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It's hard to believe summer is almost over. I guess it's true that time flies when you're having fun and we certainly have had some fun at MSFP! Last month's Reverse Raffle was probably one of the best in the 19 years of this signature event. With an American Bandstand theme, the dancing was great, the period clothing representing each American Bandstand decade was hilarious, and the networking and support for MSFP was better than ever. We sincerely appreciate our sponsors, auction donors, and of course, everyone who purchased a ticket and made this such a success for our organization. Special thanks to our volunteers who worked for months to create the kind of event everyone wanted to attend.

Now we set our sights on all of the fun planned for the fall. The annual Ghost Walk will be in October along with our Halloween Golf Tournament. The Sights and Sounds Christmas Parade and Festival, held in the beginning of December, is a wonderful way to wrap up the year. And, as always, we continue to produce our wildly popular Friday Fest events that bring thousands to our downtown district each month.

As you can see there's a lot going on with MSFP. Your continued support is vital to our ability to offer fun, family-friendly events that keep people involved and excited about our historic city. One way you can be a part of MSFP's future is to purchase a decorative brick. For just $100 you can have your name (or that of a loved one) or business etched into a brick that will be a permanent part of the renovated courtyard at the Platts/Backus House. With the holiday season coming, consider purchasing a brick as a gift for someone who loves downtown Fort Pierce!

Thanks again to all of our members, sponsors, donors, and volunteers for your support in our efforts to continue making our city a great place to live, work, and play!
Calendar

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

September 6, Friday: Friday Fest — Celebrate Latin Heritage Month with the Latin Heritage Orchestra and the dancers from Ballet Folkorico; Latin Heritage Orchestra will perform from 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. & 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. Ballet Folkorico will perform at 6:00 & 7:30 p.m. Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880, www.mainstreetfortpierce.com.

September 8, Wednesday: Grandparents’ Day. For more information, please call 766-0021 or visit www.fortpiercepal.com.

September 9, Sunday: Worship services will be held. For more information, please call 766-0021 or visit www.fortpiercepal.com.

September 9, Wednesday: Weight Watchers Meetings — 5:30 p.m. at Anytime Fitness; 461-2348.

September 9, Thursday: Legendary Sites in St. Lucie County has been added to the displays at the Regional History Center, 414 Seaway Drive on South Beach. For more information, please call 462-3474 for more information or visit www.stlucieco.gov/history.

September 10, Friday: The typical Mexican dances are varied, depending on the region. The Guadalajara Ballet includes dances from the Northern region. The dances are similar to the polka, chotis, sones Veracruzanos and Jalisciences. The girls are dressed in brightly colored dresses with wide ruffles, colored ribbons, braids with big bows, and boots or wide heel shoes. The males are dressed with their charro outfits and hat that their unique personality, and their boots mark the steps. The unique dress of the dancers and the rhythm of the music, make for a beautiful dance filled with grace and their enthusiasm that is projected in each dance. Join us at Friday Fest, September 6 (weather rollover date is September 13) for Ballet Folklorico Guadalajara.

La Nueva Herencia Latina Orchestra

La Nueva Herencia Latina orchestra (the Latin heritage orchestra) has its roots in New York City. The band was formed by Ray Rodriguez in 1981. After years of successful performances throughout the metropolitan area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, the leadership of the Herencia Latina orchestra was turned over to Luis Rosa and Julio Santosomma through a mutual agreement with Ray Rodriguez. Through Luis’ and Julio’s leadership, the Band was taken to a new level. The orchestra became a staple in many of the top catering houses where Hispanic weddings, private functions, and Corporate parties were held.

The Herencia has the reputation of playing the best of salsa, merengue, cumbia, boleros, and swing. Since 2004, Julio and Luis have relocated to Port St. Lucie thus bringing the wonderful Latin rhythms of salsa, cumbia, and merengue to the Treasure Coast area.

During the last six years the group has performed in Snartt’s “Dancing in the Street,” Josef’s (now Grill on the Green), La Fonda restaurant in Vero Beach, Indi-an Riverside Park, Azure night club in St. Lucie West, many festivals, and Mother’s Day and Valentine’s Day dances at Holy Family Catholic Church in Port St. Lu-cie. They have also played at the Pelican Yacht Club, and a Mardi Gras ball at Sailfish Point Country Club.

The members of La Nueva Herencia Latina orchestra are: Albert Garcia, lead vocalist; Max Dubulde, trumpet and sound man; Willie Suarez, a complete bass player; Jessy Sanchez, timbales, congas and all the Latin percussion instruments; Ronny Andrinii, cumbia, boleros, and vocals; Julio Santosomma, co-leader, alto sax, arranger; and Luis Rosa, leader, keyboard, vocals, business manager. To mention Max Dubulde is also an accomplished percussionist and a great swing and Dixieland drummer.

To contact La Nueva Herencia Latina orchestra, please call (772) 529-9241 or e-mail rosas979@bellsouth.net. You can also check out their website at www.myspace.com/lanueverenceritainalatinorchestra.
New Season of Coffee with the Mayor returns with *Indian River Magazine*

by Pam Gillette

In 1996, during Eddie Enns first year as Mayor, he approached *Main Street Fort Pierce* to start *Coffee with the Mayor*. He saw the event as a networking opportunity for the community to highlight the positive aspects of Fort Pierce. Local business owner, Allen Osteen, called Enns “A Champion of Fort Pierce.” This was an appropriate title for Eddie Enns because he loved his hometown and wanted all to see what a beautiful city it was.

But Eddie Enns had a tough job ahead of him. With the decayed properties and negative images of Fort Pierce, he decided to recognize property owners in Fort Pierce who improved their properties. He approached Allen Osteen of *East Coast Lumber* and in 1996 the *Golden Hammer Award* was created to reward those property owners who take pride in their properties. Today the property values are improving, community pride is strong, city residents are embracing our heritage and looking forward to the future.

In 2006, Eddie Enns passed away. His passing brought two life long friends, Greg Enns and Allen Osteen together again and from this reconnection the *Indian River Magazine* was born. Gregory Enns was in the family business of publishing, Greg’s father was an editor of the *Fort Pierce Tribune* and Greg worked for the *New York Times* in Tuscaloosa. Greg’s heart was always home in St. Lucie County.

Greg Enns and Allen Osteen agreed that there was a need to produce a high quality glossy monthly publication to showcase St. Lucie County. The goal of the magazine was to promote St. Lucie County and the environment. This is achieved through historical pieces, old and new perspectives on the City, business development and showcasing the positive aspects of the community.

The magazine was named *Indian River* from the historic name for our 5 counties and the Indian River Lagoon. In 2007, the first issue of *Indian River Magazine* was printed and since the magazine’s conception, the business has grown to produce not only the monthly *Indian River Magazine*, but annual magazines: the *Sunrise Theatre Playbill*, *St. Lucie County Chamber Guide*, *Fort Pierce Magazine*, *St. Lucie Travel Guide* and the 50th Anniversary of Indian River State College.

Allan Osteen and Gregory Enns

Greg says, “We are proud of the good job we are doing serving St. Lucie County through our publications and the quality of the magazine.”

On September 20, 2013, the new season of *Coffee with the Mayor* will return. Mayor Linda Hudson will carry on the tradition started by Eddie Enns and welcome the two friends and business partners, Greg Enns of *Indian River Magazine* and Allen Osteen of *East Coast Lumber / Ace Hardware* with the *Golden Hammer Awards*.

The categories for *Golden Hammer Awards* are residential, commercial and new construction. The awards are sponsored by *East Coast Lumber / Ace Hardware* on Avenue A in Fort Pierce. If you would like to nominate a property for a *Golden Hammer Award* please contact Angela Wilkinson at the City of Fort Pierce at 697-3025 or go the website at www.cityoffort-pierce.com to download the application under the City Clerk tab. Deadline for applications is Friday, September 13.

*Indian River Magazine* will be the sponsor of the September *Coffee with the Mayor*. Those attending the meeting will receive a free subscription to *Indian River Magazine* for a year and there will be door prizes. Come join *Main Street Fort Pierce* and *Indian River Magazine* for *Coffee with the Mayor*. *Coffee with the Mayor* is open to the public and is located on the second floor of Historic City Hall 315 Avenue A in downtown Fort Pierce. *Coffee with the Mayor* is the third Friday of every month beginning in September and running through May. The meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.
Local business owner and ecological expert, Captain Barry “Chop” Legé, has made the education and preservation of the Indian River Lagoon and Estuary one of his life’s passions. Captain Legé owns and operates the Indian River Lagoon and Swampland Boat Tours, which operates from the Fort Pierce City Marina. Fort Pierce is recognized for its beautiful weather, sunny skies, and its access to the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River Lagoon. Hidden beneath the surface is the fact that the Indian River Lagoon is one of the most biologically and ecologically diverse estuaries in North America. The Indian River Lagoon is home to approximately 2,765 species of animals and 1,350 plant species, according to Captain Legé. This includes manatees, sea turtles, mangroves, sea grasses, 685 species of fish, and 310 bird species.

Captain Legé is a native of southern Louisiana, where he grew up in bayou country. Since a young age, he worked with his family in wildlife management and coastal wetlands preservation. His father managed the southern Louisiana farms of the McIlhenny family, who produces the popular Tabasco Brand pepper sauce products. The McIlhenny family farms are close to lands managed by the National Audubon Society and close to a hunting and fishing resort that Captain Legé’s grandfather and father owned and managed. His father and grandfather were Audubon wardens for the National Audubon Society, and Captain Legé is a volunteer Audubon warden.

Captain Legé brought his expertise to Florida in 1993 when he began operating wildlife boat tours through the National Audubon Society’s wildlife sanctuary at Lake Okeechobee. In 1997, he founded C-O.k.e.e. (the Conservation Center for Lake Okeechobee, Kissimmee & Indian Rivers & Everglades Education), which is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the importance of the conservation and preservation of the Indian River, Kissimmee River, Lake Okeechobee, and the Florida Everglades.

Captain Legé gave countless tours on Lake Okeechobee for Fort Pierce’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. In 1998, he moved his operations to Harbor Branch, where he began operating wildlife and nature cruises on the Indian River Lagoon and Estuary. Since 2004, Captain Legé has been operating his entertaining and educational tours from the Fort Pierce City Marina.

Captain Legé also conducts walking tours and hikes in wildlife preserves and sanctuaries maintained by St. Lucie County. St. Lucie County maintains thousands of acres of environmentally sensitive lands and coastal wetlands through the Mosquito Control and Coastal Management Services Department and the Environmental Resources Department.

Captain Legé frequently does tours for local school groups, and feels that educating children at a young age about their natural environment is important. Since Legé has been operating tours from the Fort Pierce City Marina, he and his crew have taken over 40,000 school children on boat tours or guided nature hikes.

“I like it because it’s alive,” said Captain Legé, regarding his guided boat tours and nature hikes. “We’re showing local residents and tourists the living, breathing, and moving things in our area.”

Captain Legé is also active in the local business community. He was a founding member of Fort Pierce Authentic Tours (FPAT), an organization comprised of Fort Pierce-area ecotourism businesses. Captain Legé and other member business leaders involved with FPAT have worked hard to promote the importance of ecotourism here in Fort Pierce, and our local ecotourism businesses.

Captain Legé is proud to see Fort Pierce’s image improving through collaborative efforts.

“If you come to the Farmer’s Market or Friday Fest, you’ll see thousands of people from all over the area,” he said. “It’s great to see more and more people coming Downtown.” For more information on Captain Legé’s entertaining and educational tours, visit www.IndianRiverLagoonTours.com or call 772-464-4445.
Art Mundo Spotlights Curators in September
by Holly Theuns

Oxford Dictionary defines “curate” as “to select, organize and look after the items in a collection or exhibition.” Board member Gretchen Green came up with the idea to invite an artist or member of the community to curate a monthly show in Art Mundo’s Underground hallway gallery space, and that idea has evolved into some very interesting shows recently: “Big Bamboo” featuring colorful painted bamboo, and “In Her Image” an exhibit of mannequins destined to the dumpster but instead, transformed into artwork.

Debra Magrann curates the Underground Hallway Show in September; that exhibit will open at Art Walk on Wednesday, September 11th. Magrann has selected to exhibit the work of local artist Joe Gentry and describes the show as follows: “Joe Gentry is a local tattoo artist who works in monotone assemblage on a colossal scale. His influences reach the depths of human struggle and angst. Cloaked in dark overtones, this exhibit features intricate collage sculptures that convey thought-provoking commentaries on social trends.” He has won several awards, winning the 2003 Vero Beach Museum of Art “Treasure Coast Competitive Art Exhibition” Cover Design, the A.E. Backus Gallery and Museum, “Best of the Best 2010” Best in Show for Swine Flu Soiree and a Second Place honor for The Ninth Hour, oil. The show includes mixed media and oil paintings for sale with a percentage supporting Art Mundo’s mission to bring art to the community. Plan to attend Art Walk opening night, Wednesday, September 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the artist and curator, to get an in-depth look at the mystery and intrigue built into Gentry’s assemblages.

The fabulously curated collection of local artist and philanthropist Doug Macon will be on exhibit in Art Mundo’s third floor Loft Gallery from Wednesday, September 11th through Saturday, September 28th. Macon is hosting the kick-off event for the season’s “Home is Where the Art Is” series of fund raising parties by exhibiting his personal art collection at Art Mundo for a reception, dinner and curator’s talk. Macon will dish the dirt about how some of these pieces came to be in his collection. He’ll have stories about the artists he collects and some thoughts on where he sees the future of contemporary art headed. For those interested in art, hanging out with other people who like art and the inside scoop, then this is an event to put on the calendar for Saturday, September 7th, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tickets are $100 per person and include a reception, dinner, curator’s talk, live entertainment featuring classical guitar and a chance to win a piece of art work valued at over $10,000. Reserve online at www.artmundo.org.

Don’t forget to mark your calendar to join us for Art Walk on Wednesday, September 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. New shows opening, artists in their studios, refreshments and entertainment – all free at Art Mundo and parking is always free in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce.

Art Mundo is a center for creative expression located at 111 Orange Avenue in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please visit our website www.artmundo.org to find out about upcoming shows, calls to artists, classes and special events. Our phone number is 772-466-1010.
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Affordable Flooring provides high quality flooring sales and installation to the Treasure Coast area. Lenny says his goal “is to set Affordable Flooring apart from the competition by providing their customers with superior service and craftsmanship, maintaining a professional atmosphere, and consistently exceeding the expectations of others through a partnership with their suppliers and general contractors.” Affordable Flooring has everything you need to create that perfect feel to your new or existing home or business.

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Learn more about Affordable Flooring at www.affordableflooringofpsl.com. Store locations: Fort Pierce at 214 Orange Avenue, phone 772-409-4117 (office), or 772-201-1888 (cell), hours Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed on Sundays; Port St. Lucie at 1602 SE Village Green Drive, phone 772-398-1320.
Become a Sunrise Theatre Member and Get the Best Seats in the House!

by Susan Belgam Hunt

The Sunrise Theatre is an intimate venue, offering the best entertainment and state-of-the-art sound on the Treasure Coast. The Theatre is conveniently located in Historic Downtown Fort Pierce, with plenty of free parking and a wide variety of nearby dining options. The beautifully restored, 1,221-seat Theatre Main Stage presents nationally-touring Broadway shows, musical and comedy acts, ballet and opera companies with full orchestras, country stars and classic rock icons.

The Sunrise Theatre’s commitment to providing affordable ticket prices to a wide variety of outstanding entertainment, children’s educational programs, quality programming for seniors, and a wide variety of community outreach events is possible in part because of the memberships, donations and corporate sponsorships that are received each season.

By becoming a member of the Sunrise Theatre, patrons will help preserve the Sunrise Theatre as the greatest and grandest historic theatre on the Treasure Coast, providing quality entertainment to the region currently and for years to come!

Become a Sunrise Theatre Member and Get the Best Seats in the House!

Your support as a member of the Sunrise Theatre is greatly needed and appreciated. Like all performing arts theatres, ticket sale revenues cover less than one-half of our operating costs. The Sunrise Theatre is a member-supported, volunteer-assisted organization, with over 1,250 members and 200+ volunteers. It serves over 85,000 patrons and guests annually through its programs and directly benefits the economic impact and quality of life in St. Lucie County by attracting visitors from other cities, countries and states; last year, over 46% of the total ticket sales came from counties north and south of our historic downtown Fort Pierce location.

Your tax-deductible membership contribution makes you eligible for a variety of benefits at the Sunrise Theatre. Individual Memberships start at $50 and offer advanced notice of shows and the opportunity to purchase tickets in advance of the general public. A $250 membership provides access to the exclusive Sunrise Theatre Advantage Club.

Membership plays a significant role in supporting the Sunrise Theatre’s operating budget. As a public non-profit organization, the Sunrise Theatre counts on the generosity of our members, donors, and sponsors to help sustain our full spectrum of entertainment. When you become a member, you are not the only one who benefits. Your tax-deductible contribution helps support the Sunrise Theatre’s educational programs, which open the world of the arts to thousands of the community’s school children each year.

Your commitment to the Sunrise Theatre will enable us to preserve the Sunrise Theatre as the gem in the cultural crown of the Treasure Coast. If you have already purchased a 2013 – 2014 membership, thank you for your support!
Sunrise Theatre: Then & Now
by Sue Dannahower

The Sunrise Theatre opened its doors on August 1, 1923 as the largest vaudeville theatre on Florida’s East Coast. It quickly became the center of all St. Lucie County’s cultural activities. From the moment the Theatre opened and into the 1930s, the Sunrise Theatre was the place to go for Hollywood glamour on the Treasure Coast. In addition to vaudeville performances, the Theatre showed all of the popular films of the day and many of the hottest stars stopped in Fort Pierce on their publicity tours.

The Sunrise Theatre closed its doors on September 8, 1983, but interest was already growing in the community to keep the historic downtown Fort Pierce venue from the wrecking ball. The Florida Main Street program was established in 1985, and in 1988, Fort Pierce became one of the first cities in the state to be selected as a Main Street community. Formed by its residents, Main Street Fort Pierce developed a master plan to revitalize the downtown. A key component of this plan was the transformation of the Sunrise Theatre into a regional performing arts center.

In 1996, Main Street Fort Pierce under the direction of Doris Tillman, established the St. Lucie Preservation Association, Inc. to oversee the restoration of Fort Pierce landmarks like Historic City Hall and the Sunrise Theatre. In 1997, the St. Lucie Preservation Association purchased the theater portion of the Sunrise Theatre building. The remaining portion of the building was purchased in 1999 and plans to restore this vital component for downtown revitalization began.

The Sunrise Theatre was completely renovated to its original splendor and reopened on January 6, 2006. Today, the beautifully restored, intimate 1,200-seat Sunrise Theatre Main Stage offers the best entertainment on the Treasure Coast. Now owned and operated by the City of Fort Pierce, the Theatre offers something for everyone, presenting show biz legends, national touring Broadway shows, musical and comedy acts, international ballet and opera companies with full orchestras, country stars and classic rock icons. Some of last seasons’ headliners included: Glen Campbell, Martin Short, Natalie Cole, Johnny Mathis,


Also located in the theatre complex is the 210-seat Black Box Theatre, a state-of-the-art venue offering a variety of national, regional and local programming. The Black Box is home to the Ft. Pierce Jazz and Blues Society’s Jazz Jams every Tuesday night and “Comedy Corner” (from the owners of the Improv) bringing top-touring comedians the second and fourth Saturday night of each month. Professional production lighting and sound make this intimate space perfect for rental opportunities, weddings, receptions, rehearsals, workshops, fundraising events and more.

The Sunrise Theatre directly benefits the economy and quality of life in St. Lucie County by attracting visitors from other cities, counties, states and in some cases countries. In addition, the Sunrise Theatre Foundation presents a series of Arts & Education Outreach programs to over 10,000 students each year at no cost to students in the four-county region.

The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 South Second Street in Fort Pierce. For more information, call 772-461-4884 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.
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The Downtown Farmers Market has gone global. It is now on the World Wide Web. The web page was launched July 4th, after a long process to create a website that provided information, a vendor database and application. The website promotes the local “home Grown” purpose of the market each Saturday morning.

The director of the “Saturday Morning Tradition”, Eric Seibenick, proudly states, “It has been a while in coming, but we have a web page now that captures what the Downtown Farmers Market is all about.” He goes on the say, “This site is not only designed for our patrons, it is also a great service to our venders. It is a new way for us to reach so many people in a user-friendly way.”

Matt Hurley, the Assistant Director of the market, adds, “Not only is the new website a source of great information, it contains a photo gallery, videos, and an events calendar. A link to Facebook is provided as well.” Hurley and Seibenick go on to point out that the Downtown Farmers Market must keep up with the technology of the world as it changes with the emerging growth if social media.

The construction of the new website was designed by the Capstone Media, students from Indian River State College. Members of the project include Michael Bostwick, Richard Eisenmann, Michael Francescani, Marcus Rowe, Emily Savoie, and team leader Lauren Sloat. The group met weekly and made changes each meeting to better the site.

Once the new web page was complete, the IRSC students did a formal presentation of the project to the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market Board of Directors. This formal presentation by the students completed the “real life” experience offered. From the beginning, this teamwork was a way for the market’s commitment to blend with a local institution and provide reality-based experiences for the IRSC students. It was a win-win situation for the community at large.

It could be said that the “home grown” values of the Fort Pierce Farmers Market reached out to embrace that commitment outside the boundaries of the Saturday morning market by going local for their ideas and design. The education of local students is directly linked to the future of Fort Pierce.

Visit the new Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market at their new web site: http://fortpiercefarmersmarket.com.

**Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market Mission Statement:**

The Downtown Farmers Market of Fort Pierce, Inc. is intended to provide healthy, fresh foods and horticultural products to St. Lucie County and surrounding areas, and to encourage commerce, entertainment, and trade in Downtown Fort Pierce.
A Backus Museum Membership is Your Passport to the Arts

by Kathleen Fredrick

When it comes to the arts, there are those who create and those who appreciate. The A.E. Backus Museum of Art is looking for some of both. For those who appreciate art, now is the time to renew your Museum membership or to join for the first time and receive your passport to the arts. The Museum will reopen for its 53rd Season on October 11, 2013 with The Best of the Best Juried Competition. For those who create art, it is time to download your juried show application from the Museum’s website and prepare to enter the competition.

For fans of the arts or fans of just having a good time, a Museum membership offers a bounty of benefits. All members receive free admission to the Museum, invitations to lively openings with wonderful food and wine of questionable vintage, discounts on gift shop merchandise, lectures, trips and most Museum events. A Museum membership is like a passport to the world of art. Those who purchase a $100 Family Membership or above receive free admission and discounts at over 50 of Florida’s finest museums, including the Dali in St. Petersburg, the Cummer in Jacksonville and the Mennello in Orlando to name just a few. You will also gain free admission and discounts at over 600 museums nationwide. These benefits are part of the National Association of Reciprocal Museums (NARM) cultural exchange program. A complete listing of participating museums is available at https://sites.google.com/site/northamericanreciprocalmuseums/.

Becoming a “Friend” of the Backus Museum is a reward- ing and affordable way to ensure that Fort Pierce will continue to have a vibrant cultural scene. Membership applications are available at the Museum’s website or by contacting the Museum. Join today, you won’t want to miss a single event of our upcoming season.

The upcoming season promises a feast for the eyes. We kick the season off with the annual Best of the Best Juried Show. Then we deck the halls and ring in 2014 with our Holiday Art Extravaganza featuring artwork from near and far. The season’s A Tribute to Backus – Focus on the Indian River Lagoon will take a good long look at our beloved waterway. Enjoy originals of the Indian River and its western watershed by A.E. Backus and many of his contemporary students. Working in conjunction with the Ocean Research and Conservation Association (ORCA), there will also be photographs of the lagoon by noted environmentalist and National Geographic photographer, Carlton Ward. A special symposium on the river will be held during the exhibition. The season’s premier exhibition Pop Rocks- Heroes, Icons and the Mundane brings in nationally recognized leaders in the Pop Art world including New York City artists John “CRASH” Maltos, Ronnie Cutrone and Ceravolo and Shalene Valenzuela. We will wrap up the season with the annual Through the Eye of the Camera Juried Photography Show. There is something for everyone at the A.E. Backus Museum of Art. Become a member by September 13th and you will be able to attend the members-only preview sale for the Museum’s Another Man’s Treasure Sale held on Friday, September 13 from 5-7 p.m.

Founded in 1960 as the Fort Pierce Art Gallery, and renamed following Backus’ death in 1990, the Backus Museum has always focused on exhibiting local talent, hence the juried shows we hold in the fall and in the spring. The juried competitions are open to anyone who wishes to enter. The rules and requirements are detailed in the application, available at the Museum’s website www.backusmuseum.com. The juried show is judged from actual work. Artists can enter in any of four categories: Watercolor, Oil/ Acrylic, Varied Techniques or Three Dimensional. Only original artwork is accepted, no photography, no reproductions and no copies of another artist’s work. The entry fee is $25 per piece. The deadline for submission is 3 p.m., Saturday, October 5th.

The A.E. Backus is a not for profit visual arts facility. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information about Museum memberships, entering the juried show or making donations to the Another Man’s Treasure Sale (there is still time to donate your treasures), please contact the A.E. Backus 772-465-0630, info@backusmuseum.com. The A.E. Backus Museum of Art is located at 500 N. Indian River Drive in downtown Fort Pierce.

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The Cake Lady – Special Events
by Pam Gillette & Jennifer Trefelner

“The Cake Lady,” a.k.a. Staci Dunn, is at it again. She is going out of the box to promote her business, The Cake Lady, in downtown Fort Pierce. After opening her store at 207 Orange Avenue, Staci has branched out into the special event business.

Along with over 65 favorite combinations of cupcakes and one-of-a-kind custom cakes, The Cake Lady is now providing children cupcake camps, girl’s night out cupcake making sessions and a special father/daughter high tea coming in the fall.

During the summer, Staci held a series of camps for children 6-13. The idea for the kid’s summer camp came from spending a lot of time working with her granddaughter when school was out and they were looking for fun things to do. “So, I thought that if she enjoyed it so much, there were probably other children who enjoy being in the kitchen, baking and decorating,” says Staci.

The kids attending the summer camps learned a new cupcake decorating technique each day. They were taught kitchen safety, the basics of cupcake decorating and special techniques for creating more elaborate cupcake designs. The kids were able to keep everything they created and all the materials were included. Staci will offer more camps at Christmas, spring break, and next summer.

Girl’s Night out begin when Staci was approached by a local law firm that wanted a different kind of girl’s night out. The girls had such a good time that the Girl’s Night Out- Cake Style was born. Girl’s Night Out is for women of all ages. They offer “cupcake” brand wine and appetizers, cupcake decorating instruction and hands on activity. All materials are provided and a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 people is required. The cost for this fun, creative event is $28 per person.

Sometime in the fall, Staci will be turning the Cake Shop into a tea room. She is planning a Father/Daughter high tea, where tea attire is appropriate and you will be waited on and pampered. Also available at the store are children’s cupcake decorating birthday parties, which will include 1 slice of pizza and a soda per child.

You do not need to wait for these special events to have a cake party. You can book a cupcake decorating party any time of the year. The cost is reasonable and all materials will be provided. Staci is happy to create a special party just for you. “I just want to make people happy,” Dunn said. “I love seeing people’s faces when they first see their cakes and when they bite into a delicious, moist, flavorful cupcake.”

Give Staci a call at 772-242-8128 or stop by for more information. The Cake Lady’s door is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. until the cupcakes are gone (usually around 2 p.m.) on Saturdays.
Focus on the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market—Macy’s Smoked Fish Dip

by Keith Lustig

Everyone knows that smoking is bad for your health; it even says so on the package. Dennis Macy has found a way to make this habit healthy and delicious. He has been “smoking” for over 30 years now. In fact, his friends liked his “smoking” so much they asked him to “smoke” for them. This form of “smoking” is a healthy indulgence and this is the story of smoked fish and how Macy’s came to be.

Dennis was raised in Fort Pierce. He has taken advantage of this location and has enjoyed surfing, fishing, and diving his entire life. Now his children enjoy being on or in the water as much as he does. After his 35-year career in carpet and vinyl installation, the bottom fell out of the construction market leading him to explore other job possibilities. He says “God opened the doors, and I went into the smoked fish business full time… I love what I do.”

Locally, fish dip is referred to as smak (Smoked Mackerel Amberjack and Kingfish). Dennis chose to break the mold, and call his product Macy’s Smoked Fish Dip. The dip consists of quality name-brand products from local sources. Nothing but the best ingredients goes into Macy’s products. In addition to the smoked fish in the dip, Macy’s also smokes mahi mahi, tuna, swordfish, and salmon. There is also a smoked salmon dip available.

The family business got its start at the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers Market and grew from there. They started with a card table and have grown into a favorite vendor at the market each week. They enjoy meeting people every week at the market, and are thrilled with how many people from all over Florida come back to the market and purchase their products.

Dennis particularly enjoys giving out samples and getting responses. He says “It is like chumming up fish. We always say it’s hard to get a bite if you don’t bait the hook.” It must work, because he reels in the customers every week.

Isn’t it good to know you don’t have to go behind the shed anymore to keep the “smoking” hidden from everyone? Now you can share your habit openly with your friends and enjoy a healthy and quality treat made from only the best ingredients.
Stay Cool on the Water
by Dan Dannahower

The hottest part of summer is upon us. Most of us are hiding indoors, praising whoever invented air conditioning while cursing the cost of electricity! Although it’s stifling this time of year, especially inland, if you can get to a place with a large open area where the breeze isn’t blocked by trees and buildings, you can usually find a little wind and cooler temperatures. For those who like to fish it’s easy: the ocean, the beaches, the Indian River Lagoon or its shores. Get yourself to one of these places and you have a good chance to catch a breeze coming off of cool water, dodge the a/c for awhile, and maybe catch a fish while you’re at it.

A recent river trip with friend Bobby Langley and my son, daughter-in-law and grandson was a perfect example. We fished the lagoon up near Harbor Branch and had a nice breeze keeping us cool the entire time. Although we didn’t slay the fish we did catch a few nice snappers and fed a lot of shrimp to the smaller denizens that hide on the grass flats. Enough action that all had a good time.

Fishing the lagoon has been good for trout and redfish with early morning being the best bet on the grass flats. As the heat comes on later in the day the fish move to deeper, cooler water. Fishing the drop-offs and holes may be the only way to find a bite. Offshore has been a mixed bag with some dolphin, kingfish and cobia being taken. Bottom fishing offshore has been slow. Some fishermen are reporting good sea bass action but with many too small to meet the legal limit. As we move into fall and things cool off we should begin to enjoy one of the best times of the year for fishing both on and offshore.

So grab a pole, find somewhere on the water or on shore where the breeze is unobstructed and comes off the water. Bring home a seafood dinner and a relaxed attitude. Good luck and good fishing!

Pork Tenderloin with Cherry-Port Sauce

Give me slices of moist, rich pork roast any day. But pork tenderloin, well, I can take it or leave because of the bland flavor. However, I’ve recently learned how to coax the flavor with the proper pan-seared oven-roasted technique paired with a yummy sauce. And most important, do not overcook. The tenderloin is pulled out of the oven when it reaches 140 degrees, tented while the meat rests. This recipe serves 4 to 6.

2 pork tenderloins (12 – 16 ounces each)
2 teaspoons Montreal Steak Seasoning
¼ cup vegetable oil
Cherry-Port Sauce
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1 large onion, halved and sliced
¾ cup port
1½ cups dried cherries
2 tablespoons orange marmalade
3 tablespoons butter, cut into 3 pieces
Salt & pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Sprinkle tenderloin with Steak Seasoning. Heat oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat until smoking. Place both tenderloins in a skillet, sear until well browned, about 2 minutes. Rotate ¼ turn and sear another 2 minutes. Repeat on all sides until brown. Transfer pork to a rimmed baking dish and place in oven.

Using the same skillet as used for the pork make the Cherry-Port Sauce. With skillet on medium high heat add 1 teaspoon oil and swirl around. Add onions and cook until softened and brown. Add 2 tablespoons water and scrape up the browned bits. Set skillet aside off the heat.

Meanwhile roast the tenderloin until the internal temperature reaches 140 degrees. Transfer tenderloins to a cutting board and tent loosely with foil for 10 – 15 minutes.

While pork is resting, set skillet over medium-high, add port and cherries. Simmer & stir until slightly thickened. Add any accumulated pork juice from tented tenderloin. Reduce to about ¼ cup. Take skillet off heat, whisk in orange marmalade and butter, one piece at a time. Salt and pepper to taste.
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