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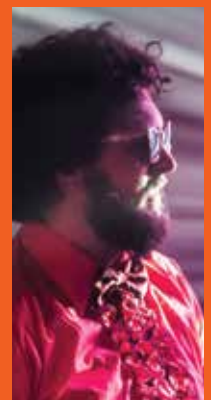


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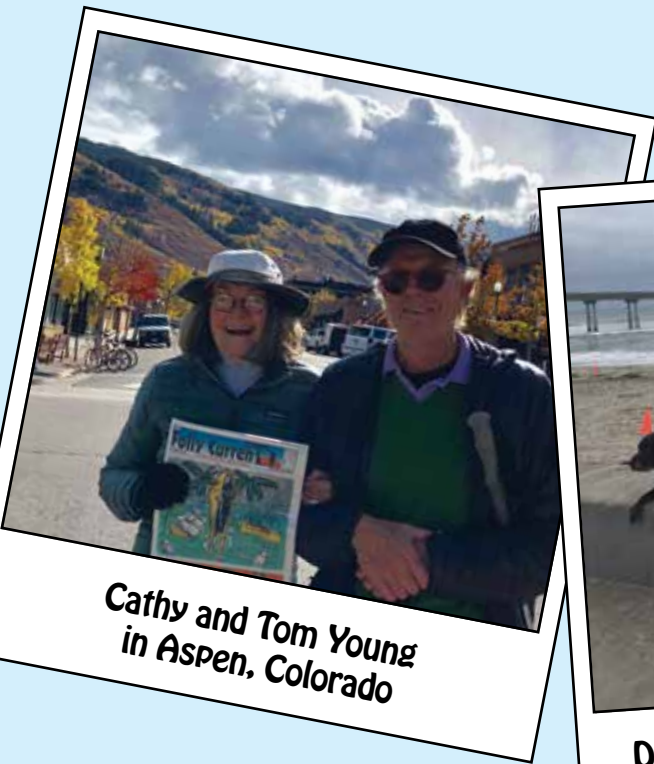
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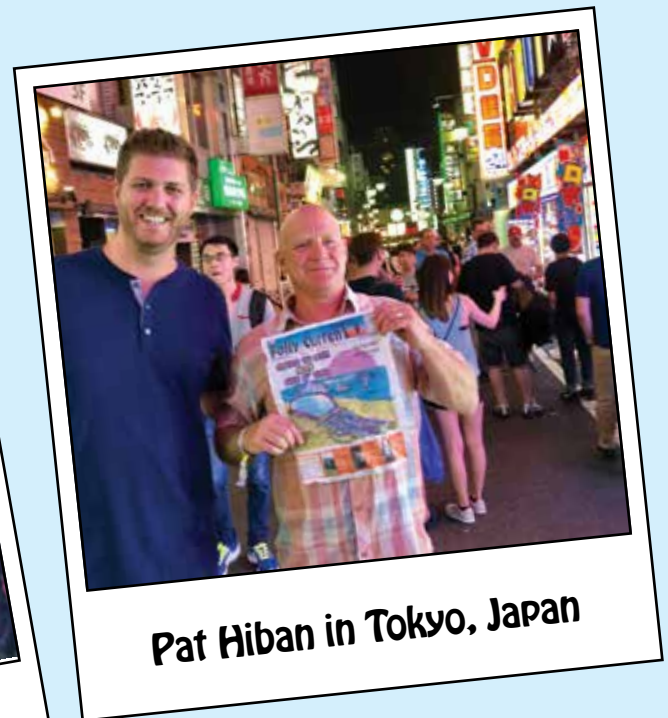
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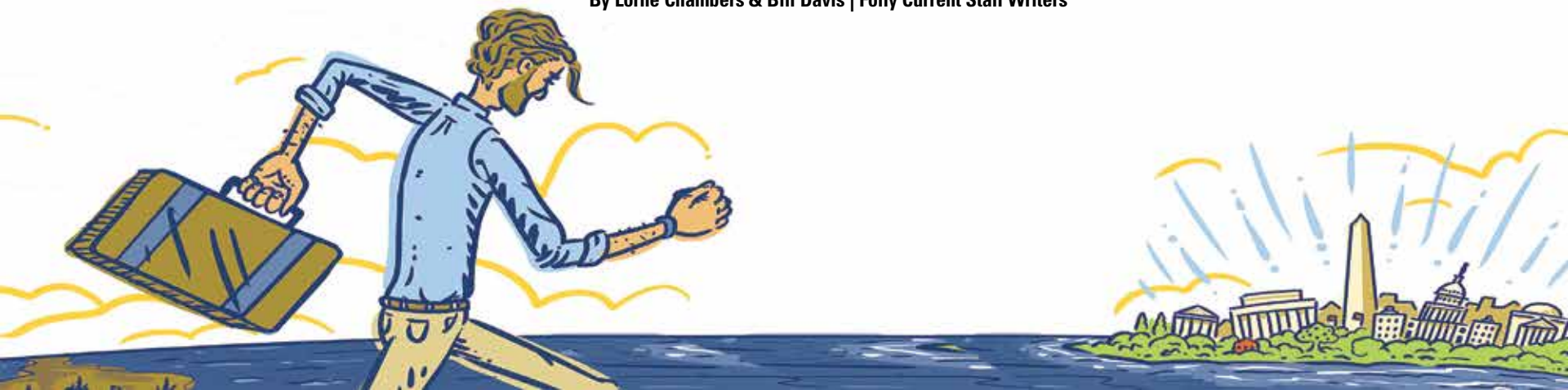
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Joe Six Pack Goes to Washington

FOLLY'S FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN JOE CUNNINGHAM GETS HIS FEET WET

By Lorne Chambers & Bill Davis | Folly Current Staff Writers



Freshman Congressman Joe Cunningham (D-SC, 1) has had an eventful first month in office. Despite walking straight into the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, Cunningham has been busy trying to make good on his campaign promises. Mainly, making sure that offshore drilling will not happen off of Folly Beach or anywhere on the South Carolina Coast.

On Tuesday, Jan. 8, Cunningham was joined by City of Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin and a host of other local lawmakers, mayors, and environmental groups at Shem Creek as he held a press conference announcing his plan to introduce the Coastal Economies Protection Act, calling for a 10-year moratorium on offshore oil and gas drilling and seismic airgun blasting. He then left the pristine marshes of the Lowcountry and headed to the swamp that is Washington D.C. But he didn't go alone. Cunningham took with him a mixed six-pack of local beers from Charleston Breweries, including Coast and Westbrook. When he tried to take the beers on the House floor, he was told that was a big no-no. Cunningham was trying to take some local beers to U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, (D-Oregon), co-chair of the House's Small Brewer's Caucus.

Some media outlets gave him the nickname Joe Six-Pack, a moniker that resonated even more thanks to his campaign brewery tour, which took him to several local breweries in his district. A district that was drawn as a gift to the GOP, yet still voted for the democratic political newcomer for a

host of reasons politicians are still struggling to accurately define: her gaffes on offshore drilling, lack of support from her national party, his good looks and refusal to take political action committee money, and so on.

Regardless of how it happened, Cunningham has been hard at work in Washington with his eye firmly fixed back home on the Charleston coast. On Wednesday, Jan. 30 Cunningham delivered a speech on the House floor applauding the work of a group of young activists called the James Island Ocean Actkidvists. These four James Island children made it their mission to protect our oceans and marine life from plastics pollution and educate the Lowcountry community, young and old, on the dangers of single-use plastics..

The Folly Current caught up with Cunningham recently as he was getting ready to move up to Washington. We wanted to know his priorities when he got there. Cunningham underscores that he didn't run for office to impeach President Donald Trump. "That's not our focus; the Mueller investigation needs to continue, but that has zero to do with increasing healthcare, building infrastructure, or stopping offshore drilling."

That Cunningham is striking such a conciliatory tone makes sense on one hand: he is serving in a Republican district as a Democrat. If he wants his tenure in Washington to go past two years, he'll have to make the case that he can deliver on issues important on both sides of the aisle.

That being said, he may also be attempting



With Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin looking on, Congressman Joe Cunningham announced his plan to introduce the Coastal Economies Protection Act, calling for a 10-year moratorium on offshore oil and gas drilling and seismic airgun blasting.

a risky balancing act that could result in both Dems and GOPs bombing on the very junior congressman. But he stuck the landing on his balancing routine into a seat in Congress and seems to be handling the pressure just fine.

Some have cast his win as proof that the Lowcountry hates offshore drilling more than it loves Donald Trump, whom Arrington strongly aligned herself with, and flip-flopped on her stance on drilling later in the race.

"I would say the offshore drilling issue certainly played a part," says Cunningham. "But our camp also ran on local issues, and

set ourselves apart from the 'D.C. narrative' ... it offered a stark contrast."

With a two-year term, Cunningham will undoubtedly face a tough re-election in 2020. It's not something he wants to think about right now, there's a lot of work to be done before then. And he doesn't seem eager to restart his fundraising, in which he trounced Arrington in 2018. "I just sent back some PAC money," he says. "I rejected it on the campaign trail, but it's still ongoing," adding that he would continue to fundraise in the future from individuals.



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SATURDAY, JAN. 12 SO MANY BAD DECISIONS...

The R/O was on routine patrol on Folly Road near Sol Legare Road when he observed a Dodge Durango with a defective tag light (Bad Decision #1). The officer pulled the vehicle over and approached the 31-year-old male driver and lone occupant. The officer advised the subject why he was pulled over and also noted to him he could smell marijuana in the car. Asked if he had anything illegal in the car, the subject admitted to having a gram of marijuana (Bad Decision #2). The subject

also had a suspended driver's license (Bad Decision #3). He also admitted to having a firearm in the car. (Bad Decision #4 because the subject is a felon, convicted for Domestic Violence [Bad Decision #4.5]). Three sets of handcuffs were used on the subject due to his large size, and he was taken to jail.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12 SHOPLIFTING FOR DUMMIES

The R/O was dispatched to the Folly Beach Circle K around 2 a.m. in reference to a Shoplifting case. Upon arrival, the officer met with the store clerk, who said a man had just shoplifted a 12-pack of Modelo beer. The clerk said just a few minutes earlier, she saw the subject, a 29-year-old man well-known to the clerk as a frequent customer, walk into the store, grab the 12-pack, and walk into the bathroom. The man then exited the bathroom and approached her at the register with the 12-pack package open. He then stated he had bought the beer at Bert's Market, said it was hot, and asked if he could exchange it. When the clerk said no, the man walked out of the store without paying. Surveillance video showed the same. A warrant was put out for the subject's arrest.

MONDAY, JAN. 14 DEFECTIVE TAGLIGHT TAKES ANOTHER DOWN

The R/O was on patrol around midnight near Crosby's Seafood when he saw a vehicle driving northbound on Folly Road with a defective headlight and a defective taglight. The officer pulled the vehicle over and approached the driver, a 47-year-old male. While talking to the man, the officer noticed his eyes were watery. The subject said he had just gotten into a fight with his wife and had left their house for the night.

He also said he had left his wallet at his house. In order to identify the man, the officer asked for his name and date of birth. The officer ran the information and found it did not match the DMV records (it would turn out to be the subject's brother's info). The officer detained the subject for further investigation, and eventually got his real name and DOB, and DMV records showed his license was suspended. The subject was placed under arrest for Driving Under Suspension and Lying to a Police Officer. His vehicle was searched prior to being towed. Inside the car, the officer found a three-quarters-full Miller Light can cold to the touch in the center console, along with small amounts of cocaine and methamphetamine, Xanax, MDMA, THC wax and THC-containing vape pens. Open Container and Possession of Marijuana were added to the subject's list of charges.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16 UNDEFENDED MICHELIN DEFENDER

The R/O was dispatched to an East Ashley Avenue address around 10 a.m. in reference to a Theft. Upon arrival, he met with the homeowners. The woman said she went outside that morning and found her Chevy SUV jacked up at the rear and the two rear tires (Michelin Defender LTXs, valued at \$1,200) missing. The officer investigated and found lug nuts scattered around the rear of the vehicle. The homeowner stated the jack had come from his open garage. Photos of footprints were taken, but no other information was available.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19 CAREFUL HOW MUCH YOU DRINK, KIDS

The R/O was dispatched to a Center Street bar in reference to a person who

had been detained by a private security company. Deputy Chief Rocky Burke was already on the scene. The private security guards said they had found the subject, a 20-year-old female, whose license listed her address as Six Mile, SC, sleeping on the sidewalk in front of the business they were assigned to. The deputy chief asked the woman for her ID, and she said something really rude, then gave him an ID that she said was phony. When searched, the officers found another fake ID, along with her SC driver's license. The woman was clearly drunk, and resisted when the officers went to arrest her for Disorderly Conduct and Possession of Alcohol by a Minor. She was taken to the county jail and remanded on \$2,174 bond, slated to appear in Folly Beach court.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20 MOBILE KITCHEN ARREST

The R/O was dispatched to the Folly River Park around 3 p.m. in reference to someone sleeping in the park. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with the 39-year-old female subject, who was sitting under the pavilion. As the officer approached, he noticed the woman had a shopping cart containing food and cooking utensils, including a rice cooker, crock pot, and toaster, as well as other toiletries, clothes and blankets. The officer asked for the subject's identification. The woman said she hadn't done anything illegal and wasn't going to provide her ID. The officer told the subject she was loitering and had to provide her ID per city ordinance. The subject still refused. She was arrested, charged with loitering, and taken to the county jail. Her belongings were placed into evidence lockers. She was later identified as homeless.



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By Jess VanScoy | Special to The Current



It's her smells I remember most. Bijan perfume. Chivas on ice. Her famous pot roast.

Or perhaps it was her sounds. The dangle of her bracelets. Shuffling feet in flip flops. The flip of her Zippo lighter.

She was my hero — everything I've ever done was because of her. She was a feminist before it was cool. She ran her own businesses in the 1980s and '90s. When I was 13, she plopped a copy of *Our Bodies, Ourselves* in my lap and told me it was required reading. Her love of photography led me to major in it in college. And by the time I was 19, taking a page from her book, I began traveling the world by myself.

Anyone who knew Marty knew she was tough as nails. But once you got past the shell, there was a softness. She was someone who would spend hours peeling you grapefruit from her yard, lend money when you needed it, and offer clippings from her gardens.

There will be an informal service at 1 p.m. on April 20 in front of her house. I'm sorry it's so late after her death, but she liked the warmth more. Please join me in remembering this beautiful woman and help spread her ashes.

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LOCAL DRUMMER STRATTON MOORE KEEPS THE BEAT FOR LOCAL MUSIC SCENE

By Miranda Steadman | Contributing Writer

Almost seven years ago, local musician Stratton Moore set out to provide the funky people of Folly with high-caliber live music every Thursday at Drop In Bar & Deli. In exchange for a sandwich, the hardworking drummer agreed to recruit some of the best musicians Charleston had to offer and bring them together to play every Thursday for Stratton Moore & Friends at the small Center Street restaurant and bar.

"I just wanted to create something where people can come take their mind off the troubles of the world, enjoy good music and relax," says Moore, who may very well be the hardest working man in show business ... at least on Folly Beach.

Moore plays drums in several local bands, including Gaslight Street, Sexbruisse?, Bottom Feeders, Yellow Knife, and Folly Beach Reggae Allstars. He's currently working with guitarist Will Evans of Dead 27's on a new musical endeavor entitled Fancy Ponce, in which the two plan to collaborate with local MCs to create spacey Hip Hop, rather Trip Hop, tunes.

Some of the talented musicians who have been known to join the well-connected and talented drummer at Drop In on Thursdays for Stratton Moore and Friends are local favorites such as Campbell Brown (Gaslight Street), Jeff Kozelski (Bottom Feeder), Jeff Wilson (Get With It), Wallace Mullinax (Dead 27's), Steve Jenkins (The Green Levels), Matt Thompson (The 86ers), Corey Stephens (The Hinges), Ben Mossman (Weigh Station, Little Bird), Whitt Algar (Royal Tinfoil, Gaslight Street, The Bushels), Malin Wagnon (Sideshow Americans), Ross Bogan (RoboTrio), and Bobby Hogg (Runaway Gin, The Reckoning, Green Levels, Holy City Heaters).

Soulful singer and songwriter Jeff Caldwell of the Jeff Caldwell Trio is another talented musician that's been known to join Moore on Thursday nights. "Jeff pushes me all the time.



Photo by Susannah Elliott

He'll throw things at me to try to challenge me to be on my chops," says Moore.

"The caliber of players coming in, you can catch them at their gigs at The Pour House but you'll pay \$15 just to get in. Here, you'll get to see world-class touring musicians for free," says Moore, who plays conductor every Thursday night to a rotating group of musicians. "Playing with a bunch of different people over time teaches you how to read each other while you're playing together. It's nice to have freedom to do whatever we want out there. Sometimes we just improvise ... I'll make a beat and we'll jam out," says Moore,

who also hosts the annual Face Funk at The Charleston Pour House, again using his vast musical connections to bring some good old fashioned funk, soul, and rock 'n' roll.

"It's a wonderful social experiment every time. These are some of the most intellectual musicians around," says local artist and surfer Kate Barattini, who also slings drinks and good vibes every Thursday at The Drop In. "These are the sounds that make the liquid in my body feel good."

Moore's personal musical wheelhouse is keeping the beat on funk, soul, and R&B grooves. "Usually we try to keep it upbeat and

danceable for everybody," he says. "It will always be fresh, it won't ever get stagnant or complacent."

This weekly musical experiment is an ideal listening forum to hear musicians jam out and test new songs out on a live audience. And with the busy tourist season still a month or so away, now is a great time to come out and hear some amazing local musicians and support a local business in the off-season. It also means there's more room on the dance floor and all the more reason to come enjoy the electric atmosphere that Stratton Moore and Friends brings every Thursday night.

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From Staff Reports

Love it or hate it, Folly's most polarizing street festival returns this month for another round of New Orleans-styled fun on Center Street. The 11th annual Folly Gras Parade & Block Party will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, between Huron and Arctic Avenues.

An ode to New Orleans' famous Mardi Gras festivities, but with a Folly twist, in the past Folly Gras has drawn in upwards of 10,000 people. Festival organizer Kelly Russ, is planning for another big turnout this year.

Put on by the Folly Association of Business (FAB), this year's event aims to build off of last year's more family-friendly event. This year there are two separate dedicated kids areas. Below is information about all the activities at this year's Folly Gras.

Admission:

Admission is free for Folly residents and kids 12 and under. For non-residents, the cost is \$10 in advance, either online at www.VisitFolly.com or for cash only at Folly Beach City Hall or the Folly Beach Library. Or you can also pay \$10 cash at the door. Advanced ticket holders will receive

express entry into the event.

Entrances:

The festival will have seven entrances, two at Arctic Avenue, two at the East side of Hudson, West Hudson, East Cooper and West Cooper. Express lanes for advanced ticket holders and residents will be on both sides of Hudson and Cooper avenues.

Parade:

The parade starts at 11 a.m. on West Ashley Avenue. Registration for large vehicles and floats is \$20. Smaller vehicles/groups such as golf carts, walkers, bicycles is \$10. Registration is free for Folly residents. All parade participants receive free admission to the festival. The parade route will run down Center Street and exit on West Hudson Ave.

Kiddos:

Two dedicated kids areas will provide kids of all ages with plenty to do. Good Clean Fun will also provide free glitter body art, juggling, stilt walkers, Dixieland jazz performers, one man band, and king cake walks. The Folly Beach Library will be out with kids activities. Other activities include



caricature drawings, mask making, and inflatables.

Live Music:

This year's music lineup features national touring band and Folly's own Dangermuffin along with Sunny Ledford. They will be joined by several local acts across three stages at Ashely, Erie and Huron avenues.

Food & Vendors:

The Folly restaurants will take to the street to serve up their best Mardi-Gras inspired dishes. Over 40 arts, craft, jewelry, etc. vendors will line Center street. And dont forget to check out the Fortune Teller.

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Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton & Friends
Loggerhead's: Bender Folk
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ Jellybean
St. James Gate: Karaoke
The Washout: Gracious Day
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish
Planet Follywood: Whiskey Diablo
Sand Dollar: Big Wheels & The Hubcaps
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ Dance Party
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Pier 101: Tom Crowley
Planet Follywood: Well Charged
Sand Dollar: Big Wheels & The Hubcaps
Snapper Jack's: DJ Saba
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ Dance Party
Surf Bar: Bobby Hogg & Friends

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Planet Follywood: Bobby Sutton
St. James Gate: Karaoke; Ed "Porkchop" Meyer; Karaoke
Surf Bar: Sunday Sessions
The Washout: Donnie Polk

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Chico Feo: Open Mic w/ Michael Martin
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra
Drop In Bar & Deli: Slaton Glover
Planet Follywood: Bingo
The Washout: Joint Chiefs

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky Tonk
Planet Follywood: Open Mic w/ Davidson

The Washout: The Ol' 55's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod
Planet Follywood: Red Cedar Review
The Washout: Josh Hughett & Dale Baker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Crab Shack: Acoustic Buddies Bluegrass Jam
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton & Friends
Loggerhead's: Bender Folk
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ Jellybean
St. James Gate: Karaoke
The Washout: Gracious Day
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish
Planet Follywood: Benderfunk
Sand Dollar: Ocean Drive Party Band
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ Dance Party
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Planet Follywood: Nathan Calhoun & Andy Childs
Pier 101: Dave Grunstra
Sand Dollar: Ocean Drive Party Drive
Snapper Jack's: DJ Saba
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ Dance Party
Surf Bar: Wallace Brown & The Peacemakers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Planet Follywood: Bobby Sutton
St. James Gate: Karaoke; Ed "Porkchop" Meyer; Karaoke
Surf Bar: Jefferson Coker Band
The Washout: Donnie Polk

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Chico Feo: Open Mic w/ Michael Martin
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra
Drop In Bar & Deli: Slaton Glover
Planet Follywood: Bingo
The Washout: Joint Chiefs

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky Tonk
Planet Follywood: Open Mic w/ Mac Calhoun
The Washout: The Ol' 55's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod
Planet Follywood: Red Cedar Review
The Washout: Josh Hughett & Dale Baker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Crab Shack: Acoustic Buddies Bluegrass Jam
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton & Friends
Loggerhead's: Bender Folk
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ Jellybean
St. James Gate: Karaoke
The Washout: Gracious Day
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish
Planet Follywood: Thomas Champagne Band
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ Dance Party
Surf Bar: Kang Louie & Friends
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Loggerhead's: DJ Lotis
Pier 101: Hans
Planet Follywood: Eric Penrod
Snapper Jack's: DJ Saba
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ Dance Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Planet Follywood: Bobby Sutton
St. James Gate: Karaoke; Ed "Porkchop" Meyer; Karaoke
Surf Bar: Dallas Baker & Friends
The Washout: Donnie Polk



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Center Street: Flip Flop Drop with Fireworks
Chico Feo: Open Mic w/ Michael Martin
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra
Drop In Bar & Deli: Slaton Glover
Planet Follywood: Bingo
Sand Dollar: Hollow Point
The Washout: Joint Chiefs

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Honky Tonk
Planet Follywood: Open Mic w/ Davidson
The Washout: The Ol' 55's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia
Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod
Planet Follywood: Red Cedar Review
The Washout: Josh Hughett & Dale Baker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Crab Shack: Acoustic Buddies Bluegrass Jam
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Stratton & Friends
Loggerhead's: Bender Folk
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ Jellybean
St. James Gate: Karaoke
The Washout: Gracious Day
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Local Restaurants Offer a Taste of Folly

FROM A HOT DOG EATING CONTEST TO A COCKTAIL COMPETITION TO AN OYSTER SHUCK-OFF, 2019 TASTE OF FOLLY DID NOT DISAPPOINT

By Jessica Cobb | Contributing Writer



Folly Beach hosts multiple festivals and events throughout the year to entertain and involve the community and businesses, but it's no surprise that the favorite of many is the foodie's paradise that is Taste of Folly Beach which was on Saturday January 19. Hosted every January on the island, this festival allowed guests to stroll down Center St. and enjoy delicious food put out by the local restaurants and food trucks while jamming to live local music on various stages.

This year there were also multiple cooking demos set up for the budding chef to be able to re-create some of these dishes at home. New restaurant Lowlife hosted Chef Nicholas Pfannerstill as he

returned from New York to showcase their much-loved Tuna Poke dish from their menu. Side note- Eater Charleston just voted Lowlife as one of the Hottest Restaurants to try in 2019, so make sure to go grab a seat at the bar and order this ASAP.

Rita's Seaside Grille's Chef Ben Keanes-Eames joined the line-up to whip up their famous Fish & Shrimp tacos, along with Chef Marty Smith from the Washout and their Shrimp & Grits.

Along with the dozens of booths lining the streets to choose from were the crowd-loving eating competitions. Bert's Hot Dog Eating Contest winners were as follows: 1st Place - Reese

Motley, 12 hot dogs; 2nd Place - Terry Brown, 11 hot dogs; and 3rd Place - Lark Ruthbone, 8 hot dogs. That's a whole lotta dogs! The Chili Cook Off was as always easy for the judges to taste-test, but hard to pick a winner. 1st Place — Thomas Beck's Leprechaun Chili; 2nd Place — Folly Best Rentals; 3rd Place — Bacon Olt So Good Chili.

Last but not least, the oyster shucking contest was certainly a sight to see, with Randy Moody taking first place with 26 raw oysters shucked in 5 minutes! Let's hope he had a manicure scheduled for the next day... A big thank you to the Washout for providing the local Folly oysters. Thank you also to Bert's Market and Toadfish for providing prizes to all the winners.



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Kicking things off on the Friday night before the festivities was the popular Cocktail Competition, sponsored by Cannon Distillery. Each bar entry was provided with their choice of locally made Cannon vodka, including Early Bird Coffee vodka, 100 percent Corn Grit vodka, and Chai Noon Chai Tea vodka. Participants were encouraged to come up with their own concoction to win over the masses, as judging was left up to the public. Just like the drinks, the competition was stiff.

Coming in 1st Place for the 3rd year in a row was St. James Gate with their High Chai cocktail: Chai Noon, fresh espresso, Disaronno Amaretto, house-

made dairy-free almond-cinnamon creamer, and CBD oil.

Second Place went to newcomers Wiki Wiki Sandbar and their drink, Aloha from Avondale: Grit Vodka, bitter almond Orgeat syrup, Velvet Falernum liqueur, Passionfruit vanilla syrup, and Brandied cherries.

The spot was super close for 3rd place, with Surf Bar squeezing in for the win over Taco Boy by one vote! Surf Bar's win was with the Hibiscus and Maybe...: Grit Vodka, hibiscus flower puree, fresh lemon juice, and soda water.

Creative cocktails, amazing food, good music, and beautiful weather came

together that weekend to provide for a fantastic time. All in all the weekend was a huge success, with locals and tourists alike leaving full and happy!

Jessica Cobb is a Folly Beach resident with years of culinary experience tucked into her apron pocket. Classically trained chef and owner of local catering company, Some Like it Hot, she joins the Folly Current as a contributing writer to the Food and Dining section in hopes of sparking new interest, cravings, and insight from our eclectic bunch of restaurants.



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TIME FOR SOME CAJUN/CREOLE FOOD

This year's Folly Gras is on February 23, and is hosted by the Folly Association of Business (FAB), the non-profit membership organization. It is most definitely a sight to see. Elaborate costumes, masks, and of course New Orleans-inspired food and drink will be lining the streets. Folly's participating restaurants and bars will be serving up Cajun and Creole dishes from their establishments throughout the day, and live music along with the eclectic Parade is sure to be a hit. Enjoy \$5 Deep Eddy cocktails all day, but remember to drink responsibly!

JACK OF CUPS NEW MENU ROLLOUT

Many locals look forward to the seasonal change of the Jack of Cups menu every few months, and they certainly did not

disappoint this time. They brought back a few favorites such as the Meatballs & Toast, the Boiled Peanut Hummus, and not one but two Noodle bowls to satisfy your cravings. There are also a few classic curries (Green Lentil & Chicken Masala) to warm up on these few cold nights that we have left of winter, along with two new soups (Rustic Root & Mushroom Veloute). Don't forget, if you haven't already popped around to the back courtyard for lunch or dinner on a nice day, make sure to put that on your list.

BLOODY MARY MADNESS

On January 1st, Folly Beach dwellers joined in the 7th annual Bill Murray Look-A-Like Polar Bear Plunge to start the new year off. Although it was a beautiful sunny day, the cold waters had many divers scrambling for a way to warm up afterwards... and what better way than with a deliciously stout Bloody Mary? Sponsored by Deep Eddy vodka, local bartenders took a classic and ran with it by adding fun garnishes and creative ingredients to put their own spin on it. The competition was stiff, but here are the winners: Voter's Choice: Rita's Seaside Grille- flavorful homemade mix, garnished with tomatoes, pepperoncini, and pickles. Judges Choice: Pier 101 Restaurant & Bar- spicy chipotle seasoned mix blended with peppers and spices, topped with a

skewer of shrimp, jalapeno, and cherry tomato. Honorable Mention: Taco Boy-Zing Zang Bloody Mary mix and house-made salsa blend made this drink too good not to add to the list! Best Garnish: Planet Follywood- this Bloody Mary was served with a snack-pack that included a homemade maple ham biscuit, Slim Jim, pepperoncini, maple bacon, pickle, and olives. Congrats to all the winners and thanks to all the participants!




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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT LOWLIFE BAR

Lowlife Bar opened its doors to the Folly Beach crowd in July of 2018. With an outdoor bar and garage door windows, the vibe feels open, airy and welcoming. The owners and staff strive not only to satisfy the tourists, but also ensure that the residents of Folly feel like they can call Lowlife their second home.

Lowlife Bar focuses on fresh ingredients and sources them locally whenever possible. The menu of cocktails always includes freshly squeezed juices and high quality spirits. The food at Lowlife is an exciting mixture of laid-back beach fare, such as their tuna poke to tasty southern bar snacks like pimento cheese and the fried chicken sandwich with old-bay waffle fries. Guests can enjoy Lowlife's brunch menu 7 days a week and look for nightly specials.

The Lowlife crew is thrilled to be a part of the Folly Beach family and it shows. Throughout the spring and summer season guests can expect to see them host an array of exciting events, such as a local bartender's competition, Baltimore-style crab feasts and more.



We had a great turn out at the Cocktail Competition, with more in attendance than any other year, and had a beautiful day for Taste of Folly Festival last month! Congratulations to all the winners of the bartender mix-off cocktail competition, oyster shucking contest, chili cook off, and hot dog eating contest!

FAB is a proud sponsor of the Folly Beach Exchange Club Golf Tournament. There's still time for you to play in the tournament on February 26, 2019. Email FBEXCgolf@gmail.com to sign up.

We're looking forward to hosting a safe and fun for all ages Folly Gras on February 23, 2019! Admission is \$10, purchase in advance for a discount. Folly full-time residents & kids 12 and under are **FREE!**

FAB meets on the second Thursday of each month, except for this month, when we will meet on Thursday, Feb. 7th at 6:30-7:30pm upstairs at Tides Hotel. Join us downstairs in the bar area for the social at 6pm if you like. For more information, email Secretary4FAB@gmail.com.

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By Jeffrey Gredlein

The Versatile Porter

CLASSIC ENGLISH ALE HAS MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES

But I am often in the minority when it comes to porter love. Although one of my very good mates is also a big fan, most of my friends range from 'take it or leave it' to outright revulsion. One buddy is always left wanting a fuller, bigger-bodied beer. Many others are hop heads who bemoan the lack of bitterness. Still others feel porter, and stout for that matter, is just too roasty.

This is why I find it strange that such hesitancy exists with this beer. To me, and what I attempt to describe to the uninitiated, is that porter is not dissimilar to a decent cup of coffee, but also holds similarities with dark chocolate. Some porters will even have sweeter notes of caramel and toffee, or sharper hints of nuttiness or smoke. All of these are typically pleasing flavors that many will experience on a daily basis.

But recently, I've noticed crafty craft brewers using porter more and more as a stepping off point, a base from which to experiment in new and unique ways with delicious results. In the last few years, porter experiments have been some of the most satisfying releases in the microbrew world.

My first experience with a porter offshoot was Highland Brewery's Oatmeal Porter. Already being familiar with oatmeal

stout, this was easy; a bit more body, a touch of breadly sweetness, this one just made sense.

The obvious collaboration, for me, was porter and vanilla. Think rich chai tea or vanilla-tinged coffee or dark chocolate. My first find was Breckenridge Brewery's simply titled Vanilla Porter. The first sip was wonderful, but soon the beer became overly sweet and cloying. Unless you want a dessert beer, this is not a session brew.

My next encounter blew me away. Ballast Point Brewing Co.'s Victory at Sea is an imperial porter brewed with coffee and vanilla. Well, I was sold. This became one of the beers I have to seek out every year, it's just divine — rich, complex, silky, slightly sweet but subdued while sharp and tangy, an amazing beer.

However, if you want the proper classic, Fuller's London Porter is possibly the best example of an English porter that you can find. Poured from a 12-ounce, tall, skinny black bottle, the ale



shows up dark mahogany, nearing black, with a dark tan foamy head that leaves lines of lace all down the glass. Toasted grain, chocolate/caramel and a whiff of smoky cocoa cross the nose, and smell wonderful. The flavor builds on this aroma base and adds a touch of dark chocolate and prunes, finishes with a burnt sugar and an earthy hop bite, but it is not strong at all. London porter is crisp in the mouth, medium bodies, and creamy but somewhat dry. This brew is 5.4 percent alcohol by volume (ABV), but you never taste the alcohol. One could drink this creamy beer for hours on a cold night. Goes well with beef stew or a juicy steak, pairs just as well with dark chocolate desserts. An outstanding beer in the bottle, it's near perfect on tap, worth the search to find a draught of this one. It may be time to revisit this once working man's tipple. Enjoy the brews ... Cheers.

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1 Center St. 588-6658

www.blufollybeach.com

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BOWEN'S ISLAND

1870 Bowen's Island Road. 795-2757

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DOLCE BANANA

18 Center St. 633-0187

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DROP-IN DELI & BAR

32 Center St. 633-0234

www.dropindeli.com

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The variety on the menu is impressive, offering deli favorites; Tex-Mex, including The Dang Quesa-Dilah and Blackened Phish Tacos, 5 salads, a house-made black bean burger, The Redneck, which is a twist on the Chicken Cheesesteak with the addition of jalapeños, ranch, caramelized onions, bacon, and 'da Whiz. Several beers on tap, including local favorite Coast Hop Art, and a full bar.

FOLLY BEACH CRAB SHACK

26 Center St. 588-3080

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JACK OF CUPS SALOON

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LOGGERHEAD'S BEACH GRILL

123 W. Ashley Ave. 588-2365

www.loggerheadsbg.com

Boasting the largest deck on Folly, Loggerhead's is a place to soak up some rays while enjoying one of their many frozen concoctions or a juicy burger. On the appetizer menu you'll find seafood favorites conch fritters,

Calamari, snow crab clusters, and peel-n-eat shrimp. On the main menu the Seafood Platters come with your choice of two sides. Loggerhead's is also a lively nightlife spot where you can enjoy music 7 nights a week. Check out the innovative wine on tap system and Folly's largest selection of local beer on draft.

LOST DOG CAFÉ

106 W. Huron Ave. 588-9669

www.lostdogfollybeach.com

The breakfast menu is served all day, offering Folly's original breakfast burrito, Society Street french toast with fresh strawberries, biscuits & home-made sausage gravy. If you're looking for a fresh salad, try the Very Berry Spinach or the Folly mahi-mahi with fresh mango salsa. The Southern-style BLT with pimento cheese and a fried green tomato will give you a taste of the South. Enjoy \$3 mason jar mimosas on Mondays all day. Breakfast & lunch daily.

LOWLIFE BAR

106 E. Hudson Ave.

A casual, neighborhood beach bar with creative — food like poke bowls and ceviche — as well as classics like burgers and fried chicken sandwiches, served with hand-cut fries. There is also a solid cocktail program that includes a slushy machine, beachy drinks, and loaded Tecates.

PIER 101

101 E. Arctic Ave. 633-0246

www.pier101folly.com

Located on the base of the Edwin S. Taylor Fishing Pier, the throwback restaurant offers beachfront dining with panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean. Pier 101 serves classically inspired American and Southern dishes (try the Foot Long Hotdog with chili and cheese), seafood, like Folly fried shrimp tacos, and cocktails, like the Kokomo, a creamy coconut drink named for the famed bar that was frequented by military in the 1950's on Folly Beach.

PLANET FOLLYWOOD

32 Center St. 588-7380

www.planetfollywood.com

This beachy dive bar, open year round, serves up some great food and entertainment on the island to both locals and tourists. Their friendly staff will help you build an appetizer, choose a basket of land or sea fare, or pick from the biggest selection of burgers on the beach! Breakfast on the weekends will always cure what ails ya. Several beers on tap and a menu full of options are just a few of the highlights of this popular hangout. With fun events ranging from bingo to karaoke and great live local music, Planet Follywood is always a great time!

RITA'S SEASIDE GRILLE

2 Center St. 588-2525

www.ritasseasidegrille.com

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ST. JAMES GATE

11 Center St. 633-0046

Folly's only Irish Pub, St. James Gate offers several beers on tap and a handful of traditional Irish favorites including shepherd's pie, corned beef and cabbage, and fish 'n' chips. With over 25 beers on tap, there's plenty of options for finding a pint, or two, that suits your tastes.

SURF BAR

103 W. Cooper Ave. 588-2009

www.surfbarfollybeach.com

Surf Bar is reminiscent of a Costa Rican roadside bar (or soda) and it's Pura Vida inside. Try one of their killer Philly cheesesteaks, a house-made black bean burger, or a juicy beef burger, all cooked on the wood-burning grill; or one of their famous Painkillers, made with dark rum, cream of coconut, pineapple and orange juice, and fresh ground nutmeg. There are also a handful of beers on tap. There is also a back patio with a fireplace and foosball a table.

SUSHI BY LISA

Drop In Deli, 32 Center St. 633-0234

www.dropindeli.com/sushi-by-lisa/

Serving up sushi 4 nights a week from the side bar at Drop In Deli, Lisa takes care in rolling your sushi to order. From tuna, eel, salmon, to fish roe, she's got everything you need for a sushi roll! There's large and small rolls; even nigiri. Enjoy calamari salad (when available) and seaweed salad on the side. Tuesday-Friday.

TACO BOY

15 Center St. 588-9761

www.tacoboy.net

Taco Boy is always one of the busiest restaurants on the beach, but you can usually belly up to the bar at any given time and get a margarita, Dos Equis, Negra Modela, or Pacifico. While you're there, grab a taco (grilled fish, al pastor, carne asada, kimchi beef, portobello mushroom) or nachos with

cowboy beans, chili con queso, salsa cruda, guac, & crema. Come in on the weekends and try their frozen screwdriver, a true hangover slayer.

TATTOOED SENORITA

1846 Old Folly Beach Road. 444-3439

www.tattooedsenorita.com

Just before you get to Folly Beach, there is a great place to stop and get some quality Mexican food and great drinks in a casual and rustic atmosphere. Tattooed Senorita is open for lunch, dinner, and a great Mexican brunch on Sunday.

THE WASHOUT

41 Center St. 633-0143

www.follywashout.com

Feel the sea breezes from the huge patio, watch your game on one of the 12 TVs, and enjoy a menu with everything from burgers to kebobs and fried seafood. The blackened Saku tuna bites over seaweed salad are just \$12 during happy hour! With a passion for building relationships, the staff at The Washout wants you to remember great times, food and service. Shag the night away with Jim Bowers on Tuesdays and listen to the sweet tunes of Folly Beach Bluegrass Society on Thursdays out on the patio!

WIKI WIKI SANDBAR

106 E. Ashley Ave. 588-9454

www.wikiwikisandbar.com

Moules Frites are a must-try on the polynesian/southern menu of this 65,000 square foot restaurant boasting three floors, four dining rooms, and a rooftop tiki bar with a view of Folly that rivals any on Folly Beach. Poke bowls are a great healthier option for bikini season and a Pineapple Dole Whip is a great way to end a satisfying taste of the islands.

WOODEN SPOON DELI

202 E. Ashley Ave. 588-9449

www.bertsmarket.com

Bert's offers a whole lot more than free coffee! Located inside Bert's Market, their full-service deli features Applegate Farms' all natural, steroid and antibiotic-free meats and cheeses and all organic produce. Enjoy made-to-order subs, wraps and paninis and house-made sides like Southwest couscous. Wash it down with an organic smoothie or cold-pressed juice, always made-to-order!

WOODY'S PIZZA

39 Center St. 588-0088

www.dowoodypizza.com

Much more than just a local pizzeria, Woody's is a local hotspot. Sit inside at the bar or if you're one of the lucky ones to grab the few outdoor bar seats that open up to the restaurant, you might just want to stay parked there all evening. Order pizza by the slice or a whole pie. There's also subs, served hot or cold, breadsticks, and a couple of salads. It's one of the best spots on the island to people watch.

Ruby's Wreckage

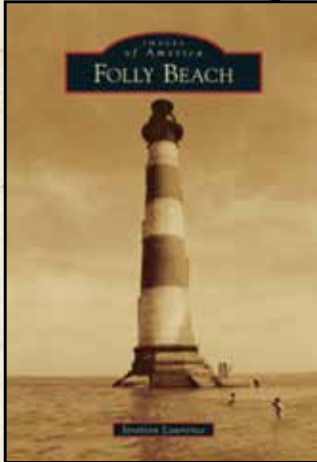
CONFEDERATE SHIP RUBY RAN AGROUND ON FOLLY'S NORTH END



FOLLY FLASHBACK

BY STRATTON LAWRENCE

British-built and designed and reinforced to take fire and slip through the Union blockade of the harbor, the Confederate ship, Ruby, found an even more formidable foe in the sandbars of Lighthouse Inlet on Folly's northern end. Running aground on June 11, 1863, the wreck took fire from Confederate-held Morris Island and Union-held Folly as both sides made alternating attempts to salvage the supplies onboard. This photo was taken near the war's conclusion in February 1865. (Courtesy of the Library of Congress.)



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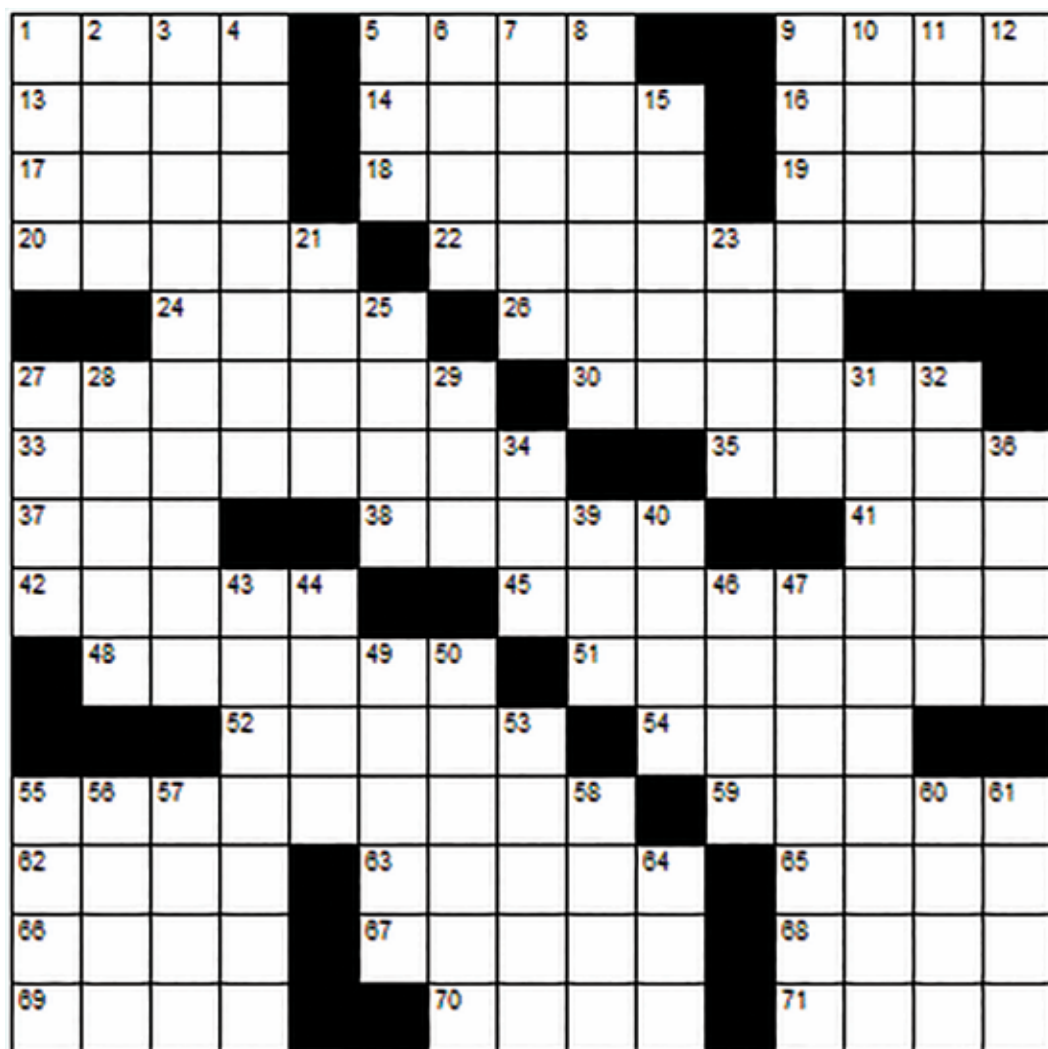
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- 5. Footnote note
- 9. Beige
- 13. Suspend
- 14. Guys
- 16. Colored part of an eye
- 17. Reflected sound
- 18. Japanese cartoon art
- 19. Guy
- 20. Achievements
- 22. Podiums
- 24. Untruths
- 26. Courtroom event
- 27. Support
- 30. Cubes of meat on skewers
- 33. Spicy
- 35. Lacking leadership
- 37. A Hebrew letter
- 38. Gumption
- 41. Copy
- 42. Inscribed pillar
- 45. Lyrical
- 48. Invented the light bulb
- 51. Furrow
- 52. Escargot
- 54. Catches
- 55. These came before CDs

- 59. Compacted
- 62. Pearly-shelled mussel
- 63. Sea eagles
- 65. Cheap showy jewelry (archaic)
- 66. Emollient
- 67. Rituals
- 68. Barely managed
- 69. Blackthorn
- 70. Ice cream holder
- 71. Start over

DOWN

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- 2. Shoestring
- 3. Unsanctified
- 4. Self-importance
- 5. Actress Lupino
- 6. Backside
- 7. Dimwit
- 8. Delimit
- 9. An apparition
- 10. Central point
- 11. Go on horseback
- 12. Applications
- 15. Old photo color
- 21. Bristle
- 23. Hindu Mr.
- 25. Collections
- 27. Flying mammals

- 28. Give a speech
- 29. Tear
- 31. Type of harmless snake
- 32. Flower part
- 34. Mug
- 36. Expunge
- 39. At this time
- 40. Composer Jerome
- 43. Supple
- 44. Feudal worker
- 46. Fastened
- 47. Whole number
- 49. Cowboy movie
- 50. Azotic
- 53. Slowly, in music
- 55. Young bears
- 56. Rectal
- 57. Storage cylinder
- 58. Observed
- 60. Sought damages
- 61. Cocoyam
- 64. South southeast

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 23

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TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

1 MUSIC

Who was just announced as the first woman in hip-hop to be an inductee to the Songwriter Hall of Fame?

2 MUSICALS

Airing last month on Fox, what Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning production was the most recent musical to get the live television treatment?

3 CRIME & PUNISHMENT

What American entertainer, who has been in trouble with the law previously, was arrested last month on a rape charge in Paris, France?

4 POLITICS

Known for her fiery confrontations, what former prosecutor and first-term California Senator who has thrown her hat in the ring to run for President in 2020?

5 CELEBRITY COUPLES

Actor Chris Pratt recently got engaged to the daughter of what celebrity?

6 REAL-LIFE MURDER MYSTERIES

Airing on TNT and starring Chris Pine, what's the name of the new miniseries from Wonder Woman director Patty Jenkins, about the infamous real-life Black Dahlia murder?

7 MARKETING

What company's new ad caused a stir as it challenges toxic masculinity?

8 SEQUELS

What director is at the helm of the forthcoming Ghostbusters III movie, following in the footsteps of his famous father, who directed Ghostbusters I and II?

9 TELEVISION

What offbeat sitcom, created by and starring Abbi Jacobson and Ilana Glazer, just kicked off its fifth and final season?

10 SPORTS

What U.S. Olympic Gold Medal-winner just became the first X Game athlete to win 4 Gold Medals by age 18 when she won the Women's Snowboard SuperPipe last month?

Amazing Grace & the Hooded Merganser



SALT MARSH DIARIES

BY CAPTAIN ANTON DUMARS OF SPARTINA SAILING ADVENTURES

From my stool at the breakfast table, I look down at Grace the dog. She paces from one side of me to the other, then she barks, as if to will my eggs onto the floor. At eight years old, Grace is still more puppy than adult. Her smallish stature makes her seem young- a perma-puppy, some say. Grace's black iridescent coat reminds me of a waterfowl's feathers. As both dogs and birds are tetrapod's, iridescent Grace and iridescent waterfowl share a common ancestor from about 310 million years ago.

Winter brings several species of waterfowl to our saltmarsh. They come to escape cold weather from the Great Lakes and Canada. Come spring, they head back north to nest. Among these waterfowl, I recognize black scoters, pie-billed grebes, and hooded mergansers. Most of these birds dive for their

food. A floating bird becomes a concentric-circled ripple in the blink of an eye.

Hooded Mergansers, to me, have striking good looks. Thick black and white stripes cover the backs of males, with more muted stripes on females. White breasts on males give way to mahogany-colored underbodies. Head feathers of the male birds crest up into a giant white patch surrounded by a hood of iridescent black forehead and neck feathers. Females, though a more subtle and chestnut mono-color, also have a prominent retractable crest.

I find these birds floating among the boats at Sunset Cay Marina. I also see them in the flooded salt marsh on the north side of the Folly Road causeway between Peas Island and Sol Legare Island. I've seen them in the tidal creek adjacent to The Barrel, and in the marsh near Battery Island Drive.

Grace doesn't care that she's iridescent like a waterfowl. To her, a hooded merganser, like another dog or a small child, is just another thing competing for my attention. She quits her barking and looks up at me, exposing her mink-like white chest stripe. Finally, giving up on the eggs, Grace lies down, rests her head on the floor and sighs.



Anton DuMars is a coastal geologist and longtime Folly resident. Come sail aboard S/V Spartina. To book a trip, visit sailspartina.com or email Capt. Anton at sailspartina@gmail.com.



OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

BY CHARLIE STONECYPHER

Howdy, my Folly Friends. If you're experiencing what I have lately you probably can't believe how time flies. As we work towards goals, make improvements to our property, mind, etc. there just isn't enough time in the day it seems like. But before we panic about everything that seems like it has to be done "right this moment or it'll never happen," let us first consider what happens when we meet said goals. A typical fairy tale ends such as, "And they lived happily ever after," and hopefully they did. In most cases however, happiness is relevant to the moment. That

state of accomplishment has to be maintained. Let me provide a few examples.

Physical Health: Not too many years ago I was having some health problems mainly caused by being overweight. I set forth with determination and a program set up through research and over the course of the next year and a half I changed my metabolism and lost around 40 pounds. Sounds great? It was, for a while. Then I got complacent and all of a sudden I started making exceptions to food and habits that were counter productive. It turns out being at the ideal weight wasn't something that was going to last forever if I didn't maintain some small bit of discipline. Being a new dad again recently I found myself sliding into the "Dad Bod," as it's called. So now

it's back to basics.

Mental Health: We've all had trials and tribulations. Do you remember ever overcoming something huge in your life? A breakthrough? Do you remember how awesome you felt? That's great if you have and for those who haven't please don't give up! Here's the thing, it's possible to slide backwards so do your utmost to maintain your happiness. We all know there are no guarantees in life. Maintaining the fundamentals that got you there will keep you grounded. Even Enlightenment can be brief.


A garden is the same thing. You can spend an entire week weeding, pruning, mulching, planting etc. to the point of perfection and maybe even get yard of the month. There's

another month right behind it isn't that true?

Well don't get overwhelmed at the likelihood of staying busy "ever after." Excellence is much easier to achieve and maintain. It also is a guarantee that if you keep the, "I'm still a student. I'm still learning," attitude you'll never be bored and there will always be another level of awesome available to you by practicing daily fundamentals.

Much Love and Aloha to all of you!


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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

The Folly Current Community Billboard is a Free listing for events happening on Folly Beach.

Please submit all happenings to info@follycurrent.com by the 21st of the month in order to be included in the next issue of The Folly Current.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Art Class at Gallery Azul. Danielle Parker of The Salty Blossom is holding a bracelet workshop with beads to celebrate the full moon. Cost is \$20 per bracelet made. Space is limited; sign up at Gallery Azul 113 W. Erie or call the gallery at 843-714-0715.

Arts & Crafts Guild Meeting Meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Exhibiting Membership \$35, Associate Membership \$20. Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

CLUBS & SUPPORT GROUPS

Book Club. Discuss "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 2:30pm. Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. 588-2001.

Civic Club Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Community Center, 55 Center St. For more information, contact Regina Anderson 633-0200.

Exchange Club Meeting is the 1st Thursday of each month. Dinner program is the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact May Holmes at 588-9238.

Folly Association of Business Business meeting open for all Folly Beach business owners. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. For more information, email secretary4FAB@gmail.com. Tides Hotel, conference room, 1 Center Street

Folly Green Team Meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 6pm in City Council Chambers. For more info, contact Teresa Marshall (728) 543-4670 or teresa.marshall56@hotmail.com.

Home & Garden Club Meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 12pm. Folly Beach Community Center. 55 Center St. For more info, call 588-0093.

Men's Club Breakfast Meets the 4th Sunday of every month after the 9am Mass. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Men's Guild Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm with a small meal after. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Father Kelly Hall, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Recovery in Christ Biblically based; seeks God concerning our habits, hurts, & hang-ups. Meets Thursdays at 6 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St.

Save the Light Meets the 1st Wednesday at 7pm every month. For more information, call: 633-0099.

Senior Citizens Club 55 and over are invited. Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 11am. Contact Pauline Ray at 588-9580.

Women's Guild Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Father Kelly Hall, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

EVENTS

Blood Drive. You're invited to donate blood on Saturday,

March 2 from 9am-2pm at Tides Hotel, 1 Center St. Sign up to donate by going to www.redcrossblood.org (use sponsor code: FOLLY) or email deacondave73@gmail.com.

How Solar Power Works and Why Go Solar? Event presented by Folly Green. Andrew Dunn of Southern Current will present and Folly Beach residents will share their experiences about going solar. Thursday, February 7 at 6pm. Folly Beach Community Center.

Oyster Roast by Our Lady of Good Counsel Men's Club. Live Entertainment by Marilyn Clifford and Over Exposure. All-You-Can-Eat local oyster, catfish stew, hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts, and drinks. \$25 for oyster eater, \$12 for non-oyster eaters. Saturday, Feb. 9 from 4-8pm at Father Kelly Hall 105 W. Hudson Ave.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

African American Read-In Story Time. In honor of Black History Month, enjoy a special story time that features African American authors. Monday, Feb. 25 at 10:30am. Folly Beach County Library, 55 Center St.

Afterschool STEAM Club. Ages 5-11. Mondays 3:30-4:30pm. Eat snacks, enjoy fun science activities. Folly Beach County Library, 55 Center St.

Family Movie Night Held the 4th Sunday of the month at 5 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Folly Beach Art Village Every Wednesday from 4-8 pm. The Washout, 41 Center St.

Family Storytime (all ages). Mondays at 10:30 am. Folly Beach County Library, 55 Center St.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Beach Yoga Check with Serenity Tree Yoga and Folly Beach Island Yoga for weekly schedule.

Christian Meditation Meets every Monday at 8 am. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Folly Beach Community Yoga Tuesdays from 10-11am and Thursdays 10-11am. Fee: Folly residents \$5; non-residents \$10. Contact Jennifer at Follybeachcommunityyoga@gmail.com Folly River Park or in the Community Center during inclement weather.

Oceananda Yoga Classes held at Malama Massage Therapy. OceanandaYoga@gmail.com or (704) 779-8451.

Open Water Swimming Meet Up 9am every Sunday. Meet at the Pier next to the showers.

Yoga Unplugged by CPRC Mondays and Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm Live acoustic music; open to all levels. Meets at Folly Beach County Park. Fee: \$10/\$8 CCR Discount/Free Move IT Pass Holder.

OUTDOOR

Seabirding at Folly Beach Pier Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. Birding experts will help you find oceangoing seabirds from the amazing vantage point of the Folly Beach Fishing Pier. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$6. Ages: 12 and up.

RELIGIOUS

Christian Meditation Group Meets every Monday at 8:30am. Father Kelly Hall, 105 West Hudson Ave.

Faith Formation Meets every Wednesday at 7 pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Girlfriends Bible Study Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am & 6:30pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Mary's Rosary Guild Meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 10am. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 106 E. Erie Ave. 588-2336.

Men's Bible Study Meets Mondays at 7pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Soup Ministry Every Monday at 12pm Meets in the Fellowship Hall. Folly Beach Baptist Church, 77 Center St. 588-9414.

Women's Bible Study Meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Folly Beach Baptist Church. 77 Center St. 588-9414.

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Missy Elliott
2. Rent
3. Chris Brown
4. Kamala Harris
5. Arnold Schwarzenegger
6. I Am the Night
7. Gillette
8. Jason Reitman
9. Broad City
10. Chloe Kim

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The Folly Team (L to R) Keith McCann, Dave Landry, Jesse Slowikowski, Laurie Hull, Kain Slowikowski, Sandra Odom, Jared Maus & Vince Perna

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