

# NEWSLETTER

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## *A Fond Farewell to a Venice Icon*

A Fond Farewell to The Wee Blew Inn  
Venice is saying goodbye to a true local icon — The Wee Blew Inn Restaurant. We made sure to dine there one last time, just as we did in the early days of American Import Auto, ordering our signature BLT with fries for one final hoorah. The Wee Blew has been more than just a nearby spot for lunch — it's been part of our story, a place we all grew up around, and a piece of Venice history. It's hard to see it go, but we'll always remember it with a full heart and full plate.

Photographed here are our owners Jeff and Donna Hazeltine (they have been patrons of the Wee Blew since the early days of them dating!)

Photo credit: Brian Ensell.



## *Precision Alignments Done In-House*

We're proud to offer professional alignments right here at the shop, using our own state-of-the-art alignment machine. Our trained team ensures your tires are perfectly aligned with each repair — because precision matters when it comes to your safety, handling, and tire longevity. No outsourcing, just expert care from the team you trust.



## *Welcome Baby Girl Micalizzi!*

Welcome to the World, Andie Rose!

We are overjoyed to announce the newest addition to the American Import Auto, Inc.

family — please join us in warmly welcoming Andie Rose Micalizzi! □ Andie is the precious third grandbaby of our City Fleet Manager, Mark, and his wife, Anne-Marie. We feel so blessed to celebrate this beautiful new life and the joy she brings to their family.

From all of us here at AIA, we send our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as they enjoy this wonderful new chapter together. We can't wait to watch Andie grow as part of our extended AIA family!



## *Support Local Businesses*

Blended Bonanza Fridays!

Join us every Friday for Blended Bonanza — your new favorite way to end the week! Enjoy yummy açai smoothies, delicious coffee, and the best açai bowls around. It's the perfect blend of flavor and fun, and a great way to treat yourself while you visit the shop or just stop by to say hi!



## *Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!*

We hope you all had a wonderful fourth of July, we were closed and went up to Georgia, does anyone remember this cute little shop baby? Scarlett and Savannah are getting SO big! Here is Savannah in her fourth swimsuit on the lake.



# Coffee Connections : The Adria Venice



We recently attended a Coffee Connections event at The Adria in Venice, hosted by the Venice Chamber of Commerce. It was a great morning of networking and meeting new faces in the community — and to top it off, Jenny won a beautiful gift basket from State Farm Insurance – The Weston Group! You'll now find our rack cards at both The Adria and their sister property, The Maren — perfect for new residents looking for a friendly, trustworthy auto repair facility to call home.



## Marketing F-U-N!

We were thrilled to have Michaela (Mike's daughter) join us in the office twice this July as part of the marketing team for the day! She brought so many fun ideas to the table and kept the whole team engaged with her creativity and upbeat energy. While we're sad she's heading back to school, we know this isn't goodbye — just see you soon! Thanks for hanging out with us Michaela!





## *AIA Ladies Night*

Our shop wives brought the glam to Wellen Park for a fun and fabulous evening at Villani & Co.! It was the perfect night to relax, connect, and celebrate the amazing women behind the scenes of our shop family. Here's to strong support, good laughs, and even better company!

Definitely try Villani and Co. if you are in the Wellen Park area! Thank you She, Jenny, Donna, Brandi, & Melissa for a great evening.

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## *Recipe of the Month*

These bite-sized sliders are juicy, cheesy, and baked to perfection—perfect for parties, BBQs, or an easy weeknight win. Warning: they disappear fast!

👉 Grab the quick recipe here:  
<https://www.halfbakedharvest.com/pull-apart-cheeseburger-sliders/>



## *Vehicle of the Month*

### **Old Meets New: Mercedes Side by Side**

We recently had the unique opportunity to work on two Mercedes-Benz vehicles of the same model — but years apart! It was pretty cool to see the classic and the modern versions side by side in the shop. From timeless design to cutting-edge technology, both cars show the incredible evolution of this iconic brand. Moments like these remind us why we love what we do!



## *Venice Art Center Board*

### *Sponsored Show*

We're proud to serve on the board of the Venice Art Center, and recently we helped sponsor a wonderful art show that brought the community together for an unforgettable evening. Guests enjoyed captivating cabaret performances, delicious light bites, and refreshing beverages — all set against a backdrop of inspiring artwork.

It was a fun night celebrating creativity and connection, and we're honored to support such a vibrant part of our community!

Thank you VAC for being a pillar in the community.



### *In Memoriam*

On behalf of American Import Auto, Venice Art Center Board of Directors, staff, and friends, we are brokenhearted to announce the passing of Venice Art Center's past president Tom Crafts. Tom was the serving president when Jenny Hazeltine (AIA Marketing director and VAC Board Member) first started on the board. He was so kind and made the transition into a board role - seamless for her. She will miss the jokes he had, the great ideas, and the participation - he ALWAYS showed up for us.

Rest in paradise Tom, we will miss you.

## Community Events (Let's Connect!)



A TASTE FOR  
 *The Twig*  
and Online Auction



Join us for an unforgettable evening in support of The Twig on Saturday, September 13, 2025! Enjoy a night of fun with friends while savoring delicious bites from local restaurants, perfectly paired with wine and beer.

During our brief program, we'll share exciting updates about The Twig and the incredible impact your support makes in the lives of children in foster care.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1189214402917797>

Take time to invest in yourself—personally and professionally. Join us for an evening of networking, self-care, and meaningful connection at Nuvview Medspa, designed for emerging professionals looking to connect, recharge, and grow.

Must be between the ages of 21-39  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5-7PM  
@ Nuvview Medspa

Join the City of North Port for our rescheduled Freedom Festival, presented by American Irrigation. This family-friendly signature event includes fun activities, great vendors, plenty of food options, and of course fireworks.

Freedom Festival 2025  
CoolToday Park  
August 30th, 2025  
5:30PM-9PM

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