

A LETTER FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT:

Summer is in full swing and the upcoming Fourth of July holiday marks the middle of our summer season. Increased traffic and warm temperatures are all an indicator this summer will be one of our best ever.

The Lighthouse Establishment Cinema is in full swing with three movies planned this month. See the related article in this newsletter. Fishing is also booming with the Texas International Fishing Tournament set for July 29-Aug. 2.

Our July All Member meeting is set for July 10 at 8:30 am at Pirate's Landing Restaurant and we look forward to seeing you there! As always, we encourage you to contact our office with any suggestions or questions you might have about the services we provide to our membership. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Betty Wells

President Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce

LIGHTHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT CINEMA SLATES THREE JULY MOVIES

The Port Isabel Lighthouse Establishment Cinema will showcase three family movies during the month of July on the grounds of the historic Lighthouse.

The movies are free to the public and start at 9:30 pm. Moviegoers should bring their own blankets and chairs and snacks are available. The full summer schedule includes: "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" on July 3; "Pee Wee's Big Adventure" on July 17; "Journey to the Center of the Earth" on July 31; "Kung Fu Panda" on August 14; and "Grease" on August 28.

The movies are hosted by the Museums of Port Isabel and are sponsored by area businesses.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS! GONZALEZ TILE

POET STEVE SCHNEIDER TO READ FROM NEW BOOK AT PURPLE PARROT

Steven Schneider, Professor of English at the University of Texas Pan American, will read from his new book of poems entitled "Unexpected Guests" at the Purple Parrot in Port Isabel on Thursday, July 9 at 7 pm.

The award winning artist Reefka Schneider has created a group of paintings to accompany the poems in the book and several will be on

display and for sale at the Purple Parrot throughout the month of July, where she is the featured artist. The event is scheduled from 7-9 pm. The Purple Parrot is located at 407 E. Maxan Street on the Lighthouse Square in Port Isabel. For more information on the event, please call (956) 943-2004.

70TH TIFT SCHEDULED TO START JULY 29

More than 1500 registrants and 500 boats are expected to converge on the Port Isabel-South Padre Island area to participate in the 70th Texas International Fishing Tournament.

Scheduled for July 29-August 2, the five day event features bay, tarpon and offshore divisions for anglers of all ages. The two days of fishing will take place on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, Aug. 1. Winners will be awarded custom art prints by local artist Larry Haines at the awards ceremonies on Sunday, Aug. 3.

Special activities for juniors 21 years of age and under will be held on Thursday, July 30. Interested persons can register online at www.tift.org or contact Tournament Director Betty Wells at (956) 943-8438 or (956) 561-1052 for more information. Registration fees for adult

JUAN CASTILLO DAY
JULY 4TH 2009
PORT ISABEL, TEXAS

Special Appearance by Juan Castillo, Tarpons 1977 and now Offensive Line Coach for the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles!

Saturday, JULY 4th: 10:00 a.m. - Presentation of the Key to the City by Mayor Joe E. Vega (Port Isabel Lighthouse Park)
11:00 a.m. - Unveiling of Exhibit (Port Isabel Historical Museum)
12:00 p.m. - Luncheon (Jimmy's Restaurant & Sports Bar) Tickets \$25 per person
3:00 p.m. - Reception & Unveiling of Special Exhibit (Doubleday Sports Bar)
Call for more information: (956) 943-2682

Friday, JULY 3rd: Juan Castillo's Mini Football Camp @ the Tarpon Stadium
Ages: 8 & up - When: 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Cost: \$20
Call for more information: (956) 433-9848

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anglers prior to July 18 are \$90 and late registration fees for adult anglers are \$100. Junior registration fees range from \$13 to \$30 and captain/crew and social fees are \$50 per person.

JULY COMMUNITY & CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1-Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting. White Sands Restaurant 8:30a	2-Veteran's Committee (City Hall)	3-All Member Chamber Meeting (Pirates Landing) 8:30a	4-HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! Juan Castillo Day 10a-3p (Lighthouse, Museums, Jimmy's & Doubledays)
			Ribbon Cutting-Gonzalez Tile (114 Hwy 100) 6p		Juan Castillo Football Camp 5:30p	LHEC! Movies at the Lighthouse "Indiana Jones (Crystal Skull)" 9:30p
5-PI Antique & Flea Market (Beulah Lee Park) 9a-4p	6-Friends of the Library 4:30p Parks & Recreation (City Hall) 6p	7-Comprehensive Planning Committee (City Hall) 5:30p	8-Merchants Committee Meeting 8:30a P & Z (City Hall) 6p	9-Beautification Committee 5p (City Hall) Purple Parrot Art Show 7-9p	10	11
12	13	14-City Commission Meeting(City Hall) 7p	15-Ambassador's Meeting (Treasures) 8:30a PI EDC (City Hall) 6p	16-Harbor Committee 5:30p (City Hall)	17-LHEC! Movies at the Lighthouse "PeeWee's Big Adventure" 9:30p	18
19	20	21-Joint Community Center Committee (City Hall) 5:30p	22-Merchants Committee Meeting 8:30a	23	24	25-Ribbon Cutting Veteran's Park (South Shore Drive)
26	27	28-City Commission Meeting (City Hall) 7p	29-TIFT	30-Museums' Telling Our Stories Program 7p TIFT	31-LHEC! Movies at the Lighthouse "Journey to the Center of the Earth" 9:30p TIFT	

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