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We are Main Street. For centuries, downtowns were the economic centers and the heart of their communities. Their buildings held the restaurants that hosted first dates and 50th anniversary dinners. Their shops supplied goods from the very basic to very extravagant. They were where the community gathered to celebrate joyous occasions; to hold public demonstrations; or to grieve during periods of mourning.

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Join us as we celebrate the *40th Anniversary of the Main Street Program*® and the *31st Anniversary of Main Street Fort Pierce*.

ANNUAL MEETING & RECEPTION

Wednesday, May 1st, at the Platts/Backus House, 122 A.E. Backus Avenue, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



HOSTED BY
Fort Pierce Yacht Club, Main Street Fort Pierce, Orchid Island Juice Company, and The City of Fort Pierce. Call Main Street Fort Pierce for more information at **772-466-3880**.

Mayor Linda Hudson invites you to join her for Community News, Special Announcements, Complimentary Coffee, Orchid Island Juice, Breakfast Treats, and more!

Friday, May 17, at 8:00 a.m.
at Fort Pierce Yacht Club
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Join Us for Our 31st Annual Celebration of Main Street Fort Pierce

by Sue Dannahower



I am excited to serve a 6th term of as President of *Main Street Fort Pierce*. I've been on the board for almost 14 years and know the incredible impact this organization has had on our community. I have watched first-hand the fundraising efforts and renovations of the **Sunrise Theatre** and the **Platts/Backus House**. *Main Street Fort Pierce* has an incredible Board of Directors who are as passionate as I am in the mission of this organization.

Our *31st Annual Celebration* is on May 1st. During this event, we will celebrate our many dedicated volunteers, members, sponsors and city and county supporters. There will be entertainment, food and beverages provided by local establishments.

Would you like to volunteer? We have a variety of volunteer opportunities for all ages. *Main Street* puts on 30+ events a year. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include *Friday Fest*, *Stars Over St. Lucie Fourth of July Celebration* and the *Reverse Raffle* in August.

Do you enjoy writing? We need writers to highlight the people, businesses, and attractions of downtown Fort Pierce for our monthly newspaper, the *Main Street Focus*.

We have a great year planned and I look forward to working with our long-time supporters as well as those who make this the year you get involved with *Main Street Fort Pierce*.

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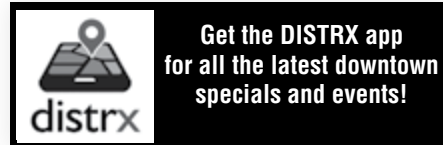
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Calendar

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MONTHLY EVENTS

May 3, Friday: FRIDAY FEST — 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Marina Square & Melody Lane; Live music by **Therapy**; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

May 17, Friday: COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR — 8:00 a.m. at **Fort Pierce Yacht Club**; sponsored by **Hoskins, Turco, Lloyd & Lloyd**; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; www.mainstreetfortpierce.org.

May 17, Friday: ARTWALK — 5 to 8:00 p.m.; Various studios and shops open throughout the downtown area; seriouslymixedmedia.com, artconnectionfp.com.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesdays: Wednesday Green Market & Food Co-Op — rain or shine 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., Downtown Marina Square; 971-8480.

Saturdays: The Jazz Market — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; north side of the Downtown Fort Pierce Library; Jazz & Blues Society, 460-5299, www.jazzsociety.org.

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Tuesdays @ 2:00 p.m.: Fin-Tastic Fish Feeding — come meet the fishes in the Center.

Wednesdays @ 2:00 p.m.: Tide Pool Touch Tank — touch and hold the urchins, conchs, and more.

Thursdays @ 2:00 p.m.: Meet the MOEC Reptiles — touch and hold Diego the corn snake and turtles

Fridays @ 2:00 p.m.: Seahorse Snack Time — watch the MOEC seahorses eat and play.

Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.: Fin-Tastic Fish Feeding — come meet the fishes in the Center.

SUNDAY DOWNTOWN CHURCH SERVICES

Common Ground Vineyard Church — 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; 460-5414, www.commongroundvineyard.com.

First United Methodist Church — 9:30 a.m.; 464-0440, www.umatter2Godandus.com.

Fort Pierce Haitian United Methodist Church; 940-6728, www.haitianmethodist.org.

Notre-Dame Mission Catholic Church — 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.; 466-9617, www.notredamecc.com.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church (founded 1893) — 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.; adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m., nursery provided; 461-5009 www.mystandrews.org.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Downtown Fort Pierce Library
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National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum
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Longtime Downtown Business Thanks Customers

The iconic **Original Tiki Bar** will be closed when you are reading this article. We wanted to make sure to say **Thank You** to our loyal customers, friends, family and employees. The last 20 years have been awesome and we could not have done it without each and every one of you. We have made lifelong friendships that we will continue as we begin our next chapter.

We have enjoyed serving the community and helping to support Fort Pierce and *Main Street*. We have watched downtown change and grow into the amazing place it is today.

This is bittersweet for all, but as we say goodbye, remember, *“Just because it’s the end of a chapter doesn’t mean it’s the end of the book. Turn the page.”*

We hope to see all of you at **Cobb’s Landing**, **BBG** and our new venture, **Little Jim Bait & Tackle**. ❖



The Backus Museum to Showcase the Work of Photographers in the 24th Annual Juried Photography Show, “Through the Eye of the Camera”



For nearly 25 years, the **A.E. Backus Museum and Gallery** has presented *Through the Eye of the Camera*, the popular juried photo competition. The show will feature more than 100 of the year’s best photographs from professional and amateur photographers alike. On view May 10 through June 21, 2019, *Through the Eye of the Camera* will include work from talented photographers from across the Treasure Coast and beyond. The opening reception for museum members and photographers submitting work for the show, will be held on Friday, May 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Each year, more the 250 entries are submitted in one of several categories including *Film/Traditional Raw Photography*, *Digital*, *Manipulated Imagery*, *Alternative Substrates* and the latest trend, *Mobile Imagery*. The competition is fierce for this exhibition, and cash and merchandise prizes are awarded for the most compelling pieces selected by the judges. Each year, new judges are selected to provide a fresh perspective on the exhibition.

A complete list of all the accepted entries along with the award-winning photographs will be available online on the museum’s website at backusmuseum.com, when the show opens on May 10. The exhibition is sponsored by **Veterinary Medical Center of St. Lucie County** and **Jiffy Photo and Framing**.

The museum will accept entries for *Through the Eye of the Camera* until 3:00 p.m. on May 4. ❖



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A Time of Remembrance

by Britt Andersen

I'm not going to give you my take on Mother's Day. I'm sure you all will have enough reminders from social media, family, your local florists, etc. If your mother is here, you'll be planning a meal, activities, rounding up children and buying or making presents. You don't need my take.

What I would like to dwell on is Memorial Day and a very special place in downtown Fort Pierce — **Veterans Memorial Park** located at 600 N. Indian River Drive. The park was totally rejuvenated, improved and reopened in November of 2016. It now includes beautiful fountains (which are functional as well as they help rid the water of chemicals and pollutants before being discharged into the Indian River estuary system), access to the river bank, walking paths, quiet tree-shaded benches and much more. Some of you have been to the many festivals held at the site and on some of the grounds of the park; others may not have even noticed the park as you drive across the Seaway Bridge. However, it is worth your time to stop.

But more important than the improvements and festivals is the fact that the park is a memorial dedicated to the veterans of Fort Pierce who gave their lives in service to this country. The park contains two large plaques with the names of those who served in World War I, the war to end all wars, World War II, with all its atrocities, the Korean War, which is still not officially over, Vietnam, which created such a divided nation, and the ongoing incursions in Iran and Afghanistan.

But while we remember those who lost their lives, we need also to remember those who served and came home. Many of them came home to their families and continue to lead productive lives here in Fort Pierce. Many did not. Some lost their families. Some were wounded physically and some emotionally. All were touched by their experience. Our government has provided additional benefits to our veterans, whether they were drafted or part of the voluntary military: education benefits, medical benefits, housing benefits and others. But there are still issues that need to be worked on within these benefits — issues



such as training availability from for-profit schools, long waits at VA hospitals, and the lack of preparation of these hospitals to treat the influx of women who signed up to serve in our country's military. This affects not only the veterans, but their families and our vibrant community. There are hundreds in the Fort Pierce area (although, this is but a guess on my part) who are affected. We need them all here to be productive citizens of the area and to thank them and their families for their service.

As Memorial Day approaches, I ask you all to remember the loved ones who gave their lives and to give some thought to those who came back and the hardships they still face. We thank them all for their service. Visit the **Veterans Memorial Park** and take a walk, sit on a bench and enjoy the benefits which we enjoy today because of all their service.

As always, *wishing you fair winds and following seas.* ❖

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Reserve your seat for the annual luncheon and party set for Friday, June 7

You won't want to miss Fort Pierce's favorite summer safari, the annual **Backus Bingo Luncheon** on Friday, June 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the **Pelican Yacht Club**, 1120 Seaway Drive in Fort Pierce. Reservations are \$40 per person, with tables of eight available for friends to organize their own expedition. Space is limited; to reserve your seat, come by or call the **A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery** at (772) 465-0630. You can also e-mail info@BackusMuseum.com with your contact info to secure your seat today!

This year's **Backus Bingo** participants will enjoy a great time with exciting games, amazing prizes, a luncheon feast fit for man and beast, cash bar, with lots of fun and thrills for all. The afternoon's celebrations will include five games of bingo plus a grand prize game. We will also have unique and treasured door prizes, with a cash grand prize award of \$200. The fun-filled annual event is organized and sponsored by the museum's beloved Board of Associates (the BOAs), who know how to throw an amazing party.

Join us for an afternoon of fun, make new friends and wear your favorite jungle-inspired or animal print outfit and accessories. **Backus Bingo** is an event benefitting the **A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery**.

On view at the **A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery** from May 10 to June 21, is the favorite yearly photography competition, *Through the Eye of the Camera*. The show focuses on the best works of photography as art, with cash awards for prize-winning work. For more information on the exhibition or the museum, please visit www.BackusMuseum.com.

Regular museum hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m.; closed on Monday and Tuesday. Admission is \$5 per person; AARP, AAA, and Veterans with appropriate ID receive a \$2 discount. Students with school ID, children under 18 and active duty military are always free. The first Sunday of the month is free admission day. ❖



Meadowoods' Lenore Ford, Bette Notte, Edie Brundage, Marie Biesel, (standing) Rita Smith, Ginger Likens, Donna Murray, and Doron Stickels



Ethel Rowland, Executive Director, J. Marshall Adams, Robyn Hutchinson and Holly Theuns



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Summer Camps In and Around Downtown Fort Pierce

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Sunrise Theatre & Sunrise Theatre Foundation

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The **Sunrise Theatre**, in partnership with the **Sunrise Theatre Foundation** will host four separate, week-long children's summer programs conducted by the **Missoula Children's Theatre** (MCT). Give your children the best summer-ever! Registration for summer camp begins on Monday, March 25th at 10 a.m. Each week-long camp culminates in a public performance, starring local children, complete with professionally-designed scenery and costumes.

Through the **Sunrise Theatre**, MCT and the help of the **Sunrise Theatre Foundation**, media partners, corporate donors, volunteers and sponsors, our young children and teens will develop a love and appreciation of the arts ... for life.

A maximum of 64 students will be able to participate in each of the programs. The cost for each week-long program is \$125

per child and is for children ages 6 to 18. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production. Registration begins March 25th.

Dates: June 24 to 28, *Jack & the Bean Stalk* registration; July 8 to 12, *Pinocchio*; July 15 to 19, Robin Hood; July 29 to August 2, *The Snow Queen*.

Eco-Camp at the Manatee Observation & Education Center

www.manateeeducationcenter.org

education@manteeEducationCenter.org

772-466-1600 ext 3337

Cost is \$175 per camper, per session; \$90 for *Wild Wonders*. Each session is one action-packed week of educational outdoor adventures: seining, snorkeling, kayaking, fishing, field trips to **Smithsonian Aquarium**, **Adam's Ranch**, local eco-centers, **Harbor Branch Oceanographic**, Florida State Parks, and many more. Games, art projects, and much, much more!

June 17th to 21st, *Wild Wonders Half-Day Camp* for ages 6 to 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Perfect for your younger nature lovers.

June 24th to 28th, *Eco-Explorers* for ages 9 to 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This fun camp is great for kids who want to know how nature works. Hands-on field trips will introduce campers to Florida's fragile ecosystems and the organisms that call them home.

July 15th to 19th, *Ocean Adventures* for ages 9 to 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Amazing for future marine biologists! Discover Florida's marine ecosystems, and the critters within them, with exciting hands-on and in-water activities and encounters.

July 29th to August 2nd, *Wild Discovery* for ages 9 to 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Perfect for nature lovers! Explore the wetlands,



uplands and aquatic ecosystems. Features educational field trips and loads of fun!

Discounts available: register by May 1st for \$10 discount per child; \$160 with Family Membership (does not apply to CIT);

sibling discount of \$10 per sibling (does not apply to CIT).

Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation

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The **TCYSF** holds one-week summer classes. Since children mature and learn at such different rates, parental input is critical to ensure each child is prepared and will gain the most benefit from the sailing program experience. A certified sailing instructor gives sailing instruction with the help of an assistant instructor. Instructor's backgrounds are screened to ensure safe supervision for the children.

Weekly sessions take place Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Fees: \$250 no lunch/\$275 with lunch (scholarship and discount information online).

Ages 7 to 18: camp weeks are June 10 to June 14, June 17 to June 21, June 24 to June 28, July 8 to July 12, July 15 to July 19, July 22 to July 26, July 29 to August 2, and August 5 to August 9.

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Summer Sailing Classes

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 July 8 – July 12 | July 15 – July 19 | July 22 – July 26
 July 29 – Aug 2 | Aug 5 – Aug 9



The **Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation, Inc.**, sponsored by the **Fort Pierce Yacht Club** and **City of Fort Pierce**, teaches sailing to young people of the Treasure Coast in an environment stressing *safety, sportsmanship, self reliance, self discipline, and respect for authority and the community.* We are in our 13th year.

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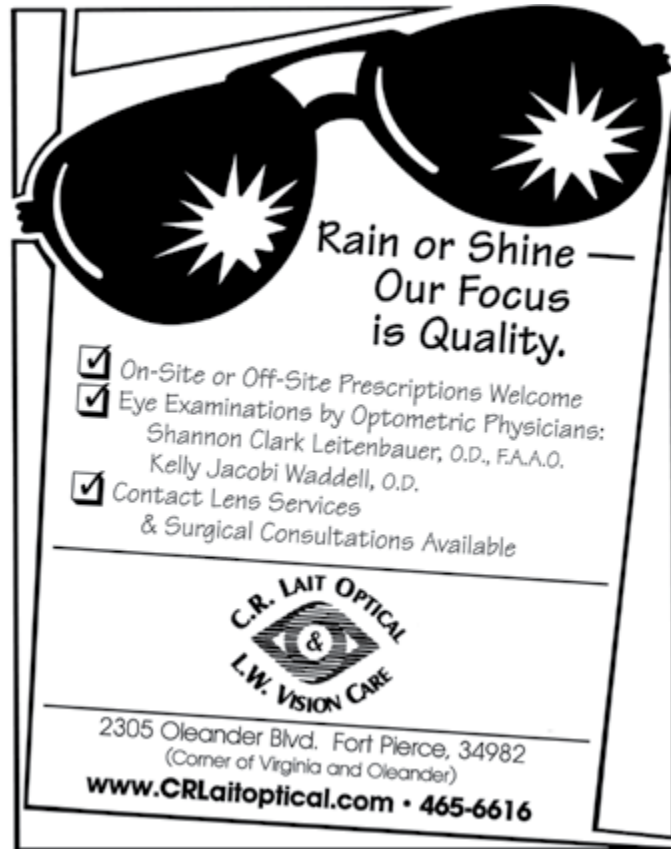
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Registration for each camp is online at ignitesportsfl.com

St. Andrew's Episcopal Academy and **Ignite Sports Florida** have teamed up to offer a wide range of summer camps. Your child will have a summer of discovery with the unique opportunities that will be located on the **St. Andrew's** campus. Camps are open to all children in the community.

Multi-Sport Camp week 1 is from June 3rd to June 7th and week 2 is from June 10th to June 15th; 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.; \$265.00 per week; ages K to 5th grade.

Find your child's sporting passion with this camp, perfect for rising K to 5th grades. Each day includes three different sports at age-appropriate levels, with skill progression and fun games. Kids will participate in team building, group games, along with having down time in **St. Andrew's Summer Game Room** playing ping-pong, foosball, giant Jenga and more. Children will be separated into age-specific groups with a low child-to-coach ratio. Our coaches will be able to focus on your child learning, improving and having fun, along with exposing them to a variety of common and new sports.

Ballers Camp Week, Volleyball or Soccer (your choice) is from June 17th to June 21st; 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.; \$180.00 per week for ages 1st to 8th grade.

Volleyball camp is open to beginners through experienced players. Introduction to volleyball will teach proper basics of setting, passing, hitting and serving skills with game play. Advanced technique will build on those skills adding muscle memory, repetition, comprehension of different positions and game strategy. In Soccer Camp, new players will be given an introduction to the game with skills & drills, passing, positioning and team play. Advance players will improve their game, fitness, skill level, movement, balance and learn from two high-level, experienced coaches. Each day will finish with 5 vs 5 games and analysis of the games with player Q and A.

American Ninja Warrior week is from June 24th to June 28th; 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.; \$180 per week; ages 1st to 8th grade.

All kids, regardless of physical ability, will benefit from participating in our obstacle-based

fitness program. Whether your child is a budding sports star or a video game fanatic, we know how to turn them into the next "ninja warrior." Kids will not only stay in shape, they will find a new outlet for fun and creativity. They will make friends, have fun and improve their overall health with every step, swing, climb and jump.

St. Andrew's Inspire week is from July 15th to July 19th; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; \$180.00 per week; ages 1st to 8th grade.

Kids will get "inspired" with the different daily themes and activities designed to spark interest and have fun. Monday is arts and crafts; Tuesday is science and nature; Wednesday is sports day; Thursday is "around the world," culture and music; and Friday is "Blast Day," where kids get to choose their own activities from a variety of choices. The day ends with a camp party and picnic.

Life is Sweeter at Cupcake Camp

Cake Lady Custom Cake Shop

For more information or to register, call 772-242-8128

The **Cake Lady Custom Cake** shop is again opening her doors to children ages 5 to 15 for cake decorating classes in their 1-week summer camp programs. There are nine different week long camps. Camp is held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Friday; and there is one 3-day camp for children ages 3 to 5.

While in these classes, each camper will learn various cake decorating techniques, using real cake decorating tools such as, piping bags, fondant, and using the same cake decorating tools the pros use. Each child will decorate one dozen cupcakes per day, and on each Friday they design and decorate their own



personal cake with the assistance of Staci, a/k/a The Cake Lady, and her staff.

This year's camps are being held during the following weeks: June 10 to 14, June 17 to 21, June 24 to 28, July 1 to 3**, July 8 to 12, July 15 to 19, July 22 to 26, July 29 to August 2, August 5 to 9. (** indicates the 3-day camp for 3- to 5-year olds.

Class size is limited to only 16 campers per session. The cost is \$165 per week, all inclusive. We provide everything needed including a daily snack. Early registration is from March 15th until May 15th and is \$135 for the week. ❖

We Want You on the *ManaTeam* at MOEC

by Patricia Parker, MOEC Volunteer Program Coordinator

Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.
—H. Jackson Brown Jr.

The above quote is truer with our *ManaTeam* volunteers than anywhere I have ever visited. They are one of the reasons the **Manatee Observation and Education Center** was named *Best Tourist Attraction 2019* on the Treasure Coast by *Indian River* magazine. They are passionate about the work they do at the **Manatee Center** and it shows. We truly appreciate all of our volunteers and look forward to this spring and summer with much excitement as we work toward exhibit upgrades and enhancements.

Recently, a new volunteer told me that one of the reasons she applied to volunteer was that she heard how well we treat our volunteers. We like to think so too! Showing appreciation to our volunteers is personally one of my favorite things to do, especially hosting our special appreciation events. In April, we host our annual evening *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*, where our many volunteers are recognized for the number of hours served. (Check out the butterfly wall at the Center to see those volunteers honored for 1,000 hours of service.) We celebrate our summertime volunteers with a *Summer Shindig Cookout*, and each year we have our annual holiday party in December at **Archie's Seabreeze**. Each volunteer is recognized on their birthday, and we started a *Volunteer of the Month* program last December where, so far, four very deserving volunteers have been selected. They are Judy Cardone, Vince Zalenski, Sandy Egan and Sylvia Hoodless. We honored Judy at our annual holiday party in December. Vince was honored at Fort Pierce's monthly *Coffee with the Mayor* in January, where he was also honored as the Mayor's volunteer of the month! Sandy and Sylvia were honored at our volunteer meet-and-greet in March.

So, now that I have given you a lot of great reasons to volunteer at MOEC, besides our main mission which is *to promote responsible actions for the protection of the Treasure Coast's fragile ecosystems and their inhabitants*, let me tell you about some of the specific positions that are available.

Roving Naturalist (RV) volunteers play a big role in the guest experience at the **Manatee Center**. They have the job of walking our observation deck and spotting manatees and other wildlife in Moore's Creek. You never see the Center empty as fast as when an RV comes in and says they spotted a manatee.

Discovery Guide (DG) volunteers are the people that guide you through our exhibits. Our DGs have knowledge of our tide pool touch tank, seahorses, the predator and community tanks, our living coral reef tank, Diego, the red rat snake, and our striped mud turtle exhibit. We give our volunteers the training they need to learn all about the exhibits; previous knowledge not required.

Gift shop associate volunteers are sales assistants, cashiers and stock assistants in the **Vanishing Mermaid Gift Shop**, where all proceeds support the **Manatee Center**.

Education Assistants (EAs) play an important role as they are responsible for the education of the many groups of children and adults who visit our Center on special field trips and also go out to schools to present our programs off site. EAs work closely with the Education Coordinator and may help plan the activities and even write curriculum.

Office Assistants (OAs) are integral to the running of the **Manatee Center**. With only four full time paid staff, OAs work behind the scenes in the office to help keep things running smoothly. There is data entry, research, filing, organizing and a very special job of gift shop stock assistant.

As you can see, we have many, many opportunities for you to join MOEC, and we would love to have you! For teens age 14 and older, this is an excellent opportunity to earn your needed community service hours for graduation and learn valuable job skills. We're also always in need of lots of new volunteers for the summer as we lose our devoted snowbirds. Our adult volunteers range in age from 18 to 97 and come from all walks of life. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 772-466-1600 x3334 or go to our website and click the link to send in an interest form, at www.ManateeEducationCenter.org. ❖



The Manatee Center April Events

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Downtown Fort Pierce Farmer's Market: Swinging Spring at the Market

by Brenda Gibbons

As spring rolls into summer, the **Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers' Market** is in full swing. Chamber of commerce weather is the perfect setting at Fort Pierce Marina Square for patrons coming from far and wide to enjoy this fabulous venue. Winter residents (affectionately known as "snow birds") bask in the sunshine they've come to Fort Pierce for and vacationers delight in making plans to return to our paradise again. Our year-round residents smugly observe this newfound realization that they already knew.

Several of our loyal vendors call Fort Pierce or Saint Lucie County their home. Some are long-time, even lifelong, residents. Others followed the market trail and ended up settling here. The **Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers' Market** proudly recruits local farmers and producers. Often, we have more applicants than can be accommodated due to overbalance in numbers of the same type of vendors or products. There never seems to be enough locally grown produce; therefore, that category is open. However, many other categories are closed at this time; for example, prepared foods and bath and body products are both full and therefore no applications are being accepted for these categories at this time.

Recent new vendor is **Anytime Seafood**. Maury Peters buys Atlantic wild shrimp directly from the boats where they're flash-frozen as caught off the east coast from the Carolinas to Canaveral. Try pinks or white — either is delicious!

No market is complete without an olive oil vendor. There's nothing like artisanal olive oil drizzled over a dish or deliciously complimenting a crusty loaf of bread. **Carmine and Lucia's** offers many varieties of olive oils and balsamic vinegars to satisfy any recipe.



Party Flowers fills a delightful niche at the **Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers' Market**. Who can resist a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers? Preselected stems ready to go make it simple, or custom selected for specific theme or color complete any décor. From casual to tropical, formal or whimsical, customers can

choose from a huge display of gorgeous flowers.

Costa Azul, local authentic Mexican restaurant, prepares huge pans of fabulous paella right at the Market.

Angelo and Rosie have developed their signature paella for the **Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers' Market**. Currently, Valencian style is on the menu; containing shrimp, mussels, and sausage along with tenderly sautéed vegetables, it is lovingly cooked to perfection and served to enjoy on the spot or taken

home for later.

Of course, for the purists who prepare their own versions of classic recipes, the **Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers' Market** has something for everyone. Fresh, locally grown produce, certified organic produce, artisanal breads, meats, poultry, eggs, seafood, even herbs and spices help the demanding chefs out there to complete a scrumptious menu.

Check out the **Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers' Market** at Marina Square on the waterfront every Saturday from 8 until 12. *It's a Saturday morning tradition!* Don't forget to follow us on facebook and instagram. For more, go to www.fortpiercefarmersmarket.com. ❖

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Yet there is still so much more to be done! We need you to be involved in our continued planning for the area. Become a member and support Main Street financially. We rely on the participation and the voluntary annual dues from our members to accomplish our goals and complete our projects.

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Love, JAZZ Community: Grind Hard and Play Hard

by Don Bestor

Comedian Kevin Hart offers a piece of advice to anyone who wants to be a star. "Everybody wants to be famous, but nobody wants to do the work. I live by that. You grind hard so you can play hard. At the end of the day, you put all the work in, and eventually it'll pay off. It could be in a year, it could be in 30 years. Eventually, your hard work will pay off." For young musicians on the Treasure Coast, the hard grind is just beginning, and the dream of success is a fire beginning to burn brightly from within.



Jazz member Sondra Burke shares the stage with recipient Michael Campion, who is presented with a scholarship from donors Dr. Ralph and Gloria Dendler.

The professional musicians from *Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society* know that fire. They remember the hard work, time, energy, and luck it takes to make it as a professional musician. That's why they work hard all year long to raise funds to provide scholarships to young, talented musicians in St. Lucie County. But it's about much more than just handing an aspiring musician a check and sending her off on her merry way, so these pros help to educate students and give them a chance to learn the skills of performance and good musicianship first hand — on-stage.

All through the month of May, young, talented musicians from throughout St. Lucie, Indian River, and Martin counties clamber onto the stage at the **Sunrise Black Box Theatre** and play with the pros as part of an audition that could truly change the course of their lives.

Potential scholarship recipients not only apply for the scholarship, they also audition for the scholarship in front of a live audience, and they do so while performing with some of the most seasoned professional musicians the country has ever heard. Sure, it's nerve-racking just performing in front of an audience, but when you add the opportunity

to perform with some of the world's best musicians and compete for a scholarship that could change the course of your life — well, it's breathtaking, exciting, and pretty incredible for the student and the audience which gets to come along for the wild ride.

On Tuesday, May 21st, the **Sunrise Black Box** will be buzzing with the usual suspects — the professional musicians who bring great music

to the room every single week. But there will be an extra frisson of electricity and excitement in the room as the students who have been selected to receive scholarships are called to the stage to receive their accolades and perform with the professionals.

In addition to a \$1,000 scholarship to help fund their college education in the field of music, recipients are also given a free membership to the most exclusive club in town — the *Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society*. Whenever they're home on break, they're invited to join the pros onstage to share what they're learning and gain even more skill and experience. It's exciting, heartwarming, and inspiring, and you're invited to share in the festivities on Tuesday, May 21st, beginning at 7 p.m. at the **Sunrise Black Box Theatre**.

Scholarships are funded by the weekly jazz jams, the *Jazz Market* held every Saturday morning in collaboration with the **Fort Pierce Farmer's Market**, and donations from generous individuals, businesses, and families throughout the Treasure Coast. If you'd like to know more about sponsoring a scholarship for your family or in memory of a music lover you miss, feel free to contact us at 772.460.JAZZ (5299), or visit us online at www.jazzsociety.org. ❖

Small Business Solutions: Eight Popular Social Media Channels with Small Businesses

by Anita Campbell, Guest Blogger



There are more than 3 billion people around the world using social media monthly, according to 2018 research from We Are Social and Hootsuite. So if you're not leveraging this massive audience for your business, you could be missing out on huge growth opportunities.

There are hundreds of platforms you can use for your own digital marketing strategy, from giants like Facebook to niche sites like BizSugar and Growth Hackers. Every business needs to carefully consider their own strengths, communication style, and target audience to choose their best possible combination. But there's a good chance you'll want to include at least one or two of the most popular social media channels in your strategy. Here are eight options for businesses to consider, in no particular order.

LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a social network that's made specifically for businesses and professionals. As such, it's going to be especially helpful for B2B businesses and those who want to become thought leaders in a particular industry. You can set up a personal profile and/or a company page. And you can also share content and publish articles directly on the platform, allowing it to serve as a sort of blog for your brand.

Twitter

Twitter is an important channel for networking with customers, suppliers and partners, and for establishing thought leadership in your industry. Relevant tweets may also appear at the top of search results, increasing your potential for organic reach.

As social media influencer Neal Schaffer shared on Everyone Social, Twitter can be an especially powerful tool for building an audience because of its reciprocity and engagement features. You have the ability to follow people in your community or industry, start conversations with nearly anyone, and even participate in Twitter chats.

Facebook

Facebook has more than 2 billion monthly active users, making it by far the most popular social media channel. In addition

to the number of users, Pew Research also found that Facebook users are more likely than users of other social networks to log in daily. It's especially useful for consumer-facing businesses, but can also work for B2B. And the platform offers a variety of targeted and cost-effective advertising options to help you reach your ideal audience.

Pinterest

Pinterest is a social media platform that lets users bookmark (pin) image based content. It's especially relevant for brands with strong visuals, including designers, bloggers, photographers and ecommerce businesses. There's even a buyable pins option that shows the price and other relevant information of specific products so users can essentially shop directly on Pinterest. It can also be useful for B2B companies that create infographics or share other relevant visuals in their content.

Instagram

Instagram is a mobile platform for sharing photographs and videos. It's an option for consumer-facing businesses that create striking images, like fashion designers, interior decorators and handmade makers. It's also especially popular with teens and young adults, showing the largest growth of any social media channel in that demographic (aside from Snapchat) last year, according to Forrester Research. So brands that target young people should strongly consider creating an Instagram account. Finally, the platform recently added Stories and livestreaming features for brands that want to showcase "behind the scenes" type content.

Snapchat

Snapchat is a mobile app that allows users to send photos, videos and other media to friends or to broadcast it to their network. There's also a map feature that offers unique opportunities for local businesses to create buzz. It has more than 186 million users worldwide and is mostly popular with young mobile users. Though it isn't growing quite to the degree that it has in recent years, it should still be on the radar of businesses that target millennials or Gen Z.

YouTube

YouTube is the largest video platform on the planet. The platform has more than 1.8 billion active monthly users. And you can also embed videos to your website or other forms of

content. According to Think with Google, the most popular types of videos on YouTube include comedy, music, pop culture and "how to" videos. So if you can teach something useful or create funny or entertaining video content, YouTube could serve as a useful part of your strategy.

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Slideshare allows users to upload and share presentations and documents. It's owned by LinkedIn, so it's easy to connect your account or share presentations with your audience there.

Anita Campbell, Guest Blogger. My name is Anita Campbell. I run online communities and information websites reaching over 6 million small business owners, stakeholders and entrepreneurs annually, including Small Business Trends, a daily publication about small business issues, and BizSugar.com, a small business social media site. ❖

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by Michael Lewis, Mike's Downtown Computer Repair



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to them wanting to help set up your washing machine's WiFi. *Do not* fall for any of these scam calls. When you need to contact a company for support you should find their number directly from their website — do not do a Google search, as 3rd party software companies flood Google with fake ads. If you are having issues while under warranty, the best thing to do is call the manufacturer of your computer directly. If you are out of warranty call a reputable computer shop. *Good luck and safe computing!*

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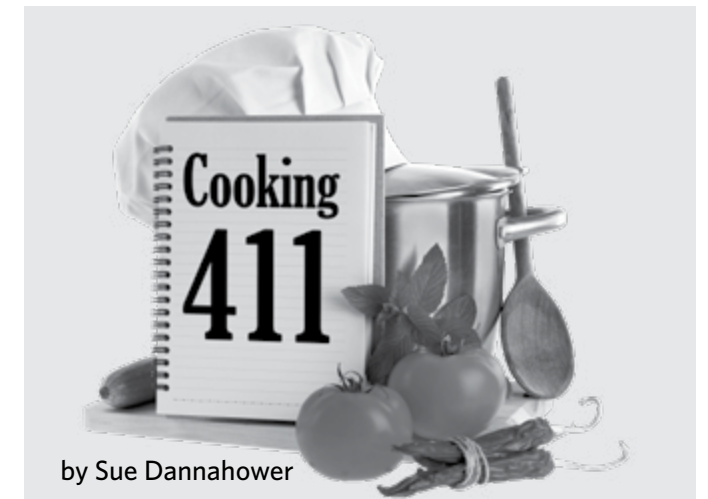
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by Sue Dannahower

Which type of oil should I use for cooking?

The healthiest oils are those that are high in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, such as vegetable oil and olive oil. These types of fats can help lower your risk of heart disease when used instead of saturated and trans fats. When it comes to cooking, however, not all oils are created equal. Some oils can handle the heat, and some can't.

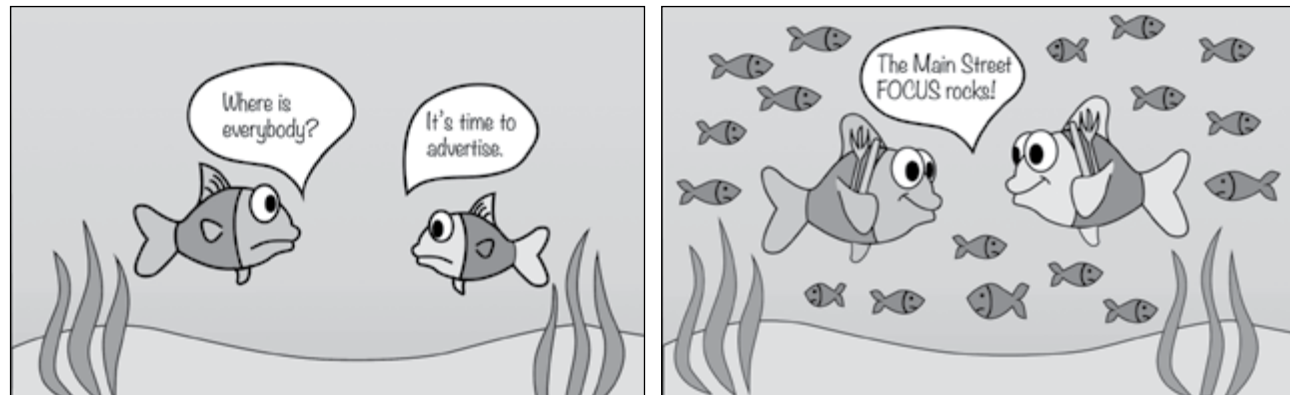
An oil's smoke point is the temperature at which it will start to smoke and break down. When cooking oil starts to smoke, it can lose some of its nutritional value and can give food an unpleasant taste.

Oils with high smoke points are good for high-heat frying and stir-frying. These include: avocado, corn, canola, grapeseed, peanut, sesame, soybean and sunflower.

Oils with low smoke points, such as flaxseed, pumpkin seed and walnut, are best saved for use in salad dressings and dips. Some oils, including avocado, grapeseed, olive and sesame, are versatile enough to be used for frying or in salad dressings.



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Fishing Report for May 2019: Summer Recreation

by Captain Bo Samuel, Pullin Drag Charters

The milder temperatures in the month of May bring more bait in the river and the bigger fish will follow. This generally is a very productive time to fish the grass flats and oyster beds for redfish and trout. The spotted sea trout, or speckled trout, is one of the most abundant fish in our waters and tasty on the table. Redfish, also known as red drum, will give some good action due to their strength and stamina. Using a popping cork or jighead with live shrimp should give some good results. Redfish slot is 18" to 27" and limit is one per angler, per day.

Snook are still a great target fish this month, especially incoming and outgoing tides in the inlet and around the jetties. Pilchards and pinfish are perfect choices to tempt these linesiders and hopefully land a slot fish. Offshore, the bite is still going strong for kingfish and mahi mahi and some cobia, too. Look for these great fighting fish along weed lines and floating debris.

With school out soon, remember a day on the water catching fish will make some first-rate summer memories. Check your local bait and tackle shops for more information on rules and regulations. Summer's almost here and it's time to get Pullin Drag!



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Recipe Corner by Sue Dannahower

Fresh Ways with Strawberries

Aldi's is where I purchase Sea Scallops and Ahi Tuna. You can find both in the frozen food section.

Seared Scallops with Lemon-Butter Sauce & Pancetta Bread Crumbs

Make sauce and garnish first; then sear the scallops. This recipe comes together in less than 10 minutes.

Lemon-Butter Sauce

- ½ cup butter (1 stick)
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons onion, chopped
- ½ teaspoon crushed jalapeno
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon cumin

Sauté butter, garlic, onion and jalapeno for five minutes. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and cumin.

Garnish

- ½ cup homemade breadcrumbs, toasted
- 4-6 ounces pancetta, thinly sliced and fried crisp

Scallops

- 1 bag (12 ounces) Sea Scallops
- ¼ cup Vegetable Oil
- Season with Emeril's Essence or Blacken Seasoning



Heat oil in a grill pan over high heat. Once the oil is very hot, lay the scallops in gently. Cook 1½ to 2 minutes per side. Use tongs to flip the scallop over. Ladle 1 tablespoon of the butter sauce and sprinkle on the bread crumbs and pancetta. Serve immediately.



Asian-Inspired Seared Ahi Tuna

This makes for an impressive appetizer. It comes together in five minutes.

- 2 Ahi Tuna steaks, patted dry
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- ½ cup vegetable oil

Garnish

Soy Sauce, Wasabi, Pickled Ginger

Heat oil in a grill pan over high heat. Add tuna to the pan. Cook just until the underside turns brown, about 30 seconds. Turn over and do the same to the other side. Set aside for 10 minutes. Serve with soy sauce, wasabi and pickled ginger.



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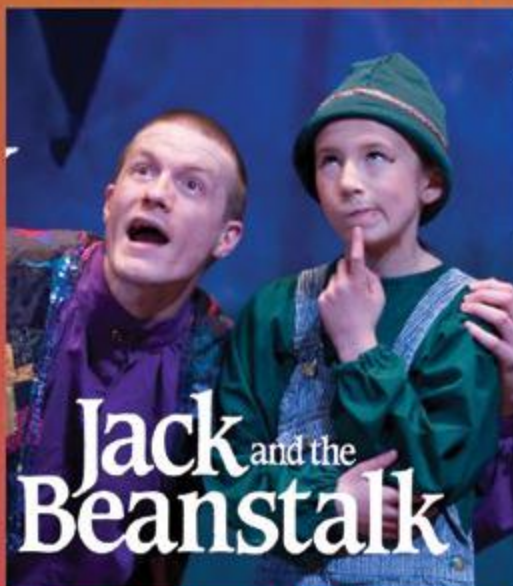
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