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### Main Street Minute

For a nonprofit organization that is built around public events, this past year has brought unpredicted obstacles and challenges. Of course we were not alone, as the entire world has had to adjust and learn how to survive both physically and fiscally through a global pandemic.

The last *Friday Fest* we were able to hold was on March 6, 2020. Little did we know that less than two weeks later the entire world would essentially shut down. One of *Main Street Fort Pierce's* largest public events, the *Sandy Shoes Seafood & Brew Festival*, was the first event that had to be canceled, and many more followed. Toward the end of 2020, the *Main Street* board and committees were able to reconfigure a few of the monthly and annual events to make them safe for attendees by either holding them virtually or by strictly adhering to CDC guidelines. These adjustments helped bring in funding during this critical time.

As the vaccinations became available to the most vulnerable of our population in January, hope started to emerge as more and more people were vaccinated. This month, *Main Street*

*Fort Pierce* begins its 33rd year in this community and we are excited to announce the return of *Friday Fest* on May 7th. We also invite our volunteers, supporters, members and the public to join us at our office, **The Platts/Backus** House located at 122 A.E. Backus Avenue, for our annual meeting on May 5th (see stories in this edition about Annual Meeting and *Friday Fest*). Masks are encouraged at all *Main Street* events.

An important celebration is taking place in May – the *100th Anniversary of the Fort Pierce Inlet*. Check out the back cover for all the planned activities and the story inside this issue about the inlet's history and its importance to this area.

May is also the month to celebrate mothers and motherhood. Some of the best gifts for moms can be found in downtown. Spa services, hair care, auto maintenance, personal gifts, a unique piece of art and/or a great meal with family are great ideas for the women in your life. These can all be found within a few blocks in downtown Fort Pierce.

So, as you can see, there is a lot going on this month in downtown Fort Pierce. *Make sure you mark your calendars!* ❖



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# Calendar

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



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**MONTHLY EVENTS**

**May 5, Wednesday: MAIN STREET FORT PIERCE ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION** — 5 to 7:00 p.m. at the Platts/Backus House, 122 AE Backus Ave.; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; [mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://mainstreetfortpierce.org).

**May 7, Friday: FRIDAY FEST RETURNS TO MARINA SQUARE** — 5 to 8:30 p.m.; **Please remove all vehicles from the permitted Friday Fest road closure area (Marina Way & Melody Lane) by 2:00 p.m.;** Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; [mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://mainstreetfortpierce.org).

**May 15, Saturday: INLET CELEBRATION GOLF TOURNAMENT** — 8:30 a.m. at the Gator Trace Golf & Country Club; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; [mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://mainstreetfortpierce.org).

**May 21, Friday: COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR** — 8:00 a.m. at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club, 700 N. Indian River Dr.; *Sponsor – 500 ORANGE WEDDING & EVENT CENTER*; Main Street Fort Pierce, 466-3880; [mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://mainstreetfortpierce.org).

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**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, [jazzsociety.org](http://jazzsociety.org).

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- MAY 31: MEMORIAL DAY

## Fort Pierce Inlet 100th Anniversary Celebration Plein Air Sponsored by the Abernethy Law Group

The City of Fort Pierce celebrates the history and anniversary of the Fort Pierce Inlet, completed in 1921, which paved way for the Port of Fort Pierce and one of the safest and most beautiful inlets on the east coast of Florida. The City of Fort Pierce will honor the history and beauty of the Fort Pierce inlet throughout the remainder of the year in various ways.

On Saturday, May 15, artists from around the Treasure Coast will convene to paint at both the North and South Inlets. Painting begins at 8:00 a.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. Artwork from the *Plein Air Paint Out* will be on display and for sale during *Art Walk* on May 21st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The *Plein Air Paint Out* is sponsored by the **Abernethy Law Group**. The Group specialize in Estate Planning, Business Law and Tax Law. They have been serving St. Lucie, Indian River and Martin County since 1993.

“Plein Air,” a French phrase, simply translated means “open air. The roots of plein air painting are found in 19th-century Europe. A true plein air painting is done on location, capturing the atmosphere of the moment. Most of the painting must be completed on site with little to no work to be done in the studio. ❖



## Main Street Fort Pierce Welcomes Volunteers & Public to Annual Meeting

Main Street Fort Pierce would like to cordially invite the public to join us at the 2021–2022 *Annual Board Meeting & Celebration*. We will kick off our 33rd year of making a difference in the community on Wednesday, May

5, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the **Platts/Backus House**.

The Annual Celebration will have live entertainment from the *Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society*, beverage tastings from **Pierced Ciderworks** and **Sailfish Brewing Company**, plus sweet treats.

As a non-profit, *Main Street Fort Pierce* relies on the support we receive through grants, sponsorships, events, and our members. It's only with this support that we've helped restore, rejuvenate, and rebuild our beautiful historic downtown. The *Annual Board Meeting & Celebration* is a time to recognize and thank our community as well as share our plans for the coming year.

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# 100 YEARS – A Look Back at the Creation of the Fort Pierce Inlet and its Importance to Downtown Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County

by Joanne Blandford

The City of Fort Pierce owes its existence to what was once a small natural inlet a few miles north of downtown. In the 1800s, it was known as the Indian River Inlet and was mentioned in several northern newspapers at various times. This was the inlet that Lt. Col. Benjamin Pierce and his men sailed through on the chilly winter evening in 1837 looking for the ideal location for a fort during the 2nd Seminole Indian War. It was this inlet where a payroll of gold coins to the men stationed at Fort Capron was lost during a storm. It was also across from this inlet where one of the first communities of the area, St. Lucie Village, was established. In the early 1900s, the Indian River Inlet began to fill and open repeatedly after major storms which threatened the livelihood and transportation options of the surrounding communities. In order to ensure the commercial stability of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County, the decision to create a larger, more permanent route to the sea was formed.

The Indian River was the lifeblood for the Ais Indians and other early inhabitants of this area. This trend continued when European settlers arrived, followed by the first American families that began to trickle down after Florida became a state in 1845. When the Inlet began to close for longer and longer periods of time, the salinity of the Indian River would decrease and the sea life that inhabited its waters also fell which posed a threat to the future of commercial and recreational fishing.

*This brings the total fish shipments from Fort Pierce since September 1, up to approximately 1,011,000 pounds, equivalent of 5,055 barrels, or nearly 40 1-2 carloads.*

*At the low figure of one cent a pound this would amount to over \$10,000.*

*These figures, say fishermen, indicate what immense proportions the fishing business of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County could be expected to assume with the opening of inlets from the Atlantic Ocean into Indian River. In that case they claim it would be entirely reasonable to expect that the industry would regain its enormous proportions that prevailed before the closing up of the Indian River Inlet. ("Million Pounds Shipped Since Sept. 1; 65,000 lbs. One Week" The Miami News. Saturday, November 20, 1915, p. 3)*

Transportation, supply routes and tourism were also in jeopardy. The City of Fort Pierce was incorporated in 1901. At the time, it was one of the largest and most established communities in South Florida and was becoming a winter destination for northern tourists. Its main commercial district was located between the Indian River and the newly installed FEC railroad tracks. Along with fishing, agriculture was a major industry of the area and citrus was on its way to become the chief export to be shipped worldwide. A direct route to and from the sea would expedite shipping and provide more opportunities to local businesses.

It was approximately 100 business owners that joined together to form the Fort Pierce Inlet Association.

*The Fort Pierce Inlet Association was formed, 100 business men banded themselves together, and have paid all expenses up to date, cleared away all the preliminary work, formulated plans, made test and soundings and gathered engineering data.*



*When this was all complete, the matter was presented to the recent extra session of the legislature by Hon. R. Whyte representative from the district. ("Fort Pierce To Open Indian River Inlet" The Tampa Tribune. Wednesday, February, 26, 1919, p.4)*

An act passed by the Florida Legislature allowed for the creation of the Fort Pierce Inlet District. Once the board of commissioners was elected, bonds were issued and \$80,000 was raised to bring the inlet idea to fruition. On the day the plans were finalized, the local residents and businesses celebrated in the streets.

*There is great jubilation in this city tonight, all the whistles, honking horns and other noise making implements are working full capacity. Tomorrow a big ratification and jollification meeting, a free fish fry and oyster roast, will be held in celebration of the inlet which is now assured. ("Fort Pierce To Open Indian River Inlet" The Tampa Tribune. Wednesday, February, 26, 1919, p.4)*

The work began later in 1919 beginning with the placement of the South Jetty and then followed by the longer North Jetty. After the jetties were in place the dredging of the land between the Indian River and the Atlantic Ocean began. Newspaper articles began to hint at the inlet's nearing completion in March 1921. The official date the two bodies of water met was on Sunday May 8, 1921.

*The opening of the inlet is expected to give Indian River a tide of at least several inches. Heretofore there has been practically no tide nor current in the river, it being merely a calm arm of the sea. Big drainage canals have poured in millions of gallons of soft water, with the result that the fish and oyster industries have suffered to an almost fatal extent the last few years. Opening of the inlet, however, is expected to remedy these conditions, in addition to providing ingress and egress for fish and boats. ("Opening of Ocean Inlet to be Gala Occasion" The Miami Herald. Monday, May 9, 1921, p.2)*

The celebration that was held the following Thursday, May

12th was filled with activities. The event was kicked off with a parachute drop by wing walker and arial stuntwoman, Madeline Davis (my great aunt). Other events included the boat ferries to inspect the new inlet; a band concert; barbecue dinner served by the Woman's Club of Fort Pierce; a fried fish meal for 20 cents; baseball game between West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce; and the evening ended with another concert and a street dance.

The effects of the new inlet were almost immediate. The salinity of the Indian River rose once again and sea life that thrived in brackish water was reintroduced to the River. Deep sea commercial fishing was able to resume and the water quality surrounding downtown Fort Pierce and other communities was greatly improved.

*That the inlet recently opened opposite Ft. Pierce is having a marked effect on Indian River is very evident in a greater depth of water, more regular tides, greater saltiness and an improvement in cleanliness along the riverfront. ("Depth of River is Increased by Inlet" The Miami Herald. Tuesday, Jun 14, 1921, p.2)*

In the century that followed the opening of the Fort Pierce Inlet, residents and visitors alike have enjoyed and benefited from the easy access to the ocean and the flow of seawater through the Indian River Estuary. Soon after the opening of the inlet, the **Sunrise Theatre**, **Raulerson Building**, **Historic City Hall**, the **Butterfield Building** and the **Arcade Building** were built. The *Florida Land Boom* had begun, and the addition of the inlet allowed Fort Pierce to compete with other Florida cities in attracting tourists and future residents.

A committee was formed (led by Main Street board member, Charlie Hayak) to mark the 100th anniversary of this achievement. There are several events planned throughout the month of May listed in this edition and for more information, check out the Facebook page — *Love The Inlet: The 100 Year Anniversary Celebration*. ❖



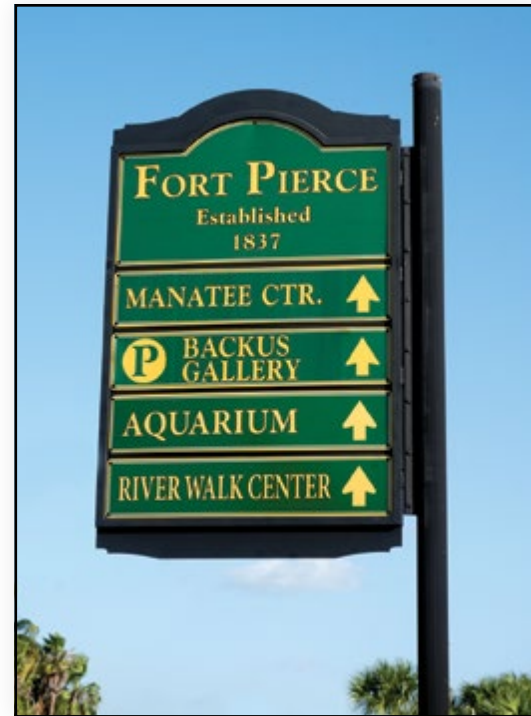
# Play Downtown Bingo to Celebrate the Fort Pierce Inlet's 100th Anniversary

On Saturday, May 15th starting at 10:00 a.m., several participating downtown businesses will host a fun activity as part of the 100th Anniversary of the inlet. Bingo cards will be available at the **Fort Pierce City Marina** for \$5 each. Participating businesses throughout downtown will offer historic questions (answers can be found in this month's *Focus*). As bingo participants collect answers and fill up their bingo cards, they become eligible to enter the **Downtown Beach Basket** drawing worth over \$150 and/or get a *Cover All* and be entered to win a *Taste of Downtown* valued over \$200.

Bring your winning cards to **Notions & Potions** by 4:00 p.m. and receive your raffle tickets. Bingo is great for all ages, however, you must be 18 or older to be entered to win.

Participating locations include: **Notions & Potions; Whirled, Inc. Gallery; 2nd Street Art; Florida Hemp Collective; Chic & Shore Things; Taco Dive; Beach Bowls; Varsity Sports Shop; Old Florida Coffee Shop; Glass Culture; Fort Pierce City Marina;** and others.

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**MAY 15**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Main Street Fort Pierce** extends a grand invite to all golfers to join them at **Gator Trace Golf & Country Club** on May 15, 2021. Participants can enjoy a round of golf while helping fund the programs and events of **Main Street Fort Pierce**. **Main Street's Fort Pierce Inlet Celebration Golf Tournament** starts with registration at 7:30 a.m. and a continental breakfast and a beverage of your choice. The golfing begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. *The cost is \$100 per player or \$350 per team.*

Your entry fee will include the continental breakfast, a round of golf, lunch, and a goody bag. **Main Street** will have a putting contest and for a small donation you will get three chances to putt your ball through a special layout for a great prize. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and tee signs will be set up around the course. Advertise your business by becoming a tee sponsor.

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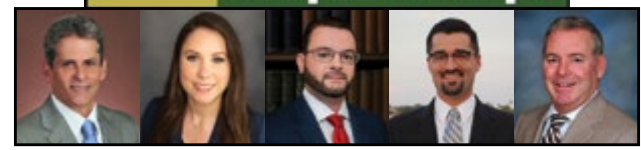
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# Mayor's Message Fort Pierce Inlet Celebrates 100 Years

by Linda Hudson, Mayor, City of Fort Pierce



Deemed one of the safest inlets on Florida's Atlantic Coast, the **100th Anniversary of the Fort Pierce Inlet** will be celebrated throughout May 2021.

The natural inlet, located near Pepper Park on North Hutchinson Island, closed in 1910 and boaters had to haul their vessels and supplies over land between ocean and river. In 1919, the leaders in our city created the Fort Pierce Inlet District to dig a new inlet. Several bond issues were passed, land was purchased, and the work began, just south of the old natural inlet. Initial dredging began in 1920, while the installation of jetties followed soon after.

On May 8, 1921, at high tide, water broke through from ocean to river, and the inlet was created. On May 10, the local *News Tribune*, reported: "THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND INDIAN RIVER ARE MARRIED. The wedding ceremony took place Sunday evening about 8 o'clock when the high tide washed through the small remaining barrier of sand and swept dredge, barge, boats and all before it, cleaning out the sandy beach and practically finishing the inlet." Later in the decade, Edwin Binney, who created Crayola, along with his cousin, Harold Smith, helped fund the creation of what today is known as the Port of Fort Pierce. St. Lucie County, acting as the Port Authority,

recently chose **Derecktor** to operate the mega yacht facility at the Port of Fort Pierce.

Since then, the inlet has been the pride and joy of our city and St. Lucie County. Under its new name, the *Fort Pierce Inlet*, commercial shipping began and commercial fishing as well as recreational fishing thrived once again. During World War II, the U.S. Navy established the *Amphibious Training Base* on North and South Hutchinson Islands, training for Naval Underwater Demolition and for Operation Overlord on the beaches of Normandy, D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Formerly the Revenue Cutter Service following the American Revolution, then the Life Saving Service, and finally after merging with the U.S. Lighthouse Service, the United States Coast Guard was established with that name in 1915. The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 8 is now housed in the old Coast Guard Station, built in 1943. Treasure from the Spanish fleet that sank off our coast in 1715 has been recovered in and around the Fort Pierce Inlet, and much remains at the bottom of the shifting ocean sands.



Visit <https://www.welovetheinlet.com/> for more information. Follow the Inlet Celebration on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Love-The-Inlet-The-100-Year-Anniversary-Celebration-Main-Page-100990938750321>. ❖



## Coming Into Focus: *Through the Eye of the Camera* Juried Photography Exhibition

The **Backus Museum** announces one of the most anticipated presentations of the season, *Through the Eye of the Camera*, which will open on Friday, May 7 and will be on view through Friday, June 18, 2021, with accepted artists and award winners announced online by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6. In lieu of an opening reception in the era of the coronavirus, the Museum will extend its hours to members and the general public during the opening weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9 to 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A long-standing tradition, the Museum's popular annual juried photography exhibition returns this spring with new opportunities to recognize and celebrate the finest artistry in the photographic medium. The show is always open to amateur and professional artists alike and the Museum has always encouraged everyone to enter this time-honored and favorite competition. In a typical year, the Museum can receive over 300 entries from as many as 115 artists. The competition is fierce every year and cash prizes and special gifts from our sponsors are awarded for the most compelling pieces in each category as selected by the judges.

There are new categories for the 2021 show. Photographers entered their work in one of four areas: Animal subjects; Flora & Landscape subjects; People/Portrait subjects; or Open, for subjects that are not included in the three major categories. In addition to *Best of Show*, *Director's Choice*, *People's Choice*, and *1st / 2nd / 3rd* in the category awards, there are new *Best Black & White Photograph* and *Best Film / Traditional RAW Photograph* awards.

Last year in the midst of the pandemic shutdown, this annual competition pivoted to become a social media campaign, with photographers invited to share their images with the world. This year, the Museum and photographers alike are eager to return to the galleries, to foster and celebrate the sense of community the arts create for all.



Whether you have a strong interest and love of photography or are just looking for something special to do, you won't want to miss this well-regarded yearly exhibition. During the run of the exhibition through June 18, visitors are invited to share their personal vote for their favorite photo on display. The results will be tallied for the annual *People's Choice Award* given at the close of the exhibition.

All dates and programming subject to change; please check the website for any updates or cancellations.

Please note that at press time we are unable to plan for traditional exhibition opening

receptions due to mass gathering limitations during the coronavirus public health crisis. Please watch for announcements for alternatives or for when we are able to schedule future receptions.

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# Friday Fest is Back!

by Joanne Blandford

Many things have changed in downtown Fort Pierce over the past 30 years; however, one thing that remained consistent, up until Covid-19, were the annual and monthly events that *Main Street Fort Pierce* (MSFP) planned for the public, specifically — *Friday Fest*. After a year on hiatus, MSFP is excited to announce that *Friday Fest* will return on May 7th with a updated layout and new additions along with the traditional vendors and live band format. Throughout the years, *Friday Fest* played an important role in bringing the public to historic downtown Fort Pierce and in uniting the community in times of celebration and sorrow.

The shopping mall trends of the 1970s and 1980s drew people and businesses away from historic downtowns nationwide, and sadly after decades of being the commercial center of the area, downtown Fort Pierce became a victim of this circumstance. The *National Trust for Historic Preservation* created the *Main Street Program* to rejuvenate investment into traditional small downtowns and downtown districts in large cities. Fort Pierce became a designated *Main Street* city in 1988. Its newly formed board of directors consisted of a group of dedicated downtown supporters with Tom Kindred, Jr. as its full-time director. Its first objective was to create a promotion that would bring people to downtown on a regular basis. What started with a small group that gathered after work around a keg of beer, grew to a street festival that drew thousands each month. After Doris Tillman was hired as MSFP's director in 1991, *Friday Fest* was moved in front of the *Sunrise Theatre*, which MSFP later restored. After outgrowing its location on 2nd Street, *Friday Fest* was moved again to Melody Lane in the early 2000s.

Until Covid-19, *Friday Fest* was the longest running monthly street festival in the area and possibly in the state. It

became a model for other *Main Street* programs as a successful event that could be duplicated in their downtowns. Local businesses, nonprofits and government agencies set up informational booths and performed demonstrations for the crowds. In the fall, turkey calling contests took the main stage; free cake was served every February leading up to the City's Centennial Celebration in 2001; and local music and dance groups would showcase their programs. *Friday Fest* created a venue to celebrate local traditions. It also became a space to mourn as a community. The decision to hold *Friday Fest* in October 2001 after 9/11 was questionable, until it was clear that people wanted to be with each other during that time. It became a healing event for the local area as was the *Friday Fest* following the hurricanes that hit the Treasure Coast area in 2004. *Friday Fest* had become a local institution where friends and families met each month to catch up and collectively celebrate and mourn life's events.

As the crowds grew and the years passed, other reinvestment initiatives began and private and public investment in downtown Fort Pierce led to once vacant storefronts being filled with new restaurants and retail shops. Today with multiple unique restaurants and entertainment venues, *Friday Fest* is no longer the only game in town in downtown Fort Pierce. While some organizations may be threatened by competition, MSFP welcomes it because it means *Friday Fest* has accomplished its mission — to bring people and businesses back into historic downtown Fort Pierce.

As *Friday Fest* enters its 33rd year, the new annual sponsor, **Rosenthal, Levy, Simon & Sosa Attorneys at Law**, has allowed MSFP to bring this event back with an exciting new layout and updates. To allow more space for attendees to relax



and play games, the Marina Square waterfront will be cleared as a *Family Fun Area* sponsored by **Crabby's Dockside**. Fairy hair, face painting and balloon animal vendors will be in this area as well. **Cobb's Landing** and **Little Jim's** restaurants will be sponsoring the live music for *Friday Fest* with the band, **Spearfish**, performing in May. Arts & craft vendors will line Marina Square (Avenue A) leading into the food vendor section along Melody Lane. **Southern Eagle Distributing**, a longtime sponsor of *Friday Fest*, will have several sections of draft and craft beer.

*Friday Fest* is one of the planned events to celebrate the **Fort Pierce Inlet's 100th Anniversary** (check back cover for list of events). As such, the **Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society** will be playing music throughout the evening at the old Fort Pierce band stand across from **Cobb's Landing** at the roundabout. The *St. Lucie County Historical Society* will also open its historic photos exhibit on the 2nd Floor of the **P.P. Cobb** building. This is a great opportunity to view a glimpse into Fort Pierce's past.

*Friday Fest* would not be possible without its sponsors. MSFP would like to thank the following organizations for their support: the law firm of **Rosenthal, Levy, Simon & Sosa**; **Southern Eagle Distributing**; the *City of Fort Pierce*; **Fort Pierce Utilities Authority**; **Cobb's Landing** and **Little Jim's** restaurants; **Crabby's Dockside** restaurant; and **Living Waters Wellness – Dr. Brett Schoch**.

*Friday Fest* makes its 2021 debut on Friday, May 7th from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Marina Way and Melody Lane. Patrons are asked to practice social distancing and are encouraged to wear masks.

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Join Us at Friday Fest on May 7th with Spearfish





## Join a Guided Kayak Tour with the *Manatee Education Center*

by Tiger LePlant, Manatee Center Volunteer

Imagine a picturesque Saturday morning with vast blue skies, billowing clouds, mild breezes and the blue-green waters of the Indian River Lagoon. This awaits you when you take the **Manatee Observation and Education Center's** guided kayak tour. Upon arrival, you will be introduced to the education specialist and tour guide for the Center. Shortly afterward you will be given your gear and shown to your kayak by one of the helpful staff members from **Lisa's Kayaks**. Once in your kayak, you will be welcomed into the water by one of the **Manatee Center's** friendly volunteers; this person is here for your safety should you need any assistance. In a few moments, everyone in the tour group will be in the water and the tour will begin with a few quick tips for how-to-make-your-boat-go-where-you-want-to-go. Once the tour begins, you will embark on a leisurely 90-minute paddle on the Indian River Lagoon.

As you paddle across the open water you may catch a glimpse of the wildlife that inhabits the area. Suddenly, you may hear a splash and see the silver flash of a mullet jumping out of the water. If, off in the distance, you see something that resembles a small fist emerging from the water then quickly disappearing, you may have just seen a green sea turtle. As you glide across the water on your kayaking adventure you may also encounter a bottlenose dolphin swimming nearby foraging for food. Of course, you'll be on the lookout for a manatee nose to pop above the surface for air.

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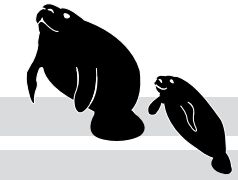
mangrove trail. Inside the tangle of the red mangroves, tiny fish dart and hide. You watch for the brightly colored mangrove crabs that peer cautiously around the roots. From this perspective, it's easy to see the value of this unique and magnificent estuary.

Back across the shallow open water, enjoy all the pristine beauty the Indian River Lagoon has to offer. Always look to the sky at the array of birds. Watch as brown pelicans and osprey dive into the water for their next meal. Maybe you'll see an osprey emerge from the water with its catch in its talons, flying up, up, up, only to pause in midair and shake like a dog to remove the water from its wings. Herons and egrets stalk the shallows and kingfishers fly from perch to perch in search of a meal while gulls, terns, and maybe even a magnificent frigate bird soar overhead.

Every trip on the Indian River Lagoon is a new adventure. This experience is one you and your family will not soon forget. We hope you will consider joining us on a guided kayak tour. Guided kayak tours are offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Registrations are required by calling 772-429-6266, option 3.

### IT'S TIME FOR SUMMER CAMP AT THE MANATEE CENTER

The **Manatee Education Center** will be offering a new set of fun-filled summer camps this year! This year's exciting new camps will still be operating in a COVID-friendly manner with half-day sessions and smaller numbers of students.



## The Manatee Center May Events

**Saturday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m.**

**\*\*\*MOEC RE-OPENS TO THE PUBLIC!\*\*\***

Join us on Saturday, May 1st for our first public opening since we closed for COVID in 2020. During the month of May, the museum will have *free admission* to celebrate the *Love the Inlet 100 Years Centennial Celebration of the Fort Pierce Inlet*.

**Friday, May 14th at 12:00 p.m.**

**Vocal Behavior in Manatees**

*Lunch & Learn* — Join us for a special online presentation at noon on May 14th at 12 p.m. Presented by Beth Brady, PhD, of Mote Marine Laboratories. Grab your lunch, turn on your computer, and join us. This special presentation will be hosted on Facebook Live. Access the presentation at [www.Facebook.com/ManateeCenter](http://www.Facebook.com/ManateeCenter) at noon.

**Saturdays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th**

**Guided Kayak Trip**

Look for wildlife, get up close and personal with mangroves, learn about the Indian River Lagoon on an easy ninety-minute paddle led by a MOEC naturalist. Great for beginners and anyone who wants to learn more about the Lagoon. The fee for this program is \$30 per person and includes kayak, paddle and safety gear. *Registration is required.* Call (772) 429-6266 option #3 or e-mail [Education@ManateeEducationCenter.org](mailto:Education@ManateeEducationCenter.org) for more information or to register.

We will kick the summer off with *Ocean Creatures Camp*, offered June 7–11. This camp will focus on some of the ocean's most iconic creatures — sharks, dolphins, whales and manatees. Campers will learn all about these fascinating animals with hands-on activities, games and art projects. The second week of camp, June 21–25, is for all of those budding scientists. *Super Science Camp* will explore a different field of science with cool lab projects and activities. *Wild About Art Camp*, July 12–16, is for creative kids who also like being outdoors. We will explore different nature concepts through arts and crafts activities. *Amazing Adaptations Camp* will close out the summer, July 26–30. Campers will discover the ways that plants and animals are adapted to survive and thrive with fun games, activities and hands-on projects. Each week of camp will also include two fun water days at nearby parks.

*Manatee Summer Camps* are great for kids age 7–12. Two sessions, morning and afternoon, will be offered for each week of camp at \$90 per session. Online registration is open on the website at [www.ManateeEducationCenter.org](http://www.ManateeEducationCenter.org).

### THE MANATEE CENTER RE-OPENS MAY 1

The Manatee Center opens again on May 1st after a year of being closed for COVID safety. Stop by and see our new exhibits, visit with friendly volunteers and don't forget to check out the new manatee mural in the viewing area. PLUS: In honor of the 100-year anniversary of the Fort Pierce Inlet, the Manatee Center admission will be free (donations appreciated) for the month of May. ❖

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# Artist Spotlight: Terry Long

by Laura Louise Tingo

Terry Long's love affair with paint, color and form has led her on an exhilarating, artistic journey along many paths, that spans decades of artistry and success.

What started with painting on canvas, led her to discover new mediums and avenues to express creativity in a myriad of ways. Among a glowing list, Long owned and managed two art galleries and worked as a visual merchandiser.

"My business frame of reference allowed me to take paint to new limits on wall surfaces in homes, commercial spaces, and showrooms," said Long.

Projects involved creating faux finishes, trompe l'oeil and murals, "crafting interiors with ambiance and attitude," she said.

Her eclectic journey as an artist and entrepreneur has woven her through five Florida counties, including the arts and culturally diverse St. Lucie County, where Long has taken up permanent residency.

"I looked for a long time, lived in several communities," Long said. "Fort Pierce is the right fit, everything's just right!"

"There is so much energy here, a place where all kinds of people find art as shared enjoyment, in many ways."

As a volunteer curator for the *St. Lucie Cultural Alliance*, Long sees first-hand the impact of bringing the arts community together to showcase the amazing talents of local artists, close to home, adding, "People are excited about turning the downtown into a true arts center."

Topping the list of things Long is thrilled about, is the Alliance's dedication to find and provide venues for artists and



helping grow the downtown's *Art Walk* and Farmer's Market into a virtual 'artist alley' to embrace.

"The Alliance is breathing life into the artist community and I can't say enough about it and its leadership," she said, touting its rapid membership boost, the launch of an online store, and soon sharing its new gallery space to showcase artist works.

"They have done so much in such a little time," said Long. "I truly believe they are going to build something amazing. It's on its way — it's unstoppable." ❖

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# Adult Pinewood Derby Announced in St. Lucie County

Join in the fun! **Sailfish Brewing Co.** will be hosting an *Adult Pinewood Derby*. Sign up, build a car, enjoy some fun! The Treasure Coast District of the Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America will hold its annual *Adult Pinewood Derby* race on Saturday, May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at **Sailfish Brewing Company** in Fort Pierce. The *Adult Pinewood Derby* is a fun, dynamic community event that brings together local businesses, families, and friends of scouting to support local scouting in St. Lucie County. Race participants will design and build

their very own Pinewood Derby Racer out of wood, and then will race against other members of the community on an official derby racetrack.

"For many scouts, their favorite memory as a Cub Scout is the pine-wood derby event," said Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America Chief Executive Officer and Scout Executive, Terrence Hamilton. "Partnering with an adult and sharing their vision for what their car should look like—then going on to cut, paint and build the car to match their vision." The *Adult Pinewood Derby* gives adults the opportunity to experience just some of the fun and excitement of the scouting program, while supporting the scouting movement at the same time.

Proceeds from the event will benefit over 6,000 youth in the scouting program in Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America. This exciting event is one of the premier fundraising events in the Treasure Coast District, increasing awareness and support of scouting in the community. Donations support local programming and outreach services for youth through the Scouting Program of the Gulf Stream Council.

To attend: <https://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/adultpinewood-derby> to purchase a ticket or sponsorship. ❖

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# Love, JAZZ Community: Jamming with Dizzy Gillespie

by Larry Brown

*Note from the President:* This month, we thought we'd share a musical memory from Larry Brown. Larry Brown is a member of the **Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society** and just one of the group's amazing musicians who have shared the stage with musical legends like Gillespie. Every time you attend a **Tuesday Evening Jazz Jam** at the **Black Box** session or **Dancin' on the Street** in downtown Fort Pierce, you're enjoying the same music that has made legends like Gillespie want to join the fun and play with these professionals. These are the same pros who mentor and generously share their skills and talents with aspiring young musicians in our area, too. Please consider showing your support by becoming a member of **Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society**. It's easy to do, and it makes a great gift. Just call 772.460.JAZZ (5299) today or visit us online at [www.jazzsociety.org](http://www.jazzsociety.org). – Don Bestor


It was 1974 and I had just turned twenty years old. I was playing a small jazz club on the south side of Chicago (cannot for the life of me remember the name) and I was only in town for one night. The club manager came up to us between tunes and said Dizzy Gillespie had just come in. Apparently, he liked the band because we were then told he wanted to join us on stage for a couple tunes. Collectively we decided this would be okay. More about that later.

The first time I had met Dizzy was in 1971 at a small jazz club in Southeast Washington, DC. called the Zanzibar

Lounge. Like the club in Chicago, it was the quintessential jazz club: small, dark and dirty, stereotypically smokey and funky. His band was playing a four-night set there. A musician friend I had come with knew Dizzy and said we could hang out with him for a bit.

In high school I became enamored with be-bop, Charlie Parker and stories about the early 50s scene on midtown Manhattan's 52nd Street with clubs like Birdland (named for Charlie Parker), the 3 Deuces and the Famous Door. You could walk into one and see Bird and Diz playing with their quintet, then walk across the street and see Miles Davis. Leave there and walk up the block and see Thelonious Monk, Billie Holiday or Art Tatum playing. WHAT?! Holy cow! That time actually existed.

Credited as a pioneer of be-bop, Dizzy is also known for his oddly shaped trumpet and the way his cheeks billowed out when he played. In 1953 he threw a party for his wife Lorraine at Snookie's, another club in Manhattan. His trumpet's bell got bent upward in an accident when some dancers who were performing on the stage fell into it. It turned out that he liked the sound so much he had a special trumpet made with a 45-degree raised bell, which then became his trademark.




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As for his cheeks and neck billowing out while playing his trumpet, Dizzy once said that a scientist had studied his face and called them "Gillespie's Pouches." The more technical term for why his neck bulges like a bullfrog's is laryngocele. A laryngocele is a benign condition where a person has an empty sac alongside his larynx. The air sac can share air with the gases flowing past the voice box and expand when pressure in the mouth/throat increase. Gillespie was either endowed with or forcefully created — from continuous and rigorous use — two of them, resulting in that classic visage accompanying his playing.

When I first met Diz I was dying to ask him to tell some stories about Charlie Parker, but I resisted. I didn't want him to get sad thinking back on the tragedy that was Bird's early passing. So, we just talked about some random stuff, I don't even remember what. But I had always wondered what Diz might remember about Bird that no one else even knew. It was either



an opportunity wasted or some well-placed discretion on my part. Who knows which?

Fast forward three years to Chicago. We were in town to play the one night at the tiny jazz club, then at a large jazz festival the next afternoon at the McCormick Center downtown. Diz must've been in town for that. Anyhow, he joined us on stage for two or three tunes. I only remember playing "St. Thomas" with him. When I got back to my "room" (a super cheap dormitory-style hostel) very late that night I couldn't believe what I had just experienced. Dizzy Gillespie had performed with me in a small Chicago jazz club in 1974. ♦



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## TREASURES OF THE PAST

*100 years ago this month as reported in the Monday, May 30, 1921 edition of the Miami Herald*

### Many Red Snappers Caught At Ft. Pierce

That Fort Pierce is destined to develop into one of the main snapper-fishing points of Florida is indicated since the recent opening of the inlet here. The close proximity of the “snapper banks” to the point makes it possible for the fish to be shipped the same day they are caught, whereas other snapper fishing points are so distant from the shipping grounds that one to four weeks elapse between the time the fish are caught and shipped to market.

Here the boats go out early in the morning, make their catches and return early in the afternoon. The fish are chilled in ice water for three hours then shipped in ice the same night, reaching the market in from one to two days after having been taken from the ocean. At other snapper-fishing points, large boats are employed, which remain out on the ocean until they have caught a full cargo – from one to four weeks.

The Inlet Fish and Oyster company, established here recently is now making a specialty of fishing for red snapper. A fleet of fourteen boats is employed, and more are to be added. Four thousand pounds were shipped in one day recently, and the catches are growing larger.

Heretofore there has been practically no snapper fishing at this point during the summer time, but the opening of the inlet makes it possible to go out after them, which is being done.

### Junior-Senior Banquet Held

The first of the several commencement affairs of the St. Lucie County high school took place Wednesday evening, when the members of the junior class entertained the seniors, members of the faculty and orchestra, at the annual junior-senior banquet. The affair was held at the New Fort Pierce hotel and was quite delightful. About 50 persons were in attendance. The table was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, representing the class colors. The menu was all that could have been desired. H.W. McCombs was toastmaster, and several short and appropriate responses were made.

### Land Seven-Foot Shark

Cornelius Garrup, 16 years of age, caught a seven-foot shark off Cobb’s dock Wednesday afternoon, using a small hook and line. The fellow put up an awful scrap, and had to be shot before he could be landed. This is the first shark caught from Indian River since the opening of the inlet, and it is believed the big fellow came in through the waterway, as such large sharks have been almost unknown in Indian River during the past several years. Pleasure fishing is getting to be quite a sport, crowds of men, women and boys being found on the docks daily.

*75 years ago this month as reported in the Tuesday, May 14, 1946 edition of the Miami Herald*

### Appeal Filed in Fee Case

The Tampa law firm of Mabry, Reaves, Carlton, Anderson & Fields has filed notice of appeal in circuit court here from the \$15,000 fee decision by Judge A.O. Kanner in the P.P. Cobb will case.

The firm represented Miss Ella Hankins, a legatee under the Cobb will, in successfully contesting the validity of the will first offered for probate. For this service County Judge Flem C. Dame, in whose court the first will was thrown out and the second probated, had allowed attorney’s fee of \$5,000.

The Tampa firm, contending for a fee equal to one-third of the value of the estate, estimated at \$80,000 to \$100,000, appealed Judge Dame’s decision to circuit court, where Judge Kanner hiked the fee to \$15,000. The newest appeal is from the latter decision.

Cobb, a pioneer merchant and philanthropist, left his estate in the probated will to employees of his former store, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Fort Pierce hospital and the Woman’s Club library.

The litigation has been pending in the courts since shortly after his death, Jan. 30, 1943. ❖

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## Microsoft Tips & Tricks

by Sue Dannahower

### ➤ TEXT-TO-TABLES MADE EASY

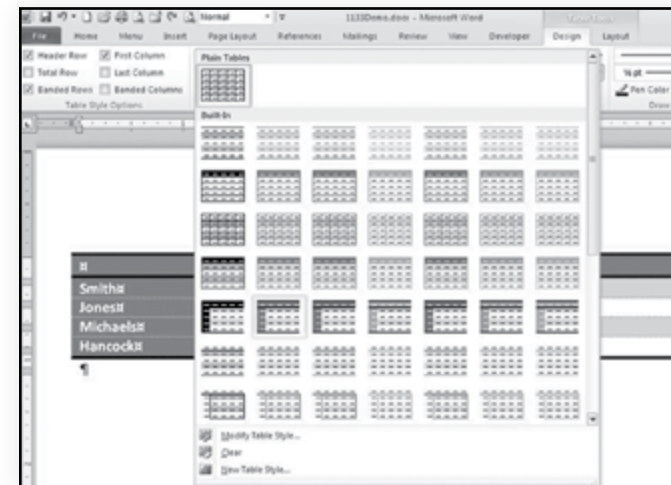
The simplest way to generate a table is to select text and convert it. Word does a great job of interpreting the data and defaulting to the right settings if you’re consistent during data entry. Specifically, insert one delimiting character (like a tab) between each item, and enter a single paragraph return (press Enter) between each row.

There’s only one tab character between each item and a single paragraph return separates the rows.

To convert a list, select the text. Then, click the **Insert** tab and click the **Table** drop-down (in the Tables group). From the resulting list, choose **Convert Text To Table**. You shouldn’t have to adjust the default settings much if you use delimiters consistently. Interpreting the tabs and returns, Word can detect that there are two columns and five rows, as shown below.

Word uses the delimiting characters to align columnar data.

Plan ahead for easy-to-implement table conversion. ❖



by Sue Dannahower

### Mexican Chiles

The Chili pepper is a true staple in Mexican cuisine. In fact, it is difficult to find any traditional Mexican dish that does not incorporate some type of chili pepper. There are so many different varieties, and each adds its own subtle influence to the dish.

Chili pepper heat ranges from the mild Poblano to the fiery heat of the Habanero. All chiles derive their heat from oils concentrated in their seeds and membranes. The heat of a chile (measured in Scoville Heat Units — SHU) lasts six minutes before it dissipates. Below I’ve listed some of the common pepper and the SHU.

Scoville Heat Units (SHU) for Mexican Chili Peppers

Pepperoncini Peppers 100 - 500 (SHU)

Anaheim Peppers 500 - 2,500 (SHU)

Poblano Peppers 1,000 - 2,000 (SHU)

Jalapeno Peppers 2,500 - 8,000 (SHU)

Habanero Peppers 100,000 - 350,000 (SHU)





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## How You Can Support Mom and Pop Businesses All Year Long

by Mark Madrid, Associate Administrator, SBA Office of Entrepreneurial Development, published March 30, 2021



Independent small businesses power the nation's economy and our communities.

March 29 marked National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day — a day to appreciate the immense value and character that family-owned small businesses bring to our communities.

These independent businesses play a critical role in their local communities. They provide top-notch service, create jobs, give back to others, and so much more. They are truly the bedrock of our economy.

In fact, small businesses power the nation's economy and our communities. They account for 44% of U.S. Gross Domestic Product, create two-thirds of net new jobs, and employ nearly half of America's workforce.

These days, independent businesses face many challenges as they compete against larger retailers and pivot due to economic impacts from the pandemic. Help is here. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to delivering equitable relief to hard-hit small businesses so they can rehire and retain workers, safely reopen, and deliver the essential goods and services our communities depend on.

We encourage all family-owned and other small businesses to access critical recovery resources on [sba.gov](http://sba.gov), consult with local and regional SBA business resources and services, and learn more about community health resources. With our collective

help, these small businesses can continue to recover and build back better.

We can all pitch into support small businesses in our communities. Here are a few things you can do:

—Tell your friends and family about about these community heroes. Word of mouth is the best kind of free advertising.

—Order products and services through their online stores or buy gift cards.

—Give the business a high rating on review sites, share and like their social media pages and posts, and recommend their services or products on community listservs or message boards.

—Be a loyal repeat customer, especially as small businesses persist through the various phases of reopening and the rest of the pandemic.

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## Artist Spotlight: Dorothy Kamm

by Laura Louise Tingo

Multi-talented artist and author Dorothy Kamm has been involved with the planning of her local arts council since she first moved to Port St. Lucie in 1987.

“St. Lucie County has much to offer regarding culture; something that I and many wanted to market to both residents and visitors,” said Kamm, adding that she finds the *St. Lucie Cultural Alliance* the ‘perfect vehicle’ to accomplish this.

Last year she joined what is now the upward, growing *St. Lucie Cultural Alliance* — as a supporter, in its Individual Category of membership.

“I joined to help spread the word about the wonderful, creative people who live on the Treasure Coast and the many cultural venues located here, and to meet others who share a common interest,” Kamm said.

This year, the Alliance is recognized for marked growth in membership and offerings for its membership such as promoting and spearheading exhibitions and events in partnership with the area's culturally rich museums, exhibitions, live performances, events, gardens, nature centers and other tourism draws for locals and visitors alike.

Working in a variety of mediums including painting on porcelain; painting on canvas with oils and watercolors; and creating beaded jewelry, Kamm believes in the power of the artist community and the impact it brings to the economy.

“The arts and cultural sector provide the benefits of an economic engine — one that supports jobs, remit taxes, and contributes significantly to the overall St. Lucie County economy,” she said.



Combining her passions, Kamm has written three award-winning books and has been a guest curator for four museum exhibitions.

“Sometimes art is at the forefront and sometimes writing, but I have been able to combine my passions by writing about a variety of art topics,” she said. “I’m always excited to share my passions and share what I learn. Publishing books and articles allows me to reach a wide audience.”

A generous volunteer for the *St. Lucie Cultural Alliance*, Kamm writes *Member Spotlight* stories and is a contributor for *ARTSTLUCIE Magazine*.

As a longtime community supporter and volunteer in arts and cultural circles, over the years Kamm has met many people who were creative and artistic.

“Some were retirees who had successful art careers,” she said. “When they retired, they did not stop creating ... and they were very supportive of my endeavors.”

With the variety of Membership categories the Alliance extends to artists — and for those who want to support the Alliance and greater community but are not artists — Kamm offers an invitation.

“I encourage everyone to consider joining. Everyone benefits; not only by keeping all our treasured venues operating but also by residual business from visitors who spend dollars here,” she said. “Best of all, Alliance members will have fun mingling with creative people!” ❖

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# Fort Pierce Inlet – 100 Years!

by Bo Samuels, Captain of Pullin Drag Charters

Fort Pierce is celebrating an important part of its great fishing history this month with the **100th Anniversary of the Fort Pierce Inlet!** The inlet has made us a successful commercial and sport fishing community with a tremendous impact on our economy, our growth, and our way of life. As a charter boat Captain, I depend on the inlet, the ocean, and the Indian River and know we all need to protect our waterways. Look for more information on the upcoming celebration events, especially a 100% pay-out **Inlet 100th Anniversary Fishing Tournament** and **Summerlin Fish Fry** at **Little Jim Bait & Tackle** on May 22nd. You will not want to miss it!

Temperatures are milder in May, bringing more bait into the river. This is usually an exceptionally good time to fish the grass flats and oyster beds for redfish and trout. Redfish, also known as red drum, will give some great action due to their strength and stamina. For best results, I suggest using a popping cork or jig head with live shrimp. The redfish slot is 18" to 27" and the limit is one per angler, per day. Snook are still a great target fish especially on the incoming and outgoing tides in the inlet and around the jetties. Pilchards and pinfish are perfect bait choices for your chance at a slot snook. Snook season ends at the end



of this month. Offshore, the bite is still strong for kingfish, mahi, and some cobia. Trolling ballyhoo with skirts is your best choice for hooking a great high-flying, fighting mahi.

Check your local shops, like **Little Jim Bait & Tackle**, for all the information on rules, regulations, and a fishing license so you can enjoy running the inlet and fishing for a big one! Hope to see a great turnout for the **Inlet 100th Anniversary Fishing Tournament at Little Jim**. Perfect reason to be *Pullin Drag!* ❖

## Recipe Corner by Sue Dannahower

### Crock Pot Barbacoa

- 2 Ancho chiles
- 1 teaspoons cumin seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 5 allspice berries
- 1/4 cup oregano
- 6 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1 small onion, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 (3 – 4 pound) beef chuck roast (fat trimmed), cut into 2-inch chunks
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Toast chiles, cover with boiling water in a deep bowl, and set aside for 20 minutes. Grind cumin, cloves, allspice, and oregano in coffee grinder. Drain soaked chiles; puree in blender the chiles, ground spices, thyme, garlic, onion, vinegar, and 1/2 cup of water. Process until smooth. Push mixture through a sieve; season meat with salt and pepper. Rub paste all over the meat. Arrange in a bowl and allow to marinate for 4 hours, refrigerated.

Put seasoned meat in a crock pot with about an inch of water. Cook the beef 5 to 6 hours until meat is falling off the bone. Serve on large tortilla, with beans, cilantro rice and vegetables.

### Cilantro Rice

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil or butter
- 2 teaspoons fresh cilantro
- 2/3 cup white basmati rice
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 lime

In a 2-quart heavy saucepan, heat oil or butter over low heat, stirring occasionally until melted. Add rice and lime juice, stir for 1 minute. Add water and salt, bring to a full rolling boil. At boiling, cover, turn down to simmer over low heat until rice is tender, and the water is absorbed, about 25 minutes. Add in the cilantro and fluff rice with a fork. *Serves 4.*



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### Fort Pierce Inlet Centennial Celebration Events



- May 3 **City of Fort Pierce Proclamation**, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- May 4 **St. Lucie County Proclamation**, 10:00 a.m.,  
St. Lucie County Commission Chambers
- May 7 **FRIDAY FEST**, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.,  
Main Street Fort Pierce 466-3880  
(See article in this month's Focus)
- St. Lucie County Historical Society photo display open on  
2nd floor of P.P. Cobb store during Friday Fest
- May 8 **Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society** to play at P.P.  
Cobb's store, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
- May 8 **Flag Raising & Prayer Service**, 10 a.m. at  
Smithsonian Boat Ramp
- May 8 **Boat Parade / Blessing of the Fleet** with music  
and beach party, 11:30 a.m., Fort Pierce Inlet
- Priest on Boat**, Reverend Canon Ellis Brust  
St. Andrews Episcopal Church
- Priest on Beach** for jet skis and kayaks  
Reverend Yves Geffrard, Notre Dame Church
- May 8 **BBQ After Boat Parade**, dogs, burgers, music,  
12:00 p.m., beach
- May 15 **1921 Costume Party**, Fort Pierce Yacht Club,  
461-9252
- May 15 **Inlet Artist Plein Air**, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,  
Fort Pierce Inlet (North & South)  
(See article in this month's Focus)
- May 15 **Downtown Bingo**, 10 a.m. 772-801-5576
- May 15 **Fort Pierce Inlet Celebration Golf Tournament**,  
7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Gator Trace Golf & Country  
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- May 21 **Art Walk**, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., 2nd Street in Fort  
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- May 21 **Live Painting**, 111 Orange Building, St. Lucie Cultural  
Alliance, 462-2783
- May 22 **Fishing Tournament**, Little Jim Bait & Tackle
- May 22 **Summerlin Fish Fry**, 11:00 a.m., Museum Pointe Park,  
St. Lucie County Regional History Center, 462-1795
- May 26 **Fort Pierce Ciderworks Sea Shanty  
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