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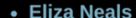
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# **Brevard Lately**



Good-Bye, Good Night 2023! You have been what we made out of it. Let's look forward to 2024. The Brevard Live team wishes you a Happy New Year.

Photo by Tommy Craig

#### **Jim Morrison's 80th Birthday**

Last year several iconic rock stars turned 80 years old: Mick Jagger, Keith Richard, Roger Waters... and if he'd be still alive, Jim Morrison from The Doors would have turned 80. Jim Morrison had deep connections to Melbourne, and while there are few vage confirmations where exactly he was born, we do know that it was in Melbourne. Past December a few events were held, one at Space Coast Harley Davidson, in honor to remember his birthday on December 8th, 1943.

Randy Bennett (photo), proprietor of downtown's Hurricane Creek Saloon bought a painting last month which now hangs in the club. There's even a Facebook Group called "Jim Morrison MUST Be Recognized by the City of Melbourne, Florida!!!" Check it out.



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February 24 & 25 Indian River County Fairgrounds

### Vero Beach Blues Fest

The 3rd Annual Vero Beach Blues Festival will be held February 24th & 25th, 2024, at the Indian River County Fairgrounds, proudly produced by Latitude-88, Inc.! This unique 2-day music festival will feature 10 amazing bands performing nothing but the blues in a beautiful outdoor setting. National acts such as Ana Popovic, Chris Cain, John Primer, Jontavious Willis, Eliza Neals, Altered Five Blues Band to name a few. The festival's main stage will be set up on a 30acre grass field with ample standing and sitting space for attendees. Those looking for a more intimate concert experience can take advantage of the big blues lounge which features seating for 600 visitors as well as a huge full liquor bar serving all kinds of drinks. There will also be plenty of food and beverage vendors offering a variety of delicious options throughout the entire duration of the event. Enjoy 100 retail vendors at the vendor village, delicious food, and full liquor bars. Good times and epic memories all weekend. Over 15,000 attendees come from all around the country.

Admission tickets are \$15 per day or \$25 for two days. These are discount online presale tickets only. At the door tickets are \$20 per day. Kids under 16 years old are free with an adult. For tickets and updated information visit www.verobluesfest.com



January 20 & 21 Riverview Park, Sebastian

# **Sebastian Riverfront Art & Music Festival**

Sebastian's beautiful Riverview Park is the setting for the Sebastian Riverfront Fine Art and Music Festival held the weekend of Saturday, January 20th from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, January 21st from 10 am to 4 pm. This is the 22nd annual festival. Over 100 juried artists will have their work on display and for sale.

There will be food and beverage vendors along with a nice line up of music. On Saturday the featured bands are Purr Dogs Mash Up at 10 am, followed by Dottie Kelly w/ Darryl Raines (photo) at 2 pm. This duo is known for their Motown, Blues, Soul, R&B, Rock N Roll and Reggae; they made it to the finals in Memphis on May 10, 2022 at the IBC (International Blues Challenge). Dottie sang in a Baptist church, which is where she developed her talent for singing. She would later follow her Aunt Betty Padgett, a well-known singer out of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, to her various shows. Aunt Betty Padgett eventually asked Dottie to sing background with her and Joey Gilmore. From that point on, Dottie has traveled to various states, and opened for many artists from around the world. Those experiences mixed with pure raw talent, have made her a bona fide soul singer.

Sunday morning at 10a m Mojo Mike & Penny take the stage, followed by the Knotty G's at 1 pm.

For more information go to www. SebastianArtShow.com. The admission is free.



Saturday, Jan 27, 8pm Sandbar, Cocoa Beach

#### **DUB MASSIVE**

For the 18th year the Sandbar is hosting a big reggae event called Dub Massive, created and organized by no other than Local Celebrity Mark Longenecker. If you are a reggae fan with appreciation and respect for the scene, you are familiar with the performers at Dub Massive. "Reggae music has its own culture and DJs are a huge part of this," explains Selector Longenecker. "During the huge dance hall parties in Jamaica, it's the DJs who are pumping up the crowd." Unlike traditional reggae which invites you to rock in place or just sit back and chill, dancehall is all about the moves. Dancehall music, aka ragga or dub, had its genesis in the political turbulence of the late 1970s and became Jamaica's dominant music in the 1980s and '90s. The DJs have become sound creators, "and we bring this Jamaican vibe to the Sandbar once a year," says Longenecker who is a respected graphic and tattoo artist and owner of Endless Summer Tattoo in Cocoa Beach. In 2014, he was a competitor in the TV show Ink Master.

A surfboard painted by Longenecker will be raffled off, t-shirts and art prints are for sale. Besides Selector Longenecker you will see and hear DJ Alphawave, SheWxlf, CLioness, Dvcati, Lights Out Sound, DJ Redi, Unity Sound, LanceO, Apache, and Frankie Sly, Dub Massive benefits Surfers for Autism.

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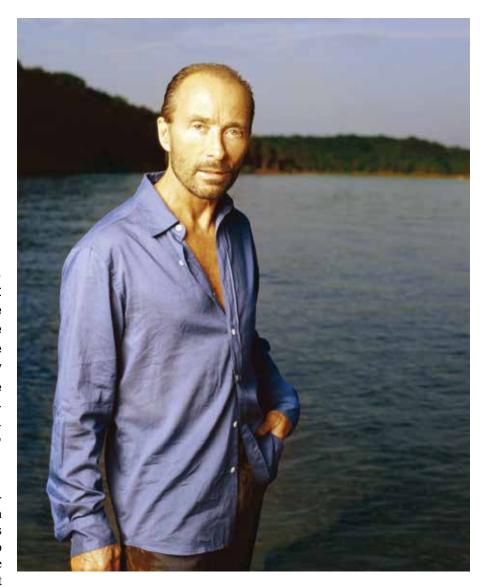
# LEE GREENWOOD

If you lived during the 80s, you couldn't miss that song. This - along with Bruce Springsteen's "Born In The USA" - were played on the airwaves at least once every hour. We are talking about the most patriotic song ever written besides the National Anthem: "God Bless The U.S.A." by Lee Greenwood.

"God Bless the USA" went far beyond what Greenwood expected when he wrote it in the back of his tour bus in 1983. The song has been in the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001 and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat. It was also #1 on the pop charts after 9/11/01. In addition, CBS News voted "God Bless The U.S.A." the most recognizable patriotic song in America.

In 2011, Beyonce offered her version of "God Bless the U.S.A." as a download, with the proceeds going to the 9/11 firefighters fund in NYC. It has been performed by contestants on "American Idol" twice & was the winning song in the 2011 "Dancing with the Stars" competition on ABC.

Lee Greenwood has won numerous industry awards including, Male Vocalist of the Year from the Academy of Country Music in 1983, two Male



Vocalist of the Year awards from the Country Music Association in 1983 & 1984 and a Grammy for Top Male Vocal Performance in 1985 for "I.O.U.". The CMA also named "God Bless The U.S.A." its Song of the Year in 1985.

Music has always been a part of Lee Greenwood's life. He started playing the piano when he was seven and the saxophone at 12. In junior high, he started his first group called the Moonbeams. His sister Patricia was the piano player in the band. By the time,he finished High School he played most all the instruments in the orchestra and was the Drum Major for the marching band.

Greenwood was born in Los Angeles California & finished high school in Sacramento in June 1960. He passed on track & music scholarships to the College of the Pacific along with a professional baseball career to pursue his passion for music. He also elected to skip his high school graduation ceremony to begin work at the Golden Hotel & Casino in Reno Nevada with his own band, the "Apollos". That turned out to be a great choice.

The California native was discovered in 1979 by Larry McFaden, who saw him performing in a show at the Nugget Casino in Sparks, Nevada. Larry was the bass player and bandleader for Mel Tillis. He brought the singer to

Nashville and got him signed to the Halsey Agency, who booked The Oak Ridge Boys. He began working with producer Jerry Crutchfield who would record with Lee for the next 20 years.

With seven #1 songs & 25 charted singles to his credit, choosing songs proved to be a success for Greenwood. His country hits include: "It Turns Me Inside Out", "Ring On Her Finger Time On Her Hands", "She's Lying", "I Don't Mind the Thorns If You're The Rose", "Dixie Road", "Somebody's Gonna Love You", "Going Going Gone", "You Got A Good Love Comin", "Fools Gold", and "Mornin Ride" while he already garnered several crossover hits such as "Touch & Go Crazy", "IOU" and the duet with Barbara Mandrell, "To Me".

Greenwood says; "USA is the song I always felt the need to write. I wanted to have something that would unite Americans from coast to coast and to instill pride back in the United States. The song represents my family, my community and those men and women who have paid the price for the freedoms we all love and enjoy."

President George W. Bush appointed Greenwood to serve on the National Endowment of the Arts Council and his appointment was U.S. Senate approved. That Presidential Appointment continued under President Obama and President Trump.

Lee Greenwood, famous country-music singer, known as America's Patriot, along with Space Coast Daily, is challenging Brevard to bring the U.S veteran community together, to enjoy a one-night-only concert experience with Lee Greenwood on January 19th on the opening night of the 2024 **Space Coast Key Lime Pie Festival**. Therefore Veterans and their immediate family have free admission.

The Space Coast Key Lime Pie Festival will also be open on Saturday and Sunday, January 20th and 21st from 10 am until 6 pm; admission will be just \$6 for adults. Children under 2 years of age will receive free admission. Pets on a leash are welcomed. The festival is a weekendlong, outdoor, family festival, designed to create an environment for people to enjoy affordable, healthy and wholesome fun. "In Florida, we like to celebrate the things that make the Sunshine State unique. Citrus, eccentrics, people & pie. Our outdoor celebrations are fun & unforgettable. Come on down to Florida, the birthplace of Key Lime Pie, for a little taste and you'll see what we mean," said Giles Malone, partner with *Space Coast Daily*. For more info go to www.SpaceCoastDaily.com

General admission tickets to the concert are \$15 each and include admission to the Space Coast Key Lime Pie Festival on January 19th. Festival gates will open from 5 until 10 pm, with the concert beginning at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at <a href="https://www.Eventbrite.com">www.Eventbrite.com</a>





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# The Column

By Chuck Van Riper

#### **Ding Dong Deficit**

Hippy New Year, everyone. Here's hoping you didn't get too HOLIDAZED this past season. Hopefully, we ring in the new year with many aspirations and ambitions to be realized over the coming year. Now, every year I say I haven't made any New Year's resolutions because in 1998 my resolution was to not make any more resolutions ever, so as not to quell any unrealistic dreams and goals. Well, I've decided to change my views on this by making resolutions that are realistic and viable. For example, instead of making a plan to lose 50 pounds, I plan to lose 1 pound. It's realistic, and I have a year to accomplish that. I figure I can do this by cutting out 1 Ring Ding a week. Something achievable and sure to work. Here are some of my other resolutions that I think I can do.

So, Ring Dings cost about \$3.88 for an 8 pack. That's about 45.8 cents each. If I eat 1 a day, except for the one I'm cutting out, that's 6 Ring Dings a week, so I will have 2 left over. As you can see, this surplus of Ring Dings can garner some real cash! If I eat one leftover, and buy another 8 pack, I will have 9 of them. I eat 6 the next week, and have 3 left over. Then I buy another pack and eat 6, I will have 5 left over. After that, following the same procedure, I will have 7 left over, and then start over again. By my calculations, cutting out one ring ding a week I will save about \$25.22 over the course of the year. That's not going to put me in a higher tax bracket, but it's a start. And maybe I'll lose one pound! It's a win-win situation.

I will attempt to achieve financial freedom this year. Unfortunately, my great Ring Ding caper won't cut it. If I put the \$25.22 into an interest bearing savings account at the current rates of say 1.8% compounded quarterly, it will take me about 957.61 years to accumulate \$500,000. That's way too long, obviously, so maybe a certificate of deposit would be better. If I get a 20 year CD at 3% and put in my Ring Ding money every year, by the time the CD matures, I'll have \$2,698.34. Now we're talking! When I'm 87 I can cash in! I wonder how far in advance you can make reservations for a weekend in the Keys? I'm ready!

Now, I'm not unrealistic. I know it's going to take more than my great Ring Ding caper to achieve financial freedom, so I have a back-up plan, too. I figure if I use one less teaspoon of half and half in my morning, not only will it help me lose one pound, but can be another cash cow. Currently, I drink 2 cups of coffee a day, so I would be saving 2 teaspoons a day, which would be 732 teaspoons a year. That's 3.82 quarts a year! The average price for half and half is about \$2.60 - \$3.40 per quart, so let's average that to about \$3. That makes a grand total savings of about \$11.46 a year in total savings. Added to my Ring Ding savings, that's a whopping \$36.68 a year. If I put all this into a CD at 3% compounded quarterly, I would get about \$3,768.73. Now we're talking! Give me a room on the pool!

Now what if I added in smoking one less cigarette a day. That would be a savings of 365 cigarettes. That's about 18.25 packs a year! Let's say an average pack costs \$5 here. That would be an average savings of about \$91.25 a year! Hope this won't put me up a tax bracket, But if I put all this into the aforementioned CD, that's \$127.93 every year, for 20 years, compounded quarterly at 3%, that would be \$14,303.63 by the time I'm 87. Woo-hoo! Give me a room by the pool with a jacuzzi!

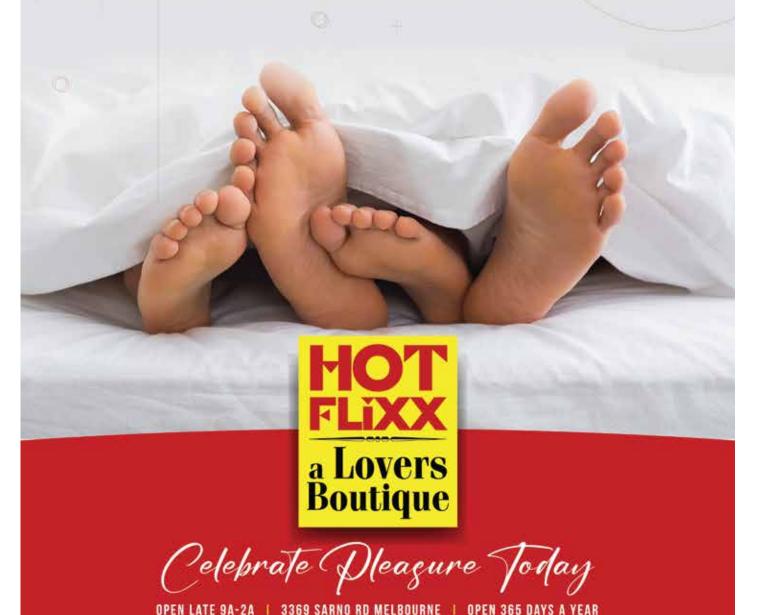
You know, all this high finance has made me hungry, but having a Ding Dong and a cup of coffee now would blow my budgetary priorities. Ok, this is getting way too complex. A Ding Dong deficit would definitely change my bottom line. I need to do something simpler that's still achievable. I have a better idea. How about if this year, we vow to be kinder to our neighbors, kinder to those in need, kinder to the environment, kinder to the infirmed or aged. Yes, that's a much simpler calculation and we can all do it together. Let's fill our world with love. Now that's compound interest!

#### H.A.L.O. Rescue: "Spayghetti & No Balls" Festival

Join H.A.L.O. No-Kill Rescue on Saturday, February 3rd, from 10 am to 6 pm at the Fellsmere Fairgrounds for a fun, family and pet friendly festival benefitting a spay/neuter fund! Entertainment will be provided by *The Canine Stars* Stunt Dog Show as seen on America's Got Talent! Guests will have a blast watching big-air stunts, frisbee freestyle routines, high jumping, agility, and flyable racing performed by professional trainers and their amazing rescue dogs. Enjoy a delicious selection of pastas while enjoying live music provided by Professor Pennygoode's Mighty Flea Circus! Not a pasta fan? There will be an assortment of food trucks available. Beer and wine will be available to quench your thirst while perusing the artisanal goods created by craft vendors. A Kid Zone hosted by Home Depot will be available to entertain the little ones, and there will be plenty of fun activities for our fourlegged friends!



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# January 2024

### **Entertainment Calendar**

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

#### 1 - MONDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Hi Mileage

LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty

Bingo

**SANDBAR:** 8pm Jam Band **SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm Mondo Tikis

#### 2 - TUESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 5pm Tommy Tuesdays; 6:30pm Rock Star Bingo FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia

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Trivia

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum SQUIDLIPS Mel: 5:30pm Travis Daigle

#### 3 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm TBA

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm

Karaoke w/ Cindy KEY WEST BAR: 7pm Syd

Taylor **SANDBAR:** 5:30pm Trivia

w/ DJ Josh; 8pm Mom's Night Out

**SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8pm Acoustic

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm Haighway 1

#### 4 - THURSDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 7pm Trivia

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm Nigel Mack & Lise Gilley Duo FOO BAR: 8pm Latin Night DJ HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm TBA

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

**LOU'S BLUES:** 7:30pm Latin Night w/ DJ Oscar

**SANDBAR:** 8pm Karaoke **SLOW & LOW CB:** 7pm Matt Riley

**SOCIAL DISTANCE:** Late Night DJ

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 6pm John O Jam

#### 5 - FRIDAY

**BLIND LION:** 8pm Smokin Torpedoes

CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Roughouse (deck); 7:30pm Brevard Comedy

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Short Circuit EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm Justified Music

**FOO BAR:** 10pm DJ Ducati **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 7pm TBA

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm TBA LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Kings County

**PUB AMERICANA MELB:** 5pm Justin Vreeland

**SANDBAR:** 4pm Terrell; 9pm Bullet Dodgers

SLOW & LOW CB: 7pm Buck Barefoot SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Wes Hufnagel

**SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8:30pm Midlife Crisis; 1:30am

DJ SOUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 6pm Galaxy

#### 6 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Chief Cherry Quintet CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Luna Pearl

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Country Party CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm LUVU

EARL'S HIDEAWAY:

2pm Murphy's Law; 8pm CrashRocket

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 6pm Krystal Clarke & The Ron Teixeira Trio

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm TBA

LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Scott Smalls; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy: 9pm Switch

**PUB AMERICANA MELB:** 

5pm Karalyn Woulas

SANDBAR: 4pm Finding Panacea; 9pm Skyclub

SLOW & LOW CB: 7pm Josh James

**SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 

8:30pm Forte Band; 1:30am DJ **SQUIDLIPS CB:** 2pm Stay Tuned

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 1pm Dawn's Duo; 6pm Phoenix

#### 7 - SUNDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 2-6pm Aquinas

CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Krystal Clarke Band

EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Kat Riggins

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm Jam w/ Ron Teixeira Trio LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Radar Red; 7pm Kalyna Rakel SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm John McDonald & Mango Men SQUIDLIPS Mel: 12pm

Joshua Keels; 4pm Buck Barefoot

#### 8 - MONDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke

EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Love Valley

LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty
Bingo

**SANDBAR:** 8pm Jam Band **SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm Corey Kipps

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#### HURRICANE CREEK

**SALOON:** 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

KEY WEST BAR: 7pm

Bridfet Gosset

**LOU'S BLUES:** 7:30pm Country Night w/ DJ Cat

**SANDBAR:** 5:30pm Trivia w/DJ Josh; 8pm The Syndicate

Duo

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm

Acoustic

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm Johnny Danger

#### 11 - THURSDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 7pm Trivia

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm

Pete Henry

**FOO BAR:** 8pm Latin Night DJ **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 6 & 8pm Tinsley Ellis

HURRICANE CREEK

**SALOON:** 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

**LOU'S BLUES:** 7:30pm Highway 1

SANDBAR: 8pm Karaoke SLOW & LOW CB: 7pm Matt Riley

**SOCIAL DISTANCE:** Late Night DJ

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 6pm John Q Jam

#### 12 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Tony Wynn & Cameron Brown CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Super Freak

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Identity Crisis EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm Sheep Dawgs

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 7pm TBA

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance

Lessons; 9pm Country Music
DJ
KEV WEST RAR: 9pm Pinch

KEY WEST BAR: 9pm Pinch LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Luna Pearl

PUB AMERICANA MELB:

5:30pm Jeff Bazemore **SANDBAR:** 4pm Hired Guns;

#### — Entertainment Calendar

9pm Love Valley SLOW & LOW CB: 7pm 2 Rock SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Andy Harrington SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm Rockfish; 1:30am DJ SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm The Kore

#### 13 - SATURDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Don Alexander & The Alleygators CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Not Just Candi

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Country Party CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Pink Spice Band

EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm St. John's Wood; 8pm Shovelhed; 8pm Justified FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 5pm Nellie McKay; Hella Ayelet Gal w/ Ron Teixeira

HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

KEY WEST BAR: NFL LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Denise Turner; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Are Friends Electric

PUB AMERICANA MELB: 5pm Alexander James SANDBAR: 4pm Left Behind; 9pm Cheetah Coalition SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm TBA; 1:30am DJ SQUIDLIPS CB: 2pm Nils

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 1pm Frank Rios; 6pm Kings County

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#### 14 - SUNDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 2pm Galaxy

**CROWNE PLAZA:** 1pm Aquinas

**EARL'S HIDEAWAY:** 2pm Skin Deep

**HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 7pm Damon Fowler

LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Heatstroke; 7pm Rich Campanella

**SQUIDLIPS CB:** 2pm T.A. Williams

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 12pm Kelley B; 4pm Day Tripper

#### 15 - MONDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Love Valley

**LOU'S BLUES:** 7pm Dirty Bingo

**SANDBAR:** 8pm Jam Band **SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm Joshua Keels

#### 16 - TUESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 4pm Tommy Tuesday; 6:30pm Rock Star Bingo FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia LOU'S BLUES: 6:30pm Trivia

SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum SQUIDLIPS Mel: 5:30pm Drew Halverson

#### 17 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DJ

**KEY WEST BAR:** 7pm Joe & Tina

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy

SANDBAR: 5:30pm Trivia w/ DJ Josh; 8pm Jake Salter SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Acoustic

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm Galaxy Duo

#### 18 - THURSDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 7pm Trivia

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Line Dancing EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 7:30pm Rusty & Laurie Wright

FOO BAR: 8pm Latin Night DJ

HURRICANE CREEK
SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance

**SALOON:** 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm TBA SANDBAR: 8pm Karaoke SLOW & LOW CB: 7pm

Matt Riley **SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8pm

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 6pm John Q Jam

#### 19 - FRIDAY

BLIND LION: 8pm Robby King Trio

CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Rockfish

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm TBA

**EARL'S HIDEAWAY:** 8pm Shakers

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati HURRICANE CREEK

**SALOON:** 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

**KEY WEST BAR:** 9pm Lil Lin Band

**LOU'S BLUES:** 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Whiskey JuJu

**PUB AMERICANA MELB:** 5pm Drew Halverson

SANDBAR: 4pm Blue Prints; 9pm Hired Guns

SLOW & LOW CB: 7pm Sydney Taylor

SLOW & LOW Viera: 5:30pm Joshua Keels

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SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8:30pm TBA; 1:30am DJ SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm AK40

#### 20 - SATURDAY

**BLIND LION:** 8pm Josh Miller

**CADILLAC COVE:** 8pm Dreamer

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 9pm Country Party CROWNE PLAZA: 1pm Harbour City Trio

EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Phoenix; 8pm Popa Wheelee FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Dexter HURRICANE CREEK

SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music DI

KEY WEST BAR: NFL LOU'S BLUES: 1pm John McDonald; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Speakeasy

PUB AMERICANA MELB: 5pm Vince Love

**SANDBAR:** 4pm Heatstroke; 9pm The Syndicate

SOCIAL DISTANCE:

8:30pm Murphy's Law; 1:30am DJ

**SQUIDLIPS CB:** 2pm Spiritual Vibrations

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 1pm Island Breeze; 6pm Vintage

#### 21 - SUNDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 2pm Lil Lin Band

**CROWNE PLAZA:** 1pm Cheetah Coalition

**EARL'S HIDEAWAY:** 2pm Blood Brothers (Mike Zito & Albert Castiglia with full bands)

HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB: 6pm Aolani & Ron Teixeira Trio LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Sheepdawgs; 7pm Alexander James

**SQUIDLIPS CB:** 2pm Shelley & Dave

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 12pm Floridave; 4pm Unit 5

#### 22 - MONDAY

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 7pm Karaoke LOU'S BLUES: 7pm Dirty Bingo SANDBAR: 8pm Jam Band SQUIDLIPS Mel: 5:30pm Ashley Breaux

#### 23 - TUESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 5pm Tommy Tuesdays; 6:30pm Rock Star Bingo FOO BAR: 7pm Trivia LOU'S BLUES: 8pm Trivia SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm Jam w/ Russ Kellum SQUIDLIPS Mel: 5:30pm Buck Barefoot

#### 24 - WEDNESDAY

CADILLAC COVE: 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti

COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP: 6pm Dueling Pianos HURRICANE CREEK SALOON: 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

**KEY WEST BAR:** 7pm G-Man

**LOU'S BLUES:** 7:30pm Country Night w/ DJ Cat Daddy

SANDBAR: 5:30pm Trivia w/ DJ Josh; 8pm The Project

Orcon Revival **SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8pm

Alexander James

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 5:30pm John McDonald

#### 25 - THURSDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 7pm Trivia

#### —— Entertainment Calendar

**COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP:** 7pm Line Dancing EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 6pm Nico Wavne Toussaint w/ Rachelle Coba Duo

FOO BAR: 8pm Latin Night

**HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 6 & 8:30pm A Tribute to Jimi Hendrix ft Marcus Machado **HURRICANE CREEK SALOON:** 7-9pm Free Dance

Lessons; 9pm Country DJ LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Juiced

SANDBAR: 8pm Karaoke SLOW & LOW CB: 7pm Matt Riley

**SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8pm

SQUIDLIPS Mel: 6pm John Q Jam

#### 26 - FRIDAY

**BLIND LION: 8pm Tony** Wynn & Cameron Brown CADILLAC COVE: 6pm Forte

**COCOA BEACH FISH** CAMP: 9pm Vintage EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 8pm Hypersona

FOO BAR: 10pm DJ Ducati **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 7pm **TBA** 

HURRICANE CREEK **SALOON:** 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

**KEY WEST BAR:** 9pm Rockfish

LOU'S BLUES: 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Bob Neal; 9pm Occasional Astronauts

**PUB AMERICANA MELB:** 

5pm Vince Love SANDBAR: 4pm Jeff Marquis; 9pm Vintage SLOW & LOW CB: 7pm Redfish Rick **SLOW & LOW Viera:** 

5:30pm Tim England **SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8:30pm Radar Red: 1:30am DJ **SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 6pm

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#### 27 - SATURDAY

**BLIND LION:** 8pm TW6 CADILLAC COVE: 8pm Switch **COCOA BEACH FISH CAMP:** 8pm Country Party

**CROWNE PLAZA:** 1pm

Skyclub

**EARL'S HIDEAWAY:** 2pm Nico Wayne Toussaint Band; 8pm Black Sheep

**FOO BAR:** 10pm DJ Dexter **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 5:30pm Mike Farris

**HURRICANE CREEK** 

**SALOON:** 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

**KEY WEST BAR:** 9pm The Fog Band

LOU'S BLUES: 1pm Denise Turner; 5:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy; 9pm Murphy's Law

**PUB AMERICANA MELB:** 5pm Big Ron Betts

**SANDBAR:** 9pm Dub Massive **SLOW & LOW CB:** 7pm Tim England

**SLOW & LOW Viera:** 5:30pm Wes Hufnagel **SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8:30pm Karalyn & The Dawn Patrol; 1:30am DJ **SQUIDLIPS CB:** 2pm

FloriDave **SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 1pm

Heatstroke; 6pm Rios Rock

#### 28 - SUNDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 2pm Heatstroke **CROWNE PLAZA:** 1pm **JERZI** 

EARL'S HIDEAWAY: 2pm Stacy Mitchhart Big Band **HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 7m Jam w/Ron Teixeira Trio

LOU'S BLUES: 2pm Coolers; 7pm Mike Steel

**SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 

8:30pm Karalyn & Dawn Patrol; 1:30am DJ

**SQUIDLIPS CB:** 2pm Drew Halverson

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 12pm Forte; 4pm SoulTime

#### 29 - MONDAY

**COCOA BEACH FISH** CAMP: 7pm Karaoke **EARL'S HIDEAWAY:** 2pm Southern Rock's Finest **LOU'S BLUES:** 7pm Dirty

**SANDBAR:** 8pm Jam Band **SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm TBA

#### 30 - TUESDAY

**CADILLAC COVE: 5pm** Tommy Tuesdays; 6:30pm

Rock Star Bingo

**FOO BAR:** 7pm Trivia LOU'S BLUES: 8pm Trivia **SOCIAL DISTANCE: 8pm** Jam w/ Russ Kellum

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm Kevin Ebright

#### 31 - WEDNESDAY

**CADILLAC COVE:** 7pm Rock Star Karaoke w/ Joe Calautti

CB FISH CAMP: 6pm **Dueling Pianos** 

**HEIDI'S JAZZ CLUB:** 7pm Day Tripper

**HURRICANE CREEK** 

**SALOON:** 7-9pm Free Dance Lessons; 9pm Country Music

**KEY WEST BAR:** 7pm Syd Taylor

LOU'S BLUES: 7:30pm Karaoke w/ Cindy

SANDBAR: 5:30pm Trivia w/ DJ Josh; 8pm Adam Sean Duo **SOCIAL DISTANCE:** 8pm Alexander James

**SQUIDLIPS Mel:** 5:30pm Jeff Marquis

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**Jan 6:** The Best of Country Music, Space Coast Symphony Orchestra, Scott Center Auditorium at Holy Trinity, Melbourne, 855-252-7276

Jan 12: Jese Cook: The Libre Tour, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

Jan 12-Feb 18: Beautiful: The Carol King Musical, Titusville Playhouse, 321-268-1125 Jan 13: Tesla, King Center, Melbourne, 321-242-2219

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Jan 19: Friday Fest, Downtown Cocoa Beach

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Jan 20: Sebastian River Art Club's Members' Annual Judged Show: Sebastian River Art Club, 772-321-9333

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Jan 26-Feb 11: Oklahoma, Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, 321-636-5050

Jan 26: Melbourne Chamber Music Society: Frautschi, Manasse, Nakamatsu, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Indialantic, 321-213-5100

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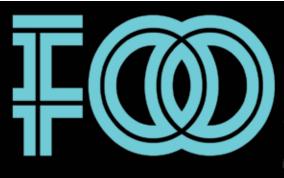
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# **Andrew Walker**

By Steve Keller

Andrew Walker is a music scene mainstay. Musician, singer, sound engineer, educator. Add father to his resume and his time becomes more precious. We talked to the man of many talents in this month's 5 Questions...

# What's a typical day look like in the life of Andrew Walker?

AW: In the past couple years I have become a family man. I have also been able to revolve my life around music. It's like an infinity loop; first half of the day is spent with family, half of those days it's just me and my son Logan who turns 2 in March, and the second half I'm either teaching at school beachside or playing gigs around town on most Friday and Saturday nights. My only days off are Sundays and I spend those with my fiancé Taylor and my step-son Liam.

### When do you have time to write new music?

AW: Man, I haven't really been writing unfortunately. Working with kids and playing gigs doesn't leave me with much free time. The time I do get I like to spend with my family. I have been jamming a bit with my bro Adam Azar and our buddy Briston, teaching myself piano, and we've been writing some music. I haven't really made much of an effort to write lyrics though. I have a few notes in my phone, but nothing prolific hap-



Photo by Sloane Falvey

pening over here I'm sorry to report. I wish I had a Robert Hunter (Grateful Dead lyricist) to help me out, because the musical ideas are abundant, I hear music in my head, not so much words.

### What is your take on the music scene?

AW: There's definitely a void that needs to be filled. I really miss the street parties in Downtown Melbourne and the pop-up shows, but these venues and managers have either changed or don't exist anymore. One person can make a big difference. Some semiprivate festival shows happening in the southern tip of our county are keeping the vibe alive. SCMF is really cool, unable to happen this year but hopefully next year we'll see its return. The Sound Waves shows that I produced along with Todd Kennedy were good for the scene, I'd like to see those return even if I have to train an audio engineer to run that studio. It has sat in the dark pretty much for the past 5 plus

years. All in all, it's a very tough business running a band, and that's what a lot of "fans" fail to understand. I'd love to play in a band again, but lucratively it's not feasible for me to feed my family when I make 3 times the amount playing solo looping acoustic guitar and djembe, at the same time bringing half the amount of gear, and half the load in and load out. I used to be cool with "not doing it for the money" but it's different with a family now. I guess my point is that it's a shame that that's even a saying, we should be able to do it and make decent money because at the end of the day, it is a business. I gotta give it up to my friends in TruPhonic and Drifting Roots for getting out on the road, producing albums, great merch, playing big festivals, that's what it takes to be a successful band hailing from the 321. I do think it will get better soon, I might get into event organization and talent booking in the future.

# What do you have planned for 2024 music wise?

AW: My gigs pretty much book themselves. I usually play once a month at most of my spots, which usually leaves about two Fridays a month open for random bookings, but half of my Fridays and all of my Saturdays are pretty much on auto-pilot and most of 2024 is already booked. I would love to play in a band honestly. It is much more fun for sure. Maybe once my boys are older and not so exhausting, I'll have some extra time, energy, and effort to put forth in that direction.

# If you were stranded on a deserted island what 3 groups/cds would you want to have with you?

AW: Grateful Dead - Europe '72. Papadosio - T.E.T.I.O.S. and Minus the Bear - Farewell. No CDs though. Vinyl please.

Find Andrew Walker on Facebook and Instagram as well as the Brevard Live entertainment calendar.



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# Whiskey JuJu

By Steve LeClair

hanges seem to happen quite often in bands. Ozzy leaves Sabbath and goes solo as the band continues with Ronnie James Dio; Dickie Betts leaves the Allman Bros and gets replaced with various other guitarists, and they continue for many years after; David Lee Roth is replaced with Sammy Hagar and Van Halen continued to rock the world. Though it may not be the world stage, it's not much different on the local scene as bands change personnel quite often. It recently happened to one of our busiest bands. Whiskey JuJu had a member leave, and it's as though they haven't missed a beat (no pun intended). With newest member Dave Steele, the band continues to play a wide variety of rock music but not changing up too much of what they already do. Expect to hear hit songs that are upbeat and ones everyone remembers. They entertain you covering bands like Matchbox 20, Gin Blossoms, Journey, Kid Rock, Queen, Tom Petty, Sweet, Jet and many more. The band has been together since late 2020 and had their first show Jan 16, 2021. Put together by Bob Wenzloff, who does vocals and is the bassist, he had moved here from Texas and starting by placing an ad in BandMix. His vision was to have three singing musicians in order to maximize the most music but staying within the concept of a cover band with a set list heavy into the 80's and 90's. They have tried to do a little of everything and anything while putting their own stamp on the songs whether it's country, reggae, British Invasion or fun dance music like Katrina and the Waves. The band name came about from mixing some



terms learned on a ghost tour of all things and a band members' job. The original drummer worked as a whiskey distributor, and it was shared on a ghost tour in Savannah that before midnight existed Good Ju Ju and after midnight Bad Ju Ju... so from that the name Whiskey JuJu came.

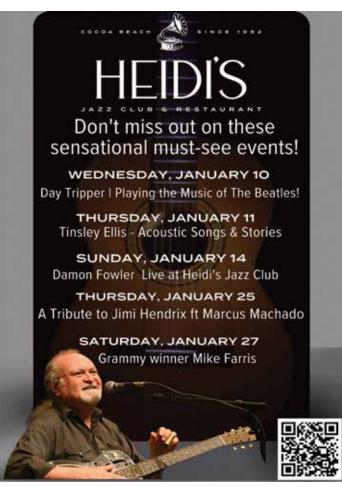
Let's meet the band! Bob Wenzloff is on Lead Vocals and is the Bassist. He's band business leader and original founding member. Bob is a long-time musician who has played in original bands, tribute bands, and for the most recent history, great cover bands. Bob's first original band was Fugitive who played in the Chicago area and experienced much local success. This was the most critical time of his life as he met his future wife Denise who he married and partnered with to manage all of the business behind the band(s). He then went on to tour with a Small Label signed 80's band called Barracuda. Opening for Molly Hatchet, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Enuff Z'Nuff, Roxy Blue and touring with Precious Metal were some of the highlights in the early part of his career. He returned to Chicago and played in one of the most popular local bands in the area

named Insomnia. It was the foundation of the concept for what is now Whiskey JuJu. That inspiration was in the style of the hair bands of the 80s, but it has grown and changed some, and now is driving more low end and groove of bands. This makes the perfect fit for a trio. Another thing is that strong vocals are a must for every band he has been a part of and Whiskey JuJu is no exception, you can guarantee a wide range of songs to be belted out by this bassist.

Alex Herman handles the percussion. As a trained professional, he had played for years as the Band Director of Carnival Cruise lines performing band. Alex has played in front of thousands of international guests as he worked live 7 days a week for 7 years traveling from country to country. This experience gives him a huge catalog of great songs to perform and allows him to understand the best ways to get a crowd pumped up and have a great time. He embraces technology and adds music sequences and samples into his array of skills to enhance all the music he performs. He is currently also a music instructor at the Orlando School of Rock. He enjoys all styles of music, and the best part of performing

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#### **Brevard Live**

#### WHISKEY JUJU continued

is getting to experience new songs that he has never had the chance to play. He comments: "It's great to be a part of a working band that plays such upbeat music and has a great time with their fans."

Dave Steele handles Lead Vocals and is the Guitarist. Early in his career, Dave spent several years touring the New England club circuit with the original Boston Brats, performing 5-7 nights a week. He then went on to partner with guitarist Joe Stump of Alcatrazz to form Trash Broadway and had a successful international release on Torrid/Important Records produced by Chris Anderson (Cheap Trick, Todd Rundgren). He then joined forces with Boston legend Casey Lindstrom (Ric Ocasek, New Models) to record and perform with the band Love It To Death. Dave earned his BPS Summa Cum Laude from Berklee College of Music and, as a product specialist for Bose Corporation, he lectured and performed throughout North America and Asia as well as appearing regularly on live network television in the US and UK. Prior to his recent move to Florida, David sang and played throughout the Northeast with popular trio, The Chills.

The band is always looking for more shows and hopes to expand to bigger events. Interesting fun fact... the band has performed at an Airplane Hanger Museum, a Motor Speedway (Bradenton), and on a pontoon boat at the Bird Island Sandbar. Bob joked, "we're looking for a gig on a train!" You can also find the band supporting local charities such as Sigfest, Nugefest, Children's Hunger Project, Toys for Tots, and No Bad Days Foundation to name a few. All band business, promotion, merchandise, aocial media, digital flyers, photography, live video and publicity is managed by Denise Wenzloff. You can find Whiskey JuJu on facebook and via their website.



Photo by James Ragan

#### **FIREFALL Concert**

Reviewed by Matt Bretz

Inder the direction of Roland Guilarte the Brevard Music Group has been responsible for bringing a wide variety of fantastic artists to our area over the years. Every show is unique and professional with a warm hometown kind of feel that adds a special shine you just can't get anywhere else. Last month Roland pulled it off once again by presenting the legendary Firefall in concert at Florida Tech's Gleason Center Auditorium. If you don't remember these guvs just flip on the classic rock station and give it a minute—no doubt one of their hits will come on before too long. Firefall has a list of former members longer than a Walgreens receipt, but the current lineup—headed up by Jock Bartley (the only remaining original member of the group) plays everything as if it was their own. You would be hard pressed to find more heart and soul in another band of musicians.

Before each song Hartley stepped to the mic and told its origin story with all the loving nostalgia of proud father talking about his kids. We got to hear what it was like at every turn of the road on the band's path from 1974 up to today. It was endearing and drew the audience in making it feel less like a formal concert and more like watching a group of friends jam in the living room.

Taking lead vocals on most of the songs was Steven Weinmeister who also played both rhythm and lead guitars from time to time. Weinmeister has a silky rasp to his tenor that carries the lead and simultaneously allows other voices to fill out a harmony when called for. Hartley joked that Weinmeister had been in the band for 25 years and quit before returning in 2022.

Sandy Ficca held down the beat just like he's been doing since 1984. Solid as a rock that Sandy.

Jim Waddell deserved the MVP award for taking care of keys, flute, saxophone and harmonies. A huge highlight of the night was a sickeningly killer three way solo between Waddell on sax and Weinmeister and Hartley on guitars during 'Mexico.'

The newest member of the group is John Bisaha on bass and vocals who joined up in 2022. You may remember John from his time with John Waite in the Babys back in 1977. And if that doesn't impress you, check out the long list of other artists and bands he's

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# FIREFALL REVIEW continued

played with - it's a bit of mind bomb. Throughout the night the band killed it song after severely well written song, owed mostly to OGs Rick Roberts, of the Flying Burrito Brothers, and Larry Burnett. According to Hartley, before they even had a name for the band, they had over 20 original songs they were working with. Their set list of course included all of their hits like 'Staying with It', 'Headed for a Fall', 'Cinderella', 'Strange Way' and of course 'Just Remember I Love You' and their big top ten song 'You Are the Woman.'

Let's talk about the crowd for a second. Florida Tech is a dry campus so there was no bar service—and lets be honest that's what typically loosens up a concert audience, but you would have never known by how receptive and wonderful everyone was. On top of that Roland and BMG have built up a following of real music lovers so his crowds are always a good time.

Firefall ended the night with a short Christmas time sing-a-long of Silent Night and a pepped up version of Jingle Bells. It wasn't my favorite part of the night, but the crowd loved it and sang their hearts out with the band.

After the show the entire band sat out in the lobby signing autographs, taking pictures and shaking hands. You don't see a lot of classic bands doing this anymore - and I love it. I was actually afraid meet and greets would be a thing of the past after COVID, but Firefall is leading by example. If you haven't been to one of BMG's events do yourself a favor and check out who's upcoming on their roster and see a show. You will be glad you did.



#### Key Lime Pie Festival

- Brevard's VanFest
- Strawberry Festival

The highly experienced management team at Brevard Productions Inc.has been producing events in Brevard County for three decades including the Space Coast Seafood & Music Festival, Space Coast Home Shows, Space Coast State Fair, over 130 concerts, The Space Coast Sports Hall of Fame, The Central Florida Humanitarian Awards and much more. This year they have have 3 more festivals on their schedule: The highly anticipated Kev Lime Pie Festival on January 19th to 21st, at the Space Coast Daily Park in Viera with an opening concert of award winning country artist Lee Greenwood (see article on page 12 in this issue). Space-CoastKeyLimePieFestival.com

Just a week later on Saturday, January 27th, and Sunday, January 28th, 2024, you can discover the magic of **VanFest**, where sun, fun, and vans converge as VanFest brings the ultimate #vanlife experience to Space Coast Daily Park in Viera. You'll experience unlimited tours of custom-build vans, buses/skoolies (and more!), workshops by industry professionals, influencer meetups, live music, local food and drinks, games, giveaways, and more! More info at www.vanfestusa.com.

Last, not least there is The Space Coast Strawberry Festival at the same location on Saturday, February 3rd, and Sunday, February 4th from 10 am to 6 pm. Stroll through the home-grown strawberry fields at the festival to pick the beauties right off the strawberry bushes. The field will always have employees available to guide you through the process and answer questions. This family-owned farm is a 3-acre strawberry patch that is pesticide free, no need to worry about the little ones taste testing as you pick.www.spacecoast-strawberryfestival.com



February 8th thru 10th at the Cape Canaveral Public Library

# Annual Winter Art Show & Sale

The Central Brevard Art Association's Annual Winter Art Show and Sale will be held February 8th thru 10th at the Cape Canaveral Public Library. The unique talents of dozens of local artists will be showcased in this popular annual event. Artists will be displaying and selling a variety of original fine art and prints, photography, jewelry, silks, clay, wood, sculpture, mixed media and much more! Perfect gift giving ideas for Valentine's Day. Gift Baskets will be raffled with 100 percent going to the CBAA scholarship fund.

The Cape Canaveral Public Library is located at 201 Polk Ave, Cape Canaveral. Admission and parking are free. Show hours are Thursday, February 8th, 9 AM to 5 PM; Friday, February 9th, 9 AM to 5 PM; Saturday, February 10th, 10 AM to 4 PM.

CBAA is a not-for-profit organization of local artists serving Brevard County for over 61 years. CBAA was created to promote community appreciation of visual arts, provide educational opportunities in visual arts to the local community and support our members through education, instruction, encouragement, and promotion. Through community support, CBAA also provides an annual scholarship award to a local graduating high school senior who wishes to pursue a college education in art and sponsors a scholarship at Eastern Florida State College for students pursuing the arts. To learn more visit www.cbaaartists. com or call at 321-806-8065.









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