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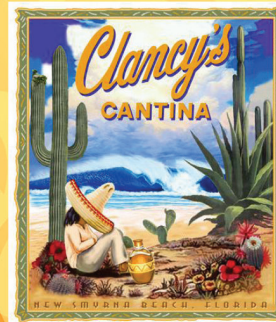
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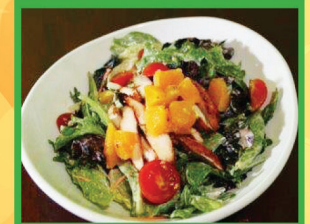
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Rising UP: City of New Smyrna Beach Receives FEMA Grant to Elevate At-Risk Homes

Article by: Mimi McKee | Photos submitted by: Mimi McKee & Steve Trofatter

Cruising around the city of New Smyrna Beach (NSB), citizens and visitors are spotting elevated homes. The whole single-family structures, including the garage, are raised, resting on concrete columns. The electrical and mechanical equipment, like the air conditioner, are also elevated outside the home. The homes were approved for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Since Hurricane Irma (2017), the homes often flood during hurricanes.

The city has been working to complete two projects that include nine homes being elevated above the 100-year floodplain. The city is working with FEMA, the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FLDEM) and homeowners on the projects. Currently, NSB is the only city in Volusia County that has started elevating homes. Other cities are waiting for HMGP approval.

"The elevation project is unprecedented in New Smyrna Beach," comments Kyle Fegley, City Engineer of 21 years. "The city is taking action to elevate homes well above the FEMA base flood elevation, including taking sea level rise into account." According to FEMA, these homes will be elevated to a minimum required height of 1.5 feet above the highest known flood level and an additional 3 feet to account for sea level rise. The city outlined the scope of the work to permit the elevation of the structures even higher, 8 to 10 feet from the existing ground.

CITY RESEARCH

The city began its search for interested homeowners by scheduling a series of public meetings that detailed the HMGP grant program. A powerpoint presentation pitched, "turnkey services" for the elevation project including: structural assessment, geotechnical work (if required), boundary survey, construction plans, permitting, disconnection and reconnection of utilities, elevation work, post-improvement elevation certificates and archaeological monitoring services.

In order to receive the funding, the property must qualify. Homes are selected through an application process that includes proof of flood claims, flood zone designation and photos. The selected homes include six between Ocean Avenue and 2nd Avenue in the central beach neighborhood and three waterfront properties along Sunset Drive in the Islesboro neighborhood. According to a news release from the city, "FEMA funds 75 percent of the project with the remaining 25 percent split between the city and each property owner. The city will contribute a max of \$35,000 per property."



"This program is FEMA's response to homeowners who have made repetitive claims to their federal flood insurance policy," says Fegley. "Some have flooded more than five times since 2017." The homes being lifted now were all approved for HMGP after Hurricane Irma hit. The process to construction took 5.5 years.

Funding for the work at each property is determined using cost basis analysis. Fegley emphasized, "It is imperative that homeowners commit to staying in the program. If a homeowner changes their mind or decides to sell the property, that affects all the other participants. Construction and planning stops and the funding must be reconfigured for the remaining properties."

CONSTRUCTION

Homeowners are displaced from their homes during the elevation construction. The program is not a perfect fit for each property, as each home and household are unique.

Plans call for a structural engineer to inspect the home. For example, determining if underneath the home has rebar versus wire meshing. Rebar is readily available to be lifted. The wire meshing projects need additional I-beams.

Plumbing for each of the homes is also raised. The exposed pipes extend up from the water meter and are secured underneath the home. After the lift, plans also include staircases, handrails and a residential outdoor elevator.

HOMEOWNER RELIEF

The current homeowners in the program are feeling relieved. Amanda Prokop, NSB resident since 2013, has a household that includes her wife and two children, now ages 11 years old and 9 years old. "This is our forever home," said Prokop.

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Elevate At-Risk Homes NEWS continued...



She shared that the waterfront, 2,300-square-foot home flooded three more times since Hurricane Matthew (2016).

"We had just finished a remodel after flooding during Hurricane Matthew and nine months later, it was all washed away during Hurricane Irma," explains Prokop. "It didn't matter that we had any of the flood control items like sandbags, door dams and flood barriers, our home had water come up through the foundation."



Steve and Linda Trofatter bought their waterfront, 1,600-square-foot home in 2014 and has flooded every hurricane since 2016. "The project begins with workers hand-digging up to 6 feet around the home," said Steve Trofatter. "With all the activity, people are always driving by and checking it out. We've met many people that are a part of the neighborhood, past and present."

"This is our retirement paradise. The lift is a guarantee we will not flood again," comments Linda Trofatter. "We are all tired of putting band-aids on our homes. It was time for surgery."

Current project update (May 23, 2023) from Kyle Fegley, City Engineer:

- **600 Goodwin Ave.** Home has been elevated to the required height, Contractor working on access, mechanical/plumbing and electrical connection.

- **610 Goodwin Ave.** Contractor has completed the elevation process and is moving forward with reconnecting utilities (i.e. water, sewer, electric, telecommunications, etc.) along with final site restoration efforts.
- **643 Goodwin Ave.** Final elevation has been realized, access stairways are in place with final electrical, plumbing and site work being the remaining tasks.
- **507 S. Peninsula Ave.** Contractor has completed the elevation process and is moving forward with reconnecting utilities (i.e. water, sewer, electric, telecommunications, etc.) along with final site restoration efforts.
- **626 Pine St.** Elevation process is complete, patio & staircase is installed working on final electric & plumbing tasks.
- **2696 Sunset Dr.** Elevation process complete remaining work includes electric, plumbing and installing the lift.
- **2700 Sunset Dr.** Elevation process complete remaining work includes electric, plumbing and installing the lift.
- **2926 Sunset Dr.** Elevation is complete, access stairway to home passed inspection in the process of closing out final items needed for occupancy.
- **632 Yupon Ave.** Initial lifting operation revealed some deficiencies in the existing slab that need to be addressed prior to proceeding with the elevation process.



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FEATURE



By the Sea Shore

There are so many things to celebrate in the month of June, but I finally settled on June 21st. It is the first day of summer, the longest day of the year, and since 2017, it's been given the title of National Seashell Day!

What a great way to kick off the summer and the longest day of the year by taking the family, or just yourself, and go shelling.

Shelling always brings back happy memories of me shelling with my parents, my grandparents, and my kids.

Shelling takes TLC if you really want to preserve your shells. My favorite shells are my angel wings that have been with me since I was a little girl.

Grandma and Grandpa would gather their shells, rinse with water, and then if there was a "critter" inside like a snail or mollusk, they would gently boil them in water until they came out. Then they laid them to dry on a table in the carport. We used toothpaste for cleaning and a toothbrush to gently remove barnacles or other attachments.

My mom did the same as Grandma, but she wanted hers to shine and bring out the vibrant colors in the shells. She used some sort of oil, after they were clean and completely dry. I looked up oils for shells and mineral oil or Howard Cutting Board Oil are popular. Don't dunk them in oil. Coat one side - let it dry a day or so and then do the other side. My mom had a beautiful glass jar that she displayed them in throughout my childhood.

I remember my aunt and uncle were visiting

and staying at a motel, they found lots of shells and they dumped them out by their front door for fear that they would stink. The next morning, they opened the door to find snakes eating the insides of the live shells. Gross!

My grandpa enjoyed shelling so much that he started using shells he found for crafts. He would even find his own driftwood for the base of his shell creations. He made so many that he started selling them at the flea market.

My grandparents had a positive reason for everything. I was sad one day because we had a bad storm. Grandpa said it was wonderful, because the storms churn up the sea and bring the shells up to the beach where they wait for us to find them.

In order to preserve and enhance our beaches for future enjoyment, it is now strongly recommended that we refrain from collecting live shells whenever possible. These shells play a vital role in our ecosystem, contributing to the long-term sustainability of our coastal areas. Let's embrace a sustainable approach this summer and celebrate the beauty of our beaches while respecting the delicate balance of nature.

Happy summer!



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Beyond the Treadmill: Unique Exercise Options in Volusia

Often the hardest part of any new exercise routine is knowing where to start. What kind of workout is right for me? What activities should I do to reach my health goals? The first thought may be to sign up for a gym membership just to at least have a building where you know you'll do your exercise. While this is certainly fine and encouraged (shout out to Crunch in Daytona Beach for my membership that needs to be used more often!), there are a lot of creative exercise options around town that you may not have considered as you work towards a healthier you!

The most chill of the local exercise opportunities I have taken recently is, "Moves and Brews" yoga and beer at Dunes Brewing (59 Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange). Dr. Sandi from Oceanic Yoga & Wellness leads the class in an hour-long Yin-inspired yoga class. These poses

are gentle on your joints and body as you stretch and relax. Class sizes are kept small by pre-registering so you can feel confident even if you're fairly new to yoga like I am! After yoga, you can choose the beer, cider or sour that you would like to enjoy. I'm partial to the later mentioned fruity sours! The cost is \$18 when you register on BeachMeetsWellness.com and it includes both the yoga class and drink afterwards.

Working our way up in intensity, Pictona (1060 Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill) is home to pickleball in the Daytona Beach area. Pickleball is said to be the fastest growing sport in America and this newer 49-court facility is already known for holding top-tier tournaments! If you have never played before or need a refresher, you can sign up for the free, "PB 101" class by registering on

Pictona.org or calling the Welcome Desk at 386-310-7067. It's about an hour-long class with a skilled instructor and the equipment you'll need to play: a paddle and ball. If you decide you like the game, you can sign up for a Pictona membership to join their leagues or open play. I took the class a while back with a friend and have found several city parks that have pickleball courts to play on, such as the Schnebly Rec Center in Daytona (1101 N. Atlantic Ave.) and Central Park in Ormond (off of Hammock Lane).

While the phrase, "go for a run" still strikes fear in my heart from playing soccer through college, I do appreciate the fun and community that The Running Elements in Daytona Beach (260 Daytona Blvd., D410) adds to their runs! The Running Elements (TRE) hosts wellness walks at the Riverfront Esplanade in Daytona each month and my whole household joined their holiday walk/run through the lights there back in December. My housemate often attends the, "TRE Run Club" on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. as runners and walkers make their way around OneDaytona. I honestly think the hardest part of running is getting stuck in your head and feeling alone, so it is such a great resource to be able to go with friends to cheer you on!

Whatever your preferred activity or sport, the goal is to get your heart pumping! Exercise does not have to be tied to weight loss or body image, it can just be to grow your overall health and be a fun way to connect with family and friends. Now... go break a sweat!



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The city of Edgewater is hosting the EDGEfest Father's Day Celebration on Saturday, June 17 at Whistle Stop Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be music, food, vendors, arts and crafts. You can make a gift for Dad, take a free family photo, or compete in a hot dog eating contest (for dads only!). There is also an archery range, an inflatable obstacle course, antique cars, motorcycles and an awesome display of "big boy toys" (garbage trucks, dump trucks and more) provided by the city of Edgewater's Environmental Services Department.



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Exciting news in Edgewater! Plans are set for this year's 4th of July celebration. The fireworks show will take place at George Kennedy Memorial Park (103 N. Riverside Drive). This location will allow spectators to view the stunning annual fireworks display over the river and promises to be fun for the whole family. Food vendors will be on site so a cool treat, drink or snack is never far away. The event takes place on Tuesday, July 4 and begins at 7 p.m. featuring music, vendors and food with fireworks at dusk.

For more information about the EDGEfest 4th of July event or learn more about becoming a vendor or EDGEfest sponsor, call (386)424.2400 x1340. EDGEfest is a year round series of events

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BEAT SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN WITH LIBRARY ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS & KIDS

Volusia County Public Libraries are thrilled to announce an array of engaging and educational programming for children and teens this summer. With activities designed to be fun-filled and informative, it's the perfect opportunity for young minds to thrive during the break.

Kids and teens in grades Kindergarten through highschool can look forward to the highly anticipated summer reading challenge, "All Together Now," taking place from June 5 to August 11. By registering for the challenge, readers will receive a link to track their summer reading progress online. Those who read for at least four days a week throughout the summer will have the chance to earn fantastic prizes from the library. Registration for the challenge begins on May 28 and can be accessed online.

In addition to the reading challenge, an exciting lineup of teen programs awaits. From hands-on maker activities to captivating presentations, there's something for every teenager to explore. To stay up-to-date on the full schedule of events, both teens and their guardians can check their local branch's calendar.

But the library's offerings don't stop there! Volusia County Public Libraries are also committed to catering to the younger audience. For younger children, the library offers the award-winning "Lit Kits to Go!" program. Geared towards children from birth through fifth grade, parents can fill out a questionnaire either at a local library or online. Once completed, parents can check out weekly program bags tailored to their child's age category. These bags contain library books, crafts, reading suggestions, and educational materials. While a library card is required for bags that include library books, bags without library books can also be provided if the parent doesn't have a library card.



For children aged six and below, the library offers the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. This initiative aims to foster pre-reading skills essential for a successful start to school.

To ensure children have access to meals, select library locations will provide breakfast and/or lunch for children aged 18 and under throughout the summer, starting from June 5. Detailed information about feeding locations, days, and times will be available online.

For teenagers and children alike, a special treat awaits this summer. They can visit any library branch and pick up a free Teen Summer Activity Booklet or participate in the various programs available. Moreover, with a library card and online account, teenagers can download an extensive range of free resources from the library's website, including books, magazines, audiobooks, music and movies.

For a comprehensive listing of upcoming programs and access to the library's vast resources, visit their official website. Volusia County Public Libraries are ready to make this summer a memorable and enriching experience for teenagers and children as they explore, learn, and have fun at their local libraries.

VolusiaLibrary.org



IT'S TIME TO ASSEMBLE YOUR HURRICANE DISASTER SUPPLIES

It's that time of year again - the Atlantic Hurricane Season is here, starting on June 1 and continuing through November 30. As we prepare ourselves for potential storms and their aftermath, it's important to ensure that we have more than just the bare minimum supplies to sustain us during a hurricane. We need to be equipped with enough provisions to endure what could be an extended recovery period. During this time, access to essentials like water and electricity may be disrupted for a week or even longer. Therefore, it's crucial to have an ample supply of non-perishable food, water, and medicine to last each member of your family for at least three days.

In addition to these fundamental necessities, there are a few other crucial items you should have on hand. It's recommended to have extra cash



available, as well as flashlights and a portable crank or solar-powered USB charger to ensure your cell phone remains functional. A disaster supplies kit is an assemblage of basic items that may be required in the event of an emergency.

To prepare such a kit, make sure it includes water (at least one gallon per person per day for multiple days), a three-day supply of non-perishable food, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, flashlights, a first aid kit, extra batteries, a whistle (to signal for help), a dust mask (to filter contaminated air), plastic sheeting and duct tape (for sheltering in place), moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties (for personal sanitation), a wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities), a manual can opener (for food), local maps, and a cellphone with chargers and backup batteries.

Once you have gathered these basic items, take some time to consider any unique needs your family may have. This could include supplies for pets, children, or elderly family members. Tailor your disaster supplies kit accordingly to ensure everyone's requirements are met. To organize your kit, store the items in airtight plastic bags and place the entire kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

Remember that assembling your disaster supplies kit is only the first step. It's essential to maintain it properly so that it remains ready for use when needed. Keep your food in a cool and dry place, store boxed food in tightly closed containers, replace expired items, and review and update your kit annually to accommodate any changes in your family's needs.

For additional guidance and a comprehensive emergency supply list, you can find more tips and resources online at Ready.gov. Start preparing your hurricane disaster supplies now to ensure you and your family are well-equipped and ready to face any challenges that may arise during the Atlantic Hurricane Season.

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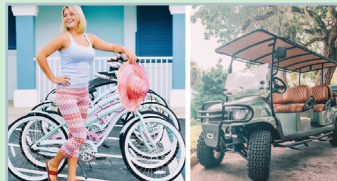


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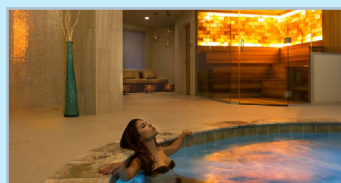


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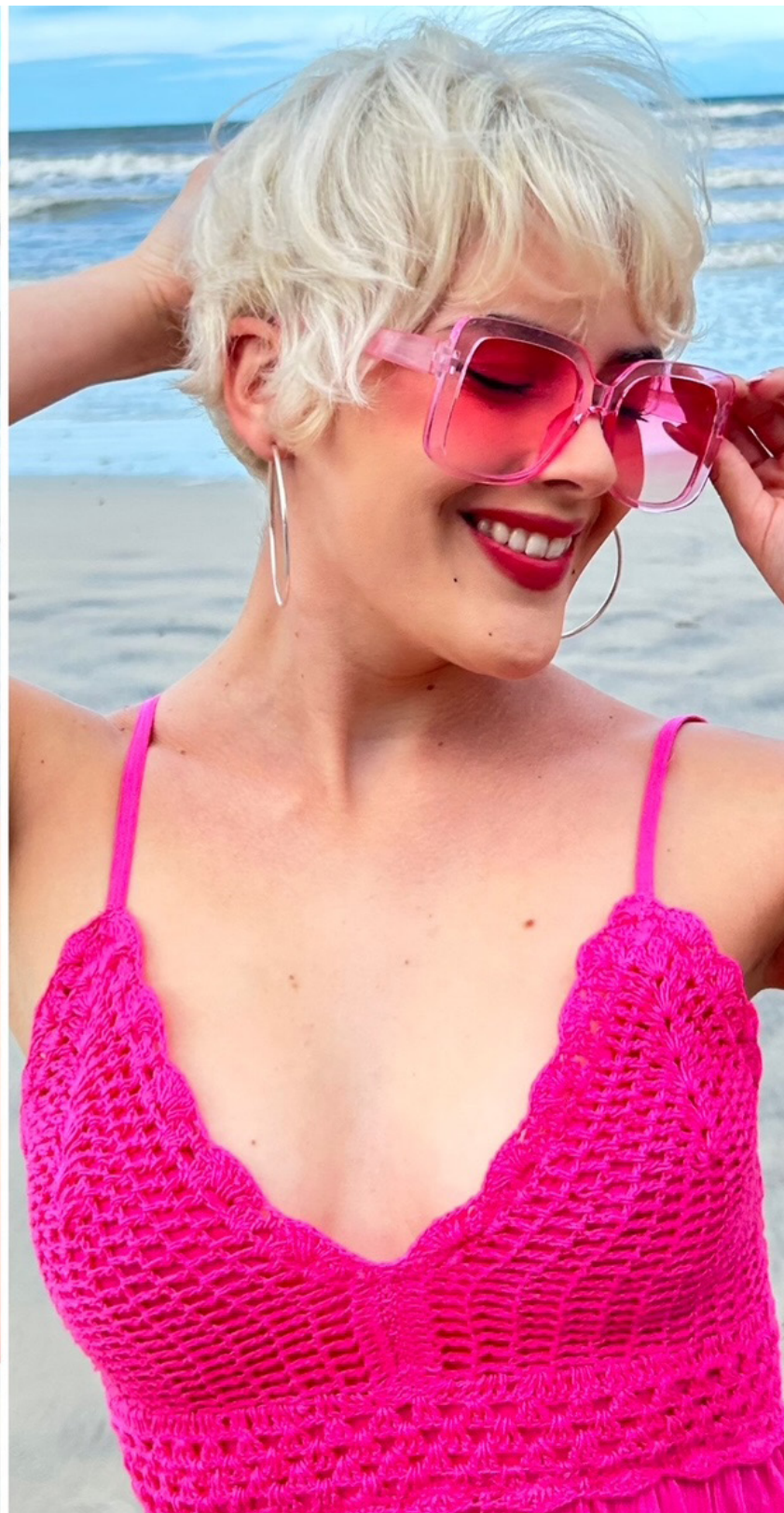
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Stylist • Blog: Danielle Napolitano **IG:** @Danielle_Napolitano_Stylist | **Photo:** Sierra Pizzo | **Model:** Charlotte Key **IG:** @char1ottekey



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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5 - 9 PM

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First Friday Art Walk

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2 FRI JUNE 2 - SEP 1 


EVERY FRI @ 7:15 PM

Daytona Beach Bandshell

Sounds of Summer

A weekly concert of the best tribute bands singing your favorites. Free admission - bring your own chair. \$15 VIP includes seating.




2-30 JUNE 2 - SEP 22 


EVERY FRI @ 7 PM

Hard Rock Hotel, Daytona Beach

Rock the Beach Tribute Series

\$15 and up admission for this series featuring tributes to some of the most iconic Rock and Roll bands of all times.




3 SAT JUNE 3 / JULY 1 

10 AM - 5 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Art Stroll/Gallery Walk

Art Stroll and Gallery Walk features solo/group exhibitions, artist talks.



3 SAT JUNE 3 / JULY 1 


1 - 6 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Sip and Stroll

Sample craft beers and unique wines as you stroll! \$25 includes 12 tastings and souvenir glass.




3-30 JUNE 3 - SEP 30 


EVERY SAT @ 7:15 PM

Daytona Beach Bandshell

Star Spangled Summer

A weekly concert of the best tribute bands followed by a fireworks show over the water. Don't miss the special 4th of July fireworks show!




10 SAT JUNE 10/JULY 15 

7 - 10 PM

Cypress Park, Daytona Beach

Midtown Music Series

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15 THU JUNE 15/JULY 20 

5 - 8:30 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Canal Street Nights

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15 THU JUNE 15

6:30 PM

Marine Discovery Center, NSB

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15-18 JUNE 15 - 18 


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Flagler Avenue, NSB

Seaside Fiesta

This official kick off into summer offers arts and crafts vendors, food booths, entertainment, live music, and plenty of kids and family friendly activities.




15-30 JUNE 15 - AUG 31 

Every THU @ 6:30 PM

Riverside Park, NSB

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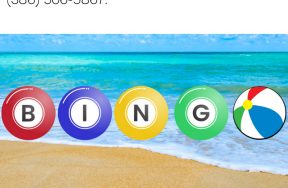
16 FRI JUNE 16

3 - 5 PM

Port Orange Adult Center

Beach Blanket Bingo

Join Port Orange Parks and Rec for fun, food and prizes at the second Summer of the Senior Bingo event! Doors open at 2:30 PM and seating is limited. For more information call (386) 506-5867.



17 SAT JUNE 17

11 AM - 7 PM

Cypress Park, Daytona Beach

Juneteenth Festival

This free outdoor festival features live music, kids activities, parade and more. Full schedule of week's activities at JuneteenthDaytona.com.



17 SAT JUNE 17/JULY 22 

1 - 7 PM

Flagler Avenue, NSB

Wine Walk

Explore over 100 interesting wines inside host locations and walk the avenue. Tasting passports are \$25.



17 SAT JUNE 17

5 - 7 PM

The Casements, Ormond Beach

A Night To Remember

A Roaring 20s-themed Father/Daughter dinner and dance - all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles and guardians are invited to dance the night away! \$20 per couple advance ticket required- call (386) 676-3216 for details (for children ages 7 - 12).




17 SAT JUNE 17

6 - 8 PM

Brannon Center, NSB

Little Royals Ball

An excellent opportunity for parents and their little ones to celebrate royally in celebration of Father's Day! \$12 per guest, light snacks will be served. Buy tickets online at BrannonCenter.com/tickets or for more information call (386) 410-2880.



25-29 JUNE 25, 27 & 29 

7 - 10 PM

Drive In Church, Daytona Beach

Summer Drive In Movie Mania

Gates open at 7 PM for pre-movie fun, activities and concessions. FREE admission. Movie begins at 8 PM.



29-4 JUNE 29 - JULY 4 

Find schedule online

Flagler Avenue, NSB

Independence Day Music Festival

6 days of FREE music festival highlights all kinds of music genres. This festival includes over 40 free shows at various locations along Flagler Avenue. Some locations are age 21 and up. All shows free admission. Schedule at FlaglerAve.com.



4 TUE JULY 4 

10 AM

Main Street, Daytona Beach

Veterans Parade on Main

The parade will pay tribute to veterans and first responders and will begin on Main St. at A1A and travel west to the base of the bridge.



4 TUE JULY 4 

4 - 9 PM

Brannon Center, NSB

NSB Fireworks

Festivities include gourmet food trucks, live music and fireworks on the river.



4 TUE JULY 4 

5:30 - 9 PM

Port Orange City Center

4th of July Spectacular

Celebrate the 4th of July with live music, food trucks, fun zone, classic car show and fireworks at 9 PM.



4 TUE JULY 4 

6 - 10:30 PM

Gemini Springs Park

4th of July Freedom Fest

Free family event featuring live entertainment on two stages, food trucks, family-friendly activities, a Kid Zone and a state-of-the-art fireworks and laser light show choreographed to music starting at 9:15 PM.



4 TUE JULY 4 

7 PM

Kennedy Park, Edgewater

EDGEfest 4th Celebration

The fun kicks off with food, vendors and music; fireworks begin at dusk.



4 TUE JULY 4 

8 - 9:30 PM

Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach

Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate Independence Day with the city of Ormond Beach at Rockefeller Gardens. Music, food and fireworks - fireworks @ 9 PM!




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9 FRI JUNE 9
7 PM
Port Orange City Center
Movie Under the Stars

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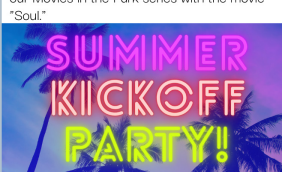
9-30 JUNE 9 - AUG 18 🔄
Every FRI @ 7 - 10 PM
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Summer in the Circle Concert Series

Weekly concerts will take place at the Victory Circle Stage and are FREE and open to the public! Bring your chair and the entire family for this family-friendly event. Visit OneDaytona.com for lineup.




10 SAT JUNE 10
6 - 10 PM
Pettis Park, NSB
Summer Kickoff Party

Join us for an evening of free family fun as we kickoff the summer season with some bounce houses for the kids, games, music and more! Make sure you bring a chair and/or blanket and some light refreshments as we will also kickoff our Movies in the Park series with the movie "Soul."



17 SAT JUNE 17
8 - 11 AM
Neptune & Ocean Shore, Ormond
REEL in the FUN Kids' Fishing Tourny

Registration deadline is June 14 at 4:30 PM for Ormond Beach residents ONLY at OrmondBeach.org/LSRegistration. Teams: Up to 2 Children, 4-12 years old with 1 Adult. Win awards and prizes like new fishing poles!




17 SAT JUNE 17
10 AM - 2 PM
Whistle Stop Park, Edgewater
EDGEfest Father's Day Celebration

Come celebrate the father figures in your life at Whistle Stop Park. There are lots of super fun activities planned including arts and crafts to make a gift for Dad!



17 SAT JUNE 17
10 AM - 3 PM
Earl Brown Park, DeLand
Juneteenth Celebration

Join in on community togetherness with the Juneteenth Unity in the Community Celebration featuring food, vendors and live entertainment.




1 SAT JULY 1
1 - 5 PM
Flagler Avenue, NSB
BBQ Challenge

Guests will use their tasting passports to visit the host sites and taste sample-sized BBQ portions prepared in multiple different ways like chicken, beef, pork, seafood. \$20 tasting passports and maps picked up at the corner of S. Cooper St. and Flagler Ave. on the day of the event or on EventBrite.com beforehand.




1 SAT JULY 1 🎆
5 - 9:30 PM
Valentine Park, Orange City
Fireworks and Fun

Enjoy a band, contests, food and general vendors, raffles, a kids' zone and fireworks show @ 9:15 PM!




1 SAT JULY 1
9 PM
Beachside Tavern, NSB
Burnin' Smyrnans 20th Anniversary

Celebrate 20 years of incredible local music with Burnin' Smyrnans 20 Year Reunion Show and Tru Phonic opening up the night.




7 FRI JULY 7 🔄
1st FRIDAY @ 8:30 PM
Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach
Movies on the Halifax

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a FREE screening of popular movies. July movie - Disney's "Onward"




14-28 JULY 14, 21 & 28 ⊕
FRI @ 6 - 8 PM
Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach
Summer Sounds Concert Series

Grab a lawn chair or a blanket, and come celebrate summertime with a FREE night of great music.



22 SAT JULY 22
10 AM - 6 PM
Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach
Christmas in July

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Bobby G Takes on Bagel Barn Cafe & Deli

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Bagels, oh bagels! Is there anything more delightful than sinking your teeth into a warm, chewy, and freshly baked bagel? I think not! Bagels have always held a special place in my heart. From my childhood days to my current love affair with these heavenly handhelds, bagels have remained my go-to any time of day. That's precisely why I couldn't resist the opportunity to explore the inner workings of the Bagel Barn Cafe and Deli, renowned for serving arguably the best bagels in Volusia County.

I arranged a late-night meeting with Joe Benigno, the owner and operator of Bagel Barn, along with his apprentice, Adrian. I was ready to uncover the secrets behind their mouth watering creations.



Joe revealed the secret to their amazing bagels: the proofing process. To achieve that perfect texture and taste, the bagels are pulled from the freezer 24 hours before they are ready to be baked. This slow thawing allows the flavors to develop fully, ensuring an authentic bagel experience.

But what sets Bagel Barn apart from the rest? It's the NY-style method of boiling the bagels. Joe explained that boiling the bagels before baking them not only makes them larger but also gives them that distinctive chewiness.

The bagel-making process begins late at night, usually around 11:30 p.m. The number of bagels prepared each night varies based on the day of the week, with more bagels made to meet the demand on Saturdays and Sundays.

In addition to the cafe and deli, Joe also operates a food truck called Bagel Barn Cafe and Deli on Wheels, stationed at the Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., beachgoers can indulge in the same delectable bagels.

Now, let's talk about the bagels themselves! The everything bagel takes the crown as the most popular choice, and for good reason. Its harmonious blend of flavors and textures is simply irresistible. Joe boils each bagel for 20 to 30 seconds, gives them a toss in a variety of seasonings, and then bakes them to perfection.



With the capacity to boil eight bagels at a time, Joe's bagel-making prowess is nothing short of impressive. Once baked, the bagels make their way into a series of four ovens, each set at different temperatures ranging from 325 to 350 degrees

Fahrenheit, ensuring even baking and consistent quality.

The Bagel Barn's lineup includes a wide variety of flavors, and their newest addition, the marble rye bagel, promises a unique twist on traditional favorites. It's a testament to Joe's creative spirit and his dedication to keeping the bagel experience fresh and exciting.

As we chatted, Joe shared interesting tidbits about their daily operations. Did you know that they make a whopping 40 pounds of bacon on weekends? That's enough to satisfy even the most ardent bacon lover's cravings!

The Bagel Barn has also perfected the art of breakfast and lunch sandwiches. Speaking of these heavenly creations, let's dive into the delightful world of Bagel Barn's sandwiches. Trust me when I say that picking a favorite is no easy task. Each sandwich is made with fresh, quality ingredients that make me hungry just writing about it. But if I had to narrow it down, my top three picks would undoubtedly be the Reuben on toasted marble rye, the perfectly pressed

Cuban and the Italian on a hoagie roll. Just thinking about them makes my mouth water.



To complement their scrumptious bagels, Bagel Barn boasts a great coffee bar with top-notch Joe (ha, ha!). The aroma alone is enough to lure you in, and the rich, smooth taste of their coffee never disappoints. And here's a little insider tip: they also offer pre-made meals that you can take home for those days when cooking feels like a chore. It's like having a personal chef without the hefty price tag.

Now, let me share a truly unforgettable experience I had at Bagel Barn. I had the incredible opportunity to join Joe and Adrian in the bagel-making process. I crafted my very own cheddar and bacon bagel. The anticipation was palpable as I watched it rise and bake to perfection. The next day, I was on my way to play golf with my buddy Rico, and together we indulged in the fruits of my labor. Oh, what a moment! Bacon, gooey cheddar, and the distinct bagel texture was pure bliss.



But the surprises didn't end there. Joe, the maestro of pastry, surprised me with my all-time favorite treat, a strawberry cheesecake croissant. It was a symphony of sweet, tangy and buttery goodness that melted in my mouth.

A new location in New Smyrna Beach is currently in the works. While we eagerly await its grand opening, Joe

and his team are diligently working through the permitting process. Keep your eyes peeled for the exciting announcement on their social media channels.

Speaking of their social media accounts, they are running an epic summer photo contest! Here's what you need to do: 1: Stop by any Bagel Barn location and grab your favorite bagel. 2: Strike a pose and take an incredible photo through the bagel. 3: Share your masterpiece on Instagram or Facebook, tagging @BagelBarnFL and using the hashtag #bagelbomb. The winner will be announced at the end of summer and will receive a free bagel or bagel breakfast sandwich every day for one year! Flip to the back cover of this issue to see exactly what I am talking about.

If you're craving a taste of Bagel Barn but can't bear the thought of waiting in line, fear not! You can skip the queue and order online. While delivery isn't available, just visit their website at BagelBarnCafeDeli.com and place your order with ease.

So, my fellow bagel aficionados, if you haven't had the opportunity to experience Bagel Barn Cafe and Deli you most definitely have to see what everyone else is talking about and try it for yourself. I'm on my way there right after this to quell my appetite. Yum, yum!

Bobby G...out!



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Smooth Sailing: Dos & Don'ts for the Best Cruise Experience

Article & photos by: Kelsey Walters



In 2020, our family planned and purchased a cruise as Scott's 40th birthday celebration in May, and then... the whole world came to a screeching halt. Three years later, we finally took our celebratory getaway aboard the Carnival Mardi Gras, Carnival cruise line's largest ship along with its sister ship the Celebration, and among the top 15 ships in the world.

We embarked on a seven-day Caribbean cruise from Port Canaveral, the world's second largest port just behind Miami. This was our fifth cruise, but our first as parents, and since then I've fielded a lot of questions about what it's like to cruise with kiddos! Here are some of my dos, don'ts, as well as tips and tricks for cruising with kids and cruise life in general.

DO: Do your research ahead of time. We planned our cruise based on what ports we would like to visit, trying to snag places we had never been before. We settled on Cozumel and Costa Maya in Mexico, along with Roatan, an island just off the coast of Honduras. Carnival, and most cruise lines, now offer apps to navigate your vacay. Download it ahead of time, and explore it a bit so you know where to find everything. Check out your ports online ahead of time, as well as port excursions. You can even view a detailed map of the ship's decks so you have your bearings once you board.

Once onboard, your app is your guide to everything on the ship, and works even if you don't purchase the

ship's WiFi package. We ran into a lot of frustrated older cruisers who didn't realize that everything is mobile now. Gone are the days of assigned seating in the dining room for dinner. Now, you can just pull out your phone when you're ready and book a table at any of the included dining spots (our ship offered fine Italian dining, a Chinese-Mexican fusion restaurant called ChiBang! and the traditional dining room) or pay a little extra for specialty dining. Tables typically took around 10 to 20 minutes to open up, giving us plenty of time to get ready or finish up what we were doing before heading to dinner, rather than waiting at the door like those who didn't use the app.

The app is also where you can keep track of the endless activities to do on the ship. Choose what you would like to do each day, and your phone will remind you of each thing coming up, where to be and when, and you won't miss a thing.

DON'T: Don't sleep on those excursions! If you see something you absolutely cannot live without, book it early as quite a few of them can sell out. Tours offer limited spots and times, so plan accordingly. If you are open to trying new things, take a look about two weeks before you set sail. We scooped up an incredible deal on a dolphin swim with Dolphinaris in Cozumel for a total of just \$225 for our family (kids 5 and under are free!). By far, this was the most incredible experience of our trip and one of the best things we have ever done in our 13 years of exploring together.

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Read the reviews for excursions before purchase and make sure you know all of the parameters ahead of time. Oftentimes, negative reviews are because people didn't do their research and booked something too intense for their party or didn't realize their kids couldn't join them because of age restrictions. If you want to wait until you're in port to see where the day brings you, that's fine, too! We booked a last-minute independent tour of the aviary in Costa Maya after exploring and having lunch, and had a wonderful afternoon with the birds. In Roatan we booked the night before for an early morning tour of Gumbalimba Park, a jungle excursion offering meet-and-greets with iguanas, native parrots and monkeys.

your gut. When in doubt, go with the sanctioned excursions for a great time.

CRUISING WITH KIDS: Our resounding answer to anyone who has asked if we would cruise with Avery again is a huge YES! Not only do we explore just about everywhere with her anyway, Carnival is known for being a, "fun ship" and being very family-friendly. A big misconception is that cruising is only for adults, or that kids won't have anything to do on-board.

Our ship had 5 pools, only one of which was adults-only. The rest are either beach pools or tide pools, meaning they have a surrounding area of soft flooring and shallow water (about six inches or so) where kids can play safely or you can lounge and cool off without fully submerging. The top deck of the ship featured a large waterpark area with waterslides and activities for all ages, mini golf, basketball courts, an arcade, a ropes course that angles you over the edge of the ship and even the world's first seacoaster - an electric rollercoaster that zips around the top of the ship. Even though there were over 5,000 people on board, with so many options for activities, dining and entertainment, we never felt that things were too crowded.

Center Stage, a three-deck open theater that's unique design allows for amazing aerial stunts and stunning visuals. We got there early each night to snag floor seats and Avery went wild over the shows including a tribute to Vegas, a spooky tale of a New Orleans witch and a tribute to cultures around the world with a massive cast. Each night, movie screenings are offered on the lido pool deck as well under the stars.

If you do, however, want some time to yourself or want to check out some of the adults-only activities on board, there are several KIDS-only options for younger family members, too! Avery checked into Camp Ocean, a kids' activity camp for ages ranging from infant all the way to 11. We were thoroughly impressed with the security protocol and were even given a free satellite phone to be able to stay in contact for the week anytime she checked in. She loved spending time with kids her own age doing crafts, having pirate parties, exploring science and having movie nights so much that we had to make a rule that she had to spend time with us first before she could ask for kids' camp! She would check in for about an hour or so while we cleaned up for dinner or headed to the theater to grab the best seats, ensuring everyone got to enjoy exactly what they wanted. Older kids can hang out in their own pre-teen and teen clubs designed just for them.



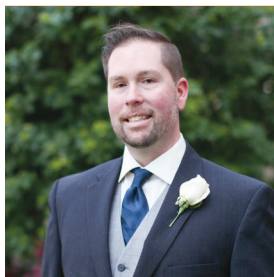
Beware excursions offered outside of the cruise line and do your research carefully. Those working with the cruise are carefully monitored and know that bad reviews mean no business for them. Outside of that, some have fallen victim to insurance fraud scams when renting vehicles like mopeds, golf carts and so on. Bottom line - read the fine print and trust

All of the shows at either of the two main theaters were kid-friendly, OR offered kid-friendly versions earlier in the evening like the Family Feud Live! competition or the Love and Marriage Game Show. There are even PG-rated comedy shows! Unlike many cruise ships that have a central atrium that gives access to all the decks, the Mardi Gras has

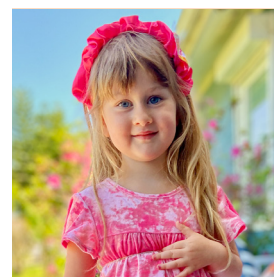
Our long-awaited cruise aboard the Carnival Mardi Gras was an enjoyable experience for our family and we have memories to last a lifetime. Despite the initial disappointment of postponing our trip, it was worth the wait!



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Scott Walters is Kelsey's husband of six years and Avery's proud father. He is originally from Connecticut and has lived in Florida since he was 11 years old.



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.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Package of Pad Thai rice noodles
- 1 bottle of Thai Mango Pad Thai sauce
- 2 eggs
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 1 handful of bean sprouts
- Paprika for color
- 1 tsp. oil for cooking
- Choice of protein
- Wok (preferred) or frying pan



INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Soak $\frac{1}{4}$ package of noodles for 30 minutes (until soft).

Step 2: Heat wok on high heat, then add oil.

Step 3: Add 2 eggs and stir to scramble eggs.

Step 4: Add protein (sliced thin) and cook for 1 to 2 minutes.

Step 5: While stirring, add the noodles and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the bottle of Thai Mango Pad Thai Sauce, continuing to stir and mixing well.

Step 6: Add a shake of paprika for color, add bean sprouts and green onions. Stir and serve!



Nutrition Facts

12 servings per container
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INGREDIENTS: Sugar, Water, Mushroom Soy (water, defatted soybean, wheat, salt, sugar, mushroom extract, flavor enhancer: monosodium glutamate, disodium 5' inosinate and disodium 5' guanylate, sodium benzoate (as a preservative), caramel, artificial mushroom flavor), Tamarind Concentrate, Distilled Vinegar, Coconut Palm Sugar, Salt, Xanthan Gum.

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PREPARATION

Prep Time: 2 minutes • Cook Time: 10 minutes • Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon horseradish
- 1/8 teaspoon chili-garlic sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
- 12 ounces Shishito peppers
- 1/2 cup water
- Sesame seeds for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

Add the mayonnaise, yogurt, mustard, honey, vinegar, horseradish, chili-garlic sauce and salt to a small bowl. Whisk to combine.

Press “Sauté.” Add the sesame oil, 1 tablespoon of the yogurt-honey mustard sauce, and the peppers to the pot. Toss with tongs to combine.

Sauté for about 10 minutes, turning and tossing the peppers three or four times only. You want them to char on the outside. After 10 minutes, remove the peppers. Add the water and steam trivet to the pot. Place a small square of foil on top of the trivet. Add the peppers back to the pot, placing them on top of the foil.

Secure the lid with the steam vent closed. Press “Pressure Cook” until the display light is beneath “Low Pressure.” Adjust the “-/+” button until the time display reads 2 minutes.

When the timer sounds, quick release the pressure. Use tongs to transfer the peppers to a serving platter. Garnish with sesame seeds and serve with sauce on the side for dipping.



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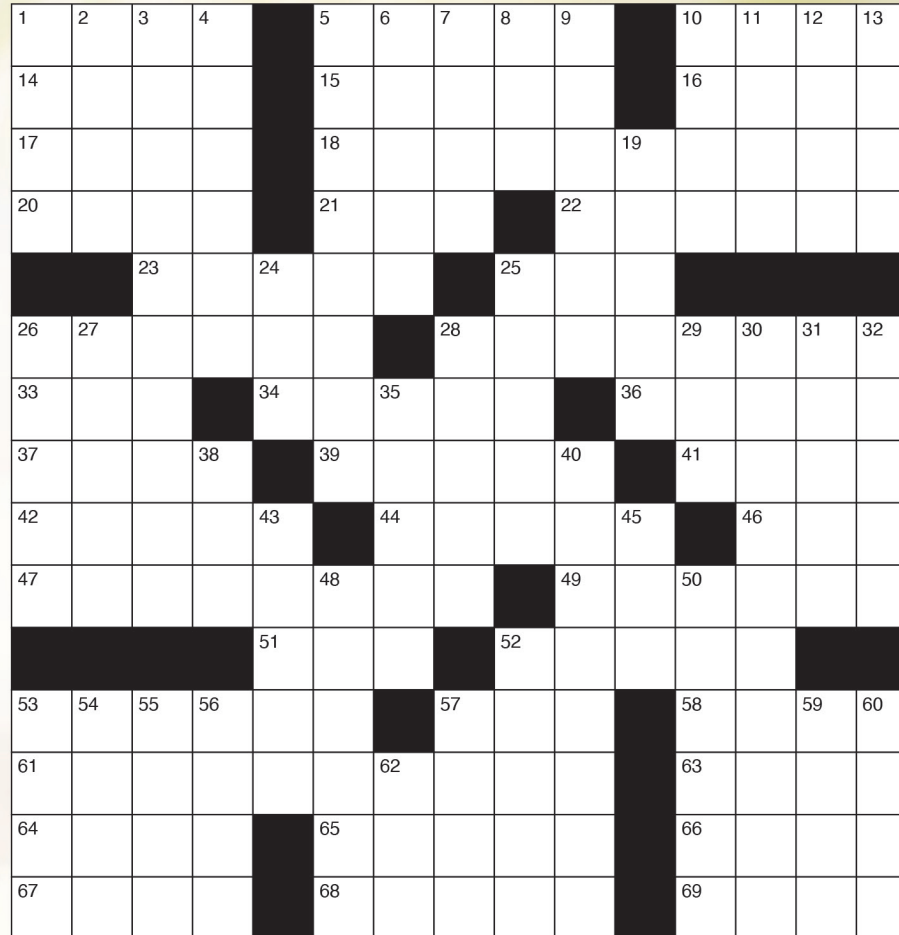
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1. Chromosome component
5. Babe Ruth's number
10. Pirouette
14. "When You Wish ___ a Star"
15. Basketball goals
16. Like granola
17. Facilitates
18. Upscale steak house chain
20. 1,401, to Caesar
21. Abbr. at the bottom of a letter
22. "That's ___ of a different color"
23. "Boy, am ___ to see you!"
25. "See ya!"
26. Staffed
28. Brand of petroleum jelly products
33. 100 nanojoules
34. Excellence
36. One getting up
37. Seized
39. ___ note off (write quickly)
41. James who played Sonny Corleone
42. Impish
44. Davis of Hollywood
46. Glitter finisher
47. Paid for
49. U.S. Army attack helicopter
51. French pronoun
52. Garment fabric
53. Theater's greeters
57. Adverbial ending
58. Extreme aversion
61. Draws
63. Ogler
64. Feels lousy
65. Airborne
66. Draw nigh
67. Unencumbered
68. Usable without fees (acronym)
69. Seeks an answer from

**Down**

1. Island discovered by Magellan
2. The "Odyssey" or "Beowulf"
3. Succumbing to sleep
4. Navy newbie
5. Like some nuts
6. Harass relentlessly
7. Campus mil. group
8. Bible book between Gal. and Phil.
9. Some school papers
10. London district

11. Henry's sixth
12. "___ better to keep your mouth closed..."
13. Wall Street market abbr.
19. Shout from a fan
24. NASA moon lander
25. Take a soak
26. Measured (out)
27. Play ___ (act)
28. Clamped down on

Down

29. DMV document
30. "Shaft" Oscar winner
31. Under, in poems
32. Comic Kovacs
35. Blows one's top
38. Flavored wine aperitif
40. CIA employees, of a sort
43. Mother-of-pearl
45. G.I.'s address
48. Suck-up
50. Goddess symbolized by an owl
52. Musical staff sign
53. Thunderbirds org.
54. Mix
55. Healthy
56. Other
57. "Take ___ leave it!"
59. Furniture wood
60. Makes a gaffe
62. Beer relative

May 2023 Answers

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



Adventures of a Modern Pirate

The morning sun had the deck under my feet feeling warm as I sipped my coffee and gazed out at the ocean. It was an absolutely perfect day. The excitement of snorkeling a sunken battleship was growing, and I couldn't wait to set sail and get going. I gazed out, my eyes taking in the splendor as I tried to download the imagery into my brain so as not to forget my luck as I stood there on the deck of the beautiful and luxurious Double Pleasure. I couldn't help but feel like Steve McQueen in, "The Thomas Crown Affair." A beautiful catamaran, a lovely hostess, two great guys and I was the young beneficiary.

Breakfast was served: scrambled eggs with stir-fried lobster, onions, peppers and butter. Toast and a large pot of coffee lay centered on the galley table buffet-style; serve yourself and go. Outside, the view complemented the spectacular food. We cleaned up and helped the hostess do the dishes. Jim and my uncle hoisted the anchors, stowed the lines and had the Double Pleasure going in no time at all.

"We're about 45 minutes out from the wreck," Jim said, scanning his maps. "It should be a nice ride out today."

With the wind coming in from the east, the sails were full and the double hull sliced through the crystal blue water like pizza cutters. We were heading northwest with Cat Island to our right side. Dolphins raced alongside us, and a few dove out in an entertaining fashion. Our lovely hostess was cheering them on and it seems they reacted as the show continued. Again, I couldn't

believe my luck!

Although conversations were merry and plentiful, they felt nonexistent as the beauty of the tropical surroundings seemed to drown out everything along the way, thus making the trip seem nothing short of blissful for this young pirate having the experience of a lifetime.

We arrived at the site and the anchors dropped. Minutes later, we dove overboard, and beneath us lay the ghostly ship. Thirty feet was deep, but I made it down long enough to see the old battleship before ascending for air a dozen times. Schools of fish darted around us, sharks sneaked by and barracudas watched intently. Decades of sea growth had covered the old hull, giving it an eerie aura. I wondered what circumstances had brought it there.

It was one hell of an experience!

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 eight years now.*



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Fishaholic: June Report

Captain Austin with Chews Wisely Fishing Charters here once again bringing you the fishing report for the New Smyrna Beach area!

The June fishing report is easy to write because we have so many options on the fishing front. It's just before the busy part of hurricane season and after the last of the strong cold fronts. Light breezes mean calm seas and consistent weather, which is what I love. From inshore to off the beach, we have a lot of options. With good weather we can run off the beach looking for everything from bonito, cobia, kingfish, tarpon and sharks.



they are everywhere including some very shallow water! The sharks can be a serious problem when fishing for redfish and snook and over the last month we have lost a lot of fish. Bull sharks are serious predators and there is a healthy population of them in our nearshore waters. Some of these sharks are over 8 feet long and over 500 pounds.

Snook fishing has really been good lately with fish all over from the lagoon to the inlet and everywhere in between. Our charters have caught some over-slot fish (larger than 32 inches) and I expect the bite to only get better. There are two primary concepts to consider when snook fishing our area. The first is migration - when and where snook are moving. The second is feeding patterns - what and why snook eat. During the spring, snook stage at inlets where the backwater meets the ocean. They are spawning and waiting for the water to warm up.

Redfish, our other "go-to fish," are also becoming very active and we have caught some real big fish the last month. Redfish come in all sizes here in our area and depending where you fish, you can catch slot-sized fish (18 to 27 inches) in the Mosquito Lagoon and backwaters. Closer to Ponce Inlet, we come across some real "trophies" of 30 pounds or more.

Hope you enjoyed the report and, as always, we'd love to take you fishing. Call or text us at (386) 689-9056.



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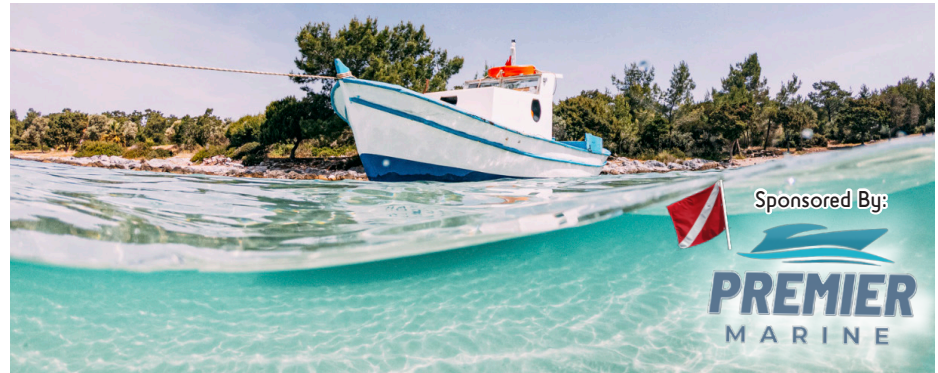
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Date		High Tide				Low Tide				Sun		Moon
		AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	
1	Thu	6:41	2.7	7:17	3.6	12:44	0.4	12:38	0.1	6:23	8:19	☾
2	Fri	7:28	2.7	8:03	3.8	1:34	0.3	1:22	-0.1	6:23	8:19	☾
3	Sat	8:17	2.7	8:52	3.9	2:24	0.2	2:08	-0.2	6:23	8:20	☾
4	Sun	9:07	2.7	9:41	4.0	3:13	0.1	2:56	-0.2	6:23	8:20	☾
5	Mon	9:57	2.8	10:31	4.0	4:02	0.1	3:45	-0.2	6:23	8:21	☾
6	Tue	10:49	2.8	11:22	4.0	4:52	0.1	4:37	-0.2	6:23	8:21	☾
7	Wed	11:43	2.8			5:46	0.1	5:35	-0.1	6:22	8:22	☾
8	Thu	12:15	3.9	12:40	2.8	6:44	0.1	6:40	0.0	6:22	8:22	☾
9	Fri	1:10	3.7	1:41	2.9	7:40	0.1	7:46	0.1	6:22	8:22	☾
10	Sat	2:06	3.5	2:43	3.0	8:33	0.0	8:50	0.2	6:22	8:23	☾
11	Sun	3:03	3.3	3:45	3.2	9:24	0.0	9:53	0.3	6:22	8:23	☾
12	Mon	4:02	3.1	4:46	3.4	10:14	-0.1	10:56	0.3	6:22	8:24	☾
13	Tue	5:00	3.0	5:43	3.5	11:05	-0.1	11:58	0.3	6:22	8:24	☾
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The 2023 New Smyrna Beach Taco Challenge was held on May 5 along Flagler Avenue, featuring tacos and drinks along the avenue from local restaurants. Visitors could purchase tasting passports and vote for their favorite dish. Congratulations to Avanu on Flagler, located at 392 Flagler Ave., who placed first and won the People's Choice Award!

Students at Champion Elementary School have a new book vending machine thanks in part to Zone 4 Commissioner Stacy Cantu, who donated more than \$5,000 toward its purchase! By earning tokens from teachers in class, students will be able to "purchase" a book of their choice to take home. The Daytona Beach Fire Department and Latitude Margaritaville donated books to fill the machine, which holds over 250 books for all elementary reading levels. The book vending machine is the second to be installed in a local elementary school. In January, a book vending machine was installed at Westside Elementary School that was sponsored by Zone 5 Commissioner Henry.

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 \$20 and includes registration of the microchip. The shelter is located at 605 Mango Tree Drive in Edgewater.



Fun-filled memories were made at the REC Grand Opening on May 3. The newly renovated Port Orange recreation center with over 10,000 added square feet, located at 4655 City Center Circle, provides a great space for the community to enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, classes, clubs, programs and events. The Rec is open Mon - Sat: 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sun: 11:30 am to 7:30 p.m. Visit Port-Orange.org for a full list of classes and amenities. Photo: Port Orange Camera Club



Volusia County Schools is thrilled to announce that Principal Merrick from New Smyrna Beach High School was named the VAME (Volusia Association in Media Education) Administrator of the Year Award 2023 recipient on May 25! His exceptional commitment to students and the school community is remarkable.



CHECK OUT WHAT THE LOCALS ARE UP TO



The city of Edgewater held their EDGEfest Mother's Day Celebration on May 13 at Whistlestop Park. The event included music, food, vendors, arts and crafts, and a chance to make a homemade gift for Mom!

SunRail is excited to welcome the city of DeLand to their family! On May 22, DeBary Mayor Chasez, Vice-Mayor Butlien, and City Manager Rosamonda celebrated the DeLand SunRail Station groundbreaking. Once the DeLand Station is built and operational, travelers will be able to travel both southbound and northbound from the DeBary SunRail Station.



The local wildlife are making a big splash as we kick off summer! This playful dolphin was captured by local wildlife photographer, Shelley Lynch in NSB. Find more of Shelley's work at ShelleyLynchPhotos.com.



At the May 8 Daytona Beach commission meeting, Mayor Derrick Henry read a proclamation recognizing the life and legacy of Freddie Moore (1927-2023), the first Black female elected to the City Commission in 1984. Freddie would later go on to be elected in 1995 to the Volusia County Council and in 1998 was elected chair. Freddie was also a Golden Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and her sorority sisters joined in the recognition and support for Freddie's family.



On May 17, DeBary Girl Scout Troop 1401 came before the city council to request an extension of the school zone near DeBary Elementary. After noticing a common concern among their classmates (along with some experiencing it themselves), the 4th- and 5th-grade girls decided to utilize their leadership skills and advocate for their fellow students. Each member of the troop made compelling presentations and got the extension approved! Later that week, the same troop donated and installed a bat house at Rob Sullivan Park.

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May's weather has been windy and warm with some thunderstorms here and there, but the bite has still stayed steady! The hot weather is coming and the top water bite is starting to heat up as well. Live bait is moving in the creeks and the fish are aggressive and hungry. I recently lost the biggest fish I've hooked on topwater off of my paddle board. Look for good water movement and lower tides to have your best chance of catching.

Last week, my lady angler Rachel and I took another adventure to Stuart bringing along her youngest angler, Ollie "The BirdMon," and he scored two really nice snook. He was so stoked to hold that fish and enjoy the tropical fishing conditions. Great job, Bird! I scored a nice snook as well just near the docks using live bait. If you are looking for a weekend getaway, then Stuart, Florida is the place to go!

We like to fish the backwaters as well and soak live bait just behind my house in Bethune. The reds and trout frequent our spots often and that bite is super fun! Pictured is a group shot of Rachel, Ollie and Richie. It is always a challenge, though, as the tides, the wind and fish are always changing. Stay patient and trust your spots, your bait and your equipment!

Until next issue... Cast 'em, Hook 'em and Catch 'em!



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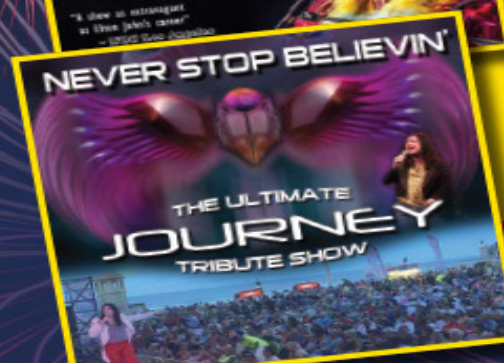
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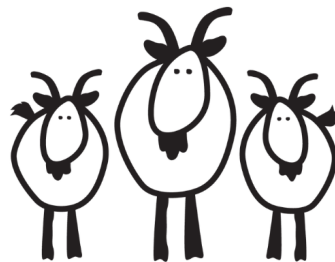
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