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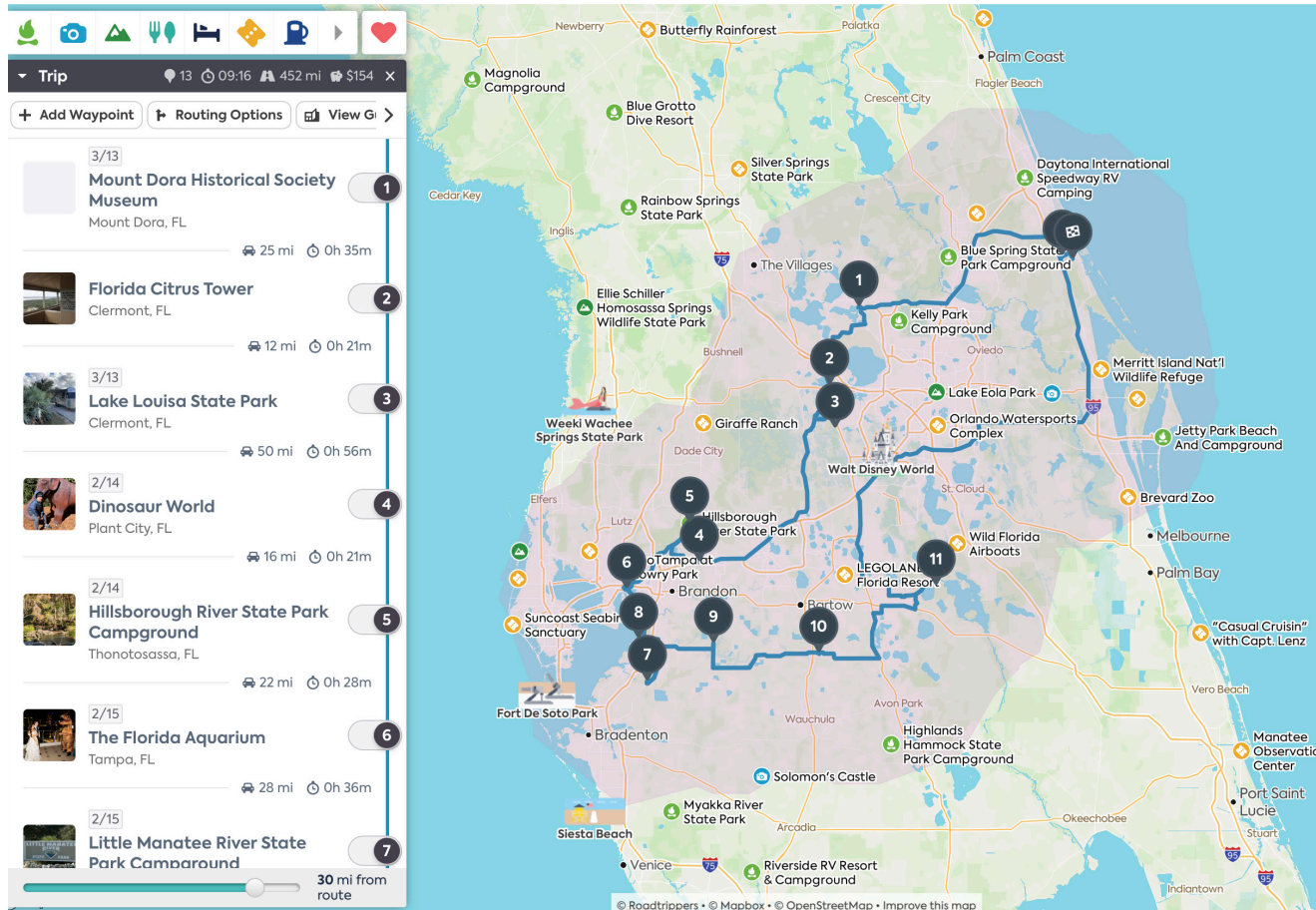
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Roadtrippers: The Ultimate App for Planning Your Next Summer Adventure

Summer is the perfect time to hit the open road and explore new places with family and friends. But planning a road trip can be overwhelming and time-consuming, with so many destinations to choose from and attractions to see along the way. That's where Roadtrippers comes in.

Roadtrippers is an app that helps you plan your road trip by finding all the best attractions, restaurants, accommodations and so much more along your route. It's available on almost any device and can also be accessed on a computer. It has been a go-to for many avid road-trippers for years, myself included.

The first step in using Roadtrippers is to input your start and end address, and choose your route. Once you have your basic itinerary set up, you can start adding waypoints. These can be anything from quirky roadside attractions, national parks, or popular restaurants. One thing to note is that the free version of Roadtrippers has limits on how many waypoints you can add to your trip. However, for those who use the app frequently like myself, it's worth upgrading for \$29.99 for the year to unlock more features.

One of the best features of Roadtrippers is the ability to see reviews of other users who have been to the same places, which can be really helpful in deciding where to stop. It also estimates the time it takes to get to the next point and provides easy directions.



Another great feature is the ability to explore places within a set distance from your route. This makes it easy to discover hidden gems and must-see spots that you may not have known about otherwise. Plus, it includes an instant fuel cost estimation, which is helpful for budgeting your trip.

I particularly love Roadtrippers because of the convenience it provides while on the road. I rented an RV for spring break one year and traveled throughout Florida, staying in State Parks along the way. With Roadtrippers, we were able to easily find attractions and restaurants that were RV-friendly and plan our route accordingly.

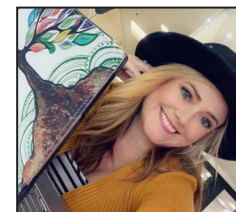
Roadtrippers also syncs your saved places with your phone for seamless navigation with your favorite maps app, making it easy to follow your itinerary on the go.

Overall, it is an incredibly useful tool for anyone planning a road trip. It makes the planning process fun and easy, and can even enhance your travel experience by discovering hidden gems along the way. So, hit the open road and start exploring this summer.

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Did You Know Your Realtor Can Fire You?

Here's How to Avoid It

People who make up the real estate market include home buyers, sellers and their Realtor®. In Florida, Realtors work as transaction brokers, unless the customer and broker agree to establish a single agent or no brokerage relationship in writing. As a transaction broker, the Realtor can guide both parties, sometimes simultaneously, through the transaction to get to the closing table.

Considering this is the largest purchase/sale many people make, it's fair and reasonable for consumers to want the ability to part ways if the job isn't getting done. But what many people do not think about is whether they can be fired by their agent.

A Realtor is required to treat everyone fairly and not discriminate. There are federal and state fair housing laws in place for this. Florida's fair housing law states, "Floridians are entitled by law to rent a place to live or buy a home without consideration of their race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial status or religion." However, it is not against the law for Realtors to be expected to serve a customer who is not holding up their end of the relationship. The relationship should work like a team. Each player assists the other to make a closing win.

Some recent news articles cover extreme scenarios where Realtors fired their clients for reasons as crazy as a buyer who summoned ghosts while looking at homes. Most Realtors are going to be as agreeable as possible and would have to be pushed pretty far to decide to let go of a customer.

Listed below are some of the more common reasons a Realtor might fire a customer. Plan to avoid these scenarios while buying or selling property.

Working with other Realtors at the same time. This scenario is more common while working with buyers. When selling a home, a listing contract must be signed. Legally a buyer can look at homes with more than one agent, but that doesn't mean they should. All Realtors protect their time and effort they're spending with buyers since there is no guarantee the right property will come along. There is no protection from a buyer buying through another agent.

A wise Realtor will stop working with a buyer once he/she finds out the buyer is working with someone else.

Making unreasonable demands. It is fair for a customer to expect their Realtor to be available and responsive, but being at an arm's length at all hours of the day or night - or demand going beyond the call of duty, like cleaning the house or running errands - then a Realtor might decide to let this customer go.

Being biased or racist. Realtors are required to make sure their customers are not breaking any fair housing laws. If a customer is insistent on violating any laws created to protect specific classes of people at a federal or state level, be prepared to hear "you're fired."

Hiding issues with the property. Disclose, disclose, disclose. If a Realtor finds out the seller is hiding material defects, he/she will have to fire this customer.

Constantly making low offers with no basis. Presenting and defending any offer a buyer makes is part of a Realtor's job. The Realtor may assist one or two times with a low-ball, but a professional Realtor will have to stop submitting offers that can not be justified and backed by recent sales data.

Being disrespectful. Rude, demeaning or condescending behavior is a recipe for the worst customer ever. A Realtor will refuse to tolerate it and will encourage the customer to take their business elsewhere.

This is not a comprehensive list of reasons why a Realtor would want to fire a customer. Instead, take this article as a peace of mind that there are lines drawn in the sand. Bottom line - treat everyone with respect, in both your personal and professional life and you will have a great working relationship and in some cases, a friend for life.



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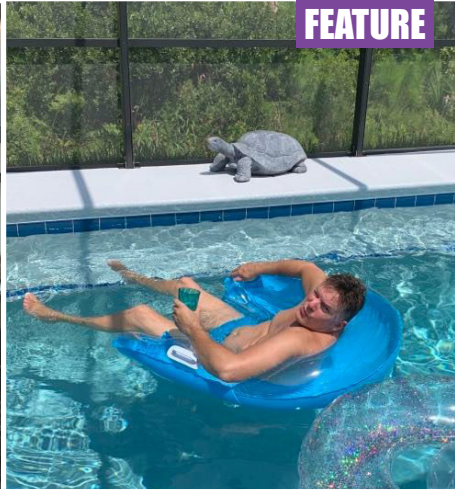
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Joys of a Staycation

It's that time of year again when we are planning our summer vacation. Whether it's a school break, family time or alone time - we all need and deserve it.

Vacation time reduces stress - or at least that's the idea. Releasing stress helps with high blood pressure, heart disease, depression and anxiety.

I look forward to a vacation every year, however over the past several years, vacation time has become almost non-existent. In fact, I read recently over 212 million vacation days get forfeited annually. The Center for Economic Policy and Research has gone so far as to call the U.S. the, "No Vacation Nation."

It seems like the biggest reason we don't take some down time is a financial one. Vacations are expensive and the preparation can often cause anxiety.

So, how do you create a stress-free, affordable vacation, whether it's solo or with the whole family? It's called a staycation! You can turn your home into a resort, or venture to a destination for a day or a couple of nights and it won't break the bank.

With 10 days off, we planned a staycation. We knew we had a few things we wanted to get done in that time but left the schedule open.

The week before our staycation began, I cleaned the house, did the laundry and grocery shopping. David put in the extra hours to get his clients tucked in. We were happy and not concerned about our house and our pets. Right there, major stress is eliminated. The first two days, I will admit, didn't run as smoothly as I had hoped. Lots of arguing over nothing.

On the third night, we started to open up and talk to each other about life in general.

We are obviously going into that next chapter - whatever that means - and it's unfamiliar territory. We discussed things that we just hadn't had time to talk about before.

We finally lightened up and decided to try some new skills. David suggested cooking. Since I have cooked roughly 45,639 meals, give or take, he said he would make something amazing and prove that cooking was easy.



He chose a recipe from Julia Childs' "Mastering the Art of French Cooking." At the end, he lit it on fire (on purpose)! It was wonderful and impressive, but seven hours of work? No, thank you. I was thinking more along the lines of camping in the living room.

We went from being in a stressed-out zone, to pajama days in bed with our dogs, Donny and Marie. We watched movie marathons and ate lots of popcorn. It was my first, and favorite, staycation yet!



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As Seen on TV!

If you were around Daytona Beach and New Smyrna Beach last summer, you probably heard about the occasional Guy Fieri sightings across the cities! The Food Network star was touring restaurants in the area for his show, "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives," and causing quite a stir in the Facebook Foodie group that I'm a part of online.

While many of the places he visited got a lot of local attention, I want to share my experience with one spot he visited and highlight some of our other Daytona area businesses that have been featured on national platforms in the past year.

I personally had a chance to be part of the filming for "DDD" at Arepita Beach in downtown Daytona Beach (174 Beach St.) with my eldest daughter! My family has enjoyed the restaurant many times and interacted with the owners, the Altamars, both in-person and on Instagram, so we were thrilled to take part in their special day.

My daughter was served the Patacon Beef, a sandwich with plantains instead of bread, and I was served what had already been my favorite, the Reina Pepiada. It's a cold chicken salad inside a warm, cheesy arepa. The Venezuelan food is unique to our area and the owners are very welcoming. I'm so glad they got to share more of their story. You can see their store hours or even order food online at ArepitaBeachFL.com

Another Daytona Beach restaurant featured on a Food Network show is Sauté Kingz (200 MLK Blvd). Chef Count, Mrs. Jessica and their family have done pop-ups around town, catering, opened a storefront and have a food truck that competed on, "The Great Food Truck Race." Just like the name implies, they sauté vegetables and meat like shrimp and chicken with pasta alfredo or coconut rice.

While I certainly love their food, I am just as impressed with their generous hearts towards the city. They have donated their food to community events and their storefront ribbon-cutting

ceremony was more like a block party for all of Midtown Daytona than a formal business meeting. You can see their store hours or locations of where the food truck will be on their Facebook page at, "Sauté Kingz By Chef Count" or on Instagram as @SauteKingz.

The last food star I want to rave about is baker, Ale Galan. She is a cake artist that most recently competed on the, "Dr. Seuss Baking Challenge" on Prime Video. Her creativity shines through her unique cakes on the show, recreating scenes from, "Oh the Places You'll Go" for one round.



You can find her now around the Port Orange area with her stuffed cookie business, "Cookie Xperiment." She even debuted "chocolate fluffernutter" cookies with chocolate, peanut butter and marshmallow fluff at the NSB Food Festival. You can find her pop-up locations or even order cookies to be shipped nationwide at CookieXperiment.com.

My husband jokes that I think everyone is a celebrity in my book as I am often star-struck by people I first see online or on TV and then try to talk to in person. I say if these folks are amazing enough to be featured on nationwide television shows, then they must be a big enough deal for us all to support here in our community!



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There will be music, food, vendors, arts and crafts. You can even make a gift for Mom!

EdgeFest is a year round series of events held monthly in the City of Edgewater. Each event includes a variety of activities designed to provide something for every member of the family. The EdgeFest event series is funded solely by sponsorships and donations. It is a fun, economical opportunity for businesses to showcase all they have to offer.



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

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SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON BEGINS

Sea turtle nesting season begins May 1, and Volusia County officials are asking residents, visitors and businesses to help protect natural habitat by observing all nesting season laws and regulations. The beaches of Volusia County are home to several species of endangered or threatened sea turtles.

Each year, sea turtles nest on Florida beaches from May 1 through October 31. Endangered sea turtles emerge from the surf at night to lay their eggs in the dry sand. It is illegal to touch or disturb the turtles, their nests and dune habitats.

You can help nesting sea turtles and hatchlings

by letting the night "provide the light." Remember to follow beachside/beachfront county ordinances during nesting season, including:

- Keeping beach-facing drapes and blinds closed after dark
- Turn off balcony lights when not in use
- Move lamps and light fixtures away from windows
- Avoid using flash photography and flashlights while on the beach at night
- If you see a turtle at night, keep at least 50 feet away from it and remain calm and quiet
- Fireworks are prohibited on the beach at all times



If you're just visiting for the day, when driving at the beach, use the designated traffic lanes and parking areas. Beach driving access hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout the nesting season, tide permitting. Flatten sandcastles, fill in holes, and take your chairs, equipment and trash with you. This is an easy way to reduce obstacles faced by sea turtles.

For more information on local ordinances and what you can do to help, visit:

VolusiaSeaTurtles.org

BLUE-GREEN ALGAE ALERT ISSUED FOR SEVERAL WEST VOLUSIA LAKES

The Florida Department of Health in Volusia County has issued a Health Alert for the presence of harmful blue-green algal toxins in Pioneer and Louise Lakes in Deltona and Bonita Lake in DeBary. This is in response to a water sample taken on April 5. The public should exercise caution in and around these lakes.

- Residents and visitors are advised to take the

following precautions:

- Do not drink, swim, wade, use personal watercraft, water ski or boat in waters where there is a visible bloom.
- Wash your skin and clothing with soap and water if you have contact with algae or discolored or smelly water.
- Keep pets away from the area. Waters where there are algae blooms are not safe for animals. Pets and livestock should have a different source of water when algae blooms are present.
- Do not cook or clean dishes with water contaminated by algae blooms. Boiling the water will not eliminate the toxins.
- Eating fillets from healthy fish caught in freshwater lakes experiencing blooms is safe. Rinse fish fillets with tap or bottled water, throw out the guts and cook fish well.
- Do not eat shellfish in waters with algae blooms.

Blue-green algae are a type of bacteria that is common in Florida's freshwater environments. A bloom occurs when rapid growth of algae leads to an accumulation of individual cells that discolor water and often produce floating mats that emit unpleasant odors.

Some environmental factors that contribute to blue-green algae blooms are sunny days, warm water temperatures, still water conditions and excess nutrients. Blooms can appear year-round but are more frequent in summer and fall. Many types of blue-green algae can produce toxins.

Blue-green algae blooms can impact human health and ecosystems, including fish and other aquatic animals.

Find current information about Florida's water quality status and public health notifications for harmful algal blooms and beach conditions by visiting:

ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov

To report a blue green algae bloom, visit:

ReportAlgalBloom.com

JOIN FOREVER EXPLORERS AT MARINE DISCOVERY CENTER

Forever Explorers is a new, hand-on, feet-wet program designed especially for young-at-heart lifelong learners who want to explore their coastal environment.

Whether you've recently moved to the community and want to learn about the new flora and fauna around you, or you have lived in Florida for many years and simply want to better understand what you can do to protect and preserve the Indian River Lagoon, let Marine Discover Center's certified naturalists engage you in a fun and unique



educational exploration of our coastal ecosystem!

Participants will explore the roles of salt marshes, mudflats and various saltwater plants and animals by visiting different spoil islands on MDC's pontoon boat, Discovery. Not only will you have the chance to see beloved animals like dolphins and manatees, but you will get off the boat and explore marshes and sandbars and use a seine net to identify different species that call the Lagoon home. A light dinner while on board is also included.

"As an avid 'thing finder' who has combed the beach for over seven decades, I love learning about the things I've collected, their importance and interaction to keep our natural world in balance," gushed recent explorer, Irma. "I may not remember the names of everything, but I do know their importance. It's also so much fun getting into the mud with like-minded, lifelong learners in the Forever Explorers program!"

Fellow explorer, Teri, went on to say, "For me, Forever Explorers is an opportunity to learn about the things that are right in front of me that I didn't notice before. I can see how everything is interconnected and dependent on everything else, humans included. I am in awe when I see Mother Nature at work."

Forever Explorers costs \$54 each for MDC members and \$60 each for non-members.

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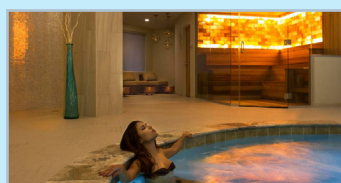
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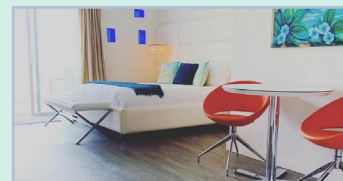


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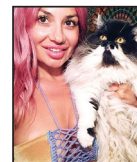
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Belly Chain Gang

The belly chain is making a major comeback and I am 100% on board. Although this trend may have flown under the radar in the 2000s, it has now returned with a vengeance. During a recent yacht trip in Miami, I couldn't help but notice that every girl was wearing a belly chain. Everyone loves a good accessory, especially if you can pull it off at the beach. Interestingly, the belly chain trend has also been rumored to have weight loss benefits. The infinity chain, a popular style in this trend, is designed to apply a slight pressure on the belly area, which is believed to promote a feeling of fullness and reduce appetite! Not sure if I buy into that, but I love the look, so if it does work that's a win-win! Belly chains are available in a variety of styles, including gold chain, beaded and stackable with charms. Whether you're looking to add a touch of sexiness or sass to your casual look, the belly chain is a versatile accessory that can help you achieve your desired look. So, why not try out this trend for yourself? I dare you to add a belly chain to your accessory collection and see how it can elevate your style.

Stylist • Photo • Blog: Danielle Napolitano **IG:** @Danielle_Napolitano_Stylist | **Model IG:** @heatherwaite



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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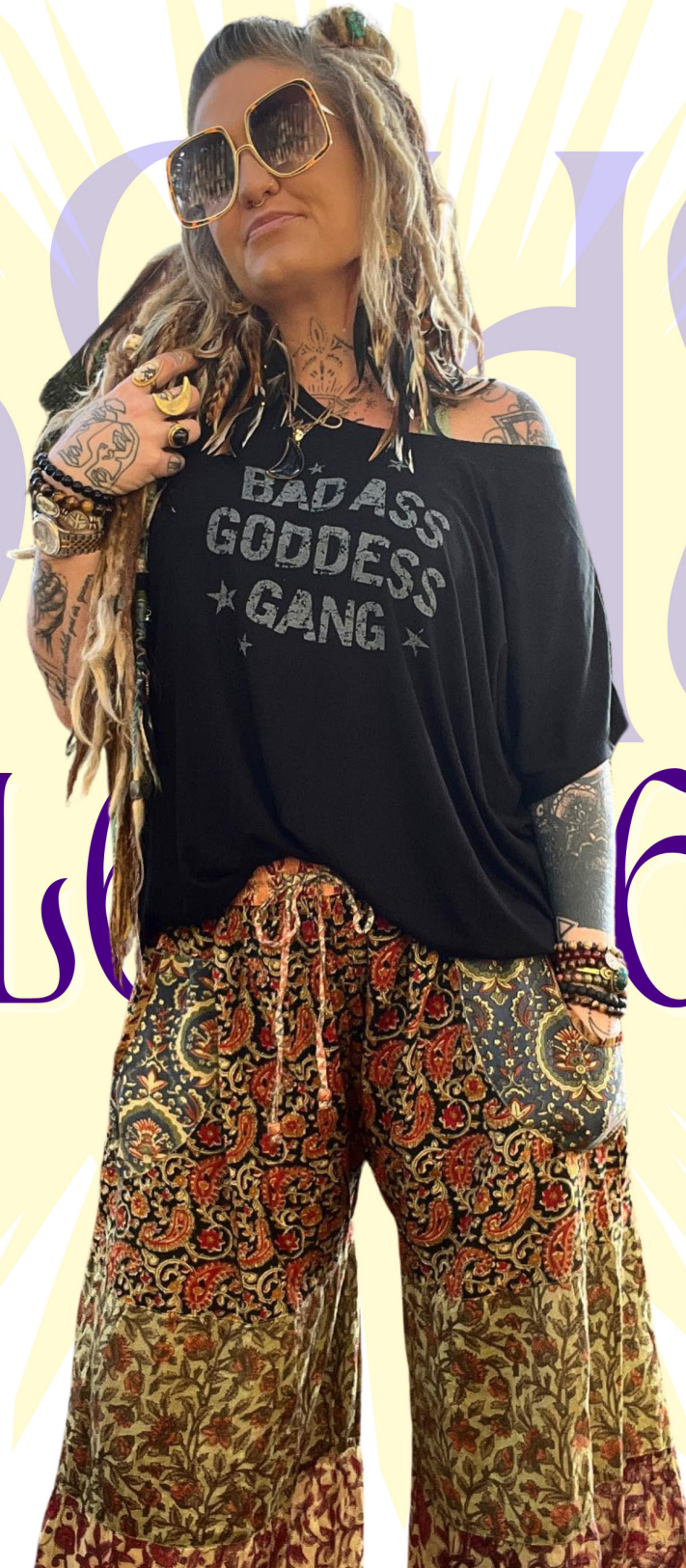
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<p>20 SAT @ 3 - 7 PM MAY 20 / JUNE 17</p> <p>Cruise Downtown DeLand</p> <p>Classic cars and hot rods line the avenue with live DJ music, giveaways, shopping and dining specials.</p>  <p>E. Indiana Ave., DeLand</p>	<p>20 SAT @ 7:30 PM MAY 20 / JUNE 10</p> <p>Midtown Music Series</p> <p>FREE monthly concerts by your favorite soul and jazz tribute bands. Bring a blanket or chair!</p>  <p>Daisy Stocking Park, Daytona</p>	<p>26-27 FRI - SAT MAY 26 - 27</p> <p>Volusia Karting Weekend</p> <p>Opening ceremonies and a fun weekend of kart racing on the dirt track! Visit VolusiaSpeedwayPark.com for schedule and tickets.</p>  <p>Volusia Speedway Park Barberville</p>	<p>27 SAT @ 7 - 10 AM MAY 27</p> <p>Memorial Day Turtle 5K</p> <p>Get ready to throw on your shell and run or walk the beach! \$25 - register at RunSignUp.com</p>  <p>Flagler Avenue Boardwalk, NSB</p>	<p>27 SAT @ 1 - 7 PM MAY 27</p> <p>Wine Walk</p> <p>Explore over 100 interesting wines inside host locations and walk the avenue. Tasting passports are \$25.</p>  <p>Flagler Avenue, NSB</p>	<p>27 SAT @ 6 - 9 PM MAY 27</p> <p>Laser Light Show</p> <p>A free family-friendly Laser Light Show in the park with music, vendors and food.</p>  <p>Hawks Park, Edgewater</p>
<p>29 MON @ 10 AM MAY 29</p> <p>Memorial Day Ceremony</p> <p>Remember and honor the fallen with a display of colors, speeches and 21-gun salute.</p>  <p>Port Orange City Center</p>	<p>2 FRI @ 6 - 8 PM JUNE 2</p> <p>Ice Cream Walk</p> <p>On this delightful walk, you will have the chance to sample ice cream supplied by your local shops. Tickets on sale starting May 1 - \$15/adult; \$8/child.</p>  <p>Downtown DeLand</p>	<p>2-30 Every FRI @ 7:15 PM JUNE 2 - SEP 1</p> <p>Sounds of Summer</p> <p>A weekly concert of the best tribute bands singing your favorites. Free admission - bring your own chair, \$15 VIP includes seating.</p>  <p>Daytona Beach Bandshell</p>	<p>2 FRI @ 8:30 PM JUNE 2</p> <p>Movies on the Halifax</p> <p>Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a FREE screening of popular movies. June movie - "Air Bud"</p>  <p>The Casements, Ormond</p>	<p>3 SAT @ 10 AM - 2 PM JUNE 3</p> <p>School's Out Summer Splash</p> <p>Swim into summer with a pool party featuring music, food and vendors.</p>  <p>SE Volusia YMCA, Edgewater</p>	<p>9 FRI @ 7 PM JUNE 9</p> <p>Movie Under the Stars</p> <p>FREE admission for an outdoor screening of "Puss In Boots, The Last Wish," plus giveaways, concessions, chalk art and more fun!</p>  <p>Port Orange City Center</p>

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MAY 11 - 14

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Flagler Avenue, NSB

13 SAT @ 8 AM - 12 PM
MAY 13

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19-21 FRI - SUN
MAY 19 - 21 

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Whistle Stop Park, Edgewater


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Once inside the festival, you won't be able to leave and come back in, so make sure to bring everything you need with you. However, if there is an emergency and you must leave, speak to a supervisor at the gate. And be sure to check out the full schedule with set times, which will be posted about two weeks before the show via socials and the mobile app.

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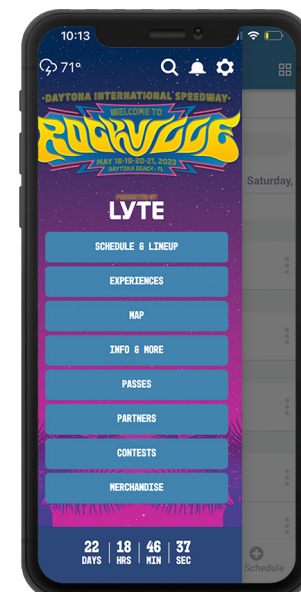
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Bobby G Takes on The Daytona Flea Market

Photos by: Tiffany Evers

Buckle up, because we're heading to the Daytona Flea & Farmers Market and I am PUMPED! I never thought I'd hear myself say that but I am. I mean, sure, I usually end up wandering around aimlessly, getting lost, and buying things I don't need while stuffing my face with anything edible, but not today my friends, not today. Today, I have a plan.

We've arrived and Bailey looks like she's about to burst with excitement (insert eye roll here). Tiffany, per usual, makes a grand exit out of the G Taxi while Porter announces proudly that he's got a \$40.42 budget to spend, which I'm sure will go far in a place like this.

First we set off to appease our eager children, by hitting their favorite kiosks filled with Pokemon stuff, anime gear, and a whole bunch of other random kid things. Luckily they are somewhat into the same things, which keeps them close to each other and helps us all stay somewhat together. While they were zoned in on finding their first purchase, I wandered a few booths down and scored a sick new hat with a patch I picked out that says, Old Skool across a tape deck. Yep, that's me!

I have been here 30 mins now and have fought the cravings long enough. Now I need to eat, and the smell of fried food wafting through the air has caught my attention. Unfortunately, I haven't found the right spot yet. Tiffany continues to trust the map, but I trust my natural instinct. We quickly made our way to Main Street where we found a place called, "Going Nuts," which was a pretty accurate description of how I felt right then.

But then, it hit me. Exactly what I had been longing for. The sweet smell of cinnamon and sugar was calling my name. I no longer cared if I had dessert before lunch. I needed something to counteract this hangry feeling and it's going to be donuts! Coastal Donuts to be specific and let me tell you they are so flippin' delicious!

Now we're in the heart of the snack district, well that's what Tiff calls it, and I want to talk about Steve's Pickle Place. Seriously, everyone knows it and talks about it when they mention this flea market. They have so many flavors you've never heard of before and they even let you sample as many as you want while you're in line. Be sure to set some time aside for this stop, they rented an extra space just for their line to stand in! It does move pretty fast and trust me, it is worth it!

We eventually stopped at Namtip Thai Cuisine, a new spot that we heard about from one of the vendors. Tiff, Bay and I opted for Pad Thai, Crab Rangoons, Spring Rolls and Thai Tea and Porter went rogue and got a corn dog.

I found out the flea market has monthly events like classic car cruise-ins and estate sale scavenger hunts, who knew? And did you know they do helicopter tours for \$20! Tiffany and I are coming back just for that!

There's a shop that sells golf carts, which is pretty wild if you ask me. Not that I need one, but hey, if I ever want a golf cart with my favorite football team on it or a swan that says "Margaritaville," I know where to go.

This place is incredible and random at the same time. You can find a beautiful wind chime, handmade soaps, a samurai sword and a fanny pack all under the same roof, and possibly within a few feet of each other, that's amazing! You could spend all day here and not even see half of it.

Prepare yourself to be overwhelmed the moment you step in and know that it can get really hot, really fast. I recommend taking a photo of where you enter for a reference point for when you get lost later. Have fun and eat too much along the way!

Bobby G...flea ya later!

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Bonnet Springs Park - Lakeland, FL

Article & photos by: Kelsey Walters



This past October, Lakeland and the surrounding central Florida community was gifted with the new addition of a sprawling park. While this park is free to enter and open to the public, it is unique in that it is a privately developed public park that depends solely on public support.

7 miles to ensure we wouldn't miss a single beat of all it has to offer.

Bonnet Springs Park's website offers maps and details on everything you can find here, but these are a few of our favorite highlights.

Playgrounds, Play Spaces and Surprises:

Located on 168 acres of what was once the heart of Lakeland's developing infrastructure, the abandoned rail yard has been converted into a truly magical space to explore. Transformed into an endless green space beckoning exploration, its winding pathways read like a love letter to the community itself. After years of planning, fundraising and construction, Bonnet Springs Park now proudly boasts that it is Florida's best free natural attraction.

Everywhere you look in this park, there's something to explore, climb on and take the time to just be a kid. Skillfully crafted playgrounds pay homage to Florida's past and present, with things like a huge wooden train to conduct and explore or a massive mosaic owl that hides climbing spaces and play equipment inside (*pictured below*).



Our family visited on a pretty busy Saturday, and while the park was deceptively calm and quiet, it was buzzing with activity without feeling crowded and stressful. Free and frequent open-air shuttles are available to transport throughout the grounds, however, we opted instead to traverse the park from front to back (and back to front again!) covering nearly

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The endless pathways leading through the park climb and fall over rolling hills, however nearly every hill has the option to slide down! Scott and Avery took turns zooming down the landscape at every turn, taking our outdoor exploration to a whole new level. A treehouse looms overhead in the branches that offer plenty of space for a cool spot to sit and eat lunch, or have a popsicle, beer or wine from the on-site vendors. Plenty of kids and grown ups alike brought along their bikes, scooters, skateboards and more to hit the wide walkways.

Nature at its Finest:

My favorite thing about this park is that not only is it a stunningly natural environment in the center of a bustling city, but that exploration of this space is not only allowed, it's encouraged. A walk down to Barefoot Creek beckons you to kick off your shoes, splash around and take a load off. A field of enormous climbing trees calls to kids of all ages to climb the limbs and branches. Many spots are like something straight out of a fairy tale.

A canopy walk traverses the treetops and stands 15 feet off the ground to get a different view of the park. The nature center, greenhouse and butterfly house invite you in to learn more about the natural world.

Education and Entertainment Intertwined:

In addition to the incredible outdoor spaces, Bonnet Springs Park is also home to a Children's Museum nestled in the heart of the landscape. Here, Avery tried her hand at a number of kid-sized careers, including running a chaotic food truck, working on a farm, broadcasting the news, caring for creatures in a vet clinic, and even following in her grandmother's footsteps by working at a miniature Publix. Other areas offer a hands-on opportunity to explore the science of the natural world including electricity, sound and physics.

Just outside the museum (and adjacent to another hill slide!) sits a rooftop bar offering beer, wine and cocktails overlooking the park's outdoor event space. We cozied up for an afternoon drink while Avery downed some snacks and the park set up for an outdoor concert to be held that evening. A coffee shop and restaurant sit nearby to provide everything you need for the day.

Be sure to pack plenty of sunscreen for your adventure - we spent nine straight hours outside during our visit! Plan for a full day to explore and you won't regret it. I'm already planning my next trip back - see you there!

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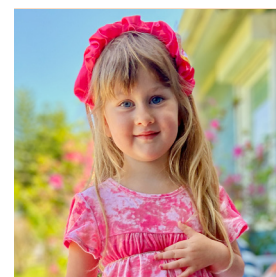
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Blueberry Coconut Banana Bread

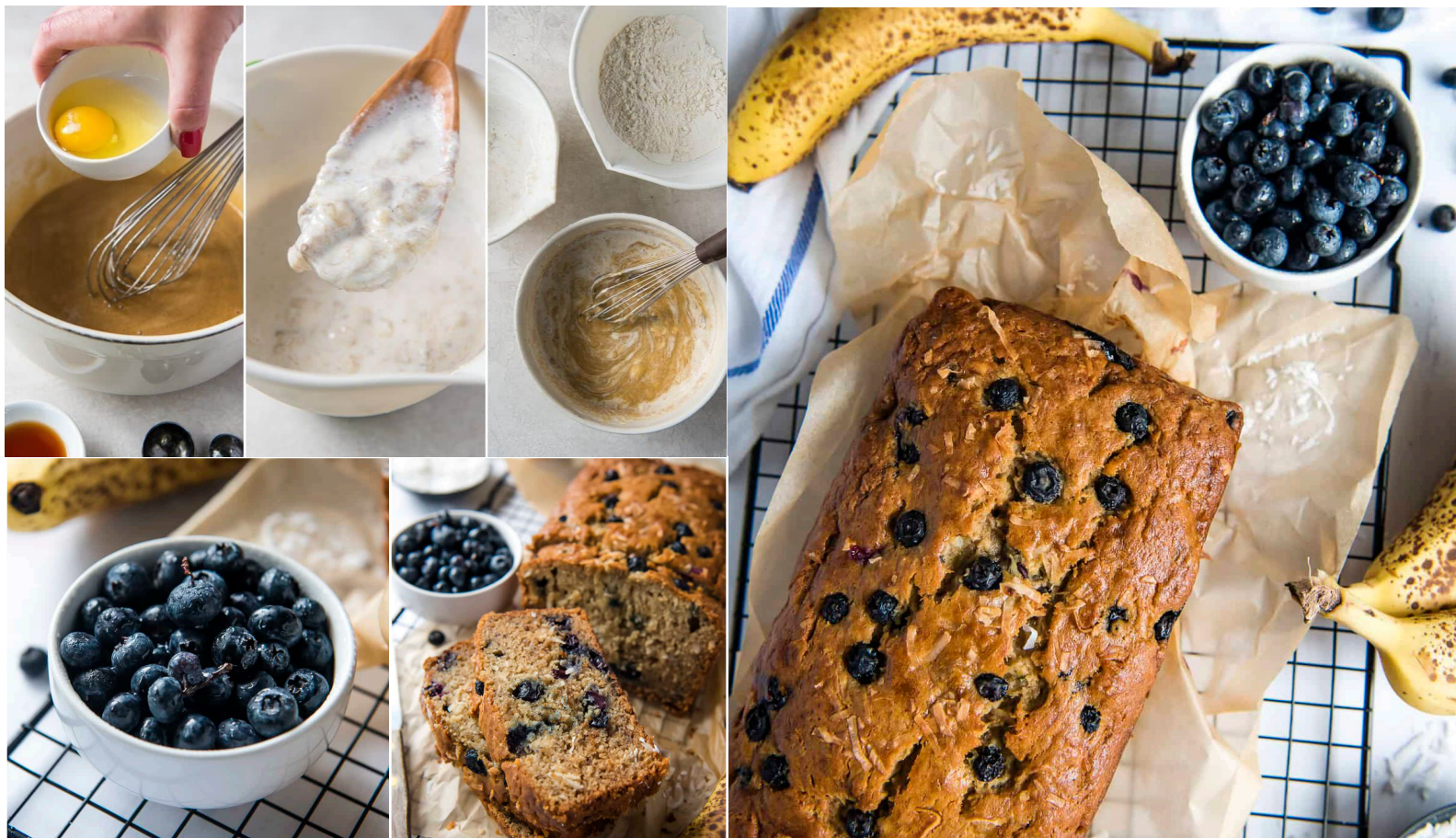
Satisfy your sweet cravings with this moist, tender Blueberry Coconut Banana Bread recipe! Packed with overripe bananas, juicy blueberries and coconut, this bread is the perfect combination of flavors and textures.

Preparation: Prep Time: 20 minutes • Cook Time: 1 hour • Servings: 12



Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup coconut oil or vegetable or canola oil
- 1 cup brown sugar packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3 medium overripe bananas mashed (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 cup light coconut milk
- 1/2 pint fresh blueberries
- 1 cup sweetened flaked coconut



INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9 by 5-inch loaf pan, or whatever pans you prefer to use, and set aside. Place the coconut oil and brown sugar in a large bowl and whisk well. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Stir in the vanilla extract.

In a separate bowl, stir together the mashed banana and coconut milk. In a third bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Into the egg mixture, gradually stir in the dry ingredients alternately with the wet ingredients, beginning and ending with the dry mixture. Mix until just combined. Fold in the flaked coconut and blueberries. Be sure not to overmix!

Pour the batter into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until a skewer or knife inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean. Let bread cool in the pan for 5-10 minutes, then move it to a cooling rack and enjoy!

NUTRITION

Calories: 336 kcal | Carbohydrates: 52g | Protein: 4g | Fat: 13g | Saturated Fat: 11g | Polyunsaturated Fat: 0.5g | Monounsaturated Fat: 1g Trans Fat: 0.003g | Cholesterol: 27mg | Sodium: 239mg | Potassium: 260mg | Fiber: 3g | Sugar: 26g | Vitamin A: 69IU | Vitamin C: 4mg | Calcium: 49mg | Iron: 2mg

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Maui Moscow Mule

TASTE

The Maui Moscow Mule puts a tropical twist on the classic cocktail! Trade out your typical vodka for something a little more pink, and your drink will be as gorgeous as a Hawaiian sunset!



Preparation:

Prep Time: 5 minutes • Servings: 1 cocktail

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 ounces KINKY Pink vodka
- 1/2 ounce vodka
- 1/2 ounce fresh lime juice
- 3 ounces hard ginger beer
- Crushed ice
- Lime wedges for garnish
- Cubed mango for garnish
- Blue Crushed Ice
- Liquid butterfly pea flower extract
- Cold water

INSTRUCTIONS

In a cocktail shaker filled halfway with crushed ice, combine KINKY vodka, KINKY liqueur, and lime juice. Shake for 30 seconds.

Fill a clear mule mug with crushed ice. Strain vodka mixture into glass. Top with hard ginger beer. Add a layer of crushed blue ice. Garnish with fresh mango and lime wedges.

To make the blue ice: add 4-5 drops of liquid butterfly pea flower extract to each ice cube square in a tray. Fill with water & freeze. Crush ice and layer on top of drinks, and watch the magic happen!

NUTRITION

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5. Chew on
9. Half a Danny Elfman band
14. Gaylord Ravenal's love
15. High, in Heidelberg
16. "The Exorcist" star
17. Explore, in a way
19. Man's name that means "great"
20. Construction girder
21. Egg-shaped
23. Former governor Bush
25. Exterminator's supply
30. Chagrin
33. Chicken ____ king
35. Start of little faith?
36. Egypt's Ex-President Mubarak
37. Regina is its cap.
39. Cancels
42. Cry
43. Computer pix
45. Diving birds
47. Ninny
48. Sales pitch phrase
52. Hole in the head
53. Circular (abbr.)
54. Go off like Vesuvius
57. Prep for a bodybuilding competition
61. "____ of Two Cities"
65. Roll type
67. Johnson of basketball
68. "House Hunters" network
69. Like a storybook duckling
70. Prague citizen
71. Y'all, in Jersey?
72. Twice tres

**Down**

1. Me, myself ____
2. Pop singer Lisa
3. Everything, in Essen
4. Southwest people
5. F followers
6. Childhood taboo
7. Dramatic ending?
8. Actress Goldberg
9. Old Testament book
10. Type
11. Catch a thief
12. Jolie movie
13. Legendary Bruin
18. Manicurist's material
22. Winter Games gp.
24. Bingo call
26. Put below deck
27. Bird, in Brittany
28. Nine days before the Ides of March
29. Shear sounds

Down

30. Bricklayers
31. Debt reminder
32. Another name for E, in music
33. Like 60% of the world's people
34. Milk: Prefix
38. Unit of speed
40. Dasht-e ____ (Iranian desert)
41. Candy bar by Hershey
44. Shriek
46. Clerics' council
49. Ipanema's place, backwards
50. Like some winter sidewalks
51. Rotten to the core
55. Kelly's opossum
56. "Swan Lake" skirt
58. Winter Games event
59. Aptly named fruit
60. ____ Ed.
61. "The Walking Dead" channel
62. Looney Tunes devil, casually
63. Historical period
64. DMV document
66. Motor homes

April 2023 Answers

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



Adventures of a Modern Pirate

With two days to celebrate before our departure, it seemed to catapult the festivities onboard the Double Pleasure as the sunset was appearing out in the faraway deep cobalt blue horizon. In my inebriated stupor, my mind wandered until it hit upon the fact that there were no swimming pigs on Cat Island. There were no nasty cruise ships or ports either. In fact, I could not recall ever seeing a cat!

"Why are there no cats on Cat island?" I asked, blindly drunk.

A pause of silence ensued throughout the large boat and then, without warning, roaring guffaws echoed throughout the night, as no one seemed able to contain their mirth regarding the unexpected, yet pragmatic question itching within my brain.

"Matter of fact," Jim chimed in, "that's a great question that needs some clarification."

Our hostess with the mostest interjected with glee, "It was named after the pirate, Arthur Catt, not the feline!"

"Let's just hope this island remains free from the rest of the world and especially from the pesky cruise ship crowds overtaking the Bahamas," Jim added. "It's a damn shame!"

"Cheers!" my uncle celebrated, his drink raised up high. "I'll drink to that!"

"Cheers!" was the unanimous response echoed along the deck.

Meanwhile, the sound of the turquoise water lapping against the hull of the Pleasure was music to the pirate soul. That was enough motivation for me to look forward to as another day in paradise came to an end.

"I have an idea!" Jim said fervently. "Let's go to the Spanish battleship, sunk in 1898, tomorrow."

"Yeah!" our lovely hostess insisted. "Let's do it!"

"Sounds like a plan," my uncle added.

"A sunken ship here?" I said. "Count me in!"

"The Santa Maria Teresa," Jim said. "It is a 360-foot Spanish battleship sunk during the Spanish-American war. She is in about 30 feet of water."

"Sounds fun!"

The destination was agreed upon and we celebrated cheerfully with even more food and drinks. Conch fritters were fried and rum shots followed into the descending night. I was so excited about the shipwreck that when no one was looking, I cautiously poured the rum back into the bottle, only because I wanted to see and experience the wreck without a hangover. Mild guilt washed over me, but the desire was greater than the pleasure, which I thought was an oxymoron on many pirate levels.

Gotta get back to my coconut concoctions...

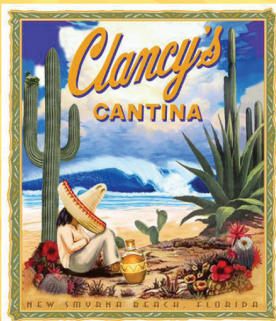
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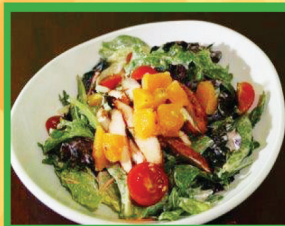
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Fishaholic: May Report

Hey, it's Captain Austin once again bringing you the fishing report for the Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach and Ponce Inlet areas. This past month, the fishing has steadily gotten better. One of the big reasons is the bait. We are seeing large schools of mullet, especially in the backwaters. The mullet are bait-sized (4 to 8 inches) and on certain tides they become very active.

With all the mullet around the trout, jacks, redfish and snook are never far behind. In addition to the mullet, the shrimp are showing up in good numbers. This is especially apparent when you fish around lighted docks. When fishing the docks, expect to see mangrove snapper, trout and snook all smashing the bait!



Finally the cobia showed up for a few days this past month with many anglers getting in on the action. As I mentioned last month, cobia fishing can be more like hunting than fishing at times. You spend most of the day

scanning the water looking for manta rays, turtles or anything else floating around. If you are lucky, you may have as many as a dozen cobia trailing behind a manta ray and that's when the real fun starts! You want to

cast your bait or lure to a spot in front of the ray where you don't snag or spook it.

Our two old standbys, redfish and snook, become more consistent and easier to catch in May. Hopefully we will see some of the biggest snook of the year being caught in the next few months. As usual, the key to catching both is the tides. Moving water flushes bait out and the redfish and snook wait to ambush the bait in many places along the intracoastal and in Ponce Inlet.

One type of fishing we have developed over the years is fishing for goliath grouper. Goliath groupers are the largest grouper on the planet with the largest one caught here in Florida weighing in at 680 pounds! Fishing for these amazing grouper peaks here in the spring and summer and we have been fortunate to catch some real nice ones the last couple of weeks.

Warning: You better eat your Wheaties before you decide to tangle with one of these bad boys! If you've never caught a big grouper we'd love to take you out. Call or text us at (386) 689-9056.



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The Port Orange Police Department and its Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS) Unit held a birthday party and huge "Thank You" celebration for Mary Wittmeyer on April 12. Mary not only turned 99, but she is also in her 40th year of service as a volunteer with the department. Mary has shown steadfast loyalty during her many years of service that cannot be overlooked.

NSB city commissioners opened their April 11 meeting by recognizing Police Sergeant Josh Holloway for his planning and implementation of Operation Spring Break, a coordinated multiagency law enforcement effort that led to over 1,000 traffic citations and 78 arrests.

The Port Orange Parks and Recreation Department held the annual Earth Day Celebration at Riverwalk Park on April 22. Residents could make a seed bomb, get a free recycling bin, and check out a number of environmental educator booths, plus a petting zoo, food trucks and live music.



Daytona State College leaders held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 28 celebrating the launch of a Commercial Driver's License training program in partnership with FleetForce Truck Driving School. The four-week, state-funded program aims to train 200 drivers annually to address a critical national need for commercial freight haulers.



The city of Edgewater held their annual EDGEfest Earth Day Festival on April 22 at Whistlestop Park. The community event included demonstrations, educators, nature inspired arts and crafts, live music and vendors, plus a free giveaway of 700 trees! Pictured left to right: Councilwoman Charlotte Gillis, Mayor Diezel Depew, City Manager Glenn Irby.



CHECK OUT WHAT THE LOCALS ARE UP TO...



Ormond Beach had Volusia's first logged sea turtle nest of the season, shortly before the official May start of nesting season, early on Easter morning, April 9. A rare Kemp's Ridley sea turtle was spotted by Volusia Turtle Patrol volunteer, Deena, who was lucky enough to see the end of the nesting process. This nest, labeled Nest #1, is located near the Neptune approach in Ormond Beach.



The city of DeLand was delighted to help cut the ribbon on April 20 at Persimmon Hollow Brewing Co.'s new warehouse, taproom and beer garden at 1635 Patterson Avenue. The city wishes congratulations to Andy & Robbie on the amazing successes of their company!

A dolphin and a pelican frolic in the waters off NSB. Local wildlife photographer, Shelley Lynch, captured the dolphin leaping out of the water, while the pelican dives for fish. Find more of Shelley's work at ShelleyLynchPhotos.com.



The City of DeLand and the DeLand Museum of Art are proud to announce the addition of 12 new sculptures to this year's DeLand Sculpture Walk. The new sculptures will complement the current sculptures located throughout DeLand, providing a unique experience for both visitors and residents alike. The walk is free and open to the public year-round, so everyone can enjoy these engaging works of art. The sculptures, which are changed out every two years, will be in place until 2025.

The Daytona Beach Police Department kicked off spring with a very sweet rescue. Detective King, Detective Lewandowski and Detective Quinones responded to two baby chicks stuck in a storm drain on April 7. Luckily, Daytona Wrecker Service was nearby and stopped to remove the grate. Both babies were reunited with their mom, who kept a careful watch while they completed the rescue.



fishing Report

**All Text & Photos Provided by
Patrick "Tupat" Eichstaedt @TheRealTupat**

As Summer is starting to creep in, the bite continues to be hot both in the river and ocean. We have had our fair share of winds, which has not stopped the action at all. The cobia run has been stellar and the backwaters continue to provide tight lines. Looking ahead as the waters warm up, be ready for the snook and reds on top water and trout as well.

During the cobia run I was fishing with my good friend and neighbor Rob Vella out in front of our houses in Bethune just offshore. We spotted Nils Schweizer on his paddle board and here in his own words is what happened.

Still baffled that this actually happened! I'm a novice to fly fishing, @noahschweizer got me into it about a year ago and after a very frustrating beginning, I'm now hooked! I love the challenge and anything you catch is just that much more rewarding on fly.

So, Noah tied me up a fly for cobia, and I went out to try my luck. After about 2 hours out there and a few close calls with rays, I spotted a free swimming cobia, got the fly in front of him and it was on! After about a 15 minute battle I got it close to the board and thought it was ready to gaff...it was not!

I got him on the board and he went nuts! I tried holding him down but he was too powerful, broke my rod, threw the gaff, knocked my paddle off the board and got back into the water! But he was still hooked!

With my rod broken and paddle and gaff in opposite directions I wasn't sure what to do. I tried hand lining him in, but without the gaff it was impossible to grab him. So I got back to my paddle, and saw the gaff floating in the distance. As I was attempting to paddle to the gaff, while still fighting the fish, I saw a boat flying towards me. I waved my paddle to let them know I needed help and it happened to be my good friend @therealtupat with his buddy Rob! I couldn't believe my eyes, perfect timing!

I got into their boat and slowly hand lined him up. After a few attempts with the net we got him in the boat and I was elated to say the least. Thank you @therealtupat and Rob for showing up when you did and @noahschweizer for the magic fly! And thank you guys for taking the time to read my story. It was a crazy experience that I will never forget! Check out the video on @therealtupat's feed.

I must say this was one of the coolest fishing moments in my life and sharing it with my buddies was the icing on the cake. Great catch Nils and one for the memory bank for the years to come!

After dropping Nils off we decided to fish on. I had broken off on two larger sized cobia and was eager to get one in the boat. We pulled up on a large ray and I sight casted to a nice cobia using my brother Hopper's Mexican flare hawk jig. The cobia took it and I ended up fighting this fish for over 30 minutes before finally landing it. What an epic day!

In the later part of April my lady angler Rachel Vause and I took a trip to Stuart Florida to hunt the snook! She ended up catching one of the biggest jacks I've personally ever seen. She ended up fighting that fish for a good 30 minutes and after it was all said and done they both wore each other out! Rachel was using light tackle and gave it her all to land that beast of jack! You did a great job Honey, epic fight and catch!

As we move into Summer, be ready for more action. I recommend using live bait, top water lures and any type of paddle tails. The bite will be hot but you must be patient and find your spots!

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

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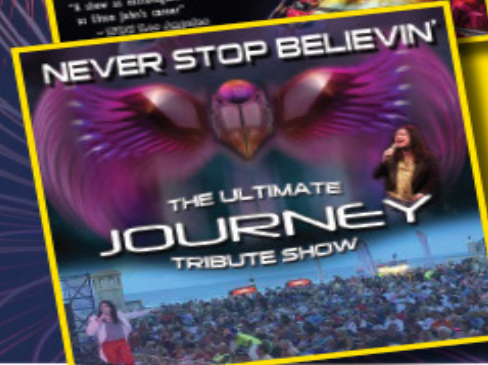
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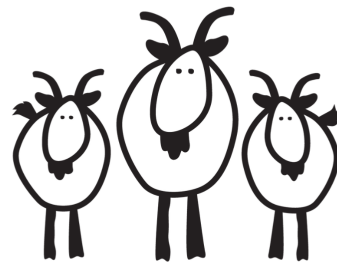
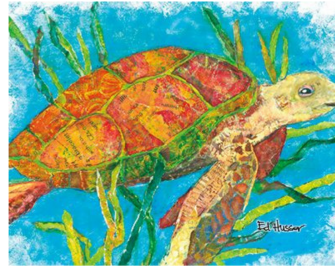
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