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Each place featured below was voted as the BEST by ECC Facebook Fans. Be sure to “Like” our page to participate next month.

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Stetson Entrepreneur to be Featured on TV Show

DELAND: There’s exciting news from Stetson’s School of Business Administration: Junior Kendall Buck ’23, an entrepreneurship and management major, will be featured on a new TV show - Fox Business Network’s “The Billion Dollar Idea.”

On the show, Buck and other contestants compete for $1 million in startup funding from billionaire entrepreneur, Ben Weiss. The show debuted Tuesday, April 26, at 9 p.m. on FBN.

Buck is one of 15 elite entrepreneurs from 15 different cities who will go head-to-head, testing their ideas with the hopes of being the big winner. The show will air for weeks to come on Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. (ET).

Weiss famously created Bai, a revolutionary beverage company that was sold for $1.7 billion. His words about the show: “I’ll put 15 entrepreneurs to the test to see who will win my investment. What an amazing experience filming the show and working with these entrepreneurs - I can’t wait for everyone to tune in!”

“I never occurred to me that I could be doing this while I was in college,” Buck said about being an entrepreneur. “The fact that Stetson encourages student entrepreneurship is amazing and opened up a lot of doors for me.”

Now, she has even bigger plans - on national TV.

ABOUT STETSON UNIVERSITY

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NSB Finalizes Parks Master Plan

NEW SMYRNA BEACH: The city of New Smyrna Beach (NSB) is a coastal community of Volusia County. Locals live, work and play all while soaking up NSB’s laid back lifestyle. Visitors come to enjoy fun outdoor experiences like strolling on miles of seaside boardwalk and relaxing on beautiful white-sand beaches. The city’s coastal neighborhoods are located along North America’s most diverse estuary, the Indian River Lagoon and the Atlantic Ocean. Canaveral National Seashore is available for everyone to explore pristine dune, hammock and lagoon habitats.

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association, parks and recreation have three values that make them essential to communities: economic value, health and environmental benefits and social importance. The city of NSB’s Park Division, along with the city commission, is taking a proactive approach to managing its public green spaces and is working from a Parks Master Plan. The plan includes recommendations in order to keep the city’s parks clean, safe and usable for everyone to enjoy.

Just as water, sewer and public safety are considered essential public services, parks are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in a community, ensuring the health of families and youth, and contributing to the environmental well-being of a community and region.

On April 12, 2022, at the regular city commission meeting, the final plan for parks in New Smyrna Beach was presented and reviewed. The project goal for the Parks Master Plan is to serve as a guide that will facilitate future growth and achieve the city’s goals for creating and maintaining the long-term investment in its parks systems. According to the report, NSB’s population grew in 2000 to 2020 by approximately 30 percent from 22,438 to 29,073.

Recently, a public survey was conducted for the city asking which city parks are the best parks. The top three results are Callalisa Park, North Causeway Boat Ramp and Multi-Use Trail. All of NSB’s 35 parks were reviewed and scored for the Parks Master Plan. The guiding principles are to enhance what NSB has, expand the reach to locals and visitors and then connect all together including neighborhood/destination parks and multi-use trail segments.

Enhancement levels were categorized into three groups: maintenance (less than $50,000), minor improvements ($50,000 - $100,000) and major improvements ($100,000 or more). In regards to the top three city parks, 27th Avenue was marked as “good condition” and “maintain” was recommended moving forward. Callalisa Park is marked as “poor” condition and in need of “major improvements.”

For the future, five neighborhood park locations were recommended for the following areas: Fairway area, Pioneer Trail, Saxon Drive Linear Park, Atlantic Arts Park and Smyrna Dunes Parklet. These locations have flexible space, can connect multiple neighborhoods and provide access to water and natural areas. Five community parks were also proposed for the following locations: South mainland along State Road 44, Glencoe Paige, Westside North and South and Marine Discovery Center Park. These areas have large open spaces, offer mix facility types, serve multiple neighborhoods and have existing natural, historic features.

Communities who pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location to relocate, and maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, all have a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment. NSB’s city commission, comprehensive plan, budget and Planning and Zoning department will need to collaborate for the best policy actions in order to implement these recommendations.

Copies of the Parks Master Plan can be requested at CityofNSB.com under “public records request” from the city clerk’s office.
Things My Mother Taught Me

Finding Beauty - My mom was one of the coolest people I ever knew. She was fun, funny, smart and determined to raise two ladies out of me and my sister.

Our dating reminders went like this... Do you have a dime so you can call home if your date gets fresh? A young man must call 24 hours prior to a date. Your date will walk to the door, greet your parents then, while they watch in the doorway, he will escort you to the car, opening and closing your door.

She was the queen of “guilt trips” even though her response was always, “Only you can make you feel guilty.” That comment drove me nuts.

There were a million things my mom taught us through the years. Way too much to fit in this column, but I did use lots of her mothering strategies on my own children, and I think we all turned out pretty darn good.

My most successful idea from my mom was that when we wanted to do something that might not be a great idea, she would avoid an argument by replying, “You know best.” That response drove my kids as crazy as it did me. Well played, Mom!

On Mother’s Day, I don’t care about the gifts as much as the time with my kids and grandkids. It’s the best gift a mother can receive - time. I wish I still had time with my mom.

This Mother’s Day give your mom what she really wants and needs - you.

Karin Jenkins is a Licensed Esthetician, Makeup Artist, and the author of the book, “Pageant Land and the Family Who Lived There.” She has been involved in all aspects of the beauty industry and in show business for over 30 years. Karin is the mother of two and the grandmother of four.
Our corner of Florida isn’t exactly known for higher elevations. The coastline is relatively flat and hills in the area are mostly man-made. As you travel further inland, however, the scenery begins to change and rolling hills creep up from the sea level to which we are accustomed.

The area surrounding Lake Apopka, Florida’s fourth largest lake, is a wealth of natural landscapes and exploration opportunities. Our family spent the day exploring Green Mountain Scenic Overlook and the Lake Apopka Loop Trail for a relaxing and sunny afternoon adventure.

While there are no sprawling mountain ranges to be found in Florida, Green Mountain does provide a vantage point you don’t often find in Florida. At 180 feet above sea level, the easy-going trail starts off with stunning views over lush, green bluffs. A quick, paved walk will lead to the overlook tower. Here, you can take in views of truly natural Florida with nothing man-made in sight.

From there, your adventure is really up to you and there are plenty of options. For an easier option, a quarter-mile of gravel-paved trail will lead you further into the lowlands. The trail is full of lazy, winding switchbacks to ease you down the hillside and makes it accessible to most hikers and leisurely strollers. This and the surrounding areas are also extremely popular with bicyclists.

Further on, you’ll come to the access point of the Lake Apopka Loop Trail. From here, you can hike as far as you’d like - up to 17 miles over Lake Apopka’s north shore to the opposite side of the lake. With Avery in tow, we took our hike at “little kid pace” (which is glacial as she stops to inspect every bug and leaf, and pick every wildflower). She also brought her treasured Florida reptiles, amphibians and wildlife guides to study and reference in case we came across something good. We brought along her wagon for snack/cooler storage and shaded rest, and made our way three miles out and back on the wide trail, which is a combo of loose gravel and roughly paved surface.

At that point, you have access to several other trails or can continue on your path. Much of the trail to this point is shaded by a lush canopy mottled with sunlight, and this time of year is perfect for a relaxing walk cooled by spring breezes. There are stretches of clear skies, however, so be sure to pack your sunscreen!

As always, if you’re outside in Florida, there’s bound to be plenty of mosquitoes. Don’t forget bug spray, as there are plenty of them, as well as biting flies and other pesky things, to go around. We also spotted a great deal of different butterflies, dragonflies and bees along our way (or “fuzzy buzzies” as Avery calls them).

Because of its length and changes in elevation, the trail is a popular spot for hikers training for the Appalachian Trail or other long stretches. Be advised, however, that this trail is for day use only and offers no overnight camping spots.

At our halfway point, we found a large canal leading to the
lake. We spotted tons of birds searching the waters for lunch, and a nice-sized gator just below our feet on a walkway over the water. We stayed quite a while watching him lounge in the water, while he kept a close eye on us as well. Other wildlife sightings reported along this trail includes bobcats, river otters and coyotes.

If you’re able to pack more exploring into your day, the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive is just across the lake. It is an 11-mile one-way drive along the shoreline that promises ample wildlife spotting. It’s only open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. so plan accordingly. It can also be accessed by pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as from the Lake Apopka Loop Trail if you plan to do the full 17 miles.

Other access points of this trail offer waterfront access to the lake for boating and kayaking/canoeing. The area is considered one of the county’s premiere birding destinations with over 370 species located along the shores. Lake Apopka’s South Lake Trail offers even more hilltop and lakeside scenery as well as several parks. No matter where you end up, the shores of Lake Apopka have something to offer every adventure seeker.
Sea Turtle Nesting Season Starts May 1: Although sea turtle nesting season officially starts May 1, Volusia County managed beaches already have three leatherback nests. One of them, which was discovered April 2, is the earliest recorded sea turtle nest on county managed beaches. With water temperatures warming up quickly, hundreds of sea turtles will be emerging from the surf to lay eggs on the beach in the next few months. During the nesting season, oceanfront property owners are required to shield, redirect or turn off lights so they don’t shine on the beach. Residents and visitors can also help save sea turtle lives by following these tips on the beach: Do not touch or disturb sea turtles or their nests. It’s important that hatchlings make their own way to the ocean. Do not disturb the dune system or plants. Use designated beach access points and do not walk on the dunes. When driving at the beach, use the designated traffic lanes and parking areas. Beach driving access hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the nesting season, tide permitting. Do not use flash photography or cellphones to light your way at night. Use only red LED flashlights; they are less visible to turtle eyes. Flatten sandcastles, fill in holes, and take your chairs, equipment and trash with you. This is an easy way to reduce obstacles faced by sea turtles. Do not use fireworks. If you see a nesting adult sea turtle or hatchlings making their way to the ocean, admire them from a safe distance. Nesting season runs through Oct. 31. During a typical year, 400 to 500 nests are laid in Volusia County. Last year’s season was the fourth highest nesting season on record, with 780 nests counted. VolusiaSeaTurtles.org

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Hungarian Summit: Hungarian culture has always been underrated. From its beautiful people to its interesting food, anyone who has visited Hungary has been fascinated by it and locals who are already in other parts of the world always longed for the place they call home. It is why we created the Hungarian Summit, the first Hungarian American conference that aims to introduce Hungarian culture to Americans and allow Hungarians to get a taste of home despite being in the United States. The event will take place at the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MOAS) in Daytona Beach, Florida and it will run from May 12-14, 2022. The three-day conference will include activities such as discussions, forums, presentations and entertainment that are all aimed towards letting people experience Hungarian culture with the help of local entrepreneurs while also allowing them to promote their businesses to a bigger market. The highlight of this conference, however, will be the cultural experience that visitors can enjoy throughout the Hungarian Summit. Each day, Hungarian culture will be showcased through different forms of entertainment featuring artists from Hungary who made their mark on the global stage. The business and art expo on Saturday is free and open to the general public and tickets for the summit are $399 per person. Purchase tickets, find a schedule of events and more info online. HungarianSummit.com
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**CHEESECAKE PANCAKES**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened, divided
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs room temperature
- 1 cup buttermilk room temperature
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Whipped cream

Preparation:

**STRAWBERRY TOPPING:**
1. Place the strawberries, sugar and lemon juice in a saucepan set over medium-low heat. Bring to a low boil and cook 12 to 15 minutes, or until strawberries cook down and thicken.
2. For a smoother sauce, mash the berries with the back of a spoon. Set aside and keep warm.

**CHEESECAKE PANCAKES:**
1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt.
2. In a separate bowl, use an electric mixer to beat 4 ounces of cream cheese and sugar together until smooth. Add the eggs one at a time until combined, then beat in the buttermilk, melted butter, lemon juice and vanilla until smooth.
3. Gently fold the wet ingredients into the flour mixture until just combined. Add the remaining cubed cream cheese and fold in gently. Allow the batter to rest for 10 minutes.
4. Heat a pancake pan (or large frying pan or electric griddle) over medium heat. Lightly grease with oil or non-stick cooking spray.
5. Pour 1/4 cup of batter per pancake onto the griddle and cook for 2 to 3 minutes until tops are slightly dry looking, with small air bubbles beginning to form. Flip, and continue cooking on the other side, 1 to 2 minutes, until golden brown. Keep pancakes warm in a low temperature oven while you work through the batter.
6. Stack pancakes with layers of whipped cream and strawberry sauce and serve.

**NUTRITION**
Calories: 158kcal | Carbohydrates: 20g | Protein: 3g | Fat: 6g | Saturated Fat: 3g | Cholesterol: 40mg | Sodium: 114mg | Potassium: 146mg | Sugar: 7g | Vitamin A: 255IU | Vitamin C: 12.2mg | Calcium: 61mg | Iron: 1mg

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DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY
Large pieces of trash can create a barrier
for sea turtles searching for a nesting
site. Smaller trash can injure or get
captured on the turtle. Fishing lines and
ropes often get entangled around the front
flippers of sea turtles.

TURN OUT LIGHTS
Sea turtle hatchlings use the light
reflection of the moon onto the ocean
to find their way to the water. Artificial
light confuses the hatchlings and
directs them inland instead of to the ocean. Lights on shore
also discourage female adults from nesting on the beach.

SHOP WITH REUSABLE CLOTH BAGS
A hungry sea turtle can easily confuse a
plastic bag for a jellyfish. If a sea turtle
ingests plastic, it can cause a number of issues including
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STAY ALERT WHILE BOATING
Avoid sea turtles while boating. Collision impacts and propellers
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The top side of a sea turtle’s shell
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Baby Sea Turtle
Also known as “hatchlings”

Age
The estimated average lifespan
for a sea turtle is 60-80 years.

Diet
All species are omnivores, feeding
primarily on sea grass and jellyfish.

Smallest species
Olive Ridley or Pacific Ridley Turtle
(Lepidochelys olivacea)

90kg
1.5m
x 15

Largest species
Leatherback Turtle
(Dermochelys coriacea)

900kg
2m
x 30

Incubation time
6 - 8 weeks

Did you know?
To all other animals the jellyfish is inedible because of its well-equipped stinging tentacles.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hot fact:
Temperature matters
The sex of baby turtles is determined by the
temperature of the sand they are hatched from.

A life at sea
Mature
At 30 years
Young turtles spend their first
20-30 years riding the ocean
currents before returning to
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Across
1. "Far out!"
8. Amin adversary
13. Beget
14. Summer television fare
16. Rustic mountain retreat
17. Tithed portion
18. Portuguese port
19. Offshore resident
21. Group fight
22. Mirthful syllables
23. Finnish architect Saarinen
24. Catch some z’s
25. Prefix with bus
26. Utah senator Hatch
27. Leaky pen’s result
30. Width measure
31. Laud, as virtues
33. Shows how
35. Emeril's shout
36. Arthur's greatest knight
40. Honshu Island city
42. Internet addresses
43. Johannesburg’s land, shortly
46. Former Zaire ruler Mobutu ____ Seko
47. 6-6-44
48. Plays in an alley
50. Subtle differences
52. Birthplace of Elvis Presley
53. Less logical
54. Most like a Sasquatch
55. "You're in for ____!"
57. International agreements
58. Unbelievably
59. At the earliest opportunity

Down
1. Start under new management
2. Zambia neighbor
3. Broken down
4. Seeing red
5. Resort on the southern tip of Baja
6. Glitter finisher
7. Sparing the rod
8. Clerical garb
9. Software test version
10. First game of a series
11. Offered in payment
12. Greasy spoons
13. Grab hold of
15. Seat of power
20. Actor LaBeouf
22. Initiates with "Bounty" and "Pinafore"
25. Tex. neighbor
26. Count Basie’s "____ Clock Jump"
28. Emeril Lagasse's French Quarter restaurant
29. Aches and pains
31. Gradually begin
32. Yearly mailer, briefly
34. Antispasmodic chemical
35. Sarajevo site
37. In the altogether
38. Does a test dummy’s job
39. "Tarzan" star Ron
41. Loudly lamented
44. Confectionary items
45. Ready to roll
47. Unscrupulous, as a fighter
48. Van ____ Boys (gang in a "Seinfeld" episode)
49. Winos
51. Certain duck
52. One-time Yugoslav chief
55. "I take it that's ____"

Find the answers to this crossword puzzle in next month’s issue.
How the Frozen Margarita Bonded Two Cultures for Life: The Tex-Mex food industry began as a love affair between Texan and Mexican food cultures. Frozen margarita machines revolutionized that industry in the early 1970s. At that time, the frozen margarita was laborious to make. Feedback from patrons also revealed the cocktail was notoriously inconsistent in taste. Mariano Martinez, entrepreneur of Mariano’s Hacienda in Dallas, solved these problems with his family’s own signature cocktail recipe by streamlining the cocktail making process. He modified a second-hand soft serve machine to churn out a new frosty version of his father’s frozen margarita! Smithsonian Magazine credits Mariano’s invention as the driver behind Americans’ insatiable appetite for Mexican food and celebrating Mexican culture too. Before the invention of the frozen margarita machine, most Tex-Mex restaurants didn’t have a bar. Today, the bar is a hearth found at the heart of every Tex-Mex restaurant that satisfies pallets, warms the bellies of its patrons and helps Tex-Mex entrepreneurs stabilize restaurant profits. Brown Forman, a spirit manufacturer based in Louisville, Kentucky, reported in 2008 that Americans consume an average of 185,000 margaritas in an hour. Florida alone consumed four and a half Olympic sized swimming pools of Tequila, the agave spirit used to make margaritas, in 2020. That’s a heavy pour of nearly 3 million gallons per a recent statistic report! On a global scale, the U.S. is the number one consumer of Tequila. Americans consume half of all Tequila produced worldwide! Only agave spirits produced in the Mexican state of Jalisco and a few other municipalities can brand themselves as Tequila. Mezcal, another agave spirit similar to Tequila, is also exclusively produced in Mexico. Homemade agave spirits can be distilled anywhere though with the right ingredients and equipment. The proof is in the product. Check out a locally made agave product called Tres Chimeneas at Sugar Works Distillery in New Smyrna Beach. Learn more fun facts at Facebook.com/discoverDAYTONA.NSB

Edgewater Laser Light Show: Exciting news in Edgewater! Last year’s Laser Light Show was such a hit that it has now joined the EDGEmet event series. This twenty minute patriotic themed Laser Light Show will include music, special effects and a spectacular show by FullColorLasers.com. Join the fun on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Hawks Park, located at 108 South Ridgewood Avenue in Edgewater. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and the Laser Light Show begins promptly at 8:00 p.m. Parking will be in the offsite lot behind the Southeast Volusia Family YMCA (148 West Turgot Avenue) with viewing at Hawks Park. Be sure to pack your blanket or chair and enjoy the show! For more information about the EDGEmet Laser Light Show or learn more about becoming a vendor or EDGEmet sponsor, please call 386-424-2400 x7207 or email specialevents@cityofedgewater.org. CityOfEdgewater.org

Inaugural Historic Preservation Awards Held in NSB: The New Smyrna Museum of History is the public outreach component operated by the Southeast Volusia Historical Society, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This year, the Southeast Volusia Historical Society and museum held the inaugural Historic Preservation Awards on March 24 at The Grand Ol’ Barn located at 721 Palmetto Street in NSB. The purpose of the NSMH Preservation Awards is to raise awareness of their historic legacy throughout Southeast Volusia County, to recognize individuals or businesses in the community who have made outstanding contributions to historic preservation, to showcase exemplary preservation throughout the community that may serve as inspiration for future preservation, to encourage authentic preservation of historic homes or buildings that may prevent future demolition of historic properties, to educate the community on the merits of historical architecture, and to promote design standards aligned with the historic period of home or building. Among other award winners, the Washington E. Connor Restoration Award was presented to Pam and Mike Ison (pictured left) for their home at 624 N Riverside Drive in NSB. The award recognizes outstanding preservation that demonstrates authentic period restoration. Built in 1966, their mid-century home sits between Riverside Drive and Faulkner Street on land once owned by Washington E. Connor in the early 1900s. The Ison’s restorations include refurbished terrazzo floors, original doors and extensive use of travertine. To see the rest of this year’s winners and learn more about the awards, visit NSBHistory.org/Preservation-Awards

Keep the beach safe and clean. Leave only footprints.
Hey Busy Bees

Now that we have our pollinators buzzing around in our pollinator gardens, we have to get our plan together for our vegetable plants to grow and thrive. To do this successfully, we need to identify five basic needs that help our gardens produce lots of yummy food to eat.

1. A great vegetable garden needs plenty of sunlight, water, air, proper temperature and nutrients. Keep in mind that plants of the same species are strongly competitive because they have the same requirements for sunlight, water and nutrients. Plants need 17 different nutrients to maintain growth. Although carbon, oxygen and hydrogen are obtained from the air, most nutrients that a plant needs must be present in the soil. The nutrients needed in the largest amounts are nitrogen (N) for healthy foliage, phosphorus (P) for flower development and potassium (K) for root growth.

2. Now let’s improve the soil. The soil is the foundation of growing vegetables. Composting is probably my favorite thing to do - using things that I would normally throw away as a benefit to my soil. Here are a few tips to give your soil the nutrients needed for free. Two types of materials are needed for successful composting: “green” materials, which are rich in nitrogen, and “brown” materials, which are rich in carbon.

Green materials include: plant-based kitchen scraps (vegetables and fruits), egg shells, farm animal manure, grass clippings and young green plants, including some weeds.

Don’t add: meat, fish, fats or dairy products. And while the manure of animals that eat plants (cows, horses, etc.) is a great “green” material, carnivorous animal waste (dogs, cats, etc.) should not be used due to the possibility of diseases. Avoid weeds that have set seed, and don’t add Florida betony or other weeds that can regrow from plant parts (I learned this the hard way.)

Brown materials include: fallen leaves, twigs and chipped branches, sawdust, shredded newspaper or cardboard, paper towels, tea bags and coffee grounds.

The pile should be built in layers, each three to four inches deep. First lay down a green layer. Next, add a layer of brown materials. Then add another green layer. Sprinkle soil between all layers. (I love to do this in containers, so as the compost breaks down it is already in place to provide the nutrients to the plants in the container).

If you haven’t grown a vegetable yet, I suggest starting small so you don’t get overwhelmed. Companion planting also helps eliminate most of the frustration.

3. Companion planting is when you choose plants that play well together. There are numerous benefits to companion planting. Plants can attract beneficial insects and pollinators, deter pests, and act as insect repellents. Proper companion planting can even help suppress weeds. We all need a great way to get rid of those pesky weeds. There are a few mistakes with companion planting to avoid.

Don’t plant the same garden crop in the same spot for consecutive gardening years, this can cause pest and disease problems, as well as nutrient deficiencies.

Plants that are susceptible to the same plant disease or annoying bugs like aphids should be far away from each other to eliminate the spread of disease in your garden.

Here are the best companion plants for various crops in your garden:

Beans - pair with: broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, garden peas, potatoes, radishes, squash, strawberries, tomatoes.

Cucumbers - pair with: beans, beets, corn, onions, garden peas, radishes.

Garden peas - pair with: beans, carrots, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, radishes, spinach, tomatoes.

Garlic - pair with: beans, carrots, cole crops, eggplant, peppers, potatoes, tomatoes, lettuce, corn, pumpkins, radishes, squash, melon.

Watermelon - pair with: broccoli, corn, garlic, radishes, onions, beans, carrots, cole crops, lettuce, peppers, basil, onions.

Okras/Potatoes - pair with: beans, cole crops, corn, lettuce, spinach, radishes.

Summer Squash/Zucchini - pair with: beans, corn, garden peas, radishes.

Tomatoes - pair with: basil and other herbs, carrots, cucumbers, squash.

Please send pictures of your pollinator or newly installed container, vegetable garden to ECCCurrentInfo@gmail.com. We want to see what you’re growing and it may be featured in next month’s issue!

Shy Morris is a native to NSB for four generations, and a lover of all things positive. Her art has carried her around the world and her award winning STEAM curriculum has inspired and empowered 1000s of youth in Volusia County. Shy loves everything community and loves to see kids thriving with high self esteem, great values and ready to be productive citizens.
Taciturnity... Reposefulness...
Lackadaisical. All words that described how
my uncle and I felt on that sandy snow-
white beach on Little San Salvador Island.
Paradise! Judging by the view before our
eyes, it was hard to imagine we were in the
Bahamas, a place generally known for its
energetic tourism, but Peter had dropped us
two wandering pirates off in the perfect spot.

It wasn’t until years later as an adult that I
would understand how lucky I had been back
then, because nowadays, the majority of our
travels would have been considered child
abuse, endangerment of a minor, and a slew
of other harsh laws that, sadly, my mom and
uncle would have been responsible for, and I
would have unwillingly been awarded to the
state of Florida and eventually into the hands
of foster care. I cannot emphasize how lucky
this young pirate was! But I digress...

...sipping on my rum and coconut juice
and smoking a cigar on that island was pure
unadulterated splendor. We had eaten lunch-
two lobsters and some boiled rice with jerk
seasoning and limes. It was a poor man’s
lunch, but in solitude, it was perfection.

After relaxing under the shade of the palm
trees for a couple hours, it was time to think
about dinner and catching it. My uncle poured
us each a shot of rum, we concomitantly
swallowed, and then went fishing into the
crystalline turquoise water, again. My tan had
grown to a bronze that made a white shirt
look spooky.

We were in waist deep water when
my uncle pointed out to sea and said,
“Look!”

In the distance, we saw a white sailboat
headed toward us. Annoyance fluttered
within me as I felt we were being trespassed
upon, but it was not my island and I could not
keep everyone out.

“It’s a catamaran,” my uncle added.

He was right. A pair of parallel twin hulls
adorned with a large white sail gradually
grew larger and larger.

“Looks like we’re going to have company,”
my uncle remarked with a subtle hint of that
same annoyance in his voice.

I couldn’t blame him as I felt much the
same way seeing the intrusive boat fast
approaching.

“Maybe it will turn away?” I said.

“Wishful thinking!”

So we watched as the large catamaran
approached and our hearts sank until we saw
the silhouette of a female in a bikini throwing
out an anchor.

Gotta get back to my coconut concoctions...

*This column is part of an ongoing story of tales
from the past that continues each month for going
on seven years now.

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and Chasing Latitudes. He
lives with his dogs, Durango,
Higgins and Oscar.
Ponce Inlet MAY Tide Chart

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The city of Edgewater held their annual EDGEfest Easter Eggstravaganza on April 9 at Hawks Park. In just under 10 minutes, over 15,000 eggs were collected by local children, who were able to visit with the Easter Bunny, get their faces painted and enjoy arts and crafts activities. This event was part of the EDGEfest series of monthly events.

The Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce Leads Group 3 were in full attendance at the POSD Business Expo on March 31. Visit PSChamber.com for more information about joining and future events.

The Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony in conjunction with a book signing for State Farm agent Stan Harrison on April 27 at Stan’s location at 402 Canal Street in NSB.

After two years off from public events and releases, the Marine Science Center successfully released three rehabilitated sea turtles in front of their largest release crowd to date as part of their annual Turtle Day event in Ponce Inlet on April 9. The event also offered free admission to the center, several vendors and educational exhibits, as well as children’s activities including visits to the stuffed turtle hospital to treat their new patients.

The Burns Science and Technology Charter School school board took their first walk through the new Burns Sci-Tech High School currently under construction on April 26. They signed the walls before the drywall was installed. Follow along on the school’s journey at BurnsSciTech.org.

Shout out to the Embry Riddle Baseball team for hosting a clinic for Daytona Beach youth this April. The ERAU athletes taught youth in the city’s baseball program fielding, pitching, throwing, base running and batting techniques. To register for the city’s youth baseball program, visit CODB.us.
April began an attack of the closest Man O’ War as they’re called in the Atlantic and bluebottles in the Pacific, are catching some rays on Volusia County beaches this spring. Although closely related to jellyfish, these invertebrates are colonial masses of genetically identical organisms called zooids. Each Man O’ War contains several zooids that take on highly specialized jobs for the colony’s survival. These creatures are beautiful to behold. Safe viewing though comes with caution - strings of up to 30 foot stinging tentacles attached. Find out more about the Man O’ War phenomenon at: Facebook.com/discoverDAYTONA.NSB.

Congratulations to the city of DeBary on being named FL’s newest Trail Town! On April 7, DeBary and other Trail Towns from across the state were recognized by the FL Dept. of Environmental Protection’s Office of Greenways & Trails. Mayor Karen Chazen, City Manager Carmen Rosamonda, and Economic Development Director Shari Simmans accepted the distinction as the 12th Trail Town. Trail Towns receive free Trail Town signs, stickers and of course, lots of publicity. DeBary joins Deltona as West Volusia’s second Trail Town.

Prepare for hurricane season now! In the event that you and your pet are separated, have peace of mind that you’ll be reunited with a microchip. The service is available now at the Edgewater Animal Shelter for just $25. The shelter is located at 605 Mango Tree Drive in Edgewater.

ECC editor-n-chief, Tiffany Evers, competed alongside 100s of other locals in The Event’s annual fundraising field day held on Saturday, April 23 at the New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex. All proceeds raised were donated to the Southeast Volusia Youth Sports organization in honor of Ryan Michelbrink and Dave Fernandez. Find out more about this online at TheEventNSB.com.

Spring is here and that means there will be many baby dolphins and other wildlife in the water! Approach slowly and proceed with caution while boating. Local wildlife photographer, Shelley Lynch, captured this image in NSB. Find more of Shelley’s impressive work at ShelleyLynchPhotos.com.

The Early Learning Coalition of Flagler/Volusia held their 9th Annual Duck Race on April 23 at Tomoka Outpost. The ELCFV dropped 1,300 ducks in the Tomoka River for the race. The proceeds go to the ELCFV’s school readiness program. It was a huge success! Above is the Duck Race Committee who help put it all together (Carol Court, Vicki Farrell, Priscilla Chanfrau, Serena Piper, Allison Miller and Piros Pazaurek).

The Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly opened Yaupon Brothers Tea factory and cafe on April 15 at their location at 504 Pullman Road in Edgewater.

The Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce had a retirement pizza party for Cynthia Couch, their Administrative Assistant on April 22. Cynthia was an asset to the chamber for over 2 years and will be greatly missed. Enjoy retirement, Cynthia!
April showers bring May flowers... This is true, but this year it was more like February and March showers bring April flowers and also some really tight lines!

This fishing as of late has been superb and the bite continues to stay extremely hot! I’ve been having success with live shrimp and mullet, paddle tail artificial baits and top water lures.

My good friend and neighbor, Robert Vella, and his son, Nicco, scored some beautiful fish this past month. Nicco caught a stud backwater snook using a top water lure, and what a fight he had catching this beauty off of one of my paddle boards. He actually had to jump off his board to pull the fish out of the mangroves. Unfortunately, it was super deep so that plan didn’t work but he successfully got back on his board and landed this beautiful fish (pictured bottom right).

His Dad Robert scored a beautiful redfish just before dark using a live mullet. That was an epic fight as Robert (pictured below) was using very light tackle!

Last but not least, West Palm Beach local and up and coming pro surfer, Kepa Mendia (pictured top right), scored the trout of a lifetime just before dusk using a jig head and a live mullet!

As the water heats up and the bait continue to move the bite will remain strong! Have patience, trust your bait and have fun!

**Until next issue... Cast ‘em, Hook ‘em and Catch ‘em!**

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