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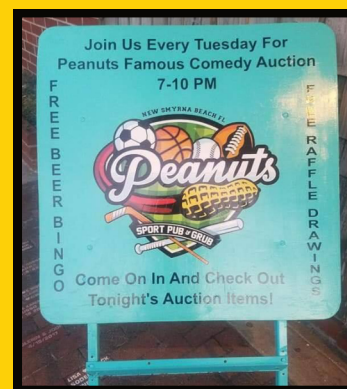
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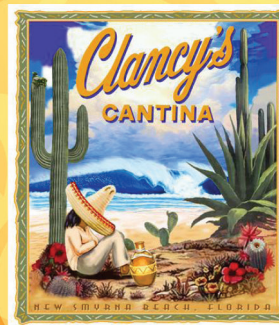
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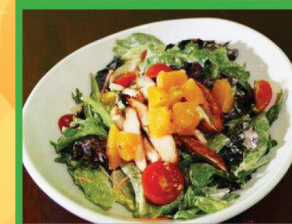
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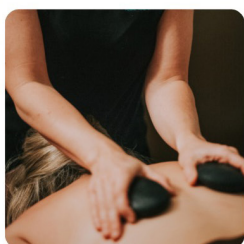
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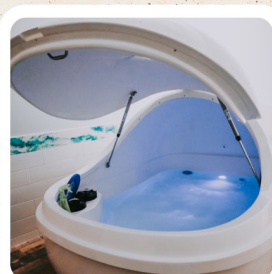
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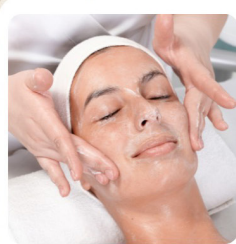
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# The Event: A One-Day Sports Competition

Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. @ the NSB Sports Complex

**NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL** - A small group of locals decided to get together and reminisce about the times they shared with two close friends that had passed too soon, Ryan Michelbrink and Dave Fernandez. These friends decided to never forget them, and instead celebrate them. Both Ryan and Dave were active in local sports and the community, so the group of friends decided to host an event, where all ages would enjoy a fun day of sports.

The Event's 4th annual sports competition fundraiser in memory of Ryan Michelbrink and Dave Fernandez will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the NSB Sports Complex located at 1800 Turnbull Bay Road in New Smyrna Beach.

In only four years, The Event has raised over \$20,000 for Southeast Volusia County youth sports programs including: Southeast Volusia Youth Sports Association, NSBHS Wrestling Team, NSBHS Baseball Team, NSBHS Girls Beach Volleyball Team, Twirling Tornadoes and the Port Orange Youth Volleyball Team.



The Event is a one-day sports competition that is open to anyone, any age. The games are fun and basic, with each game only taking about 10 minutes to play. Open play is between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., giving participants plenty of time to enjoy the games, music and chances to win prizes throughout the day. Tickets to compete are \$29.95 each and include an event t-shirt and one raffle ticket to win prizes.

"We are excited to continue our efforts to support local youth sports programs with this year's event," said one of the organizers. "Ryan Michelbrink and Dave Fernandez were both passionate about youth sports and we are proud to honor their memory by raising funds for this great cause."

The Event promises to be a fun-filled day of sports, games, and community spirit. Participants will have a great time while supporting a worthy cause. The organizers encourage everyone to come out and show their support.

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## HOW IT WORKS

The games are fun and basic. You have three chances to make a point in each game. Each game station will have someone who tells you how to play and to mark your scorecard. Each game takes about 10 minutes, max, to complete. Once you have completed all the games you simply turn in your scorecard.



If you want to come watch someone else compete, or to just show your support, there is no charge.

## THE GAMES

**Basketball:** You have three chances to make each.

- Free Throw
- 3-Pointer

**Soccer:** You have three chances to make each, avoiding trash cans that are set up as the "goalie."

- Corner Penalty Box Kick
- Penalty Kick

**Football:** You have three chances to make each.

- Throw a football 20 yards – trying to make it in a trash can
- Kick a Field Goal – 16 yards away

**Baseball:** You have three chances to make each.

- Hit a baseball off a tee – it has to land inside a certain zone
- Throw a baseball and hit a trash can – distance is from a professional league mound to home plate

## TICKETS / DONATIONS

You can purchase your ticket(s) online today, or on the day of the event. They accept cash and local checks. You can also Venmo them @TheEvent-nsb.

## THE AFTER PARTY

All winners will be announced at the after party, which begins at 3:00 p.m. on the back porch of Lost Lagoon Wings and Grill, located at 2004 N. Dixie Freeway in New Smyrna Beach. There will be food, prizes and fun!

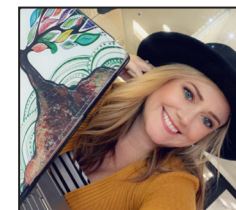
Just like every year, I will be there trying to reclaim my title in the women's category! Oh, and don't let me forget, Bobby G will be sitting in the dunk tank! So, come on out and have fun with a great group of people, who give so much back to our community.



Find out more online at: [www.TheEventNSB.com](http://www.TheEventNSB.com)



Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets or to donate to this great local cause.



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NEWS

## Volusia Homes are Taking Longer to Sell

### Dos and Don'ts of Selling Quickly

**VOLUSIA COUNTY:** Over the past couple of years, it seemed like every home in Volusia County was selling within a few days of hitting the market. According to the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors' monthly market detail for January and February 2023, the number of days from listing to contract has extraordinarily increased when compared to last year. When considering the local market report's median and average days to contract, it is important to keep in mind that some homes sell more quickly than others.

Sellers want as much money as they can get and most prefer "the quicker, the better."

What defines quick in real estate? There is no absolute definition and it depends on a few factors. The market conditions, price range of a home and choices made by the seller can all impact how quickly a home sells.

The amount of time it takes for houses to sell is moderately cyclical and driven by the market. Neither of which can be controlled by a Realtor® or a seller. Below is a list of some things that can be controlled in order to sell a home quickly:

- Know the local average days on market. A Realtor can review the local recent sales data to determine how many days on market and the movement in the property's price bracket.
- Price the home appropriately. Overpricing will cost a seller more time. This is one of the most common mistakes made by a seller. A Realtor can research comparables and advise the best selling strategy.
- Make it easy for showing buyers. The more flexible the scheduling can be, the better. The seller should make a plan to be away from the home and provide the best times of day to the Realtor. Take into consideration the most convenient times for buyers.

- Adjust the price if necessary. The first week or two of listing brings the most serious buyers. The "active buyers" are already shopping the market. Lack of activity, interest or an offer within this time frame is likely a sign for a price reduction. A Realtor can identify if patience at the price point is necessary or if it is an indication the price needs to be reduced.

Sellers may want to list sooner than later, before prices fall more. Buyers that used to have to race to beat the competition can now take their time touring homes. However, in coastal communities like New Smyrna Beach, Port Orange and Ormond Beach, still few homes are being listed. If a house is listed, that checks all the buyers' needs, buyers in the current market are prepared to negotiate hard. While value may fall in the near term, economists predict equity can be gained within the first five to ten years of owning the home.

News about taking longer to sell should be taken lightly. Research data shows that even during a "hot market," the number of days on market can vary greatly. If planning to sell soon, consider how long it is taking to sell in the property's neighborhood and at what price range.

There are many benefits to hiring a Realtor to list the property. Historically, properties listed with agents receive more at the bottom line than for sale by owner (FSBO) listings. A Realtor can hand over researched, current and reputable data regarding the neighborhood's comparables, demographics and location in order for a seller to make the best decision of how to proceed with pricing for the quickest sale.



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## Out on the Town with a Two-Year-Old

Our youngest grandson, David Banks Jenkins (answers to Banks), had a wild eight-hour adventure with us - his G and Gi-mi. This was our first time to take him for a full day with no parental supervision.

I started planning the day like I was entertaining a much older child. He just doesn't act his age. I kept having to remind myself, "he's only two!"

I contacted my friend Kelsey Walters, who is the CFO and one of the co-owners of the East Coast Current. Kelsey has a column with great ideas for adventures you can go on with your family. She also has a 5-year-old, Avery, whose opinion was important to me as well.

She gave me a list of great ideas and the one that sounded most like Banks was a visit to the Marine Science Center in Ponce Inlet. It's a place where the main goal is to rescue, rehabilitate and then release sick and injured turtles and birds. There are lots of other exhibits including stingrays, beautiful tropical fish, and a turtle exhibit for young ones to learn the healing process. It was a hit! Banks enjoyed everything there was to see. He also enjoyed the view of the lighthouse from the museum.

When he was done with the experience, he picked out a small souvenir and started to think about lunch. We voted to go back to our house, regroup, and have lunch at home. We always keep a container of Banks' favorite dining delight - mac and cheese from Bistro 424 at the Venetian Bay Town Center.

By the time we went out for round two of the big adventure, Banks said he would like to get a Sprite drink. He gave a thumbs up to Trinity

Johnson of Colt's Pig Stand for the best Sprite and cool straw plus a yummy early dinner.



Toy shopping time! We walked next door to the Bealls store and found a great selection of toys for Banks to choose from. After trying out just about everything, he made his decision on the airplane you could repair yourself!

By now, and since it was a napless day for all three of us, it was time to take Banks back home to his mommy and daddy. It was a perfect day.

What did I learn on this adventure with my 2-year-old grandson? Have a starting plan and then listen to the little one's interests. They quickly take in so much and are so observant. Be in the moment. Go with the flow.

Lastly, don't forget to watch what you say. His grandfather taught him a new word while driving, which he repeated immediately.



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## Saturday, April 22

- Jeep Beach Official Welcome Meet & Greet with Live Music, Food, Beverages and Fun @ Destination Daytona

## Sunday, April 23

- Jeep Beach 5K Fun Run Powered by Southern Stone Jeep Beach @ Riverfront Esplanade
- Beach Street Esplanade Old Time Cruise with Music and Activities @ Riverfront Esplanade
- Scavenger Hunt Kickoff

## Monday, April 24

- Jeep Beach Jeep Rally and Concert @ The Broken Spoke
- Scavenger Hunt Day 2

## Tuesday, April 25

- Jeep Beach in Boots a Meet & Greet Night to Celebrate our Community Heroes @ ONE Daytona
- Scavenger Hunt Day 3

## Wednesday, April 26

- Jeep Beach Tiki Island Tailgate Party, Show and Shine, Sound and Light Competition @ Daytona International Speedway Midway
- Jeeps at The Rock powered by ShadeBrigade Partners @ Hard Rock Hotel Daytona

## Wednesday, April 26 continued...

- Off-Road Experience Powered by Gear America @ Cracker Ranch
- Track Laps @ Daytona International Speedway
- Scavenger Hunt Day 4

## Thursday, April 27

- Jeeps at The Rock Powered by ShadeBrigade Partners @ Hard Rock Daytona Beach
- Off-Road Experience Powered by Gear America @ Cracker Ranch
- Vendor Parties in Support for Jeep Beach Charities @ Various Local Venues
- Scavenger Hunt Day 5

## Friday, April 28

- The Main Event Powered by Daytona Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram @ Daytona International Speedway
- Jeep Beach Tiki Island Party Powered by ShadeBrigade Partners @ Hard Rock Daytona Beach
- Scavenger Hunt Final Day

## Saturday, April 29

- The Main Event Powered by Daytona Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram @ Daytona International Speedway
- Jeep Beach 2023 Jeep Giveaway Announcement @ Daytona International Speedway
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## Sunday, April 30

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The city of Edgewater is hosting the EDGEfest Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Whistle Stop Park (651 Roberts Road).

The festivities will include a giveaway of 500 free trees, Smokey the Bear, demonstrations, educators, nature inspired arts and crafts, live music, vendors, food trucks as well as fun activities and games.

The goal is to increase environmental awareness and encourage attendees to participate in programs and activities that will deepen their understanding of environmental protection and the need to create a healthy and safe environment.



For more information about how to get involved, please call (386) 424-2400 x7207 or email [SpecialEvents@CityOfEdgewater.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@CityOfEdgewater.org).

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**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY SUMMER CAMPS**

Volusia County Government's Community Assistance Division will start accepting 2023 summer camp scholarship applications at 7:30 a.m. Monday, April 10.

Scholarships are awarded to income-eligible households for children between the ages of five and 14. For a child to receive a scholarship, they must have completed kindergarten by the conclusion of the 2022 - 2023 school year. Additionally, children up to the age of 17 planning to attend an approved special needs camp are also eligible to apply for a scholarship.

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It is preferred for applicants to upload their completed application and supporting documentation through the secure portal at [Volusia.org](http://Volusia.org). The portal to upload applications will be available at 7:30 a.m. Monday, April 10.



Applications may also be mailed or provided in person to the Community Assistance Division, 121 W. Rich Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720. Faxed or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

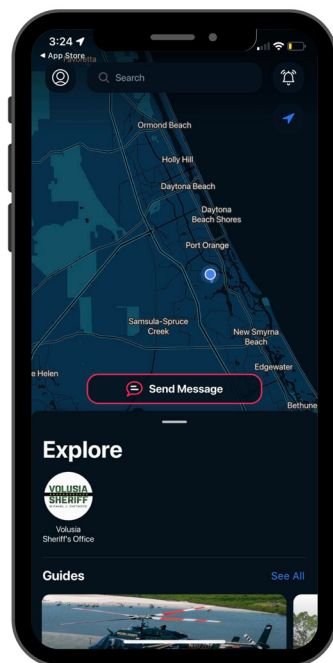
For more information or to request assistance in completing an application, contact Brittany Louis at [BLouis@Volusia.org](mailto:BLouis@Volusia.org) or (386) 736-5955, ext. 12285.

Scholarship information, an interactive map exhibiting the approved camps and an application are available at:

[VOLUSIA.ORG/SCS](http://VOLUSIA.ORG/SCS)

**NEW VSO ATLAS ONE APP AVAILABLE FOR VOLUSIA RESIDENTS & VISITORS**

The Volusia Sheriff's Office is rolling out a new mobile app to further connect, inform and engage with the public: Atlas One, free for download on iOS and Android.



The new Atlas One app will replace SaferWatch, which is being phased out this week. SaferWatch users are asked to download Atlas One today and create an account to continue receiving information like Air One alerts.

Atlas One offers a variety of resources in addition to real-time alerts based on a user's location. The app can also accept crime tips, photo/video evidence and other messages that can be routed to the appropriate deputy, detective, or other personnel.

While the app has a host of features to help enhance public safety, the Sheriff's Office is still encouraging users to call 911 in an emergency. Even with the availability of an app, 911 is the preferred contact method for anyone in need of law enforcement, fire or emergency medical response in Volusia County.

VSO is the first Sheriff's Office in Florida to offer Atlas One to its residents. The Fort Myers Police Department became the first public safety agency in Florida to deploy it in June 2022.

During the initial launch of Atlas One, VSO will primarily use the app to send alerts when the Air One helicopter is overhead in a user's general area. The app also connects users to VSO's social media and website, where information on in-progress calls is frequently posted.

Atlas One is just the latest tool VSO is deploying to push information to the public. The agency also uses Everbridge to send emergency alerts and reverse 911s to residents based on geographic location.

How Atlas One Works:

- Download the free iOS or Android Atlas One App
- Tap "GET STARTED" to create your Atlas One profile
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**MARINE SCIENCE CENTER REOPENS BIRD HOSPITAL**

With a better understanding of the avian flu and protocols to increase the safety of native birds and staff, the Marine Science Center has reopened its bird hospital and resumed admission of sick and injured birds.

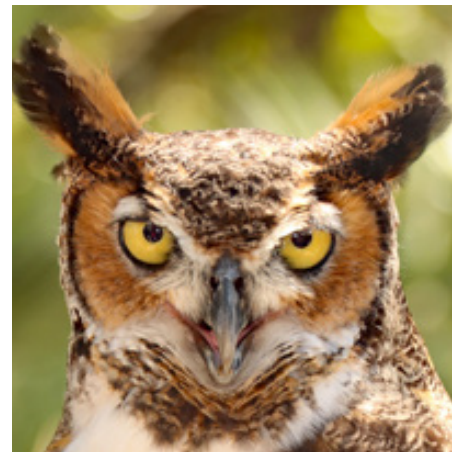
Staff is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week to accept bird patients at the bird hospital, 4965 S. Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet.

"The Marine Science Center Bird Hospital is a crucial resource for the community and its native wild birds," said Bird Hospital Manager Tracy Dawson. "With the reopening, we are once again able to provide expert care for sick and injured wild birds."

All new birds will be screened for symptoms of the avian flu before entering the bird hospital and will undergo a quarantine period before being released into the flight enclosure. This measure will help prevent the spread of disease and ensure that the birds are healthy and fit for release.

The bird hospital had been closed since February 2022. During the closure, staff completed several construction projects, providing the bird hospital with easy-to-disinfect surfaces, including nonporous flooring and scrubable ceiling tiles. Staff has undergone in-depth training on biosecurity protocols, including the use of personal protective equipment, to reduce the risk of disease outbreaks.

According to the Centers for Disease Control's website: "Since 2022, despite the wide geographic spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) viruses in wild birds and to poultry worldwide, with sporadic spillover to mammals, only a small number of sporadic human cases of A(H5N1) have been identified. All reported human cases since 2022 were associated with recent poultry exposures, and no cases of human-to-human transmission have been identified."



To date, HPAI A(H5N1) viruses currently circulating in birds and poultry, with spillover to mammals, and those that have caused human infections do not have the ability to easily bind to receptors that predominate in the human upper respiratory tract. Therefore, the current risk to the public from HPAI A(H5N1) viruses remains low. However, because of the potential for influenza viruses to rapidly evolve and the wide global prevalence of HPAI A(H5N1) viruses in wild birds and poultry outbreaks, continued sporadic human infections are anticipated."

Pictured above is Bubba, a great horned owl who broke a wing and is a permanent resident of the bird hospital.

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**Stylist • Photo • Blog:** Danielle Napolitano **IG:** @Danielle\_Napolitano\_Stylist | **Model:** Charlotte Key **IG:** @char1ottekey

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**Danielle Napolitano** is a designer and owner of Rockerbands, a 70s Rock'n'Roll inspired bikini and accessory line. Along with building her brand, Danielle is also a stylist at Jon Ric Salon and Spa in New Smyrna





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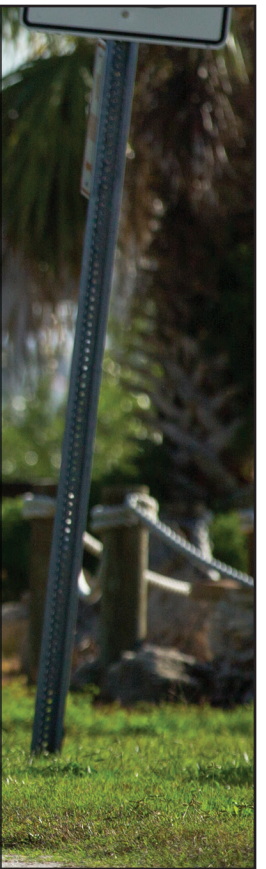
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**8 SAT @ 12 PM**  
**APR 8 / MAY 13**

**City Center Cruise Night**

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Port Orange City Center

**8-9 SAT - SUN**  
**APR 8 - 9**

**Daytona Arts Fest**

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Downtown Daytona Beach

**15 SAT @ 3 - 7 PM**  
**APR 15 / MAY 20**

**Cruise Downtown DeLand**

Classic cars and hot rods line the avenue with live DJ music, giveaways, shopping and dining specials.



E. Indiana Ave., DeLand

**15-16 SAT - SUN**  
**APR 15 - 16**

**Celtic Festival**

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Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond

**20 THU @ 5 - 9 PM**  
**APR 20 / MAY 18**

**Canal Street Nights**

Expanded streetside dining, vendors, special hours for businesses, kid's zone, and specialty food vendors.



Canal Street, NSB

**22 SAT @ 1 - 7 PM**  
**APR 22**

**Wine Walk**

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Flagler Avenue, NSB

**22 FRI @ 5 - 8 PM**  
**APR 22**

**Earth Day Celebration**

Celebrate Earth Day and grab free recycling bins, enjoy community educators, live music and food trucks.




Riverwalk Park, Port Orange

**22-23 SAT - SUN**  
**APR 22 - 23**

**Delandapalooza**

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Downtown DeLand

**5 FRI @ 4 - 8 PM**  
**MAY 5**

**Taco Challenge**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with tacos and drinks along the Avenue. Taco tasting passports are \$15.




Flagler Avenue, NSB

**6-7 SAT - SUN**  
**MAY 6 - 7**

**Art in the Park**

A fine arts/crafts show with sales from 100+ artists, kids' craft zone, entertainment and food vendors.




Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond

**7 SUN @ 4 - 6 PM**  
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## Bobby G Takes on The Local Farm Scene

Photos by: Tiffany Evers

### TOMAZIN FARMS

I recently had the pleasure of visiting Tomazin Farms, located at 3779 Honeydew Lane, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168. This family-owned and operated farm is run by the Tomazin family, including Bill Tomazin, his son Paul Tomazin and Missy Tomazin. As soon as I arrived, I could tell that this was a special place, steeped in history and committed to sustainable, harmonious farming practices.



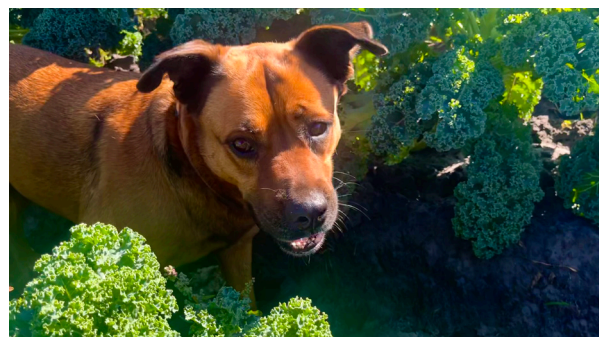
The Tomazin family has been farming in the area since 1915, when they began growing vegetables and supplying them to the surrounding communities via horse. In 1936, Joseph Tomazin Jr. and Georgia (Luznar) Tomazin were married, established a homestead, and began farming at the current farm location. They began commercial farming in 1949.

In 2012, with his father Bill, the Barefoot Farmer, Paul joined his dad and began farming... barefoot as well. They expanded their distribution to include local restaurants and incorporating harmonious farming, which focuses on sustainable and regenerative farming practices that prioritize the health of the land, animals and people.

I had the chance to join Paul and Missy on the farm for a day of harvesting their crops, barefoot of course. We ate beautifully colored daikon and watermelon radish right out of the ground and I discovered that mustard greens eaten raw have a completely different flavor than when they are cooked, an almost horseradish like quality that would really bring a fish tartar to life in my opinion.



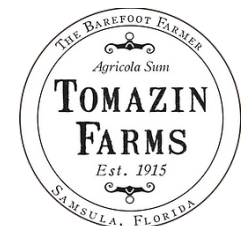
I even got to drive the tractor, it was one of the highlights for me when I got to climb up and take control of the tractor through a row or two of crops with their trusted field-hand, Sadi, alongside.



I drove the tractor back to the barn to help wash the produce we just harvested. Paul and I proceeded to plunge our heads into an ice cold trough for a quick wake-up.

They host a farmers market open to the public every Saturday from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Local vendors set up and offer their goods, including elderberry jam, honey, fresh produce and even pastries. I devoured French toast and apple butter that didn't even need syrup from It's All Or Muffin and rocked out some tunes with the honey lady, Sarah. It was a great way to spend a Saturday.

**Tomazin Farms**  
**3779 Honeydew Lane**  
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**TomazinFarms.org**



After my delightful experience at Tomazin Farms, I was eager to continue my local farm tour and see what other treasures I could find. That's how I ended up at Fletcher Family Farm, a small family farm that boasts the freshest and cleanest hydroponic produce using sustainable farming practices.





## FLETCHER FAMILY FARMS

Upon arrival, I was greeted by a couple members of the Fletcher Family, Marty, Sara and their 9-year-old daughter, Nelly (*pictured above*). I got a private tour of the farm and picked blueberries and ate them straight off the bush. Best. Blueberries. Ever.

vegetables, grass, hay and grains. And, boy, would I like to get my hands on some of that.

They offer subscriptions to their fresh, local and seasonal produce delivered straight to your door. Marty said it best, "There is no gap in our production, you can enjoy our produce all year because we control the environment where it grows."

You can find them at The Pavilion at Port Orange Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and at the Windermere Farmers Market every Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Touring both farms was so much more than just a learning experience, it was a great adventure. It's inspiring to see how these farms have such a deep connection to the community. If you're looking for the freshest and most flavorful produce and meat, be sure to check out local farms like Tomazin Farms and Fletcher Family Farm.

By the way, if you want to score one of these epic hats I am wearing, check out the Faded Iguana ([FadedIguana.com](http://FadedIguana.com)) line of merch from local Tiffany Dorber.

Bobby G... Out



The Fletchers live on the farm with their adorable animals including Eddie Murphy, the donkey, and Big Booty Judy, a pig who definitely lives up to her name.

The farm offers an array of produce and meat options, including beef, pork, fresh eggs from free-range chickens, and even farm-fresh honey from their newly added bees.

They offer pasture-raised beef and pork with no added hormones, steroids, or antibiotics. Their animals' diets consist of a healthy balance of



Fletcher Family Farm grows lettuce and herbs indoors hydroponically and tomatoes, peppers and okra outdoors in hydroponic Dutch buckets. They supply fresh produce to local restaurants like The Spott in New Smyrna Beach and Millie's in Daytona Beach.

**Fletcher Family Farm**  
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## Exploring Gold Head Branch State Park

Article & photos by: Kelsey Walters



Spring is in full swing and our family's favorite place to be is the great outdoors. With 175 official state parks throughout Florida, there's plenty to choose from to commune with nature. This past month, we chose one of the OGs - Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park.

In response to the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1933 as part of the New Deal programs. Designed as a way to combat unemployment and create much needed jobs for Americans, while also sheltering precious environmental areas, the CCC began creating state and national parks throughout the country. In 1935, hundreds of CCC youth and skilled craftsmen began work on Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park.

Located in Keystone Heights, about 30 minutes northeast of Gainesville, the park is named after the man who graciously donated the land for preservation. As one of the first eight state parks in Florida, the CCC cleared roads and campsites and gave access to a

slice of natural Florida to visitors seeking the outdoors.

Throughout the New Deal era, the CCC would go on to construct buildings and trails throughout 800 parks nationwide and plant more than three billion trees. Nearly 90 years later, the roughly 2400-acre Gold Head Branch State Park is still home to stunning landscapes and many of the original CCC-built structures including the picnic pavilion and several cabins available for rental.

Like many state parks, this one is also pet-friendly. We decided to bring along our newest rescue, BamBam, for his first big family adventure and a day of hiking and exploration. If you plan to bring a leashed pet, do plan ahead with plenty of water for your best bud and keep in mind that not all areas (including cabin areas) are permitted for furry ones. However, pets are allowed to join you at your campsite.

With Avery in tow, the two of them delighted in roaming the trails. BamBam, a goofy, muttly mix of some sort of terrier



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mixed with a lab (maybe?), lives up to his name and BAMS his way through life. He took great joy in clumsily splashing through the cool creek, known as the Gold Head Branch, that runs through the center of the park from Little Lake Johnson. Together they spied tiny fish in the stream and hunted down rocks for her ever-growing collection.

boardwalk to the more strenuous Ridge Trail that runs the length of the park. Many trails also cross or run along the famed Florida Trail, which runs 1,500 miles, from Big Cypress National Preserve to Fort Pickens at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola Beach, and is one of 11 National Scenic Trails in the US. One end of the park is home to the Trail Ridge Province, where you can climb greater elevations, while the opposite end slopes down and sinkholes are common.

or you can launch your own. This area also offers plenty of freshwater fishing spots.



We took a sandy hike to the overlook of Deer Lake before heading back to the overlook of the ravine. The two areas are in drastic contrast, with the ravine sloping down into more of a rainforest-esque scenery. Just around the corner, the Ravine Stairway allows you to make your way down into the landscape and view from a new perspective.

Nearby is the Loblolly Loop, a one-mile loop trail through the woods that was a ton of fun to hike. It crosses over the Gold Head Branch several times and offers access to different points of the stream. After a heavy rain, parts of the trail may be underwater so dress accordingly. We had a great time working together to cross over the water, cracking up while BamBam gleefully divebombed the muddy water.

If hiking isn't your thing, both of these areas are accessible by car with parking close by. Do keep in mind, however, that the second option involves plenty of steps, which may not be suitable for everyone.

Together, our family kicked off our spring with a new adventure. At Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park, you'll be sure to find an adventure of your own to suit every member of your fam - even the four-legged ones!

The park offers access via several trails to a variety of Florida landscapes. You have your pick of difficulty and length ranging from a quick 0.2-mile jaunt on a wooden

Further into the park, near a trio of lakes, are 73 camping sites, plenty of picnic areas, swimming areas, cabins and a playground. Canoes and kayaks are available for rental

**Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park**

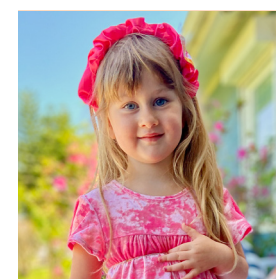
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**Avery Walters** is Kelsey and Scott's 5-year-old daughter. She loves to tag along on their monthly adventures throughout the state and play with her dogs, Kodi, Bluey and BamBam.



# Strawberry Moscato Sangria

**Preparation:** Prep Time: 10 minutes • Chill Time: 1 hour • Servings: 4

Sweet, bubbly and aromatic, this fruity Spring Moscato Sangria is steeped in citrus, berries and kiwi, and is perfect for any springtime get-together!

## Ingredients:

- Juice of 1 orange
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1/2 cup silver tequila
- 1/4 cup triple sec
- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 1 kiwi, peeled
- 4 strawberries, sliced
- Handful of raspberries
- 1 lime, sliced
- 1/2 orange, sliced
- 2 cups chilled Moscato di Asti



## INSTRUCTIONS

Combine orange juice, lime juice, tequila and triple sec in a large pitcher. Stir, then add pineapple juice. Add all sliced fruit to juice and stir, muddling slightly. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. When ready to serve, add chilled Moscato di Asti to the pitcher and stir. Place a few pieces of steeped fruit in each glass, then pour sangria on top. Add ice if desired, and enjoy!

## NUTRITION

Calories: 330kcal | Carbohydrates: 40g | Protein: 1g | Sodium: 5mg | Potassium: 391mg | Fiber: 2g | Sugar: 24g | Vitamin A: 120IU | Vitamin C: 77.5mg | Calcium: 42mg | Iron: 0.8mg

# Strawberry Panzanella Salad

**Preparation:** Prep Time: 20 minutes • Cook Time: 10 minutes • Servings: 6

This Strawberry Panzanella Salad will be the breakout star of every meal this spring! Full of juicy tomatoes, sweet strawberries, toasted bread cubes, and topped with creamy burrata cheese, you won't be able to resist this classic Tuscan dish.

## Ingredients:

- 1 pint grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 8 ounces strawberries, halved or quartered
- 3-4 cups lettuce arugula or green/red leaf
- 1/2 English cucumber, seeded and sliced
- 1 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves
- 3-4 slices thick cut bacon
- 12 ounces artisan bread ciabatta or sourdough, cut into 1-inch cubes
- Sea salt to taste
- 8 ounces burrata cheese

## BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt, plus more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, plus more to taste



## INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl, toss the tomatoes, strawberries, lettuce, cucumber, onion and basil with half of the dressing. Set aside to marinate.

In a large skillet set over medium heat, fry bacon until crispy. Set aside on a paper towel-lined plate, leaving the grease in the pan.

Add bread cubes to the pan with the bacon grease and return to the heat. Toast the bread, tossing occasionally, until evenly golden brown and crispy. Crumble or chop the bacon and gently toss it with the bread cubes.

Add the bread and bacon to the bowl with the salad mixture. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste, and allow everything to marinate unrefrigerated for 30 to 60 minutes. Transfer to a large serving plate or bowl and top with burrata cheese. Serve with balsamic vinaigrette on the side for drizzling.

## Balsamic Vinaigrette

Add all dressing ingredients to a mason jar. Seal the lid tightly and shake well until emulsified. Store extra dressing in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 weeks.

## NUTRITION

Calories: 559kcal | Carbohydrates: 47g | Protein: 17g | Fat: 36g | Saturated Fat: 10g | Cholesterol: 38mg | Sodium: 528mg | Potassium: 491mg | Fiber: 4g | Sugar: 12g | Vitamin A: 1180IU | Vitamin C: 36.9mg | Calcium: 260mg | Iron: 3mg





## Earth Day Birthday

April is one of my favorite months because it means it's time for my birthday! April 22 also happens to be Earth Day, so a few years ago one of my good friends declared it my "bearthday!"

I am a high school science teacher by trade so when I was in the classroom, I made sure to throw a bearthday party each year. Now that I teach online, I email out local options for students to celebrate on their own and send me picture evidence. There are often Earth Day festivals or beach clean-ups for students to attend but one of my favorite local and frequent ways to care for our Earth and our neighbors is by shopping at farmers markets!

We have a variety of options for farmer's markets here in Volusia County. I want to share some of my favorite features here and you can also see a list of markets at the end. Before you head out to the markets, though, I recommend having a variety of ways to pay, like cash, card and payment apps. You also need to have a great bag to hold all of your goodies. I have the cutest market tote from Gathered in Ormond Beach (775 S. Yonge Street). It has a sturdy bottom and sides to keep everything from my chicken eggs to fresh pastries safe!



While I've always enjoyed going to markets, it was really at the height of the pandemic in 2020 when many stores were closed, or safety precautions put in place that I started trying to buy a more significant portion of my groceries from local farmers. The markets are out in the fresh air, and you can really build a community by shopping from the same folks week after week. I could buy meat and eggs from one vendor, veggies from another, honey from a third and even sip some tasty tropical juices from VaPour Beverages (find their current location on Facebook or Instagram) as I shopped.

I just recently went back to the Port Orange market at the Pavilion (5501 S. Williamson Blvd.) after not having been for a while. It has nearly doubled in size! There's usually a saying that you shouldn't shop while you're hungry, but this market is set up to do just that! There are food trucks set up in almost a "food court" where you can pick up your mini donuts and coffee from Coastal Donuts (find their current location on Facebook or Instagram) or other delicious treats and then shop around for your produce, sausage, honey, goat's milk soap, hummus, jams, baked goods and more.

The Artisan Alley Farmers Market on Friday nights in Deland has a much different feel than the other morning markets due to its time and location. You can still pick up your produce and soaps, but now you can stroll around the market with beer from Persimmons Hollow Brewing Co. (111 W. Georgia Ave.) and check out the local shops and murals downtown. There are often more artistic vendors and musicians here, too.

Farmer's Markets are a great way to get outside and support small, local businesses in our community. Instead of products that travel from hundreds of miles away, they are grown, crafted, and picked from right here in our neighbors' yards! So, class, your assignment this Earth Day (and my bearthday), is to find the market nearest to you and support the Earth and your friends by going to it!

- Ormond Beach Farmers Market: City Hall Plaza (22 S. Beach St), every Thursday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Artisan Alley Farmers Market: Artisan Alley, Deland, every Friday from 6 - 9 p.m.
- Daytona Flea & Farmers Market: 1425 Tomoka Farms Rd., Daytona Beach, every Friday - Sunday from 9 am - 5 pm

- Market At Magnolia: Magnolia Ave in downtown Daytona Beach, every Saturday from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- The Pavilion at Port Orange Farmers Market: every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- New Smyrna Beach Farmers Market: 210 Sams Avenue, NSB, every Saturday from 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Ponce Inlet Famer's Market: 4600 S. Atlantic Avenue, every Sunday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Riverfront Market in the Riverfront Esplanade: 155 N. Beach Street, Daytona Beach, last Sunday of the month from 8 - 11 a.m.
- NEW! Brews & Browse Beachside Market at Dunes Brewing: 59 Dunlawton Avenue, Port Orange, first Sunday of the month, starting at 12 p.m.
- Tomazin Farms: 3779 Honeydew Ln, NSB. Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Turn to page 22 for more info.



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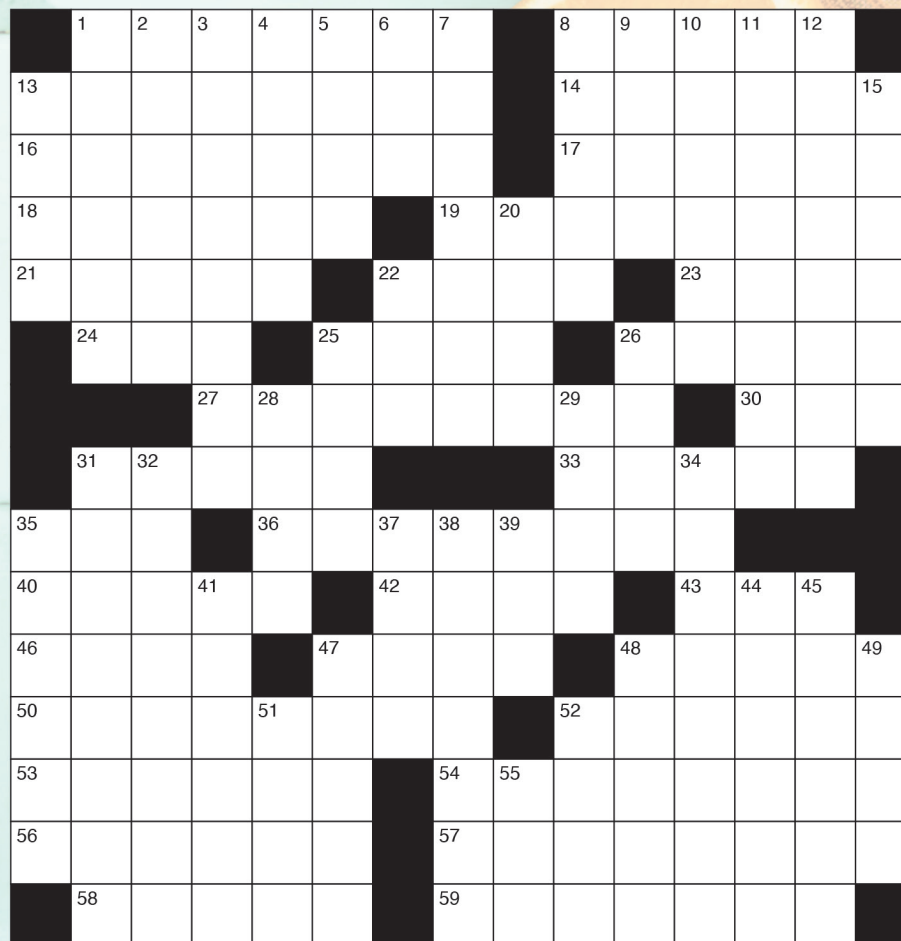
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8. Space Invaders company
13. Pearl Harbor location
14. Ornate architecture style
16. Genuine
17. Beginning
18. \_\_\_ Forest (English park)
19. Most like a pancake
21. Electrical jolt
22. Contestant
23. Funny syllables
24. Military proj. known as "Star Wars"
25. Carthage founder
26. "Who Can It \_\_\_?" (Men at Work song)
27. Results getter
30. Eazy-E and Dr. Dre were in it
31. Bonkers
33. Flower vessels
35. Bow Wow's genre
36. Jackie Gleason catchphrase, with "And"
40. Go on \_\_\_ (have a spree)
42. Tamari sauce and the like
43. Anonymous surname
46. Her, to Heinz
47. Extinct bird
48. Highly hackneyed
50. People on thrill rides may hold on for it
52. Informal restaurant
53. Element #68
54. Intense dislike
56. Be affiliated
57. Representative examples
58. Removes from the page
59. Keyed in again

**Down**

32. In working condition
34. Drugstore fountain
35. One of Al Davis's players
37. Starting at
38. The lonely goatherd, in a "Sound of Music" song
39. Colo. neighbor
41. Kind of photo
44. One way to buy
45. Achieved on merit
47. March of \_\_\_
48. Itty-\_\_\_
49. Colonel's journals
51. Guitar's predecessor
52. Fly on a hook, maybe
55. Unlatch, poetically

**Down**

1. Undergoes a transformation
2. One-footed animal
3. Mr. Spock was one
4. Jail, slangily
5. Suspended
6. Portuguese "she"
7. Pyrite, for one
8. Really noisy
9. \_\_\_ ensemble
10. \_\_\_\_\_ part (behave appropriately)
11. '90s sitcom star
12. Scott Hamilton spectacles
13. Weeds, in a way
15. City in southeast Ontario
20. Pope after Benedict IV
22. Seven, on some watches
25. Boat on the Indian Ocean
26. Speak highly of oneself
28. Old Russian leader
29. Preceding nights
31. Collected

**March 2023 Answers**

Find the answers to this crossword puzzle in next month's issue.





## Adventures of a Modern Pirate

The year was 1985 and I had grown exponentially since my previous summer trip to the Caribbean in 1984. I basked in the glory of a young pirate's life aboard a floating condo in the middle of the Bahamas. The view - spectacular. The company - frabjous. The catamaran - glorious. The weather - flawless. The liquor and beer - crapulent. The experience... amazeballs.

"We'll have to come back next summer," my uncle said as he glanced over at me with a drunken grin.

We clinked our glasses together in agreement and I raised a thumbs-up with a lethargic nod of the head, as the alcohol had soothed the central nervous system to the point of life being viewed in slow motion. There was nothing I could do but sit back and continue basking in the glory of achieving pirate status.

Our lovely hostess came out of the galley with a plate of fresh steaming grouper and conch fritters. A stack of paper plates was passed around and we all scooped up healthy portions to stuff our stomach with. Another round of rum was handed out followed by chilled beer as a chaser. Before we knew it, the food was consumed and the mess was contained into a plastic bag to be properly discarded later. No littering the ocean!

It was a noticeable sound when we all heard CB radio through the door leading into the catamaran. Jim dashed inside and was heard conversing in the background. He reappeared and waved my uncle over. The two disappeared inside and were hunched

over the CB as I glanced back across our hostess's lovely legs and at the open ocean. She offered a wide, pleasurable smile and handed me another beer, which I accepted.

"Peter will pick us up in two days, beachside," my uncle said as he returned. "We'll hang out here until then."

"That will be perfect," Abby chimed.

"Not a problem," Jim added.

Already romantic images of the giant metal bird landing in the water and floating up to the shore to pick us up were floating through my young mind. I was excited to see the splashdown and salt spray of the big seaplane.

"Thank you," my uncle said gratefully.

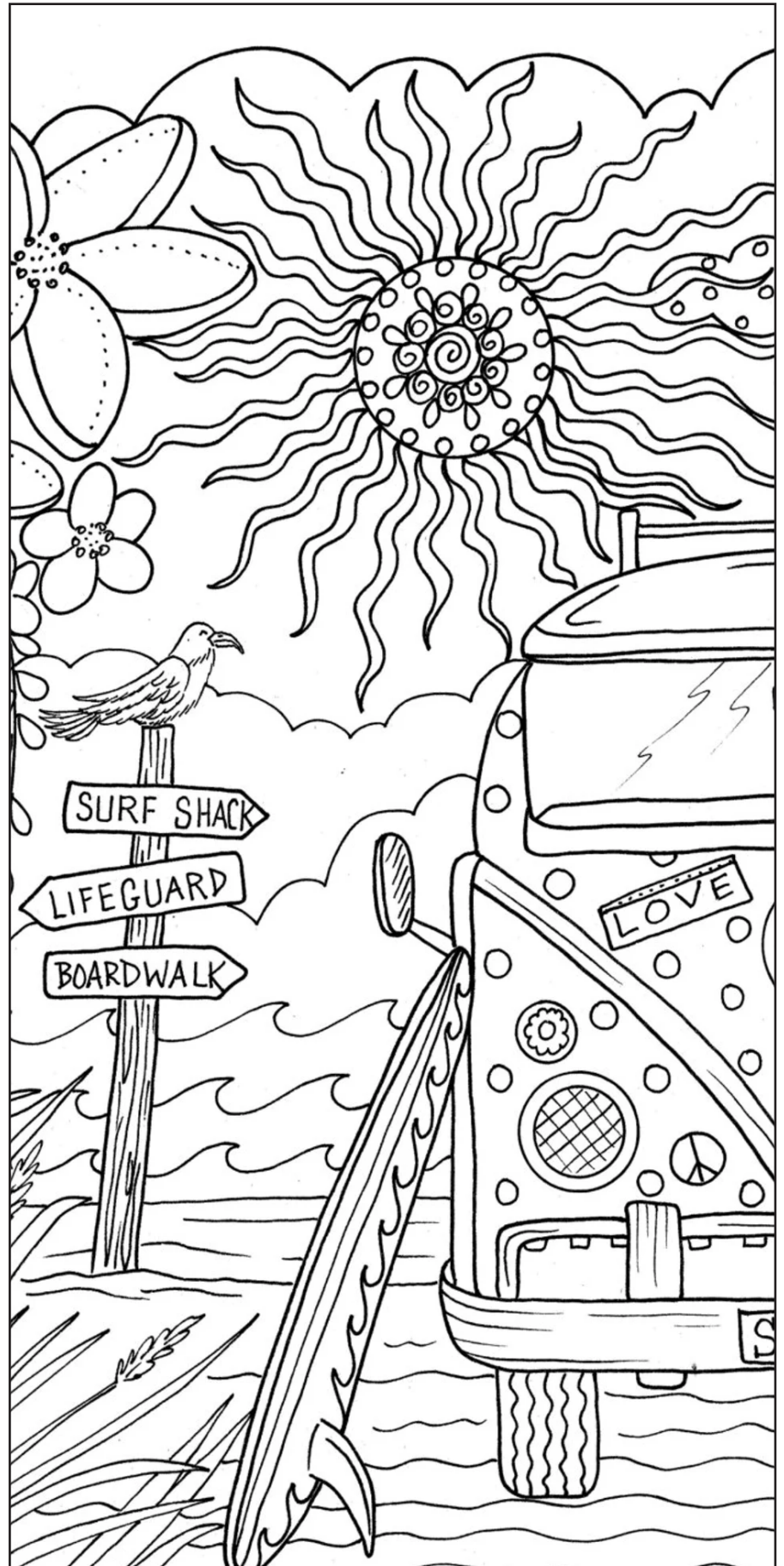
In unison, we clinked our glasses, celebrating the reason to continue the party for the next two days.

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.*



**Joshua MacLeod** is a NSB local and a Florida native. He is the author of *Savage Tango* and *Chasing Latitudes*. He lives with his dogs, Durango, Higgins and Oscar.





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## Fishaholic: April Report

Hello there, it's Captain Austin bringing you the April fishing report for the New Smyrna Beach area. The past few weeks have seen things really pick up on the fishing front. From the backwaters to the inlet and off the beach, the fish have become very active making for some amazing catches. I expect the fishing to only get better as we move closer to summer.

When the weather cooperates, we get the chance to venture offshore a few miles to fish the local reefs and wrecks. Most good bottom structure will hold red snapper and we've been fortunate to get in some action with these tasty critters. An added benefit to fishing structure is that at any time a cobia might pop up. Make sure you are ready with a live bait or brightly colored jig.



Redfish and snook catches are increasing every week and our clients have been catching some really large fish. Tides play a big part in catching both redfish and snook

and if you are not in the right place at the right time, your chances for success are diminished. Both fish respond strongly to live bait so it's probably a good idea to make an effort to get some. Bait like mullet, pinfish, croakers or shrimp will be the ticket to some good sized fish.

Another reason to be excited for spring time is the shark fishing. From blacktips to spinners these guys will be common along the beach and they can be a lot of fun to catch. The great thing about shark fishing is that you don't necessarily need a boat to catch them. Surf fishing anglers have a good shot of catching one of these sharks if they have the proper tackle. A couple feet of wire leader tied to 60-pound or heavier mono leader should get the job done. Most of these sharks are 40 to 80 pounds with some over 100. Just make sure you use caution while landing them for obvious reasons.

Hope you enjoyed the report and check back with us next month. If you are interested in coming fishing with us call or text (386) 689-9056.



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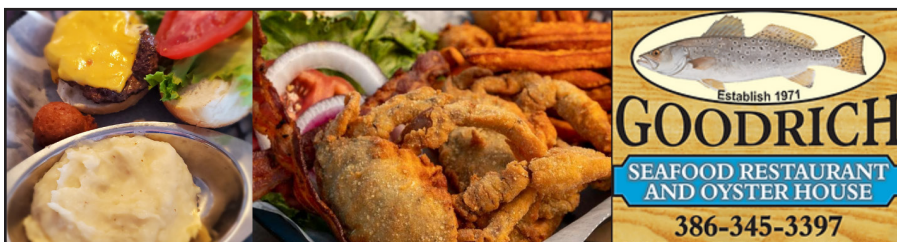
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	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	
1 Sat	6:01	3.0	6:26	2.7			12:20	0.6	7:12	7:42	☾
2 Sun	6:46	3.1	7:09	2.9	12:20	0.5	12:59	0.5	7:10	7:43	☾
3 Mon	7:26	3.1	7:50	3.1	1:07	0.3	1:36	0.3	7:09	7:44	☾
4 Tue	8:06	3.1	8:30	3.3	1:50	0.2	2:10	0.2	7:08	7:44	☾
5 Wed	8:44	3.1	9:08	3.4	2:32	0.1	2:44	0.1	7:07	7:45	☾
6 Thu	9:22	3.1	9:45	3.5	3:12	0.1	3:17	0.0	7:06	7:45	☾
7 Fri	9:59	3.0	10:23	3.6	3:52	0.1	3:51	0.0	7:05	7:46	☾
8 Sat	10:37	2.9	11:03	3.6	4:33	0.1	4:26	0.0	7:04	7:46	☾
9 Sun	11:17	2.8	11:46	3.6	5:18	0.2	5:07	0.1	7:02	7:47	☾
10 Mon			12:01	2.7	6:10	0.3	5:55	0.2	7:01	7:48	☾
11 Tue	12:36	3.5	12:53	2.5	7:10	0.4	6:55	0.2	7:00	7:48	☾
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14 Fri	3:46	3.4	4:17	2.6	10:13	0.4	10:15	0.2	6:57	7:50	☾
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25 Tue	12:41	3.4	1:07	2.4	7:22	0.6	6:59	0.5	6:46	7:56	☾
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The Avett Brothers played back-to-back sold out shows on March 17 and 18 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Just off A1A in St. Augustine, The Amp is an intimate outdoor venue bringing major headliners and a variety of musical acts to Florida. Visit [TheAmp.com](http://TheAmp.com) for upcoming shows and tickets. Photo: Kelsey Walters



The Spring Daytona Turkey Run car show had a special visitor this year - Juanita "Lightnin'" Epton. Lightnin' is 102 years old and she's just experienced her first Turkey Run. No stranger to the Daytona International Speedway, Lightnin' was one of the first employees of the speedway when the races were on the beach. She's still working every day at the Speedway ticket office that's named for her. Turkey Run founder, Stu Sarjeant (pictured left) gave her a t-shirt and she promised to return in the fall for the 50th anniversary show. Photo: Daytona Turkey Run



On March 6, the city of DeLand recognized the DeLand High School Bulldogs Varsity Cheerleading team for winning the first cheerleading state title in school history. Certificates of recognition were presented to the team, who competed in four competitions to qualify for the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) regionals, then went on to win their State Championship. Photo: City of DeLand



The city of Edgewater held the EDGEfest Paws and Claws Party on March 18 at Rotary Park. The event welcomed furry friends of all kinds and raised over \$600 for the Edgewater Animal Shelter.





# CHECK OUT WHAT THE LOCALS ARE UP TO...



Local wildlife and nature photographer, Shelley Lynch, spotted this dolphin landing a crevalle jack in NSB. Find more of Shelley's work at [ShelleyLynchPhotos.com](http://ShelleyLynchPhotos.com).

The Riverfront Esplanade in Daytona Beach held their second annual Children's Business Fair on March 25. A total of 90 young entrepreneurs set up their own start up businesses, including 9-year-old Lucy Osborne who sold her custom henna temporary tattoos.



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No better way to celebrate your birthday than with a big smile on your face! Wishing a very happy birthday to Bailey Yancey who turned 11 on March 24th. May your year be filled with lots of joy, love, and happiness!

Earlier this March, Hanna Dudiak, a student from DeLand High School's Early Childhood Education Program had a "garden day" with the preschoolers. Hanna went to the local Lowe's in DeLand to get soil and flowers for the gardening project, and inquired about a possible discount for a bulk purchase. To everyone's surprise and delight Lowe's donated ALL of the materials for the garden project! Photo: Volusia County Schools





# fishing Report

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Spring is here and the fish are hungry and active! Although the weather has been up and down the bite has remained steady for quite a long time! As of late, the water clarity is still very clear and the bait pods are everywhere in the backwaters. Cobia fishing this year has been hit or miss, with a few clear, sunny days and not much action. The amount of big rays, though, has been frequent!

As always, the redfish bite continues to be strong, whether using artificial or live bait the hook up will always be there. I've been seeing numerous groups of redfish crawling the banks and lurking amongst the oyster beds. Look for the redfish to be out during the lower tides.

With the warmer weather coming in, the snook are also starting to activate more freely and will be grouping up in areas that they can ambush their prey. Top water lures are my favorite for the snook, as the bite is fast and aggressive! The snook like to hide, so remember to throw everywhere!

Lady angler, Rachel Vause, had a fun trip recently catching a solid trout using live mullet. This day, the fishing was on fire with fish all over the zones. I have found that the bigger trout really like the live mullet, but will also bite artificial if it is presented properly.

Look for more action as the waters start to warm up and the fish remain hungry!

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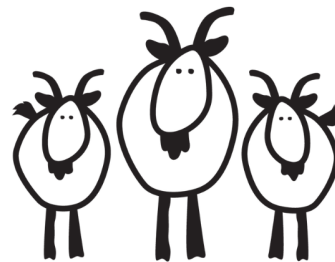
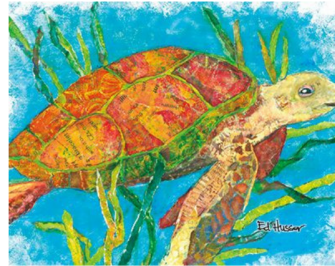
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