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## THE COVER

Three skeletons sat silently on the beach, their bony backs facing the horizon as the sun began to rise. Without words or flesh, they found solace in the simple act of watching the world awaken, bound together by the eternal beauty of the dawn. Photograph taken in Daytona Beach Shores by Paschelle Martin. For more of her eerie images, visit her online. [facebook.com/paschellebythesea](https://facebook.com/paschellebythesea).





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# THE SANDLOT



## Sandlot Movie Cast Members Reunite in Southeast Volusia

By: Tiffany Evers

Southeast Volusia is about to witness an extraordinary event that will transport fans of the iconic movie, "The Sandlot," back to the beloved neighborhood baseball diamond. This December 15th and 16th, 2023, mark your calendars for a remarkable reunion weekend as five cast members from the film make their way to New Smyrna Beach, Florida, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this cinematic treasure with David Evans, the writer, director and narrator who calls New Smyrna Beach home.

### CELEBRITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AGAINST THE CAST

The highlight of this incredible weekend will be the morning of Saturday, December 16th, where the five cast members will participate in a celebrity softball tournament, facing off against local talent. This friendly competition promises to be a thrilling spectacle that you won't want to miss. Tickets for the game are only a \$5 donation each. For those eager to secure a spot in the audience or on the field, you can visit the event's website and be among the first to know when tickets for the celebrity softball tournament go on sale!

### GET INVOLVED: SPONSORSHIPS, VENDORS AND MORE

There are numerous sponsorship opportunities available for those who want to be part of this historic weekend. From coaching the team and enjoying VIP cocktails with the cast at The Spott's new upstairs speakeasy on Canal Street to playing against the original cast members during the game. There's a sponsorship level for every enthusiast.

Vendors will also have a chance to showcase their products and services at this star-studded affair. The event's website provides further details on how to get involved and become a part of this once-in-a-lifetime gathering.

With this reunion weekend, New Smyrna Beach will not only celebrate the cinematic masterpiece, "The Sandlot" but also demonstrate its commitment to supporting youth sports programs. Don't miss your chance to relive the nostalgia and create lasting memories with the cast members from this beloved film.

[TheEventNSB.com](http://TheEventNSB.com)

### CAST MEMBERS COMING TO SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA

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- Victor DiMattia (Timmy Timmons)
- Grant Gelt (Bertram Grover Weeks)
- Marty York (Alan 'Yeah-Yeah' McClennan)
- Tom Guiry (Scotty Smalls)

David Evans teamed up with the Table 2 Committee and the East Coast Current to organize this unforgettable event. The primary goal of this reunion is to raise funds for youth sports programs, a cause close to their hearts and in honor of friends who left us too soon.

### PRIVATE SCREENINGS WITH THE CAST

There will be two private screenings of "The Sandlot" movie at the New Smyrna Beach High School auditorium on Friday, December 15th, and Saturday, December 16th, both starting at 5 PM. Tickets are a donation of \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Enjoy the company of the cast and Dave Evans himself where you'll have the unique opportunity to ask questions and get autographs with all proceeds benefiting youth sports. After the Friday screening, food trucks will be on-site during the meet and greet.

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# Educate Yourself on Volusia's **NEWS** Development Decisions

Volusia County cities are bustling with growth. Community residents and visitors are observing the area evolve. The transformative resurgence includes new residential neighborhood construction, new businesses being built and improvements to infrastructure. Exploring city happenings that shape Volusia's future are important to follow. Discover how this vibrant area is changing and how locals can be a part of their communities' exciting journey.

Economic development is the process of improving an area to positively shape its overall well-being. It's like a recipe for making a place better for everyone that lives there. It is a way to create more jobs, better schools and nicer roads. Businesses can thrive and there are more opportunities for community success. Citizens and business owners can utilize resources from the county and their city commission to stay updated and connected.



According to Volusia.org, the county is home to over 14,000 enterprises that produce services and/or goods. Each week the county publishes an Economic Scene newsletter via email. The newsletter covers business news and resources, industry updates, reports and trends, webinars and workshops, and lists resources for those who want to open up a business. The public can connect with the county and sign up to receive the newsletter by visiting the website, Volusia.org, or contacting the Economic Development Department directly at (386) 736-2700.

For a hyper-local report on city projects and developments, citizens can follow their city commission happenings. The city commission is a group of decision-makers who work together to make sure a city grows in the right way. They start by listening to the needs and ideas of the people who live in the city. At each commission meeting, time is given for "public comment." Citizens in attendance can speak directly to the commission. The city commission meeting dates, agenda for upcoming meetings and notes from previous meetings are available for the public to review directly on that city's website or by request. Connect directly with the city public information officer for guidance on how to stay informed and involved.

Project updates across Volusia cities include proposed projects and sites, planning and permitting and ongoing/in progress. Below are current notable projects happening in this region:

U.S. EPA Brownfield Program now available for Southeast Volusia county cities - EPA awarded the cities of New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater and Oak Hill a \$600,000 Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. The funds will be used to conduct environmental site assessments and prepare cleanup plans. Common examples of brownfield sites are former gas stations, dry cleaners, industrial and commercial areas, manufacturing facilities and abandoned fuel tanks.

Volusia received \$328.9 million in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Funds - The disaster funds were allocated as a result of the devastating storms and flooding events that occurred during Hurricane Ian. CDBG-DR funds are to be used for disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas. The action plan is awaiting approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before the end of the year. Review a draft of the action plan at Transform386.org and the accompanying comments from the comment period.

The Florida Inland Navigation District is the state sponsor for federal navigation projects along the Intracoastal Waterway in Volusia - In the past 10 years, over \$8 million dollars has been invested for navigation and access projects. These investments and the waterway itself generate significant economic impact throughout the region. Total annual economic impact is reported at \$1.6 billion from tourism spending, boater spending and property sales value.

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## FEATURE



## Kids Helping Kids this Halloween

For most kids, trick or treating means dressing up in costumes and going door to door in your neighborhood collecting candy. When I was growing up, most families had two bowls by the front door. One full of candy and one full of coins for UNICEF. UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children's Emergency

Fund. Do you remember doing this as a young trick or treat? Everyone was turned loose - one hand holding a container for

candy collecting, and the other was holding an orange carton collecting change for UNICEF.



Although the UNICEF program is in its 75th year, the Trick or Treat concept came to be in 1950. Reverend Clyde Allison, his wife, and their children wanted to see what would happen if they asked local Presbyterian churches to join in. The first year they made an inspirational \$17, but at least the idea was born. Canadians joined in and sent Halloween collections to UNICEF in the United States. The organization of UNICEF began to help provide food, clothing and health care to children in Europe after World War II, and now does so much for kids around the world.

Trick or treat for UNICEF and the original Kids Helping Kids campaign has raised more than \$167,000 for UNICEF's lifesaving programs worldwide. Kids did that! Our kids can be a positive part of history.

UNICEF has changed more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization in the

world. Think of the pride you can instill in your children for helping so many less fortunate. Let them know how proud and thoughtful they are to help children around the world. They become a part of helping with health care, clean water, nutrition, emergency relief and more.

The last few years UNICEF has made some major changes to keep up with the world. They realize we must make it okay to talk about mental health. UNICEF works with children who have suffered unthinkable traumas, gender discrimination, chronic illness, and so many other things that can cause them mental distress.

For more information, visit [TrickOrTreatForUNICEF.org](http://TrickOrTreatForUNICEF.org) or call 1-800-FOR-KIDS.

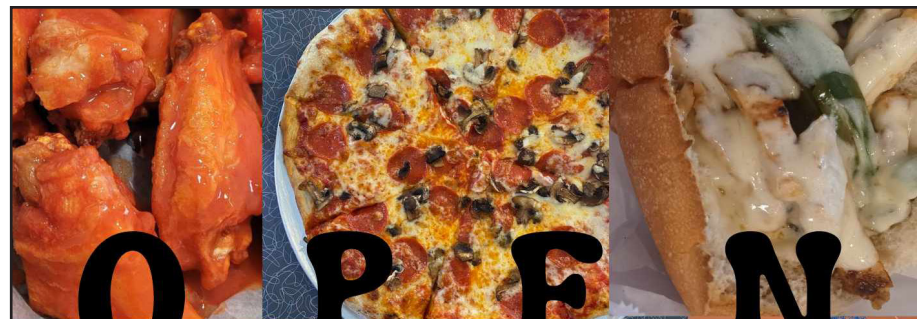
UNICEF still invites kids to do something awesome for other kids, but they also want to reach Gen-Z and millennials. Kids can carry QR codes on their phones - or their parent's phones, so participants will be taken directly to the site, the information, and pay with their credit card.

We see the power and heart in our children and what they can do to make a change. UNICEF now makes the entire month dedicated to "Kids Helping Kids." Unfortunately candy collection remains just one day of the month!



Karin Jenkins is a Licensed Esthetician, Makeup Artist, and the author of the book, "Pageant Land and the Family Who Lived There." She has been involved in all aspects of the beauty industry and in show business for over 30 years. Karin is the mother of two and the grandmother of four.

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## Mentoring “Girls With Class” in Daytona Beach

October is known simultaneously for being both spooky and all about pink. The color pink certainly started as the ribbon color to bring awareness to breast cancer research, but I feel like it has taken on a wider range of women’s empowerment movements. When I think of pink, I think about the local mentoring group that my eldest daughter has been a part of: Girls With Class.

Girls With Class was founded by Dr. Yoder Milton to mentor young ladies in grades 3 through 12 in the greater Daytona Beach area by establishing positive connections while educating academically, socially and emotionally. The young ladies are taught about career development, communication skills and community building. The mentors help prepare future leaders to be honorable and productive citizens in society by cultivating their potential and talent.

I have seen this first-hand with my 9-year-old as last year she met business owners, learned how to make a vision board and joined the group on a trip to the spring Children’s Business Fair to meet young entrepreneurs. She took these experiences and encouragement from her mentor to create her own business plan. She will be debuting “Little Light Co.” with her books, poetry and art at the fall Children’s Business Fair at the Riverfront Esplanade on Saturday, October 21, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.!

As if learning how to start her own business was not enough, my daughter has also fallen in love with the STEM fields she has been introduced to, particularly by Dr. Connie Mitchell. In April, Dr. Mitchell was joined by Mr. William Oliver from STEAMsport Inc. to introduce the ladies to the oculus headset. They played games and were introduced to a program to help them create their own video games and virtual apps!

Many local businesses and leaders have poured into these ladies and so they have been shown the importance of giving back and serving, too. In June, Girls With Class ladies and mentors spent time cleaning the beach near Sun Splash Park. Also in June, the group participated in Daytona Beach’s Juneteenth parade and community celebration. I was personally able to take part in both of these events as I was originally just a



chaperone with my daughter and then invited by Dr. Milton to be a part of the non-profit’s board. Look at how she even motivates adults to take on a bigger role!

While there have been many educational and fun group experiences for the ladies, I have also been impressed by the individual care the mentors give. Dr. Milton and Mrs. Webb-Moore both teach at and work with the elementary-aged girls at Turie T. Small Elementary. Ms. Danielle mentors the middle school ladies and can be spotted cheering them on at their softball games or meeting up with them at a local football game. And Ms. Madina coordinates opportunities for the high school ladies, such as taking them out to lunch and attending graduations.

The slogan for Girls With Class is, “I Am Uniquely Me!” I am so glad there is a group that can help me empower my daughter and other girls to grow into the beautiful, intelligent, talented and unique young women that they are becoming!

For more information on joining, partnering, or donating, please visit [Yomilt12.wixsite.com/GirlsWithClassMentor](http://Yomilt12.wixsite.com/GirlsWithClassMentor) or call Dr. Milton at (386) 843-5877. You can also search “Girls With Class” on Facebook or @gwc\_daytona on Instagram.



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**Michelle Wyatt, Co-founder of CadmiumCD, Announces Acquisition of St. Johns Rivership Co. in Sanford**

Michelle Wyatt, an esteemed entrepreneur and co-founder of CadmiumCD, is thrilled to announce the acquisition of St. Johns Rivership Company, a prominent tourist attraction and river cruise operator based in Sanford, Florida. Having recently relocated from Maryland to Florida, Michelle Wyatt brings her extensive experience in business development and a proven track record of success to this exciting new venture. As a visionary leader with a passion for tourism and hospitality, Wyatt is eager to take the helm of St. Johns Rivership Company and steer it towards new heights.



St. Johns Rivership Company has long been renowned for its exceptional river cruises, offering locals and tourists alike an opportunity to experience the beauty of the St. Johns River and its surroundings in a unique and memorable way. Under Michelle Wyatt's guidance, the company is poised to undergo a period of growth and innovation.

"I am incredibly excited to embark on this journey with St. Johns Rivership Company," said Michelle Wyatt. "Having spent years in the events and technology industry with CadmiumCD, I have a deep appreciation for providing exceptional experiences to customers. St. Johns Rivership Company has a remarkable reputation, and I am committed to building upon its legacy while introducing new and exciting offerings to our guests."

This acquisition comes at a time when the tourism industry in Florida is showing promising signs of recovery. Michelle Wyatt's strategic vision and passion for delivering top-notch guest experiences are expected to contribute significantly to the continued success of St. Johns Rivership Company.

The company's dedicated team of professionals will continue to provide the outstanding service that

has made St. Johns Rivership Company a favorite destination for travelers from all over the world. With Michelle Wyatt's leadership, they will work together to develop innovative cruise packages, enhance onboard amenities, and explore new opportunities to expand the company's reach.



The company offers various cruise options that showcase the stunning beauty and rich history of the St. Johns River region. From daily scenic river cruises to private events and weddings, St. Johns Rivership Company has been providing exceptional experiences to guests for many years. More information can be found about the company at:

**StJohnsRivershipCo.com**

**Introducing the Inaugural Ms. Senior Daytona/ New Smyrna Beach Pageant at Brannon Civic Center**

A Seasoned Affair, a pioneer in promoting empowerment and celebrating the beauty and wisdom of women in their golden years, is thrilled to announce the inaugural Ms. Senior Daytona/ New Smyrna Beach Pageant. The event is set to take place at the beautiful Brannon Civic Center overlooking the river in New Smyrna Beach on June 29, 2024.



A Seasoned Affair and its founder, Kenyonn Demps, have a rich history of organizing successful pageants in Florida that honor the grace, resilience and achievements of women aged 50 and above. With a commitment to empowering older women, the organization has become a leading advocate for showcasing the vitality and talent that age

brings. The Ms. Senior Daytona/New Smyrna Beach Pageant is an exciting addition to their esteemed repertoire, aimed at celebrating the charisma and accomplishments of local women.

Women aged 50 and older are encouraged to apply for this empowering and inspiring event. The pageant seeks to redefine societal norms and redefine the concept of beauty by highlighting the wisdom and strength that comes with age.

In addition, local businesses are invited to support this extraordinary event by becoming sponsors. Sponsorship not only fosters a sense of community but also enables businesses to showcase their commitment to promoting inclusivity, empowering women, and celebrating the vibrant spirit of our seniors.



For more information and to apply for the pageant, please visit [ASeasonedAffair.com](http://ASeasonedAffair.com). Join us in honoring the radiance and wisdom of mature women in the Ms. Senior Daytona/New Smyrna Beach Pageant at the Brannon Civic Center on June 29, 2024.

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**GEAR UP FOR EDGEWATER'S FALL EVENTS**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 4 to 8 PM, at the Hawks Park Ballfields (148 West Turgot Avenue, tucked behind the Southeast Volusia Family YMCA). Here's what you can look forward to: a children's costume contest starting at 7 PM, complimentary access to a petting zoo and pony rides courtesy of the Edgewater Police Department Police Volunteers, delightful

hayrides, thrilling punkin' chunkin', various games, and the evening's highlight, a secure Trunk or Treat area for little ones to collect and savor Halloween treats.



For those seeking spine-tingling excitement, venture into Mike's Haunted Forest, a hair-raising experience that's not suitable for children or the faint-hearted. You'll find it nestled between the Hawks Park Amphitheater and the Southeast Volusia Family YMCA, and the spooky fun kicks off at 7 PM.

Admission is absolutely free; all we ask is that you bring a non-perishable food item for donation. Your generosity will support Gifts of Love as they gather food to stock a trailer, which will then be distributed to hungry families in our community. Connect with the organizers for more info. (386) 424-2400 x7207

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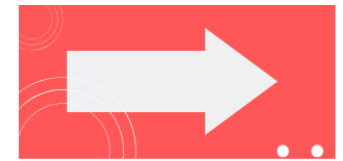



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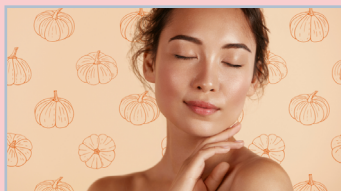
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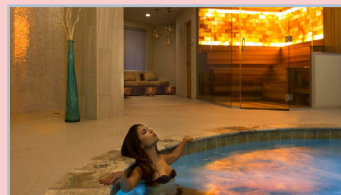
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elevate your look but also allow you to express yourself in a more subtle way. Remember that fashion is about expressing yourself. Whether you're going all in with bold leather or adding a touch of flair with accessories, let your style be a reflection of your unique personality. After all, in the ever-evolving world of fashion, individuality is the ultimate trendsetter.

**Stylist • Journalist • Model:** Danielle Napolitano **IG:** @Danielle\_Napolitano\_Stylist

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## GET THE LOOK

**MODEL:** Red leather dress: CorMath Thrift Store; NSB / Gold earrings: Amazon | **1.** Ann Voyage Portland Earrings | **2.** Michael Kors Sonia Medium Leather Shoulder Bag; color: Bright Red | **3.** Lisianthus Women Belt Buckle Fedora Hat | **4.** Ferragamo Leather Sandals



**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 Beach.





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## Bobby G Takes on Fire Station 51

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When I think of firefighters and what it is they do on a daily basis, my perspective is primarily based on obvious observations. This includes fighting fires and being the first responders in emergency situations, as well as the portrayal of their work in television shows - a portrayal that often diverges from the actual daily operations of firefighters. I decided to venture behind the scenes and explore the inner workings of a firehouse, specifically Firehouse 51 in New Smyrna Beach.

We arrived on a rainy afternoon, and were greeted by Driver Engineer Adam Sarwi, who has dedicated 8 years of service to the fire department. I had the chance to ask the real questions, the ones that I thought were important and may not be known to the average person. Such as who is the station's best cook, whether they wore socks to bed while on duty, and why more experienced firefighters are referred to as "salty." Yes, those questions.

Adam shared that, in his opinion, Bubba was the best cook. However, Bubba humbly acknowledged that a few of the newer firefighters had been to culinary school, and they too could whip up some delicious meals. Typically, they take turns preparing meals with whoever is on duty that day. We actually interrupted lunchtime on our visit and they were enjoying pizza, I still don't know if it was delivery or Digiorno.

The reason I asked about whether or not they sleep with socks on was because, in the event of an alarm, firefighters must swiftly get dressed and be ready to depart. I read that many firefighters sleep with their socks on to shorten the amount of time it takes them to get ready. Adam informed me that yes, he does sleep with his socks on, however that is a personal preference and not the case for everyone. "Salty" is a term reserved

for the most seasoned firefighters, earned through their dedication and love for their work. It signifies replacing the open seas with the fire floor. On that particular day, Bubba held the title of the "saltiest," having been with the department for 22 years.

I always believed that a fire pole was an integral part of every firehouse. However, Adam pointed out that not all stations had them, especially the newer ones, and that Firehouse 51 only had one floor. Nothing escapes my attention. The living quarters of Station 51 has individual rooms set up like dorms, with bunk beds and private bathrooms, a gym, a fully equipped kitchen, a television area with comfortable recliners and a laundry room.

Most shifts span 24 hours, with a subsequent 48-hour break unless they opt for overtime. A typical day commences with ensuring the fire truck is clean and in optimal working condition. It falls upon the crew of





that day to pass on the equipment and supplies to the next shift to help them in their daily duties.

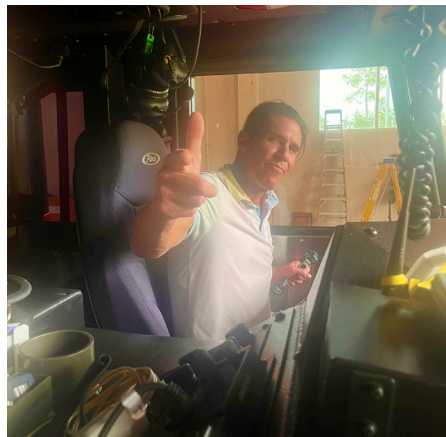
The fire truck is like a toolbox on wheels, housing all the equipment such as axes, step chocks, cribbing for car stabilization, an assortment of saws, including the “jaws of life,” necessary medications because they also serve as paramedics and EMTs, and, of course, fire hoses. The center of the truck is a 750-gallon water tank, which depending on the hose being used can run out pretty quickly. There is technology on board assisting the drivers on the best route to get to the destination and where fire hydrants are located.



Who doesn't want to be a firefighter when they are a kid? I know I did, it was either that or an astronaut, but I really wanted to put on the full regalia and just for a second see what it was like to literally be in their shoes. The gear weighs approximately 45 pounds, and envisioning them navigating flights of stairs in unthinkable situations in overwhelming heat only deepened my admiration for the dedication of these men and women.

As we were leaving Tiffany asked one last question, “Have any of the fire stations ever caught on fire?” My eyes lit up as he started laughing and replied, “Funny you should ask that.” Adam went on to explain there is a safety feature at every station that automatically turns off the stove and oven when the alarm sounds. It is the life of an on-duty firefighter to have to leave abruptly, even in the middle of making a meal. Once you return back to the fire station there is a reset button that turns everything back

on, so if you left something cooking, it starts right back up. He went on to say there may have been an internal alarm set off caused by some burning eggs, but nothing more than that.



I want to thank Mike Greene for the story inspiration and for connecting me with Adam and Bubba who welcomed us into their “home,” so to speak. To all those who carry out these vital duties worldwide and here at home, I offer my sincerest thanks for your unwavering commitment and service.

**Bobby G out!**



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Celebrate culture with 6 gallery stops featuring over 100 artists. Most of the artwork is handcrafted by local fine artists.




**13 FRI OCT 13**

1 - 11 PM

2140 S. Riverside Dr. #19/20, Edgewater

**Typsy Unicorn's Brewing Grand Opening**

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**13 FRI OCT 13**

6:30 - 9 PM

Earl Brown Park, DeLand

**The Haunted Trail**

Come out and join us for a fun, yet spooky night of treats and some tricks! All the fun is FREE! Games, food trucks and more!




**14 SAT OCT 14**

7:15 AM

Venetian Bay Country Club, NSB

**Chip In for Miracle League Tournament**

This charity golf tournament benefits The Miracle League of Volusia and includes coffee/pastries, range balls, 4 player scramble, game day pass, lunch, beverages, contests, raffles, and 50/50. 4 player teams: \$500. Register and pay @ [MiracleLeagueVolusia.org](http://MiracleLeagueVolusia.org).



**14 SAT OCT 14**

1 - 5 PM

Beach St., Downtown Daytona

**Fall Wine and Chocolate Walk**

Sip, savor & stroll into bliss - join the inaugural Fall Wine & Chocolate Walk in downtown Daytona Beach! Don't miss out on decadent delights, live music, and artistic magic.




**17-21 OCT 17 - 21** (+)

TUE - SUN

throughout NSB

**NSB Plein Air Paint Out**

21 highly regarded plein air artists will showcase beloved locations throughout New Smyrna Beach in their one-of-a-kind artwork. Most events throughout the week, including artist demonstrations, are FREE and open to the public. Find full schedule at [MarineDiscoveryCenter.org](http://MarineDiscoveryCenter.org).



**18 WED OCT 18**

5 - 8 PM

Crimson House, NSB

**Tips for Turtle Trackers**

Join the NSB Turtle Trackers for a lovely evening at Crimson House and learn about sea turtles, meet the Trackers, hear the stats, support local conservation, and have lots of fun! All tips support the NSB Turtle Trackers program.



**21 SAT OCT 21**

1 - 5 PM

Flagler Avenue, NSB

**Chili Challenge**

Mild, hot, medium or spicy, come taste different styles of chili! You'll be able to sample different style of chili's from host locations along the avenue. Tasters can vote for their favorite chili and the winning host locations will receive the "Best at the Beach" awards.



**26 THU OCT 26**

6:30 PM

Marine Discovery Center, NSB

**When Nature Meets Healthcare**

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**27 FRI OCT 27**

6 - 8 PM

Reed Canal Park, S. Daytona

**Trick or Treat Drive-Thru Boo**

Drive through a free trick or treat maze with candy stops along the way! Reservations required @ [SouthDaytona.org](http://SouthDaytona.org)



**28 SAT OCT 28**

3 - 10 PM

Beach St., Downtown Daytona

**Oktoberfest**

Oktoberfest in Downtown Daytona Beach is the place to be for a lively and festive atmosphere. Don't miss the adorable Weiner Dog Derby at the heart of the excitement. Join in the fun and celebrate German culture!



**28 SAT OCT 28**


4 - 7 PM

ONE DAYTONA, Daytona Beach

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**31 TUE OCT 31**

6 - 8 PM

Woodland Blvd., DeLand

**Monsters on Mainstreet**

Downtown trick or treating and activities for the whole family to enjoy!




**31 TUE OCT 31**

6 - 8 PM

City Island Park, Daytona

**Trunk or Treat**

Bring the families to a new location this year -- City Island Park at 113 Jackie Robinson Parkway in downtown Daytona Beach, for a howling good time. Kids can trick or treat around decorated vehicles and enjoy free games, face painting and more. There will be a costume contest at 7 p.m. with prizes.



**2-12 NOV 2 - 12** (+)

THU - SUN

Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand

**Volusia County Fair & Youth Show**

The event of the season with carnival rides, food, live entertainment, livestock shows and more! The fair features midway rides, entertainment and great food and fun for the whole family.




**4 SAT NOV 4**

1:30 & 7:30 PM

Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

**Monster Truck Nitro Tour**

Come witness a visual spectacle mixed with these incredible 10,000-pound, car-crushing giants as they compete in racing, wheelie contests, and then rock the house with amazing freestyle action during the Monster Truck Nitro Tour! Plus, you can meet the drivers and see the trucks up close at the pre-event Autograph Pit Party! Tix @ [MonsterTruckTour.com](http://MonsterTruckTour.com)



**4 SAT NOV 4**

2 - 6 PM

Mill Lake Park, Orange City

**Country & Blue Grass Music Festival**

Shop local vendors for all your holiday shopping. Enjoy live music and great food! Cash and other great prizes will be given away to the best Demin and Boats attire. Enjoy the Dance & Sing contest as well as the brand new pumpkin carving contest which will begin at 2 PM. Tickets at [OCCountryAndBluegrassFestival.org](http://OCCountryAndBluegrassFestival.org).




**4 FRI NOV 4**

1st FRIDAY @ 6:30 PM

Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach

**Movies on the Halifax**

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





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12 THU OCT 12

6 - 9 PM

31 Supper Club, Ormond Beach

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12-15 OCT 12 - 15

THU - SUN

Port Orange City Center

Port Orange Family Days

Events include business expo, parade, Street Painting Festival, carnival and live performances! Find full schedule at POCTrust.org.



12-22 OCT 12 - 22

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The Little Theatre, NSB

Wait Until Dark

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19 THU OCT 19/NOV 16

5 - 9 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Canal Street Nights: Oktoberfest

Canal Street Nights is back and celebrating Oktoberfest. Drive and shop along historic Canal Street, enjoy the live Polka band, dine and shop from street vendors, plus kids' activities and trick-or-treating on Canal Street!



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.



21 SAT OCT 21

9 AM - 2 PM

Riverfront Esplanade, Daytona

Children's Business Fair

Observe the opportunity for children to launch their very own startup business! Kids develop a brand, create a product or service, build a marketing strategy, and then open for customers at our one-day marketplace.



28 SAT OCT 28

4 - 10 PM

Main Street, Daytona Beach

Halloween Bar Crawl

Welcome to the Nightmare on Main Street! Grab your friends, throw on your best costume & join us in downtown Daytona Beach for a fun CREEP-tacula way to enjoy Halloween! (21+). Free shirt included with first 100 tickets. Get advanced tickets for \$22 at AllEvents.in - includes drink tickets, lanyard and after party.



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31 TUE OCT 31

5 - 8 PM

Port Orange City Center

Halloween Fest

Compete to win prizes in a costume contest, collect candy from the trunk or treat community expo, have some fun in the kids zone, enjoy food from over 10 local vendors, participate in festive games.



4-5 NOV 4 - 5

SAT-SUN @ 9 AM-5 PM

Beach Street, Daytona Beach

Halifax Art Festival

The Halifax Art Festival is the second oldest continual festival in Florida. The Festival features a unique blend of fine arts, crafts, music, food, and fun. Admission is free to the public with plenty of free parking. The Festival features juried local, regional, and national original works of art from over 200+ artists offering affordable art work for the established as well as the beginning collector.



11 SAT NOV 11

10 AM - 9 PM

Menard May Park, Edgewater

Pirates on the Edge

A family event of pirate-themed community fun, business expo, live music, Pirate Thieves Market, Pirate Ball and more! Tix for Pirate Ball and vendor opportunities available now @ PiratesOnTheEdge.com.

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# Meghaphone Marketing: Elevating Visual Storytelling

By: Tiffany Evers

Meghan Hughes, a local female entrepreneur, has been making a significant impact with her venture, Meghaphone Marketing, over the last 6 years. Let's dive into the world of Meghaphone Marketing.

## A PASSION FOR VIDEOGRAPHY AND MARKETING

Meghaphone Marketing was founded by Meghan Hughes in 2017, a talented individual who has spent her life both in front of and behind the camera. This background has given her a unique perspective on the power of visual storytelling. Her agency specializes in various aspects of videography, including commercial video production, motion graphic videos, web commercials, and social media content. From the initial script writing to the final editing process, Meghan's team ensures that every video project they undertake is nothing short of spectacular.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PHILANTHROPY

Meghan Hughes is not just a businesswoman; she's also deeply committed to giving back to her community. She actively collaborates with numerous

non-profit organizations, using her expertise to support their causes and make a positive impact. It's this dedication to both her craft and her community that sets her apart from the competition.



## INNOVATIVE DRONE FOOTAGE SERVICES

One of the standout features of Meghaphone Marketing is their innovative drone footage services. Using state-of-the-art drones and cameras, Meghan's team captures breathtaking aerial footage that adds a dynamic perspective to their projects.

Whether it's capturing real estate listings, construction sites, special events, or marketing campaigns, their experienced pilots and high-quality equipment ensure visually stunning results.

## PERSONAL TOUCH AND HANDS-ON APPROACH

What truly sets her apart is Meghan's hands-on approach. She's known for making her clients feel comfortable in front of the camera, whether it's for a commercial, an event, or even personal celebrations like baby showers and weddings. Her ability to connect with people and capture genuine moments is what makes her the perfect addition to any gathering.

## RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Meghan's dedication and talent have not gone unnoticed. She has received the prestigious 40 Under 40 Award multiple times, a testament to her unwavering commitment to excellence in her field. She has also taken home a Silver ADDY award from the American Advertising Federation District 4. Her relentless pursuit of excellence is reflected in every project she takes on.



## EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY AND VOICEOVER SERVICES

In addition to videography, she offers event photography services. She captures the essence of special events, delivering high-quality images that become cherished memories. With top-of-the-line equipment and experienced photographers, she can ensure that your event's unique spirit is beautifully preserved.

She also provides professional voiceover services. These services encompass everything from script analysis and





preparation to audio recording and editing. She even offers AI-generated voices for projects where a human voice actor is not required, expanding their scope and versatility.

#### MEGHA-PACKAGES: GET YOUR VOICE HEARD

Meghan offers monthly videography packages to suit various budgets and needs. Each package includes a complimentary 30-minute pre-shoot consultation to help plan and storyboard your project, ensuring it aligns perfectly with your vision.

#### CONNECT WITH MEGHAPHONE MARKETING

To experience the magic of Meghaphone Marketing, check out her work online and follow her on social media. Whether you're



a business looking to grow your brand, an event planner seeking the perfect visual touch, or an individual looking to capture life's special moments, Meghaphone Marketing is your go-to solution.

In a world where visual storytelling is more crucial than ever, Meghan and her team are empowering businesses and individuals to amplify their voices and reach their full potential. With a blend of talent, community involvement, and cutting-edge technology, she is turning dreams into reality one frame at a time.

To start your journey with Meghaphone Marketing, reach out to Meghan Hughes at (386) 689-8531 or [meghan@meghaphonemarketing.com](mailto:meghan@meghaphonemarketing.com). Don't miss the opportunity to capture your memories and elevate your brand with the help of this remarkable marketing agency.



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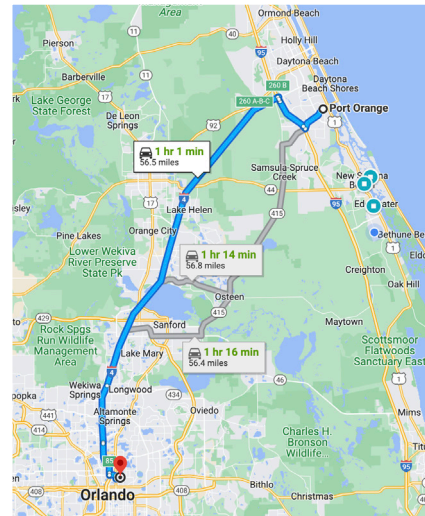
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## Happy Frights & Haunting Nights

Leu Gardens, Orlando

Article & Photos by: Kelsey Walters



Spooky Season is officially here and our family is fully invested! We live for the thrills, chills and all things Halloween. That being said, we couldn't wait to visit Florida's newest Halloween event, being held now through October 31 at Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando.

Over the years, we've visited a ton of holiday events that make big promises and don't always deliver. Happy Frights and Haunting Nights met our expectations and then some! With top-notch production, fun and interactive characters and stunning visuals, this is a fall tradition your family will want to keep for years to come. And with two different experiences being offered, the spooky adventure has room to grow with your family.

Happy Frights is offered for kids and families of all ages. Upon arrival, you'll stop in for a trick-or-treat bag and a map of the magically transformed gardens. While there is candy involved, the real experience is in the stroll throughout the sprawling gardens which is now teeming with creepy crawlies, furry monsters, giant sea creatures and more. This route is perfect for any family member, even babies, as there is nothing overly scary but is spooky enough to get you in the Halloween mood.



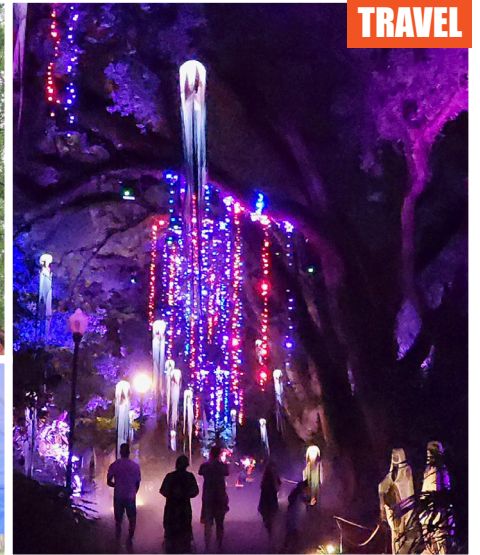
Haunting Nights offers the same experiences on a more grown-up level with some more jump scares and is geared towards adults and kids 13 and up (but all are welcome to join if you think your child can handle the frights!). Both experiences offer beer, wine, fall and carnival themed snacks and a variety of flavored lemonades and drinks.



We opted for Happy Frights and set our reservation early in the evening to beat the crowds. Upon arrival, we practically had the place to ourselves! Reservations are in one-hour blocks and you are asked to arrive 15 minutes before your start time to allow for parking and admission, however you can stay as long as you'd like (until things switch over to Haunting Nights).

To enter the gardens, we first had to learn the "troll hop" to get across the bridge guarded by the friendly resident troll. Once we were safely across, we had 12 immersive spine-tingling worlds to explore. Jeepers Peepers leads you on a jungle trail full of watching eyes, but look out! Massive jumping spiders are lurking around every corner! We skipped along the Jack-O-Lantern Jaunt lined with grinning pumpkin faces, to find a glowing, winding maze full of twists, turns and swaying ghosts. At the end, we found the labyrinth





monster, Ned, giving Avery the chance to practice some of her new witchy spells, including freezing him.

We grabbed a front row seat for the magic show, which happens every 20 minutes or so throughout the night, where a very excited little witch in training was pulled on stage to help with the grand finale. This of course, only boosted her belief in her newfound powers and we have been subject to her spells ever since.

If you can time it just right, and end your visit at sunset, the gardens come alive even more with eerie mood lighting and it feels like a whole new experience. Don't worry about it being too dark for photos with characters either, Leu Gardens knows exactly how to light up the night so you get the perfect shot.

Our family was blown away by the attention to detail and thought that went into creating these magical worlds and characters. Our night was brimming with enchantment and our memories painted with the hues of a truly magical Halloween adventure. May your nights be haunted and your spirits delightfully spooked!



Every character we met was so interactive and took the time to play with and make each kid feel special. Avery even earned a gold coin from the pirates at The Barracks for her pirate jokes. At the Dragon's Nest,

Along Apparition Alley, ghosts and ghouls float through the air and hover above. Sunflowers tower over you in the fields near the Scarecrow Summit, where you can climb a mountain of straw. There's a never-ending dance party at Bubble Block Party where we met a giant seahorse and absolutely enormous crab swirling through a sea of bubbles.

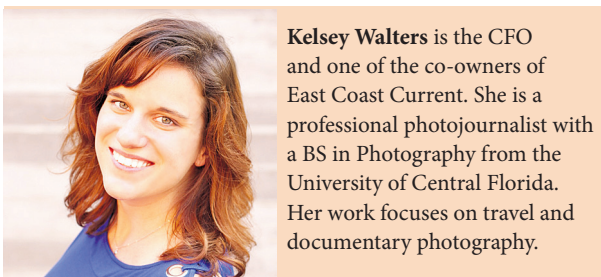
In the final mystical world of the evening, we celebrated El Día de Muertos, with La Catrina - the beautiful skeleton who serves as the holiday's symbol of the cycle of life, and a reminder to enjoy life, but also embrace death.

the beautiful Phoenix took her down the path through towering lifelike moving dragons and introduced her to each one by name.



**HAPPY FRIGHTS AND HAUNTING NIGHTS**

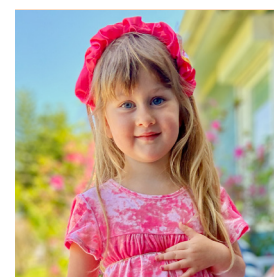
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**Scott Walters** is Kelsey's husband of six years and Avery's proud father. He is originally from Connecticut and has lived in Florida since he was 11 years old.



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



## Boozy Pumpkin Party Punch Cocktail

Jazz up your fall with this juicy Boozy Pumpkin Party Punch Cocktail! Infuse some fantastic autumn fruit with this festive blend of two wines, spiced rum, and pumpkin-spiced apple cider.



**Preparation:** Prep Time: 10 minutes • Chilling Time: 2 hours • Servings: 6

### Ingredients:

- 1 750 ml bottle white wine chilled (Sauvignon Blanc or Pinot Grigio)
- 1 cup apple cider chilled
- 1/2-1 cup spiced rum
- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup Torani Pumpkin Pie Syrup
- 2 apples thinly sliced
- 1 Bosc pear thinly sliced
- 1 orange quartered and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup pomegranate arils
- 1 750 ml bottle Prosecco or sparkling water
- 1.5 tablespoons granulated sugar for garnish
- 1/2 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice for garnish
- Cinnamon sticks for garnish



### INSTRUCTIONS

In a large pitcher or punch bowl, whisk together white wine, apple cider, spiced rum, pumpkin puree, and syrup until well blended. Add apple, pear, and orange slices and pomegranate arils, stirring well. Refrigerate at least 2 hours to combine flavors. When ready to serve, add Prosecco (or sparkling water) and stir. Whisk sugar and pie spice together in a shallow bowl until combined. Wet rims of serving glasses with an orange wedge, then dip in the spice mixture. Ladle punch and infused fruit into prepared glasses and garnish with cinnamon sticks, if desired. **Notes:** Consume punch within 1 day.

### NUTRITION

Calories: 397kcal | Carbohydrates: 54g | Protein: 1g | Fat: 1g | Saturated Fat: 1g | Sodium: 36mg | Potassium: 490mg | Fiber: 4g | Sugar: 44g | Vitamin A: 4848IU | Vitamin C: 19mg | Calcium: 56mg | Iron: 3mg



## White Chocolate Pumpkin Cheesecake Tart

**Preparation:** Prep Time: 30 minutes • Cook Time: 40 minutes • Chilling Time: 1 hour • Servings:



### Ingredients:

- 2 cups gingersnap cookies crushed
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter melted
- 2 cups cream cheese softened
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar packed
- 4 ounces white chocolate melted
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree
- 2 large eggs room temperature

### INSTRUCTIONS

Position a rack in the center of the oven and heat the oven to 325°F. Pulse the gingersnaps in a blender or food processor until fine. In a medium bowl, mix the crumbs and melted butter until evenly moistened. Put the crumbs in the tart pan and use your hands to spread the crumbs so that they cover the bottom of the pan and sides. Using your fingers, pinch and press some crumbs around the inside edge of the pan, covering the sides evenly in a 1/4 inch thick wall.

Spread the remaining crumbs evenly over the bottom of the pan and press firmly. Bake the crust 8-10 minutes, then remove to a wire rack. While the crust is cooling, Add the cream cheese, brown sugar, melted white chocolate, and pumpkin spice in a medium bowl. Use a hand mixer (or stand mixer) to blend the ingredients together until smooth, 3-4 minutes. Add the pumpkin puree and mix until combined. Add each egg one at a time, mixing well between, until the mixture is smooth and evenly blended. Pour the cheesecake mixture into the cooled tart crust, spreading it with a spatula to even it out. Bake at 325°F for 30-35 minutes, or until filling is just set. Transfer the tart pan to a wire rack to cool completely, then chill in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour. When ready to serve, top with whipped cream and garnish as desired with extra gingersnaps and/or white chocolate.

### NUTRITION

Calories: 377kcal | Carbohydrates: 32g | Protein: 5g | Fat: 26g | Saturated Fat: 14g | Cholesterol: 91mg | Sodium: 239mg | Potassium: 198mg | Sugar: 19g | Vitamin A: 3165IU | Vitamin C: 0.7mg | Calcium: 89mg | Iron: 1.8mg



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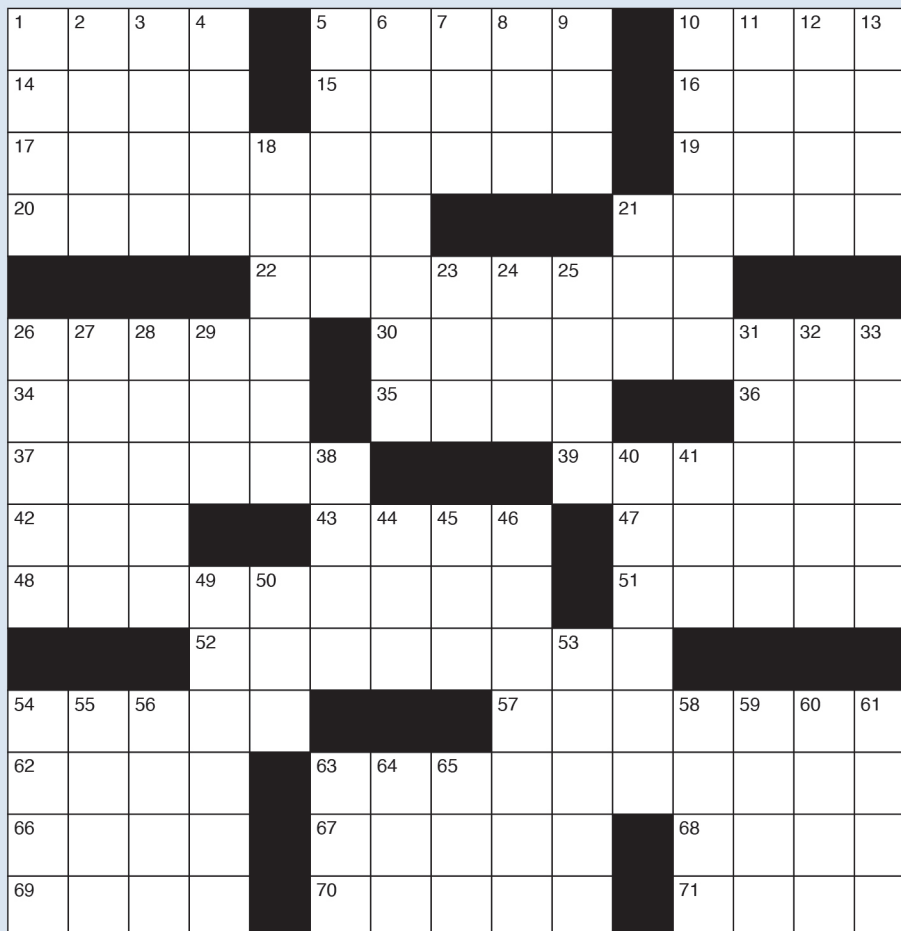
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## Across

1. Bar codes, briefly
5. Pet protection gp.
10. "Lord of the Rings" baddies
14. Sticky stuff
15. Smear
16. River to the Colorado
17. Malicious critique
19. Gomez to Anjelica's Morticia
20. "...and) don't come back!"
21. Opera's Dame Nellie
22. Sommeliers
26. Astern
30. Disgust
34. Paso \_\_\_\_: two-step
35. Rosebud, for one
36. \_\_\_\_ bono (legal term)
37. "Paper Moon" costars
39. Pleasure craft
42. "Don't \_\_\_\_ fool!"
43. Codlike fish
47. Miss Morgenstern of 70's TV
48. Carson's sidekick
51. Element with the symbol B
52. "Unfortunately, that's the case"
54. Largest city in Ghana
57. iPod attachments
62. "Silly old bear"
63. Egyptian President
66. "...and \_\_\_\_ it again!"
67. The Balance
68. On the alert
69. Show surprise
70. Wreck
71. Big cat



## Down

28. Crosswise on a ship
29. The Sunshine St.
31. Blood of Olympians
32. Trump, maybe
33. Passover month
38. Half of a Chinese dog breed
40. Bowers
41. Comedienne Margaret
44. Finder's cry
45. \_\_\_\_ pond
46. Wins over
49. Drive-in restaurant server
50. Painter's deg.
53. "Sex and the City" first name
54. Sweat like \_\_\_\_
55. Opposite of an intro, in music
56. New England catches
58. Wait lustily
59. Son of Saddam
60. Patch socks
61. River of myth
63. Lou Gehrig's disease (abbr.)
64. Simple math game
65. Fighters' gp.

## Down

1. Repulsed reactions
2. Land map
3. \_\_\_\_ check (pay)
4. Cabinet off.
5. Alaska Peninsula native
6. Tot tenders
7. Kid's sandwich, for short
8. Head honcho
9. Neighbor of Gre.
10. Female fiend
11. Mideast money
12. Collection of members
13. Ramon's room
18. Low-cost lodging
21. CLV times X
23. \_\_\_\_-Bilt (power tool brand)
24. Human cousin
25. Huxtable kid
26. Hacienda brick
27. \_\_\_\_ up (studied)

## SEPT 2023 ANSWERS



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





## Protecting Your Eyes from the Sun

Protecting your eyes from the sun's harmful rays is crucial for maintaining good eye health. Sunglasses play a significant role in safeguarding your eyes from potential damage caused by ultraviolet (UV) radiation and other environmental factors. Here are some reasons why wearing sunglasses is important for eye health:

**UV Protection:** Prolonged exposure to (UV) rays from the sun can lead to various eye problems, including cataracts, macular degeneration, pterygium (a growth of the surface of the eye), and photokeratitis (sunburned cornea). Sunglasses with proper UV protection help block harmful UV rays and reduce the risk of these conditions.



**Preventing Cataracts:** Sunlight can contribute to the development and progression of cataracts, which is a clouding of the lens of the eye. Wearing sunglasses that block UV rays can help prevent or slow down the formation of cataracts, which can impair your vision over time.



**Orest M. Krajnyk, MD Board Certified Ophthalmologist and Refractive Surgeon**  
He received his Medical Degree from Rutgers University and completed his medical residency at Brown University. Dr. Krajnyk specializes in cataract surgery and vision correction surgery such as LASIK. He has three offices in Volusia County and he is accepting new patients.

**Minimizing Glare and Improving Visibility:** Sunglasses with polarized lenses reduce glare from reflective surfaces like water. This helps you see more clearly and reduces strain on your eyes.

**Preventing Skin Cancer and Aging:** The delicate skin around the eyes is susceptible to skin cancer and premature aging due to sun exposure. Wearing sunglasses protects both your eyes and the skin around your eyes.

**Comfort and Eye Fatigue Reduction:** Wearing sunglasses on sunny days or in high-glare environments increases comfort and reduces eye fatigue. This can enhance your ability to perform daily activities without straining your eyes excessively.

**Overall Eye Health:** By wearing sunglasses consistently, you contribute to maintaining long-term health and preserving your vision throughout your life. Preventing eye conditions and diseases is easier and more cost-effective than treating them once they occur.

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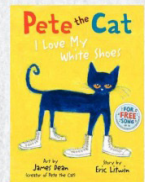


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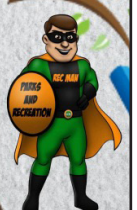
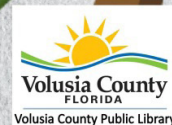
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## Adventures of a Modern Pirate

It had been one of those equable moments in life that heightened the senses into paying more attention to the surroundings and somehow managed to slow down life enough to soften the regret that summer was coming to a close. Soon the mainland and home would become my destination. Imagine seeing everything in slow motion simply because you didn't want to leave the beauty and peace of a tropical paradise. It was an emotional conundrum swirling within my head like a hurricane at sea, and I was not happy facing life once again, because responsibilities awaited me.

"You're a million miles away," my uncle said nonchalantly. "I know the feeling."

I watched as my uncle gazed out past the white sandy shore, past the gleaming white caps along the blue crystalline sea, past the horizon and into a distant spot that only he knew of. I glanced out too, but I knew it was in his head, and so I remained silent only because I understood his feelings and I concurred.

"Peter will be here any day," he added.

"It can't last forever," I replied.

"No, it can't."

And that was it! The moment was conceded and we went about setting up our hammocks within the shade of welcoming palm trees. The bottle of rum was opened, and together we had a grand time chasing down the bitter

taste with warm beer in the picturesque scenery of Little San Salvador Island. The water was refreshing, crystal clear, and the sandy bottom seemed like snow under glass, as if in a snow globe. The day seemed like the day before and the day we knew would come: perfect.

The crisp morning drifted into a warm day, which turned into a cool evening, that drifted into a deep and dark star-filled night. The warm fire illuminated the beach as coconuts could be heard falling with stunted thuds around us. The moonlight reflected across the ocean as if a landing strip that came right at us and onto the beach. It gave the impression that planes could come in for a landing, and the irony was that Peter would be doing just that and soon. My mind's eye pictured the large sea plane splashing down and coming to a soft touchdown on the beach just feet away from our camp.

I was ready for the experience, but I was not ready to leave paradise.

Gotta get back to my coconut concoctions...

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



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## Fishaholic: October Report

Captain Austin bringing you the fishing report for the New Smyrna Beach area. If you have spent any time out on the water lately, you noticed a slight change in the air. Shorter days and air temps dropping slightly has triggered the mullet run. The migration starts up the Atlantic Coast with the fish moving in a southerly direction.

With the mullet comes the marauding packs of gamefish that feed on them. The list of species includes: snook, redfish, tarpon, sharks, bluefish, kingfish and more. One night recently, the entire intracoastal waterway was busting with mullet. If you find yourself in that situation, the best way to fish is getting



your bait near the bottom. By fishing a bait on the bottom, you are putting the bait in a situation where it can be more easily seen by the predators. It can be hard getting your bait noticed when the fish have hundreds of choices to choose from.

We are still in snook season, however. The problem I have been having lately is everything we catch is over the slot size (28-32 inches). I shouldn't complain, but many charters look forward to keeping a fish or two.

Over the years, our snook fishery has really developed into a very stable fishery where you can reasonably expect to catch fish over 30 inches on any given day. The reason for the gradual increase in the snook population is all the mild winters we have been experiencing. Let's hope this trend increases over the years.

The redfish have been consistent all up and down the intracoastal waterway and this year has been one of the best people have experienced in years. With improved water quality in Mosquito Lagoon, many fishermen described the fishing as good as it was in the early 2000s. Later in the month and into November, we will see the giant reds move from offshore to the inlet to spawn. These are spawning fish, so this is strictly catch-and-release only. It's very important for the future generation of redfish so please handle them with care.

As always, let us know if you'd like us to take you fishing. We have some days open before the crazy winter season begins so give us a call or text.

-Captain Austin



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NSB Commissioners Hartman and Perrine were on hand to judge The Brannon Center's Food Truck Challenge held on September 4. Congratulations to winners, The Hook Orlando (pictured), and AI's Ice Cream and to runners up Get n Roast'd and Coastal Donuts! Photo: Brannon Center

Local wildlife and nature photographer, Shelley Lynch, spotted a playful dolphin grabbing lunch in NSB this fall. Find more of Shelley's work at ShelleyLynchPhotos.com.



Congratulations to all the winners of the 2023 Sangria Social held on September 9 along Flagler Avenue. The event featured tasting passports to sample hosts' best sangria creations along the avenue. The winner of the Red Sangria was Mermaid Cafe (pictured) with runners up, Crabby's and Traders. The winner of the White Sangria was D'Amore with runners up, Clancy's Cantina and Avanu.



The EDGEfest Coastal Clean Up was held on September 16 at Menard May Park in Edgewater. The clean up included a kids' catch and release fishing tournament sponsored by Southern States Fishin' & Huntin' Magazine and 110 pounds of trash was collected from the park and surrounding area. Photos by: Debbie Dolbow - Edgewater City Council, District 3

Local mural artist, Perego, revealed the new "Inspire" mural on September 23 at Midtown Cafe in Daytona Beach. It depicts the grandson of the cafe owners blowing bubbles filled with important figures in Daytona Beach Black history: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Yvonne Scarlett-Golden, Charles W. Cherry, Sr. and James Huger. This is the first of several new art installations that the city has set aside money to help fund throughout the Midtown neighborhood. Photo: Cassie Goyner



Throughout October at the Edgewater Animal Shelter, all adult cats are just \$50 to adopt, and kittens are buy one, get one free! 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 at 605 Mango Tree Drive or visit EdgewaterAnimalShelter.org to apply.





# Check Out What The Locals Are Up To



The Lemerand Center of Excellence launched in September in partnership with Daytona State College and FBHCommunity (Food Brings Hope). Volusia County Schools are thrilled to be providing after-school tutoring and academic enrichment to our dedicated students! Yesterday, the DSC Campus Safety team, Mr. Lance and Mr. Dold, greeted our students as they arrived at DSC.



Sheriff Mike Chitwood is making a big impact at New Smyrna Beach High School! On September 26, he generously donated and transferred the title of a brand-new patrol car to the school, benefiting the Criminal Justice Academy. This vehicle will replace their outdated one, ensuring the students have the best tools to excel in their studies. Photo: Volusia County Schools



Beach Rentals and Refreshments of Volusia County, along with The Ice Queen Truck, were treated to a private tour of the Marine Science Center in Ponce Inlet after being honored this year with plaques recognizing their fundraising and donation efforts through the Turtle Program they implemented benefiting The Friends of the Marine Science Center. BR&R's Melanie Nordstrom and the Ice Queen herself, Tina Marie Sabella, visited with some of the residents and got a sneak peek at the newest additions and upgrades coming to the center their donations and fundraising are going towards.



Spruce Creek Elementary celebrated Rock Your School Day in style on September 29! The kids were greeted at drop off by the Spruce Creek High School football team cheering them on as they prepared for that night's homecoming game. Photos: Spruce Creek Elementary



On the morning of September 11, the DeLand Fire Department Honor Guard memorialized the events of 9/11 at Station 81 followed by a memorial breakfast.



# fishing Report

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As we transition into fall, September has proven to be an eventful month for the diverse fish species inhabiting the backwaters. Our fishing experiences have been shaped by the ebb and flow of tides, with a few good days of low tides, followed by more high tide days. Abundant baitfish like finger mullet, mud guppies of considerable size, and schools of greenies have enriched our angling endeavors. In addition to natural bait, artificial lures from Nasty Strikes Baits and Henn Lures have proven successful. Particularly, the white-colored paddle tails, shrimp imitations, and minnow-style plastics have been favored by our backwater friends.

I decided to linger at a spot that I usually pass through quickly, opting to use live bait instead of artificial or topwater lures. This choice paid off with a remarkable three-day streak of landing some substantial redfish. Throughout the month, topwater plugs have also yielded results, although I admit I lost more fish than I managed to hook. When it comes to topwater plug colors, my preferences lean towards bone, gray, and neon yellow.

My fishing companion, Dave McKinnon, had an exciting encounter when he sight-casted a redfish feeding near a backwater oyster bar, using the white Nasty Strike paddle tail. Dave, a skilled angler, is gradually mastering the art of sight-casting in the backwaters.

Another memorable experience took place during an evening session with my neighbor, Rob Vella, right behind my house at sunset. We both had the pleasure of landing some substantial redfish. Personally, I had success with the outgoing tide, catching a variety of smaller trout thanks to the Henn shrimp lure.

Finally, my lovely lady, Rachel Vause, achieved a remarkable feat at our wading spot, which I have coined, "Rachel's." She landed a stunning redfish using a live mullet, circle hook, and a few BB weights. As we anticipate the forthcoming flood tides, we remain vigilant for the telltale signs of baitfish activity, promising more incredible fishing adventures in the near future.

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



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