Ben Smith Automotive Group
Taste of the Sea & Sandy Shoes

Seafood festival
The Ultimate Seafood Celebration

March 21, 2015
10am-10pm

Veteran’s Memorial Park
600 N. Indian River Drive in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce
I hope you are planning to join us for the Bev Smith Automotive Group’s Taste of the Sea & Sandy Shoes Seafood Festival on Saturday, March 21. This is one of my favorite events because I organize the Iron Chef Competition.

There will be four downtown restaurants competing for the coveted Iron Chef Trophy. We have 121 Tapas on the Water (last year’s winner), Cobb’s Landing (last year’s runner-up) and 2nd Street Bistro (new to the competition) and Pot Belli Deli (new to the competition). I hope you will join me at the Festival at 11:00 a.m. There will be an opportunity for the audience to taste the delightful dishes from the competitors.

We also have the Citrus Squeeze Off — which FPUA has dominated for many years. Please, put together a team that will beat them!

The Chowder Cup Competition selects the best chowder on the Treasure Coast. My brother, Joe Payne, from the St. Lucie County Fire Department and I will be entering this competition with our yummy Seafood Chowders.

The Festival will also entertain all ages of children with our Kids Zone.

The Bev Smith Automotive Group’s Taste of the Sea & Sandy Shoes Seafood Festival is organized by Main Street Fort Pierce and Above Average Entertainment.
Calendar

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


March 2, Monday: The Cake Lady’s 1st Monday Girl’s Night Out — Learn cupcake decorating techniques. All materials included, as is wine and appetizers. Please register in advance, $35 per person, all inclusive. The Cake Lady Custom Cakes, 207 Orange Avenue, 772-242-6128.

March 6, Friday: Friday Fast — 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Music & Entertainment by OMI Band; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

March 11, Wednesday: Art Walk at Art Mundo Open Studio — 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., The Art Walk at 111 Orange Avenue; artmundo.org; 466-1010, www.artmundo.org.

March 14, Saturday: Historic Trolley Tour — 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.; Historic Downtown Fort Pierce; Market Managers: 940-1145.

FORT PIERCE RIVERWALK CENTER
For information, please call 489-6473 or visit cldyfortpierce.com.

600 North Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce; Classes include: Jazzercise, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Duplicate Bridge, Anusara Style Yoga, Bathroom Dancing, Belly Dancing, and Line Dancing.

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For information, please call 465-0290 or visit www.backusmuseum.com.

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T’ai Chi Classes: Every Tuesday 9 a.m. with T’ai Chi instructor, Charlie Olsteen; $10 per person.
Free beginners Spanish Class: Every Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

FORT PIERCE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
For more information, please call 772-465-0299 or visit www.fortpiercepolice.com.

Sunset Jazz Series at the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society; for a project and work with the group; 111 Orange Avenue, Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Marina Square; www.hookedonmusic.org.

March 21, Saturday: Bay Smith Automotive Taste of the Tribe & Sandy Goose Seafood Fest — 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; at River Walk Center; 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

March 22, Sunday: Jazz Week Begins — Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society; for a project and work with the group; 111 Orange Avenue, Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Marina Square; www.hookedonmusic.org.

March 25, Wednesday: Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie, 207 Orange Avenue; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; at River Walk Center; 772-466-8835, www.bbsdjs.org.

March 28, Saturday: Hooked on Music Festival — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Fort Pierce City Marina; www.hookedonmusic.org.

WEAKLY EVENTS
Tuesdays: Weight Watchers Meetings — 5:30 p.m. at Anytime Fitness; 461-2348.

Wednesdays: Art Mundo Open Studio — 2nd Wednesday of each month is Art Walk 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., new gallery open each month. All other Wednesdays Open Studio — 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Bring project and work with the group; 111 Orange Avenue; Downtown Fort Pierce; ArtMundo@artmundo.org; 772-466-1010, www.artmundo.org.

SUNRISE THEATRE
For information, please call 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

Sunday, 3/1 8:30 p.m.; Russian National Ballet Theatre’s Sleeping Beauty; Tickets: $55/$45.
Tuesday, 3/3 @ 7 p.m., Oukil Ridge Royal Tour 2014 - Royal Night Out; Tickets $55/$48.
Wednesday, 3/4 @ 7 p.m.; Pink Floyd Experience; Tickets $49/$39.
Thursday, 3/6 @ 7 p.m.; An Evening with Paul Anka; Tickets $56/$46.
Friday, 3/6 @ 8 p.m.; Night Fever – Bee Gees Tribute; Tickets $43/$34.

Friday, 3/11 @ 7 p.m.; Richard Nader’s Doo Wop & Rock n’ Roll - Presented by Matt Smith Memorabilia Cruise and RNE; Tickets $49/$39/$30, VIP & Meet & Greet.
Friday, 3/13 @ 8 p.m.; National Touring Company of Jekyll & Hyde; Tickets $59/$49.
Saturday, 3/14 @ 8 p.m.; A Special Night of Memories – Kevin Entertainment Presents the Brooklyn Bridge with Special Guests Jay Dee and the Starters; Tickets $49/$39/$30, VIP Meet & Greet.
Thursday, 3/19 @ 7 p.m.; Richard Nader’s Doo Wop and Rock n’ Roll – Presented by Gary Munion & the Works; Tickets $40/$30.
Thursday, 3/26 @ 7 p.m.; Get the Led Out – American Led Zeppelin Tribute; Tickets $34.
Saturday, 3/28 @ 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Jay Leno; Tickets $159/
Sunday, 3/29 @ 7 p.m.; Flashdance the Musical; Tickets $69/$59.

SUNRISE THEATRE’S BLACK BOX THEATRE
For information, please call 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

Friday, 3/6 @ 8 p.m.; 21 Blue — Blues for the 21st Century — Presented by Bluebird Educational Foundation; Tickets, $30.
Friday, 3/13 @ 8 p.m.; ABBA Mania – tickets $48/$35/$75, VIP & Meet & Greet.

FORT PIERCE JAZZ & BLUES SOCIETY
For more information, please call 460-3299 or visit www.jazzsociety.org.

Every Tuesday – Jazz Jam at the Sunrise Black Box Theatre; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Every Saturday – Jazz Market in Downtown Fort Pierce (Arts & Crafts); 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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TECH BYTES: Recovery Media Creation
by Michael Lewis, Mike’s Downtown Computer Repair

If you bought a computer in the past 5 years you most likely did not receive media recovery. Most computer manufacturers save money by not including the media used to recover your computer in the event of hard drive failure or serious virus attack. Without this media you cannot restore the computer back to factory software specifications. The easiest way to create the media is to search the computer for recovery tools. If you do not see it you can Google “How to create recovery media for (your computer model)” and that should give you step-by-step directions for your specific model. It is a fairly simple procedure and most of the time you only need three to five blank DVDs; some of the newer computers offer to create USB recovery drives. Be sure to keep the DVDs/USB drive in a safe location with the computer. Good luck and safe computing!

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by Linda Hudson, City of Fort Pierce Mayor

We love celebrations of special events in our lives such as birthdays, anniversaries, and commemorations. As Mayor, I have been privileged to be a part of many centennial celebrations of individuals and organizations, including the Fort Pierce Woman’s Club and the Coral Stickney Harper DAR Chapter. The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market celebrated its 18th birthday with birthday cake and anniversary bags. Last year, Main Street Fort Pierce celebrated 25 years of serving downtown Fort Pierce. In January of each year, we celebrate Martin Luther King’s birthday with events and a parade, and in February we celebrate Black History month and Zora Neale Hurston with the Hattitude luncheon.

Annual celebrations happen all the time and this year is no exception. In February of each year, the Cracker Trail Riders came to downtown Fort Pierce on horseback, celebrating the course of our waterways in shaping local history. The Adams-Cobb Cultural Center features maps, vintage photographs, drawings based on archeological findings, and other interpretive materials. These resources will provide the historical context for various future educational exhibits and programs about life along the Treasure Coast and its western reaches. Future programs will span various topics and times throughout the centuries — from the culture of early residents, the Ais Indians, through residents’ contemporary concerns for the environmental and economic balance of the Indian River Lagoon and its tributaries.

According to Jean Ellen Wilson, the Center’s administratrix, at 332-3838.

Adams-Cobb Cultural Center Celebrates Local Cattle Culture

The St. Lucie Historical Society welcomed visitors to a preview of the Adams-Cobb Cultural Center and “A Colorful Cattle Culture” special exhibit on Saturday, February 21st. The Center is located in the historic P. P. Cobb Building at 100 Avenue A in Fort Pierce, and this special exhibit was held in conjunction with the Florida Cracker Trail Riders’ parade.

The Society’s newly acquired upstairs exhibition space chronicles the course of our waterways in shaping local history. The Adams-Cobb Cultural Center features maps, vintage photographs, drawings based on archeological findings, and other interpretive materials. These resources will provide the historical context for various future educational exhibits and programs about life along the Treasure Coast and its western reaches. Future programs will span various topics and times throughout the centuries — from the culture of early residents, the Ais Indians, through residents’ contemporary concerns for the environmental and economic balance of the Indian River Lagoon and its tributaries.

Adams-Cobb Cultural Center is ready to provide answers to questions about the rich history of Fort Pierce and its surrounds. The Center itself will provide a central, high-traffic location convenient to visitors and residents who attend downtown functions and who may also seek directions to other cultural institutions on the Treasure Coast, including the St. Lucie County Regional History Center, the A.E. Backus Museum, and Heathcote Botanical Gardens.

The Society is pleased to collaborate with various public and private organizations in establishing the Center and is especially grateful to partner on this project with Alto “Bud” Adams Jr. and the Adams family. Mr. Adams, the patriarch of the Adams clan, and his family have made many generous contributions to the arts and cultural mainstays of our community. Mr. Adams’ commitment to preserving the P. P. Cobb Building, which started life as a trading post in the 1870s, continues the family’s legacy of preserving local history. Bud Adams father, Judge Alto Adams Sr. was a history scholar, whose scope of pursuits in cultural studies are reflected in the titles, from standards to rare, in the extensive history section of the Adams Library. Although the permanent collection of waterway history in the Cobb building is now a work in progress, the Society’s new exhibition space is scheduled for a grand opening on Saturday, March 21st. A future program at the Center in collaboration with the Arts and Cultural Alliance of St. Lucie County will be scheduled at a later date and will highlight the scientific research and photography documenting the interconnectivity of our lands and waters.

For more information on the Center, its programs or volunteer opportunities, please call Nancy Bennett, president of the St. Lucie Historical Society, at 462-1795 or Jean Ellen Wilson, Adams-Cobb Cultural Center administrator, at 332-3838.
Sequined Sentinels – Masterpieces of Haitian Art
by Kathleen Frederick

The A.E. Backus Museum will present Sequined Sentinels – Masterpieces of Haitian Art, an exhibition featuring beaded Vodou flags from the private collection of art critic, journalist and art collector, Candice Russell. The show will be on view March 12th through May 1st.

Haitian art is a complicated tradition, reflecting African roots with strong indigenous American and European aesthetic and religious influences. The island of Haiti is a paradox itself, attempting to establish a peaceful democracy amid threats of dictatorship, a legacy of corruption and the rubble left behind by the cataclysmic 2010 earthquake. Its people, though, possess a surprising wellspring of artistic creativity despite ongoing political and social unrest, poverty and illiteracy.

Haitian Vodou flags with their amazing color and imagery have become very popular in the international art market in recent years. Russell bought her first piece of Haitian artwork, a painting by noted Haitian artist LaFortune Felix, titled Ceremony, in 1985 from an art dealer in Coconut Grove. She was struck by the work’s rich color, heavy symbolism and its central figure, a nude man on a pedestal holding a sacrificial knife. In an interview Russell gave to SouthFlorida.com in 2013, she spoke about the painting saying, “It’s very uncommon and bizarre to see a nude man at the center of a painting like that, but I loved the mystery and the theatricality along with the color palette, which reminded me of Paul Gauguin.”

Haitian flags are intended to convey messages and lessons to a predominantly illiterate audience. The spiritual realm symbolized in the Haitian Vodou flags is not the dark, frightening place of black magic and superstition that is generalized in popular culture. Instead, it exemplifies the beauty and enduring embrace of gods and ancestors in their present manifestations.

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Vodou as we know it in Haiti and the Haitian diaspora today is the result of the pressures of many different cultures and ethnicities of people being uprooted from Africa and imported to Hispaniola during the African slave trade. Under slavery, African culture and religion was suppressed, lineages were fragmented, and people pooled their religious knowledge and out of this fragmentation became culturally unified.

In addition to combining the spirits of many different African and Indian nations, pieces of Roman Catholic liturgy have been incorporated to replace lost prayers or elements; in addition,Continued on page 18...
Above Average Entertainment and Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc., are excited to bring you Bev Smith Automotive Group’s Taste of the Sea and Sandy Shoes Seafood Festival for a day of great food, music and competitions. Fresh seafood, competitions, music, entertainment, and family fun all await the public on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 600 N. Indian River Drive in beautiful Downtown Fort Pierce. Admission is free.

The festival offers tasty seafood including lobster rolls, shrimp, crab cakes, clams, oysters, fish & chips and more. Entertainement options vary from a fantastic music lineup on two stages, a Kids’ Zone, The Avenger Pirate Ship, arts & crafts, and of course wonderful food and beverages.

**Bev Smith Automotive Group** is once again the Title Sponsor for the Taste of the Sea and Sandy Shoes Seafood Festival to be held in beautiful downtown Fort Pierce. Frank Gonzalez and the Bev Smith Automotive Group are excited to join forces with Main Street Fort Pierce and Above Average Entertainment to bring you this great event. Frank says “Great food, fun and entertainment will be on the agenda, so make certain that you mark your calendars for this exciting event. We also will have the entire line-up of Scions available for your viewing.”

The Bev Smith Automotive Group, which includes Bev Smith Toyota and Scion in Fort Pierce, Bev Smith Kia in Fort Pierce and Bev Smith Kia of Stuart have long enjoyed a good reputation of quality vehicles and excellent service on the Treasure Coast. With three award-winning locations and a staff of over 235 employees, you can expect red carpet treatment from the moment you enter any of our showrooms. They have a 5-star hotel appearance, a friendly staff to greet you and nearby lounges to allow customers to relax while waiting for their car to be serviced by experienced certified technicians. There are special amenities for those that like the comforts of home, such as a continental breakfast and complimentary refreshments throughout the day, big screen HD TVs, free WiFi, and plush, comfortable chairs for your convenience and pleasure. A shuttle service is available Monday – Saturday. We also have a large fleet of vehicles at your disposal for rental at competitive rates. Orientation workshops, which include a catered dinner, are offered monthly for new owners which gives them a chance to learn more about their vehicle and to ask questions.

Bev Smith Toyota is located at 3350 South US Highway 1, and Bev Smith Kia is at 5655 South US Highway 1 in Fort Pierce. The newest location is Bev Smith Kia of Stuart at 3131 SE Federal Highway in Stuart. With over 60 years of serving the community Bev Smith Automotive Group looks forward to the future and being part of the 5th Annual Bev Smith Automotive Group Taste of the Sea and Sandy Shoes Festival!

Back by popular demand to the festival are the Iron Chef Competition, the Chowder Cup Competition, the Citrus Squeeze Off, and Little Miss/Mr. Taste of the Sea.

Iron Chef Competition

Seacoast Bank is back again this year to sponsor the 2015 Iron Chef Competition. Contributing sponsors include Nelson’s Farm Family Farms and Friends of Harbor Branch – Florida Atlantic University. Originated by popular Food Network show, four local restaurants will compete for the right to be called the top restaur-ant in St. Lucie County for a year. Invited local chefs will be given the same ingredients and time to prepare memorable dishes for the judges. The Iron Chef Competition will begin at 11:00 a.m.

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Chowder Cup Competition

The Chowder Cup Competition is sponsored by The Original Tiki Bar, Cobb’s Landing and Bluewater Beach Grill. This competition is open to restaurants, private and home chefs all competing for the title of Chowder Cup Champion. Join the fun and excitement as talented chefs compete for the glory of the BEST SEAFOOD CHOWDERS! The competition features 1st and 2nd place for Best Chowder and a People’s Choice Award, which are sponsored by Varsity Sport Shop located on Orange Avenue in Downtown Fort Pierce. Professionals and visitors may pay $1 – $3 to sample the seafood concoctions. Get here early for your taste and vote for your favorite! For more information please contact Main Street Fort Pierce 772-466-3880.

The Original Tiki Bar, Cobb’s Landing & the Bluewater Beach Grill is St. Lucie County’s dining trilefta. The Original Tiki Bar is located at the Fort Pierce City Marina in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. The restaurant has been serving locals and tourists great food and drinks with a spectacular river view since 1998. The Tiki Bar is one of the most popular restaurants in town due to its relaxed atmosphere, live music and of course wonderful food and beverages. Cobb’s Landing reflects the historical significance of the site, which used to be the loading pier for the early inhabitants in Fort Pierce. With a resort casual theme, Cobb’s Landing offers Angus Beef along with some of the best seafood on the East Coast. Cobb’s Landing also offers private banquet facilities overlooking the City Marina. Bluewater Beach Grill sports a surfing theme that goes hand-in-hand with the ambiance of Fort Pierce. Many long-time Fort Pierce residence enjoy the sport and can be seen surfing at the Jetty.

Citrus Squeeze Off

Waste Management is the sponsor of this year’s Citrus Squeeze Off. The Citrus Squeeze Off is a tradition dating back to the beginning of Sandy Shoes Festivals. This is an exciting competition, and due to our citrus industry, some lucky spectators will be able sample these delicious dishes.

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LITTLE MISS/LITTLE MR. TASTE OF THE SEA

Kids, grab your best costume because the festival committee is currently accepting participants for its Lil’ Mister and Miss Taste of the Sea Contest. This super fun costume contest will start at 10:00 a.m. the day of the Seafood Festival and the theme this year is Under the Sea.

Children from infants to age twelve are asked to use their imagination and dress the part. This is NOT a beauty contest. Kids three and under will be judged on stage as well as their costumes. There will be three age groups and with trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners; however, all of the participants will receive a certificate.

The Waste Management team is excited about the great partnership with the City of Fort Pierce. The transfer station on Selvitz Road is in full operation, receiving solid waste and recyclable material from the city’s residents and businesses.

Under the Sea theme this year is Lil’ Mister and Miss Taste of the Sea Contest. This super fun costume contest will start at 10:00 a.m. the day of the Seafood Festival. This is a great event for our community. Stop by their booths at the festival and say thank you for making this possible.

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KIDZONE

Ocean Chiropractic and Health Center is the sponsor of the Kids Zone. Kids will enjoy the Avenger Pirate Ship, and a variety of games and activities. All in Fun will have a 22’ high dual-lane slide and bounce house. The kids will enjoy a Giant Sand Box, Coloring Wall, Face Painting, Macaroni Kid activity area and Blackbeard’s Pirate.

At Ocean Chiropractic and Health Center you will receive the best care through the use of modern chiropractic techniques and state of the art technology including the latest in neuro-logical relief treatments for the symptoms of fibromyalgia, MS, migraine headaches, the pain associated with fused surgeries and much more. Ocean Chiropractic and Health Center also offers treatment for auto accidents, slip and fall and work’s compensation accidents. In addition, Ocean Chiropractic and Health Center offers; school, sport, employment and DOT physicals as well as weight loss and weight management. Ask us how you can lose weight and stay healthy through our natural weight loss and fat burning system. Did you know that most health insurance covers chiropractic, massage therapy and physical rehabilitation? Dr. Bradley Deiner, DC, Dr. Jennifer Carter, DC...and the staff at Ocean Chiropractic and Health Center have a genuine concern for your well-being and health! Call them today to schedule a free consultation for your chiropractic needs. Dr. Carter is now taking new patients. Schedule an appointment and receive a free posture and foot screening.

Ocean Chiropractic and Health Center, 772-460-9000, is located at 805 Virginia Avenue, Suite #10, in Fort Pierce.

MARCH 2015 BEV SMITH AUTOMOTIVE GROUP’S FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. — Festival Hours & Music
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. — Arts & Craft Show
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. — Kid’s Zone Activities
10:00 a.m. — Clouder Cup Competition
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — Lil’ Mister and Miss Taste of the Sea Contest
11:00 a.m. — Iron Chef Competition & Food Demonstrations
2:00 p.m. — Citrus Squeeze Off
12:00 p.m. — Blackbeard’s Pirate Show
5:45 p.m. — Blackbeard’s Pirate Show

We are proud of the sponsors and community groups for coming together to make this a great event for our community. Stop by their booths at the festival and say thank you for making this possible.

Budweiser, Fresh from Florida Seafood, Varsity Sport Shop, Bev Smith Automotive Group and the City of Fort Pierce have a genuine concern for your well-being and health! Call them today to schedule a free consultation for your chiropractic needs. Dr. Carter is now taking new patients. Schedule an appointment and receive a free posture and foot screening.

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Meet the Bands at the Bev Smith Automotive Group’s Taste of the Sea & Sandy Shoes Seafood Festival

A festival is not complete without great music and the Bev Smith Automotive Group’s Taste of the Sea & Sandy Shoes Seafood Festival has a variety of great music and entertainment scheduled for you. This year’s entertainment features two stages and nine local bands for your musical enjoyment, along with ice-cold beer from our Main Stage sponsor – Budweiser.

Let’s meet our sponsor and the musical line-up for the day.

Starting with a small warehouse and an office with 28 em-
ployees in 1984, Peter W. Busch has matured into a full-function wholesaler with 160 employees, extensive portfolio including Corona brands, a vast selection of craft beers and non-alcoholic beverages. He prides his team in keeping, as well as community partners, extremely satisfied.

Philip, a Busch, son to Peter, has been the President of Southern Eagle for a just over two years. His outlook for the future involves innovation and continuing to be the very best. Philip believes that, “In order to give our customers the very best, we must stay competitive in every aspect of the industry.” Southern Eagle Distributing – A true community leader.

The Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society starts the lineup of performances at 10:00 a.m. on the Budweiser Main Stage, located at the north side of the circular driveway in Veteran’s Memorial Park. Saturday's performance is directed by president, Don Bestor, with the Woody Mood of jazz and blues.

The Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society is nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster a greater awareness and love for Jazz and Blues by exposing these great American art forms to the community at-large and to the schools. The Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society presents Jazz and Blues music to the public in a variety of ways, including: festivals, performances, free jam sessions, hands-on workshops, clinics, community education, and outreach initiatives. Their objectives are to foster greater awareness and enjoyment in the community for Jazz and Blues through education and performances, and to provide scholarships to deserving college-bound students who wish to further their knowledge and skill in the music field.

At 12:00 p.m. the crowd will be transported back in time with the sounds of the Don Wop Guys. The Don Wop Guys are keeping the music of the 50s and 60s alive.

At 2:30 p.m. Club Pure will perform in front of the stage.

Club Pure is a dance program whose purpose is to encourage artistic growth and develop confidence in students while teaching foundational skills needed to perform individually, on a team and for a future career in the performing arts.

Cheesy & the Crackers, a band out of New Jersey, plays at 3:00 p.m. Cheesy & the Crackers is a band with a sweet blend of rock, reggae, and hip-hop. Music is their way of life and it’s about having a good time, being an individual and being original. “We feel it, hope you do too!”... Cheesy & the Crackers.

At 5:30 p.m. it is time to immerse yourself in the sounds of new wave, rock, and surf music of the Huddingers. This local band is popular on the Treasure Coast and their rendition of 852’s “Rock Lobster” is a crowd favorite.

Crossbone, a Southern rock group that began playing around 11 years ago takes the stage at 8:00 p.m. The band has played for hundreds of events and venues, ranging from M/C Annuals, March of Dimes events, and many other charitable shows. The group has a loyal following and is excited about joining the lineup for the Seafood Festi-
vial. Crossbone was recently reformed with a new bassist, keyboardist and their original lead vocalist, giving a new dimension to their sound, bringing out all the old favorite Southern rock songs as well as lots of new material.

The “Fresh from Florida” Stage will be located at the south section of Veteran’s Memorial Park River Walk Center.

“Fresh from Florida” is a program that helps Florida producers market their products. They gather agricultural data and compile current statistics that assist producers in making production and marketing decisions. They provide an online advertising forum, the Florida Market Bulletin, for placement of ads to buy or sell agriculture-related items. They also work to increase public awareness of agriculture’s central role in Florida history as well as its continued importance today.

At 10:00 a.m. The Lil’ Mister and Miss Taste of the Sea Costume Contest will be held on stage.

The theme this year is “Under the Sea.” Children from in-
fants to age twelve are asked to use their imagination and dress the part. This is NOT a beauty contest. Kids will be judged on their costumes and children (4 – 12 years old) on questions answered on stage.

There will be three age groups with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd per group; however, all of the participants will receive a certificate for entering. There is no fee to enter the contest, so sign up the kids and start being creative. Groups are: Tiny Miss & Mr. 0 – 3 years, Little Miss & Mr. 4 – 8 years and Junior Miss & Mr. 9 – 12 years.

To Register: Complete the Lil’ Mister and Miss Taste of the Sea Entry & Release Form. Send form to Mainstreet Fort Pierce, Little Mr./Miss, 122 A.E. Backus Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950 or e-mail to pamgillette@mainstreetfortpierce.org.

At 12:00 p.m. Black Beard the Pirate will entertain kids and their families.

The Cheyenne Band, a four-piece group, performs Rockin’ Country, Rockabilly, Classic Rock and Classic Country on stage at 1:00 p.m. For over twenty years Cheyenne has been, and continues to remain, one of the premier local Country and Western acts on the Treasure Coast. Cheyenne consistently provides accurate and tasteful delivery of a full range of Country and Western music that crosses decades of hits with a focus on more contemporary material.

At 3:30 p.m. Checkmate takes the stage. Checkmate is a seasoned group of professionals who love playing classic rock-n-roll, blues and 80s music. They have been rocking together for years; enjoying their fans and playing beautiful music.

At 5:45 p.m. Black Beard the Pirate will perform a second show for the kids.

Jackie Steil, a sixteen-year-old-country-pope singer from Vero Beach, sings her unique country-pop vocals and original songs at 6:30 p.m. Her music has charmed audiences because they can relate to the stories in her lyrics and they can feel the heat and soul she puts into every guitar strum.

Devils Cut will wrap up the seafood festival with their true country music at 7:30 p.m. Hailing from South Florida, Devils Cut delivers one of the most energetic shows around! Deep, harmonious vocals performed by Daniel Keith will leave you wanting more. Daniel’s West Virginia roots help create an authentie, country sound in all of the songs performed.

The show is glued together with one of the strongest rhythm sections in the area. Joe DeCosa never holds back on giving the audience a “WOW” with his smooth guitar technique. Dominic DeCosa, creating one of the tightest and greatest country sounds in the area, amplifies the guitar sound with the thunderous bass tones. Mike Hughes backs up the guys with command and power on drums. The Devils Cut will rock you from start to finish!

As you can see the Bev Smith Automotive Group’s Taste of the Sea & Sandy Shoes Seafood Festival has a variety of music for everyone. Join us for the day and stay into the night for great music and fun!

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10:00 a.m. Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society
12:00 p.m. The Doo Wop Guys
2:00 p.m. Chordel Cap Winners Presented
3:00 p.m. Cheesy & the Crackers
5:30 p.m. Huddingers
8:00 p.m. Crossbone

FRESH FROM FLORIDA STAGE SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Lil’ M’s & Mr. Taste of the Sea
12:00 p.m. Blackbeard’s Pirate Show
1:00 p.m. Cheyenne Band
3:30 p.m. Checkmate
5:45 p.m. Blackbeard’s Pirate Show
6:30 p.m. Jackie Steil
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A Piece of Paradise

Mrs. Ulla Kauhanen, a well-known Finnish artist, is opening an art exhibition in Art Mundo, starting March 11th. The inspiration for her art comes from the amazing beaches and the beautiful nature of Fort Pierce. The exhibition is full of colored sceneries and all kinds of birds, including some funny snowbirds.

Mrs. Kauhanen has also published nine books filled with her pictures and stories. She is a graduated professional artist with a 20-year-career in art. She has had many exhibitions in Finland and also teaches art in local schools. For more information about Mrs. Kauhanen and her art please visit the website: www.ullakauhanen.fi.

Tuesday. Admission is $5 per person. A $2 discount is offered for senior citizens, AAA, AARP veterans with proper identification. Admission is free for Museum members, children under 18, students with a valid I.D. and active duty military.

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— Sidewalk Haitian Art Sale and Candice Russell Lecture / Free Admission. Sidewalk sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Lecture 11:00 a.m. Haitian art expert and journalist, Candice Russell, speaks about her collection and the conundrum that is Haiti.

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Cole Porter hit it right on the button. When you love something, you think about it night and day. That's exactly how Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society has decided to celebrate Jazz Week 2015, by bringing the party to a new Night and Day format that you're simply going to adore.

It starts with the Sandy Shoes Festival on Saturday, March 21st, and doesn't end for a full week. It's a whole week of fabulous music and fun with free outdoor concerts, dance contests, blues by the water, and a chance to celebrate why this area is called the Treasure Coast. It's the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society's Annual Jazz and Blues Fest, and it's just around the corner, so close you can see the horns approaching. So before you make any other plans, grab a pen and your calendar, and mark off the schedule right now, so you won't miss a thing, whether it's jazz, blues, or swing.

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If you'd like to learn more about Jazz Week or how to support the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society tonight and day, please visit www.jazzsociety.org, or call 772-460-JAZZ.
Fort Pierce Yacht Club News
by Maeve Meuser, FPYC

The Fort Pierce Yacht Club is proud to introduce its 2015 Board of Directors. The newly elected board was installed on January 16th followed by a gala reception to honor the new directors. Members had the opportunity to thank each new director personally for their commitment to serve the Club in the coming year.

The Fort Pierce Yacht Club (FPYC) was organized in 1980. Its original and continuing purpose is to promote safe boating and the enjoyment and appreciation of the waters that surround us, both environmentally and for recreation.

The Club has grown and expanded to support many community activities of the great City of Fort Pierce. Some of these are the Waterway Clean-up, the Oyster Festival, Christmas parades, the Chili Cook-off, the Fourth of July fireworks celebration, and more. Recently, the Coffee with the Mayor event (a meeting held every third Friday morning at 8 a.m.) was moved to the Fort Pierce Yacht Club clubhouse, located at 700 North Indian River Drive. All are invited!

The Fort Pierce Yacht Club also supports many local charities. Each quarter of the year, a worthy cause is chosen to be the recipient of contributions from its members. Recently, the Club made a substantial donation to the Oak Hammock School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This current quarter, the donation will go to Voices for Children, to help provide for children under the care of Guardian ad litem, a state-funded program which provides a powerful voice for abused and neglected children. The donation will go to assist with those children's needs not covered by the state. The club also invites guest speakers at our monthly members’ meetings to discuss timely and varied issues. Next month, Libby Woodruff, Grants Administrator for the City of Fort Pierce, has been invited to speak about the Fort Pierce Authentic Tours (FPAT) Program.

And of course, there are the Fort Pierce Yacht Club sailing events. The next major sailing race is the Spring Regatta, scheduled for March 6th – 8th. This race is open to the entire sailing community. If you would like to join in the fun and compete, please contact Mike O’Toole at motool@intacero.org.

The Fort Pierce Yacht Club, along with the City of Fort Pierce, also sponsors the Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation.,

www.TreasureCoastYouthSailing.com. This organization teaches sailing to young people of the Treasure Coast, stressing safety, sportsmanship, self-reliance, self-discipline, and respect for authority & the community. (Take a look at its newly painted boat houses at Jayce Park!)

All the members and directors of the FPYC look forward to the coming year, and will strive to enhance and support the City of Fort Pierce in its many exciting upcoming programs. Please visit our website at www.fpierceyachtclub.homestead.com.

The Fort Pierce Yacht Club Directors for 2015 are Ken Milner, Commodore; Janet Woodrow, V/C House; Mike Wohlstein, V/C Fleet; Suzanne Boardman, V/C Building and Grounds; Peter Bennett, Secretary; Bob Bounds, Treasurer; Pat Bercier, Membership; Tony Longano, Purser; Carole Fahey, Social Director; Maeve Meuser, Channel 6 Editor; and Usula Rosenberg, Director at Large.

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The 7th Annual Hooked on Music Festival brings music, arts and crafts, food, a kids’ area, wild animals, cocktails, and a VIP tent to the downtown Fort Pierce Marina. The fun takes place on Saturday, March 28th from 4 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. and admission is free! The Hooked on Music Festival is organized by the Original Tiki Bar & Restaurant.

The Tiki’s mission is to bring a family-fun, free event to downtown Fort Pierce. Two stages will be set up at the city Marina, with talented musicians performing non-stop during the festival. It is a privilege to have the following bands provide an array of music: Ballyhoo, Supervillans, Fresh Catch, Ben Prestage, Uproot Hootenanny, Moska Project, Tom Jackson Band and Ryan & Friends. There will be local cuisine as well as arts and crafts. A kids’ area will include face painting, the Home Depot workshop, the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary and other kid-friendly activities.

Major sponsors, the musicians and others will be welcomed into the VIP tent, which will include free beer, cocktails, food, giveaways and a chance to meet the bands.

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Steel City Express: Perogies and Kielbasa, Pittsburgh-Style

Brand new to the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market and brimming with enthusiasm, the family tradition of perogies and kielbasa is bursting onto the Saturday scene. Branden and Joe, Pam and Brittany share the love of family recipes, bringing over 30 years’ of experience in restaurants to the Market. Steel City Express is the culmination of combined efforts and years of practice making holiday recipes their own, and then creating new ones. The perogi recipe has been passed down in the family for generations and now comes to the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market for everyone to enjoy.

Freshness and quality is the key, so baking the sourdough bread the night before the Market is only the beginning. Kielbasa imported from Pittsburgh is the base of the famous Polish sandwich. Secret recipe cole slaw (that is to die for) is Branden’s twist on their huge kielbasa sandwich — a whole meal in itself since they don’t believe in “sides.” The sweet and sour of the cole slaw and the saltiness of the French fries piled on the kielbasa on sourdough bread go beautifully on the palate. Try the deep-fried perogies, served with sautéed onions and sour cream, for a true taste of ethnic Polish food.

With Pam and Brittany’s experience in customer service, and being the chefs in their homes, and Branden and Joe’s cooking skills, they have high hopes and expectations that Steel City Express will become a destination at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market every Saturday. Northerners who have grown up on this same food, or newbies trying out Steel City’s style find only the freshest and best of Polish with a twist in this food stand unlike any other at the Market.

Steel City Express is located on the north end of the Market right next to the seawall. The Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer’s Market is for families sharing delicious food, enjoying sunshine and blue skies, shopping for the freshest produce, plants, honey, artisanal baked goods, and listening to the great bands. Come down to the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers’ Market. It’s a Saturday morning tradition!
Thai Beef Salad

This recipe is from my friend Ingrid VanHekken who grew up in Thailand. It is healthy and very yummy.

**Sauce**
- 6 tablespoons fish sauce
- 6 tablespoons lime juice
- 1½ teaspoon sugar
- 1½ teaspoon garlic, minced
- 3 teaspoon chili, minced
- 3 tablespoon onion, minced

**Salad**
- 1½ pounds sirloin steak
- 3 mint leaves, minced
- 1 cucumber, sliced thin
- 1 butter lettuce, torn into leaves
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 red onion, sliced into rings
- 1 Red pepper, diced

Mix sauce ingredients together and set aside. On a large platter arrange cucumber slices around the outer edge. Place lettuce on the bottom. Set aside.

Sprinkle salt on both sides of beef. Grill beef until desired tenderness is reached (turn over several times while grilling.) Slice beef across grain then mix with sauce ingredients. Place on top of the prepared platter. Top with tomatoes, red pepper and red onion slices.

Serves 6 – 8.

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Main Street Volunteer Larry Benning Retires from FPUA

*by Pam Gillette*

Fishing, traveling, and hunting are on the horizon for Main Street Fort Pierce volunteer Larry Benning. After 30.5 year with Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, Larry will retire in February 2015 to do just that — fishing, traveling, or as he says, “whatever he wants.”

Larry started with Fort Pierce Utilities Authority in 1984 as a Trades Helper Class 2 and retired as the Waste Water Reclamation Plant Superintendent. He says, “FPUA is a great company to work for and they have given me opportunities in my life that I would not have gotten anywhere else. I have enjoyed my time with FPUA and all of the people in the company, but I am looking forward to retirement and doing all the things I see on TV — especially going on a crab boat.”

Larry and Peggy (wife of 23 years) have been Main Street volunteers for over the past six years. They began helping out at Friday Fest wherever they were needed and running the north beer booth for the past three years. Last August after the passing of Dan Dannahower, Larry took over the fishing article for the Main Street Focus. Upon retiring they will be giving up their volunteer duties as well to enjoy their traveling.

I asked Larry if they would be staying in Fort Pierce and he answered, “Of course. I love living in Fort Pierce. It is the greatest place in the world and the fishing capital of the world. We have everything within your reach and the people are so friendly.”

Main Street Fort Pierce would like to thank Larry and Peggy for the time and support of Main Street Fort Pierce and we wish them happiness on their new adventures after retirement.

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Celebrating 50 Years

March 14 & 15

In Beautiful Flagler Park on State Road 70
Okeechobee, Florida

Saturday & Sunday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Parade Saturday - 10:00 am

Free Event!
Arts and Crafts - Activities
Handcrafted Goods
Music & Food
Fun for the Whole Family!

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