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The Little Theatre Presents Dark Comedy, "The Smell of the Kill" beginning September 12

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The Smell of the Kill
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Three unhappy wives face an unexpected choice when their miserable, unloving husbands accidentally trap themselves in a meat locker – do they leave them in the cold, or let them out to thaw?

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The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach is excited to kick off its fall season with the witty and dark comedy "The Smell of the Kill," directed by Louise Schneberger. Performances are scheduled for September 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m., with matinee showings on September 15 and 22 at 2 p.m.

This biting comedy follows three unhappy wives who find themselves with an unexpected decision to make when their insufferable husbands accidentally lock themselves in a meat freezer. As the evening unfolds, the women debate whether to leave their husbands out in the cold or to rescue them from their icy predicament. "The Smell of the Kill" is a sharp, darkly humorous exploration of marriage, friendship and the choices people make in the face of opportunity.



Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$21 for seniors, and \$11 for children. They can be purchased online, by phone at (386) 423-1246, or in person at the box office on Thursdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m., as well as two hours prior to each performance. Don't miss out on this darkly comedic treat at The Little Theatre, located beachside at 726 E. 3rd Ave, New Smyrna Beach.

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Tickets Now on Sale for The Hub on Canal's Third Annual Fall into Jazz Weekend!

The Hub on Canal invites you to experience the Third Annual Fall into Jazz Weekend, featuring two incredible events that jazz enthusiasts won't want to miss! The festivities kick off on Friday, September 20, from 7 - 9 p.m., with an unforgettable performance by Sybil Gage and the Royal Catahoulas. Born and raised in New Orleans, Sybil brings the essence of the Crescent City to New Smyrna Beach with her authentic jazz sound.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m., with tickets priced at just \$15 per person. Beer and wine will be available for purchase during the event. This lively evening is sponsored by Lee Moore and Dee Whited.

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To purchase tickets, visit The Hub's Events section online, or scan this QR code. The Hub on Canal is located at 132 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 957-3924.



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Ormond Beach Live Original Music & Art Festival Returns with Over 100 Acts and Art Exhibits

The Ormond Beach Live Original Music & Art Festival, presented by Songwriters Showcases of America, is back for a monumental celebration of creativity in music and art. Taking place on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the scenic Casements/Rockefeller Gardens in Ormond Beach, this all-day event will feature more than 100 musical acts across 12 stages, showcasing a diverse range of original music. The festival is held rain or shine, with the exception of possible hurricane conditions. In the event of a hurricane, the festival will be rescheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2024.

In addition to its impressive music lineup, the festival also boasts a dynamic art showcase. More than 70 local artists and vendors will display their work throughout the venue, providing a rich cultural experience for all who attend. The event is family-friendly, with plenty of activities for children, including a youth art contest, carnival games, rock climbing, drum circles, pony rides, kids karaoke, arts and crafts, and multiple bounce houses.

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The Ormond Beach Live Festival is proudly supported by presenting sponsor Knotted Rocks, along with other key sponsors including Yuengling, SR Perrott, Ormond Beach Observer, 95.7 WHOG, Sandman Law, Jeep Beach, and Southern RV.

For more details, including ticket purchases and event updates, follow the event on Facebook or visit them online.

OrmondLive.com



EDGEfest Kids Fishing Derby

Save the date of Saturday, September 21, 2024 for the EDGEfest Kids Fishing Derby! The event will be held at Menard May Park (413 South Riverside Drive) from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

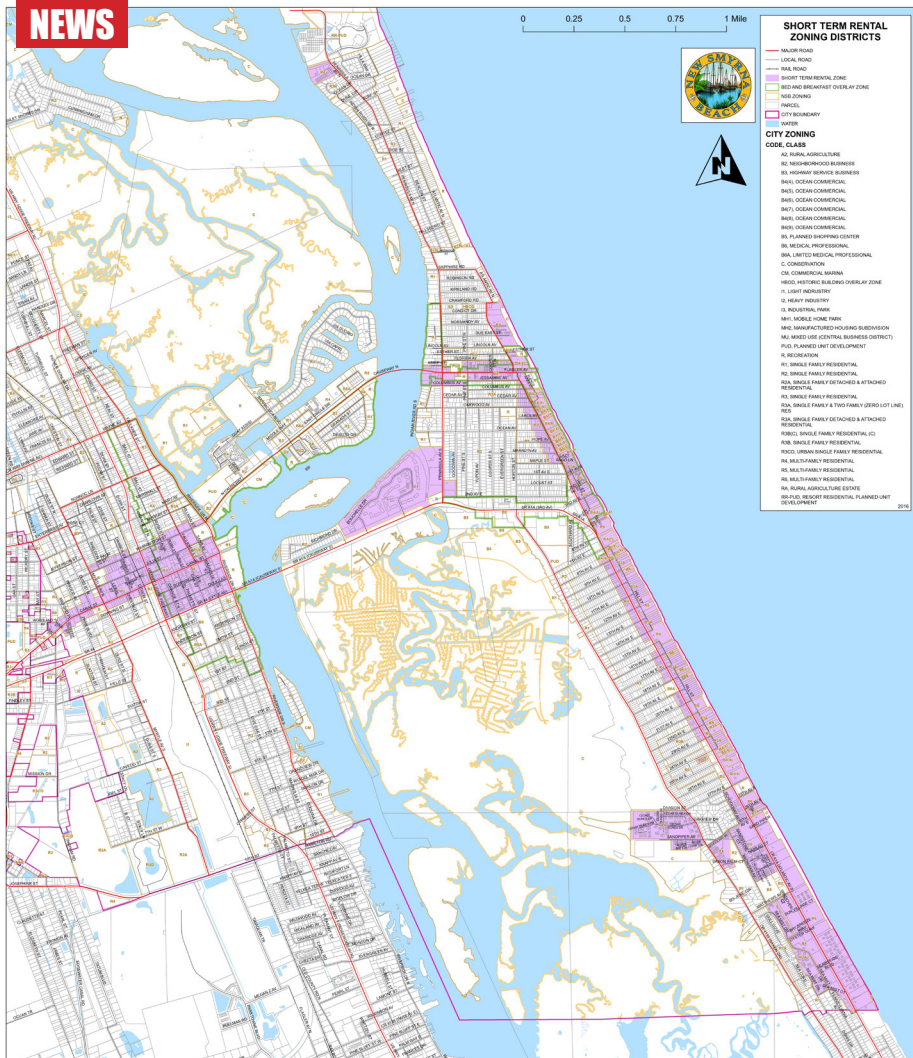
This will be a free catch and release fishing derby sponsored by Southern States Fishin' & Huntin' Magazine. There will also be instruction on knot tying, fish identification and cast net throwing.

Sign ups for kids ages 5 - 15 will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event. There will be free chum buckets filled with prizes for the first 100 kids registered. Bring your own fishing equipment and chairs.

For those in need of them, rods and reels will be provided, while supplies last. A free lunch and snacks will be provided as well. There will be fun games with prizes provided by various vendors.

For more info call 386-424-2400 x7207 or email SpecialEvents@CityOfEdgewater.org.

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Florida's Vacation Rental Regulation

Gov. DeSantis Blocks Statewide Control

In June 2024, Gov. Ron DeSantis vetoed a major bill that would have changed how vacation rentals are regulated across Florida. The bill, which passed in the Florida Legislature earlier this year, aimed to take control of vacation rental regulations away from local governments and give it to the state, leading to heated debates about how vacation rentals should be managed.

Local officials from various counties and cities have said that regulating vacation rentals is a top concern among voters. Many local governments have spent years creating rules to address these rentals. The bill proposed that existing county regulations from before 2016 would stay in place, while city rules made after 2011 would be canceled.

In Volusia County, short-term rentals (bookings of less than 30 days) are not allowed in single-family residential areas. These rentals are treated as hotel or motel uses, which are only permitted in commercial zones. However, single-family homes in tourist commercial zones can offer short-term

rentals. According to a 2021 County Council meeting agenda, the current hotel/motel rules have been in place since 2004.

Several cities in Volusia County have also set their own rules for managing vacation rentals, including where these rentals can operate and the minimum stay length required.

If passed, the bill would have required the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to create a database with information about all vacation rentals and assign a "unique identifier" to each property. Rental platforms like Airbnb would need to include this identifier and local registration numbers in their listings and collect and send in sales taxes for rentals.

Critics worried that giving each property a unique identifier and gathering detailed registration information could invade property owners' privacy and create security risks. There were also doubts about whether the state could

enforce these new rules effectively and ensure all rental platforms followed the regulations consistently.

Several groups, including vacation rental management companies and Florida Realtors (one of the largest trade groups in the state), pushed for the veto. FloridaRealtors.org stated that "the bill failed to strike a balance between the rights of private property owners to rent their properties on a short-term basis and the ability of local governments to regulate these rentals." Others argued that a state-wide policy would ignore the specific needs and challenges of different communities, where local rules often address unique issues.

Supporters of the bill believed it would curb what they saw as excessive local government control. The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, a key supporter, said in a previous news release that two parts of the bill were crucial to closing gaps between listed rentals and licensed ones. The bill would have required rental platforms to submit quarterly reports to the state, listing all units on their sites along with license numbers and locations. This level of detail would have helped the state better enforce regulations, track violations, and ensure that all rentals are properly licensed.

The bill also included measures like setting occupancy limits, allowing officials to suspend registrations for major violations, charging fees for inspections, and issuing temporary licenses during the application process. Altogether, the bill aimed to create a more organized and accountable system for managing vacation rentals in Florida.

The featured map shows the zoning for short-term rental areas in New Smyrna Beach.

Scan the QR code to view a breakdown for each city in Volusia County.



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Is Your Insurance Company Asking You to Pay for a New Roof? Here's What You Need to Know.

By Sterling Scott, Owner of Trust Public Adjusting Group

Over the past year, my team at Trust Public Adjusting Group has encountered a troubling trend. More and more property owners are receiving letters from their insurance companies with an alarming message: "Replace your roof or face cancellation." These letters often pressure homeowners to cover the cost of a new roof out of pocket, with the threat of losing their coverage looming overhead. However, in our experience, these letters are not just a warning - they're often a red flag that your insurance company actually owes you a roof replacement.

As a property insurance claim expert, I've noticed that every single property owner who has contacted us after receiving one of these letters had a roof that should have been covered by their insurance. It's almost as if these letters are a precursor, a tactic used to shift the financial burden onto you, the homeowner, instead of the insurance company.

UNDERSTANDING THE STRATEGY

Why would an insurance company do this? The answer lies in the age of your roof and the number of storms your property has endured. Insurance companies may calculate that, based on these factors, they are likely on the hook for a new roof. Instead of paying out, they send you a letter suggesting - or even insisting - that you pay for it yourself.

But here's the truth: if you've received one of these letters, there's a high probability that your insurance company owes you for the roof replacement and potentially more. This is where my team comes in.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION

If you receive one of these letters, don't rush to open your wallet. Instead, consider getting a professional property inspection and policy review. At Trust Public Adjusting Group, we offer

this service for free. We'll assess the condition of your roof and examine your insurance policy to determine what you're truly entitled to. In most cases, filing a claim is your best course of action.

DEBUNKING THE MYTHS: FILING A CLAIM WON'T RAISE YOUR PREMIUMS

A common misconception is that filing an insurance claim will cause your premiums to increase. This isn't true. Premium increases are typically determined by geographic factors, not by individual claims. If your insurance company is already threatening to drop your coverage unless you pay for a roof out of pocket, **there's no reason not to file a claim** - especially when they likely owe you for the roof.

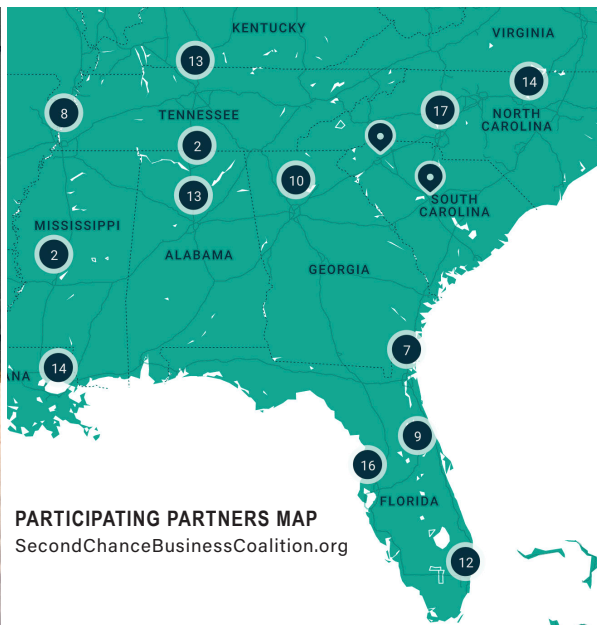
TAKE ACTION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Don't let these letters intimidate you. If you've received a notice from your insurance company pressuring you to pay for a new roof, reach out to us at Trust Public Adjusting Group. We'll provide a thorough inspection and help ensure that you receive the coverage you're entitled to. Don't pay out of pocket for something your insurance company should cover. Let us advocate for you and protect your investment.



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Second Chances for Employment in Volusia County

If you've been reading my posts here or following my Instagram for a while, you know that I try to keep things positive and fun. I promise to end on a positive note if you stick with me, but I must share two hard stories first.

In March, I was the victim of a crime where the accused is a repeat offender. I'm preparing for the case to go to trial as I write this, so the incident is fresh in my mind. Separately, our family lost one of our first friends from when we moved to Daytona Beach to cancer. We met him while he was mowing our neighbor's lawn and learned that he had previously been incarcerated, where inmates were used to perform yard work around the county. From his experience and not being hireable with his criminal record, he decided to start his own company and had been our friend and "lawn care guy" for the past six years.

These two men have led me to consider our use of jails or "correctional facilities" and what happens to people after they are released. Neither man was able to find a job after serving their time, a common hiring practice for many businesses, so what options did they have? One returned to crime, and one overcame the odds to start his own business. Can't we give more options than this?

The short answer is yes! Just this past August, the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Volusia County Division of Corrections to host the "Second Chance Initiative Job Fair" to, according to the chamber's website, "Assist individuals who are currently incarcerated in overcoming the challenges of finding employment." They invited businesses to the jail that were willing to give a "second chance" to people after serving their time so they would have a job upon release.

Separately, I visited the Rise Yaupon Tea factory in Edgewater (504 Pullman Road) recently, which also hires "second chance" employees. Most of their yaupon trees are at a farm in Palatka and are then dried and sent to the factory for processing and mixing with different flavors for their unique blends. This woman- and family-owned business has inclusive hiring practices and opens its process to visitors to tour the factory and sample the teas in their café at the end.

According to the Second Chance Business Coalition's website (*listed below*), more than 80 million Americans, or roughly a quarter of the population, have a criminal record. That's a lot of people who are looking to our local businesses to consider their hiring practices. Their website features an interactive map (pictured above) with participating partners. You can search by state and find resources such as industry-specific training, job retention support, work readiness training, and re-entry programming.

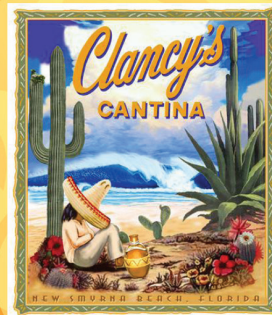
Obviously, justice and our best judgment are still important, but let's consider creative solutions for building vibrant businesses and safe communities. I think that's something positive that we can all work toward!

SecondChanceBusinessCoalition.org



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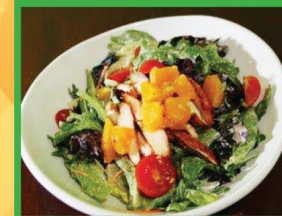
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Tee Off in West Volusia: A Golfer’s Guide to Courses and Beyond

Located between Daytona Beach and Orlando, FL, the West Volusia area offers more than just crystal-clear springs, a small-town vibe, and world-renowned restaurants. The golf scene thrives alongside these attractions, featuring four diverse courses that provide plenty of opportunities to go “a round” or two. After all, they don’t call it the ultimate leisure sport for nothing! One of the best parts of any trip is exploring and soaking in the local culture, and for golfers, that means playing on new, world-class courses. Here are some highlights of what West Volusia has to offer!

VICTORIA HILLS GOLF COURSE *(featured image)*

Set on 200+ acres, you’ll be spoiled by this 18-hole championship golf course amidst the rolling terrain of DeLand. Victoria Hills Golf Course offers a golfing experience that seamlessly blends natural beauty with a challenging design. Framed by towering oaks and pines, this course is known for its undulating fairways, strategic bunkering, and pristine conditions. Whether you’re navigating the elevation changes or simply enjoying the picturesque surroundings, Victoria Hills provides a round of golf that’s as rewarding as it is memorable. Discover why this course is a favorite among golfers in Central Florida - you’ll find yourself eager to return.

DEBARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

DeBary Golf and Country Club is a vibrant semi-private community that brings a touch of the Carolinas to Central Florida. With its lush, tree-lined fairways and minimal use of water hazards, the course offers a refreshing and challenging experience that feels worlds away from the typical Florida landscape. Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or new to the game, DeBary Golf and Country Club provides an inviting atmosphere where you can enjoy a round of golf in a serene, Carolina-inspired setting. Come experience the charm and character that make this club a standout in the region.

THE DELTONA CLUB

Tucked away in the rolling hills of Deltona, The Deltona Club offers an award-winning golf experience that’s second to none. Known for its challenging layout and scenic vistas, designed by famed architect Bobby Weed, this hidden gem provides golfers with a unique blend of natural beauty and expertly designed holes. Whether you’re

navigating the elevation changes or soaking in the serene surroundings, The Deltona Club promises a round of golf that’s both exciting and unforgettable. Discover why it’s a favorite among locals and visitors alike - you’ll want to return for another round.

GLEN ABBEY GOLF CLUB

Nestled in DeBary, Glen Abbey Golf Club offers an exceptional golfing experience. With its lush fairways and challenging greens, it’s the perfect spot for golfers of all skill levels. Whether you’re aiming for a birdie on the signature 7th hole or enjoying the serene landscape, a visit to Glen Abbey Golf Club adds a new dimension to your time in DeBary. Come for the game, stay for the atmosphere - you’ll find yourself returning again and again.

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Inside Look: Toon Tiki Charters

If you've been keeping up with our magazine recently, you've probably seen our enthusiastic mentions of Toon Tiki Charters. Over the past few months, we've had the pleasure of partnering with them to host a series of unique events. And let me tell you, the experience has been nothing short of spectacular. From planning to execution, working with Toon Tiki has been a blast.

A CREATIVE VISIONARY AT THE HELM

The mastermind behind this aquatic adventure is Tracey (pictured right), the owner, and creative force behind Toon Tiki Charters. Tracey is not just a business owner; she's a visionary who loves fresh, new ideas and is a joy to collaborate with. If you're considering planning an event, I wholeheartedly recommend reaching out to her. Tracey's approach encourages thinking outside the box, and that's exactly what we did for our events.

UNIQUE EVENTS, UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

One of our standout events was an island beach party with the one and only Bobby G, where we spent hours island hopping on the water, embracing our inner beachtown locals. The atmosphere was relaxed, the company was fantastic, and the memories made were unforgettable. Another highlight was our "Hostess with the Mostest" event - a more intimate gathering with 24 attendees aboard a three-hour sunset cruise through the intracoastal. During this event, I had the pleasure of teaching everyone how to build a



six-foot grazing table for under \$100! Each event was unique, but what they all had in common was the incredible turnout and the rave reviews from everyone who attended.

A DEDICATED TEAM FOR A SEAMLESS EXPERIENCE

Toon Tiki's staff is truly dedicated to making your experience the best it can be. Their captains and crew are fully licensed and insured, with years of experience navigating the waterways. You can rest easy knowing you're in good hands.

Now, let's talk about the star of the show: the Kanaloa Tiki Boat. This isn't just a floating tiki bar; it's a 40-foot tiki barge built by Sightseeker Boat Builders in Hudson, Florida, in 2020. Equipped with two 150 Mercury motors, the Kanaloa is designed for fun and relaxation.

The boat features a sound system, LED lights, and plenty of seating for you and your friends. Whether you're planning a daytime event or an evening cruise, the Kanaloa has you covered. The thatched roof provides perfect shade from the sun during the day, while the string lights create a magical ambiance at night. With a couch-like seating area at the front and bar-style seating at the back, there's plenty of space to kick back and enjoy the ride. And yes, there's even a bathroom on board - because Toon Tiki has thought of everything.

PARTNERSHIPS AND VERSATILE OPTIONS

We aren't the only ones who have partnered with Toon Tiki for events. Other companies, like Riverpark Terrace, have hosted wine tastings on board, adding to the versatility of what the Kanaloa can offer.

BYOB AND CATERED EVENTS

When it comes to refreshments, Toon Tiki operates on a BYOB basis unless otherwise specified. They provide a large cooler, plenty of ice, cups, napkins, and a selection of individually packaged snacks. For our daytime event, we brought our own beverages and had sandwiches catered by Bagel Barn. For the evening cruise, we charged a little extra to include wine, sangria, and a grazing table (pictured below). However, unless otherwise specified, you'll need to bring your own food and drinks - other than the snacks and water provided.



PARTY VIBES WITH PERSONAL TUNES

One of the highlights of the Kanaloa is the ability to control the music through the built-in speakers. We hooked up our devices, and the sound quality was fantastic - making it the perfect party cruise.

PRIVATE EVENTS AND CASUAL CRUISES

If you're looking to rent out the entire boat for a private event, Tracey is more than happy to discuss and plan the perfect event tailored to your needs. Alternatively, if you're looking for a more casual trip, you can hop on with other guests. Since it is a larger boat, there's a minimum booking requirement, so keep in mind that if not enough people sign up for a trip, it could potentially get canceled.

EASY BOOKING AND SEAMLESS COMMUNICATION

Booking your cruise with Toon Tiki is easy. Visit their website, choose your day and time, and complete your purchase - all online. Communication is seamless, with email confirmations, text

reminders, and all the information you need, including where to meet and park. The boat departs from the New Smyrna Beach City Marina, but there's ample parking at their office on Magnolia Street, where a Toon Tiki Shuttle will take you and your belongings directly to the boat. They recommend arriving 30 minutes early to allow time for everyone to get settled.

HOSPITALITY MONDAYS: A SPECIAL DEAL

One of Toon Tiki's popular weekly events is Hospitality Mondays, where tickets are 50 percent off, offering those in the hospitality industry a much-needed day of relaxation for just \$30. Local restaurants like The Spott and Merk's have taken advantage of this deal, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS ON THE WATER

In addition to being a fantastic venue for birthdays, bachelorette and bachelor parties, weddings, and holiday celebrations, Toon Tiki also offers health and wellness activities like yoga, boot camp, and Zumba classes on a sandbar! Imagine working out on the beach with the beautiful views of the Intracoastal Waterway as your backdrop.

A FLOATING PARADISE AWAITS

Toon Tiki Charters has created a floating paradise with the Kanaloa Tiki Boat, offering a one-of-a-kind experience on the water. Whether you're planning a big event or just looking for a fun day out, Toon Tiki is the perfect choice. I've had an amazing time working with them, and I can't wait for our next adventure together.

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A Boho Revival for 2024

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Autumn in Florida may not bring the crisp air just yet, but that doesn't mean we can't embrace the season's hottest trend - Boho! This year, Boho is getting a modern remix, making it the perfect style to transition from the lingering summer heat to those (hopefully) cooler days ahead.

Think fresh takes on crochet, playful fringe, and flowing fabrics, all effortlessly paired with faded denim, soft suede, and retro florals. These pieces are lightweight enough for

Florida's warm days but still give a nod to fall's cozy vibes. As I've been sorting through my wardrobe during a big move, my love for Boho has only grown. There's something about slipping into a flowy dress or layering with a fringe jacket that just feels right, even in the Florida sun.

GET THE LOOK
Looking to refresh your Boho collection? Boho Collective Co. has you covered with boutiques in New Smyrna Beach and

DeLand. And if you can't visit in person, their newly launched website www.bohocollectiveco.com makes it easy to shop the latest trends from the comfort of home. Whether you're a local or a reader from afar, Boho Collective Co. is your go-to for all things Boho this season.

Shop Boho Collective Co!



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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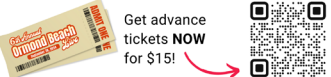
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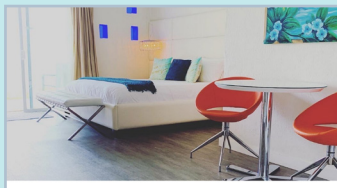
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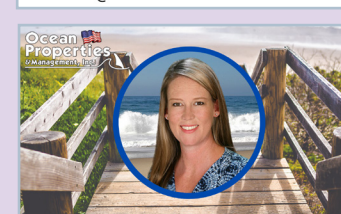


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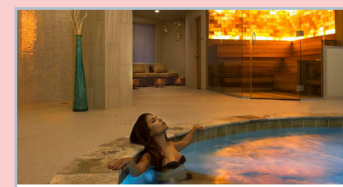
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SAT - SUN

10 AM-5 PM

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SEP 7 - 28

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13-15

SEP 13 - 15

FRI - SUN

Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

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FRI SEP 13

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14

SAT SEP 14

1 - 5 PM

Flagler Ave, NSB

Sangria Social

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14

SEP 14 / OCT 12

1st SAT @ 3 - 7 PM

Canal Street, NSB

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14


SAT SEP 14

7 - 9 PM

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Community seniors can participate in an Olympic-style competition in different games such as pickleball, corn hole, golf, basketball, and more. Packets are available for pick up at the Babe James Community Center. \$50 registration fee includes shirt and opening/closing ceremonies.



28-29


SEP 28 - 29

SAT-SUN @ 10AM-4PM

Woodland Blvd., DeLand

DeLand Craft Show

Artists and crafters from all over the state display and sell their handmade items plus live entertainment and demos.



28

SAT SEP 28

10 AM - 10 PM

Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach

Ormond Beach Live

Over 100 live musical acts perform across 12 stages at The Casements and Rockefeller Gardens, plus art displays and vendors. \$15 advance tickets at OrmondLive.com; \$20 tickets day of event. Kids 12 and under are free! Turn to page 7 for more details!



3


THU OCT 3

6 - 8 PM

Marine Discovery Center, NSB

Public Lecture Series: Bats

Ariel Horner, of Bat Conservancy of Florida, will discuss the lives of bats, their diets and habitats in the Learning Lab. Register for FREE by scanning below or call (386) 428-4828.



4-5

FRI - SAT

5:30 and 7 PM

Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Ormond

Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery Tour

Dead men don't tell tales, but their tombstones do! Join in a guided tour of Pilgrims Rest Cemetery to hear the tales of both saints and sinners buried in this historic Ormond cemetery. Tickets sell quickly for this much loved event, get yours today! \$20/person Ormond-History.org. Children under 12 free



4


FRI OCT 4

5 - 8 PM

Mill Lake Park, Orange City

National Night Out

National Night Out is a wonderful opportunity to meet your local law enforcement and see emergency response vehicles on display. There's something for the whole family and all activities are free! Bring the kids to play in the kid zone or get their face painted while parents dance the night away as the live DJ plays today's hits. You can also enjoy free hot dogs, shaved ice and lots of vendors.



4


FRI OCT 4

6 PM

NSB City Gym

Music and Movie in the Park

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a free screening of Disney's Coco at dusk, plus live music starting at 6 PM. Bring your own blanket and/or chairs to the NSB City Gym located at 1000 Live Oak Street. Food trucks will be on-site. Admission is FREE!



4

FRI OCT 4

1st FRIDAY @ 7 PM

Rockefeller Gardens, Ormond Beach

Movies on the Halifax

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a FREE screening of popular movies. October movie - "Haunted Mansion" (PG-13)



5

SAT OCT 5

5 - 9 PM

Marine Discovery Center, NSB

Cheeseburger Paradise

Vote for your favorite local slider, live music, crazy hat and tropical outfit contests and raffles/silent auction. \$75/person benefits local non-profits and scholarships - RotaryCheeseburger.org



7


SAT SEP 7 / OCT 5

10 AM - 5 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Art Stroll/Gallery Walk

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



7

SAT SEP 7 / OCT 5

1 - 6 PM

Canal Street, NSB

Sip and Stroll

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



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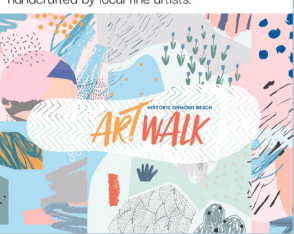
SAT SEP 7 / OCT 5

5 - 8 PM

Granada Blvd, Ormond

Ormond Art Walk

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



19

THU SEP 19 / OCT 17

5 - 9 PM

Orange County History Ctr., Orlando

Third Thursdays at The Museum

Dive into the history of Volusia County and surrounding central Florida every Third Thursday @ Orange County Regional History Center (open late with FREE admission from 5-9 PM), 65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando. More info and events schedule @ TheHistoryCenter.org.



20-22

SEP 20 - 22

FRI - SUN

The Hub on Canal, NSB

Fall into Jazz Weekend

Enjoy a full weekend of jazz performances. Tickets and schedule available online only at TheHubOnCanal.org.



20-13

SEP 20 - OCT 13

Find showtimes online

The Athens Theatre, DeLand

Bram Stoker's Dracula

Prepare to sink your teeth into a heart-pounding, nail-biting thrill ride as you step into the chilling world of Dracula, brought to life by Steven Dietz in a riveting adaptation of Bram Stoker's timeless novel! Tickets \$28-\$38 per person at AthensDeLand.com.



28

SAT SEP 28

1 - 7 PM

Flagler Avenue, NSB

Wine Walk

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



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OCT 1 - 31

Every Day

Flagler Avenue, NSB

The Great Flagler Ave Pumpkin Hunt

Get your FREE Pumpkin Hunt map and start your search for hidden pumpkins along Flagler Avenue! Once you find a pumpkin visit the host business inside and get your hunt stamp. When you have collected all the stamps, get an entry to win a free weekend stay at Seahorse Inn! Details at FlaglerAve.com.



2

WED OCT 2

7:30 PM

Peabody Auditorium, Daytona

The Vampire Circus

The Vampire Circus will bite Daytona Beach this fall, bringing a spooky evening of entertainment to the Peabody Auditorium. Heralded as a mix of cabaret and theatre, The Vampire Circus is a mysterious, fun, cutting-edge production that is a cross between filmmaker Tim Burton and the acrobatics of Cirque Du Soleil. Tickets start at \$35 at PeabodyAuditorium.org.



10-13

OCT 10 - 13

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

SAT OCT 12

6:30 - 9 PM

The Brannon Center, NSB

Oktoberfest

Celebrate Oktoberfest with the Wunderbar Band - an Oktoberfest Party Band! Enjoy live music, German cuisine and best costume contest. \$35 per person, or \$250 for table of 8 includes 2 samples and 1 drink ticket per person. Purchase at BrannonCenter.com or call (386) 410-2880.



19

SAT OCT 19

12 PM

Hawks Park, Edgewater

A Tribute to America

Motorcycle show, BBQ and bar benefiting local veteran charities - presented by Rotary of Edgewater. Events include dunk tank, egg drop, bike bash, tattoo show, live music all day by Lynnyrd Skynyrd tribute band. FREE entry.





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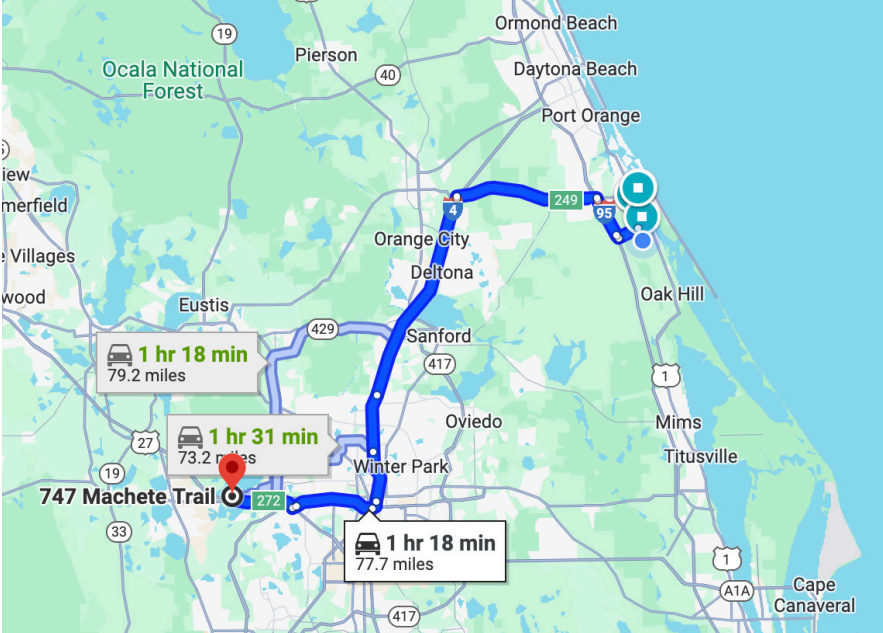
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Our Piece of Paradise

Central Florida's Hidden Gem: Oakland Nature Preserve

Oakland, FL

Article & Photos by: Kelsey Walters



Florida is a place where nature still thrives, with wide-open spaces and wildlife that remind us of the state's wild roots. Beyond the theme parks and busy beaches, there's a side of Florida that's all about peaceful hikes, birdwatching, and the simple pleasure of being surrounded by nature. Just a short 30-minute drive from Orlando, Oakland Nature Preserve offers a refreshing escape from the crowds. This quiet spot is perfect for anyone looking to unwind and explore Florida's natural beauty at a slower pace.

We made our first stop into the nature center/museum before hitting the trails, where we found two wonderful locals that were eager to give us the lowdown on all this preserve has to offer, highlighting the must-sees for an afternoon visit, and showing Avery around the numerous hands-on educational activities perfect for all ages.

The center, a log-style cabin modeled after early pioneer settlements to the area, is also home to several native Florida species, both live and taxidermied animals on display, including several fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects. Avery and the staff took turns quizzing each other on their wildlife knowledge before we set off to hit some trails. Our first stop took us to the relocated fish camp cabin harking back to the roots of nearby Lake Apopka's 1880s-1900s fishing boom that made the area what it is today.

In 1997, Oakland Nature Preserve was first established and began fundraising and working to acquire the land and relocate the cabin. Today, the preserve encompasses 150 total acres, including 50 acres of uplands and 100 acres of forested wetlands. A beautifully maintained boardwalk leads from the center all the way to Lake Apopka, with a large pavilion on the lakefront with plenty of seating to relax and take in the view.

In addition to numerous winding trails, the preserve is known for its wildlife spotting.



This preserve is unique in that it is not a state park, but is owned by the city of Oakland and relies heavily on the dedication of hardworking and passionate volunteers.



We were lucky to get the chance to watch three alligator hatchlings as they sunbathed and swam lazily near the shore. No dogs are allowed in the preserve to ensure the safety of visitors and wildlife alike, so creatures are numerous in their natural habitats. We also spotted a number of



insects and other critters. The trails are lined with interpretive signs and details on the native flora and fauna surrounding the area.

Next up, we paid a visit to the Nature Play area, a project created by the West Orange Foundation and local Boy Scouts, where kids (my “big kid,” Scott included) can create log and stump obstacle courses, get their hands dirty in the sand and sifting table, or build with sticks.

The preserve also hosts tons of great events that you can find listed on their website and Facebook page. Coming up this fall is a nighttime Jack-o-lantern hike, with the trail lined with community-carved pumpkins, creating a magical evening walk. Guests can dress in costume, and enjoy candy for the kids and a chance to see some cool critters. All proceeds benefit the preserve. Other weekly events include Story Time at the Preserve and Science Saturdays.

Oakland Nature Preserve is the ideal spot for any level of activity, from a relaxing stroll to a more strenuous upland hike. The preserve works hard to



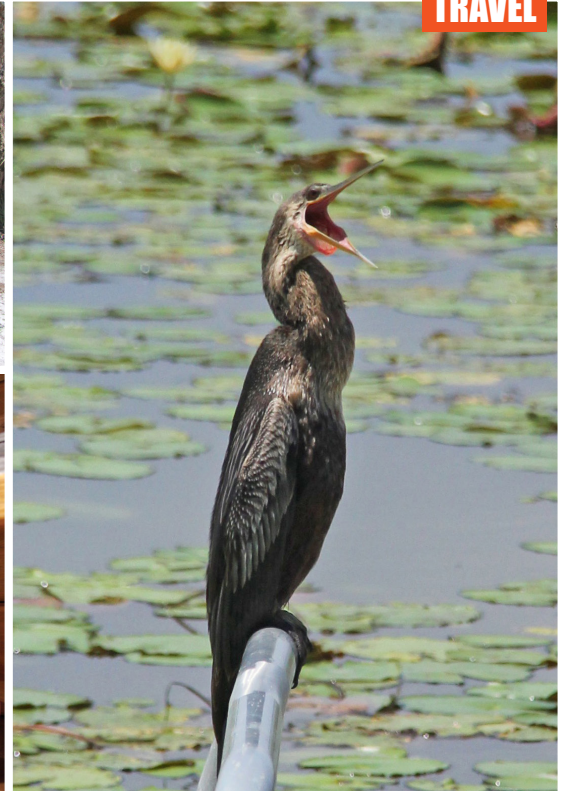
protect the area's natural beauty and educate the next generation of conservationists, like my little critter lover Avery.

This general election, when we head to the polls, it's important to remember that the future of Florida and the preservation of the scenic landscapes and wildlife habitats we know and love are the responsibility of every Floridian. #ProtectOurParks



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Bobby G Takes on Iron Axe Bar and Grill

Food photos provided by Iron Axe Bar and Grill Facebook Page

Ever been to a place where you can eat, drink, throw axes, and catch a game all in one spot? That's exactly what went down at Brandon's birthday bash at Iron Axe Bar & Grill in South Daytona.

We kicked things off with drinks and ordered some food while our server, who doubled as our axe-throwing coach, laid down the rules and gave us some much-needed tips. I opted for the hand-cut dry-aged ribeye and fried green tomatoes, expecting typical bar fare. I was pleasantly surprised - the steak was on point, and those fried green tomatoes made for a great start to the night. The Mrs. loved the mac and cheese and has been raving about it ever since.



Then it was time to get competitive. My wife and I both have competitive spirits and always enjoy a good challenge. We split into teams, and the game was on. Every bullseye got us roaring with cheers, while the misses were met with endless chuckles and smack talk from the other team.

We had people there who were ready to go and some more timid than others, but by the end of the night, everyone participated, and we made it a night to remember. And dare I say, the girls actually ended up being better than the guys!

Each lane is rented by the hour. You can also easily reserve a spot online and add up to six people per lane. Games are projected onto the wood, giving you different targets during different games and lighting up when you hit a bullseye. Don't forget to wear closed toed shoes! That is a must if you want to participate.

For anyone new to axe throwing, here are a few tips that really helped me: First, your grip matters - hold the axe like you're shaking hands with it, firm but not too tight. For your stance, keep your feet shoulder-width apart and your weight slightly forward. If you're right-handed, step forward with your left foot as you throw and keep everything lined up with the target.

The key is in the release - start with the axe

high over your head, swing it down smoothly, and let go when it's parallel to the target. You want it to rotate just once before it sticks. And remember, consistency is crucial. It's not about power but getting that smooth throw every time. Don't forget the follow-through!



Iron Axe Bar and Grill isn't just about axe throwing. They've got cornhole, darts, and giant Jenga if you need a break from the throwing action. The vibe is chill but with plenty of energy. It's the kind of place where you can be competitive without taking things too seriously.

The staff kept everything running smoothly, making sure we were all having a blast and jumping in with tips when needed.

It was a great space to throw a party - no pun intended! You don't have to reserve a space if you pick a slower day and time of the week. We chose Monday at 6:30 p.m. We arrived a couple of minutes early and placed balloons and noisemakers out to "reserve" our spot.

If you're looking for a spot to relax, play some games, and enjoy great company, Iron Axe is definitely worth a visit. A big shoutout to Brandon and everyone who joined in - you made it a day to remember!

Bobby G... out!

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Slow Cooker Jambalaya

I've only been to Louisiana once, and I have so little knowledge of Cajun and Creole food, it's actually shameful.

Let's get this out of the way – we won't pretend that this is a beautiful dish. It's definitely not, at least not in the traditional sense. But once you get past the tomato-tinted hue of your bowl and dig in, you might just feel a bit Cajun yourself.

It all starts with a beautiful mirepoix. The holy trinity of Cajun cooking: onions, peppers and celery. I won't tell you what kind of onions you should use. We're partial to red ones, but if you're a sweet yellow fan, or all you have on hand is white, it won't really matter. I guess even shallots would work in a pinch, but that seems like such a waste.

I am the worst vegetable eater on the planet. I love them so much, but after my (excessive) grocery purchases are put away in the fridge, it's like they fall into a black hole. I swear, the contents of my crisper drawer go to another



dimension. Most of the time I don't see the sweet veggies again until they're just past their "are you sure you wanna eat that?" stage. There just aren't enough hours in the days I get to spend cooking to use everything up.

As far as peppers go, if you are stuck with only green ones, no worries. Your dinner may not be as colorful, but it will taste just as delish. I rarely have red or yellow ones myself, except when I plan ahead.

My Husband, Abe randomly made some jambalaya several years ago with some gator meat he stumbled upon, though it turned out more like a paella. False advertisement aside, it was delicious, but it got me wondering about the differences in the two dishes.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JAMBALAYA AND PAELLA?

When you compare these two dishes, you're definitely going to notice some similarities in ingredients. Rice, garlic, some seafood,

sometimes chicken in both. But the flavor profiles are very distinct.

Paella, hailing from Spain, tends to have a more subtle flavor that is dominated by saffron. Jambalaya is much more robust and spicy, thanks to the Cajun-style seasonings and use of sausage.

While jambalaya is enjoyed all year long in the United States, it's particularly popular during Mardi Gras. In New Orleans, you'd be hard pressed not to find a version in several restaurants, served alongside heaping plates of fluffy beignets.



The Recipe: Slow Cooker Jambalaya

Preparation: Prep Time: 30 minutes • Cooking Time: 4 hours • Servings: 6

Andouille sausage, chicken, and shrimp marry with Cajun-spiced rice and vegetables in this easy weekday or weekend meal.

INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces fully cooked andouille sausage 1 package
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3 bell peppers green, red, and yellow, diced
- 3 ribs celery chopped
- 1 red onion diced
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 2 cups unsalted chicken broth
- 28 ounces (can) crushed tomatoes
- 3-4 tablespoons Creole seasoning
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- Kosher salt to taste
- Cracked black pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 cups white rice uncooked
- 1/2 pound uncooked shrimp peeled and deveined
- Cilantro for garnish (optional)
- Scallions for garnish (optional)



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Grease a 5- or 6-quart slow cooker pot with non-stick cooking spray.
2. Slice sausage into 1/4-inch discs. In a skillet set over medium-high heat, cook sausage for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until it begins to brown. Deglaze the pan with the wine, scraping the browned bits with a spatula. Place in prepared slow cooker.
3. Add cubed chicken, bell peppers, celery, onion, garlic, chicken broth, tomatoes, Creole seasoning, pepper flakes, thyme, bay leaves, salt, and pepper, stirring to combine.
4. Cover and cook for 3.5 hours on high. Stir in rice and cook another 30 minutes until rice is fully cooked and tender. Add shrimp and cook 15 minutes more, or until shrimp are pink and cooked through.
5. Gently fluff jambalaya with a fork before serving. Garnish with chopped cilantro and/or scallions if desired, and serve with pepper sauce on the side (if you like it extra hot!)

NUTRITION

Calories: 546kcal | Carbohydrates: 56g | Protein: 35g | Fat: 19g | Saturated Fat: 5g | Cholesterol: 166mg | Sodium: 1071mg | Potassium: 1121mg | Fiber: 5g | Sugar: 10g | Vitamin A: 3425IU | Vitamin C: 95.6mg | Calcium: 149mg | Iron: 4.6mg



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- 5. Resting places
- 10. Meat Loaf's "___ Anything for Love"
- 14. Mistake maker's cry
- 15. Put an ___ (halt)
- 16. Penny, for one
- 17. Lockup
- 18. Conformity
- 20. Burrito alternative
- 21. Him, to Pierre
- 22. Tightens, with "up"
- 23. "Romper Room" role model
- 25. Herbert of the "Pink Panther" movies
- 26. Must
- 28. Windshield clearer
- 33. Poor mark
- 34. The "U" in A.C.L.U.
- 36. Secretarial talent, in brief
- 37. Strove for superiority
- 39. Concave belly button
- 41. "___ Miracle" (Culture Club single)
- 42. Addax's bigger cousin
- 44. Journalist Dominick
- 46. 1963 Paul Newman film
- 47. Substitute new parts for old
- 49. Speakers' platforms
- 51. Hawaii's Mauna ___
- 52. Peter of "M"
- 53. "The Music of the Night" composer
- 57. French cocktail
- 58. Prayer conclusion
- 61. Flats
- 63. Christen
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- 65. Love dearly
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- 67. Pale
- 68. Heads, in France
- 69. Scorch

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 - 2. Romanian dance
 - 3. Loss for the record books
 - 4. Equally competent
 - 5. "Spanglish" actress
 - 6. At the proper time
 - 7. 1,601, in Ancient Rome
 - 8. "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet" band, for short
- 9. In a way
 - 10. Vat ending
 - 11. Wears
 - 12. Casino cubes
 - 13. Singles
 - 19. Test drivers' cars
 - 24. A/C capacity meas.
 - 25. Russian revolutionary with a goatee
 - 26. Emphatic no
 - 27. I.R.S. option
 - 28. Cruller's cousin

Down

- 29. VW model
- 30. Where Jesus was arrested
- 31. Happen as a consequence
- 32. They can have forks
- 35. Nepal's southern neighbor
- 38. Patient request (abbr.)
- 40. Signs, as a check
- 43. "Please ___ us know if..."
- 45. Cochlea site
- 48. Structure
- 50. Tabriz residents
- 52. Petrol measure
- 53. "Fuzzy Wuzzy ___ bear ..."
- 54. Omar of film
- 55. "Brandenburg Concerti" composer
- 56. Jackass's sound
- 57. Problem, metaphorically
- 59. Actress Watson
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- 62. Palindromic Dutch city

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



My Go-To Picks at Flagler Tavern

I'm a creature of habit. When I find something I love, I stick with it - especially when it comes to food. My husband, Scotty, and I enjoy dining out, even though we cook a lot at home with the kids. We always make time for at least one meal out together, no matter how busy life gets. I love discovering new spots, but I also appreciate having a go-to place where I know the food will be consistently fantastic.

Lately, my go-to for a casual lunch that never disappoints is Flagler Tavern in New Smyrna Beach. Whenever we head there, I already know what I'm ordering. First up, a Coastal Mule (*below*). This drink is made

game-changing candied ginger. Honestly, candied ginger should be a requirement for all mules - it's that good!

Next, I always get the corn rib appetizer (*below*). It's a specialty, so they can sell out quickly, and I almost regret telling you about it because I want to make sure there's enough left for Susan Sigler and me next Sunday!



A corn rib might sound odd, but trust me, it's the appetizer you never knew you needed. They take corn on the cob, slice it into four "ribs," toss them in Mexican-inspired spices, and grill them to perfection. They're topped with fresh herbs and served with a creamy ranch-like dipping sauce. The best part? They're easy to eat and won't get stuck in your teeth, making them perfect for sharing. I highly recommend them!



For my lunch order, I always go for the Greek Salad with Blackened Chicken (*featured left*). It's a delicious mix of grape tomatoes, shaved onions, chopped cucumber, Kalamata olives, feta cheese, and pepperoncini, all served on a bed of romaine lettuce tossed with lemon vinaigrette dressing and topped with perfectly seasoned blackened chicken. The flavors are always on point and never disappoint.

If I'm there for dinner, I switch things up and order the Teriyaki Bowl. You can choose between chicken, shrimp, or a mix of zucchini and yellow squash, all served over a bed of lemon ginger jasmine rice. The dish is loaded with sautéed mushrooms, caramelized onions, steamed carrots, and sautéed peppers, all finished with a flavorful teriyaki glaze. I usually go for the chicken - it's absolutely wonderful. For those looking to keep it gluten-free, just skip the teriyaki glaze. And if you're vegetarian, opt for the zucchini and squash; it's equally delicious!

No matter where we sit inside the tavern, I can always get my favorite

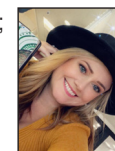
dishes. Sometimes we like to sit outside and watch the street, while on Sundays, you'll usually find us in the main dining room. For our "day dates," we tend to hang out at the Indigo Bar, tucked away at the bottom of the stairs. And if we're going for dinner, we head upstairs to The Bounty. It has this swanky vibe that's perfect for a date or meeting up with friends. If you haven't checked it out yet, the ambiance is unbeatable!

If you try any of these items, post a pic and tag #tasteof386 so we can share your posts. Happy eating!

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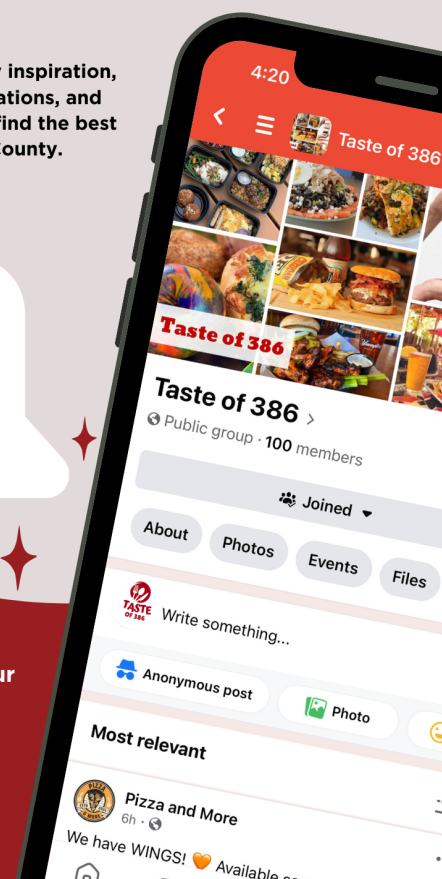
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Congratulations to the 25 cadets who graduated from NSBPD's first Junior Police Explorers Camp! During the week-long camp, held at the Jesse Stevenson Kovalenko Memorial Gymnasium, campers gained hands-on experience and even got to learn from the NSBPD K-9 Unit before their official graduation ceremony on August 2.



Starting in November, Historic Downtown Ormond Beach will host "Art Imitates Life," a stunning display of 13 hyper-realistic bronze statues by the late American artist Seward Johnson. These lifelike sculptures, famous worldwide, will be scattered along Granada Boulevard and nearby parks until April 2025. Grab a map, follow the trail, and join in the interactive activities.



Over 600 backpacks, 120 bike helmets and 21 bikes were given away to Volusia County kids thanks to local generous donors at the EDGEfest Back to School Backpack and School Supply Giveaway on August 3 at the Southeast Volusia YMCA. For information on the next EDGEfest event turn to page 7 in this issue.



Daytona Beach Economic Development Director Jeff Brown and city commissioners Monica Paris, Stacy Cantu, Paula R. Reed and Ken Strickland participated in a behind-the-scenes tour of the new Amazon fulfillment center on Williamson Boulevard in Daytona Beach. The five-story, 2.8 million-square-foot facility is expected to open in spring 2025.



Daytona State College recently celebrated the grand opening of its new 30,000-sq.-ft. classroom building on the Deltona Campus, which will house the Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and CNC Machining programs. The state-of-the-art facility features classrooms, labs, and space for 1,200 students, along with a bookstore and food area. The building is now in use, with programs launching this fall, and renovations underway to support a new welding program for 50 students.



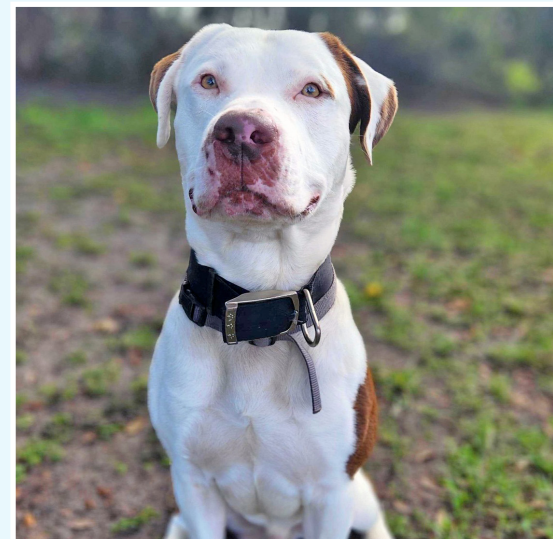
August 23 was an incredible day at the newly rebuilt Turie T. Small Elementary School! Through Volusia County Schools' partnership with NASCAR, VCS is thrilled to announce that the school received a surprise donation of \$10,000 from MoneyLion! Students were excited to meet Tyler Reddick, MoneyLion's driver, who shared inspiring words about his career, the importance of education, and following your dreams. Photo: Volusia County Schools



The East Coast Current's Hostess with the Mostest W.I.N.E. Event on August 19th was an unforgettable evening! Guests set sail on a private 3-hour sunset cruise aboard Toon Tiki Charters in New Smyrna Beach, where they learned the art of crafting a stunning 6-foot grazing table for under \$100. The evening was filled with delicious bites, Bobby G's Signature Sangria, and plenty of laughs, with guests leaving with raffle and boarding prizes. A special shoutout to our event sponsor, Table Teeth—a local, women-owned business that has created the perfect way to keep your tablecloth in place without any unsightly clamps or weights, even while cruising down the Intracoastal. Don't miss out on our next signature event—sign up for updates at ECCToldMe.com/SignatureEvents.



Local wildlife photographer, Shelley Lynch, was blown away when she captured this pregnant dolphin leaping out of the water in New Smyrna Beach. Find more of Shelley's stunning work at ShelleyLynchPhotos.com.



Meet Dozer, a 5-year-old, 72-pound gentle giant looking for his forever home. Surrendered by his previous family, Dozer has overcome heartworm treatment and is now ready to find a loving family that appreciates his sweet, silly personality. He's good with kids and other dogs, crate and house-trained, leash-trained, and knows commands. Adopt Dozer for \$150 or sponsor his adoption to help him find a home. To apply, visit our website. All adoptions include vaccinations, spay/neuter, training, and more. Meet Dozer at the Edgewater Animal Shelter at 605 Mango Tree Drive.



This August, the Marine Discovery Center in NSB proudly celebrated Chad Truxall's 20th anniversary as Executive Director! Over the years, Chad has made a tremendous impact, and he's excited to continue driving his vision for the future of MDC.



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August Fishing Report: Hot Weather and a Hot Bite!

Report & Images by: Patrick “Tupat” Eichstaedt | @TheRealTupat

August brought the heat - and the fish were biting just as hot! The backwaters of New Smyrna Beach and the Indian River Lagoon are teeming with bait, drawing in an array of trophy species eager to show their teeth.

Redfish have been actively patrolling the creeks, while snook are sunning themselves along the banks, eagerly popping bait. Trout, often elusive, have been lurking in the deeper holes, providing anglers with a thrilling challenge.

I had the pleasure of hosting my friends, Zed and Tommy Layson, who were in town from Barbados for a surf contest. We couldn’t resist the calm, beautiful evening behind my house, so we decided to hit the water.

Using chunk mullet, the boys managed to land two impressive gator trout. Tommy opted for a circle hook, while his dad, Zed, went with a jig head. Both techniques led to an epic battle and a successful catch!

As we transition into the fall season, expect the bite to stay strong. The bait will continue to thicken, and with any luck, the water clarity will improve as well.

*Until next time.
Cast ‘em, hook ‘em, and catch ‘em!*



Best Days to Fish in September: 1-5, 10-12, 17-19, 23-24, 29-30

September Fishing Tips:

- 1. **Target Early Morning Hours:** As the temperatures start to cool down in September, the early morning hours can be particularly productive. Fish are often more active at dawn, making it the perfect time to cast your line.
- 2. **Use Live Bait for Snook:** With snook still hanging around the banks, using live bait like pilchards or shrimp can increase your chances of a bite. Focus on areas with good water flow for the best results.
- 3. **Vary Your Retrieval Speed:** When targeting redfish, try varying your retrieval speed. Sometimes a slower, more deliberate approach can entice a bite from these patrolling predators.
- 4. **Look for Baitfish Schools:** As baitfish congregate in September, keep an eye out for birds diving or surface disturbances. These are good indicators
- 5. **Adjust for Tides:** Pay close attention to the tides, as they play a crucial role in where fish will be. Incoming tides often bring in fresh bait and hungry fish, so timing your outings with the tide can improve your success.

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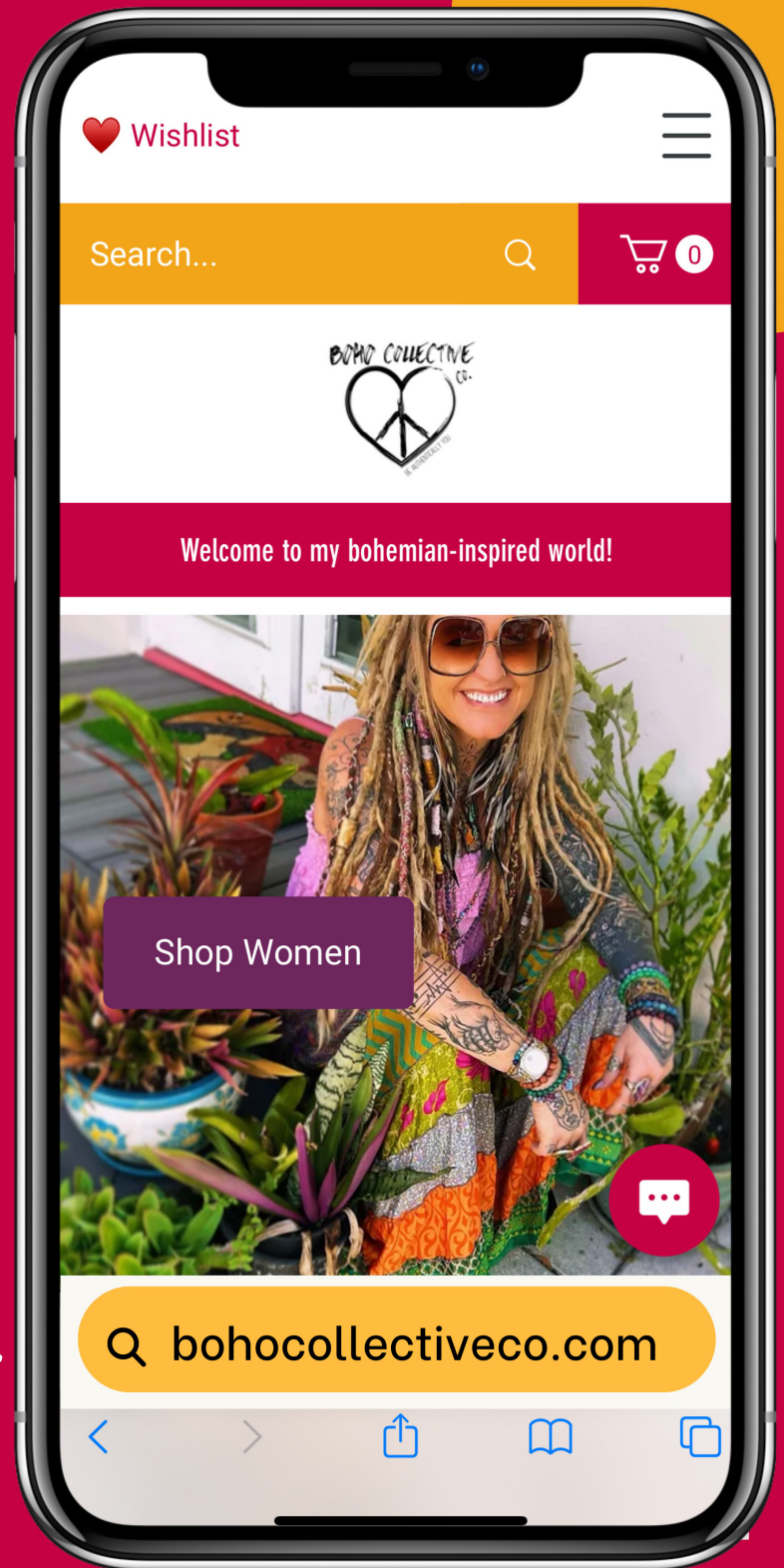
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