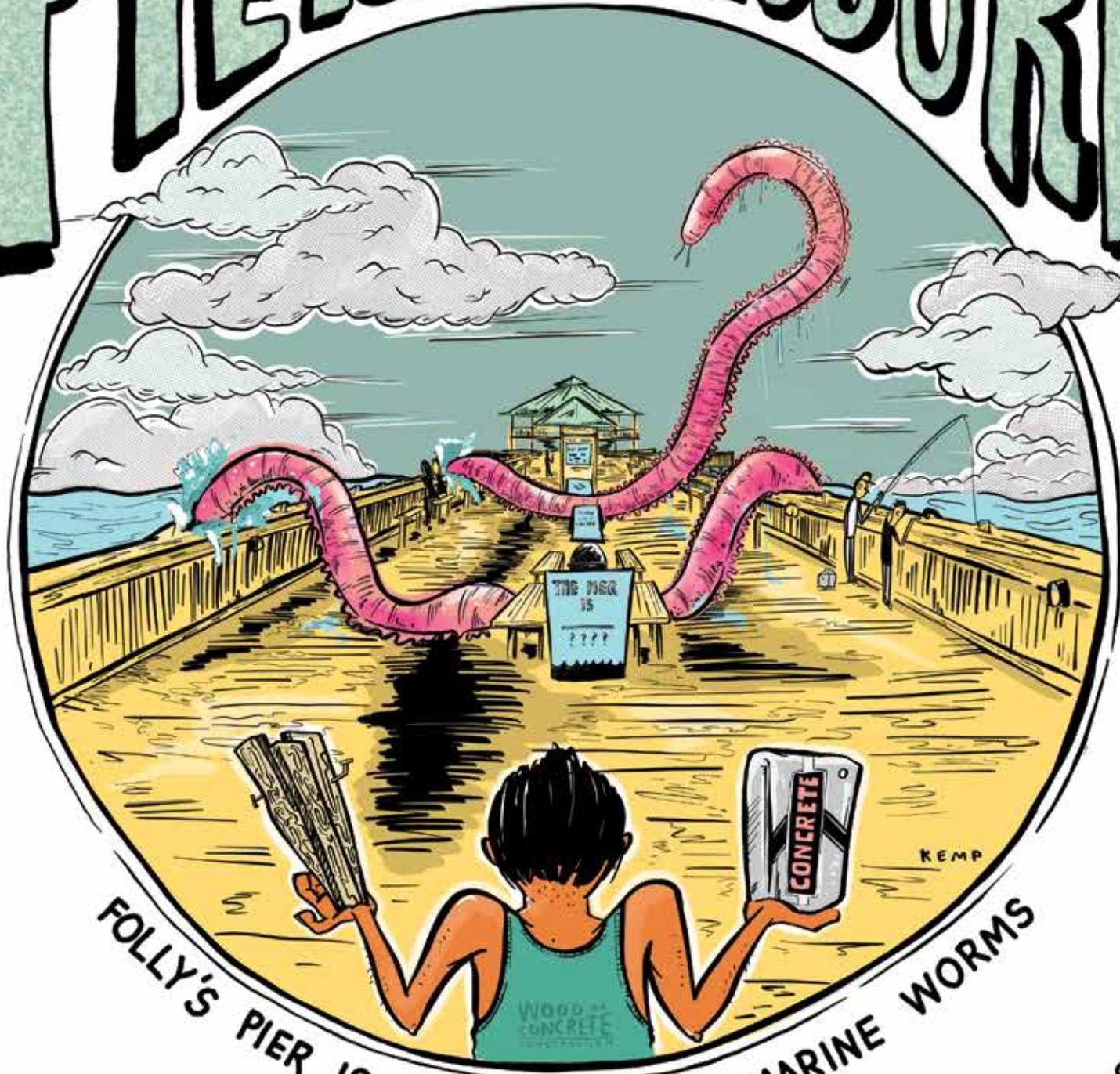


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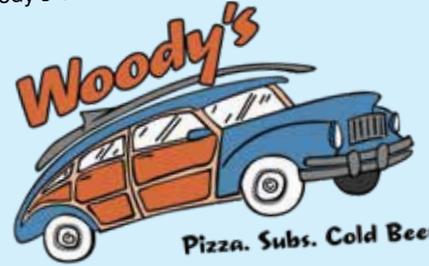
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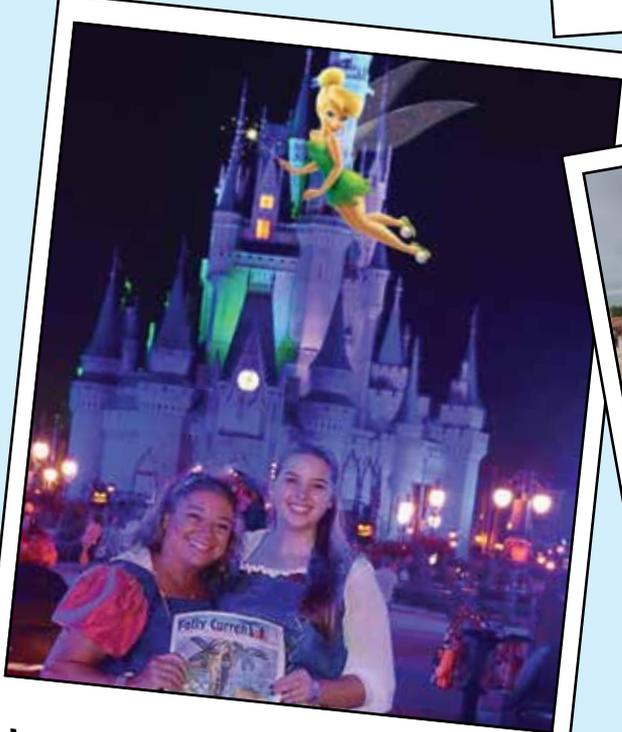
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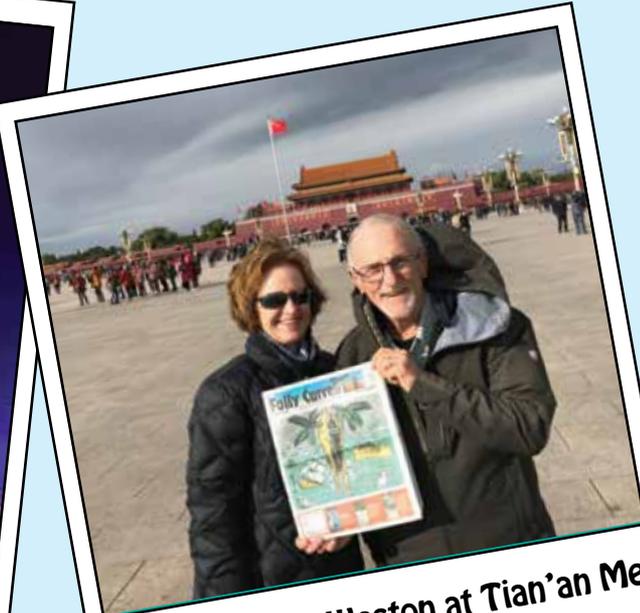


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The Last Hurrah for Folly Gras

FOLLY'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL FESTIVAL HAS LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL FOR THE LAST TIME

By Lorne Chambers | Editor

Most people have seen the video by now. A young girl kicks a defenseless bouncer in the head as he subdues an unruly young man on Center Street. The bouncer falls to the concrete, terrifyingly unconscious. It's a scary thing to watch and a shameful display of humanity. It's also something that has become commonplace at Folly Gras, a street festival modeled after New Orleans' famous Mardi Gras. Just this time it was caught on video and the rest of the community — and the world — got to see what many residents have already been saying for years, that this festival is not a good reflection of what Folly Beach is about and it needs to end.

While the girl's kick wasn't what ultimately knocked Folly Gras out, it did effectively serve as the final blow in a fight that has been raging on Folly Beach for several years. In the 24 hours after the streets were cleared and all the trash was picked up, the video had gone viral.

The next day, Mayor Tim Goodwin did not mince words. "I'm done with Folly Gras," he said simply. He wasn't the only one who had had enough of the controversial street festival. Residents outraged over the events had taken to social media and called councilmembers as well as the mayor to voice their disapproval.

"I did not think Folly Gras went well," said Folly Beach Public Safety Chief Andrew Gilreath with the understatement of the year. "I would say that in regards to poor behavior it was similar to the 2017 event."

That year there were dozens of arrests and a call from residents and City Council to overhaul the entire festival, which is put on by the Folly Association of Business (FAB) as a way to bring people to the beach during a slow winter month. But the festival has grown into something that has become unmanageable, according to Goodwin.

After a relatively calm festival last year, Folly Gras returned to form this year. According to Gilreath, there were



Mayor Tim Goodwin and his wife Charlotte toss beads at what would be the last Folly Gras

138 calls for service, 27 people arrested, and 34 citations/warnings handed out, not counting the hundreds of parking tickets that were issued.

Goodwin said he didn't think that there was any amount of preparation that could have prevented things from getting out of hand the way they did.

According to Gilreath, every single person he employs was on duty for Folly Gras. Additionally, FAB hired 71 private security people. FAB president Steve Carroll said he got concerned when he saw party busses dropping off people who clearly had already been drinking. According to Carroll, 53 fake IDs were confiscated at the door and dozens of people were turned away for being intoxicated before entering the

festival. But it still wasn't enough. Around 11,000 people were counted coming through the festival gates and it proved too much for Folly's small public safety staff.

"I don't think we could have hired enough policemen to be here," said Goodwin. "I don't think there is enough free-time policemen in the Charleston County area not working already to be here. It's just outgrown itself on Folly Beach."

Carroll and Goodwin spoke the day following Folly Gras and both agreed it was time to pull the plug on the event. An audible collective sigh of relief could almost be heard around the island when the two gave a joint press conference on Monday, Feb. 25 announcing the end of Folly Gras.

"This does not mean that we will quit

having things on Folly Beach," said Goodwin. "There's other smaller festivals like Sea & Sand Festival, which will still be great. The Christmas Parade and Santa Clause for Children and that kind of stuff. We will still continue to have stuff for the community."

Carroll, who is part owner in The Washout on the corner of Center Street and West Hudson Avenue, just took over as FAB president the previous month. He agreed with the mayor that Folly Gras had outgrown Folly Beach.

"When you max out a city street, the resources that come with it, the volunteers, and then you have some undesirable behavior, it just takes the fun right out of it," said Carroll. "It divides the community ... It's crazy for us to allow six hours to define the relationship of the business association, the city, and the community."

The mayor showed his gratitude that FAB was in concert with him on the need to finally discontinue Folly Gras. "I'm glad the business association agrees with us," said Goodwin, who did not blame Carroll or FAB festival coordinator Kelly Russ for the unruly crowds.

"[Russ] did a really good job in trying to be prepared. You plan and prepare for a hurricane and then the hurricane is worse than you think it's going to be, than you ever planned for. That's pretty much Folly Gras, growing and growing and growing over the years," he said. "It was overload for the planners. It was overload for our public safety department. It was overload for the folks the planners hired as extra security," said Goodwin.

"It's just a festival our public safety department doesn't need, our city doesn't need, and our residents definitely don't need it," added Goodwin. "Folly Gras, really over the years, has just outgrown Folly Beach. And we're putting it to bed. Rest In Peace. And we hope to see you at the next Festival."



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PIER * PRESSURE

FOLLY'S PIER IS UNDER ATTACK BY MARINE WORMS

By Bill Davis | Current Staff Writer

The Charleston County government is in the "discovery phase" of replacing the Folly Beach Pier, while at the same time taking steps to repair damage done by sea worms that have bored into many of its pilings.

For years, the Edwin S. Taylor Folly Beach Fishing Pier has been a center of activity along the oceanfront. At just over 1,000-feet long, it also features a shop, a restaurant, and a 7,500-square-foot covered and two-storied diamond head end that has hosted all sorts of public events.

The county has recently encapsulated 44 of the pier's 277 pilings driven into the beach.

Renee Dickinson, a spokesperson for the county's Parks and Recreation department which owns, operates, and maintains the pier, says the pier is nearing the end of its design lifespan.

She says that a pier such as this one has a lifespan of close to 25 years, and that facing ongoing maintenance issues, the county department is considering replacing it after the current damage is mitigated. Dickinson stresses that the pier is still perfectly safe currently thanks to the county's repair efforts.

The only interruption to any of the pier's offerings is that "moonlight mixers" will temporarily not be allowed to hold line dances. Dickinson says the county just wants to be safe.

Dickinson: "Our pile encapsulation process uses a fiberglass sleeve filled with a cement-based grout that surrounds the piling and extends four feet below the seafloor bottom and four feet above mean high tide.

"A rebar cage is first attached to the piling to ensure uniform spacing of the



Pilings on the Folly Pier are encased to help contain damage caused by marine boring worms

fiberglass sleeve placed around the piling so that the grout has a uniform three-inch thickness around the piling," she says.

Apparently, the grout accomplishes two things: one, it adds strength to the weakened pile due to the wood boring worm damage, and two, it cuts off the oxygen supply which kills the worms preventing further deterioration to the pile.

With an eye on future maintenance issues, Dickinson says the county is considering replacing the wooden pier with one made of concrete.

"We are looking into concrete because of the much longer lifespan it could provide," says Dickinson. "The typical lifespan for a wood pier is approximately 20 to 25 years versus 65 to 75 years for concrete."

But building with concrete brings with

it more than a longer life: it brings much bigger costs. Whatever direction the county department decides on, the money for a new pier will be theirs, and Folly won't have to contribute.

And should the county decide to rebuild the pier, it won't happen overnight, according to Mike Murray, the president and owner of American Dock and Marine, located on Folly Road.

"It would take six months to tear out the current one, much less the additional time it would take build a new one, which would be much longer than that," says Murray who surfs on Folly and fishes all over the area in addition to building docks and other projects along the coast and waterfront.

Typically, he says wooden piers are built with giant crawlers that build a section on land,

and then reach out, drive home a post, lift the decking, its framed and then repeated. "Reach out, drive, lift, frame, deck, repeat, over and over until you're done," says Murray.

Murray isn't so sure the pier is near the end of its design life. He says, thanks to new technologies and techniques, that there may "still be life in it, if they spend on maintenance."

He says the section of its wooden posts buried in the sand will be protected from worms and from oxygen. Additionally, the length of the posts that are above the tidal zone – the height of the water from the sand to the high-tide point, could also be fine.

Maintaining and repairing posts, like Folly's, costs "a pittance" compared to replacing an entire pier. He agrees a concrete pier would be a longer-lasting facility, but he doesn't know if its cost is above the county's choke point.

Replacing or repairing the pier was almost a moot point, according to Ben Peebles, the retired city attorney who served Folly for 40 years and now lives on James Island. But he said, there was serious discussion as to whether or not to rebuild it the last time, in the hazy mist of time.

"One-third of residents did not want the pier, while two-thirds liked the idea," says Peebles, who remembers there was a local referendum on the matter even though the county was going to pay for it then, too.

"In my opinion, the decision to build the current pier has been completely positive," the retired lawyer says, as it gave the island community an anchor around which more commercial ventures have since popped up.



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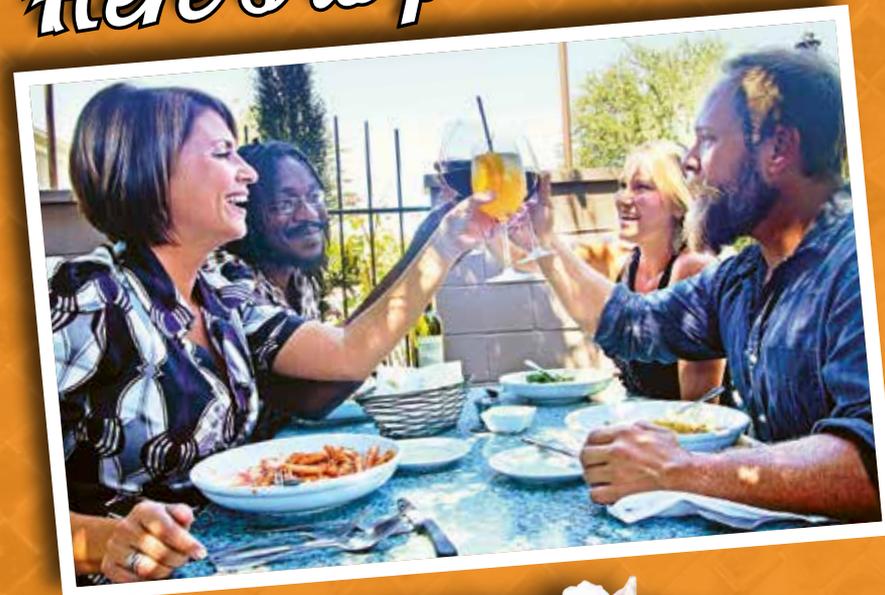
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Mayor Goes to Washington

FOLLY MAYOR GETS INVITE FOR AN UP CLOSE SEAT AT THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

By Bill Davis | Current Staff Writer

Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin experienced a "once in a lifetime" experience last month by attending President Donald Trump's "State of the Nation" address.

But Goodwin, normally considered as conservative, was not there as Trump's guest. No, newly-minted U.S. Congressman Joe Cunningham (D-S.C. 1st) had invited him.

Goodwin was part of the cohort of coastal mayors who had flocked to the Democrat's successful campaign for former Gov. Mark Sanford's seat. Goodwin had jumped on the bandwagon when the Republican, former state Rep. Katie Arrington said initially she was in favor of offshore drilling.

Renourishment is bad enough, but drilling platforms? Potential fires and oil leaks on the horizon? Nope, said Goodwin and he became a supporter of Cunningham.

Goodwin has been to the capitol before,

for travel, business, and political meetings. But never into Congress.

Goodwin says you have to show up well before the speech begins to be scanned, detected, wanded, prodded, and you can't leave until the president has left the building. And no cellphones or any other electronics of any kind, which is why no action photo accompanies this story.

But from his perch in the upstairs gallery, Goodwin was able to see how politicians interact – or more specifically, do not interact – below. He saw a bilateral amputee Congressman wheel his way to his spot, wearing a suit with short pants to accommodate his prosthetic legs.

"I saw a World War II vet who had a grey ponytail tucked down the back collar of his jacket," says Goodwin. "It was nice to be invited."

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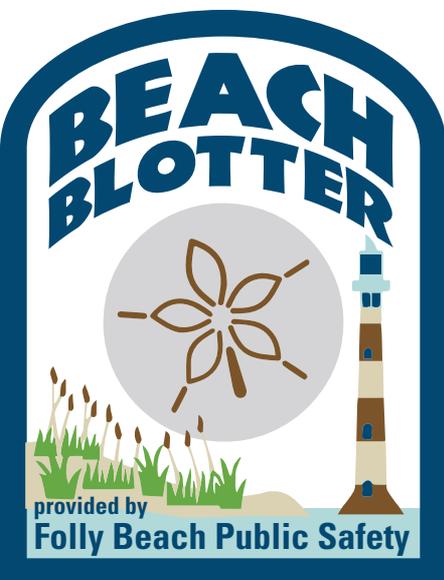
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 THROW DOWN

The Responding Officer (R/O) was dispatched to a hotel around midnight in reference to a dispute in one of the rooms. Upon arrival he was directed upstairs and made contact with security and the subjects on the seventh floor – three women and a man, all intoxicated to the point of barely making sense when they spoke. He first spoke the females, ages 31-63. They said the male subject was already in the room when they arrived and had been throwing things off the balcony. As they entered the room, the man pushed them down. Officers then spoke to the male, age 28. He said the two women jumped him when he entered the room and he had thrown some of their things off the balcony “to get back at them.” The male was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Officers observed many of the items thrown off the balcony ended up in the hotel pool, including several bottles, which had broken on impact.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 THOSE WHO'VE SEEN US KNOW THAT NOT A THING COULD COME BETWEEN US

The R/O was dispatched to a Folly Beach residence around 11:30 p.m. in reference to a call from a concerned citizen. Upon arrival, she met with the complainant, a 35-year-old female. The woman said her 39-year-old sister was trying to leave in her car, but she was too drunk to drive. The complainant led the officer back to her sister in the backyard. The subject was highly agitated and very intoxicated. She was screaming she was going to drive back to Ohio that night. The officer explained to the woman that in her state, she would be immediately arrested if she tried to walk or drive off the premises. The subject then stated she or her sister would have to go because she hated her and there was about to be “a domestic.” The complainant told the officer she and her husband would leave for the night and her sister could stay. The officer waited on scene until that had occurred.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 STOLEN GOLF CART UNSTOLEN HOURS LATER

The R/O was dispatched to a Folly Beach residence around 3 p.m. in reference to a stolen golf cart. Upon arrival, the officer met with the 49-year-old male victim who said he had driven the cart around earlier in the week and parked it behind a bush on his property. He noticed the cart was missing on February 15. The victim spoke to his mother about the cart, and she said she hadn't seen it in several days, thinking it had been parked elsewhere. The victim produced insurance documents and promised to get registration details to the officer soon. The cart was valued at \$4,000.

Approximately two hours later, the victim contacted the R/O to say that his wife had taken the golf cart to her mother's house and hadn't told him. Case closed.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 LOWDOWN DIRTY DOG VISITS FOLLY

The R/O was dispatched to a hotel around 3 a.m. in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, he met with the desk clerk, a hotel security guard, and the 34-year-old female victim. The victim was visibly shaken and shaking, and she had a still-swelling black eye. The woman, a resident of Columbia, said she and her boyfriend, the 36-year-old male subject and resident of Summerville, were out drinking that night and got into a verbal altercation at a bar. At that point she told the man she was going back to the room. The subject entered the room. When the subject returned to the room he became violent, and grabbed the back of the victim's head and started beating it against the wall. Security had come running, but the subject had tried to keep security out of the room. The victim was able to grab her coat and purse and run down to the lobby. The subject followed all of them to the lobby and continued to try to engage the woman, only leaving when the desk clerk started calling the police. One of the officers observed blood and clumps of hair back in the room when he escorted the woman to gather her things. The officer made contact with the subject who refused to return to the scene. He was charged with Criminal Domestic Violence and a warrant was issued for his arrest. In addition, a point person with the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office was informed of the situation. The victim was advised on Protection and Restraining Order procedures.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 ALL THAT TACO MONEY...

The R/O was dispatched to Taco Boy on Center Street a little after 3 a.m. in response to the business alarm going off. He and his partner arrived on scene at 3:19 a.m. and found the back door unlocked. The officers swept the building and found no intruders. However, papers were thrown onto the floor just inside the building and there were other signs of a break in. When the keyholder arrived, he examined the property and found the floor safe had been stolen. He estimated it had contained around \$4,000. There were pry marks on the floor where the safe had been ripped out. The keyholder reviewed security camera footage with officers. They watched as two hooded, masked men, one carrying a crowbar, break into the building around 3:07 a.m., move straight to the safe, and carry the safe out within about one minute. Video footage from Taco Boy and surrounding businesses was collected, and an unidentified item left behind by the perpetrators was collected for processing.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 B N 'FN' E

The R/O was dispatched to a Red Sunset Lane residence around 7:30 p.m. in reference to Vandalism of a Vehicle. Upon arrival, he met with the 19-year-old male victim, who said he had parked in the driveway at the address the day before and stayed the night with some friends. The next day he found damage to the passenger side door. The officer notes there was damage to the weather stripping and the front ends of both doors of the 2018 Toyota sedan, appearing as if a tool had been used in an attempt to pry the door open. The unknown suspect(s) was unsuccessful in breaking into the car.



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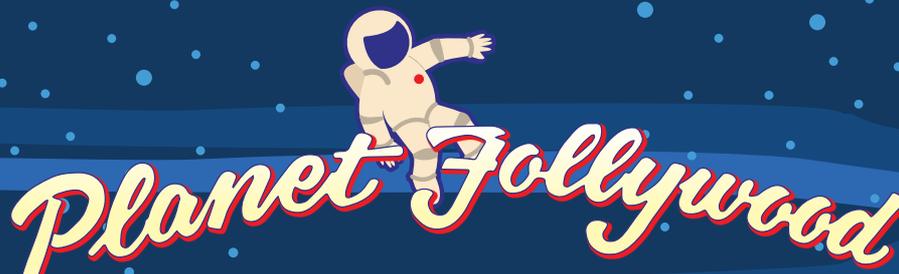
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Running on Water & Whiskey

FOLLY FAVORITES SUNFLOWERS & SIN RELEASE MUCH-ANTICIPATED DEBUT ALBUM

By Miranda Steadman | Contributing Writer

After years of writing and recording music together, beloved local duo Sunflowers & Sin are releasing their first album this month. Entitled *Of Water & Whiskey*, the album was recorded and mixed by Will Evans of the popular local band The Dead 27s.

"We can't begin to explain our appreciation for all of Will's help. He pushed us out of our comfort zones," admits Lorra Amos, one half of the duo Sunflowers & Sin. This was both S&S's first time recording and Evans first producing an album. "We learned together, that's why it [recording the album] was so fun," adds Kaitlin Casteel, the other half of the duo. Amos and Casteel have been friends since middle school in Tennessee, long before washing up on the shores of Folly Beach.

Singer/percussionist Casteel grew up listening to classic country, while singer/guitarist Lorra Amos listened to classic rock growing up. "We're a little bit country and a little bit rock n' roll," they joke. "Whenever I was growing up listening to classic rock I never thought I'd play music," says Amos. These days the ladies of Sunflowers & Sin are having fun "bringing the music of the mountains to the shore" with their Americana folk sound accented with hints of the blues and classic rock n' roll.

Sunflowers & Sin played their first show at Surf Bar on March 5, 2014. Five years later, the girls are holding a release party for their first album at the very same bar on Saturday, March 23. But first, they'll host an *Of Water & Whiskey* Listening Party at Drop In Bar & Deli on Tuesday, March 5. After listening to the new album, Sunflowers & Sin will play a set before the Honky Tonk Tuesday tunes begin. Drop In co-owner and Sunflowers & Sin fan Lewis Dodson, has agreed to come out of Honky Tonk retirement to guest bartend the event.

In addition to *Of Water & Whiskey's* release party at Surf Bar, Amos and Casteel



Sunflower & Sin's Kaitlin Casteel and Lorra Amos celebrate the release of their debut album *Of Water and Whiskey* this month

are excited to travel back to Greenville, Tennessee to play another album release party in their hometown.

The opening track on *Of Water & Whiskey* "Devil Ghost" takes you to a smoke-filled saloon in the Wild West with its chilling acapella intro, rhythmic build, and stomping Americana beat. The track features the talented Matty Thompson from local bands Sol Driven Train and Hans Wenzel and The 86'ers on bass.

The second track "Just For You" is a song written by Folly's own Jess Strickland, who first encouraged Amos and Casteel to sell their souls to a life of rock n' roll. "He pushed us to start the band," says Casteel. Listen for Wallace Mullinax from The Dead 27s and The Reckoning slaying slide guitar on this tune.

On the third track "I Told You," the lyrics "I told you I write songs about cigarettes and whiskey" and "You can find me down

by the shore," refer back to the album title *Of Water & Whiskey* with references to both drinking and bodies of water, an idea borrowed from the band's friend Bryan Austin from Under The Sea records.

The fourth track, entitled "Rough Neck", begins with words of wisdom from Amos's parents. She wrote the song about a near-death experience her father survived while working on an oil rig down on the Gulf Coast of Louisiana. Both Amos and Casteel admitted "Rough Neck" is their favorite track on the album because of the emotionally-driven situation that inspired Amos to write it. The girls thank longtime friend and Planet Follywood bartender Mackenna Perry for contributing to the writing of "Rough Neck"

The fifth song "Slumber" was written by local jam band Dangermuffin. Dangermuffin guitarist and longtime supporter of Sunflowers, Mike Sivilli, plays guitar on "Slumber".

The sixth track on the album is the self-titled "Sunflowers & Sin." The lyrics of the song describe the sultry singers starting a day with margaritas in their coffee cups and a "Jameson January." These girls know how to have fun.

The seventh and last song "Wild Child Siren" refers to the album title *Of Water & Whiskey* in the lyrics, "We've been running on water and whiskey."

In addition to their original songs, Sunflowers & Sin love playing covers from artists such as Shovels & Rope, Jason Isbell, Tom Petty, and Fleetwood Mac.

All of the album art on *Of Water & Whiskey* was created by local artist Kate Barattini, who also bartends at Drop In. In addition to the listening party at Drop In on Tuesday, March 5 and album release party at Surf Bar on March 23, you can catch Sunflowers & Sin at Smoky Oak Taproom on James Island March 16 and at The Tattooed Moose on John's Island March 30.

Man of Mystery

AUTHOR BILL NOEL SIGNS COPIES OF HIS 15 NOVELS IN THE FOLLY BEACH MYSTERY SERIES

Special to The Folly Current

Bill Noel, award-winning author of the best-selling Folly Beach Mystery Series, will be holding book signings on Folly Beach March 31, April 4, and 9.

Folly Beach is prominently featured in all 15 of Noel's popular mystery novels: *Folly, The Pier, Washout, The Edge, The Marsh, Ghosts, Missing, Final Cut, First Light, Boneyard Beach, Silent Night, Dead Center, Discord, Dark Horse,* and the recently released *Joy*.

While still being a resident of Louisville, Ky., Noel has been dubbed the "master of the feel of Folly," and considers Folly his home away from home. The books have been described as "perfect beach reads."

Folly Beach is unique, the novels are quirky, and the locations of the book signings are unique in the world of book events. "I prefer focusing on being where the people are

rather than where books are. The people of Folly have been extraordinarily supportive of the series and I'm honored to have been invited to hold signings on the island," says Noel. "When I wrote the first book, *Folly*, I did it simply to see if I could."

As a result of positive reactions from readers, Noel now says he writes the books for the readers and looks forward to his visits on Folly to have a chance to talk to many of them.

Noel will be signing copies of all 15 copies of his Folly Beach mystery books from 12-3 p.m. on Sunday, March 31 at Tides Hotel, located at 1 Center St. and from 7:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 9 at Lost Dog Cafe, located at 106 W. Huron Ave.



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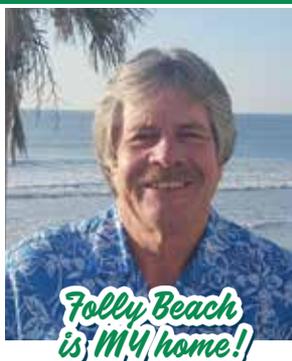
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Martin Band
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Washout: Josh
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THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish
Planet Follywood: Whiskey
Diablo
Sand Dollar: Poke the Bear
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ
Mike Pech
Surf Bar: The Louie D. Project
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Pier 101: Good Times Duo
Planet Follywood: Poke the
Bear
Sand Dollar: Poke the Bear
Snapper Jack's: DJ Saba
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ
Mike Pech
Surf Bar: Mike Martin & The
Beautiful Mess

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Planet Follywood: "Sweet T"
Parrish
St. James Gate: Ed "Porkchop"
Meyer; Karaoke
Surf Bar: The Ol' 55s
The Washout: Donnie Polk

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Chico Feo: Open Mic w/
Michael Martin
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave
Grunstra
Planet Follywood: Bingo
The Washout: Joint Chiefs

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish
Planet Follywood: Benderfunk
Sand Dollar: Stilettos
St. James Gate: Finbar
McCarthy
Surf Bar: Black Diamond Band
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Pier 101: Jimmy Jams Super
Reggae Man
Planet Follywood: Ohana Hui
Sand Dollar: Stilettos
Snapper Jack's: DJ Saba
St. James Gate: Finbar
McCarthy
Surf Bar: Jeff Caldwell Trio

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Planet Follywood: "Sweet T"
Parrish
St. James Gate: Ed "Porkchop"
Meyer; Karaoke
Surf Bar: Funk You Folly
The Washout: Donnie Polk

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Chico Feo: Open Mic w/
Michael Martin
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave
Grunstra
Planet Follywood: Bingo
The Washout: Joint Chiefs

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Crab Shack: "Sweet T" Parrish
Drop-In Bar & Deli: Trivia

Loggerhead's: Eric Penrod
Planet Follywood: Michael
Martin Band
The Washout: Josh
Hughett & Dale Baker

THURSDAY, MARCH 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

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish
Planet Follywood: Dos
Matones
Sand Dollar: Big Wheel & The
Hubcaps
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ
Mike Pech
Surf Bar: El Quattro
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Pier 101: Tom Crowley
Planet Follywood: Hans
Wenzel
Sand Dollar: Big Wheel & the
Hubcaps
Snapper Jack's: DJ Saba
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ
Mike Pech

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Planet Follywood: "Sweet T"
Parrish
St. James Gate: Ed "Porkchop"
Meyer; Karaoke
The Washout: Donnie Polk

MONDAY, MARCH 25

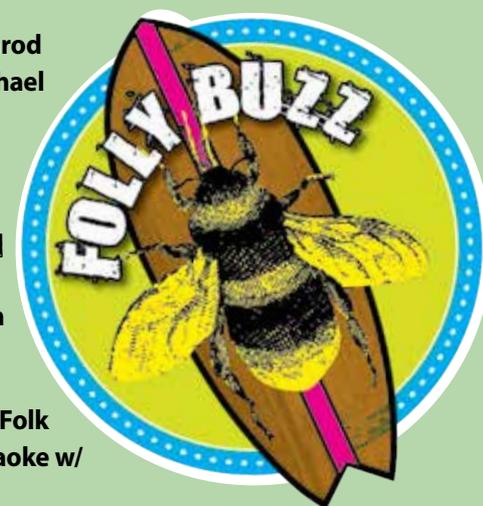
Chico Feo: Open Mic w/
Michael Martin
Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave
Grunstra
Planet Follywood: Bingo
Sand Dollar: Hollow Point
The Washout: Joint Chiefs

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: Soul Fish
Planet Follywood: Thomas
Champagne Band
Sand Dollar: HeadRush
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ
Mike Pech
The Washout: Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Crab Shack: Live Local Music
Pier 101: Jimmy Jams Super
Reggae Man
Planet Follywood: Eric Penrod
Sand Dollar: HeadRush
Snapper Jack's: DJ Saba
St. James Gate: Karaoke; DJ
Mike Pech

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Planet Follywood: "Sweet T"
Parrish
St. James Gate: Ed "Porkchop"
Meyer; Karaoke
The Washout: Donnie Polk

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One Last Taste of the Bayou

ON A DAY FULL OF LOWS, THE FOOD AT FOLLY GRAS WAS A HIGHLIGHT

By Jessica Cobb | Contributing Writer

Paying homage to New Orleans' classic street party, Mardi Gras, this year's celebration on Folly was yet again a scene that you had to see to believe. And for many, one that they might rather forget.

While the outlandishly outfitted parade was certainly a hit, the outlandishly acting drunk people were not as popular. In the end, it was the food, not the booze, that was the best part of the whole day in what turned out to be the last Mardi Gras celebration to be held on Folly Beach.

And while the drunken revelry will not be missed by many, the annual celebration of New Orleans food surely will. At least this year's offerings are worth revisiting.

Lining the streets amongst the costumes and beads this year were plenty of restaurants

and vendors serving many tasty treats that were inspired by Cajun and Creole classics.

A consensus of favorite items included, but were not limited to: Jack of Cup Saloon's spin on a favorite with a Creole Mac & Cheese served in a waffle cone. They also served up a Warm Baguette Muffuletta, and Street Corn Corn Chowder. Blu served up some tasty Island Coconut Shrimp Curry and Chicken Sausage Gumbo. Planet Follywood always gets in the spirit, and was slinging some true 'Nawlins fare with an Alligator Po Boy, Gumbo, Shrimp and Grits and real-deal King Cake. No surprise that Chico Feo got creative with their Folly Gras food offerings, serving what they called "Cai-jin," an Asian-Cajun fusion dish, which consisted of crispy pork belly, Szechuan pickled radish, garlic rice with a white miso sauce.



New Orleans native and Folly Beach resident Genevieve Peterson takes a bite of Jack of Cups' Creole Mac & Cheese in a Cone at Folly Gras

Seasons of Change

WITH TOURIST SEASON AROUND THE CORNER, LOCAL RESTAURANTS ARE GEARING UP BY MAKING BIG CHANGES

By Jessica Cobb | Current Staff Writer

As most know, living in a destination city and its surrounding beach towns has its pros and cons. We get the beautiful weather, numerous fun events, views of the unmistakable Lowcountry, and of course the plethora of innovative and delicious restaurants. We're also fortunate with today's social media span to have the opportunity to follow many neighborhood 'locals only' and business Facebook pages that are dedicated to keeping people up to date and informed about everyday happenings around our little island. These include special foodie events, weekly food and beverage specials, and live music happenings at our family of restaurants and bars. However, many are unaware of just how tough it can be to local restaurants and small business owners during this time of year that we are finally about to come out of ... the off-season.

The key for many businesses and workers on Folly Beach is to mitigate against the unpredictability by saving, cutting, closing, reopening, innovating, and generally adopting a survivor's mentality. Stories of years past told by long-time residents are quick to remember the times when the entire island would basically shut down from November to March. The very few small eateries on the island had to squirrel away whatever funds during the spring and summer that they could just to survive being closed during the off-season.

With the ever-growing population of the surrounding areas, that drastic measure isn't

quite as necessary now. But working in food and beverage year round in a beach town can still be financially daunting.

Obviously, you may still see shorter hours and less staff, but with less customers that's only natural. Business owners have set the precedent during our winter months of offering benefits such as local loyalty programs, blue-plate specials, oyster roasts, and smaller local live music acts to keep the ball rolling as much as possible.

Then before we know it, we begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel. The weather starts to warm up, there are a few more cars trickling on to the island every day, the music spills on to the sidewalks a little more frequently, and businesses are filling up.

Many local restaurants have utilized this slow time to make physical improvements, menu changes, and generally just to prepare for the upcoming busy season.

For instance, Snapper Jack's has been hard at work yet again on their interior. The sushi bar is being re-located to the less-populated second floor to allow for more seating back on the main floor dining room.

At St. James Gate Irish Pub, some fancy new brickwork has been added to the outside to beautify the building.

We hear there are some changes coming to the dining room and bar area at Blu inside Tides. Stay tuned for more info ...

Sunset Cay Marina's Ship Store is one to watch as well this "on-season." For the past couple of years, they've maintained a permit to simply sell, but not serve/pour alcohol. Look for that to change in the near future. Owner John Oliver is working on restoring their full alcohol license, as well as finally being able to re-vamp and start serving food from the kitchen again after much effort.

In the meantime, they are still hosting private events and are always accepting donations to support their efforts to re-open. Another outdoor establishment that's constantly changing, Chico Feo has recently re-vamped a bit by re-doing their bar and adding the much-anticipated ramen shop Feo East to the front of their lot. According to owner Hank Weed, the hardest part during the winter is not having a roof, so that means their business is totally weather-dependent. When asked what Weed is looking forward to with Spring on the way? "Not having a roof!" Classic Folly.

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.



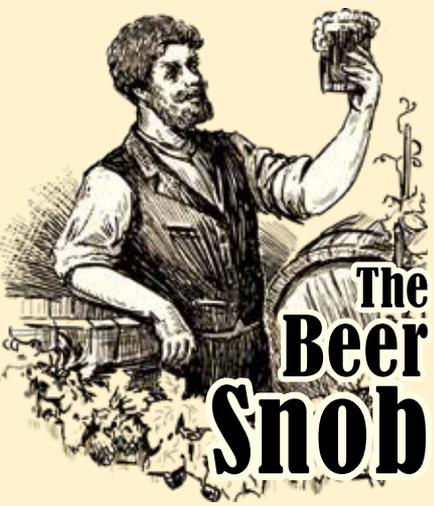
SMALL BITS OF FOLLY FOOD NEWS

BARTENDER FACEOFF

Lowlife is sponsoring the First Annual Folly Beach Classic Bartender's Competition on Monday, March 4 at 3 p.m. The competition welcomes entries from all over South Carolina. The winner of this competition will receive \$500 as well as the opportunity to guest bartend at Mother's Ruin in New York City, flight and accommodations included. If you think you're ready to channel your inner Tom Cruise and have the cocktail to prove it, here's the opportunity for you to showcase your talents behind the bar.

GET YOUR GREEN ON

St. James Gate, Folly Beach's Irish Pub, is gearing up for another festive St. Patrick's Day. Not only do they have their Shamrock green shirts and hats ready for sale, but they've got a list of things planned for the big day. The kitchen will be serving up classics such as Fish & Chips, Corned Beef and Cabbage, and Shepherd's Pie, while the bar will no doubt be slinging plenty of frothy Guinness, frozen Irish Coffees, and Clontarf Irish Whiskey. Be sure to check out their upstairs venue for music and dancing all weekend.



By Jeffrey Gredlein

Lousy Smarch Weather

THE SEASONAL DILEMMA OF WHAT BEER TO DRINK

leans toward the malty side, yet lighter and crisper than the standard winter fare, could prove a great choice.

More widely available are several other German lagers that fit nicely into a brisk March day. Munich Dunkel Lagers are malty and rich, crisp and brown, without being heavy. Ayinger has a solid example of this style. A slightly darker and drier option is schwarzbier. Look for Mönchshof, but the Schwarz from North Carolina's Duck Rabbit Brewing Co. is great too.

Closer to amber in color are Vienna lagers, which are smooth and malty to start, but are balanced with a crisp hop finish. Sam Adams Lager is the easiest to find, and still decent. Great Lakes Eliot Ness is even better and recommended, although the popular Ohio craft brewery hasn't quite made it's way to South Carolina just yet.

If you think Bock is tough to find, try locating a Bière De Mars, which means March Beer in French, but is typically a Belgian, and sometimes French, offering. This beer, a subtype of Bière De Garde, and similar to Belgian Saison, is brewed with fresh malts and hops, is crisp, fruity, slightly malty, and also a bit sour. Find good ones from Jolly Pumpkin and New Belgium.

On the ale side, there are several English beers that could easily pass for March fare. The classic ESB is a balanced and sessionable ale. Fuller's ESB (a true standard bitter) and London Pride may be the best examples of the style. Sawtooth from Left Hand Brewing is serviceable. Hoppy for an ESB, it's still a solid example of the style.

English brown ales will have more of a malt presence, but are not as strong or thick as stouts, old ales, or barleywines. Slightly sweet, Sam Smith's is still the best in my opinion and will be somewhat dry with a nutty finish, hence the name Nut Brown Ale.

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, Irish red ales are lining shelves and can be a decent choice this month as well. Most are tasty, somewhat malty, sometimes a bit sweet, and yet not too heavy.

Where this time of year becomes problematic is with American brewers. Many push summer beers much too soon in the season. I'm already seeing

Blonde and Cream ales on taps and in stores. This practice is standard in our country, with dozens of breweries bringing out wheats, hefeweizens, and the sunny wit. Please, there is enough time for these refreshing, tangy beers this summer. If you want something bright and spicy, just go with a saison or sour ale.

The opposite case can be seen with a number of the renowned smaller craft beer makers. Three Floyds brewing company releases in the spring Dark Lord, a 13+ percent alcohol by volume (ABV) Russian Imperial Stouts. Cigar City Brewing offers up their Hunahpu's, an American double IPA at nearly 12 percent. And Foothills Brewing Company just released its Sexual Chocolate, which rings in at nearly 10 percent. Can I request a few cold nights to enjoy these beers beside a roaring fire? I'm not quite ready to relinquish winter, so spring will just have to stand by. Enjoy the brews ... Cheers.



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Offering breakfast and lunch daily, complemented by an extensive coffee and espresso bar, they use only hormone-free meats, free range eggs, and source ingredients from local farms when possible. Taste the flavor in everything from the beach burrito; to the cafe specialties, like the standby shrimp & grits and huevos rancheros, to the omelets and sandwiches.

BLU RESTAURANT & BAR

1 Center St. 588-6658

www.blufollybeach.com

A platinum partner through the S.C. Aquarium's Sustainable Seafood Initiative, this upscale restaurant offers ocean views that complement fresh signature seafood creations. Enjoy a variety of beverages, including frozen cocktails from the oceanside bar. Catch live music on the patio.

BOWEN'S ISLAND

1870 Bowen's Island Road. 795-2757

Located just off Folly Beach, Bowen's Island Restaurant is a Lowcountry landmark. Best known for their local steamed oysters and fried seafood, Bowen's is also a great place to grab a beer and watch the sunset. They have 15 all-local beers on tap at any given time.

CENTER STREET COFFEE

18 Center St. 633-0187

Local coffee and pastry shop. Coffee is roasted right on James Island. Selection of local baked goods.

CHICO FEO

122 E. Ashley Ave. 296-7155

www.chicofeos.com

Chico Feo is as authentic as they come. Captain Hank Weed, who sailed the Caribbean for years, now helms the kitchen, cooking up island favorites such as curry goat, Cuban rice and beans, and Hawaiian poke. They recently started serving island-style breakfast, w/ Cuban coffee and fresh acai bowls. The outdoor dive bar is part tiki bar-part, backyard bbq. There are always two rotating taps of craft beer and a decent selection of bottled beer.

DOLCE BANANA

18 Center St. 633-0187

www.dolcebananacafe.com

Part FroYo joint, part sandwich bar, stop in for breakfast, lunch, dinner or an afternoon snack. The sandwich bar offers the highest quality breads, meats, and toppings; even a build your own flat bread pizza. Dress up your FroYo with dozens of delicious toppings.

DROP-IN DELI & BAR

32 Center St. 633-0234

www.dropindeli.com

Favorite locals deli by day, bar by night, you're invited to drop in and hang out.

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

www.crabshacks.com

Voted one of the Best Seafood Spots in South Carolina by *Southern Living Magazine*, The Crab Shack invites you to "Come out of your Shell and Roll up your Sleeves". You'll have to, when you see the size of their overflowing buckets of fresh, local seafood! Dine with this longtime Folly staple at the raw bar, in the restaurant, or out on the patio, where you can catch live music.

JACK OF CUPS SALOON

34 Center St. 633-0042

www.facebook.com/jack.of.cups

At this intimate beach saloon, Chef Lesley and Nick will take your taste buds on a trip through Asian cuisine. The menu offers a variety of curries, including Lentil Dahl, Massaman, and Thai red curry mac. Dine and drink on the front porch, inside the cozy bar, or outside in the backyard, weather permitting. Choose from several rotating taps and a large list of bottled craft beer and fine wines.

THE JUICE JOINT

108 E. Ashley Ave. 795-8060

www.thejuicejoint.com

Developed by Folly Beach residents Michael & Wendy are dedicated to serving supremely healthy and nutrient-dense juices made from whole, organic, sustainable raw fruits and vegetables; whole fruit smoothies; & healthy and delicious breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Enjoy healthy eats like the avocado toast or the Hawaiian Acai Bowl.

LOCKLEAR'S ON LITTLE OAK

2293 Folly Road. 207-4169

Locklear's is back! Now opened in a beautiful setting on Little Oak Creek. Offering lunch, dinner, and brunch. With an even bigger emphasis on fresh seafood, Locklear's on Little Oak is a dock to table restaurant with many classics from the old menu returning along with fresh catch specials.

LOGGERHEAD'S BEACH GRILL

123 W. Ashley Ave. 588-2365

www.loggerheadsbq.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

Just steps away from the beach and the Folly Pier, Rita's offers you a chance to grab a bite or a meal and a drink indoors at it's long bar, in the dining room, or outside on the comfortable, dog-friendly patio. Offering breakfast, lunch, dinner and brunch, their menus have everything from bacon and eggs, a massive Fried Chicken & Pancake tower, a famous burger, to award-winning Rita's chili, sandwiches, & seafood. On Saturday & Sunday during.

SLICE OF FOLLY

16B Center St. 633-0187

New York-style pizza offered by the slice or whole pie. Also daily pasta and mini calzones available.

SNAPPER JACK'S

10 Center St. 633-0174

www.snapperjacks.net

Snapper Jack's is one of the most popular spots on the beach for a reason. It's just a block off the beach and offers three stories of fun! Each level has it's own beach-y appeal. The top deck gives sweeping views of Folly Beach and there is often live music. From oysters to succulent crab legs, the seafood is brought in every day. Get your oysters raw, steamed, or as a shooter.

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

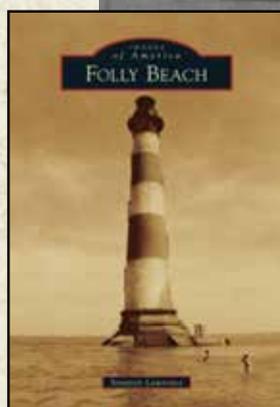
Much more than just a local pizzeria, Woody's is a local hotspot. Sit inside at the bar or if you're one of the lucky ones to grab the few outdoor bar seats that open up to the restaurant, you might just want to stay parked there all evening. Order pizza by the slice or a whole pie. There's also subs,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

One Cool Ride

MR. TUCKER'S ICE TRUCK BROUGHT TEENAGERS FROM NORTH CHARLESTON TO FOLLY BEACH ON HOT SUMMER MONTHS IN THE 1940S

FOLLY FLASHBACK

BY STRATTON LAWRENCE



Please share your images and stories for this column by emailing Strattonlawrence@gmail.com. Images like this are included in the book, *Images of America: Folly Beach*. To purchase a signed copy, email Stratton.

For teenagers living in North Charleston in the late 1940s, a day on Folly Beach was paradise. A neighborhood man, Mr. Tucker, owned an ice truck, offering rides to the beach for young people living in the area around the Navy base. This group includes, from left to right (last names given only when known), Sissy Davis, Dot Cutrell, Andy, Jack, Shirley, Marilyn, Marcia, Jeannie Vargo, Mac, Delores, and Walter West (far right). West's brother, Frank, became the sheriff of Charleston County, retiring in 1983. (Courtesy of Greta Anderson.)

March Marks the Return of Fishing Season on Folly

FOLLY FISHING REPORT



BY CAPTAIN GEOFF BENNETT

One of the warmest Winters on record has our fishery set to get going early this year. You could even say it never fully turned off as days in the 70s have kept water temperatures far higher than normal. Bait fish that are usually nonexistent have been present and kept the redfish active.

Trout should be ramped up and ready to go in March. It's time to break out your rods and reels and get ready for a great season!

Having spent the last few months laying low and avoiding dolphins, redfish are no longer just focused on simply surviving but now on feeding as well. Low tide will be the best time to focus on big schools of redfish that can number in the hundreds. These fish are still pretty wary, so a quiet approach is very important. On many days, it pays to settle in one spot when you find a school and wait for them to return to you instead of pushing them away.

When these reds are being spooky, I'll try to disturb them as little as possible by keeping my casting to a minimum. This is a time to fish with bait on the bottom. I'll put a chunk of blue crab or frozen mullet on a size 3/0 circle hook and just let it sit

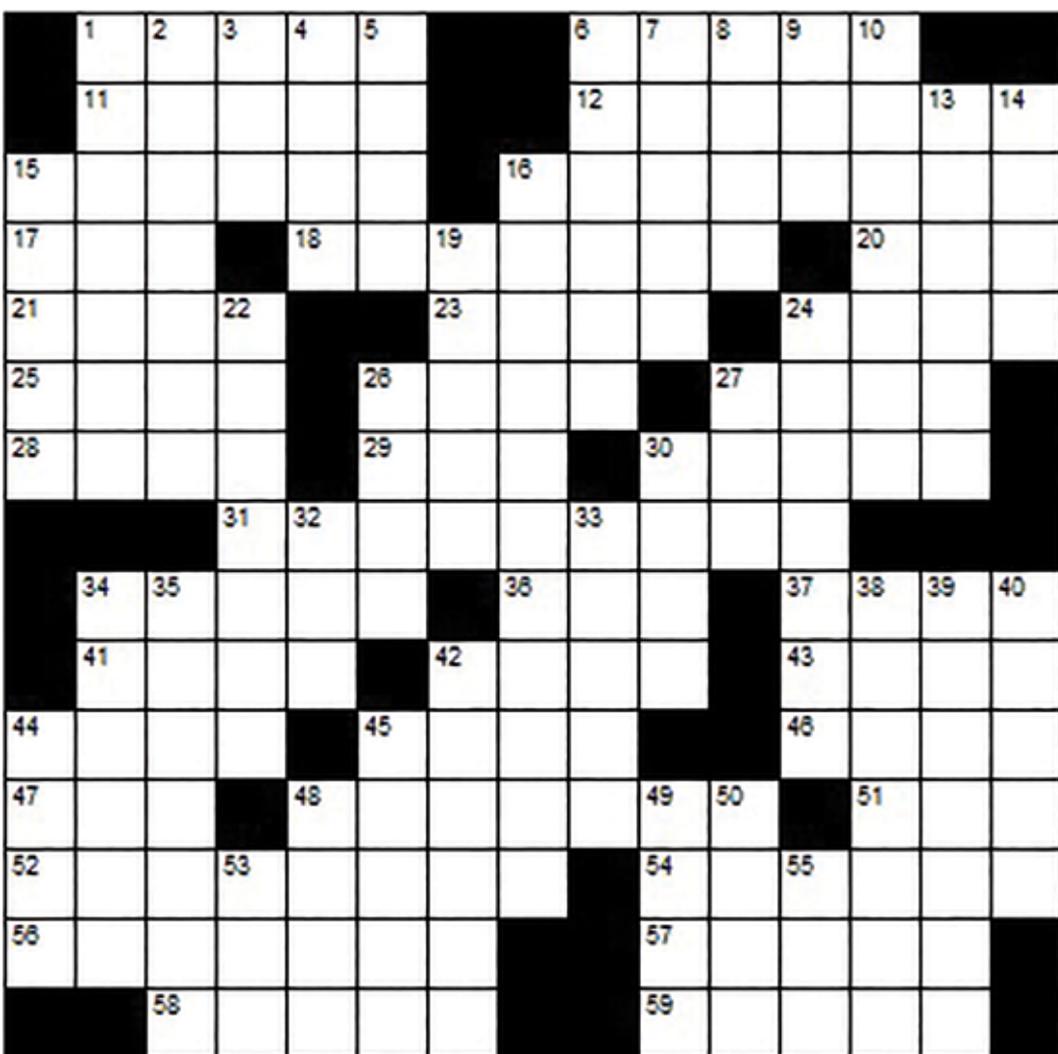
until the redfish swim over it. Make sure the barb of your hook is fully through the bait and exposed. Place your rod in the rod holder and wait for it to whip over once the circle hook sets itself!

As trout begin to appear, popping corks cast along grass banks and over oyster beds will be a good bet paired with mud minnows. I usually pair a size 1 circle hook with an 18"-24" fluorocarbon leader. While there is no shortage of options, I use oval shaped corks that are heavier and can be cast further. When using a popping cork, do your best to keep slack out of your line and when that cork goes under just reel to set the hook. You'll find that the circle hook seldom misses as long as your line is tight. See you on the water!

For a decade, Capt. Geoff Bennett has operated Charleston Charter Fishing providing light tackle charters. USCG licensed and insured. For more information, call Capt. Bennett at 843-324-3332, visit his website at www.charlestoncharterfishing.com or email him at captain@charlestoncharterfishing.com.



FOLLY CURRENT CROSSWORD



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- 6. Spawn
- 11. Fable writer
- 12. Repair
- 15. Fleet
- 16. Made poor
- 17. Spy agency
- 18. Diplomatic building
- 20. Henpeck
- 21. Footnote note
- 23. Ascend
- 24. Digestive juice
- 25. Spanish lady
- 26. Small
- 27. Proven information
- 28. Figure (out)
- 29. Startled cry
- 30. Whitish
- 31. Appalled
- 34. Codeine source
- 36. A parcel of land
- 37. Tears
- 41. Lease
- 42. Hint
- 43. Doing nothing
- 44. Engine knock

- 45. At what time
- 46. College girl
- 47. Many millennia
- 48. Abridge
- 51. Delay
- 52. Knife-wielders
- 54. Narrate
- 56. Ductile
- 57. A type of bandage
- 58. Temporary workers
- 59. Chose

DOWN

- 1. Reindeer
- 2. Stays behind
- 3. An Old Testament king
- 4. Style
- 5. Unwanted email
- 6. Tastelessly showy
- 7. Utilize again
- 8. Catch a glimpse of
- 9. French for "Summer"
- 10. A heavy damask
- 13. Property
- 14. Border
- 15. Corrosives
- 16. Analgesics

- 19. A thorny stem
- 22. Showy
- 24. A leather crossbody belt
- 26. School session
- 27. Cry of disgust
- 30. Small amount
- 32. Not in
- 33. Spring
- 34. American songbird
- 35. A long tapering flag
- 38. Revere
- 39. Ruffled
- 40. Marsh plant
- 42. Tasks
- 44. Annoyance
- 45. Pup
- 48. Leveling wedge
- 49. Therefore
- 50. Half-moon tide
- 53. South southeast
- 55. Slice

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 23

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TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

1 TELEVISION

Grey's Anatomy just became the longest-running prime-time medical drama of all time, eclipsing the record held by what other show that ran for 13 seasons?

2 AWARDS

What movie won the most Oscars this year with four at the Academy Awards?

3 DISNEY

Like the Jungle Book a couple years ago, what other Disney classic has just gotten the live action treatment?

4 MOVIES

What Netflix movie won three Oscars despite not being released in theatres?

5 MUSIC

What former American Idol contestant sang Freddie Mercury's part with Queen at the Oscars last month?

6 CRIME & PUNISHMENT

Jussie Smollett, an actor on what popular TV show, was brought up on criminal charges after police believe he faked an attack on himself?

7 FASHION

What sex symbol and sitcom actress has a new deal with Walmart hawking size-inclusive jeans, denim jackets, blouses and graphic T-shirts?

8 HIP-HOP

Who recently became the first-ever rap artist to win Song of the Year and Record of the Year at the Grammy Awards?

9 FOOD

Celebrity chef Ree Drummond is better known by what, which also happens to be the name of her popular Food Network show?

10 ACTORS & ACTRESSES

Last month fans got their first look at what famous actor in blueface, portraying the iconic genie in the trailer for the live-action movie of Disney's Aladdin?

Beware the Ides of March



SALT MARSH DIARIES

BY CAPTAIN
ANTON DUMARS
OF SPARTINA SAILING
ADVENTURES

Reprinted from March 2015 ...

Rain blasts the metal roof in spasms as windblown trees whip about just outside in the darkness. At 5 a.m., another March nor'easter assaults Folly Island.

As if traveling around the calendar on vacation, we visit each month with expectations. Most months provide a stable dwelling, giving us little surprise. "Sit down and have some oyster stew," says January. "Please give my best to February and April when you see them, but don't mention me to March ... he's been on a rampage again."

Stoic and predictable, February delivers cold and rain. April always paints a colorful landscape. In between the two, March remains ill-defined and unpredictable. Some

call March February's schizophrenic brother.

By the time March arrives in the salt marsh, bright green spartina sprigs push up through the pluff mud. Last year's dead, brittle grass towers overhead. Soon, March's supersized Perigean flood tides raft the dead grass away from the marsh. Ebbing tides take the large spartina rafts out to sea through the inlets. From here, wind and waves distribute the rafts along the beaches as dune-building wrack.

In March, the annual "changing of the birds" has begun. By mid-month, black skimmers appear in numbers on the mud flats. Royal terns follow. V-shaped cormorant formations head back north along the Atlantic coastline. The Vernal Equinox overturns night with day, just as the long-range migrators begin passing through. Red knots, black-belly plovers, and whimbrels, among others, arrive en route from southern South America. Dressed in full breeding plumage, they line the upper beach face and gorge on freshly laid horseshoe crab eggs. From here, they head north, on to food-rich summer nesting grounds above the Arctic Circle. As if following the arc of the sun, these birds



Anton DuMars, a coastal geologist and longtime Folly resident, prefers the summer side of March. Go sailing with Anton aboard "Spartina". Information: sailspartina.com.

Contact: sailspartina@gmail.com.

chase the longest days from one pole to the other every year.

Now daylight, oak tree branches move wildly about against a cold, gray sky. Rain drips from the metal roof eaves. Weary of winter, we optimistically wait out another week of cold and rain. March, predictably

unpredictable, swings its temperature 40 degrees in 24 hours. Just like last year, and the year before that, February sends us headlong into March's chaos. We move forward in blind faith, believing that April waits, cloaked and smiling.



OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

BY CHARLIE
STONECYPHER

Well, here we are again with life bringing Spring at our door. I seem to remember some ornery, grumpy old man saying a few months ago, "If you blink you'll miss winter!" Prophetic indeed... (it was me...) Of course all those projects around my yard I kept saying, "I'll wait for Winter when it's not busy to knock out these overdue jobs." Turns out I was so busy telling people to plan ahead I forgot my own advice. Well, maybe I planned ahead but the energy and money never caught up to my ambitions. With all the extra hours of

sunlight just ahead we can crawl out of our caves, stretch out and enjoy the renewal of Nature. A first for me this winter: I have a tomato plant that made it from Summer. I didn't have it in a greenhouse or take any extra care wrapping it up to protect it from cold weather. Nor did I have any additional watering other than rain. You can form your own theory but as of the end of February I even have new blooms on it, bringing me yet more fruit.

One thing I really love about Spring is when the Ocean starts warming up, (but

not too much,) providing some refreshment and enjoyment for beach goers. Let's face it, the Ocean and waterways is really quite the draw, despite our awesome local people and community. There is nothing like a spring morning with a cup of coffee on the beach, you just might want to bring some light long sleeves to keep those sand gnats off, haha. Gnats aside we really are lucky to be here though.

Well my Folly Family, as I bring this entry to a close I wish each and every one of you a wonderful March and here's

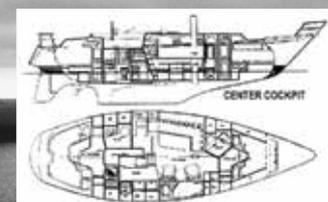
to hoping you have a great kick off for the Spring Season. I'm looking forward to a few pleasant days to sit outside and play ukulele, in between weeks of being behind with work.

Much Love and Aloha!

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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.
Painting from black and white and vintage photos. March 28 and 29; sign up at Gallery Azul 113 W. Erie or call the gallery at 843-714-0715.

ARTS & CRAFTS

CLUBS & SUPPORT GROUPS

Book Club.
Discuss "Buddha in the Attic" by Julie Otsuka. Wednesday, March 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 each 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 deaconddave73@gmail.com.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

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.

Read Across America Storytime. Monday, March 4 10:30-11:30. 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.

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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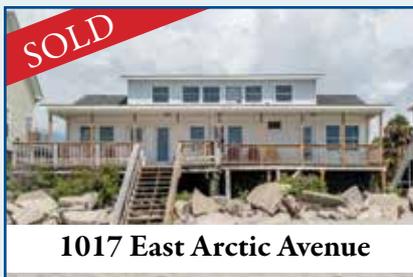


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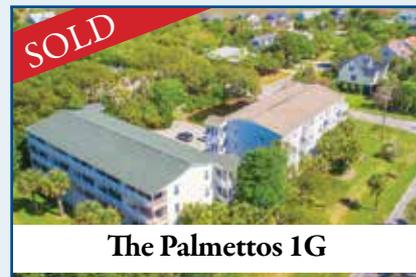
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