform shortly before the Air National Guard Band of the South begins performing at 6:00 p.m. A dazzling fireworks, sponsored by the City of Fort Pierce, will highlight the event at 9:00 p.m., followed by a final cannon shot to end the celebration.

Also at the Stars Over St. Lucie event are children’s activities, craft vendors, food and beverage vendors. Please support these local businesses whose generosity make this event possible and free to the public: Applebee’s, Budweiser, Bluewater Beach Grill, the City of Fort Pierce, Cobb’s Landing, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Fort Pierce Yacht Club, the Original Tiki Bar, Seminole Brighton Casino (www.seminolebrightoncasino.com) and Waste Management.

For more information, contact Main Street Fort Pierce at (772) 466-3880 or go to our website at www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

In addition to the Air National Guard Band of the South’s performance during the annual Stars Over St. Lucie 4th of July event, the band will also offer another performance at the Sunrise Theatre on Sunday, July 2nd at 3:00 p.m. This concert is also free to the public, however, due to limited seating, reservations must be made in person at the Sunrise Theatre box office. Only 4 tickets per person. The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 S. 2nd Street in downtown Fort Pierce. Please visit www.sunrisetheatre.com for more information.
Be Part of the 4th of July Fun by Joining the Fort Pierce Yacht Club’s 4th of July Boat Parade

Summer is here, and that means the 4th of July is just around the corner! Celebrate Independence Day with your family and friends by participating in the Fort Pierce Yacht Club’s annual 4th of July Boat Parade. All boats large or small are welcome to participate. There is no fee; just decorate your boat and crew in red, white and blue and meet the other boats in the Fort Pierce turning basin at 11:30 a.m. Boaters will line up for the parade behind the FPYC lead boat (sailing vessel Grace). The parade starts at 12:00 noon and then heads down past the Ft. Pierce City Marina, and then turns and heads back out the inlet to the Square Grouper restaurant.

Don’t have a boat? No problem. Bring your family and friends for a fun day in Fort Pierce. Come watch the parade as it heads down the Indian River Lagoon, passing by the City Marina and the Riverwalk; or come out and watch as the parade goes through the inlet, up to the Square Grouper restaurant. Bring your chairs, because after the parade, you will want to stick around town for Fort Pierce’s annual Stars Over St. Lucie 4th of July fireworks show.

For details on how to be a part of all the fun and excitement, visit the FPYC website at www.fortpierceyachtclub.com.

Wells Fargo Awards Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. Grant to Help Downtown Businesses

For the second year in a row, Main Street Fort Pierce applied for and was awarded a grant from the Wells Fargo foundation. The grant will go towards helping businesses improve their facades in the downtown area. Last year, approximately 15 businesses benefited from these funds, each improving the exterior of their stores with awnings, signage, and/or paint. These improvements help the downtown area as a whole by creating a more desirable district for downtown shoppers and clients.

Wells Fargo is an important community partner in helping Main Street Fort Pierce achieve its goals in restoring and repurposing older buildings in order to further maintain and increase the economic vitality of our traditional downtown district.

Distrx App Markets Specials, Events, and Business Information for America’s Downtowns

With more than 220 million smart phones in the U.S., reaching today’s mobile audience is more important than ever. For most Main Street communities and local businesses, there hasn’t been a viable option to reach that huge market. Until now! Statistics show that 96% of Americans use their mobile device to find bargains. And 88% of consumers who search for local businesses on a mobile device call or go to that business within 24 hours. Mobile apps can connect businesses with consumers, but are our Main Street businesses reaching the right customers? Of course we want to let local residents know all that our community has to offer, but what about everyone else?

Main Street Fort Pierce is now part of distrx — one app for Main Street communities across the country, designed for people who love to explore and shop local wherever they go. Main Streets like ours throughout the state and across the country now have their own mobile app as part of a national network. Vero Beach officially launched their app on April 7, and Stuart and other Florida Main Street districts are linking to the distrx app soon.

The distrx app is free on the App Store and Google play. When you are in our Main Street and open the app, it opens as the Main Street Fort Pierce app. If you drive to Vero, the same app becomes the Vero Beach app. As visitors arrive, they receive a welcome greeting, followed by a list of businesses by category, parking locations, and a list of local events and attractions. We can now promote our events to a huge mobile audience, and our participation includes a page on the national distrx.com website for both our Main Street and every participating merchant. Get the free distrx app today!
Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market: Faith’s Lunch

What could be a better way to treat Dad for Father’s Day than a taste treat from Jamaica? Faith’s Lunch brings authentic mouth-watering Island food every Saturday to the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. They proudly serve up delicious mouth-watering dishes from the Island of Jamaica from 8:00 a.m. until noon, making new friends along the way. After the market manager encouraged them to join the market in 2006, they started at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market and never looked back.

Today, Faith’s Lunch delivers delightful, taste-bud-tempting rice and peas accompanied with delicious curry chicken and steamed vegetables — cooked to perfection to excite the appetite and please the soul. For a lighter but filling meal, Jamaican beef-, chicken- or vegetable-patty will have you running, not walking, back for more. Don’t forget the Jamaican Festival and chicken wings to keep you happy and satisfied!

Dads of all ages will enjoy Faith’s Lunch any time, but especially for Father’s Day. Treat him to the best in Fort Pierce — music, food, and cool ocean breeze at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. Stroll along the sea wall to see the marine life. Meet old friends or make new ones. Enjoy the live music by local favorites; dance to the beat joining the Saturday regulars on the dance patio. Shop for fresh produce, locally-baked pastries, cakes, pies and breads, beautiful home or landscaping plants, tempting jams and relishes, hand crafted soaps and lotions. Whatever you’re looking for can be found at the Market.

Join the great big family at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market at Marina Square every Saturday morning from 8:00 until noon, rain or shine. It’s a Saturday morning tradition!

The Guardian ad Litem Program is an organization powered by highly-respected volunteer child advocates who are trained and supported by professional staff to transform children’s lives. Our Guardian ad Litem advocate volunteers are the voice in court for abused, abandoned or neglected children. The child’s best interest is our only interest in our ultimate goal of ensuring each child has a safe, permanent home. Children who have a Guardian ad Litem volunteer do better in school. They’re safe, permanent home more quickly, are less likely to return to foster care and receive more services to help them in what is certainly the most difficult time in their lives.

by Brenda Gibbons
Unmarked Grave of ‘Bravest Woman’ Circus Performer Lucia Zora Dedicated at Riverview Memorial Park

Since 1936, Lucia Zora, a circus animal trainer billed as “the bravest woman in the world,” has lain in an unmarked grave at Riverview Memorial Park in Fort Pierce. That changed on April 24th, when a grave marker bearing her name was unveiled and dedicated by Fort Pierce Mayor Linda Hudson.

Zora was one of the nation’s first female animal trainers and was best known for getting lions and tigers, natural enemies, to perform together in the same arena. She chronicled her life in the circus and later an attempt at retirement in Colorado in her autobiography, Sawdust and Solitude.

Her parents, Milton and Myra Card, were early pineapple farmers along the banks of the Indian River and Zora spent her retirement in their landmark brick home on South Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce. Zora and husband and fellow animal trainer, Fred Alispaw, decorated the home with much of their memorabilia from the circus and even tended a baby elephant on the grounds.

Zora died in 1936 at the age of 59 and was buried in the family plot of her parents at the family plot at Riverview Memorial Park, formerly the Fort Pierce Cemetery. During the course of reporting a recounting of Zora’s life for an article in the Indian River magazine in 2010, it was discovered that her grave had never been marked. Mayor Hudson and her sister, Jean Wilson, discovered the unmarked graves while conducting a genealogical research on the family. Cemetery records showed that three people were buried at the plot owned by the Cards, but records gave no indication of their identities.

Mari-Lynn Herringshaw, a great niece of Alispaw, said the graves were those of the Cards and Zora. She concluded that Alispaw, known for being thrifty, never bothered to buy a marker for his late wife. Herringshaw, Hudson and Wilson appeared in a panel discussion in January at the Treasure Coast History Festival sponsored by Indian River magazine. The discussion prompted the magazine to purchase the grave marker.

“One of our missions is to share the history of the Treasure Coast,” said Indian River Publisher Gregory Enns. “In sharing the story of Lucia Zora, we learned of this slight and wanted to correct it. We hope it will become yet another historical site people can visit on the Treasure Coast.”

The saga over Zora’s burial echoes the tale of another famous Zora from Fort Pierce. Zora Neale Hurston, the author of Their Eyes Were Watching God, was buried in an unmarked grave in Fort Pierce’s Garden of Heavenly Rest until 1973, when novelist Alice Walker and literary scholar Charlotte Hunt placed a marker at the site.

To read more about Lucia Zora in the Indian River magazine visit: www.indianrivermag.com/favorites/zora.html and www.indianrivermag.com/favorites/finalresting.html.
City of Fort Pierce Unveils Historical Marker at Old Fort Park

On May 4th, the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Lions Club unveiled a new historical marker on the grounds of the Old Fort Park located at 1001 S. Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce. In addition to the unveiling of the new marker, the ceremony also recognized the completion of the amazing effort and collaboration of the City of Fort Pierce and the Fort Pierce Lions Club to improve, restore, and preserve the park and Ais Indian Mound.

Old Fort Park, on the National Register of Historic Places, received this marker to indicate historical significance as the site of an Ais Indian Burial Mound and the site of Fort Pierce, a military installation constructed by the U.S. Army in Florida with the purpose of being a main supply depot for the Army during the Second Seminole War. Fort Pierce derives its name from this historic installation. The “fort” of Fort Pierce, named for its first commander Benjamin Kendrick Pierce, was built in 1838 and abandoned in 1842 at the end of the Second Seminole War, burning down the following year.

The Florida Historical Marker Program recognizes historic resources, persons, and events that are significant in the areas of architecture, archaeology, Florida history, and traditional culture by promoting the placing of historic markers and plaques at sites of historical and visual interest to visitors. The purpose of the program is to increase public awareness of the rich cultural heritage of the state and to enhance the enjoyment of historic sites in Florida by its citizens and tourists. This new marker at Old Fort Park provides historical narratives of the two components of historic significance at the park, and will place this historic site “on the map” for the State’s Historic Landmarks.

The marker was funded by the Fort Pierce Lions Club. Their club has invested nearly $30,000 to further the preservation, enhancement, and upkeep of the park over the last three years. The joint efforts between the City, Lions Club, and St. Lucie County Historical Museum have earned a Florida Preservation Award and welcomed visitors to a refinished parking lot, directional signs, information kiosks, benches, and archaeological best practices to ensure this historic site is preserved for centuries to come.

For more information, please contact the City of Fort Pierce at 772-467-3000.
If you like Bingo, Scavenger Hunts, and Outstanding Photography, the A.E. Backus Museum has Something for You in June!

by Holly Theuns, Backus Museum, Outreach Director

Bingo, It's a “Big Game” at the Pelican Yacht Club June 17th

Do you play bingo? Then why not enjoy a fun Saturday afternoon of bingo, a nice lunch, and lots of prizes (featuring a $200 grand prize) and support the A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery all at once! Sound like a great way to spend a few hours? Then go ahead and make a reservation to join us at “Wild About Bingo.” This fun raiser, hosted by the Museum’s Board of Associates, takes place on Saturday, June 17th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Pelican Yacht Club located at 1120 Seaway Drive in Fort Pierce. The cost is only $35 per person and includes a luncheon feast, five games of bingo and a wildcard game, a ton of prizes and lots of fun and laughter.

This is an annual event and always sells out. Book a seat, or a table for eight by either calling the Museum at 772-465-0630 or emailing outreach@Backus.Museum.com. Pre-paid reservations are required and sorry, no refunds. Please join us at the Pelican Yacht Club on June 17th and help the A.E. Backus Museum remain a cultural anchor in our community, have a great time with friends and take home some nice prizes.

“Through The Eye Of The Camera”

The Museum’s much-anticipated annual photography show, “Through The Eye Of The Camera,” opens to the public on June 1st and will be on exhibit through Friday, June 30th. This show, sponsored by Jiffy Photo and Framing and Nelson Family Farms, receives an average of 300 entries from all over. Three judges have the difficult job of narrowing all of those entries down to ultimately create an exhibit of the best photographs. The exhibit always features an array of high-quality photography; this year’s show may just be the best one yet.

Both film and digital entries are included, ranging from black and white to color, from completely unretouched shots to images that have been digitally manipulated, and everything in between. With five categories, a fascinating show with a wide variety of subject matter is guaranteed. Please take the time to visit the Museum, enjoy the show and enter your favorite photograph in the People’s Choice Award. These are the categories the judges award prizes in: Digital – Great Outdoors, (plants, wildlife and animals); Digital – Great Outdoor, (scenery, structures, cars, boats, etc.); Digital – Color Still Life /Portrait; Digital – Black & White, any subject; Manipulated Imagery – Digital and Film; Film – Color and B&W, Traditional Raw Photography, any subject.

Museum Summer Hours and Family Activities

Beginning Saturday, July 1st, the Museum will begin observing summer hours: weekends only, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. The summer hours remain in effect until mid-October when the Museum opens for the season and returns to the regular Wednesday through Sunday schedule.

Have you walked the Museum’s outdoor coral path? Not just a simple path, it’s embedded with 30 “clues” to find while learning about the hidden history that goes along with each clue. If you haven’t seen this yet, you need to! It’s a Scavenger Hunt for all ages. Come to the Museum and look for the box with the clue sheets on the southeast corner of the Museum or the second box at the beginning of the coral path. (Find this box as you come from the parking lot at the beginning of the new landscaping, halfway between the Museum and the river.) Grab a sheet and begin your own free hidden history tour.

“Thank you” to A.E. Backus board member Laura Murphy and her husband, Pat, for providing the funding for this Scavenger Hunt. It’s fun and free and brings our Florida history to life — and it’s there for everyone to enjoy. Here’s an example of one of the 30 fun clues: Find the musical notes hidden in the coral path then read the “hidden history” message on the clue sheet. “Music was very important to A.E. Backus. Just like painting is an art, so is music. Art is a universal language that we all can share and enjoy. Even if you don’t speak the same language you can create art together.”

Don’t forget — the first Sunday of every month is Family Day and admission is free! Join us on Sunday, June 4th, Sunday, July 2nd and Sunday, August 6th for free family day admission for adults and free activities for the children.

The A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery is located at 500 N. Indian River Dr., along the waterfront in historic downtown Fort Pierce. For more information, call 772-465-0630 or email info@BackusMuseum.com. Visit our website at BackusMuseum.com and please like our Facebook page — A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery. Regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Museum is closed on Monday and Tuesday. Admission is $5 per person. Museum members are free. Children under 18 and active duty military are always free. AARP, AAA and veterans with proper ID receive a $2 discount on admission. The first Sunday of every month is Family day and admission is free to all.
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Pampered Paws Aims to Please Pet Owners with Professional Grooming

by Debra Magrann

Dogs and cats of all breeds, sizes and temperaments are welcomed at Pampered Paws on Orange Avenue in beautiful downtown Fort Pierce. With over 25 years of professional grooming experience, owner Olga Katirgis is a master groomer. More than that, she is an artist at her craft. “Grooming is an art; I sculpt my work making a masterpiece,” she says.

Her father is a vet in Israel; her creative side is from her mother who was a dress designer. When she came to the United States from Russia, Olga couldn’t speak any English. Although she was a trained veterinarian in her homeland, her first job in New York was at a pet store, cleaning and selling dogs. “My first clients were very patient. They helped me learn very quickly,” she says.

Eventually, she went into business for herself beginning with her first shop, Claws and Paws, in Queens, N.Y. After 16 years, she relocated her shop to New Jersey in the Englewood – Bergenfield area and grew the business for another nine years before coming to Florida.

It was the Old Florida charm of Fort Pierce that attracted her here.” I was on vacation in Vero Beach, checking out Florida,” she says. “I saw this area and said, ‘That’s really nice’.” She has owned dogs, cats, rabbits and once as a vet in Russia, she had a lamb. Horses are her passion. It is her mission to make animals feel at ease and their owners pleased with her results.

Before and after pictures tell the story One look at Olga’s snapshots of her “clients” as they come in and then after being groomed shows a stylish transformation — not only in their physical appearance, but in the animal’s behavior. Much of her business is by word-of-mouth and repeat customers. Services include expert grooming of both cats and dogs, including show cuts.

A five-star Facebook testimonial sums up her services: “I have two rescue maltipoos that I have taken to Pampered Paws several times. I absolutely LOVE Olga and so do my girls! Their cuts are absolutely perfect every time. Not one single hair out of place. She is truly an artist!”

“Also, since my dog are rescue, they get nervous being away from me or being caged, making getting them groomed a pretty nerve-racking experience. I have taken them to other groomers in the area before finding Olga and they were not happy campers. Olga’s salon is different. It is very relaxing — nice music playing and dogs are kept in cute fenced areas, not in cages … when I picked them up, I swung open the door to her shop and my two babies were just chilling on the couch taking a nap. I couldn’t believe how relaxed they were. Thank you for taking such good care of Cookie and Gracie!” —Jenn Christopher

Linda George says: “Olga always does a great job grooming my little chiuhuahtea, Cooper. She is very patient and loving … you can tell she has a real love of animals.”

Susie Safford adds: “So happy we found Olga. Moving every couple of years, we’ve seen many groomers — Olga is hands-down the best! Her attention to detail and loving care of our dog is a great comfort. Thank you, Olga.”

The salon interior is designed with utmost comfort in mind: a glitzy chandelier, cute cottage-style picket fencing, and chic hot pink and black zebra appointments with faux animal skin prints on upholstered chairs and settee round out an atmosphere of doggie indulgence. Felines get the royal treatment here, too. “I love bonding with the dogs and chatting with my clients,” Olga says.

At Pampered Paws, there is no more wondering how your dog was for your groomer. You can be assured that your pet will be given tender, loving care and a personal touch. You can watch the whole process, or stroll downtown to have lunch at any of the eateries nearby or window shop along Second Street while waiting.

Because of her veterinarian training, Katirgis can advise on skin conditions. Baths with medicated oatmeal products, flea dips and teeth brushing are the quality services offered. For owners who wish to pamper their pooch, nails can be done in electric colors. Pricing is structured on the size of the animal, type of hair and services needed. Credit cards are accepted.

Pampered Paws is conveniently located at 225 Orange Avenue (next to the railroad tracks). Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Private parking is available in the rear of the building, facing Depot Drive. To plan your visit and make an appointment, please call 772-236-4650. ❖
by Don Bestor

Love, Jazz Community: Jazz Camp Makes Your Summer Sizzle

Everyone says it slows down to a crawl on the Treasure Coast every summer, and maybe that’s true for some, but anyone who is involved with Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society knows that summer is growing season — that’s right — growing season. For the past few years, the professional musicians involved with Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society have proved they don’t just know how to talk the talk; they also know how to walk the walk and practice what they preach by hosting a summer Jazz Camp for students ages 14 to 94.

Most summer camps involve arts and crafts and maybe swimming and a game or two, but as you can imagine, Jazz Camp is decidedly different and unique. For two weeks, students come to the camp, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, and jump right into the music, having a chance to play with the professionals and learning how to improvise, change keys on the fly, and even how to scat like a natural, all while having a great time and learning from musicians who’ve played with the likes of Duke Ellington, Bob Hope, Sammy Davis Jr., Johnny Mathis, Ray Charles, Lawrence Welk, Dionne Warwick, and so many more household names. Led by the incomparable Mark Green, these camps are open to ‘kids’ of all ages and abilities and run June 12 to 16 and June 19 to 23. Participants can come to one or both weeks, which culminate with a performance at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre this summer.

Because of the tremendous talent and passion of the participants, this year, there’s a third, advanced Jazz Camp week slated for June 26 to 30. This advanced week will delve into the finer points of jazz and blues performance both instrumental and vocal. Led by the legendary Larry Brown, the Advanced Instrumental Jazz Camp will feature Brown on piano, David Einhorn on bass, Claudio Berardi on drums, JB Scott on brass and Gene Bruno on saxophone. That means your young musician — or you — could have a chance to learn from and perform with some of the country’s most accomplished musicians.

If vocal stylings are more your thing, eight-time Downbeat magazine award-winning vocalist Lisa Kelly will be leading an intensive Vocal Boot Camp for one week only, and what you’ll learn in that one week of individualized instruction could take you from karaoke clown to polished performer. Whether you’re sixteen or sixty-six, these camps are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn and live out your lifelong dream and they’re surprisingly affordable, too. The first two weeks of Jazz Camp, which are slated for June 12th through the 16th and June 19th through the 23rd, run $135 per week or $270 for both weeks. The Advanced Jazz Camp, June 26 to 30th is $175, and the same week’s Vocal Boot Camp is $165.

If you’d like to be a star — or at least learn to perform like one, call today to save your space for this year’s Jazz Camps at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre and the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society’s Jazz Shack on the River. Call (772) 460-JAZZ (5299) to register, or register online at www.jazzsociety.org.
City of Fort Pierce and the Solar and Energy Loan Fund Offering Solutions for Commercial Property Improvements

The City of Fort Pierce is partnering with the Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF) to promote its Façade Improvement Project and St. Lucie County’s Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.

The City is providing up to $5,000 in matching grant funds through its Façade Improvement Program for primary focus areas in Fort Pierce. These areas include Orange Avenue, from U.S. Highway 1 through 25th Street and commercial properties located within the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

The SELF program offers financing solutions for exterior improvements to commercial properties related to roof, window and A/C replacements. This financing could cover the matching funds required for the City's grant award.

“Together, a façade grant award from the City and financing through the PACE program will provide a win-win for commercial property owners and the citizens of Fort Pierce,” explained Libby Woodruff, Manager of Urban Redevelopment for the City. “This will encourage economic development, new business startups and the creation of jobs.”

Commercial property owners located within the focus areas can apply to receive reimbursement for up to 50% of the total cost of their façade improvement project, up to $5,000. The program requires at least a dollar for dollar match by the applicant. Façade Improvement grant applications are reviewed by the City’s Communitywide Council who make recommendations to the City Commission for awards. The goal of the project is to encourage building renovation, historic preservation and improved economic vitality along the Orange Avenue corridor and within the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

The Façade Improvement Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program. The Façade Improvement Program cannot provide assistance for buildings with certain uses and cannot fund improvements to residential properties. PACE is an alternative financing program that provides 100% up-front financing to help property owners make improvements to buildings and facilities, including: (1) energy efficiency; (2) renewable energy; and, (3) wind resilience. PACE financing is secured by equity in the subject property and the voluntary assessments are paid back over time on the property tax bill. PACE financing is a voluntary assessment that remains with the property and not the owner. PACE financing is not a personal or business loan and no credit check is required for the program.

Interested property owners are encouraged to contact the City of Fort Pierce Department of Urban Redevelopment at 772-467-3169 or the non-profit Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF) that administers St. Lucie County Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program at 772-468-1818.

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Melita Provisions Opens in the Galleria of Pierce Harbor

by Sue Dannahower

Melita Provisions opened its doors in the Galleria at Pierce Harbor Shops on April 7, 2017. This cozy shop boasts upscale, sustainable kitchen goods, handsome linens, and luscious body lotions. Owner, Melanie Hayling George, grew up in Fort Pierce, graduated from Fort Pierce Central and earned her bachelor degree in Marketing from FAU. Melanie spent time working in marketing and with the Polk Country School System.

“To the owner, Melita signifies “a place of healing,” Melanie says, “I want to provide products for the home that are relaxing, healing and rejuvenating. I carry products to share with family and friends — products that hopefully make these times together inviting and happy.”

The shop is warm and inviting like its owner, Melanie. The distinctive gifts are brilliantly displayed and unique. Some interesting finds in her shop include Turkish towels. These towels are perfect for the beach, pool, boat, etc. They are made of very absorbent, soft cotton yet are thinner than traditional towels and dry quicker. They drape the body beautifully for post-water lounging and take up very little room in beach bags. Other linens sold by Melita include attractive placemats constructed from natural fibers, luxurious towels and sheets, decorative throws, and pillows.

Attractive entertaining and dinnerware from fair-trade skilled artisans adorned the shelves inside Melita. The shop has several serving bowls designed using rich colors and interesting patterns. Handmade wooden bowls and serving utensils are carved so wonderfully they are as smooth as butter. Their hand-blown glassware collection includes margarita and other cocktail designs.

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In addition to their exquisite collection of products for the home, they carry spa-quality moisturizers, soaps, scrubs and lip balms that are all chemical free and made from natural ingredients. Olive oil is one of the main ingredients in most of these products. One of these fabulous products is a bath and body oil that quenches the skin and feels amazing when applied immediately following a relaxing shower. It keeps the skin moist, supple and youthful in appearance.

Some of the product lines carried by Melita are Matouk, OliveSpa and Sobremesa. Matouk is a company whose mission is to give your family access to the world’s finest quality, most luxurious linens. OliveSpa is an all-natural line of olive oil skin care products for the entire family. Sobremesa by Greenheart is a fair-trade lifestyle brand that produces items crafted by skilled artisans around the world. Each product is unique and designed to empower the artisans, strengthen their community, and sustain the environment.

Visit Melanie at Melita Provisions and receive a 10% discount on your first purchase. Also, mark your calendars for a Matouk trunk show hosted by Melita on June 22nd and 23rd. Melita is located in the Galleria at Pierce Harbor Shops located at 100 South 2nd Street, #101. Call them at (772) 742-8199.

The Galleria at Pierce Harbor is located at 100 South 2nd Street. This exciting new shopping destination features several shops in one location on the southeast corner of Orange Avenue and 2nd Street. The April edition of the Focus featured stories on The Cabin Gentlemen’s Wear, Brooklyn Sweets, Riviero Designs Jewelry, and Sports Lane Footwear & Sporting Goods, all recently opened stores within the Galleria. New shops and eateries will continue to open here in the upcoming months.

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10 Ways to Get New Customers
by Rieva Lesonsky, Guest Blogger

Every small business owner wants to attract new customers. Here are 10 time-tested ways to help you bring in “new blood.”

1. Ask for referrals. Referrals are one of the best ways to get new customers — but if you sit back and wait for your current customers to refer their friends and family members to you, you could be waiting a long time. Take charge by implementing a system for actively soliciting referrals from your satisfied customers. Build referral-generating activity into the sales process. For example, send a follow-up e-mail asking for a referral after a customer has received their order from your e-commerce site. Have your B2B salespeople ask for referrals when they follow up with customers to answer questions after the sale.

2. Network. Generate good old-fashioned word-of-mouth by participating in networking organizations and events relevant to your industry and your customers. Be sure to approach networking with the attitude, “How can I help others?” rather than “What’s in it for me?” By thinking about how you be of service, you’ll build relationships that lead to new customers.

3. Offer discounts and incentives for new customers only. Introductory offers, such as a two-week course at your karate studio for $100, can lure curious customers in your door by providing a low-risk way to try your products or services. Use online reviews to your advantage. Does your business get online reviews from customers? Cultivate your reviews and make the most of them. Link to reviews on your website and post signage in your location urging customers to check you out on Yelp (or wherever the reviews are). Social proof is powerful, and new customers are more likely to give your business a try if they see others praising it.

4. Re-contact old customers. Everything old can be new again — including old customers who haven’t done business with you in a while. Go through your customer contacts on a regular basis and, after six months or a year without an interaction or purchase, reach out to dormant customers with a special offer via e-mail, direct mail or phone. They’ll be glad you remembered them and want to win them back.

5. Improve your website. These days, consumers and B2B buyers alike find new businesses primarily by searching online. That means your website has to do some heavy lifting to attract new customers. Give your website a once-over to make sure that the design, content, graphics and SEO are up-to-date. If this isn’t your strong suit, it’s worth enlisting the services of a website design company and/or SEO expert to help.

6. Partner with complementary businesses. Team up with businesses that have a similar customer base, but aren’t directly competitive, and strategize how you can target each other’s customers to drive new business to each other. For example, a maternity clothing website and a baby products website could pair up to offer discounts and deals to each other’s customers.

7. Promote your expertise. Generate interest — and new customers — by publicizing your expertise in your industry. Participating in industry panel discussions or online webinars, speaking at industry events or to groups your target customers belong to, or holding educational sessions or workshops will impress potential new customers with your subject expertise.

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9. Participate in community events. All else being equal, most people like to support independent businesses in their communities. Raise your profile in your community by taking part in charity events and organizations. Sponsor a local fun run, organize a holiday “toys for kids” donation, or supply a Little League team in your city with equipment. It gets your name out there, which helps bring in new customers.

10. Branch out. Start a social media page, blog, or even a YouTube channel to help you promote and build your brand. Social media is a powerful tool to get your name out there and bring new customers to your door. By participating in networking organizations and events relevant to your industry and your customers, you’ll build relationships that lead to new customers.

Windows 10 was released to the public July 29, 2015 and it is now almost 2 years old. If you have been using it and are happy with it there are a few things you need to keep it running smoothly. First you should always install Windows updates when they are released, to check for updates in Windows 10 open the Action Center by clicking the Windows Key on your keyboard and pressing S. This will open the search where you can type “Check for Updates”, Once the Windows updates page opens, Click the Check for Updates button and install updates if they are available. Once all the updates are installed, The next step is to clean up your hard drive which will be covered next month. Until then, good luck and safe computing!
Mahi in Local Waters
by Captain Bo Samuel, Charter Captain of “Pullin Drag”

This time of year it’s all about the mahi-mahi, or dolphin-fish, for offshore fishing. Also called dolphin or dorado, the mahi can be found worldwide in off-shore tropical and subtropical waters and is known to many anglers as the prettiest fish in the Atlantic Ocean with brilliant hues of blue, teal, green, and yellow.

You will catch the most mahi by trolling from 80 foot of water all the way to the depths of the Gulfstream. Running fresh ballyhoo naked or with a blue, white, pink, or multi-colored skirt is the bait of choice for your best chance to hook a decent sized mahi. A slow troll, about 4 to 7 knots with hand-rigged bait should guarantee the best bites but be sure the ballyhoo are swimming properly, not dragging or pulling sideways. There is no need to set the hook because trolling with your hook set to 12 pounds will make sure they hook themselves. Weed lines, floating debris, and temperature changes are great places to find schools of mahi. The minimum size limit in the Atlantic is 20 inches to the fork.

This fish is great to cook by any method: grilled, blackened, seared, fried, broiled, and baked. If cooking is not for you, The Original Tiki Bar and Restaurant in downtown Fort Pierce will take your fresh catch and prepare it to perfection.

When the wind picks up, inshore is a sure option. The inshore bite is good for trout and redfish. Try using a popping cork with a two-foot, 30-pound fluorocarbon leader, size two hook and live shrimp for some good action. Remember, local fishing regulations and licenses can be found at our area bait and tackle shops.

Get out on the water and keep pullin’ drag!

Recipe Corner
by Sue Dannahower

For the chowder:
3 strips of bacon, cut crosswise in to ¼” strips
5 Tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
1 small onion, finely diced
2 stalks celery, finely diced
6 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 quart fish stock (or 1 cup clam juice plus 3 cups water)
1 Tablespoon Old Bay seasoning
1 cup frozen corn kernels
1 cup Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and diced in ¾” cubes
6 oz. grouper (or other flakey white fish)
6 oz. crawfish meat
1 cup heavy whipping cream
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, as needed

For the tomato “croutons”:
1 green tomato, seeded and diced
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 egg, scrambled with 2 Tablespoons water
1/2 cup finely ground breadcrumbs
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional for salting tomatoes
Pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
Pinch freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
Canola or vegetable oil, as needed for frying

Salt tomatoes liberally and set in colander placed over bowl to catch liquid. Set aside for minimum of 30 minutes. In heavy-bottomed pot, place bacon over medium-low heat until bacon is crisp and fat is rendered out. Remove bacon from pan, leaving behind fat, and set aside. Increase heat to medium

Add 4 tablespoons butter to pan and melt. Add onion and celery and cook until translucent. Add flour and cook for 1 minute to form roux. Slowly add fish stock and Old Bay seasoning. Bring to a simmer. Add corn and potatoes. When potatoes are cooked through, add fish and crawfish. Simmer until fish is cooked through and crawfish is heated through. Add cream and heat through. Season with salt and pepper, and stir in remaining butter and crisped bacon.

In separate pan, heat enough oil to come halfway up tomatoes to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Place flour in one bowl, egg mixture in second bowl, and breadcrumbs and seasonings in third.

Rinse tomatoes and blot dry with paper towels. Dip tomatoes in flour, then egg, then coat in breadcrumb mixture. Shake off excess and add to hot oil. Cook until brown on one side, approximately 2 minutes. Flip and cook until brown on other side, approximately 2 minutes. Remove from oil with slotted spoon and place on paper-towel lined plate.

Serve bowls of chowder topped with tomato croutons. Serves 4.
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