

# Entertainer of the Month Billy Davidson



Photo by Paul White

Singer and songwriter Billy Davidson is originally from upstate New York but has been making his living performing in the Florida Keys for over 22 years. During the day Davidson spends his time in his recording studio and at night he can be found at the Island Grill (Tuesdays and Fridays), Morada Bay (Thursdays), Marker 88 (Saturdays) and Sundowners (Sundays).

Davidson has released seven albums with Paul Case, the other half of the popular duo "Case and Davidson", five solo records and two with Steve Webb. His most recent release with Webb title "Kindred Spirits" is best described as Pop/Grass with soaring vocals and mandolin, acoustic guitar, and harmonica accompaniment.

In addition to his original music, Davidson's repertoire

covers a broad range of his favorite musicians including artists like The Beatles, James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Keb Mo, Jackson Browne, Van Morrison, Bob Marley, The Subdudes, Elton John, and Sting.

I recently had the pleasure of catching his show at Sundowner's for Mother's Day. And I can tell you Billy Davidson is a crowd pleaser. He knows how to pack the customers in and keep them there so making a reservation is always a good idea. His voice is reminiscent of Jackson Browne or James Taylor and he is Upper Keys music at its best!

When he's not entertaining people down here in the Keys he making fans touring the U.S. and Europe.

For more information on Billy Davidson check out his website at BillyDavidson.com or CaseandDavidson.com.

## Richard L. Dunn ("Concrete Dick") 1939-2011

Born in Sussex, NJ, son of the late LeRoy Dunn and Agnes (Little) Dunn, Richie made his permanent home in Key Largo in 2001, following 25 years as a winter resident.

Richie was Mayor of Wantage Township, NJ for 2 years and a Committeeman for 6 years. He was a life member and twice Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 2288 in Sussex, NJ and member of Elks Lodge 1872 in Tavernier. He was a life member, past President and Lt. Governor of Sussex Kiwanis.

Richie was active in numerous organizations: Freemason Samaritan Lodge of Hardyston, NJ, Past Fire Chief of Sussex Fire Dept., life member of Franklin Fire Dept, exempt, honorary member of the Pochuck Fire Dept, past Governor of Key Largo Moose Lodge 2287, and member of Pirates On the Water of the Upper Keys.

His contributions to the community included emcee and originator of Kiwanis Old Timers night, performing in Kiwanis Comedy Kapers comedy shows, emcee for Franklin Fire Dept. venison stag dinner, and calling Bingo for the American Legion, Moose Lodge, and the VFW in Key Largo. His comedic talent made him an icon in the community.

Richie liked to collect antique cars, fly planes, sing karaoke, cruise, ride his motorcycle, and was rarely seen without his cue stick. He owned and operated Richard L. Dunn Co. in Wantage, NJ for 47 years. He was very proud to have both sons, Larry and Wayne, in the business with him. Larry managed the Company after his retirement.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sherry, his sons Wayne (Nicole) Dunn, and Larry Dunn, his sisters Barbara Lewis and Laraine (Phil) Hockenberry, step children Michele (Jesus) Algarin and Jason Loomis, and 9 grandchildren.

Richie lived his life by his favorite sayings – "It's so nice to be nice" and "I did it my way." Celebration of life: Sunday, June 5th at 6 o'clock at the Elks Lodge 1872 in Tavernier, FL. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



## Twenty-One Local Students to Study Abroad



Twenty-one students from Monroe County High Schools are preparing for their adventures overseas in July. These students are participating in the Experiment In International

living cross cultural experience. Fourteen of these high school students are in the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) program and will travel abroad in a

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# Bartender of the Month Angie Liberty

## Island Grill Serving Breakfast



This month's Coconut Telegraph Bartender is Angie Liberty, the "breakfast girl" at the Island Grill.

Liberty, a single mom with three children, moved to the Keys from Las Vegas, Nevada and has been working at the Island Grill for about a year.

When we asked her how she likes it at the Island Grill she replied, "I love it here! Just look at my office." She points to the back yard sandy beach area and then to the sparkling blue Atlantic Ocean that we were literally standing on top of.

"This place is so beautiful and the food is amazing," says Liberty. "This is also a very family oriented place. We are all friends here."

As you can see by the picture, Liberty is drop-dead gorgeous. She loves the water and fishing and thinks fishermen are cool.

With employees like Angie, a great view and quality food it's no surprise the Island Grill has become the locals' favorite breakfast place.

Breakfast on the beach is served from 7 to 11 a.m. And the prices are exceptionally low for a restaurant of this high quality. For example two eggs, homefries, with your choice of meat and toast is only \$5.25. Omelettes start at \$5.95 and all are under \$10. The Sunrise Breakfast is mouth-watering with three scrambled eggs with cheese, bacon, sausage, peppers, onions, salsa, homefries and toast for only \$7.95.

Angie Liberty invites all the fishermen, their friends, locals and tourist to stop in for a hearty breakfast. Come visit Island Grill, in the heart of Islamorada, by boat, car or motorcycle.