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THE COVER

This photo of a baby sea turtle hatching and making it's way to the sea is captured by local wildlife photographer Shelley Lynch in NSB. The sea turtle nesting season continues through the end of October. Keep a distance and make sure to keep lights off the beach. Find more of Shelley's work at ShelleyLynchPhotos.com.





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Celebrating Women-Owned Businesses in Volusia

Volusia County is a vibrant community of businesses that are making their mark, shaping industries, inspiring change, and redefining what it means to be an entrepreneur. In honor of National Women-Owned Business Day we wanted to spotlight the stories of a few remarkable women who have transformed their dreams into reality and carved a path toward success. From sassy startups leaving their mark to seasoned ventures redefining the game, these women have channeled their passion and creativity into thriving businesses.



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How do you approach fostering a positive work environment and culture within your company? I am always striving to foster a team atmosphere in my agency. We all have a team goal and I work alongside my agents to make sure we achieve those goals. I show appreciation to my team and we celebrate successes. There is open communication for monthly and annual goals and this open communication fosters transparency on where we are and where we are headed.

How does your business contribute to the local community, and what initiatives or partnerships do you engage in to give back? Born and raised in Volusia County, I love giving back to the community that helped raise me. I have been a big supporter of the SEV Chamber of Commerce over the years, serving on the Board of Directors from 2008 - 2017 and served as the SEV Chamber of Commerce President in 2012. I also firmly believe in sponsoring our local youth sports and have done so since I opened my agency in 2005. My agency gives to our local backpack initiative every year supporting our youth in helping make their school year a success. I support The Little Theatre of NSB and my agency is a member of the NSB Board of Realtors. I live, work and spend local!

In honor of National Women Owned Business Day, what message would you like to convey to fellow women entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners? I have watched strong business-minded women in my life who showed no fear when out in the workforce. My mom, grandma and aunt were some of my amazing women mentors who shaped me into the entrepreneur I am today. My dad has always given me the support to go out and get it done, whatever that dream has been. I've worked since I was 15 and I have grown up with a strong work ethic instilled by my parents. Making my business a success takes hard work, sacrifice and a fearless attitude. Open your mind to change and growth and you can achieve your goals.

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Can you describe a moment when you felt particularly proud of the impact your business had on a customer or the community? The opportunity to free another woman from the beliefs that have held them apart from the wishes and dreams they have longed for is an astounding experience. Over 80% of the clients I serve have been personally referred to me by a current or former client who has successfully disrupted the habitual thoughts and behaviors that kept them stuck. When these women reach back and encourage another woman (often another family member) to ask for help too, I feel elated! This is empowered women empowering even more women and exactly why I developed HerQuest.

What role has networking played in your journey as a women-owned business? How have events like W.I.N.E. helped you connect and grow? Networking is where referrals to local business owners begin! When I moved to NSB in 2018, the W.I.N.E. events accelerated my ability to meet other women business owners, explore how we could uplift each other and further our local impact. The community response to the W.I.N.E. events have been immense and confirms we are all part of a community committed to furthering personal connection and supporting live networking events.

In honor of National Women Owned Business Day, what message would you like to convey to fellow women entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners? There is no one but you who can make the impact you are here to make. Reach out to another woman who has what you desire and ask her to help you move forward. We are all in this together!



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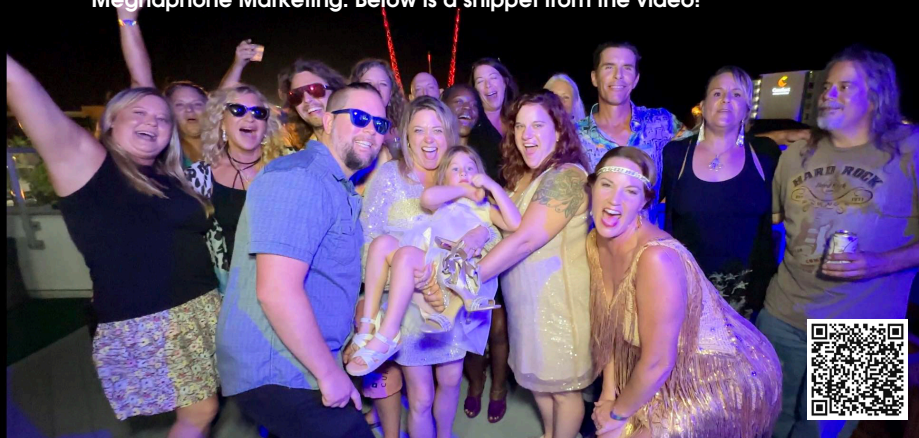
As a woman entrepreneur, what have been some of the biggest lessons you've learned along the way? Unfortunately, I have learned the hard way... to trust my gut, my instinct, my intuition - rather than another person.

How do you balance your professional and personal life as a woman entrepreneur? Are there any strategies that have helped you maintain this balance? I honestly don't think I am very good at balancing professional and personal life... I am 95% dedicated to my business, whether it's focusing on the growth or networking, or plugging my business even if I'm out on a personal level. I always seem to be "on." The only part of my personal life that's not public is the quiet time that I spend at home cooking dinner with my boyfriend or forcing myself to play tennis twice a week. Other than that, any time that I am outside of my front door, I am The Ice Queen!

In honor of National Women Owned Business Day, what message would you like to convey to fellow women entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners? You can't get where you're going until you've been where you've been. You are exactly where you are supposed to be. Always be your true authentic self. Say what you mean, and mean what you say.

Scan the QR code to watch a video from our celebration put together by Meghaphone Marketing. Below is a snippet from the video!

NEWS



ECC 100th Issue Milestone

Celebration at the Iconic Streamline Hotel

On August 19, 2023, East Coast Current celebrated the publication of its 100th issue at the iconic Streamline Hotel in Daytona Beach. Founded in February 2015, the publication quickly established itself as a premier source of local news, events and features for communities in Volusia County. Since then, the publication has played an integral role in connecting residents, visitors and businesses.

The commemorative event at the Streamline Hotel was a vibrant gathering of the magazine's dedicated readers, contributors, advertisers and community partners. Attendees enjoyed live music by Faith Micic and Alisa Ulven and shared stories of how the paper has become a wonderful resource for their community connections. The event also included complimentary cocktails and appetizer buffet sponsored by Victory Lane, the restaurant located inside the lobby of The Streamline hotel. Guests were treated to gift bags filled with tokens of appreciation, including gift cards to local businesses and thoughtful mementos.

Against the backdrop of the hotel's rich history as "the birthplace of Nascar," as well as the newly modernized lobby and lounge, attendees toasted to the paper's accomplishments. "We are tremendously grateful for the support and engagement of our readers and partners," said Tiffany Evers, co-owner and Editor.

"Reaching our 100th issue is a testament to the resilience of local journalism, story telling, and the enduring sense of this community," added Kelsey Walters, co-owner and Chief Financial Officer.

The cover for the August 2023 issue was a black and white collage of all 100 monthly mastheads. The memorial cover illustrated the newspaper's evolution throughout the years. The celebration continued with a lively reception on the rooftop bar, of the Streamline Hotel. Underneath the twinkling night sky, attendees enjoyed the Daytona Beach skyline complete with ocean breezes, a fireworks display and neon lights. A DJ played fun, happy music for everyone to dance to.

The event was filmed by Meghan Hughes, founder and CEO of Meghaphone Marketing. Hughes captured the entire atmosphere of camaraderie and festivity. Guests were given the opportunity to share congratulations and well wishes with the entire ECC team.

As East Coast Current looks ahead to its next decade, the publication remains committed to delivering local, positive and engaging content that reflects the diverse interests and voices of Volusia County.

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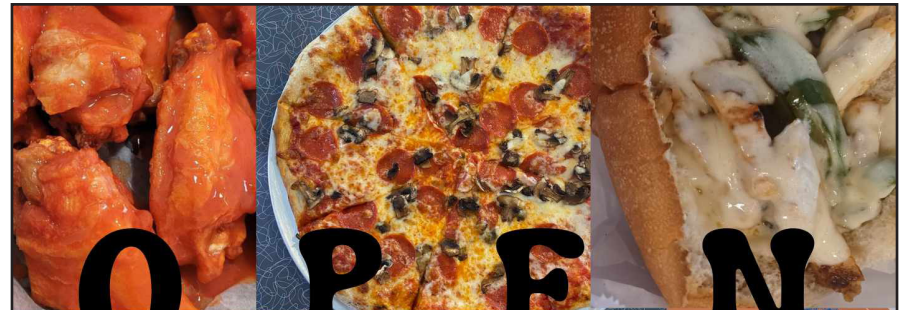
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Lost in Digital Space

I was watching a play at the NSB Little Theatre recently, when I noticed something odd about a couple of the younger actors. As they walked across the stage, some had a slight hump at the base of their neck and horrible posture.

The more I researched about the health issues connected to a cell phone or electrical devices such as a computer, I found that our screens are hurting us. It's called "text neck" and it's a real thing! Even small children playing with hand-held electronic games are at risk. It's the result of a forward-leaning posture usually associated with working/playing on computers and using hand-held devices.

For example, if you hold your cell at a 30-degree angle, your head could put a 40-pound pressure on your spine. At a 60-degree angle it's 60 pounds of neck and spine strain. You can keep your cell phone and other electronics at eye level to release head weight.

We are lost in a digital space and could all use some guidance. The negatives of a child, or adult, using their cell phones too often is too much to ignore.

Other side effects can include:

DIGITAL EYE STRAIN:

Prolonged use of handheld devices can lead to digital eye strain, also known as computer vision syndrome. The American Optometric Association reports that symptoms include dry eyes, headaches, blurred vision, and discomfort.

SLEEP DISRUPTION:

The blue light emitted by screens can

interfere with the body's production of melatonin, a hormone that regulates sleep. The National Sleep Foundation warns that excessive screen time, especially before bedtime, can lead to difficulty falling asleep and disrupted sleep patterns.

REDUCED ATTENTION SPAN:

A study published in the journal PLOS ONE found that excessive screen time, particularly in young children, is associated with reduced attention span and poorer cognitive development.

There's also increased illnesses due to germs. I read one in six cell phones has fecal matter on it. Gross!

What can we do to help our children and teens? Set some guidelines and house rules and stick to them. Children under 12 should spend no more than an hour a day and teens and adults no more than two. Explain why, so they are more apt to understand. Set an alarm to time the amount spent on their phones. If you must be on longer for work or a project, then pace yourself. Every 30 minutes, get up and stretch. Get some fresh air and exercise.

Give your family basic cell phone rules. They may fight you now, but they'll thank you later.



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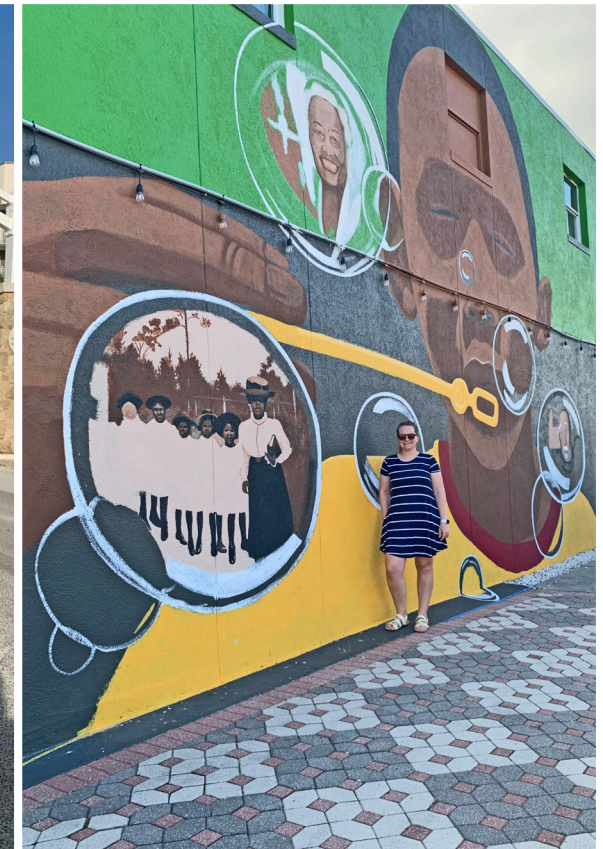


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Iconic Photo Spots Around Daytona Beach

I'm old enough to remember when there were "Kodak Photo Spots" around theme parks to stop and take pictures with unique backgrounds related to the location. When you had to take multiple pictures because you never knew how they would turn out until you had the film processed later. While the technology has changed over the years, the idea of photo ops at special places with fun backgrounds has not!

My very first post on my public Instagram account, CassGoAroundDaytona, was with an angry Care Bear mural my family stumbled upon while touring Downtown Daytona in the months after we moved here. As I've previously mentioned, the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau has a Mural Trail posted on their website to help you find amazing paintings at DaytonaBeach.com.

The Care Bear mural is a bit hidden, but when you're driving east on Orange Avenue in Downtown Daytona Beach and see the animal cracker box mural with mythical creatures pictured inside, you know you're close to the small alleyway that will lead you to him!

A new mural that is set to be finished in early September and has, therefore, not been added to the trail is being painted on the side of Midtown Café at 536 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd. It depicts a child blowing bubbles filled with historic individuals from the area, like Dr. Bethune herself. It is such a sweet mix of respect for the past and hope for the future. I was at the Midtown Redevelopment Board meeting when the owners of the café and

artist expressed the dream that this mural will be the first of many to bring new life and beauty to this area of town.

For more interactive murals, there are wings you can take pictures with both in DeLand and Ormond Beach. Artist, Erica



Group, has created a series known as the, "Wings of the West" that includes both bird and airplane wings. You can see the map of each mural location at her website, Erica.Group/DeLand-Wings.

Over in Ormond, Wild and Raw Smoothies and More (1930 W. Granada Blvd.) has a mirrored wall with wings for a very unique selfie spot! My family has loved the flamingo wings at Gathered

(775 S. Yonge St.) since my youngest was still in a baby carrier!

If you prefer to take your picture with 3-D objects rather than murals, the two most iconic in Daytona Beach have to be the World's Most Famous Beach archway at the end of International Speedway Blvd. and at the Speedway itself.

The archway had been removed due to damage from the hurricanes last fall, but is back up and ready to greet you as you drive onto the sand of the beach. It can be tricky to take this picture as you must literally stand in the middle of the road! That's why I appreciate that the Daytona International Speedway has a selfie spot at one of its entrances to encourage drivers to pull over to take a safe picture of it there.

While Daytona Beach no longer has a selfie studio, there are still plenty of places around the city to have your Kodak Moment. You won't need to wait for your film to be printed to enjoy your pics, so get out there and say, "Cheese!"



CASSIE GONYER lives in Daytona Beach with her husband, three daughters, two housemates, and a "doug" (dachshund-pug mix dog). She loves exploring and promoting the food, shops and events that Daytona has to offer. You can follow her local adventures on Instagram at @CassGoAroundDaytona

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Enjoy free activities during the event week. Patrons will be granted Art Credits to purchase art, entry to the elegant Collectors Reception and Live Auction on October 18th, followed by the Grand Finale on October 21st, featuring the crowd-favorite "Blending of the Brushes."

The Wet Gallery welcomes visitors daily at the MDC/AWI campus with fresh artwork as it gets completed.

Visit NSBPaintOut.com or scan the QR code to get tickets, find the event schedule, and be a patron.

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So what is plein air painting anyway? En plein air is a French expression meaning "in the open air," and refers to the act of painting outdoors with the artist's subject in full view. Plein air artists capture the spirit and essence of a landscape or subject by incorporating natural light, color, and movement into their works. The high point of plein air art came with the emergence of Impressionism. Today's artists carry on the traditions of these past masters by capturing the light and movement in landscapes that can only come from seeing the subject outdoors in its natural form.

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VOLUSIA COUNTY'S SEA TURTLES SHATTER RECORDS WITH 1,482 NESTS THIS SEASON

In the last six weeks of the nesting season on Volusia County beaches, sea turtles have set a new record with 1,482 nests (and counting!) surpassing last year's 1,427. Volunteers and staff found over 33,000 hatched egg shells since June.

Loggerheads top the beach with 1,251 nests. Green sea turtles have outdone themselves with 231 nests, up from the old record of 98. Also, 5 leatherback nests and 4 Kemp's ridley nests were spotted. Hatchlings brave dangers like lights from beachfront properties, trash and holes left by beachgoers as they head to the ocean.

Bright beachfront lights might seem harmless, but they deter adult female sea turtles from nesting and disorients newborn hatchlings trying to find their way to the sea.



Beach residents can help ensure the safety of the nesting turtles and little hatchlings by shifting the lights away from the beach and turning them off during periods of inactivity. The moon's light is all these turtles need to navigate their way to the ocean.

Keep a safe distance when you spot a nesting adult sea turtle or hatchlings heading to the ocean. In case of immediate turtle danger, alert lifeguards, Beach Safety, or call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-3922. At night, call the Volusia County Sheriff's Office at 386-248-1777, ext. 3.

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Fall is nearly here, and as the kids head back to school, the air is filled with the excitement of the upcoming EDGEfest Fall Festival. It's happening on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 4 to 8 PM at the Hawks Park Ballfields (148 West Turgot Avenue - behind the Southeast Volusia Family YMCA). Here's what's in store: a children's costume contest beginning at 7 PM, and a free chance to go to the petting zoo and pony rides, sponsored by the Edgewater Police Department Police Volunteers. Go on hayrides, enjoy punkin' chunkin', games and the highlight of the evening is a Trunk or Treat area, a secure spot for little ones to collect and enjoy Halloween treats.



Spooky fun starts at 7 PM in Mike's Haunted Forest (not suitable for kids or the faint-hearted), located between Hawks Park Amphitheater and SE Volusia Family YMCA. Admission is free; just bring a non-perishable food item to donate. This cause will support Gifts of Love as they collect food to fill up a trailer, which the local organization will then give to hungry families in the community.

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Gallery 237 is delighted to announce the launch of its new website, showcasing an exquisite collection of handmade crafts from talented artisans across the nation. As a hub for art enthusiasts and connoisseurs, the gallery and retail store present an array of one-of-a-kind pieces that celebrate creativity and craftsmanship.

The newly unveiled website offers a seamless online shopping experience, allowing patrons to explore and purchase a diverse range of artisanal creations, including glasswork, homewares, jewelry, metal art, pottery, and kitchen items. Each piece is thoughtfully curated to reflect the uniqueness and skill of the creators, bringing beauty and artistry into everyday life.

To mark the one-year anniversary of Gallery 237, a celebratory weekend is planned from September 22 to 24. The gallery invites visitors to revel in great deals, exclusive offers, and delightful treats as a token of appreciation for the tremendous support received throughout the year.



Located at 237 Canal St, New Smyrna Beach, the gallery serves as a haven for those who appreciate the finer things in life. From stunning glasswork that captures light in mesmerizing ways to handcrafted pottery that tells stories through clay, Gallery 237 offers an exceptional selection that caters to various tastes and preferences.

To stay updated on the latest additions to the gallery's collection and upcoming events, art aficionados are encouraged to follow Gallery 237 on Facebook. By doing so, they can witness the continuous influx of new, captivating pieces.

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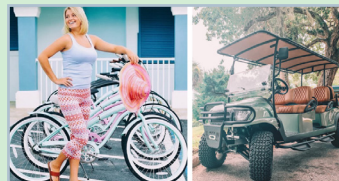


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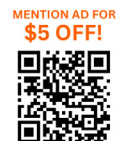


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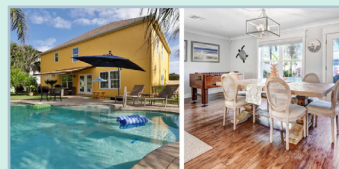
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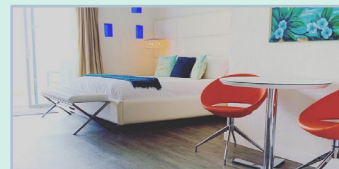
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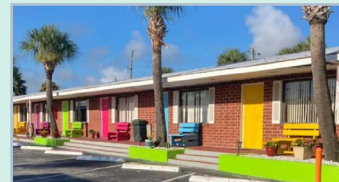


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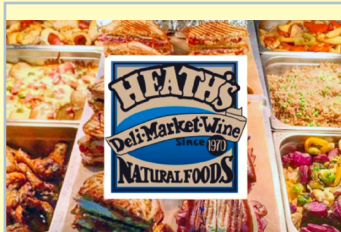
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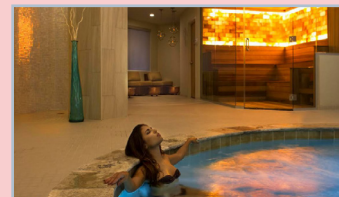
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Danielle Napolitano is a designer and owner of Rockerbands, a 70s Rock'n'Roll inspired bikini and accessory line. Along with building her brand, Danielle is also a stylist at Jon Ric Salon and Spa in New Smyrna

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2 SAT SEP 2/OCT 7 


10 AM - 5 PM

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Art Stroll/Gallery Walk

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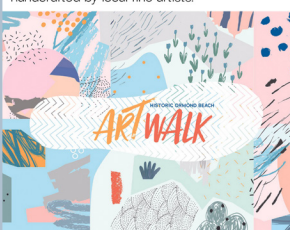
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5 - 8 PM

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2-30 SEP 2 - 30 


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8-10 SEP 8 - 10 

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9 SAT SEP 9

1 - 5 PM

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9 SAT SEP 9/OCT 14 

1st SAT @ 3 - 7 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Classic Cars on Canal

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9 SAT SEP 9

4 - 7 PM

Pettis Park, NSB

Community Night Out

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16 SAT SEP 16

8 - 11 AM

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16 SAT SEP 16

8 AM - 2 PM

Menard May Park, Edgewater

EDGEfest Coastal Cleanup

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16 SAT SEP 16


11 AM - 3 PM

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22-24 SEP 22 - 24 


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23-24 SEP 23 - 24 


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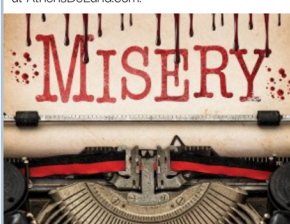
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23 SAT SEP 23

11 AM - 4 PM

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23 SAT SEP 23

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23 SAT SEP 23 

1 - 7 PM

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6 FRI OCT 6

5 PM

Reed Canal Park, South Daytona

Curbside Cinema

South Daytona Fire Department presents "Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse." Park opens at 5:00PM. The movie begins at sunset and is shown on a large, outdoor movie screen in the park. Tune in to your car radio to listen to the movie or bring chairs and blankets to sit in front of your car.



6 FRI OCT 6


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6 FRI OCT 6 

1st FRIDAY @ 7 PM

Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach

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12-15 OCT 12 - 15 

THU - SUN

Port Orange City Center

Port Orange Family Days

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12 THU OCT 12

6 - 9 PM


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9-10 SEP 9 - 10 (+)
SAT - SUN
Volusia County Fairgrounds
Daytona Beach Comic Convention
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9-10 SEP 9 - 10 (+)
SAT-SUN@10 AM-4 PM
Ocean Center, Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Home Show
Browse a variety of exhibitors to help jump start your home improvement projects.




9-10 SEP 9 - 10 (+)
SAT-SUN@10 AM-4 PM
Volusia Fairgrounds, DeLand
Holiday Craft Fair
Get a jump start on the holidays! Shop Pinterest-inspired crafts and handmade decorations by local and national artists and crafters. \$6/adult; kids 12 and under free. Visit BucklerShows.com for a \$1 off coupon.



16 SAT SEP 16/OCT 21 (Recycling icon)
3rd SAT @ 3 - 7 PM
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Cruise Downtown DeLand
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16 SAT SEP 16 (Recycling icon)
7 - 10 PM
Cypress Park, Daytona Beach
Midtown Music Series
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21 THU SEP 21
6:30 PM
Marine Discovery Center, NSB
Conservation & Shoreline Restoration
MDC has long partnered with numerous agencies and universities in a variety of important conservation and restoration-focused partnerships & projects in the Indian River Lagoon. Dr. Melinda Dannelly of the University of Central Florida will discuss many of those various partnerships as part of the public lecture series. FREE - register online!



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1-31 OCT 1 - 31 (+)
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19-22 OCT 19 - 22 (+)
THU - SUN
Throughout Volusia County
Biketoberfest
This annual Daytona Beach motorcycle rally draws 100,000+ visitors. Check Biketoberfest.org for schedule of events.



11 SAT NOV 11
10 AM - 9 PM
Menard May Park, Edgewater
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Bobby G Takes on a Family Vacation

Photos by: Tiffany Evers

With summer almost over, it was time for us to go on a summer vacation. Like Clark Griswald, I packed up the G Taxi, made sure everyone was buckled up and we were on our way up to see Augi (grandpa) and G.G. (Grandma Gwen) in Waleska, Georgia, and Taylor and Gabby, Tiffany's and my soon-to-be brother and sister-in-law in Woodstock, Georgia. We were all eager to get to their houses, but first, with the help of the Roadtrippers app, Tiffany plotted out a route with a couple of stops, which provided another incredible part to our adventure that I can't wait to share with you.

We always have a plan for our trips, but there are always a few wrinkles, a crossroad-like decision of what way we'll go that we usually decide a few days before we leave. It always seems to work out and this trip would be no exception.

Our first stop was Top Mountain Inn and Resort atop Pine Mountain. It was the bulk of our drive and broke up our journey perfectly. We stayed in a single room, which had plenty of space for the four of us to enjoy. The room was very clean and

felt like we were in a log cabin. Speaking of which, they also rent private cabins and have a great venue for wedding ceremonies with enough accommodations for even the largest of parties. We did a light unpack and enjoyed the swimming pool before it was time to get an early dinner.



The restaurant we decided to dine at was a cute cafe that was in the downtown area of Pine Mountain called Eat'z on the Corner. American food with a tropical twist is how they describe their cuisine and it did not disappoint. I'm telling you, everything was so fresh and made from scratch. The hummus was so perfectly balanced and packed with flavor, the curry chicken was delightful and the jerk chicken, although extremely spicy, was still enjoyable. I handled it like a champ, after downing several glasses of water! There's plenty of options including kid-friendly cuisine like a bacon cheeseburger, which Porter was raving about to everyone in the restaurant and all the way back to our room and into the night.

The next morning we woke early and set our sights on a culinary treasure of another kind, The Waffle House; shout out to T Dawg for the selection! Then we set off to the Great Wolf Lodge in LeGrange, Georgia.

We arrived at the Great Wolf Lodge excited to get out of the car and inside the water park. That's right, they have an indoor water park with rides for every age including



a wave pool and lazy river. It was really a great start to the day especially because it made the wait for our room feel like no time at all. The water playground was where, if timed right, a giant bucket of water would spill all over whoever was underneath it (that would be me in case you were wondering). We laughed so hard on the ride Triple Thunder that almost tipped me and Tiffany out of our raft. I can still picture her screaming as we ripped through the tunnels.

The grounds and hotel itself were amazing! A ropes course, miniature golf, rock climbing wall, arcade, an interactive wizard adventure, and even a Ben and

Jerry's ice cream shop. I could keep going but I won't - you're welcome! The stay was great. The kids felt extra special with their themed bunk beds and we all were very comfortable in our room. We snuck out just before sunset to pick up a pizza and to check out downtown LeGrange, which was actually really cool.



The next morning we gathered ourselves and headed up to Waleska, Georgia at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains to visit Augi and G.G.

The community surrounds Lake Arrowhead boasting beautiful mountain side views, an abundance of different trees and deer - lots of deer. They coexist in the community and even take time out of their day for photo opportunities.

We golfed on their very scenic and challenging course, which gave the adults (yes, I consider myself an adult) time to connect and enjoy one of our favorite activities together. Balls were flying everywhere on the course as per usual.



Tiffany is from the Great Peach State, so we set up a day to reconnect with some of her friends. We went to the Siman's homestead and

had a chill day with Jenna, Jan, Johnathan and Juliet. We let the children play, laughed, reconnected and devoured some of the best barbecue chicken we've ever had thanks to the BBQ grill master, Jan. I even got to meet the other part of 2%... if you know, you know.

We always enjoy hanging out with Uncle Taylor and Aunt Gabby, as the kids call them, but this time we got to visit them at their new home in Woodstock. The kids loved it because it's filled with video games, squishmallows and two of their favorite people in the world! The kids were content so Tiffany and I decided to check out downtown Woodstock and give the kids some time to connect one-on-one with their aunt and uncle.

The downtown area of Woodstock is about 30 miles outside of Atlanta and was transformed around 2002. The result was a beautiful area of funky shops like Blue Frog Imports, eclectic restaurants and my favorite, The Pie Bar, a place serving sweet and savory, made from scratch, pies all day. It was a sweet way to end the day.



We have great adventures together as a family and it is always so much fun for me to share those experiences with all of you! I wish you all great adventures of your own that you too can share and enjoy with your friends and family as I do with mine!

Hope you had a great summer... Bobby G out!



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Navigating Insurance Claims: Before & After a Storm

By: Tiffany Evers | Photos by: Kelsey Walters

The timeliness of this article is impeccable. On August 22, I received a call from Sterling Scott, owner of Trust Public Adjusting Group, who is also a long-time advertiser of ours, about wanting to educate the community on hurricane claim laws, with the conversation specifically in relation to claims involved with Hurricane Ian from 2022.

He informed me that if you had damage to your property during Ian then your timeframe to file an insurance claim ends on September 29, 2024. The amount of time to file a claim recently changed from 2 years to 1 year from the date of the event. So that means while your insurance premiums are going up, your timeline to use their services are being taken away? Am I hearing that right? Yup.

Even though you still have until 2024, he is expecting push back from the insurance companies to enforce the one year limit versus the 2 year time frame. He says, "The law changed from 2 years to 1 year after Hurricane Ian and Nicole and the new law can't be retroactive, so we should be ok for another year. However, it is very important

to get your home inspected by a Public Adjuster sooner rather than later due to the problem of late reporting."

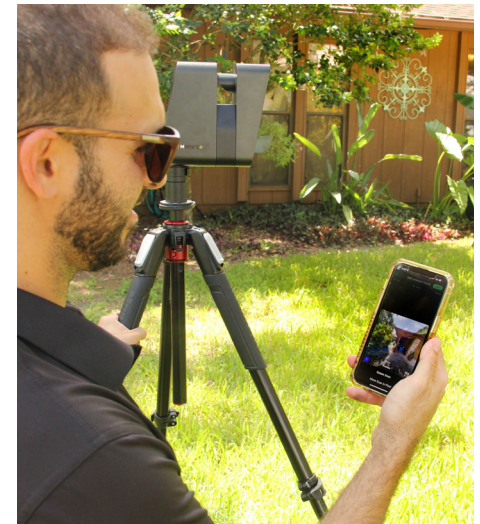


He went on to say how many homeowners don't even know they have damage and have every right to file a claim for the insurance they pay to protect their home, until it's too late. Companies like the one Sterling owns represent you, the residential or commercial policyholder.

They offer free home inspections and policy reviews and they don't get paid unless you do. In fact they won't advise you to make a claim if they don't think they have a case.

This was clearly an opportunity knocking at my door. I scheduled a free inspection for my home and then interviewed him at the same time. Talk about a win-win for both of us.

He and his associate Dylan arrived, scanned my home inside and out with a Matterport, a 3D camera that uses virtual tour software, to quickly collect and record data. Dylan controlled it from an app on his phone and as they inspected the property notes were digitally made that corresponded to the scanned image of my home. I was impressed, to say the least.



The entire process was surprisingly simple and I quickly found out Sterling is like an Alexa for claim insurance questions. It's actually remarkable how much he knows. We completed our interview, after a rooftop photoshoot of course, and went about our week only to learn Tropical Storm Idalia was brewing.



As I write these words, feeder bands from what has now turned into Hurricane Idalia have started to roll in and the reality of the storm arriving, whether severe in our area or not, has set in across the state. Outside prep of loose items have been secured and all last minute errands have been completed... well, to the best of my ability.



Then I went to do what I always do, which is take a quick video of the inside and outside of my property. I honestly don't remember who told me to do that, however, it is a part of my pre-hurricane prep that I never forget to do. As I started to take my first video, I realized that literally one week prior to that moment I had a 3D scan of the inside and the outside of my home! Now I know I am as prepared as I can be.

When it comes to understanding insurance claims I have to say I feel way more informed than I was even three weeks ago. Do I know everything? Not even close. But I don't have to, Sterling does. Protect yourself and your home by understanding your policy and partnering with someone who will fight for you.

This issue will go to print a couple hours before Hurricane Idalia is expected to make the most impact in our area. I'm wishing all the best for everyone in this storm's path. As always, we hope for the best, but prepare for the worst, and if anything should happen, there's people like Sterling who have our backs.



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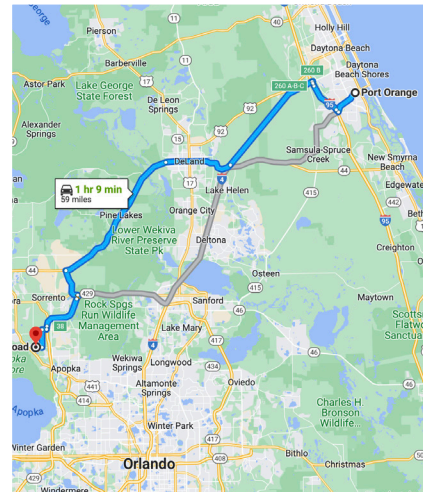
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From Pets to Protected

The C.A.R.E. Foundation | Apopka, Florida

Article & Photos by: Kelsey Walters



Given our tropical landscape and mild winters, Florida is home to hundreds of animal and wildlife sanctuaries, with good reason. The C.A.R.E. Foundation in Apopka is one such place, but has a special focus on former pets that, quite frankly, had no business being pets.

C.A.R.E. was founded in 1996 by Christin Burford with a mission to create animal respect and education for neglected, unwanted or unmanageable creatures of all shapes and sizes, and to help them find their way to a new home. Whether surrendered by their previous owners after they have realized they're in over their heads or seized by authorities, all the animals that come to C.A.R.E. have a new lease on life. Part of Christin's mission is to educate the public on wildlife conservation and struggles facing these critters in the wild, as well as prevent further non-domestic animals from becoming pets when they shouldn't be.

She does that by offering tours of her sprawling facility in Apopka and traveling Florida to educate the public, which is how we first met when she visited the Port Orange Library. At C.A.R.E., over 200 animals of various species have found a loving home after finding themselves in a uniquely vulnerable position. Some have been so poorly neglected they are unable to be handled by anyone but Christin. Others are incredibly affectionate and love to greet guests. No matter the case, none of them are able to be released back into the wild.



We started our tour with an adorable, albeit noisy, mishmash of fun farm animals who uproariously greeted us as we came around the corner. The aptly named Barnyard Bunch consists of the likes of Pigeon Weaver, a cluster of chickens named The Spice Girls and a precious family of goats, plus so much more.

Hands down, Avery's absolute favorite to meet were the skunks. Skunks get a bad reputation, but I've never met a softer and more snuggly creature in my life!



And don't worry, as former pets they had their scent glands removed, so you won't be heading home with a new perfume.

She's also a sucker for any reptile she can lay eyes on, so a chance to hold a snake and gator was a big thrill! Scott is petrified of snakes so he took a few steps back while we got to know the scaly residents. The funniest part of our day was our interaction with the monkeys. Dolly, a tufted capuchin, was particularly playful and she had Avery in a fit of giggles as they traded funny faces and mimicked each other.

If you're lucky, you can spot some of the resident big cats. Despite their cuddly personas, we got to witness first-hand exactly why these species should never be kept domestically. We arrived at feeding time for one of the resident tigers, who just moments before had been a lovable fur ball. Once he started eating, however, the "wilds came out," as Christin and her staff like to put it, explaining that big cats

experience a physiological change once they start eating where they no longer recognize their handlers and are so focused on their meal that they can become very violent.

It was important to see all of the resident animals for their truly wild selves, as a somber reminder that the wild is where these animals really belong. Christin hopes that through her educational programs, more and more people will think twice before getting a wild "pet," and there will be far less to rescue in the future.



What stood out the most was that this was not just a place to keep these animals for the duration of their lives, but a loving sanctuary for them to truly thrive. As we walked the grounds with Christin, not only did we get a comprehensive education on the varying species, but we also got to know each of their names, their sometimes tragic history and insight on each of their incredible personalities. Each animal is part of the C.A.R.E. family and holds a special place in her heart.

A variety of tours are available to suit your group or family, with different levels of interaction. You can set up group field trips for your school or program, as well as have Christin come to you as part of her education tours.

King of the Jungle Tours include a guided tour at feeding time where you'll get hands-on with a few species, feed some new friends and witness a big cat feeding for yourself.

Caretaker for the Day Tours last 5 to 6 hours and allow you to really dive deep into all it takes to keep the C.A.R.E. Foundation going (for ages 16 and up only). If you're celebrating a birthday, be sure to let them know as they are now offering special birthday tours as well.

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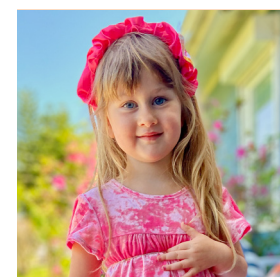
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Avery Walters is Kelsey and Scott's 5-year-old daughter. She loves to tag along on their monthly adventures throughout the state and play with her dogs, Kodi, Bluey and BamBam.

TASTE Bourbon Caramel Spice Cake



This Bourbon Caramel Spice Cake is full of fall flavors - covered with a caramel bourbon cream cheese buttercream and garnished with gingersnap cookies, it's perfect for any celebration.

Preparation: Prep Time: 1 hour • Cook Time: 35 minutes • Chilling Time: 3 hours • Servings: 12

Ingredients:

SPICE CAKE

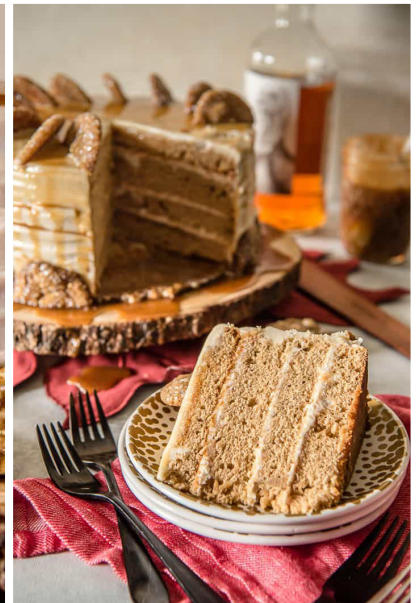
- 2 ½ cups cake flour
- 1 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon cardamom
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups light brown sugar, packed
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 3 eggs, large room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- ½ cup bourbon whiskey
- 1 cup buttermilk, room temperature
- Ginger snap cookies for garnish

BOURBON CARAMEL SAUCE

- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons bourbon whiskey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

CARAMEL CREAM CHEESE BUTTERCREAM

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup Bourbon Caramel Sauce
- 1 ½ cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Pinch kosher salt



INSTRUCTIONS

SPICE CAKE

Preheat the oven to 350°. Butter and flour two 8-by-2-inch round cake pans. In a large bowl, sift the flour together with the baking powder, spices and salt. In a stand mixer or with a hand mixer, beat the butter until creamy. Add the brown sugar and molasses and beat 4 minutes until light and fluffy, scraping down the bowl as needed. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in the vanilla and bourbon. Beat in the flour mixture on low speed in 3 batches, alternating with the buttermilk, until the batter is just combined.

Divide the batter evenly between the prepared pans. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let the cakes cool for 10 minutes, then turn each out onto a cooling rack and let cool completely. Wrap each cake in plastic and store at room temperature overnight to develop the spice flavors.

When ready to decorate, use a long serrated knife to cut each cake layer in half horizontally. Set on a work surface, cut side up.

Center 1 bottom cake layer on a cake board or plate. Spread 1/2 cup of the Caramel Cream Cheese Buttercream on top, then cover with another layer, cut side down. Repeat with the remaining cake layers and buttercream. Crumb ice the cake, then refrigerate for 15 minutes. Completely cover the cake with the remaining buttercream. Pour 1 cup of caramel sauce on top of the cake and use a spatula or knife to spread it to the edges, allowing it to drip down the sides. Decorate as desired with gingersnap cookies.

BOURBON CARAMEL SAUCE

Heat sugar and water in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring to moisten all of the sugar. Let the sugar simmer until it begins to melt into a golden-colored liquid, stirring occasionally. Once sugar is completely

melted, immediately but carefully stir in the butter for 2-3 minutes until completely melted. The sauce will bubble rapidly. Slowly drizzle in the heavy cream, continuing to stir. The mixture will once again bubble and splatter. After the cream is mixed in, allow the caramel to boil for about 1 minute, then whisk until smooth.

Remove from heat and whisk in bourbon, vanilla and salt. Cool to room temperature, then chill for 15 minutes before using.

CARAMEL CREAM CHEESE BUTTERCREAM

In a mixing bowl, beat butter, cream cheese and caramel sauce until well blended. Mix in powdered sugar, vanilla and salt until fluffy.

NUTRITION

Calories: 1041kcal | Carbohydrates: 114g
Protein: 8g | Fat: 60g | Saturated Fat: 37g
Cholesterol: 218mg | Sodium: 520mg
Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 81g

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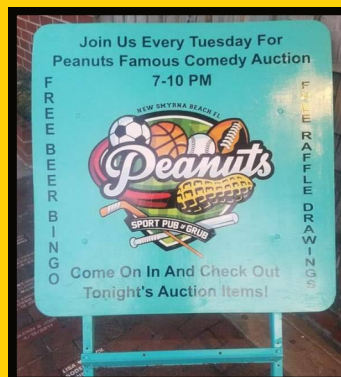
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53. Pouch-like structure
54. On drugs, slangily
57. "Same here!"
61. ____ the counter (inquire of a salesperson)
65. Board game with a molasses swamp
67. "I don't believe that!"
68. "Make ____ for the border" (Taco Bell slogan)
69. One of LBJ's daughters
70. "Luck and Pluck" author
71. Jet Propulsion Lab grp.
72. Old-time actress Anna



Down

1. Heal
2. "Be ____ and help me out here!"
3. End of Caesar's boast
4. Welcomes to one's home
5. "Nonsense!"
6. Sanctioned
7. Liberated in Löwenstein
8. Immature bugs
9. Like sandals
10. Jocularly
11. "Then what happened?"
12. New GI, for short
13. Albeit, briefly
18. Rain gutter adjoiners
22. Colony member
24. Corrida cries
26. Actor Jack
27. Banjo cousins
28. Part of the back of the mouth
29. ____-Bismol

Down

30. Do a favor for
31. Follower of Einstein?
32. Taken wing
33. Call ____ to (stop)
34. Eagle's home
38. Utterances of dismissal
40. Wheel part
41. Fashion designer Michael who's a judge on "Project Runway"
44. Portlier
46. Lathered
49. Abbr. on a floor model, maybe
50. Conditional promise
51. Some flashlight batteries
55. Old capital of Japan
56. African grazers
58. Not slack
59. Half of twice
60. Chief Norse deity
61. Simon and Garfunkel's "I ____ Rock"
62. Dict. division
63. Barrel
64. Nautical assent
66. Genetic carrier

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



Adventures of a Modern Pirate

The moon lit the panorama upon arriving at Little San Salvador Island hours before daybreak. The silhouette of the island's lush landscape was visible in shades of grey and black with a star-filled night sky. Anchors were dropped and lines set, and we secured the big catamaran off the shore overlooking the serene beach, after which we returned to our beds until daybreak.

There is something remarkable about the smell of coffee in the morning surrounded by lush tropical paradise. It's become the unspoken human language of a new day. You just know that you know that coffee is king. Therefore, the coffeemaker was the pirate's morning grog hangout.

Omelets with stir-fried lobster, chives, onions and cheese served with a side of two-day-old stale buttered bread was our breakfast. All washed down by the glorious coffee. It was heavenly! It sure beat warmed over Pop-Tarts. Afterwards, we cleaned our mess and helped the hostess put the trash away.

Farewells were shared with hugs and much appreciation around the group. Our hosts taxied my uncle and me to the island via the dinghy, and before we knew it, the lovely hostess, her partner and the big catamaran were sailing off into the beautiful blue horizon.

It didn't take long for us to make camp under the same group of palm trees we had previously visited. Ironically, it felt like home as we settled in and got a fire pit started.

"Silence is golden," my uncle whispered as he glanced out into the ocean.

It was a simple comment but a meaningful one that cemented our return to lassitude on the shores of Little San Salvador Island. I couldn't agree more.

We spent the rest of the day relaxing and fishing for lunch and dinner, as we ended up with enough fish to last us until morning breakfast. The day was beautiful, but the evening was filled with richness that encompassed our dedication to camping in paradise. Pan-fried fish, stale bread and beer was our staple for lunch and dinner, and we didn't complain, as life was good.

When the pitch-black night arrived, my uncle revealed a new bottle of rum and said, "A send-off gift from our new friends."

Who would have thought that coffee and alcohol were synonymous in a pirate's life!

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.*



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

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Fishaholic: September Report

Hey, it's Captain Austin back again giving you the local report for the New Smyrna Beach area. It's September and that means snook season is open! In our part of Florida, the season opens from September 1 through December 15. If the mullet run is strong, expect the fishing to be good. Snook have a regulated fishing season mostly to protect their populations during sensitive periods like when they are spawning.

Here in Volusia County, snook gather in large numbers in and around Ponce Inlet in the months of June, July and August. During these times they can be susceptible to overfishing so they are protected.

hooked some real monsters that could not be stopped and hung us up in structure. Some of these fish are 40 inches or bigger and as they say - they don't get big being stupid.

An added benefit of snook fishing is that often they are in the same place as big redfish and can be caught side by side. The redfish will start preparing for their spawn and starting soon there will be huge numbers of large fish in and around the inlet. The redfish will also be keying in on the large influx of mullet and other baitfish that get washed in and out of Ponce Inlet.

Let's hope we don't have any major storms hit us like last year. The fishing was great this time last year and then we got hammered by two hurricanes. Let's hope for the best! As always, let us know if you'd like us to take you out and put you on some big snook and reds.

Thanks for reading and make sure you check out the report next month.

-Captain Austin



Many people love catching snook because they are known to be elusive and challenging to locate and catch, making the pursuit more thrilling. Their behavior can change based on water temperature, tides and other environmental factors, making them a worthy adversary to even experienced fisherman.

One huge advantage of being on the water every day is that I can see the gradual changes from day to day. In the past couple of weeks some of my charter clients have



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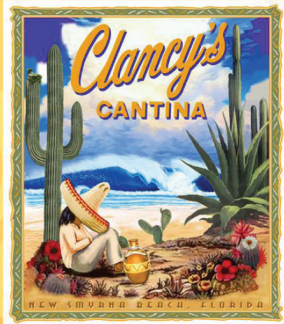


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2 Sat	10:53	3.9	11:15	3.7	4:27	-0.1	4:56	0.1	7:00	7:45	☾
3 Sun	11:45	4.0			5:15	0.0	5:56	0.3	7:01	7:44	☾
4 Mon	12:04	3.5	12:38	3.9	6:05	0.1	6:59	0.5	7:01	7:43	☾
5 Tue	12:55	3.2	1:33	3.8	6:59	0.3	8:01	0.7	7:02	7:42	☾
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7 Thu	2:46	2.8	3:30	3.6	8:46	0.6	9:57	0.9	7:03	7:40	☾
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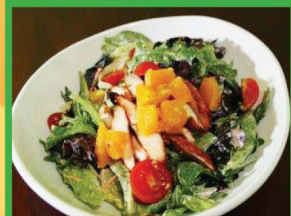
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On August 3, the Port Orange Police Department, SeaWorld and Florida Fish and Wildlife showcased their unwavering commitment to the welfare of marine animals as they sent back a 1,400-lb manatee to the Intracoastal Waterway after its successful rehabilitation.

This September, the Edgewater Animal Shelter located at 605 Mango Tree Drive is offering buy-one-get-one kitten adoptions. Adoption fees are \$100 for two kittens and include shots, microchips and spay/neutering. Call (386) 402-7476 for questions, and stop by the shelter or visit EdgewaterAnimalShelter.org to apply.



DeBary Mayor Chasez, Vice-Mayor Butlien, and city staff welcomed the Cable family to DeBary in a Building Homes For Heroes parade. The event honored USAF SSG Cable's bravery and the community's generosity and compassion. The DeBary community encourages the residents to continue supporting these heroes as they welcome USAF SSG Matthew Cable and his family to their new home.



Daytona Beach Shores Mayor Nancy Miller has been elected President-Elect of the Florida League of Mayors, the first in Volusia County to hold this position. This role complements the Florida League of Cities, offering mayors a platform to collectively address municipal challenges, enhance administration, exchange ideas and collaborate for progress. Mayor Miller is currently in her second four-year term as the Mayor of Daytona Beach Shores. Pictured: Mayor Nancy Miller and Commissioner Mel Lindauer being presented with the Elected Municipal Officials Gold Certificate of Excellence from the Florida League of Cities during August's commission meeting.



The 2nd Annual Raynor Strong Ride participants rode 55 miles and endured the Florida heat to honor Officer Jason Raynor's memory, who put up an incredible 55-day fight after being shot on duty and sadly passed away on August 17th, 2021. The Jason Raynor Foundation was set up to honor this brave man.



Check Out What The Locals Are Up To



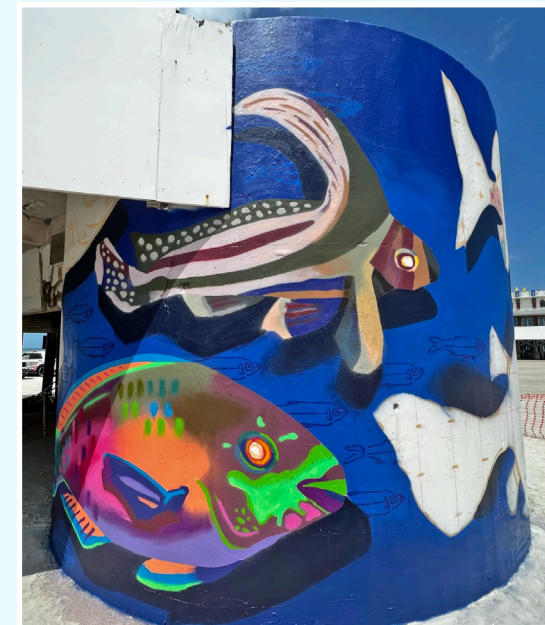
ECC celebrated an enormous milestone on August 19 at The Streamline Hotel in Daytona Beach - our 100th issue! Surrounded by hundreds of our advertisers, writers, readers and community members, this event goes beyond marking 100 issues of creativity, insights, and community – it was also an opportunity for us to express our deep appreciation for our community’s incredible support. Co-owners, Kelsey and Tiffany, would like to express our deepest gratitude to our supporters as well as to The Streamline for hosting this incredible celebration! Scan the QR code to watch a video from our celebration put together by Meghaphone Marketing. Below is a snippet from the video.



The EDGEfest Back to School Backpack and Supply Giveaway was a huge success! These backpacks and school supplies will undoubtedly make a huge difference in students’ lives. Salute to the organizers for putting together such a meaningful initiative! Photos by Keys To Our City



One of our avid readers, Elizabeth, shared this pictured of her and her grandchildren as they embrace artistry while coloring our art therapy section together each month. From left to right: Gabriel, Camdyn, Malachi and Finley Steck. This image was captured at their beautiful beachside vacation rental #seagiftsb. Thank you for sharing this photo with us!



A new vibrant fish-filled masterpiece by mural artist Tiff Urquhart is coming to Daytona Beach, where locals and visitors can soon take photos beneath Daytona Beach Pier. Tiff also painted the new botanical-themed mural at the Dickerson Recreation Complex. Completion is expected in early September.



Our very own Captain Austin Campbell (author of our monthly Fishaholic fishing report) along with his fishing partner Marshall Wallot won the prestigious 2023 New Smyrna Outfitters Snook Championship, taking first place overall with a total of 69 inches. Congratulations Captain Austin!

fishing Report

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Amidst hurricane season and scorching weather, we find ourselves in the midst of some of the most remarkable fishing experiences I've encountered in years. The backwaters have transformed into a haven of bait and a multitude of ravenous fish. Schools of redfish are congregating, while the snook are unleashing their voracious appetites on anything that catches their eye!

With these low tides, the redfish have been masterfully navigating the banks, ceaselessly on the prowl for their next meal. I was even fortunate enough to witness a mesmerizing sight: a redfish emerging from the water onto a sandy bank to indulge in a fiddler crab feast. It was a scene right out of the backwater matrix! Countless exhilarating topwater hookups have graced my days, although not without a fair share of unfortunate break-offs.

Joining me in this angling adventure is my trusty pal, Dave McKinnon, who's been on an absolute tear lately. He triumphantly landed a massive, oversized redfish using a mud guppy lure. The mud guppy population is thriving, and it has firmly secured its place as my go-to live bait option. These little gems can be located in the shallows during low tide within the creeks.

As September arrives, the fishing action promises to remain as electrifying as ever. For an optimal setup, I recommend employing a topwater plug with 20-pound braid and a 30-pound leader. Additionally, I've had great success with a jig head paired with a Nasty Strike's bait paddletail, preferably in a vibrant white hue. And of course, I always keep a live bait rig on standby for the deeper holes and open water flats where the grander fish tend to lurk.

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



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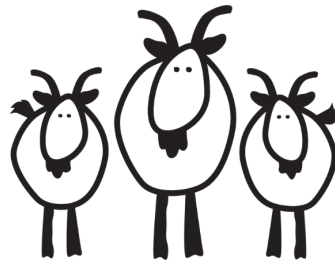
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