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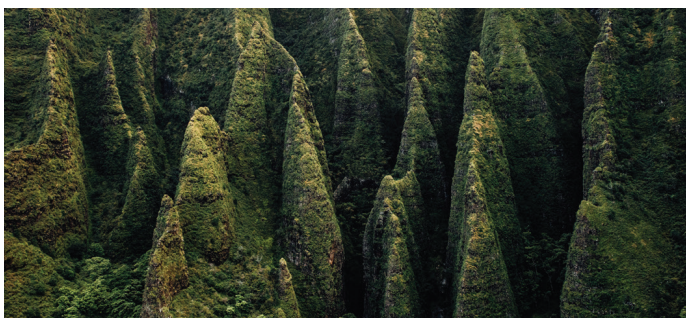
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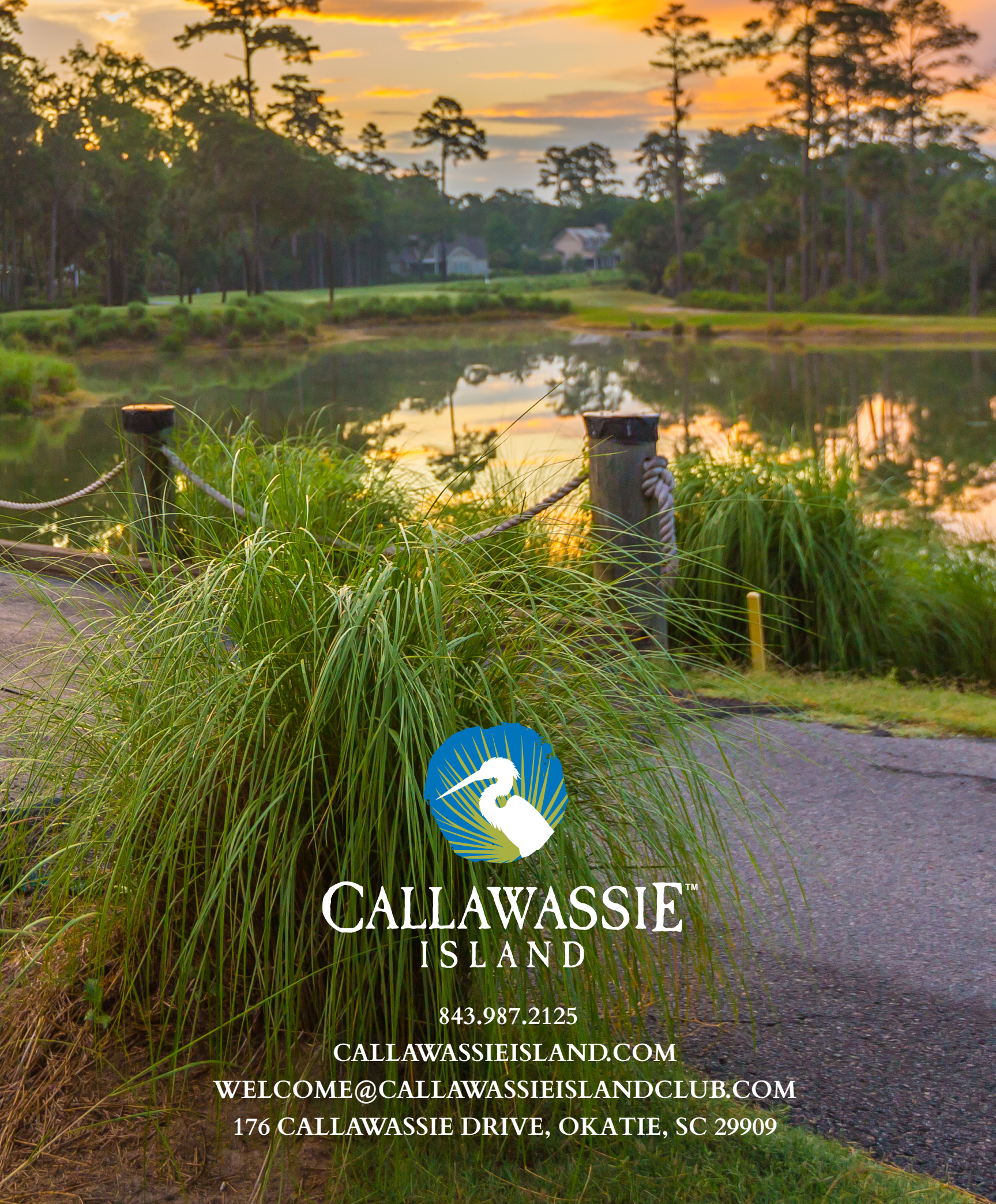
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"The Olympics, both winter and summer. Especially snowboarding."
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"American football because of NFL Films, regional rivalries, fantasy football, the 'chess match' and Da Bears."
- LANCE



"Men's bronze league softball. It's the only sport I can play without injuring myself."
- JEREMY

"Street League Skateboarding. Challenging. Irreverent. Great culture and graphics."
- CHARLES



"Hockey. It's fast paced, and the game can shift in a matter of seconds. Go Blackhawks!"
- ALLISON

"Field hockey. Having played for 10 years I grew a passion for all aspects of the game from the teamwork to the skill and coordination."
- ASHLAN



"Baseball. Played as a kid, high school and in college. Played left field and batted cleanup. Great team sport!"
- BRUCE



"Online shopping."
- LISA

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The Sports Issue

If you love the challenge of the game, you are in the right place. The Lowcountry is a great area for sports – not only for our great year-round weather, but also for the numerous amenities our community has to offer.

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TENNIS ANYONE? When it comes to tennis, it's advantage Lowcountry. Beaufort County is home to more than 500 courts and several top-rated tennis clubs and academies.

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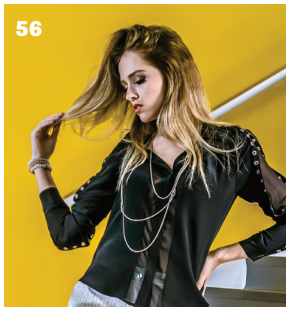
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Whether you want to be part of a crowd or be part of the action, there's a sport for you here in the Lowcountry. Sports and the Lowcountry go hand and glove, thanks to our mild climate. Golf, tennis, cycling, pickleball, soccer — if it's a sport, there's a good chance somebody is doing it year-round here.

Inside this "Sports" issue, you will find a few of the Lowcountry's top athletes, funny sports terms and facts, hot sports technology, wonderful sports books, great sports quotes and cool sports equipment for your home. We explore the connection between sports and spirituality, travel to the best sports halls of fame, indentify sports celebrities with local ties and highlight a few local super fans.

Of course you can't think about sports in April without mentioning our own PGA Tour event — the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing. We have all the information you might expect heading into this year's tournament, along with a few things you might not expect — such as our behind-the-scenes look at player perks.

Like the Seafood Festival, the Heritage is one of those events locals simply should not miss. My favorite time to go is Friday afternoon. When it is sunny and mild, there isn't a better place to be. You can find me hanging around the Tito's tent, sipping on a Bloody Mary. Stop and introduce yourself if I don't already know you. Let's toast our good fortune and share a few laughs as we soak in another magnificent spring afternoon. ***Local Life is good!***

"A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning."

- BILLIE JEAN KING

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ROLLER GIRL

My first (and last) sports trophy was for rollerblading of all things! I won my age group for a contest at Indigo Run, back when it was first developed. If you are looking for a low-impact exercise for your leg muscles, hips and lower back, give it a try. You'll have so much fun, you won't even realize you're working out!



HAPPY HERITAGE!
Have you seen the LOCAL Life Jeep around town? This month, we rolled up next to **Angela McSwain**, marketing and communications director for the Heritage Classic Foundation. Be sure to follow @LocalLifeSC on Instagram to see all of the #LocalswithaJeep photos.

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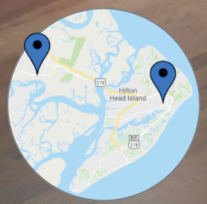
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HOMETOWN: Buffalo, N.Y.
CURRENT HOME: Palmetto Bay
LOCAL SINCE: February 2019
FAVORITE SPORT: Does Puppy Bowl count? Cuz they're cute.
LEAST FAVORITE SPORT:
Human sports. Cuz humans aren't as cute as puppies.
FAVORITE TEAM: Team Puppy
LEAST FAVORITE TEAM: Team Human
FAVORITE SPORTS MEMORY: When the Bills went to the Super Bowl four consecutive times! (Then lost four consecutive times. Thus my lack of zeal for sports.) **FAVORITE SPORTS MOVIE:** A League of Their Own. Maybe because I photographed the Baseball Hall of Fame for a client and got to see the women's section that inspired the movie. Plus it's hilarious and shows how exciting things are when girls have beauty AND talent. #dirtintheskirt. BTW, Second favorite sports movie: Ace Ventura. Couldn't miss the nod to the Bills' Super Bowl loss! Oh, it hurts so good. #lacesout







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FOR THIS ISSUE: Identified many sports celebrities with local ties.
HOMETOWN: Middletown, Ohio **CURRENT HOME:** Point Comfort
LOCAL SINCE: 1983 **FAVORITE SPORT:** Kayak. I am on the water and can go with my grandkids. **LEAST FAVORITE SPORT:** Skydiving. Heights make me want to toss my cookies. **FAVORITE TEAM:** Hilton Head Seahawks **FAVORITE SPORTS MEMORY:** Rock climbing with my grandchildren. **FAVORITE SPORTS MOVIE:** Chasing Mavericks



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New clients' advertisements
HOMETOWN: Setauket, N.Y.
CURRENT HOME: Sea Pines
LOCAL SINCE: 2017
FAVORITE SPORT:
To watch, football, because it's football. To play, golf; love being out on the course, always beautiful and because I spent a lot of time with my mother and my late father giving it my best shot.
LEAST FAVORITE SPORT:
Dodgeball because it scarred me as a child. Nothing worse than being the last one in because you were afraid of being hit and then having the entire other team aiming only at you.



FAVORITE TEAM: Carolina Panthers
LEAST FAVORITE TEAM:
I'm in sales so ... I plead the fifth!
FAVORITE SPORTS MEMORY:
My son Ryan was the basketball team manager for Providence Day School in Charlotte throughout middle and high school. During his senior year the team won the state championship and was invited to New York City to participate in the Dick's National Championships. Ryan had his lacrosse shooter shirt with our last name on the back, so we had the pleasure of seeing him and our last name on ESPN. Pure joy!
FAVORITE SPORTS MOVIE:
We Are Marshall. I have no words for what those families, team, school, and town endured. Seeing their story is life altering not only because of the extent of the trauma, but the resilience they demonstrated in the aftermath. I tear up just thinking about it.



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Local superfans

Unlike many parts of the country, the Lowcountry doesn't have one sports team that dominates the region. We asked a random sampling of locals what **teams they love** and were not surprised by the diverse response.

Online video: Spring Island pop up dinner

Look at Lisa Staff's photos of Spring Island's exclusive **farm-to-table pop up dinner** on page 142, then see her stylish video of it coming together at LocalLifeSC.com.





Photos from around town

See photos of the **Pockets Full of Sunshine Sporting Clays** event, **Opening Night** for local baseball and more online.



Local named among top 100 teachers

GOLF Magazine named Belfair's director of instruction, **Jason Baile**, one of the Top 100 Teachers in America in its April issue. Off the course, Baile's hobbies include spending time with his wife Mollie and three daughters at the beach or fishing. Learn more about him and his accolade online.

About the Cover



Many locals are familiar with the **18th hole at Harbour Town Golf Links**. We asked photographer **Chandler Hummell** to show the iconic golf landmark in a way few have seen before — from directly above. Hummell launched his DJI Mavic Pro Platinum portable drone into high wind at 6 p.m. on a chilly March evening. "Thanks to unfavorable golfing conditions, nobody cluttered my shots," Hummell said. "Not a cloud in the sky, and the sunset lasted for quite some time. I showed up with five flight batteries, so I landed every 20 minutes for a fresh one and continued flying until my vision sensors started giving me 'lack of ambient light' warnings. The winning shot was taken on the first flight." Find more of Hummell's work online at chandlerh.photography.

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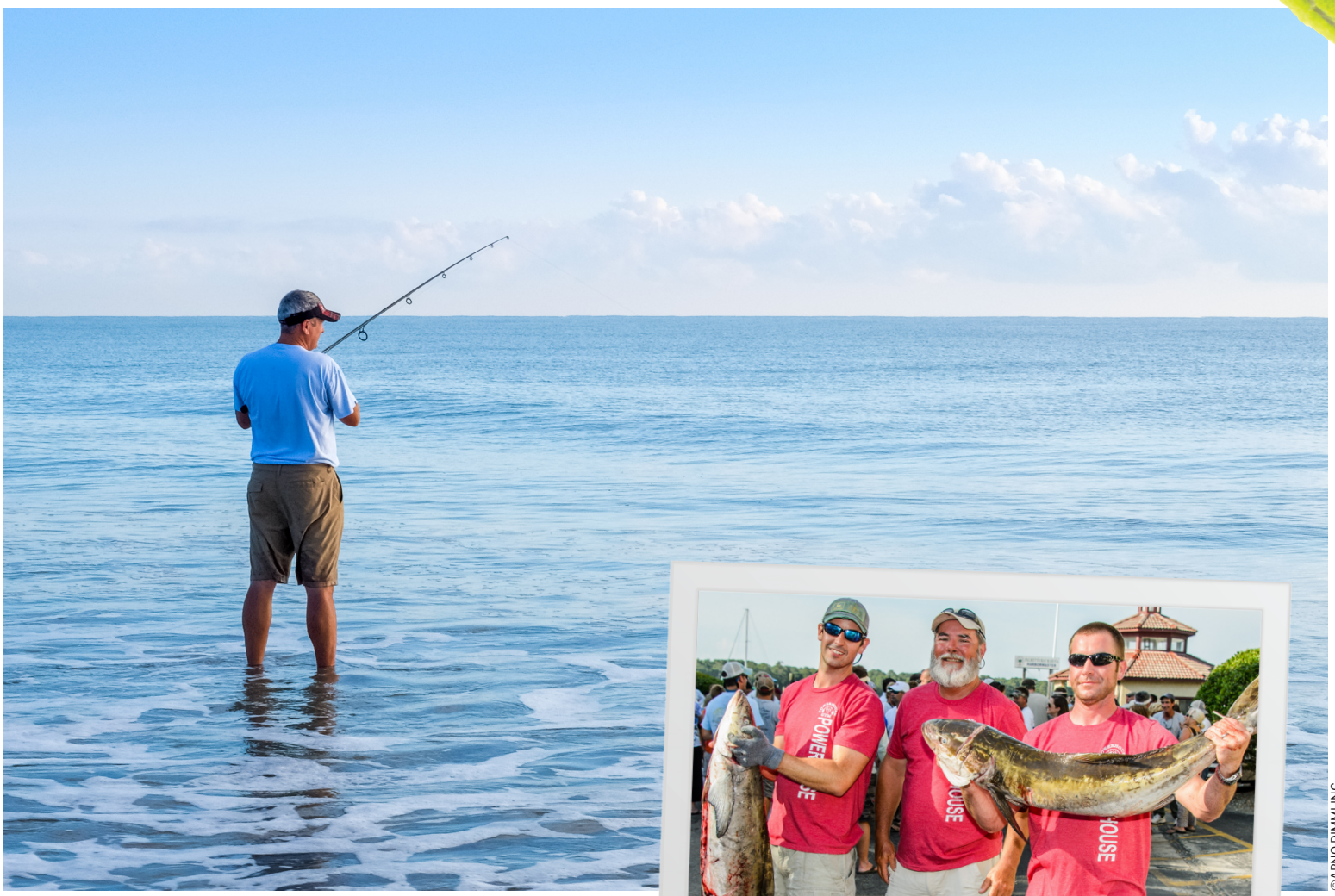
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CATCH OF THE DAY (from left) Alan Boatwright, "Off Season Santa" and Scott Sexon proudly display a couple of whoppers caught in local waters.

Great sports

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THE LOWCOUNTRY DOES WELL

The Lowcountry is a great place for sports – not only for our great year-round weather, but also for the numerous amenities our community has to offer. While we're renowned for our beaches, we also boast an active sports community. **Here are five sports we do particularly well.**

Get hooked

FISHING

The Lowcountry is a paradise for fish, thanks to our healthy ecosystem. Local waters offer some of South Carolina's best fishing. In the freshwater, you'll find bass, panfish and catfish. Where freshwater enters the tidal area, you'll see snook, jack and tarpon. In saltwater, snapper, mackerel, sea trout, grouper and drum are plentiful. Port Royal Sound, the body of water between Hilton Head Island and Beaufort, is one of the most productive cobia spawning grounds on the East Coast. The run starts in mid-April and runs well into the summer, drawing anglers from all over the country.





Order on the courts

TENNIS

Hilton Head Island and Bluffton are one of the country's top tennis destinations, featuring more than 500 tennis courts and eight of the top 100 tennis resorts and camps in the world. Thanks to our mild climate, tennis is a year-round activity here. Famed tennis player Stan Smith put local tennis on the map when he joined The Sea Pines Resort as a touring pro in 1971. In 2002, he and renowned tennis coach Billy Stearns opened Smith Stearns Academy. Legendary tennis coach Dennis Van Der Meer launched his tennis center here in the 1970s. Both academies continue to draw top players from all over the world.



May the course be with you

GOLF

Hilton Head Island and Bluffton are known for having world-class golf courses and facilities. To serious traveling golfers, just the name Hilton Head conjures up images of perfectly manicured fairways framed by natural marshes, streams, ponds and inlets connected to the Atlantic Ocean. Many local communities were built around courses designed by golf legends such as Pete Dye, Rees Jones, Arnold Palmer, Davis Love III, Robert Trent Jones, George Fazio and Arthur Hills. Many locals benefit from both beautiful scenery and the privacy that comes with private golf community living.

Trot on

EQUESTRIAN

Many plantations in the Lowcountry have equestrian centers, including Oldfield, Spring Island, Haig Point, Moss Creek, Sea Pines, Rose Dhu, Rose Hill and Palmetto Bluff. Other great hangouts for horse lovers are Driftwood Stable on Hilton Head and Plantation Stables in Beaufort. Most facilities offer boarding, training and riding, and many host camps and other special events. Many also have access to beautiful riding trails through sweeping Lowcountry vistas.

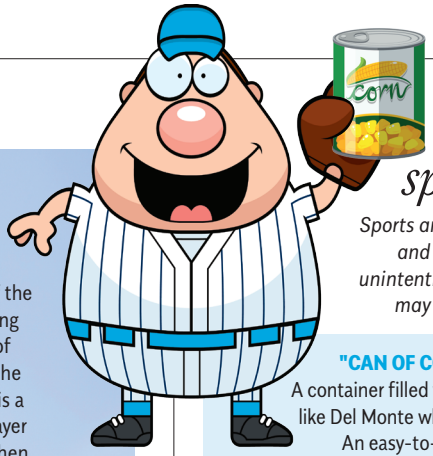




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Enjoy the ride CYCLING

Hilton Head Island is the only "Gold Award" bike friendly community in South Carolina and is listed among the League of American Bicyclists' top 25 bike friendly communities in the United States. Since 2010, the town has spent more than $1 million on 112 miles of bike trails islandwide. We have many cycling fundraisers and major events each year, and are home to numerous clubs and groups of serious cyclists that dress the part and travel high-speed in packs. We even have a Bicycle Ambassadors Program, which patrols the island's bike pathways to promote safety and help riders.



Funny sports terms

Sports are full of bizarre terminology and phrases. Here are a few unintentionally humorous things you may hear in the field of play.

"CAN OF CORN" Outside of sports: A container filled with a non-perishable grain. We like Del Monte whole kernel the best. **In sports:** An easy-to-catch pop fly in baseball.

"FROZEN ROPE" Outside of sports: An extremely cold piece of twine. **In sports:** A hard line drive in baseball, hit directly to the outfield by the batter.

"CATCH A CRAB" Outside of sports: Using traps to bait and catch crustaceans for commercial or recreational use. **In sports:** In rowing, an oar is removed from the water and flipped parallel with the water, preparing for the next stroke.

"FLEA FLICKER" Outside of sports: A person of low social standing with a humiliating profession. **In sports:** A football is handed off or lateraled and then thrown for a pass down the field.

"NUTMEG" Outside of sports: A very useful spice used to flavor many kinds of baked goods. **In sports:** A soccer player kicks the ball between an opponent's legs, making them look foolish.

"GOLDEN SOMBRERO" Outside of sports: A very special and expensive wide-brimmed hat from Mexico. **In sports:** A baseball player strikes out four times in a game.



"BONK" Outside of sports: A caveman character and video game series. **In sports:** A runner hits the proverbial wall, running out of energy.

"SPOON" Outside of sports: Both a utensil and a cool band from Austin, Texas. **In sports:** Slang for a lacrosse stick.



Jock Jams

April is a wonderful time for sports lovers. Fans can look forward to the Final Four, MLB, NBA, NHL, the Masters and our own RBC Heritage golf tournament. Find this and other LOCAL Life playlists by searching for ***locallifetunes on Spotify****. Sound the horn and get this playlist underway. Y'all ready for this?*



"Drinkin' Town with a Football Problem" — Billy Currington
"Basketball Jones" — **Cheech & Chong**
"Pulmonary Archery" — Alexisonfire
"Tennis Court" — Lorde
"Fireworks" — The Tragically Hip
"Hope She Cheats on You (With a Basketball Player)" — Marsha Ambrosius
"Volvo Driving Soccer Mom" — Everclear
"Apartment Wrestling" — Maximum Balloon
"Fried Hockey Boogie" — Canned Heat
"Bicycle Race" — **Queen**
"Darts of Pleasure" — Franz Ferdinand
"Hit Somebody! (The Hockey Song)" — Warren Zevon



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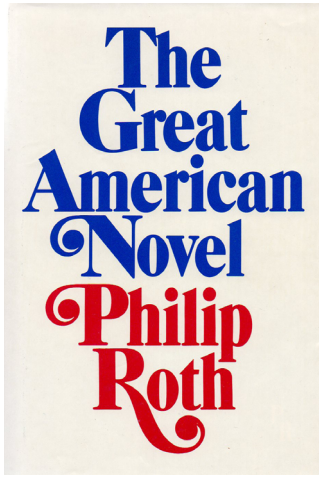
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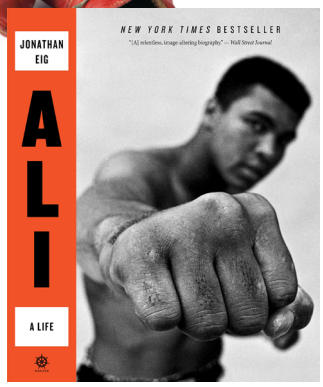
Great sports reads

If you love sports and a good read (not just the kind your caddie gives you), these titles should be on your bookshelf.

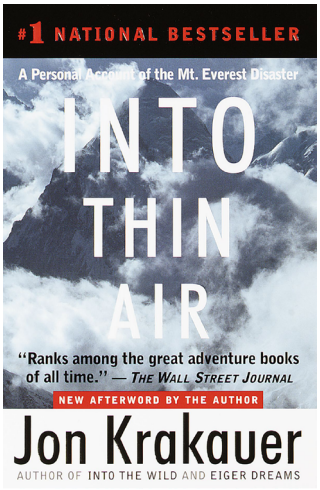




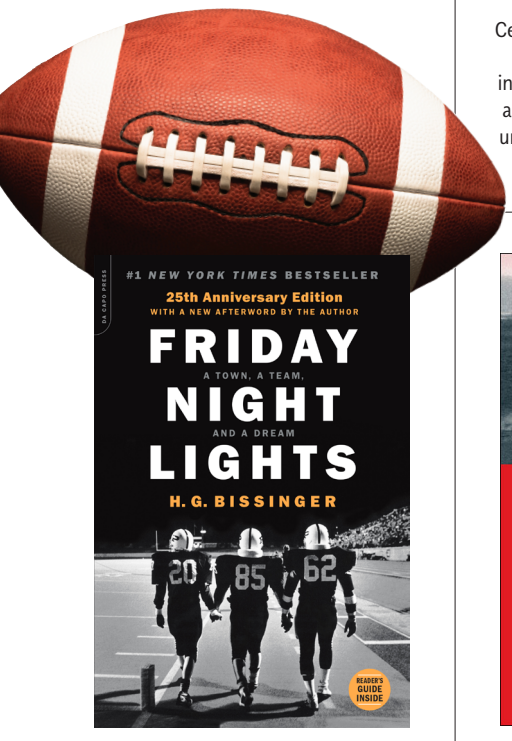
THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL
By Philip Roth
This book follows the Mundys of Port Ruppert, N.J., on the road after losing their stadium to war efforts in 1943. The baseball team is arguably the worst in history, consisting of older men and even some that are too young to play.



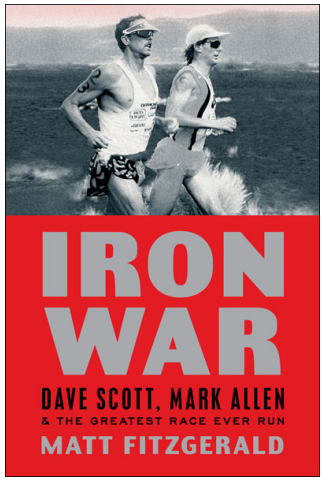
ALI: A LIFE
By Jonathan Eig
Take a closer look into the life of Muhammed Ali, one of the 20th Century's greatest figures. This biography takes information from over 500 interviews from Ali's surviving associates as well as thousands of FBI records and uncovered interviews to form one of the greatest stories about the boxer.



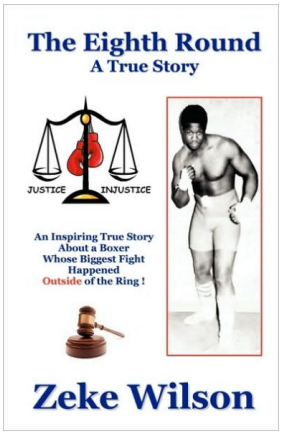
INTO THIN AIR
By Jon Krakauer
This book is written about the author's true personal account of climbing Mt. Everest. In his climb, an unexpected storm hits and kills eight of his fellow climbers, making an intensely heartbreaking story.



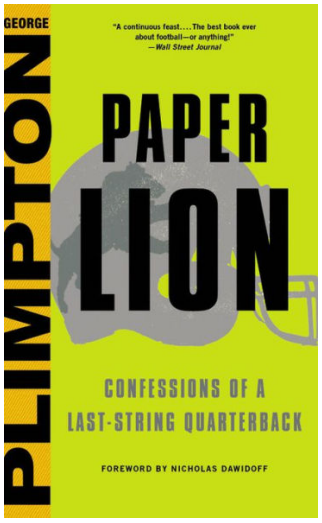
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: A TOWN, A TEAM, AND A DREAM
By Buzz Bissinger
Glimpsing into small town America, you can see the importance of football. In this book you can see the pressure that a community has on its team and the flaws within their values.



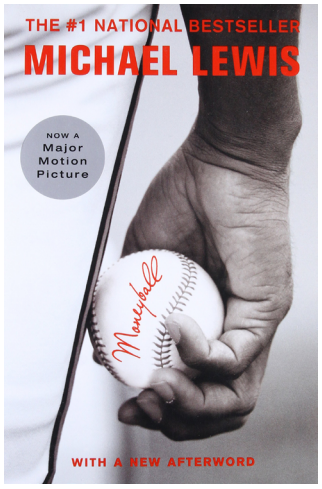
IRON WAR
By Matt Fitzgerald
The Ironman is a 140.6 mile triathlon in Hawaii. It's meant to be a race that determines the fittest person alive. Iron War follows the intense side-by-side battle between Dave Scott and Mark Allen at the 13th Ironman.



THE EIGHTH ROUND
By Zeke Wilson (local author)
Based on a true story, this book is an autobiography about a boxer who triumphed in the first ever same-race discrimination court case. It demonstrates that common people can fight through self-education for their constitutional rights in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, and win.



PAPER LION
By George Plimpton
George Plimpton is a writer who puts himself into sports arenas to write about his experience. In this particular book he disguises himself as a quarterback and gets accepted to train with the Detroit Lions.



MONEYBALL: THE ART OF WINNING AN UNFAIR GAME
By Michael Lewis
Written about Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane, this book describes how success can be achieved even when it's on a budget. This team is a combination of players that scouts would consider misfits. The secret is using tactics that will outsmart opponents.





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LOWCOUNTRY IN NATIONAL NEWS



Who's talking: WHERE TO RETIRE MAGAZINE
Details: Listed Hilton Head Island No. 1 in the sixth edition of its comprehensive guidebook, "America's 100 Best Places to Retire."
Their words: "Hilton Head is currently among the finest resort communities in America. It is mature, sophisticated, and very attractive. It consists largely of a honeycomb of gated communities, each tucked away in the midst of live oaks and palmetto palms, with lagoons, tidal estuaries, lots of wildlife, and many, many golf courses. All of nature remains remarkably little disturbed. It is very peaceful, and every piece of architecture is in harmony with the landscape. The island's amenities seem almost limitless."

Who's talking: APARTMENT THERAPY WEBSITE
Details: Ranked Daufuskie Island No. 1 on its list of "Vacation Cities that are Actually Great to Live in Year-Round."
Their words: "The good news: You can live on an island year-round. The great news: There are even home listings under the $300,000 mark. Daufuskie Island in South Carolina, between Hilton Head and Savannah, boasts white sand beaches, art galleries, and great golf. There are no cars allowed on the island, so you'll need to get around via bike or walking. (Psst: You can sell your car to put toward your down payment!) Need any more nudging?"

Who's talking: HOUSE METHOD WEBSITE
Details: Ranked Hilton Head Island on its list of "20 Small Towns Perfect for a Winter Getaway."
Their words: "Hilton Head is the perfect winter destination for those who want to skip the summer tourist rush. Glorious 60-degree winter temperatures mean plenty of opportunity for enjoying the Lowcountry scenery. Put in a workout by paddling the 11-mile lagoon at Palmetto Dunes, hit the links for a round of golf or a lesson at one of the many world-class golf courses on the island, or try something a little different and visit Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge for a day of birdwatching."

Who's talking: FISHING BOOKER WEBSITE
Details: Named Hilton Head Island the top location in South Carolina for family fishing.
Their words: "Hilton Head fishing is some of the best fishing in the United States. A top tourist attraction, this island off the coast of South Carolina is known for pleasant weather, scenic views, and beach for miles. Add to that a year-round fishery and the opportunity to land the catch of a lifetime, and it's no wonder why anglers keep coming back for more."





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Adopt this Pet: Crawl

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If you're looking for the perfect addition to your family line-up, consider adopting this athletic Plott Hound mix named Crawl. While the ancestors of this scent hound were originally bred for hunting bears, this beautiful 3-year-old is better suited for long and relaxing beach walks or chasing frisbees and tennis balls at the park. His flashy brindle coat is black, flecked with gold, russet and a few patches of white. His medium-length ears hang gracefully, and the leather of his nose, lips, and eye rims is black, setting off an inquisitive and confident expression. Crawl's owner was no longer able to care for him, but their loss can be your gain. Hilton Head Humane treated Crawl for a heartworm condition, and now he's off the disabled list and ready to play! He's the perfect dog to have fun with in the field or to watch your favorite sport with. LL

MORE ABOUT CRAWL

Color: Brindle
Age: 3 (around 29 in human years)
Likes: March Madness. "I get so excited filling out my NCAA Tournament bracket each season."
— Crawl
Dislikes: March Sadness. "My bracket is always busted by the second round. Always picking the underdog may not be the best strategy, but hey, I'm a dog."
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Adopt him: Hilton Head Humane Association, hhhumane.org, 843-681-8686











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Heritage Classic Foundation

MISSION

The mission of the Heritage Classic Foundation is to deliver the highest-quality PGA Tour golf event, as well as other distinguished events that generate significant economic impact and promotion for the Hilton Head-Bluffton area, the Coastal Empire and the state of South Carolina, while generating funds for charitable causes that enhance the quality of life for all.





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HELPING HANDS Heritage Classic Foundation members are shown at the Scholars luncheon (left) and stocking a Second Helpings truck with food for the hungry. Second Helpings was named the PGA Tour's 2018 Charity of the Year.

HISTORY Since 1987, the year Heritage Classic Foundation was founded, $41 million has been distributed to those in need. Last year, the Foundation broke records by facilitating more than $3.3 million in donations to charitable organizations across South Carolina.

WHO IT HELPS More than 300 high school seniors have received four-year scholarships thanks to the success of the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing, South Carolina's only PGA Tour event. Champions Fore Charity and Birdies for Charity, two programs presented by the Heritage Classic Foundation, provide close to 100 charities with financial support each year.

HOW TO HELP You can support the Heritage Classic Foundation by purchasing a ticket to the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing. You can also participate in the Birdies for Charity or Champions Fore Charity giving programs. Another unique way for South Carolina residents to support the Heritage Classic Foundation is to purchase a Heritage Classic Foundation license plate at the DMV.

VOLUNTEER The RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing would not be possible without its dedicated team of amazing volunteers. Their hard work and professionalism have earned one of the PGA Tour's highest ratings, year after year. It's because of them that the Heritage Classic Foundation is consistently able to make substantial contributions to charities in our community. *LL*

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Great sports movie quotes

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FOOTBALL



REMEMBER THE TITANS *(2000)*
Actors: Denzel Washington, Will Patton
The Skinny: Based on a true story of T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va. (1971).
Best lines: "Attitude reflects leadership." + "I don't scratch my head unless it itches, and I don't dance unless I hear some music." + "Don't you see the family resemblance? That's my brother."



THE BLIND SIDE *(2009)*
Actors: Sandra Bullock, Quinton Aaron, Tim McGraw
The Skinny: Loosely based on the life of former NFL player Michael Oher.
Best line: "Any fool can have courage. But honor, that's the real reason you either do something or you don't."

BOXING



MILLION DOLLAR BABY *(2005)*
Actors: Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman (Eddie Dupris)
The Skinny: An underappreciated boxing trainer helps an underdog amateur boxer achieve her dream.
Best Lines: "Boxing is an unnatural act ... Instead of running away from pain like a sane person would do, you step into it." + "It's the magic of risking everything for a dream that nobody sees but you."



ROCKY *(1976)*
Actors: Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire
The Skinny: A rags-to-riches American dream story of an uneducated but kind-hearted working class Italian-American boxer.
Best lines: "Every champion was once a contender who refused to give up." + "Our greatest glory is not in falling but rising every time we fall."

BASEBALL



THE SANDLOT *(1993)*
Actors: Patrick Renna, Mike Vitar
The Skinny: Tells the story of a group of young baseball players during the summer of 1962.
Best line: "You're killing me, Smalls!"



MARTIAL ARTS

THE KARATE KID *(1984)*
Actors: Pat Morita, Ralph Macchio
The Skinny: An underdog story in the mold of the previous success of Rocky.
Best line: "It's ok to lose to opponent; it's never OK to lose to fear."



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Get to know Ashley Jacobs

THE NEW BEAUFORT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR LOVES EATING GRITS, READING BOOKS AND KAYAKING. SHE SOUNDS LIKE THE PERFECT MATCH!



South Carolina native Ashley Jacobs was recently selected as Beaufort County's new administrator, beating out 70 other candidates in a nationwide search. Jacobs has more than 20 years of local government experience in the state, most recently serving as assistant county administrator for Aiken County. She is the first female to step into Beaufort County's top position.

"Beaufort County is not only a place that's rich in natural beauty, history, and culture, but it also has an exciting future," she said. "I look forward to living and working there. I am committed to implementing the County Council's strategic goals, serving the community to the best of my ability, being responsive to identified needs, and ensuring that residents and visitors have a positive experience when they interact with the county."

We asked a few questions we feel her future friends and neighbors might find interesting heading into her first day on April 15.

BREAKING THE ICE



Hometown: Aiken
Hobbies: Kayaking, backpacking, reading, traveling
Describe yourself in five words or less: Adventurous, determined, loyal and resourceful
What will you miss most about Aiken County? The people. It's a close knit community, and there are so many people who are dear to me.
What excites you the most about Lowcountry life? I love being outdoors, especially on the water, so I'm excited about all the beautiful places to kayak.
Do you have any superstitions? I must use a particular Clemson mug at breakfast on game days.
If you couldn't have this job, what would be your dream job? International tour guide
Favorite vacation destination: Italy
Favorite local landmarks: Penn Center and Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge
What movie can you watch over and over without ever getting tired of it? Moonrise Kingdom
What quality in others do you admire the most? Kindness
What are the most interesting buildings you've ever seen or been in? The George Peabody Library at Johns Hopkins University and The Alamo
What are you interested in that most people aren't? Botany
Favorite charity: South Carolina State Firefighters Association Foundation
Which of your vices or bad habits would be the hardest to give up? Staying up past my bedtime to read a good book.

MANAGEMENT CREDS

- Community development
- Economic development
- Emergency management
- Disaster preparedness and mitigation
- Parks and recreation
- Public safety

PREVIOUS GIGS

- Assistant County Administrator for Aiken County
- Executive Director for the Greater Lake City Community Development Office in Lake City
- Deputy County Administrator for Dorchester County
- Assistant County Administrator for Richland County
- Senior Environmental Planner for the Central Midlands Council of Governments in Columbia



THIS OR THAT



Cookies or cake? Gelato
Cats or dogs? Both
Pop music or rock music? Jazz
Pancakes or waffles? Grits
Hot chocolate or coffee? Cappuccino
Text message or call? Talk in person
Book or movie? Book. Always the book.
Chocolate or vanilla? Strawberry
Coca-Cola or Pepsi? Root beer
Boat or plane? Depends on the destination
Ketchup or mustard? Garlic aioli



Theater or cinema? Theater
Bagel or toast? Biscuits
French or Spanish? Italian
Summer or winter? Summer
Skiing or snowboarding? Snowshoeing



NEW RESIDENT Ashley Jacobs is shown with League of Women in Government board members. Other photos show Jacobs with her mother and sister (left) and rafting the Grand Canyon (below).

KEY CERTIFICATIONS

- Leadership South Carolina
- South Carolina Association of Counties' Institute of Government for County Officials
- South Carolina Economic Development Institute
- Master of Public Administration, University of South Carolina
- BA in English and Technical Writing, Clemson University

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Serving as an advisory board member for the master of public administration programs at Augusta University and College of Charleston and serving as a trustee of the South Carolina Firefighters Association Foundation. She currently is a participant in the Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Institute and serves as the president of the League of Women in Government. *LL*



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— Dana Perino and Peter McMahon

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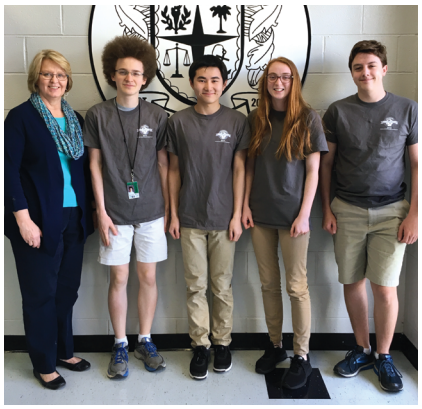
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Are you smarter than an Academic WorldQuest student?



D.C. BOUND Coach Pam Wolske, Jacob Bierman, Bailey Yang, Jordan Wilhelm and Nathan Lessard won the local Academic WorldQuest for Bluffton High School. The team advances to the national competition, April 26-27 in Washington, D.C.

Some of the Lowcountry's brightest young minds came together for the World Affairs Council of Hilton Head's Academic WorldQuest competition. All Beaufort County high schools were invited to send two teams to compete in the annual event, which tests students' knowledge of international affairs, similar to the "College Bowl" from the 1960s. Teams had to answer 100 questions from topics such as current events, NATO, Great Decisions, North Korea and Qatar.

The winning team was Bluffton High School 1, made up of students Nathan Lessard, Bailey Yang, Jordan Wilhelm, Jason Bierman and coach Pam Wolske. The team advances to the national competition April 26-27 at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. Test your international knowledge by answering these five questions from the local competition without cheating. Find more questions online at LocalLifeSC.com. LL

1. Of all the immigrants arriving in the U.S. in 2015, the largest number came from which of the following countries?
A. Venezuela
B. India
C. Mexico
D. China

2. RAND Corporation analysts warned in 2018 that NATO forces would be "badly outnumbered and outgunned" in an initial Russian conventional attack on _____?
A. Poland and Finland
B. Baltic Countries
C. Ukraine
D. Balkan Countries

3. In 2014, which Ukrainian president was ousted from power, ultimately leading Russia to annex Crimea in response?
A. Viktor Yushchenko
B. Ramzan Kadyrov
C. Viktor Yanukovych
D. Petro Poroshenko

4. Which of these is a successful multilateral effort to develop norms of behavior for outer space?
A. No First Placement of Weapons in Outer Space Resolution
B. U.N. Debris Mitigation Guidelines
C. Prevention of the Placement of Outer Space Weapons Treaty
D. International Code of Conduct for Outer Space Activities

5. According to the article on stabilizing Iraq, the need for reconciliation is especially urgent in which Iraqi area due to the "historic mosaic of peoples" represented?
A. Nineveh Plains
B. Iraqi Kurdistan
C. Basra Governorate
D. Ramadi

How many did you answer correctly?
4-5: You are Academic WorldQuest material.
2-3: You have a strong grasp of world affairs.
0-1: You need less TMZ and more BBC News.



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Answers: 1) B, 2) B, 3) C, 4) B, 5) A

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16. To the best of our knowledge, there is only one other word that can be made from all the letters in the word following this sentence, using each letter only once. **CONSOLIDATES**

17. What logically comes next in the following sequence?

bland **blink**

braid **bone**

a) braille b) blue c) bang d) band

18. James has two more brothers than he has sisters. His sister Jane has three times as many brothers as sisters. There are no more than ten in the family. How many boys and girls?

19. How many common English words can you make from the following letters? **A E L P T**

20. What is the number that is one more than one-tenth of one-half of one-fourth of 8000?

***[LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS]* 11.** *cove, cover* **12.** *IMPENETRABLE* **13.** *8¢ (2¢ per vowel, 1¢ per consonant)* **14.** *78154* **15.** *red, pink*

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Hilton Head Island resident **Carol Bartholomew** sent us the following letter about what being local means to her. She has a long history working with Sea Pines Resort and as a volunteer for the RBC Heritage golf tournament. LOCAL Life welcomes letters to the editor and comments to our website. **Write to lance.hanlin@wearelocallife.com**

What makes it local

adjective. lo·cal | lō-kəl

1: *characterized by or relating to position in space: having a definite spatial form or location* ***2:*** *of, relating to, or characteristic of a particular place: not general or widespread: of, relating to, or applicable to part of a whole* ***3:*** *primarily serving the needs of a particular limited district of a public conveyance: making all the stops on a route*

It takes a village



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LOCAL SINCE 1983
Carol Bartholomew is shown with a sign for Pockets Full of Sunshine, a local nonprofit she helped form that provides social and vocational opportunities for adults with disabilities.

My love affair with Hilton Head Island is deep rooted and unwavering, having arrived here in 1983 as a college graduate traveling with NBC Sports to different golf and tennis venues. Along the way, I decided to stay and took a job as a Sea Pines Resort marketing assistant working with the resort's great visionary and founder, Charles Fraser.

My career opportunities within the company were exciting and soon I became involved as marketing and media director for golf tournaments and events. Today, I continue as volunteer coordinator of media relations for the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing.

Back then, I experienced the good old days of simple, island living. Fast forward to today and the natural beauty and magic of this island still resonates.

It's hard to believe that I've been a Sea Pines resident for 36 years ... I married my high school sweetheart, RJ, and became mom to three wonderful children – Annie, James and Sally, and surrounded myself with family and a wide swath of friends.

Raising children can be a daunting task and raising a child with special challenges puts life in a totally different perspective. My daughter, Sally, has special needs and is an inspiration to all of us. She is a happy 24-year-old young lady who is surrounded by the love of her family, the help of her friends, and the support of this community. She is very active and can be seen at many festivals and events, a frequent diner in all the local restaurants, and a movie and music aficionado. She greets everyone with a big hug and a smile.

Sea Pines is Sally's safe haven as she has lived her entire life in the plantation and feels very comfortable and loved by our wonderful, supportive neighbors. It truly does take a village to raise a child.

We make every effort to do things as a family but, when it's not practical we divide and conquer. Unfortunately, that means RJ and I are often doing things apart to satisfy the demands of our entire family. While out, RJ will run into old friends and they'll ask about the family or how I am. He'll say straight-faced, "Carol and I are separated" at which they look aghast and then he smiles and says, "I'm here tonight while Carol's in Bluffton!" Humor certainly keeps things in perspective.

Pockets Full of Sunshine (PFS) is an organization that RJ and I helped form to support people with special needs and this passion consumes much of our time. Our mission is to make the Lowcountry a sunnier place through the creation of inclusive employment and socialization opportunities for exceptional individuals. Through these activities, PFS increases their exposure to and interaction with our community, providing adults with disabilities increased independence, growth and a sense of personal pride.

RJ and I have big plans for Sally and her friends and with the ongoing support and generosity of our community, the PFS mission will be realized sooner rather than later. It is a true testament of just how special our little corner of the world truly is.

And, when given the chance, I am always rejuvenated and energized by a walk on the beach, absorbing Mother Nature's raw power. The healing properties of fresh air and salt water are so familiar and strengthening.

The beach is what drew me to Hilton Head 36 years ago and continues to be my oasis. LL



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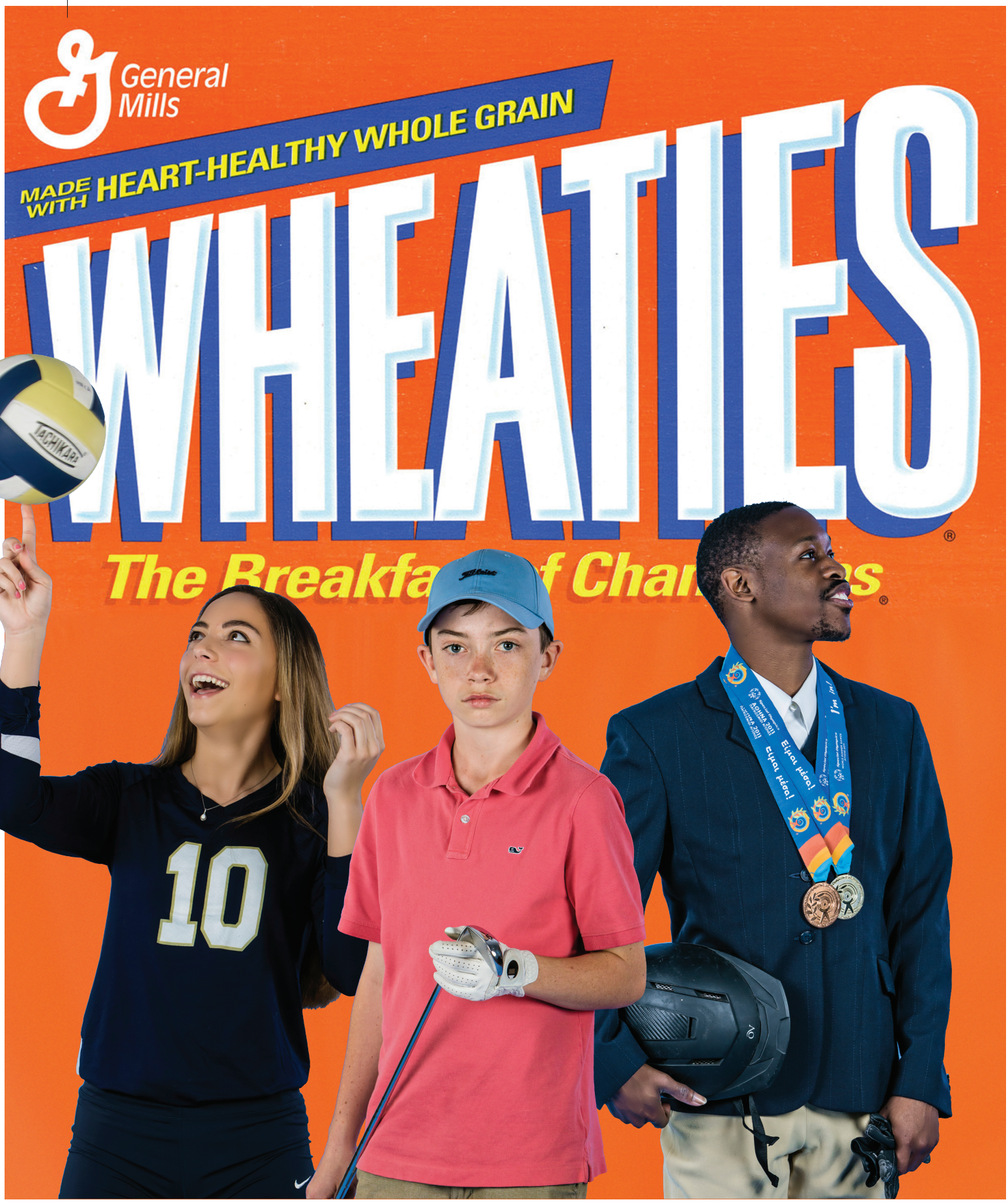
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Young Athletes

MEET THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHAMPIONS WHO CALL HILTON HEAD ISLAND HOME.

STORY BY BARRY KAUFMAN
PHOTOGRAPHY BY LISA STAFF

Every elite athlete began somewhere. Every "do you believe in miracles" moment came when a child first discovered a sport they loved. And every star who has ever graced a Wheaties box was once just a kid with a love of the game.

And the Lowcountry appears to be fertile ground for these athletic giants. Our numerous sports programs, whether it's in the gym or on the course, provide some of the finest instruction in the world for aspiring athletes. And despite our laid-back reputation, there is a serious competitive streak that is alive and well and on dazzling display when you look at our young people.

Whether they're racking up kills in volleyball, earning gold medals for equestrian excellence, or setting their sights on a tartan jacket, these three young locals are proving that **the road to the Wheaties box starts here**.



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Sidney Desimone

KILLING THE COMPETITION

If you were to simply judge Sidney Desimone on her volleyball prowess, that alone would be impressive. Over the course of her high school career at Hilton Head Christian Academy, she has racked up more than a thousand kills – spiked returns that are lethally unreturnable. It's a skill set this outgoing senior has honed since the fifth grade, leading her to play travel volleyball in seventh grade and making her unstoppable on the court.

And even from a sports perspective, volleyball is just one part of the picture. Starting with soccer at age 3, she picked up basketball in the second grade alongside pursuits from lacross to ballet.

"I absolutely love all of them," said Desimone of her multi-sport career. "But as you get older, the practices get to be more and more of your time, so I had to choose."

She narrowed the listed down to just basketball, soccer and volleyball, a full slate on its own. But we're not done.

You can add to this impressive resume some killer stats on the field of academia, where she holds a 5.2 GPA, putting her first in her class.

"Playing sports and doing all these things all my life really helped me learn time management," she said. "Also, people go home after school every day and... have, what six hours to do their homework? If I had that much time, I wouldn't be motivated."

True, this full schedule has led to some packed days, like in her junior year where





CAN YOU DIG IT? Hilton Head Christian Academy volleyball player Sidney Desimone hopes to play her favorite sport in college. She also hopes to go to medical school.

she was spending five hours traveling to practice volleyball in Savannah while holding down four AP classes. But the payoffs have been extraordinary, with a choice of colleges before her as she transitions out of high school.

"I ended up applying to 12 colleges, and have heard back from four," she said. Among her dream schools are Harvard and Notre Dame. "For me, I wanted to go to a high academic college. I knew it would be hard to find one where I could play volleyball, be successful and have the experience I want to."

Among her choices where she could pursue excellence on and off the court? Johns Hopkins. "If I get into the school, I'll be able to be on the team. But first I have to get in," she said. "I definitely want to go to medical school after college."

With her eyes on medical school, you can rest assured Desimone will approach her academic career in college the same way she has in the years leading up to it: with determination, skill and the motivation to succeed. *LL*

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Rashawn Young

RIDING HIGH ON HIS HORSE

People like Rashawn Young. It's impossible not to.

With his beaming smile and his quick wit, it's hardly any wonder that guests at the Hampton Inn where he works request him by name. And the stories people tell – of his lighthearted humor, of his irrepressible antics – could fill a book.

But if you really want to know what makes Young tick, get him on a horse.

"I like the freedom of the horses. You just guide the horse where you want to go," he said. "You pay attention and the horse pays attention. And if you're not paying attention, the horse will know and stop on you."

His equestrian adventures began in elementary school, when he was able to ride through Heroes on Horseback and "fell in love with it." Other sports soon followed, with Young showing a knack for everything from tennis to golf.

"Basketball, track and field... He's one of these guys that just gets it," said his coach Bob Lee. "Trainers love him... he's probably one of the most disciplined athletes I know."

"We put him in the Bridge Run one year," said Kathy Cramer, program director for SOAR, which provides Special Olympics sports and recreation programs for area disabled youth. "I just said, 'Hey you guys, can he follow you?'"

"I got third place in my age group," said Young with his trademark smile. "I'd never run before."





MEDALS OF HONOR Rashawn Young represented Team USA at the 2011 Special Olympics in Athens, Greece. He won a bronze medal in equitation and a gold medal in relay.

This natural talent, cultivated through programs like SOAR and Heroes on Horseback and nurtured by a support system that includes Lee and Cramer, took Young to Athens, Greece, where he represented Team USA at the Special Olympics in 2011.

As team captain, he earned a bronze in equitation and a gold in relay. And even in working trail where he didn't secure a medal, he exhibited his endearing spirit when his horse colicked out from under him, collapsing to the ground.

"They said all they could give me was fourth or fifth. I'm like, 'Well, I didn't die, so I'll take it.'"

The Special Olympics credo is, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." For Young, you might also add, "and have a great time doing it." *LL*

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Jeep Patrick

GOLF IS HIS BAG

There's a very special day in the not-so-distant future that Jeep Patrick already has marked on his calendar. The date itself is still TBA, but it will take place in mid-April, 2031.

That's the day that Jeep Patrick is going to win the RBC Heritage. He already has the venue for the victory party planned.

"I really like Fiesta Fresh, and I get the same thing every time – burrito with steak, bean and cheese, and fries with queso," he said. It's a bold call, but Patrick has the golf chops to back it up.

As a sixth grader at Sea Pines Montessori Academy, he's only been playing golf competitively for two years. But in those two years, he's already racked up some impressive showings and a startlingly high level of competition. Last year as an 11-year-old, he played in the high school state tournament on Dustin Johnson's home course.

"It was very intimidating at first, but it was more comfortable the second and third rounds," he said. "It was from the back tees and it was hard to execute. But I did really well."

That's on top of his achievements closer to home, like setting the course record at First Tee of the Lowcountry and tearing it up at HHIJGA and US Kids Tournaments. His passion for golf began with his father Kevin, an avid golfer. "Every year, I'd go out with my dad twice a week in the summer."

Not content to just hone his skills on the course, Patrick is a multi-sport athlete,





PIN-SEEKER Jeep Patrick is a rising star on the junior golf scene. He holds the course record at First Tee of the Lowcountry and has done well in many junior tournaments.

bouncing between golf, basketball and cross country.

"Basketball is very fast. Golf is basically the opposite — there's not people screaming," he said. "I'm probably leaning more towards golf, but I just love both of the sports. And then cross country is basically to keep me in shape."

Parents take note: while his dad fostered his love of the game, Patrick never feels pressured to pursue one sport or another. "My parents keep it very chill. They don't want to overdo it to the point where I lose interest," he said. "They want to keep it chill so I'm having fun."

And that attitude has produced a passion for the sport in young Jeep. Between Thursday birdies classes at First Tee, after-school practice at IJGA and tournament play whenever he can, he is showing the determination needed to one day take home that tartan jacket. *LL*



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Q+A Ramblin' Rosie

CELEBRITY CONNECTION:

TEEING UP WITH PRO GOLFER ROSIE JONES.

STORY BY BARRY KAUFMAN
PHOTOS BY LLOYD WAINSCOTT



SHOW OF SUPPORT In 2004, Rosie Jones came out publicly as lesbian. At the time, coming out for a professional athlete was feared to be endorsement suicide. Jones gave her sponsors a chance to bail on her, but none of them did. In fact, she gained a couple of new sponsors after her announcement.





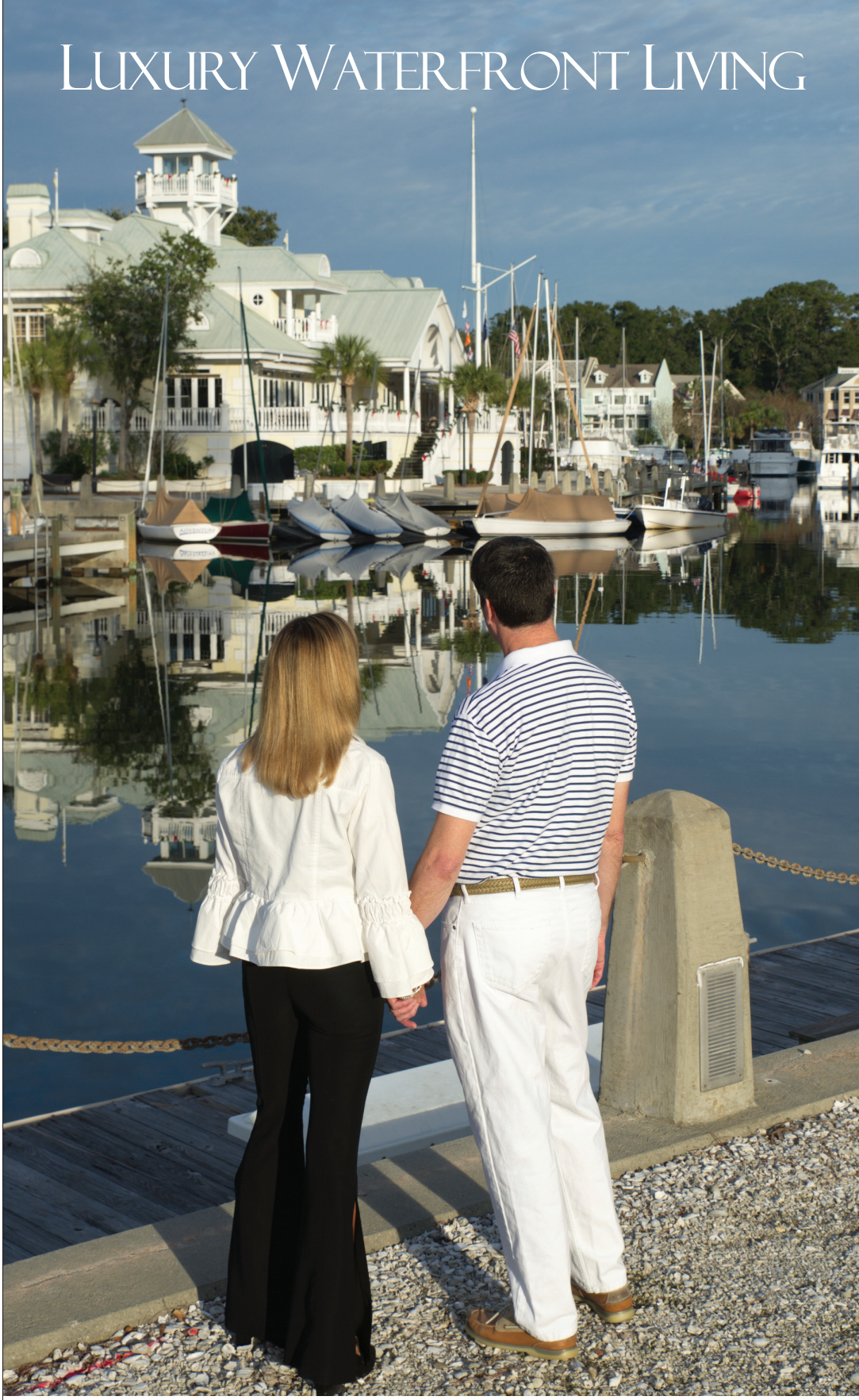
IN THE RUFF When not on the golf course, Jones loves to dance, fish, work in the garden and play with her dog.

If you happen to see Rosie Jones playing on one of the many courses in the Lowcountry, take notes. With 13 LPGA victories under her belt, she continues to rack up wins on the Legends Tour when she's not honing her game in and around her Moss Creek home. We caught up with Jones to talk about the rising profile of women's golf and what brought her to the Lowcountry.

[Local Life] What has it been like as a female golfer seeing women's golf receive growing visibility over the past few decades?

[Rosie Jones] We fought long and hard for that, for more TV exposure and more commentators. Women get really good coverage now, and in fact, there are only a few tournaments that aren't on TV. In the early '90s and '80s, it was hit or miss. A lot of tournaments weren't even televised. TV gives you what you want. A lot more people know the players and that brings a much bigger fanbase.

How has the game changed since then? [RJ] There's a lot more interaction and a lot more eyeballs. We weren't texting or tweeting or on Facebook talking to fans. People really want to know you now and know your inside story. Social media resources give you that now.



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Your partner, Carrie, caddies for you from time to time. What's that dynamic like? [RJ] When she caddies for me, that's the only time I get to be the boss (laughs). She's like my steady right hand. She always listens and supports me. Yeah, sometimes you have heated words with a caddy or someone you want to blame for a bad shot. She knows it's part of the game. We're a really good team. She just wants to make it so I can play at my best.

When you retired following the 2006 Women's Open, you famously took off your visor, shoes and gloves and left them there. [RJ] I actually copied that after a famous Olympic wrestler. When he was done, he took off his headgear and boots and left them on the mat. I always thought, when I retire I'm going to do that. I was dealing with some injuries in my neck and even though I'd played well that year and several years before, I just felt like it was time to retire. It was my way of giving homage to my years on the tour.

Any idea where they are now? Did some museum snap them up? [RJ] (laughs) I don't know what happened to that stuff.

How is the experience different on the Legends Tour? [RJ] We only play, on average, once a month. We're a lot more relaxed, but we're still very competitive. When the bell rings, we're all in it for the win. At any age in golf you can be competitive. As long as I feel like I'm strong enough to compete, it gives me an outlet to put myself out there on the line.

You played in the inaugural U.S. Senior Women's Open. What does it mean to have an event like that for women's golf? [RJ] We've been really trying to encourage the USGA to give senior women a national title to play for.



AMERICAN WOMAN Jones was a firey leader of seven U.S. Solheim Cup teams, racking up a sparkling 11-9-2 record in the biennial competition against Europe. She served as captain of the 2011 U.S. Solheim Cup team.

They already have a Senior Open for the men, so Senior Women's Open was a no-brainer. The USGA knew that it was 10 years later than they should have had it. They really set the course up right to let us out there and score. And there were a lot more people in the gallery than anyone thought there would be. For us players, it was so cool to get back into a USGA event and have a U.S. Open title. Just to be involved with that week was so cool.

What drew you to Moss Creek? [RJ] I bought in Hilton Head Plantation back in 1985, but by 1990 I was on tour and it was really hard to travel in and out of Hilton Head, so I moved to Atlanta. When Carrie and I got together, I started looking at retirement. I wanted Hilton Head, but I didn't know if Carrie would like it so we bought a small condo in Moss Creek we used for long weekends about 6-7 times a year for about 5-6 years. And every time we got back to Atlanta, we thought, "Why are we dealing with all this traffic and crime?"

I just knew I wanted to live here someday. And then I did. *LL*

ROSIE'S TOP GOLF TIPS

DRILL DOWN THAT SHORT GAME The short game is really the most important part of the game, especially in the Hilton Head area with this Bermuda grass where it's hard to get up and down. I was never really a long-ball hitter, probably 240 (yards) at the longest, so I knew I was not going to hit a lot of greens.

GET A ROUTINE With putting, you need to have a good rhythm. It's important to have a pre-shot routine. By the time you walk up to putt and take the practice stroke, all these things you do are in preparation to hit the putt. When you do those exactly the same way, you establish rhythm. That helps with consistency when you're under pressure and your nerves start to build up a little.



Rosie Jones by the numbers

59: Born Nov. 13, 1959
Height: 5-foot-7
College: Ohio State University
Turned professional: 1982
Professional wins: 24
Career Highlights: Three-time New Mexico Junior Champion (1974–76), New Mexico State Champion (1979), AIAW All-American (1981), finished No. 3 on the LPGA Tour money list in 1988, 13 LPGA Tour titles, seven Solheim Cup appearances, placed second in a major tournament four times (1984 U.S. Open; 1991 LPGA Championship; 2000 du Maurier Classic; 2005 Kraft Nabisco Championship).



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RBC HERITAGE TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN AL KENNICKELL OFFERS ADVICE FOR SUCCESS

STORY BY EDDY HOYLE



FIRST CHAIR Al Kennickell, whose Savannah company decorated the iconic Harbour Town Lighthouse in plaid, is tournament chairman of the 51st annual RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing. He is shown at Media Day (right) and riding a scooter in Amsterdam (above).

Al Kennickell will serve as the 2019 tournament chairman for the 51st RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing PGA Tour golf tournament. He has been a trustee of the Heritage Classic Foundation since 2015. A native of Savannah, he graduated from the Citadel and went to work at Kennickell Printing Co., the family's business. In 1981 he became the president, bought the business and renamed it The Kennickell Group. They now lead the world in global print and distribution, and many of America's leading companies are clients. It was The Kennickell Group that wrapped the Harbour Town Lighthouse in plaid.

Kennickell is extremely active in the business world and the local sports scene. He has served as the chairman of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Savannah Sports Council, the Savannah Shamrocks Rugby Club, the Coastal Georgia Workforce Development Partnership, the Savannah Executive Association, the Chatham Club, and for 12 years, as the chairman of the PGA Tour's Liberty Mutual Insurance Legends of Golf. He is currently a member of The Citadel Football Association and the past president of Citadel Brigadier Foundation and was honored as the Citadel Alumni of the Year. **Here are his tips for success.**

Keys to Success

1. No excuse not to learn. Kennickell advises to constantly learn. "I spend one hour each morning reading, mostly about my industry. There is no excuse not to learn. Everything is at your fingertips," he said. "If you're in sales, you can go on YouTube or Google to learn about overcoming objections or how to close a sale. Virtually every problem has information. Spend time learning about your business."

2. Control your emotions. Always look at problems with objectivity and be void of emotion. Those "losing it" moments are counterproductive. Kennickell said, "Losing one's temper and getting emotional equals not thinking. It's a matter of training and asking yourself, 'What do I need to do to have the best outcome?' Have discipline to understand that being cool and calm under pressure gives you an opportunity to step back and analyze the situation."

3. Get "Zen" and clear your mind. "Every Saturday for 35 years I come to the office where I sit quietly with a blank sheet of paper in front of me. I simply clear my mind," Kennickell said. "I'm open to creative ideas and I just write them down. The next day I read the ideas and I take what is worthwhile and determine if they are worth pursuing. The trick is to have a quiet place. I guess you could call it meditating."

4. Sleep on it. Kennickell believes that if you have to make an important decision, unless it's an emergency, make it tomorrow. "Sleep on it. Your brain works then and processes the information and options. Some people like to make decisions right away to get it off their plate. But if it's important, wait till tomorrow."

5. There's 40 percent left in your tank! "Working 8-5 is for those who want to be average. I see people who enjoy golf spend five hours a week on the practice range, but they won't put five hours into doing a better job," he said. "If you want to be exceptional, spend more time doing things that your competition isn't doing. It will put you ahead of the pack and make for a more fulfilling job and life. And remember, when you're exhausted, you probably still have 40 percent more left in your tank." LL

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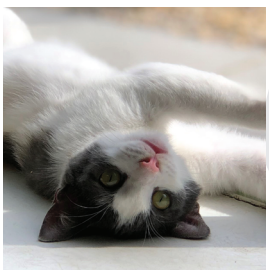


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After seven years of hard work and planning, the new Animal Campus in Okatie is now open for business. Local stakeholders joined together for the official ribbon cutting ceremony on March 30. The new 20,000-square-foot facility includes Beaufort County Animal Services and Hilton Head Humane Association's Spay/Neuter Clinic and its second Adoption Center. This combines all these services under one roof instead of three separate locations throughout the county.

"As we continue our partnership with Beaufort County, and in particular Beaufort County Animal Services, we cannot emphasize enough the thousands of animals that are alive today because of this relationship," said Chuck Laine, chairman of the Humane Association Board of Directors. "This arrangement has been a collaborative effort that has successfully helped us carry out our mission of improving the lives of homeless dogs and cats while also working to substantially lower the number of animals reproduced or relinquished."

The $7 million facility, located between Pritcher Point and Heffalump roads, next to the River's End community, was constructed by local contractor Nix Construction.

"The two largest agencies in our county understand that we are 'Better Together,'" says Tallulah Trice, Director of Beaufort County Animal Services. "And we also understand critical to reducing intake and euthanasia is to emphasize aggressive spay and neuter programs. This is why the spay/neuter clinic was central in the design of the new building."

We reached out to a few of the Animal Campus' residents for their take on the new facility. *LL*



***"So many toys and feathers.** We are having a ball in here. It may have taken seven years of planning and hard work, but it's totally worth it!"*
— PARIS

*"I like how the **Hilton Head Humane Association and Beaufort County worked together** to make this dream a reality. Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, things happen. When it comes to the animal welfare mission, shelters and rescues should always be working together, striving to put themselves out of business. This partnership is a model other counties can, and should, follow."*
— ASLAN

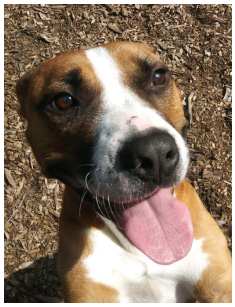




***"Visibility.** The county shelter was out of sight, out of mind. This new campus brings together Beaufort County's two strongest animal organizations. As Coach K once eloquently stated, 'Two are better than one if two act as one.' That is certainly the case in this situation."*
— CENA

*"I'm sleeping great! This place is so **quiet and peaceful.** Plus, we have a giant dog bone shaped pond. How cool is that?"*
— GROBER





***"Accessibility and location.** Our new campus is located just five minutes from the intersection of U.S. 278 and U.S. 170, in the middle of Beaufort County, bringing Northenders and Southenders together. We're like one big happy family in here!"*
— BILLIE



*"Hallway versus highway. In the past, Beaufort County Animal Services would transport intake animals from Beaufort to the spay and neuter clinic in Ridgeland, and then to the adoption center on Hilton Head Island. Now we have **all three components in one building**, so we're taking the hallway, not the highway. I've picked up a new hobby with all the free time I've gained — knitting — and I'm getting pretty good at it!"*
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Spirituality & Sports

BEING ACTIVE IS NOT JUST PHYSICAL, IT IS ALSO MENTAL

STORY BY BECCA EDWARDS

Like last year's fad workout trend, the mind-body connection can be easily forgotten. However, being active is not just purely physical, it is also mental — even to the point of being spiritual. So, before you hit the gym, roll out your yoga mat or lace up your running shoes, let's work through some ***simple ways you can enhance your fitness level by incorporating spirituality into your sports***.



"when under stress, women, more so than men, seek out the company of others, especially women"

Women working out with women

In her best-selling book "The Hormone Cure," Dr. Sara Gottfried writes, "The original data on stress response was gathered from men by Walter Cannon, the doctor who coined the term fight or flight... Newer data shows that stress elicits a different reaction in women — what Professor Shelley Taylor of the University of California at Los Angeles calls tend and befriend." Apparently, when under stress, women, more so than men, seek out the company of others, especially women.

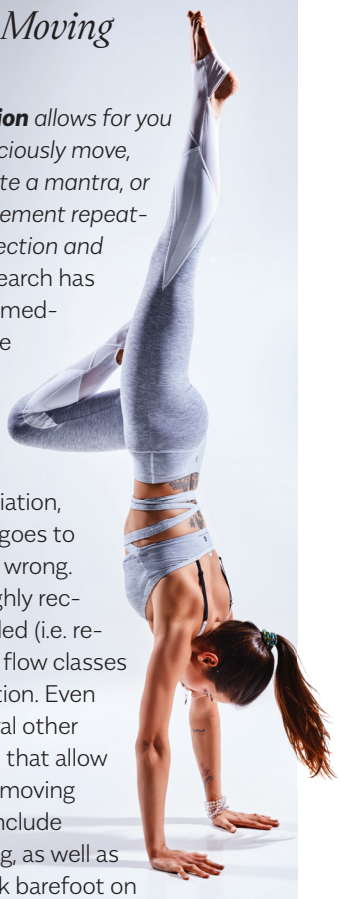
Gottfried continued with, "When socializing with other moms, and we dish about our lives or troubleshoot behavioral problems in our kids and husbands, we form a network of stress-reducing, protective females and leverage oxytocin, the 'love' hormone that also acts as a neurotransmitter (brain chemical)." ***Note:*** *When oxytocin rises in our blood and brains, cortisol, a stress hormone that has been linked to sleep loss and weight gain, lowers.*

Women can couple the power of female camaraderie with athletics to achieve far better wellness results. Some ideas include a weekly walking group, establishing a relay team to train for a specific race, sharing a personal trainer with a friend or two, putting together a tennis or golf group, or having a yoga buddy who joins you for coffee after class.

How various environments can boost your mood

Run or walk on a treadmill for 45 minutes. Then try running or walking on the beach or local park or preserve for the same amount of time, activating the same level of intensity. Chances are the latter workout will feel better and seemingly go by much faster. ***Here's why:*** *Where we exercise influences our mood and therefore our ability to better enjoy our workout.* Let's take light for example. Exposure to real sunlight provides the body with a healthy dose of vitamin D, a nutrient that is key to making the body function efficiently. Another example is natural surroundings. The color green has been found to have a calming effect on the subconscious and reduce stress.

The Power of Moving Meditation



Moving meditation *allows for you to be present, consciously move, and even incorporate a mantra, or a motivational statement repeated to aid in introspection and concentration.* Research has also found moving meditation may increase brain size, boost memory, and delay dementia. When we talk about moving mediation, the mind instantly goes to yoga. Don't get me wrong. I love yoga and I highly recommend Yin-minded (i.e. restorative) or gentle flow classes for moving meditation. Even still, there are several other exercise modalities that allow you to accomplish moving mediation. These include Thai Chi and Qigong, as well as simply taking a walk barefoot on the beach or in a field.

Man's Best Workout Friend

The special health report, Get Healthy, Get a Dog: The health benefits of canine companionship from Harvard Medical School collected hundreds of studies from around the globe that address the physical, mental, and emotional benefits humans derive from their relationships with dogs. It found ***exercising with your dog*** *helped you be calmer, more mindful, and more present in your life, as well as made kids more active, secure, and responsible, improved the lives of older individuals, made people more social and less isolated, and may lower cholesterol and improve cardiovascular health.*

By adding a little feel good, soulfulness into your training, you will find a more mindful and consistent level of conditioning that goes far beyond six-pack abs and vein-popping reps and allows you to better stabilize your blood sugar and hormone levels and maintain your weight and commitment to being fit — both physically and mentally. *LL*



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Bold spring fashion

When it comes to family fun and athletic adventure, few venues compare to Hilton Head Island's newly renovated Island Recreation Center. In addition to the open gym, walking track, state-of-the-art workout equipment and swimming pool, the reimagined center also showcases beautiful architecture, color and murals. It is the perfect setting for the spring fashion shoot for our "Sports" issue. Roxanne Gilleland and the rest of the LOCAL Life style team married the center's bold architecture, clean lines and bright colors with the hottest spring outfits and accessories available at local shops and boutiques.

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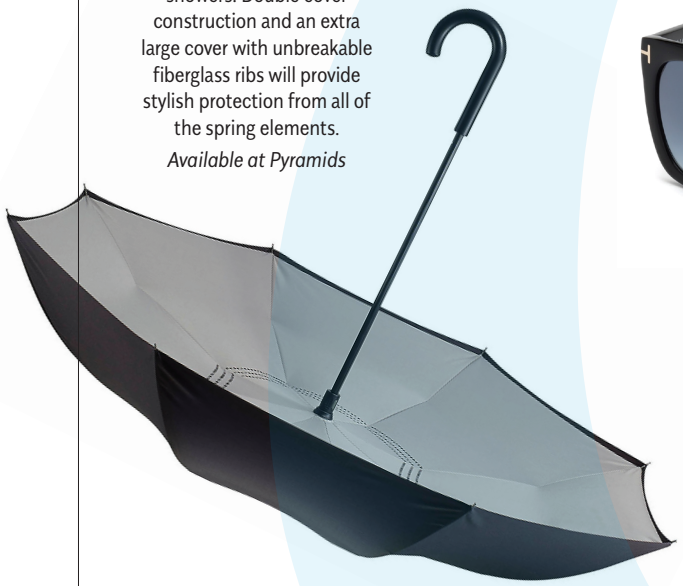
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Getting to the Bloody Point with Justin Johnston

STORY BY ROBYN PASSANTE + PHOTOGRAPHY BY KIM SMITH PHOTO







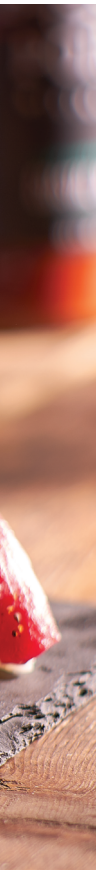
LOCAL SINCE 1999
Justin Johnston moved to the Lowcountry after graduating from Indiana University. He loves to cook, socialize, play golf and mix up the occasional cocktail. Most locals know him from bartending at local watering holes, including Salty Dog Cafe, The Dunes House, San Miguel's, Casey's and Frosty Frog.

Justin Johnston has spent a lot of years tinkering with tomato juice. And now countless brunch-goers, bar hoppers and amateur chefs are reaping the benefits of all that tweaking and tasting.

The former bartender-turned-businessman is the creative mastermind behind Bloody Point Mixing Co., a line of high-end Bloody Mary mixes that have gotten a big boost in the last year, thanks to an investor in his company, local entrepreneur Tim Tysinger, and a small team of pros working to market and distribute the varied and tasty concoctions.

Formerly called Your Mom's Bloody Mary, the revamped Bloody Point Mixing Co. was named after the Daufuskie Island battle site from the Yemassee War in the early 1700s.

"I always wanted to keep something Lowcountry in the name



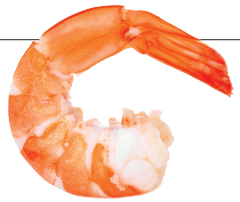
because I love the Lowcountry," says Johnston, who grew up in Indiana and settled on Hilton Head in 1999. "And I've always been a small guy going up against the big guys. Our tagline is 'Better is always worth fighting for.'"

His line of three different Bloody Mary mixes are distributed in five states currently, with one major grocery chain and others coming on board soon, he says. But there's a lot more in store, Johnston says. That includes a cookbook of mostly food recipes using his mixes, called The Bloody Mary Cookbook presented by Bloody Point Mixing Company, due out later this year. He also now has a Bloody Mary mix powder for sale called Bloody Point Evolution.

So why focus on the Bloody Mary?

"There's a million different combinations to it," he says. Plus, the experienced bartender saw a need. "There weren't too many mixes on the market that were high end. They all were mostly fairly bland, loaded with MSG and preservatives. The bars would order a Bloody Mary mix from a distributor or a store and then they'd doctor it up. That didn't make sense to me. Why do things twice? Why not make something that comes out of the bottle ready to go?"

Johnston has plenty of tips for Bloody lovers — and haters — alike.



Bloody Mary Shrimp Ceviche

INGREDIENTS

1 pound medium sized shrimp, peeled and deveined
3 limes
1 tablespoon kosher salt
2 teaspoons cumin
1 cup Bloody Point Mixing Co. Coastal Mary
1/4 cup ketchup
1 tablespoon sriracha garlic sauce
1 teaspoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 Roma tomatoes, diced
1/2 cup red onion, diced and soaked in water
1/2 cup cucumber, diced
1/4 cup green pepper, diced
1 serrano pepper, deseeded and diced
1/4 cup fresh cilantro, finely diced
1 avocado, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS [1] Cut 1 lime in half and squeeze the juice into a medium sized pot half filled with water. Add the two halves of the lime, kosher salt and cumin; bring to a boil. Add the shrimp and cook until it becomes lightly pink, approximately 3 minutes. Remove from heat, drain and place in a bowl. Squeeze the lime juice from the remaining two limes over the shrimp, cover and place in the refrigerator for 20 minutes. **[2]** In a medium mixing bowl, add the Bloody Mary, ketchup, sriracha and minced garlic. Slowly whisk in the olive oil until evenly mixed. Add the shrimp, drained onions and the remaining ingredients except for the avocado. Place in the refrigerator for an additional 20 minutes.



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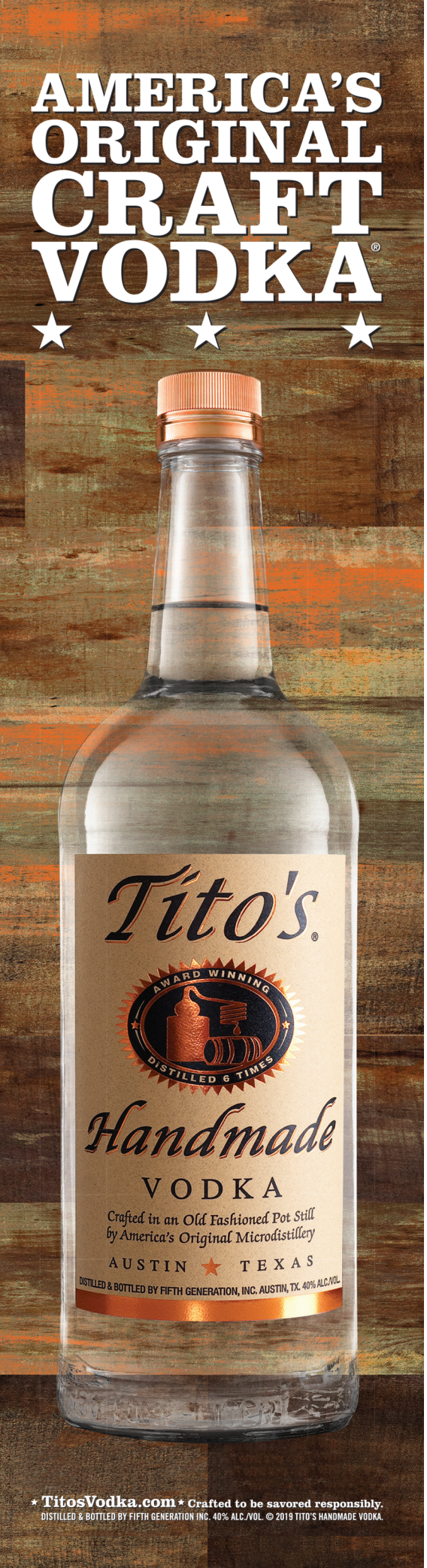
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Save the hot sauce for your eggs.

"People seem to automatically go for hot sauce in a Bloody Mary, and I am anti that. If you put a hot sauce in it, the heat is in the front of your palate. With my Original Bloody Mary mix, we use cayenne and a few other things, so all the heat is in the back of your palate," he says. "It keeps the essence of the flavor profile" instead of killing it with heat.

Don't get stuck in a vodka rut.

"Over the years, vodka took over a lot because vodka's a very neutral spirit. But I'll tell you what, you get the right type of gin in something, it's crazy. I just drink gin Bloody Marys," he says. "But not all gins work; gins with less juniper typically are wonderful." Johnston says local-inspired Bulrush Gin is the perfect fit for his Coastal Mary mix. "It's a handcrafted, small batch gin and I do a lot of stuff with them because it's just a great match with what I do."



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The 1941

INGREDIENTS

4 ounces Bloody Point Mixing Co. Bloody Mary
1 ounce ginger beer
1 1/2 ounces vodka

DIRECTIONS In a 14-ounce glass, add in the following order: ice, ginger beer, vodka and Bloody Mary. With a long spoon, gently stir four times. Garnish with a wedge of lime and a thin strip of pickled ginger.





SEEING RED Many local restaurants and shops carry Bloody Point Mixing Co. products, including Alexander's, Michael Anthony's, Rollers and The Dunes House.

Haters gonna ... love it.

"My favorite customers are people who hate Bloody Marys, because there's this misconception about how they taste like tomato juice. Well, there's a lot more than that. You can taste tomato juice, and you can taste our Bloody Marys, and it's night and day," he says. "I used to be the same way. Tomato juice? Gross. ... A lot of this stuff is in people's heads. It was in mine."

Skip the fancy garnishes.

"To me, the more garnishes you see, they're kind of hiding the flavor of the Bloody Mary," he says. Celery is used to neutralize the palate because some Bloody Marys are so robust, but Johnston doesn't go for much beyond the solitary stalk. "I prefer to keep it as simple as possible."

OK, sometimes garnishes are great.

When making the aforementioned Coastal Mary using Bulrush gin, Johnston likes to add a garnish of tuna sashimi with a wasabi blue-cheese-stuffed olive and a crisp cucumber slice. "The Coastal Mary is probably my favorite right now. It has a clam juice base with some Japanese seasonings in it."

Don't get hung up by a hangover.

"My Bloody Point Remedy Mary is the lightest of all three, with more hints of horseradish. If you are hung over, you don't want something that's quite so robust, so this has a lighter feel to it. It's still full of flavor, but it's not in your face," he says. "Plus it has Vitamin B12 in it, and about half a cup of coffee's worth of caffeine per serving." *LL*



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Rosemary and Hickory Smoked Bourbon Bloody

INGREDIENTS

4 ounces Bloody Point Mixing Co. Bloody Mary
1 1/2 ounces of a sweet and smooth bourbon
1 rosemary sprig
1 hickory chip
Garnish
Bloody Mary candied bacon

DIRECTIONS [1] With a handheld blowtorch over a non-flammable surface, heat the hickory and rosemary until it begins to smoke. Take a 12-ounce mason jar and cup it over the smoke. Let it sit for approximately 45 seconds. Smoke will begin to accumulate in the glass. **[2]** While the glass is smoking, in a separate glass, combine ice, Bloody Mary and the bourbon. **[3]** After 45 seconds turn the smoked glass over, add the Bloody Mary from the other glass. Swirl around. Garnish with a garlic stuffed olive, cheddar cheese cube and Bloody Mary candied bacon.

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Tastes of Spring



CHEF GIGI WILSON SHARES HER FAVORITE SPRING DISHES & WINE PAIRINGS

STORY BY ERIN LAYTHAM LENTZ

Spring. It's a celebration of everything light, bright and fresh. Spring is a fun way to show off how wines can complement these new flavors of spring. In the spring and summer months, we love looking to fresh, bright, white wines. Wines to go along with the array of produce and foods from the sea that show up in our gardens, farmers markets and groceries. When you are preparing something earthy and sweet, your pairing will need to have the lift, weight and texture to support it. Spring is also the perfect time to drink Rosé, which has a stake in both red and white wine. The brightness of the wine plays off the intensity of each dish. Hilton Head native, chef Gigi Wilson, author of "Fun & Simple Gourmet," has carefully selected some delicious spring pairings with their complimentary wines in celebration of the delectable tastes of spring. "Spring is a great time to lighten things up after the more hearty dishes in winter. I love cooking with spring vegetables, sweet peas, carrots, Brussels sprouts, asparagus, leeks, butter lettuces, fennel and arugula," she said. **Here are Gigi's favorite spring dishes and wine pairings.**



Pan Seared Halibut with Risotto Primavera & Sweet Pea Pesto



Delightfully mild fish, pan seared to crispy on the outside, tender and juicy on the inside with creamy risotto and fresh pea pesto. Perfectly paired with a ***Sancerre from the Loire River Valley***. Sancerre, similar to Sauvignon Blanc; in fact, it is a member of the Sauvignon Blanc family. Sancerre is produced in the Loire Valley, specifically the left bank of the Loire River. Medium bodied due to the minerals in the soil, yet delicate, floral and mildly acidic, which is a perfect balance with this mild and flaky fish, the complex flavors of the pesto and creaminess of the risotto. I've never met a Sancerre I didn't thoroughly enjoy — like the Domaine Fournier Les Belles Vignes.



Shrimp Provencal with Sweet Pea Risotto



Grilled rosemary shrimp in a luscious Provencal with Pesto and Sweet Pea Risotto. Pairs perfectly with ***Rosé from Provence*** or a nice chilled ***Pinot Noir***. This dish is complex, with many flavors of Provence, fennel, garlic, lemon, tomato, capers, olives, etc. perfect for the pale colored Grenache Rosés of Provence with their notes of citrus and melon. There are so many great ones. One of my favorites, Aix, a crisp and light wine with a blend of Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault. The Pinot Noir grape's lower acidity and bright fruit flavor, balances the high acidity of the Provencal sauce. Try a nice chilled Buena Vista Pinot Noir made from the Pinot Noir grapes of the Carneros region of the Sonoma and Napa Valleys of California.



Asparagus & Leek Soup



Fresh, green, soothing and healthy. Paired with a crisp light ***Sauvignon Blanc***, which is a green skinned grape originally from the Bordeaux region (France) but now grown just about everywhere wine grapes are cultivated. It produces a crisp, light and fresh flavor, which makes for a perfect pairing with the fresh flavors of this soup. In fact, a well aged Sauvignon Blanc is said to develop aromas of spring vegetables, asparagus and peas as it ages. One of my favorites is Decoy Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc from California.





Penne Pasta with Spring Vegetables

Penne with a variety of spring vegetables in a fresh spring herb pesto of basil, cilantro, garlic, lemon and pine nuts. This dish pairs beautifully with a rack of spring lamb or lamb chops. On its own, it would pair nicely with ***Pinot Grigio,*** a mutant clone of the Pinot Noir grape. Pinot Grigio is light, crisp and dry from the Veneto region of northeastern Italy close to the Austrian border. Any Pinot Grigio from the Friuli region is worth a try. One of my favorites, Jermann, dry, velvety and delicious. Of course, most people are familiar with Santa Margherita, which is also a very fine Pinot Grigio.



Grilled Lamb Chops with Mint/Basil Pesto

Succulent lamb chops with a fresh minty pesto, pairs perfectly with a nice ***California Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot blend***. The rich earthiness of the lamb balanced with the fresh pesto calls for a bold red wine that's not too heavy. One of my favorite blends is the Duckhorn Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Rich and oaky yet perfectly balanced with the robustness of the Cabernet grape and lighter fruitiness of the Merlot.



The idea of changing the wine you drink with the season, just as you change your wardrobe and diet is still met with some resistance. People tend to "like what they like" when it comes to wine, drinking the same bottles all year long. The more pronounced acidity and palate weight of lighter wines may not be to your taste. But try them with the right foods and you'll see how perfectly tuned they are to the flavors of spring. For these and more delicious recipes, visit gigiwilson.com. *LL*

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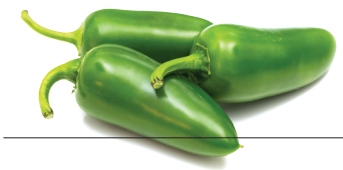
HOLY TEQUILA

Bacon Jalapeño Poppers

INGREDIENTS

12 ***jalapeño peppers*** *(make sure they are even in size)*
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
24 slices bacon (do not use thick cut)

DIRECTIONS [1] Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a sheet pan with foil and coat it with cooking spray. **[2]** Cut the jalapeños in half lengthwise, and scoop out the seeds and ribs with a spoon. **[3]** Mix the softened cream cheese, cheddar cheese, onion powder, salt and pepper together until combined. **[4]** Fill each jalapeño half with the cheese mixtures and then wrap with bacon using a toothpick to secure the bacon. **[5]** Arrange the peppers on the baking sheet and bake for 20-25 minutes until bacon is crispy and browned. Serve immediately.





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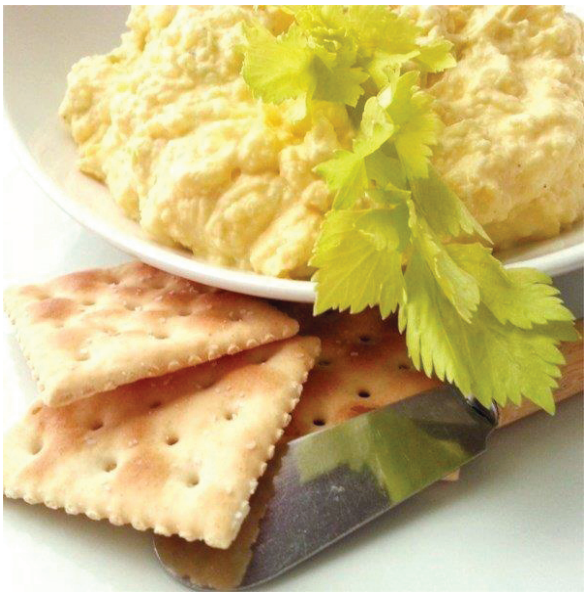
Mac and Cheese Balls

INGREDIENTS

1 pound ***elbow pasta****, cooked and cooled*
8 ounce block pepper jack cheese, melted
1 cup panko bread crumbs
Flour (for dipping)
Buttermilk (for dipping)
1 gallon frying oil



DIRECTIONS [1] Mix together the melted cheese, cooked elbow pasta and panko bread crumbs in a large bowl. **[2]** Using a small dough scoop, scoop balls out onto a parchment paper lined sheet pan. Freeze until solid. **[3]** In a large pot, heat frying oil to about 325°F. To set up your breading station, place flour in one bowl and buttermilk in another. Using the standard breading process of dry, wet, dry, place the balls into the flour, then the buttermilk, then back in the flour making sure to knock off all excess flour. **[4]** Place the well coated balls into the hot oil carefully and one at a time. You may fry more than one ball at a time, but be sure to not let them stick together. Cook for approximately 3-4 minutes or until they just start to ooze cheese!



CALLAWASSIE ISLAND

Deviled Egg Dip



INGREDIENTS

12 eggs
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon ***Dijon mustard***
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon red hot sauce

DIRECTIONS [1] Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil; remove saucepan from heat and let eggs cook in hot water for 12 minutes. Pour off hot water and place eggs in a bowl full of ice water to cool. **[2]** Peel and halve eggs. Chop about half the egg whites and place into a bowl. **[3]** Put remaining egg whites and yolks in a food processor with mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, white wine vinegar, and hot sauce; process until smooth and transfer to a bowl. Fold chopped egg whites into the mixture. **[4]** Serve with your favorite crackers. Saltines are the Southern classic. Add chopped green olives for a twist if desired.



MICHAEL ANTHONY'S

Olive Tapenade

INGREDIENTS

2 cups black olives, pitted (Taggiasche, Nicoise, Gaeta or Kalamata)
*1 tablespoon **capers**, drained and rinsed*
1 anchovy filet, drained, rinsed and patted dry
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
3 tablespoons parsley, chopped
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1/2 lemon, juiced
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

DIRECTIONS Combine all ingredients in a food processor and pulse to combine well; then process until mixture is coarsely pureed. Taste for seasoning, and serve as a spread alongside crusty bread or crackers.



HOLY TEQUILA

Guacamole

INGREDIENTS

4 medium ripe Hass avocados
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1/4 cup red onion, diced
*1/4 cup fresh **cilantro**, chopped*
1/2-1 jalapeño, diced with seeds removed (optional)
1/2-1 teaspoon sea salt, to taste

DIRECTIONS [1] Add the avocado flesh to a small mixing bowl and coat in lime juice. Using a fork or potato masher, mash up the avocado into a desired consistency. **[2]** Mix in the remaining ingredients until combined. Taste and season with additional salt and lime juice. Enjoy with your favorite tacos or chips.





WHAT'S FRESH IN APRIL?

Spotted Seatrout





HOW TO SPOT ONE

Dark gray above with bluish reflections. Numerous round black spots irregularly scattered on back and sides extend to soft parts of dorsal and caudal fins. Two large canine-like teeth at tip of the upper jaw.

Some of the best trout fishing can be found around the Lowcountry inshore areas from late fall to early spring. Spotted trout move around with the tide so look for them over live bottom areas, marsh edges, grass patches, creek mouths, oyster reefs or outcroppings and channels. Live shrimp are the preferred meal for trout but they are often fooled by various artificial baits like DOA Shrimps, Soft Plastic, topwater plugs, as well as flies that mimic a baitfish or shrimp. Some anglers troll slowly along grass lines while others drift bait on cork rigs or cast to likely spots when searching for fish. Focus on moving (but clean) water and once you catch a fish, concentrate on that area since trout generally travel in schools.

Spotted seatrout has a mild flavor with ample moisture content and a light flaky texture, making it a perfect option for a multitude of recipes and dishes. Because trout have thin fillets, they are easy to cook on the stovetop or skillet but can be just as good baked or grilled. Seatrout is commonly paired with aromatics such as lemon or garlic. *LL*



LOCAL LIFE TEST KITCHEN

Southern-style remoulade sauce

INGREDIENTS

1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup chili sauce
2 tablespoons Creole mustard (Zatarain's)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon Louisiana hot sauce
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
4 medium scallions, chopped
*2 tablespoons chopped **fresh parsley***
2 tablespoons chopped green olives
2 tablespoons minced celery
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper



DIRECTIONS [1] Mix together mayonnaise, chili sauce, mustard, olive oil, hot sauce, lemon juice and Worcestershire sauce. **[2]** Stir in scallions, parsley, olives, celery and garlic. **[3]** Season with chili powder, and salt and pepper. Cover, and refrigerate.



GREAT PLACES TO GET THEM

If going out to fish for your own seatrout isn't an option, you should be able to find spotted seatrout at the following local markets this month:

- Barnacle Bill's
- Benny Hudson Seafood
- Bluffton Farmer's Market
- Piggly Wiggly HHI
- Sea Eagle Market

A SPOTTY RECORD

Temperature and **salinity** influence distribution and abundance so trout are a little less predictable than other inshore species. In January 2018, for example, SCDNR was encouraging the catch and release of spotted sea trout in order to help recover the population after an especially cold winter. In South Carolina, seatrout typically inhabit estuaries year-round but tend to congregate in the cooler months, making them easy targets for anglers with local knowledge. *SOURCE: SCDNR*



LOCAL LIFE TEST KITCHEN

Pan-fried seatrout

INGREDIENTS

Fresh seatrout, dressed (around 4 1/2 pounds)
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup flour
2 eggs, beaten
*1 cup **cornmeal***
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup vegetable oil
Lemon slices
Remoulade sauce (recipe left)

DIRECTIONS [1] Rinse seatrout thoroughly in cold water; pat dry. Sprinkle fish with salt and pepper. Roll fish in flour, dip in egg and dredge in cornmeal. **[2]** Heat butter and oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add seatrout and cook until golden brown, turning once. The fish is done when tested with a fork. Place on paper towels before transferring fish to the serving plate. Garnish with lemon slices and serve with remoulade sauce (recipe left).

OTHER RECIPE IDEAS

Seatrout baked in spicy lemon butter sauce.
Seatrout with garlic lemon butter herb sauce.
Seatrout in capers and white wine.
Pecan-crusted seatrout with chile-lemon oil.

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The right knives for the job, with Colleton River chef Robert Wysong

5 BLADES EVERY KITCHEN SHOULD HAVE



Few things are as important to a professional chef, or a home cook, as a good set of knives. They're an invaluable tool for the daily preparation of your meals, and quality knives are an investment that should last for years, with proper care and maintenance. Here are five knives all chefs should have in their blocks.

***Robert Wysong** is the executive chef at Colleton River Club. He is a native of Maryland, where he was born and raised by Southerners. For 30 years, he has called the Lowcountry home. The climate, customs and cuisine of the South, especially the Carolinas, have shaped how he lives, works and cooks. He is a graduate of Johnson & Wales Charleston.*



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Seafood production facility expanding to Bluffton

*A Savannah family with a 73-year history of offering fresh local seafood is expanding its operation to Bluffton. **Russo's Fresh Seafood** is opening a 4,050-square-foot seafood production facility and wholesale market at 246 Red Cedar St. in Bluffton. The fishmonger already provides for many local restaurants, including Charlie's L'Etoile Verte, ELA's On the Water, Red Fish, The Pearl Kitchen & Bar and Savory Café. The family hopes to have the facility open by the end of summer. Eventually, they hope to open a retail market at the location.*

Corner Perk expanding to new locations

*Fans of the **Corner Perk** in Old Town Bluffton can look forward to a few new locations soon. The popular coffee shop is opening a new Bluffton store next to Ace Hardware at Buckwalter Place. The shop will seat up to 100 guests inside with outside seating as well. The shop also plans to open a third location on Paris Avenue in Port Royal. That location will seat up to 30 guests inside with outdoor seating as well. Both locations will open this year.*





HOT PRODUCT

Caramelized Fig Preserve

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Local restaurants voted among state's best for shrimp & grits

*Bluffton restaurant **The Cottage Café, Bakery & Tea Room** and Hilton Head Island restaurant **A Lowcountry Backyard** got some national recognition for their shrimp & grits dishes. Both restaurants were voted among the "10 Best Shrimp & Grits" places in the USA Today Readers' Choice Awards. The Cottage was ranked No. 4 in South Carolina for its bacon pimento shrimp & grits, made with local sautéed shrimp, bacon, onion, garlic and mushrooms, served on a bed of pimento cheese and yellow stone-ground grits. "The dish is all about using fresh, local ingredients, and of course, who doesn't love bacon?" owner Leslie Rohland said. A Lowcountry Backyard was ranked No. 5 in the state for its shrimp & grits, made with pan-sautéed shrimp, smoked sausage, shaved green onion and applewood bacon cream sauce. Nominees for the awards were selected by a team of relevant experts and voting was open for four weeks.*

Aunt Laurie's offering Heritage Easter Baskets



The final round of Hilton Head Island's RBC Heritage golf tournament falls on Easter Sunday this year. To celebrate, ***Aunt Laurie's is offering special Heritage and Easter baskets*** *that include handmade cookies, local snacks and other goodies. Customers can also customize baskets, which are handwoven and assembled by individuals with disabilities learning job skills. Find more information online at AuntLauries.com.*

New market and café opening in Beaufort

A new organic coffee, smoothies, bakery and cafe is opening in downtown Beaufort. ***Herban Market and Café*** *will open at the former site of Koth's Grocery, at the intersection of North and Bladen streets. The market will sell many grocery items, including produce, eggs, honey and fresh herbs. The market and cafe hopes to open in early May.*



May River Coffee Roasters expands CBD-infused coffee line

May River Coffee Roasters*, the Bluffton-based micro-roastery, has launched a new line of CBD-infused coffees. Each contains 350 mg of CBD, a natural therapy used for pain relief and dozens of different ailments. The new line is infused with a full spectrum CBD extract derived from North Carolina hemp, and is a twist on the popular line of May River coffees. The first CBD Coffees launched are both regular roast (Columbia Regular/Columbia Decaf) and a flavored CBD Coffee (Praline Punch Regular/ Praline Punch Decaf). The coffees can be purchased at The Juice Hive and the Cottage Café, Bakery & Tea Room in Bluffton.*

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DUCKHORN VINEYARDS WINE DINNER PLANNED



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Local Cocktail

STORY BY TERRY CERMAK

New Yorkers' fondness for cocktails gave us the Manhattan, Long Island iced tea or the Brooklyn, to name a few. Many Lowcountry residents love a great, locally named cocktail as well. With that in mind, the team of mixologists at Rollers Beer, Wine & Spirits have created a series of cocktails that celebrate local landmarks, events and founding fathers. This month's featured libation is the Spanish Wells Rebujito. This updated Spanish classic features sherry and a citrusy Spanish liqueur. *LL*

LOCAL COCKTAIL

The Spanish Wells Rebujito

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 ounces Manzanilla or dry Sherry
1 ounce Liquor 43
1 ounce fresh lemon juice
2-3 ounces of Cava or other sparkling wine

DIRECTIONS Add the sherry, Liquor 43, and lemon juice into a shaker filled with ice. Shake vigorously for 30 seconds and double strain into a champagne flute. Add the bubbles and gently stir to combine. Garnish with a rosemary sprig and a dehydrated citrus wheel.

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Infuse vodka with your garden bounty

There are many excellent reasons to have a backyard garden this time of year. In addition to adding fresh flavor and nutrients to your meals, herbs, fruits and vegetables also can add wonderful aroma and sophistication to your favorite vodka. Here are a few examples, using ***Tito's Handmade Vodka.***



Rosemary Infusion

INGREDIENTS

1 750 ml bottle Tito's
4-5 rosemary sprigs

DIRECTIONS [1] Drop 4-5 rosemary sprigs into a bottle of Tito's Handmade Vodka. **[2]** Let sit for 6-8 hours. **[3]** Strain when the infusion has reached the desired flavor.



Jalapeño Infusion

INGREDIENTS

1 750 ml bottle Tito's Vodka
1 jalapeño

DIRECTIONS [1] Slice jalapeño and remove seeds. **[2]** Drop into a bottle of Tito's Handmade Vodka. **[3]** Let sit for 30 minutes. Peppers infuse quickly, so taste test often. **[4]** Remove peppers when the infusion reaches desired flavor.



Blueberry Infusion

INGREDIENTS

16 ounces Tito's Vodka
16 ounces blueberries

DIRECTIONS [1] Drop blueberries into a bottle or glass container of Tito's Handmade Vodka. **[2]** Let sit in a cool dark place for 5-7 days. **[3]** Once desired flavor is reached remove fruit.



Cucumber Infusion

INGREDIENTS

1 750 ml bottle Tito's Vodka
1 cucumber

DIRECTIONS [1] Slice cucumber and drop into a glass container. **[2]** Fill with Tito's Handmade Vodka. **[3]** Let sit for 1-2 days. **[4]** Strain when the infusion has reached the desired flavor.



Lemon Infusion

INGREDIENTS

3 cups Tito's Vodka
3 lemons

DIRECTIONS [1] Slice lemons and drop into a glass container. **[2]** Fill with Tito's Handmade Vodka. **[3]** Let sit for 4 days. **[4]** Strain when the infusion has reached the desired flavor.





GREATEST VIEW
Stunning river views dominate the great room, an inspired architectural choice that eschewed the traditional Lowcountry front porch.





Home on the Water

THIS PALMETTO BLUFF STUNNER FLIPPED THE SCRIPT ON WHAT A VIEW COULD MEAN

STORY BY BARRY KAUFMAN
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARK STAFF

Set back among the roads of Palmetto Bluff, those winding ribbons that stretch between carefully preserved forests, there is a village called Moreland. Built from the ground up to mimic the quintessential small towns that dot the American South, its carefully manicured streets evoke a simpler life even as its homes promise unimaginable grandeur.

The home of Martha and Marty Strauss is the perfect example of this grandeur. Built facing a slowly turning eddy in Cauley's Creek, the ingenious architecture of this home presented a unique way to capture the idyllic scenery. It also earned the Hilton Head Island chapter's 2018 AIA Honor Award.

"We recommended large glass windows for the front elevation rather than the traditional Lowcountry porch," said William Court, owner and president at the architectural firm Court Atkins Group. "It's a Charlestonian approach,











BALANCING ACT
A delicate balancing act between clean modern decor and a rustic farmhouse motif lends intriguing contrast throughout the home.



LOWCOUNTRY LUXURY Crisp white color and trendy accessories balance the rough-hewn hardwood floors, which were reclaimed from the sunny side of a Pennsylvania barn.

placing the entrance on the side of the home so owners can enjoy a seamless, sweeping view around the clock."

Framing this view is a great room that serves as the template for the home's unique blend of Lowcountry rusticism, modern farmhouse and modern elegance. Balancing the rough-hewn hardwood floors, reclaimed from the sunny side of a Pennsylvania barn, are crisp white lines on painted millwork and accessories that exude Lowcountry luxury.

"Sharon Cleland at J Banks did all the interiors," owner Martha Strauss said. "She was great to work with, incorporating my own art and helping us build around that. All of this you see is her."

A wall of sliding glass to one side gives way to a blissfully comfortable screened-in porch, with its tabby fireplace and exquisite panorama of the water and the village surrounding it.

This balancing act of old and new continues in the kitchen, where a wide range hood custom hewn by a SCAD graduate lends industrial intrigue to a dazzling white space with spacious quartz counters and copious natural light. With a layout like an old country kitchen set in glistening high-end materials, the kitchen carries a farmhouse motif that isn't just there to service a trend.

A fourth-generation tree farmer, Marty's family farm in Newberry is what brought the couple to South Carolina.

Family is everywhere throughout the home, from a bench on an upstairs landing strewn with Martha's mother's petit point throw pillows to the upstairs bunk room built for grandchildren.

"This place was packed at Christmas," said Martha.

The upstairs also boasts an intriguing idea for this active couple – private spaces that share something truly special. To one side, you'll find Marty's office, bristling with mementos from his career. To the other, Martha's office and media room ("I got the big TV. It's been amazing," she said with a smile). And between them, an open balcony where the two come together for morning coffee and an elevated perspective on the view that defined their home. *LL*

The home team

Architect: Court Atkins Group **Cabinets:** Tom Lauderdale, Advanced Kitchen Design (AKD) **Countertops:** Ralph Chapman, Creative Stone Accessories **Plumbing Fixtures:** Jessica Sellers, Ferguson Enterprises **Tile:** Kellie McTyre, Garden State Tile **Electrical Fixtures:** Traci Henderson, The Light Post **Shutters:** Ellen Flynn, Coastal Shutter Company

Get the look of this featured home

Here are a few home accessories you can purchase to help achieve the look of this award-winning Palmetto Bluff home.



LOCAL ART

Red Piano Gallery owners Ben and Lyn Whiteside have a long history with many Lowcountry artists, curating beautiful pieces that capture the area's incredible landscapes. This is "Path" by Robert Orr. Available at Red Piano Gallery.

ANTIQUED MIRROR

Mirrors can help a room to feel larger and brighter without making changes to your existing home. This 26-inch by 56-inch Arden antiqued mirror with a palladian silver oak frame is perfect. Available at madegoods.com.





BAMBOO FLOOR LAMP

Whitewashed wood evokes the feeling that this piece has been naturally aged by the salt air. Available at Circalighting.com.



JEWELRY BOWL

This cotton stalk designer oyser shell jewelry bowl is both pretty and neutral. Available at Lowcountry Mercantile.

Five ideas for your home

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SECRETS TO STEAL FROM OUR FEATURED HOME

1. FIND BALANCE
The reclaimed flooring would almost overwhelm were it not tempered by the clean lines of the millwork and furnishings. In the balance, it creates something beautiful.

2. PLAN AHEAD
The Strauss' are still in their prime, but they've planned for the future by having an elevator installed so they can still call this house a home for many years to come.

3. CREATE QUIET SPOTS
What could have been a simple plot of grass by the rear breezeway was transformed through exquisite brickwork into a backyard oasis, perfect for quiet reflection.

4. BUILD IN OPTIONS
The view was key to this home, and the combination of great room, screened-in patio and upstairs balcony all soaking in it gives three ways to enjoy it no matter the weather.

5. RETHINK YOUR ENTRYWAY
One intriguing method for optimizing the view was in relocating the front entrance to the side of the great room. Evoking classic Charleston homes, this freed up space for the unfettered river scenery.











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TOP 10 DISCOVERIES FROM THE APPLIANCE SUMMIT

STORY BY JEREMY PRESS

Jeremy Press (aka the Appliance Whisperer) of Appliances by Design has agreed to provide home appliance tips and advice to LOCAL Life readers. Got a great home appliance tip? Contact him at jeremy@appliancesbydesign.com.

The BrandSource Summit recently took place at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville. The annual event helps those of us in the appliance industry stay up to date with the latest and greatest technology coming to our industry. **Here are 10 discoveries coming out in 2019** that will make life easier and more enjoyable with your appliances.



DCS Series 9 Grill
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The GE Kitchen Hub
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GE Café Series Matte Collection
The Matte Collection's premium finishes — in Matte White and Matte Black — are the answer in the move from sterile and standardized to custom and designer-worthy. Available through Appliances by Design and Billy Wood Appliance.



Guided Cooking
Available for GE Café Induction and all Hestan Cue products, this how-to system gives you video-guided cooking instructions. Your pots and cooktop sync with the video to make sure you never miss a step. With this device, you can present like a 5-star restaurant. Available through Appliances by Design and Billy Wood Appliance.

The LG Styler
Say goodbye to dry cleaning with this stand up dryer that shakes the wrinkles out of your clothes while drying. It even has a pants press to ensure the seams stay where they should be. Available through Appliances by Design.





GE Monogram Electric Indoor Pizza Oven
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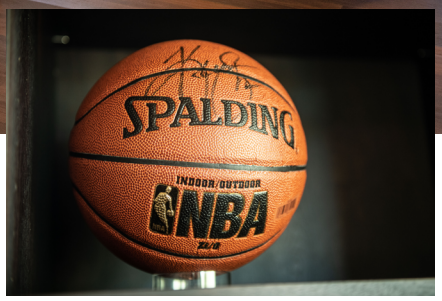
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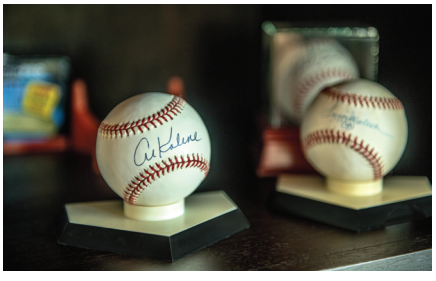
THIS SEA PINES HOME IS A HOME RUN FOR SPORTS LOVERS

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MIKE RITTERBECK

Imagine inviting a few friends over to watch the big game in this luxurious Hilton Head Island man cave. It's located in Sea Pines and features a 100-year-old pool table, a pinball machine, darts, a fully stocked bar, a golf simulator, signed sports memorabilia and more. If we were keeping score, we would mark it a home run.









CARD TRICK If your sock drawer is overflowing with random business cards, consider storing them in a cool way, next to a miniature scene like this one.

SIGN HERE This Sea Pines man cave has many autographed items, including this baseball from "Mr. Tiger" Al Kaline.



COOL POOL This vintage pool table is looking great, considering it is more than 100 years old.







ON TAP The collection includes an impressive beer tap collection. Guess which one turns on all the lights and TVs in the room?







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VARIETIES

Blackberries are divided into classes by their growth habit and are described as trailing, semi-trailing or erect. The trailing varieties are thorny; the semi-trailing varieties are thornless; and the erect varieties may be thorny or thornless. As a rule, the erect varieties are more cold-hardy than the trailing or semi-trailing varieties. Erect varieties also fruit about one month earlier than other varieties.



HARVESTING

The berries are ripe and at peak flavor when they begin to lose their glossy shine and turn slightly dull. Trailing and semi-trailing varieties begin to ripen in June here in the Lowcountry. Erect varieties are about two weeks earlier than trailing or semi-trailing varieties. Harvest should cover two to three weeks.



PLANTING

The **semi-trailing varieties** should be planted 6 to 8 feet apart in the row, with rows 10 feet apart. The **trailing types** are less vigorous and should be planted about 4 feet apart, with rows 6 to 8 feet apart. **Erect varieties** are usually established by planting root cuttings. Plant these cuttings about 2 feet apart. Plant blackberries in early spring, about 4 to 6 weeks before the last frost. When planting, make sure the crown is about 2 inches below the soil line. Carefully spread the roots. If there is a portion of an old cane attached as a "handle," prune that back to 6 inches. When planting root cuttings, place the cuttings in a horizontal position and cover 4 to 6 inches deep in sandy soils or 3 to 4 inches deep in clay soils.

PRUNING

Blackberries have crowns that produce biennial shoots (live for 2 years, then die). During the first year of growth the shoots are called primocanes. These primocanes develop flower buds the first year of growth. In the second year the shoots are called floricanes. These floricanes produce flowers that mature into fruit. After fruiting these floricanes die and should be removed. Support trailing and semi-trailing varieties by a trellis or similar structure.



WATERING

Mulch with the material of your choice. Mulch aids in water retention and weed control. Blackberries are quite drought-hardy, but require considerable water during the fruiting period. Apply about 1 inch of water per week by irrigation if rainfall does not meet the need.

FERTILIZATION



Fertilize blackberries in early spring when growth starts and again just after harvest. A complete fertilizer such as 10-10-10 is satisfactory. Apply at the rate of 5 pounds per 100 feet of row. A pint of fertilizer weighs about 1 pound. During the first year or two of growth, apply the fertilizer in a 12-inch circle around the plant. On older plants, broadcast the fertilizer down the row.

PROBLEMS

Insect problems on blackberries are minimal. Pests like aphids, Japanese beetles and spider mites can be controlled on an as-needed basis with general pesticides. Crown borers can be a serious pest. Chemical controls are not available. Be sure to pick your ripe berries before other animals get to them.

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APRIL beach day



Mild temperatures, dry weather and Spring Break make April the perfect time to spend a day at the beach. The water is still too cold for enjoyable swimming (unless you're coming from a cold weather state or Canada), but it's perfect for reading books, building sandcastles, relaxing beach walks and starting your summer tan.



TYPICAL DAYS

The average **daily high falls between 71 and 78 degrees**, with lows between 55 to 61 degrees. The rainfall average for April is around 3.25 inches, so occasional showers and thunderstorms can be expected.

BEST BEACH



TYBEE ISLAND

Known for its wide, sandy beaches with piers and pavilions, Tybee is a perfect beach getaway in April. It boasts three public oceanfront beaches and two river beaches. South Beach is a great gathering spot for people-watching, fishing and drinking (canned alcohol is allowed). Other amenities include restrooms, snack bars and plenty of restaurants and bars within walking distance. Concerts and festivals are held at the pavilion during the warmer months. On the Tybee's North End, Fort Screven has 19th-century concrete gun batteries and the Tybee Island Light Station and Museum. The still-functioning 18th-century lighthouse has been rebuilt many times.

RULES & REGULATIONS

There is **no free public parking** on any part of Tybee. All spaces must be paid for, seven days a week. If you don't pay, expect to be ticketed. Their meter maids are on top of their games.

Dogs and other animals are not allowed on any of Tybee Island's beaches. Violators are subject to a $290 fine for the first offense. Certified guide dogs are OK.

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FOOD & DRINK

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Sundae Cafe (seafood), Raw Ingredients (sushi), The Breakfast Club (breakfast)

WHERE TO DRINK

Tybean Art (coffee), Beachview Java & Juice (juice), Salt Island Fish & Beer (booze)





What to bring.

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Find the full schedule of events for the 2019 RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing on **Page 160**.

RBC Heritage leaves nothing on the table

EVENT OF THE YEAR IS MORE THAN JUST A PARTY

STORY BY LISA ALLEN + PHOTOS BY ARNO DIMMLING

Really, filmmakers couldn't stage a better golf tournament than the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing. A course ringed with Spanish moss covered live oaks designed by the master, Pete Dye. The Calibogue Sound-featured finish. That now-plaid-covered-once-candy-cane lighthouse. Evenings featuring die-hard fans crammed into beachfront party houses. Some of them actually watched golf.

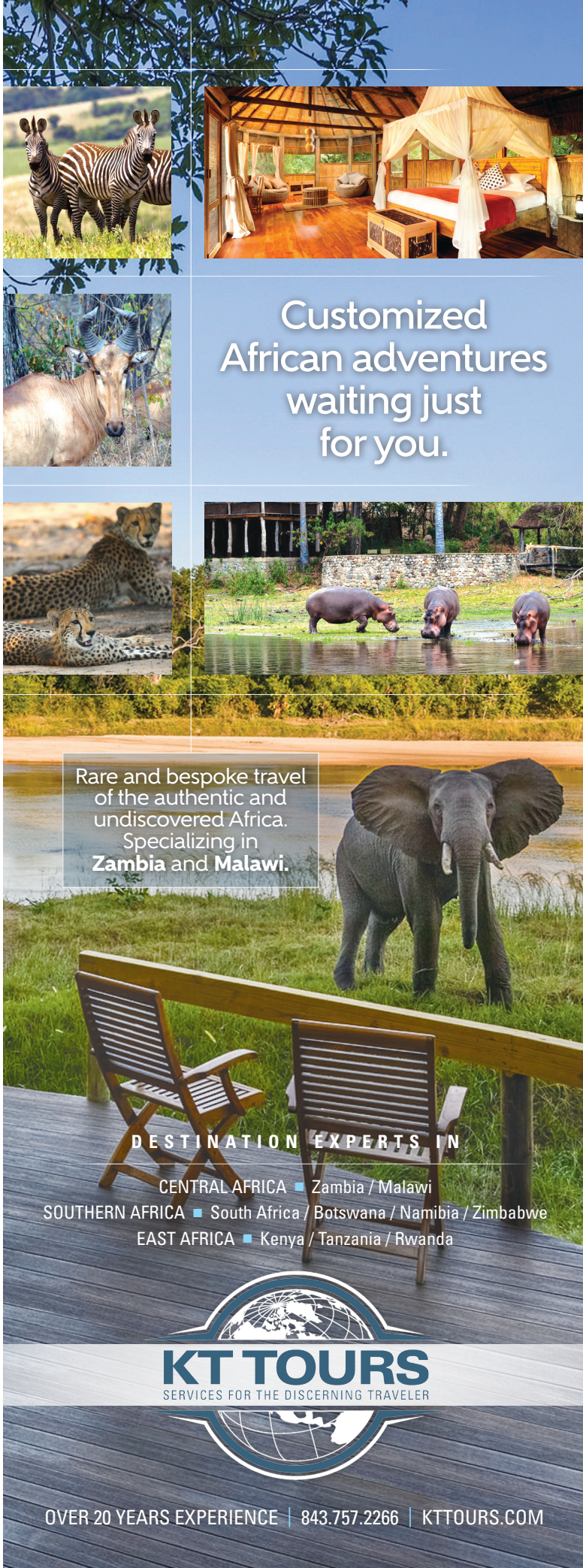
For 50 years, the golf tournament has defined Hilton Head Island, once a never-heard-of dot off the coast of one of the Carolinas, not sure which one. Now, in large part to that golf tournament, millions and millions have visited Hilton Head. The place rolls off the tongue like the taste of a chocolate truffle: sweet, rich and packed with luscious memories.



"For 50 years, the golf tournament has defined Hilton Head Island."

Hilton Head Island's signature week is like the perfect spouse on his or her best days: generous, gracious, fun, attractive and wearing that outfit you like so much. Yup, Hilton Head gets dressed up each year (in plaid) as one would for a first date. It turns the charm up to blinding, yet remains sincere and just so darned NICE!

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RED COATS South Carolina governor Henry McMaster, Sir Willie and members of the Heritage Classic Foundation pose with 2018 RBC Heritage champion Satoshi Kodaira. It was the Japanese professional golfer's first victory on the PGA Tour.

Handsome AND generous

The **Heritage Classic Foundation**, the owner of the tournament, takes part of its proceeds and pours millions back into the community. Last year, it set a ticket-sales record and gave away a chart-topping $3.3 million to area nonprofits. At last count, nearly 60 students currently receive RBC Heritage scholarships. Other organizations rake in the dough through their concession-stand sales, up to $5 million and climbing. Since 1987, the Heritage Classic Foundation has given away $41 million to charities.

The foundation also has called national attention to local nonprofits that excel at their work. Tournament staff submitted **Second Helpings** for the very prestigious PGA Tour Charity of the Year judging last year and it was selected. That means an extra $30,000 for the Hilton Head-based nonprofit and national attention to its excellent work "rescuing food" from grocery and other stores. Volunteers and staff then distribute the food the same day to other agencies that provide it to those who need it. For the second time in five years, a Beaufort County charity was deemed the best by the PGA Tour, thanks to submissions from the RBC Heritage. The other was **Memory Matters**.



HELPING HANDS Lili Coleman, executive director of Second Helpings, speaks during Media Day.

Plaid Nation sometimes becomes an Army

The tournament rallies nearly **1,200 volunteers** for the tournament to greet, tote, clean, ferry, direct, inform, and sometimes shush. It's hard to shut down that amount of helpfulness after just a week, so it calls up the troops for other endeavors. Last summer, the foundation offered to round up volunteers to fill 800 knapsacks of school supplies for local students. So many people showed up to help, the work was done in 21 minutes. That's 38 knapsacks per minute, better than one every two seconds. Just thinking about that makes us swoon.

I'll have fries with that

RBC Heritage, like any good date, tries to anticipate your needs. Not always easy, we know; people are SO fickle. This year, organizers dreamt up a the perfect pairing of play Wednesday at Atlantic Dunes and get skybox hospitality for the tournament, as well as a buy a ticket and we'll valet park your car for you. At last count, there were eight different multi-day and two day-pass combos. They also clump Charleston and Savannah people together — well, not together together, but separately together — in the Charleston and Savannah Clubs. At the former you'll be asked, "who are your people?," at the latter you'll be asked, "what do you drink?" You don't want to get that mixed up. Entirely different vibes.

Why yes, I do belong here

Tournament organizers also added some privileges to a new **Plaid All Access Experience**. The pass for two includes valet parking from the Inn at Harbour Town, name recognition and access to the top five destinations within the gates: the Heritage House, Calibogue Club, Doc's BBQ at 15, 18th Skybox Suite and the Clubhouse. You won't be turned away from anywhere. You've arrived when you can arrive anywhere.



HIDDEN GEM The craft beer garden behind the 15th hole was a hit in 2018 — offering 12 different options to spectators tired of drinking Budweiser, Michelob Ultra and Shock Top.

Wanderlust usually takes us to a hospitality tent

Watching golf sure can work up a powerful hunger and thirst. Again, Southern hospitality forbids us from letting that happen, thus several "destinations" to help slack those needs. There is Wine at Nine, Tito's Stillhouse and now the Coca Cola Kitchen. For those who served in the armed forces, the Patriots Outpost outgrew its location on the 16th and moved to the 7th.

KEEPING THE HERITAGE CONNECTED

Hargray is the Official Communications Provider of the RBC Heritage presented by Boeing. **Here are a few numbers** showing how the local telecommunications company keeps our local PGA Tour event connected.

*Number of **years** Hargray has sponsored the tournament: **50***

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BIRDS EYE VIEW A drone view of the 18th hole at Harbour Town Golf Links. It is the signature hole of South Carolina golf.

Sunrise service throws open the doors by removing them

No longer do you need a ticket to attend the Sunday sunrise service. Instead of on the 18th green, the Easter Sunday service will be held at **7:30 a.m. under the Liberty Oak in Harbour Town** so everyone can attend.

More pros than you can shake a stick at

The Wednesday Pro-Am is **doubling the number of professional golfers** from 52 to nearly the entire field. Instead of lucky groups playing 18 holes with one PGA Tour professional, they will play the front nine with one pro and the second with a different pro. Instagram, beware. A LOT of photos will be coming your way.

Trashy, but in a good way

Palmetto Electric Cooperative and Santee Cooper will be powering the tournament with power generated from the methane from the nearby Horry Landfill in Jasper County. It has showcased that technology for the past 11 tournaments. Santee Cooper uses methane gas, solar and wind power.

"The RBC Heritage's tradition of powering the event with green power has been setting the standard of environmental stewardship for others to follow," said Jim Brogdon, Santee Cooper CEO. "We applaud the Heritage and Palmetto Electric Cooperative for their continued commitment to green power."

Yeah, they're good

The RBC Heritage won "Best Special Event" and "Best Integrated Marketing Plan" from the PGA Tour for last year's tournament. As one of the longest-running tournaments, the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing continues to stack up the national awards. Not bad for the island's best party wrapped around a golf course. You really have to experience it. It's a date you'll never forget.

Will there be a repeat?

Japan's **Satoshi Kodaira** will be competing to defend his 2018 title this year. Kodaira made a 25-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole to beat Si Woo Kim. Kodaira was back six shots when he teed off earlier that day. *LL*



JUST LIKE HOME Kodaira sank a 25-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole to win the 2018 RBC Heritage and earn a plaid jacket. "(Harbour Town) is very similar to the course I grew up on in Japan, with all the tree lines and easy to pick targets. The greens are also similar," he said.

Players to watch

Favorites to win the 2019 RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing



SATOSHI KODAIRA
Defending champion has earned eight international tour victories.



DUSTIN JOHNSON
Has earned 20 victories on the PGA Tour since leaving Coastal Carolina University in 2007.



WEBB SIMPSON
Has carded five top 20 finishes in nine Heritage starts, including a second place finish in 2013.



JIM FURYK
Two-time Heritage champion will be making his 19th start at Harbour Town.



MATT KUCHAR
Won the 2014 RBC Heritage in dramatic style, holing a bunker shot for birdie on the 18th.


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The VIP Treatment

CHECK OUT THE MANY WAYS THE HERITAGE CLASSIC FOUNDATION ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET FOR THE PGA TOUR'S BEST.

STORY BY BARRY KAUFMAN + PHOTOS BY ARNO DIMMLING

Hilton Head Island is a place known for two things: golf and world-class hospitality. Everyone who crosses that bridge is treated like family, whether they're here for a week or a lifetime. And that's no different for the PGA professionals who come here every April to play in the RBC Heritage.

OK, it's a little different. We don't exactly give every visitor a BMW to tool around in, but these are some of the world's best golfers and we want to make their stay on Hilton Head Island as memorable as possible. So they get the full VIP treatment. And on an island famed for hospitality, you can bet the VIP treatment goes above and beyond.



RELAXING RETREAT Professionals can recharge following their round at the elegant living room lounge, which overlooks the putting practice green at Harbour Town Golf Links.









FIRST CLASS AMENITIES Each RBC Heritage champion has his own hardwood locker in the spacious men's locker room. There are also luxurious individual showers, a steam room, a shaving station and private stalls.

VIP for The Whole Family

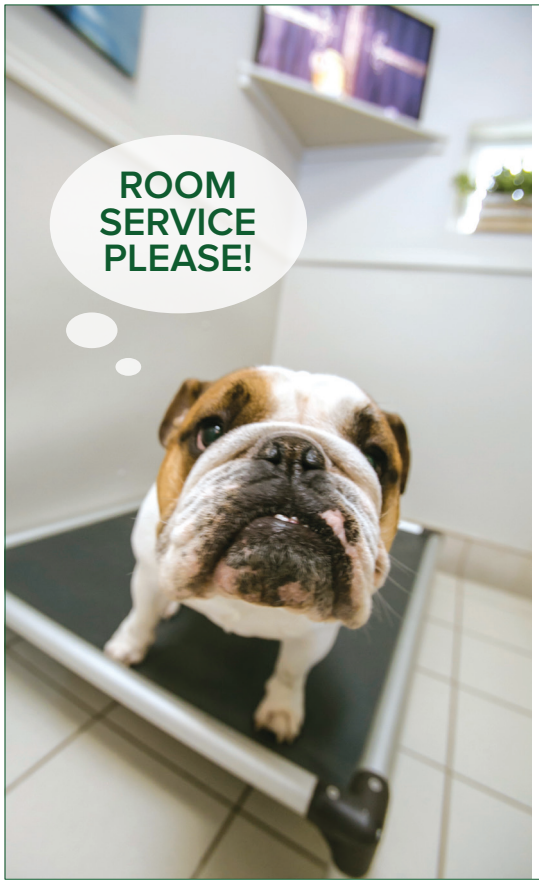
With Heritage being the week after the Masters, when a lot of golfers are typically decompressing from one of the biggest events in the sport, it's not uncommon for them to bring their families along. To make sure the youngest members of the golfers' entourage have a great time, the Heritage Classic Foundation arranges a **special daycare program** every year. Spearheaded by volunteer Nancy Fish, this kid-friendly adventure is more than just workbooks and screen time.

"It's second to none," said foundation President Steve Wilmot. "They take the children out on dolphin watches, they take them crabbing, they'll do some CrossFit, and do visits to the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina and The Sandbox... it's something pretty special."





SEEING THE SIGHTS While PGA Tour players battle for the plaid jacket on the course, many of their family members will be exploring the Lowcountry, thank to a special daycare program set up by the Heritage Classic Foundation.



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"It's really flawless, and there is a lot of planning that goes into it," said Wilmot. But the result is, the players get to cruise the island in style.

Gourmet Getaway

No one can golf on an empty stomach, so the Heritage Classic Foundation makes sure **every player gets the gourmet treatment** as they fuel up for play.

"They are fed from sun up to sun down," said Wilmot. "We're serving food at 5:30 for those guys teeing up at 7. Obviously, it's first class. If someone wants more kale or something custom because they're on a health kick, we're able to accommodate them."

Wilmot notes that, in general, players are eating healthier these days. But no matter how many of them have swapped Power Bars for candy bars, it's hard to say no to fresh-baked cookies.

"Our Sea Pines kitchen makes cookies that the players absolutely love," said Caddy Manager Chuck Miller. "Peanut butter, chocolate chip, macadamia, oatmeal... they all come in to the locker room on big platters fresh every morning. They'll take half, but they'll be back for the other half."



HOW SWEET IT IS PGA Tour players can't get enough of the cookies baked fresh each day in the Sea Pines kitchen. Players are fed from sun up to sun down.



The Setting

Of course, there's one **world-class amenity** that comes baked into any trip to Hilton Head Island: being on Hilton Head Island.

"Coming to Hilton Head Island is the red-carpet treatment," said Wilmot. "That's a part of the experience – the first-class amenities, playing Harbour Town, staying in first-class accommodations, the beach, biking.... All these things add to the event."

Plus, players get exclusive access to the best clubhouse on the tour. "Before the new clubhouse we had the smallest locker room on tour," said Miller. "Now it's probably the biggest. You can't beat that." LL

PLAYER PERKS FOR THE AVERAGE JOE

For the first time ever, Sea Pines Resort has opened a limited number of accommodations at **The Inn & Club at Harbour Town** for the RBC Heritage. With packages starting at $629 per room, guests are able to stay just steps away from tournament action at the Forbes Four-Star, AAA Four-Diamond boutique hotel overlooking the first tee of Harbour Town Golf Links.

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STAY IN STYLE No detail has been overlooked in the 60 well-appointed guest rooms at The Inn & Club at Harbour Town.

OVERHEARD LAST YEAR

"It's my family's tournament; my dad's favorite, my mom's favorite, sitting by the beach and the pool. And my favorite for watching golf. It's always been a pleasure to come here."
— Dru Love, son of Davis Love III

"My grandfather loved this golf course, just as I do now. It's so neat that it has stood the test of time without becoming a long golf course."
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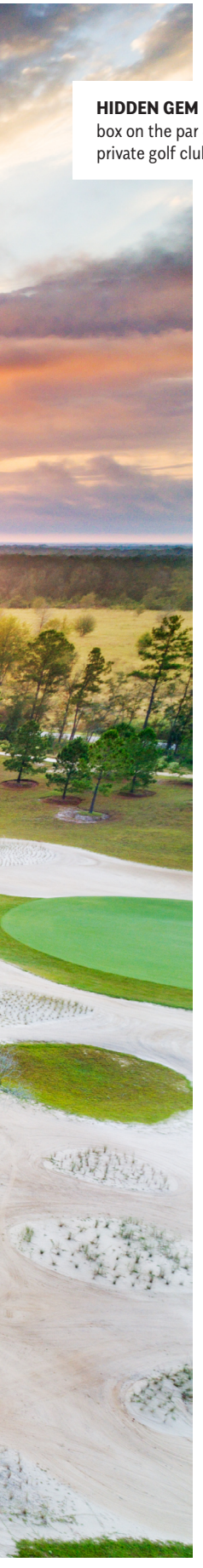
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HIDDEN GEM Native sand surrounds the expansive tee box on the par 3 seventh hole at Congaree, a low-key private golf club in Jasper County.

A new model of philanthropy

EXCLUSIVE GOLF CLUB GIVES BACK WITH INTENSIVE OUTREACH



STORY BY LISA ALLEN
PHOTOS BY CRESCENT MOON PICTURES

Narnia exists just outside of Ridgeland. The Lowcountry version of a magical land is Congaree, an international golf club with a central focus of helping underserved but promising teens succeed in life.

The club was founded by Texas businessmen Dan Friedkin, chairman of The Friedkin Group, a privately held consortium of automotive, luxury hospitality, golf and entertainment businesses; and the late Bob McNair, owner of the NFL's Houston Texans and chairman of The McNair Group. They wanted this club to be built around philanthropy and it was fortuitous for the local community that the perfect plot of land happened to be in Jasper County. They spared no expense.

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LAVISH LAYOUT
Above: A massive oak tree overlooks the green on hole No. 7. More than 70 oak trees were carefully displaced and relocated to ideal spots throughout the course.
Right: An aerial shot featuring views of the Clubhouse, 18th hole and practice area nestled among the Longleaf pines of the Lowcountry.



The course amid 3,000 acres is spectacular. The meticulously preserved 1860s estate house and replicated estate outbuildings that can house 40-some members, called "ambassadors" are gorgeous. Tom Fazio designed a stunning links-style course. But more importantly, what "Congaree Kids" will learn is there are people who care about them and will support them far beyond golf. That's the Narnia aspect: the Congaree Foundation and its Congaree Global Golf Initiative.

"We want to give them an education and we use golf to help them achieve that. Education is the goal, not a career in golf," said Bruce Davidson, director of golf. "Only a half of one percent of Division I golfers





WARM WELCOME The historic main house (top) dates back to the 18th century and greets ambassadors and their guests as they arrive. A school house at the club (above) serves local Boys & Girls Club members and participants in the Congaree Global Golf Initiative, tailored towards underserved students.

go onto the PGA Tour," he said. "That's not our objective. There are other camps for that."

Nominations for the Congaree Global Golf Initiative come from ambassadors, First Tee programs around the country and golf professionals around the world. Many students don't know they were nominated, and the foundation coordinator sometimes has to reassure the families that the offer is real.

The students are flown to the club for a week, where they go through fitness training, SAT prep sessions, public speaking and college admissions letter-writing exercises, table manners, club fitting, guidance counseling, and coaching. When they're in the 1800s-style schoolhouse, the bell is rung and ambassadors that range from former NFL players to Grammy-winning artists to Wall Street titans will stop in a give them some priceless advice. Jamy Champenoy,







HISTORIC SETTING
Situated on an 18th century estate, and surrounded by more than 2,000 acres of fishing lakes and Longleaf Pine Forests, Congaree is a world-class golf club with a philanthropic mission at its core. Its mission is to help talented, financially disadvantaged golfers get a college education.





HAZARD PLAY
Above: Perfectly manicured bunkers border many of the greens at Congaree, as seen on hole No. 8. **Left:** An instructor gives tips to a student.

a Houston-based college advisor, and Lorne Kelly, the athletics advisor, then work with the students to help them identify and apply to golf programs and schools that best match the students' interests and skill sets.

The first year, the club invited six international and six American students; the second year 17 kids attended; and the goal this year is 30 students over three weeks. The program already has raised $6.2 million just from ambassadors alone.

But it isn't just a week and they're done.

"They're Congaree Kids for life," Davidson said. "We track their success on the golf team, in class and overall."

That's why they limit the number of students. They want to be able to dedicate the time necessary for them to excel.

Locally, the club built a driving range at Ridgeland-Hardeeville High School. They realized that many area students don't have a way to get to the club, so they went to the students. The new golf class now has 220 students, teens who likely would not have been exposed to golf otherwise, Davidson said. The local Boys and Girls Club meets in the schoolhouse.

Because of that giving focus, Congaree is selective in whom it invites to become ambassadors. They want people who want to get involved in helping students, not just work on their golf game.

After all, Narnia isn't for everyone. *LL*





Born a Seahawk

HILTON HEAD ISLAND NATIVE POONA FORD IS LIVING HIS NFL DREAM WITH SEATTLE

STORY BY LUANA M. GRAVES SELLARS
PHOTOGRAPHY BY MIKE RITTERBECK

Hilton Head's population has an incredible number of success stories to tell. Most of them are attached to long resumes that list positions and extensive worldwide experiences. Sometimes, the best stories are when you get to see how success unfolds from the beginning; when you can see its potential, as all of the elements that come with success form. It's in those times, when you can sit on the sideline and watch a bright and promising career in the making; of what it can and will be, from its inception.

At first impression, Kaylon "Poona" Ford is a shy and unassuming person. He admits that he doesn't enjoy talking about himself, sometimes twisting his hair to show it, but after some prodding and persistence, eventually, he comes around. Born into the cultural and generational legacy of Hilton Head's Gullah community, he has deep family roots here. Nicknamed Poona by his grandmother, Cynthia Williams, who remembers that she nicknamed him Pooh Bear, because he was "always a fat baby." As he aged, the shortened version, of Poona stuck with him.



FORD TOUGH Poona Ford went undrafted after a successful career at the University of Texas, due to his 5-foot-11 frame, but fought his way into a roster spot with the Seattle Seahawks.

"He's a special kid with special talents. What fascinates me is that he's a gentle giant."

By the time he was 6 years old, Poona knew that as a Hilton Head Gator, he wanted to play football as a defensive tackle. "I always dreamed of playing in the NFL. I just didn't know for who," he said. Surrounded by a big family and an island that has watched him grow as a player, Poona is grounded in strong family values and character.

The 2014 graduate of Hilton Head High School set several school records and was named the All-Area Defensive Player of the Year. Former high school coach, Tim Singleton, remembers Poona as "a special kid with special talents. What fascinates me is that he's a gentle giant." On the field, "he's the perfect quiet storm. He can wreak havoc, but you won't know that he's coming. I'm very proud to be associated with a small part of his success."

After fielding offers from several universities, he played for the University of Texas Longhorns. After majoring in Youth & Community Studies, his collegiate career on the field showed that he's an impressive run defender, ending his senior year with several awards and recognitions, including the 2017 Big 12 Conference Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Poona has demonstrated that he is a consistently strong player who has continued to improve his stats year after year. At 5' 11" he's considered short for a defensive tackle, but a player with "impressive instincts."







READY TO SHINE After a breakthrough rookie season with Seattle, Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said Ford will have a chance to start on the defensive line in 2019.

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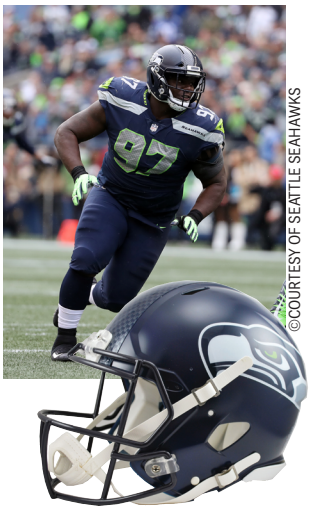
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PUTTING UP NUMBERS Ford was the top run-stopping defensive tackle over the final five weeks of the 2018 NFL season, recording 17 tackles (nine solo) over that span.



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"Your dreams need you to put in the work, so never give up on them."

Even though he wasn't included in the draft, his impressive skills spoke for themselves and he received offers from the Seattle Seahawks and the San Francisco 49ers as a free agent. When Seattle contacted him for a top 30 visit, he decided to sign with the team in 2018.

In his initial year in the NFL, he made the active roster and played 11 games. Even though he didn't play every game, he realized that "he had to stay focused until it was his turn to play." When it was time for his first game against Chicago, he said, "I wasn't nervous, because I was ready to play. At first, I was overthinking the season, then the game. Eventually I slowed down, which made me more effective and productive."

When asked what pro players Poona looks up to, and what he aspires to achieve from their playing, he says that there are three defensive tackles with different skills that he respects: NY Giants Lawrence Taylor, Oakland Raiders Warren Sapp and Baltimore Ravens Ray Lewis.

Ford thinks that Lawrence Taylor is the "greatest," still has his rookie trading card and watches Taylor's highlight films "all of the time." If he could, he would take his pass rushing ability.

He says that Ray Lewis has "my generation's passion for the game" and tries to model what Lewis brings to the game. "He's a smart player," he says.

"Warren Sapp, well, he's just a freak show." Asked if he could take anything from Sapp, he says it would be his strength.

Self-described as "pretty smart" and with a lot of "strength," Poona says it's important to "always study the opponent and stay one step ahead."

Last season was just the beginning for Poona, who finished the regular season with a grade of 90.3, which is high compared to other defensive tackles. He's just beginning, but he sees his new NFL career "as a blessing. I've been playing a long time and it's still fun. I'm still getting my feet wet and the game still isn't second nature to me, but it will be soon. I'm continuing to work on my craft to make me play better."

In his first off season, Poona is already thinking about giving back and staying connected to the island by sharing his thoughts about how important your dreams are with the kids at the local Boys and Girls Club. "Your dreams need you to put in the work, so never give up on them," he says.

When asked what he would say today to a 6 year old Poona, he said, "have fun playing [football] and keep on going." That's great advice and from what we've seen so far, he is going to do just that. *LL*



CAROLINA PROUD Through high school, college and now the NFL, Poona Ford has made his home island proud by always doing the right thing – both on and off the playing field.



FOOTBALL IS MORE THAN A GAME FOR

Keith Brooking

STORY BY DEAN ROWLAND
PHOTOS BY MIKE RITTERBECK

If durability is the key to success, then former NFL player Keith Brooking is a highly successful man.

The **five-time pro bowler** and **first-round pick by the Atlanta Falcons** in 1998 out of Georgia Tech played in every game in his last 12 of 15 professional seasons. No small feat when you consider how often players at all positions are injured every year and miss at least some game action. The 6-2, 245-pound linebacker also played for the Cowboys and Broncos.

He conditioned year-round, often with the help of team trainers, and was a frequent grunter in the weight room. Even four surgeries on his left knee and a major foot issue in 2001 didn't keep him off the field.

Today at 43, Brooking is a "lean" 220 pounds, has no lingering or lifestyle-altering aches or pains, and is in good mental and neurological health. Plus, he works out daily.

After over three decades as a player, starting as a kid in his native Georgia and retiring as an NFL pro after the 2012 season, Brooking now is a local coach. He coached at the recreational level for three years and just signed on as the head coach of Cross Schools first football season for middle schoolers, grades sixth through eighth.









SMALL-TOWN PRIDE
Keith Brooking grew up as a star football player in Senoia, Ga., a tiny town about 45 minutes outside of Atlanta.



SIDELINED Brooking will be the coach of the first football team at Cross Schools, a private school in Bluffton.

His mission for the kids isn't durability, but teaching them fundamentals and techniques.

Cross Schools in Bluffton, where his four children attend from their Palmetto Bluff home, wanted to launch a football program at the school, and he met with head of schools Brad Schultz late last year about coaching the youngsters.

"He was very interested in bringing football to the school, and I was very interested in helping him do that," Brooking said. "I feel like I have a lot to offer and a lot to give back."

The inaugural season will begin in September with the first of six to eight games being played on Thursday afternoons after the school bell rings for dismissal.

There's a lot to do from now until then, Brooking said.

"We don't have anything," he said.

Equipment and uniforms have to be ordered for the expected 20-25 players. He has to assemble a coaching staff of volunteer dads, get everybody aligned on the same tutorial page, and establish game dates and opposing teams.

In late spring, he's planning 10 days of practice for individual player evaluations, a summer conditioning program with a focus on techniques and building a solid foundation, then practicing early in the fall preparing for the start of the season.

"There will be some hurdles and steps along the way to make adjustments," he said. "My expectations are to teach the kids how to play





"The kids won't care how much I know until they know how much I care."

the game of football the right way, the fundamentals and techniques. Safety is at the forefront."

Booking is the first to say that, as great a team game that football is, it's a physical game and requires a mental toughness at any level and skill set. The kids and coaching staff have to emote "passion, emotion and enthusiasm" for the game.

His coaching style will be constructive and age-appropriate in tenor and attitude.

"The kids won't care how much I know until they know how much I care," said Brooking, Georgia Tech's all-time leading tackler.

Cross Schools aims to introduce football at the high school level in 2020.

Brooking loves Palmetto Bluff and the Lowcountry almost as much as football and his family: wife Holly and his children, who range in age from 3 to 12, daughters Willa and Ella; and sons Logan and Jonah.

They squeezed in their honeymoon for a few days in 2005 at Palmetto Bluff — she found it in a national travel magazine and it was close to Atlanta where he was playing . The first impression of the Lowcountry was an ever-lasting one for the couple.

"We fell in the love with Palmetto Bluff and the area," he said. "We love the scenery and the pace of life in the Slow Country … It's a great environment to raise young kids. There's plenty of things for them to do." *LL*





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HUDDLE TALK FROM BROOKING

Former NFL player and Palmetto Bluff resident Keith Brooking shared a few thoughts about his life today:

[LOCALLife] Do you miss playing? [Keith Brooking] "I don't miss the football. But the camraderie, the guys, relationships and being a part of something, you can't emulate that in today's world. I miss that part of the game."

Favorite place for a family meal? [KB] Buffalo's, Mellow Mushroom, Truffles, Chow Daddy's, and Santa Fe Cafe

Favorite family outing on a spring day? [KB] "We don't have a lot of spring afternoons with nothing to do…We stay here to relax and enjoy the family."

What do you and your wife drive? [KB] Ford F-150, Dodge Ram, Cadillac SUV

Favorite Southern food? [KB] "Fried chicken… You can only prepare chicken one way: fried."



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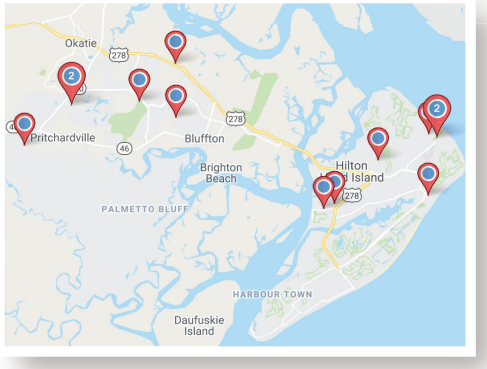
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Sports celebrities with local ties

STORY BY DEAN ROWLAND

Hilton Head attracts successful men and women. They come from the Midwest, Northeast and regionally for the lifestyle, climate, amenities, landscape and seascape.

Notable sports personalities are among those whom also enjoy life in the Lowcountry; part-time at first when they are still active professionally; then often full time when their playing days are over.

Here's a handful of athletes who have spent time in the Lowcountry through the years.



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BASKETBALL

Michael Jordan. One of only a few NBA players to win an NCAA championship, an NBA championship and an Olympic gold medal, the former Chicago Bull bought a getaway home for $550,000 on Yorkshire Drive in Wexford Plantation in 1988. He sold it in 1999. Often described as the best pro basketball player ever, the Tar Heel won six NBA championships with his teammates, won the scoring title 10 times, was a 14-time all-star, has authored four books and is the majority owner of the Charlotte Hornets.



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LEGENDARY MOMENT Michael Jordan's victory over Dominique Wilkins in the 1988 NBA Slam Dunk Contest in Chicago finished with a perfect 50 dunk from the free-throw line for his third dunk to win the contest.



Isiah Thomas. The former 12-time All Star and NBA champion Detroit Piston owned a home on Mooring Buoy in Palmetto Dunes and vacationed here for 25 years. The 57-year-old Hall of Famer was named one of the "50 Greatest Players in NBA History" and led Indiana University to an NCAA championship. He also has been an NBA coach, executive and broadcaster.



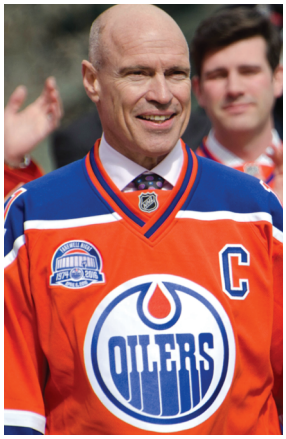
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FULL COURT PRESS Bobby Cremins served as head coach at Appalachian State, Georgia Tech and College of Charleston.

Bobby Cremins. The three-time ACC Coach of the Year, who took his Georgia Tech team to nine NCAA tournament appearances, has lived on Hilton Head since 2000. The 71-year-old is a member of Sea Pines Resort and often plays the Harbour Town Golf Links, Long Cove and Heron Point. He likes dining at Red Fish and the Sea Shack on the island.

Jim Calhoun. The 76-year-old former Connecticut coach and Hall of Famer has owned a home at Colleton River Plantation for many years. The avid golfer coached for 40 years and led the Huskies to three national titles in 26 seasons.

HOCKEY



Mark Messier. The great NHL Oiler, Ranger and Canuck owns a home in Palmetto Dunes where his parents live. The 58-year-old Canadian earned six Stanley Cups in his illustrious Hall of Fame career, playing alongside Wayne Gretzky in Edmonton for five of those trophies. When Remy's Bar & Grill on the island closed in 2013 after 29 years in the business, it's been reported that Messier was there and offered a champagne toast to the owners.

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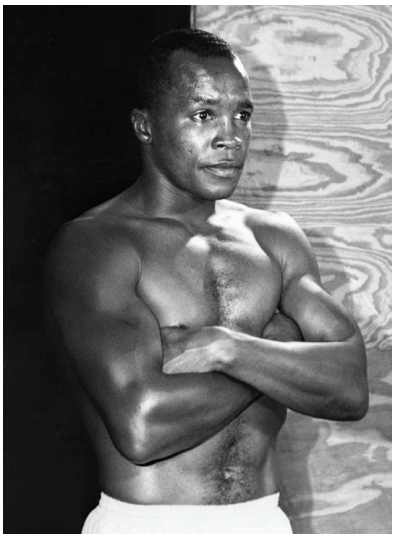
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BOXING

Joe Frazier. The Beaufort-born-and-raised heavyweight champion of the world for three years won a decision over Muhammad Ali in 1971 but lost a rematch in the Thrilla in Manila. "Smokin' Joe" was a gold medal Olympian in 1964 and had a knockout left hook that leveled 32 opponents. He was one of 12 children raised on a farm in the Laurel Bay area of Beaufort. Joe Frazier Blvd. in the town honors his legacy.



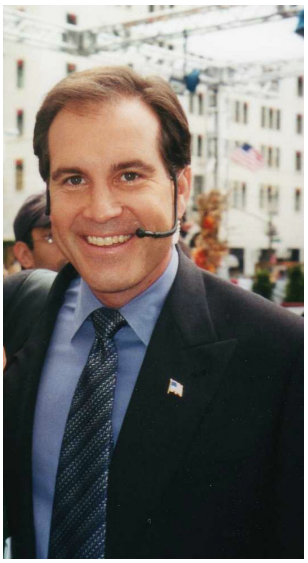


Sugar Ray Leonard. The former Olympian gold medal winner, welterweight champion and Hall of Famer trained on Hilton Head in 1987 for his comeback fight against "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler. He won the slugfest and the crown in what is considered to be one of the greatest fights in boxing history.



Lennox Lewis. The former Super Heavyweight Olympic gold winner and undisputed heavyweight champion of the world trained at a gym in Park Plaza near Sea Pines in 1993. Training sessions were open to the public. His opponent was supposed to be Riddick Bowe, who later refused to fight the Brit. Lewis retired with a 42-2-1 record.





GOLF

Bernhard Langer. The two-time Masters champion has won tournaments on all six continents and continues winning today on the Seniors Tour. The 61-year-old won the Heritage at Sea Pines in 1985 with a winning score of 273. This writer's niece babysat for some of his four children during that week on the island.

Jim Nantz. The legendary broadcaster for CBS Sports is a member at Haig Point golf club on Daufuskie Island.



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WELCOME BACK JACK Nicklaus wins his first tournament in 1975 after three previous tries. He helped design the course with Pete Dye and enjoyed a little home field advantage.

Jack Nicholas, Arnold Palmer, Davis Love III, Fuzzy Zoeller, Gary Player. These PGA Tour winners have all designed public golf courses on Hilton Head and in Bluffton.





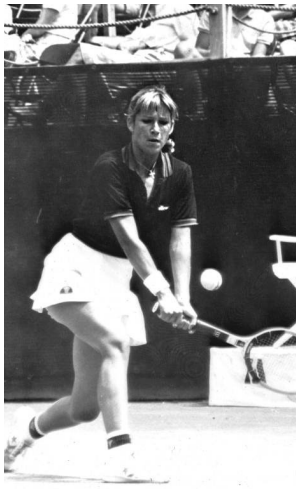
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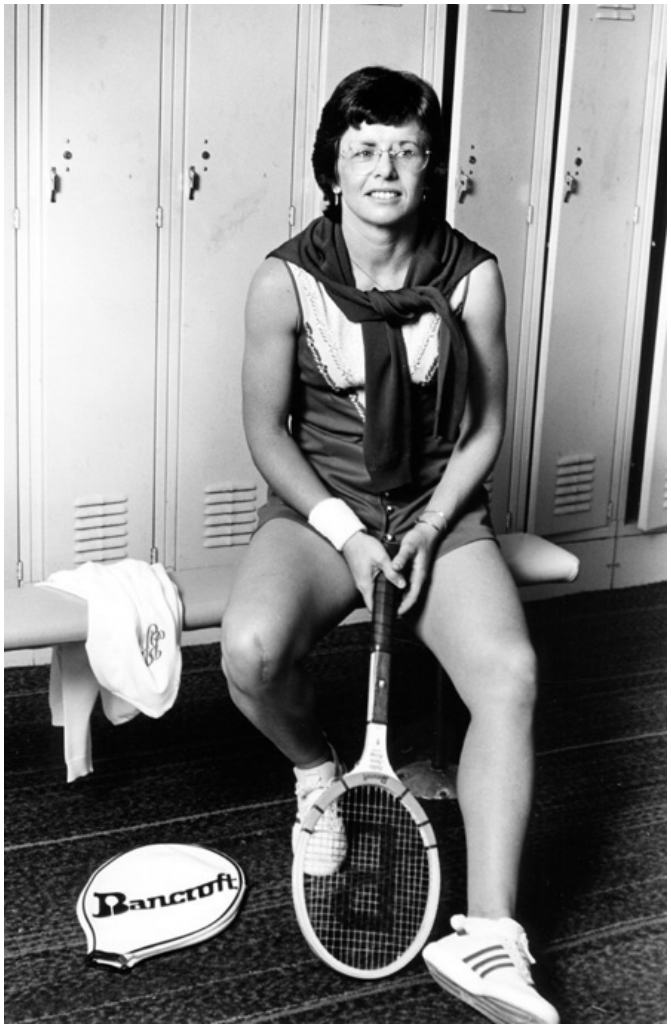
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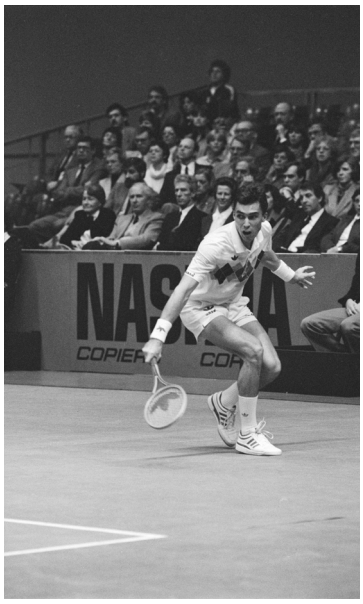
Billie Jean King. The former Hilton Head resident and close associate of Dennis Van Der Meer on the island played in an invitational tournament in Sea Pines in 1973. The roster also included Chris Evert, Evonne Goolagong, Virginia Wade, Rod Laver, Jimmy Connors, Stan Smith and Ilie Năstase. Her presence has touched every aspect of professional tennis through her long career, as a player, coach, executive, owner, captain, overall game ambassador and rights advocate. She won 39 grand slam titles, is a Hall of Famer and beat Bobby Riggs in the Battle of the Sexes in the '70s.



STAR POWER Chris Evert playing tennis at Sea Pines in 1973.

Dennis Van Der Meer. The legendary coach and teacher founded the Van Der Meer Tennis University in Shipyard Plantation in 1979 and a few years later the International Professional Tennis Registry. He coached Billie Jean King and hundreds of other professionally ranked players.



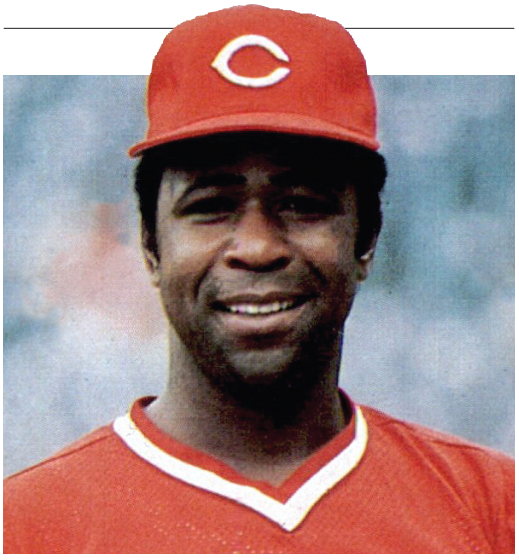


Ivan Lendl. The 59-year-old Czech native owned and operated the Ivan Lendl International Junior Tennis Academy on the island and later at Rose Hill. It opened in 2011 and closed in 2015. The tennis icon was ranked the No. 1 player in the world for 270 weeks in the 1980s, won nine major titles, was runner-up a record 11 times and notched 94 singles events overall.



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Stan Smith. These days, the long-time islander and tennis legend might be more well known for his line of sneakers with partner Adidas than he was on the court years ago. When he was active professionally, the 72-year-old was a former No. 1 player in the world, a 38-time singles champion and two-time Major's victor. The father of four owns the Smith Stearns Tennis Academy at Sea Pines Resort that focuses on junior player development and is actively engaged in several local organizations.



BASEBALL

Dan Driessen. The native islander and Hardeeville High School graduate was a member of the world champion "Big Red Machine" in Cincinnati in the 1970s. He played 15 seasons in the big leagues. The 67-year-old owns Driessen Excavating Services on the island and helps coach the Hilton Head High School baseball team.





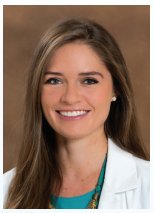
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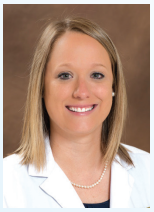
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FOOTBALL

Kenny Anderson. The former Cincinnati Bengal quarterback, league MVP in 1981 and four-time pro-bowler bought a home on the island at Palmetto Hall Plantation in 2001. He and his wife live full time there. The 69-year-old first visited Hilton Head in 1976. The native Midwesterner played 16 seasons, including a Super Bowl loss against the 49ers, and retired from coaching in 2010.



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Poona Ford. The 23-year-old former Hilton Head High School star made his first NFL start for the Seattle Seahawks as a defensive tackle last December. He was signed as a free agent after attending the University of Texas.

Chris Gardocki. The long-time island resident and Georgia native played collegiate ball at Clemson, where he earned second-team All-America honors. The 49-year-old was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1991 after his junior year in college, and he punted for four NFL teams in his 15-year career, including Super Bowl winner Pittsburgh in 2006.



Steve Fuller. The 61-year-old has lived in Bluffton for many years and is actively engaged in the community. The first-team All-America Clemson quarterback was drafted in the first round by Kansas City in 1979 and played seven years in the NFL, including for the Chicago Bears when they won the Super Bowl in 1986. These days, he's a real estate agent, golf course developer, president of the South Carolina Golf Association and former head coach at Hilton Head Prep and offensive coordinator at Hilton Head High School.

Arthur Blank. The 76-year-old owner of the Atlanta Falcons and pro soccer champions Atlanta United and co-founder of Home Depot built a waterfront mansion on Beach Lagoon Drive at the 16th tee of the Ocean Course in Sea Pines in 1997.

Chris Canty. The 36-year-old Virginia graduate was a defensive end on the Super Bowl winning N.Y. Giants in 2011. He played 11 NFL seasons, also with Dallas and Baltimore. He built a 13,000-square-foot waterfront mansion at Spanish Wells on the island five years ago.

Chuck Crist. The former safety for seven years with the Giants, Saints and 49ers lives part time on the island with his wife, Patti. They have owned a condo on Hilton Head for 15 years.



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Keith Brooking. The 15-year NFL linebacker was drafted in the first round by Atlanta in 1998. The five-time Pro Bowler, 43, also played for Dallas and Denver after leaving Georgia Tech after his junior year as its all-time leading tackler. Brooking, his wife, and four children live in Palmetto Bluff, where he has coached recreational football. He was named head football coach this year at Cross Schools middle school in Bluffton, where his children attend. *LL*

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Mira Scott filling in dots of detail.







Jack McNulty routing the cables of his latest chandelier, "Askew."

BOArt

A LITTLE SOHO IN THE LOCO

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The air hums and crackles with colors, ideas, energy. On the gallery walls. At work stands and easels. At communal tables where creators dream up projects, teach classes, or chat with anyone who drops by. Aspiring and seasoned artists and art lovers, locals and island visitors, and the just plain curious alike float in and out. Who wouldn't want to hang out in this innovative space carved out of a once ramshackle old building in Dunnagan's Alley on the south end of Hilton Head?

Welcome to Bo Art, the Lowcountry's latest creative community: part gallery, part studio, part maker space. This collaborative trend has been popping up around the country and now thanks to a visionary group of professional artists and art advocates, we now have one south of the Broad. Founding member and president Bobbie Fertig calls it "SoHo in the LoCo," a fitting sobriquet for this cutting edge arts workshop, a linchpin for an area slated to be a major island arts corridor stretching from The Cross Island Parkway to Coligny and beyond.

Bo Art sits across from The Hair Loft above Ruby Lee's South and Encore Consignments and the soon-to-open Bad Biscuit, a sister restaurant to Lowcountry Backyard.

Entering the building's side door, I take the stairs to the second floor. Here I look up and spot the first Bo Art installation, a dramatic chandelier whose eight-foot span has been crafted of copper pipes by resident artist Jack McNulty. Then walking through the open glass-and-wood barn doors, recycled from the old Aqua Grille and Lounge, I step into the realm of possibilities.

The first room opens to a gallery displaying fine handcrafted jewelry, paintings, chainsaw art, fused and stained glass, pottery, woodcrafts, and more. But I quickly discover this is no ordinary art storefront or arts center.

Tucked into each corner of this room are three resident working artists.

Logan "Leggs" Edelman sits at an organically shaped table fashioned from slab of an old walnut tree. Amid spools of fine gauge copper, gold, and silver wires, he wraps semi-precious stones and crystals in intricate designs for necklaces, pendants, rings, and earrings. Stopping mid-twist on a bumble bee jasper piece he's working on, he explains how often the shape of a particular stone determines how he will secure it. "After that I have creative liberty for the wire pattern and I might just throw in a secondary gemstone like an emerald or a sapphire."



Bobbie Fertig stands behind a hand-made tile countertop and in front of her paintings.



Tayloe Cook throwing a mug.



Maddie Terry making plaster clam shells.







Logan "Leggs" Edelman preparing a wire-wrap pendant.



Top left: Purple Charite Pendant above a Mookaite Jasper Pendant. Right: Aqua Aura Pendant



James McGrath stands next to a giant, live-edge slab of Koa for a current project.

Meanwhile across the way, I find Mira Scott dabbing dots and swirling curvy lines onto one of her whimsical nature paintings. The vibrant images and patterns rendered in acrylic, gouache, and mixed media speak of her four-decade love of the Low-country. What's more, she's taken this same imagery and applied it to jewelry, textiles, ornaments, and even coloring books where she invites children, teens, and adults alike to create their own interpretations of her fauna-and-flora compositions.

Bobbie Fertig calls out, "hello" and I wander over to where she's working on a portrait that she's fractured into an intriguing double face. It's a departure for the painter who has focused on more traditional portraits inspired by historical photographs or by present-day faces that intrigue her. Fertig is always happy to encourage young artists and when a mother brings her young daughter in to Bo Art, it's Fertig who counsels the girl on how to deal with rejection—a component of any artist's career.

That's the clean arts room.

Now I step through the second doorway into what the artists cheekily call "the dirty arts room," a bigger open space with an industrial air. The four artists in this section work with more heavy-duty materials. Here Tayloe Cook has built a station with potters wheels, drying racks, and kilns where he creates signature plates, bowls, and cups. Today as he sits at his wheel, his hands molding clay for a tumbler, he tells of plans to bring in national experts to teach workshops at Bo Art. While we talk, Rory, his frisky Blue Heeler, prances up, nudging me with a "pet me, pet me" look.

Wood and metal workers, James McGrath and Jack McNulty with their saws, hammers, clamps, and power tools anchor the back wall. On this visit McNulty is still assembling his area but he takes a few moments to describe an upcoming project, sketching out a pine cone-shaped lighting fixture with copper pipes spiraling in concentric circles.

McGrath, a whirlwind of action, however, is more difficult to pin down. When I ask about a typical studio session, he laughs. "Typical? One day I could be working on a wood table; on another, a metal sculpture. Or I may be pulling spoons apart for making pendants, or hammering copper, or making "Harry Potter" wands." As evidence, he holds up a metal rose he's constructed from recycled tin and copper that he'll give out to cheer lonely folks on Valentine's Day.

Bo Arti-Facts

James McGrath crafted Logan Edelman's work table from a 50-inch-wide slice of tight grain walnut that he reclaimed from an old tree in Ohio.

A pressing need for a lighting fixture over a Thanksgiving dinner table was the impetus for the copper chandelier over the stairs leading to Bo Art. **Jack McNulty's** large group of relatives was coming to visit so he built a big table and crafted the fixture to illuminate his family dining room. Holiday over, he donated the chandelier to the art space and is working on a smaller one for his home.

Logan Edelman sports a row of six tattooed tokens along his left arm symbolizing focus, balance, creativity, adventure, appreciation, and trust. He had them inked when his California arts cooperative Nomadic Artifacts adopted the philosophy of giftivism, giving in selfless ways to radically transform the world. The collective would make wire versions of these tokens which they gave away. Magic happened. Donations flowed in and people joined the artists to work on community betterment projects.



James McGrath once lived off the grid on Daufuskie Island with girlfriend Christina Rodgers in a tiny 200-square-foot home he built from salvaged materials. For six months they roughed it without hook ups to local power or water supplies while a reality TV show filmed their progress. Today **McGrath** is working on a tiny home park for homeless veterans in Savannah.

Mira Scott designed the colorful new bumper sticker for the Sea Turtle Patrol, a coalition of volunteers who monitor sea turtle nesting and hatching along Hilton Head beaches.

Interested in creating? Bo Art will be offering a variety of classes in a variety of arts led by local, regional and nationally known artists. Join as an artistic member and you'll get a discount on classes, access to the makerspace as well as certification instruction on equipment. Sponsoring members, those who donate to Bo Art, get a variety of perks including discounts and passes.

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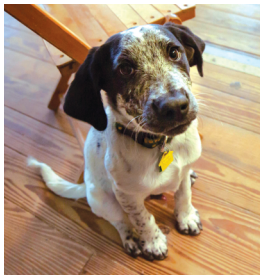
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Cook's assistant, Rory

A South End Renaissance

For years spots along the Palmetto Bay Road corridor at the south end of Hilton Head sat bleak with empty or half-used, run-down buildings dating from the late 1970s and early '80s. But today the area is changing, imbued with a new energy as artists, community activists, and businesses have stepped in to set this nascent renaissance in motion. Bo Art is one example of that flowering.

The Hilton Head Institute provided the first spark for the arts organization, initially advising the artists in getting the art space, one of several they hope to come. The owner of the **Dunnagan's Alley** building, **Robert Graves**, had worked with Charles Fraser in developing Hilton Head and saw this new venture as an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy on the island. His daughter Pam sums it up, "We are delighted to be the first to launch this idea, to be part of the future."

Town Council Member **David Ames**, a strong proponent of this rejuvenated arts district, sees Bo Art as a giant step into the area's future. His vision? He'd like to draw arts and culture lovers, particularly younger generations. "I'd like to see it as a center of activity for people who are interested in arts and entertainment and where people can live and can walk between places. If we can create an area that draws people together as a gathering place during the day and in the evening, I think it will be a home run for the community."



Tayloe Cook applying heat to a mug, as it spins within his clay-clad corner.

Over in the front area of the room, Christine Hanses holds down a nook with a stand for making stained glass and a beehive kiln for fusing and firing glass into bowls, dishes, wind chimes, night lights, and other art objects. Patiently she explains her craft, introducing me to the processes of cutting, grinding, soldering, and firing while throwing in terms like slumping (shaping glass over molds by heat) and frit (granulated glass).

Needless to say the work schedule timing for this side of Bo Art is an intricate ballet—sawdust doesn't mix with dry paint, wet clay, or molten glass unless it's on purpose—so those dustier projects are planned for after hours or even off-site.

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But it's the rows of wooden tables in the center of the room that are the big game changers. Here, smack dab in the midst of this communal atelier Bo Art holds small classes in woodworking, glass, pottery, jewelry making, and any other creative pursuits that capture local interest.

Here, too, is where artists might work one-on-one with a student. At one point I spot Bobbie Fertig, charcoal stick in hand, giving intern Lanier Bradberry an impromptu lesson in sketching a still life. Another time I find Maddie Terry, under Tayloe Cook's guidance, designing a mold for scallop-shaped dishes.

But it's also the spot where creatives gather over coffee and tea to dream up artistic and community projects. Giving back to the community, it turns out, is an important component of Bo Art. Beach clean ups, working on environmental issues, turtle patrols, helping others are on the agenda. "Art inspires communities to come together and create the world we want to live in together," declares Edelman.

Now as dozens of inspirational ideas dance through my head, I leave, energized by the collaborative spirit of this new venture. I can't wait to come back.

Artists at Work

Tayloe Cook grew up on Hilton Head and apprenticed with Jacob Preston, Bluffton's tallest potter. If you've ever dined at Lucky Rooster here, Farm in Bluffton, or Parcel 32 in Charleston, you've eaten off his dinner plates.

Logan "Leggs" Edelman first put down his creative roots in California where he learned to wire wrap crystals and semi-precious stones. While some of his stones are from dealers, he often goes mining for gems which he fashions into his original jewelry designs. His other passions? Chess and collaborative community projects.

Bobbie Fertig discovered artist Gerda Christofferson's portraits of Native Americans on a trip to Colorado, sparking her own interest in historical portraiture. Upon moving to the Lowcountry in 2010, Fertig found inspiration in old photographs of 19th and early 20th Century Gullah culture.

Christine Hanses dates her love of glass art to grade school where she made her first mosaic plate for a school hallway. As an adult she took classes in stained glass and began selling it to co-workers and then on Etsy. Today, her works range from jewelry and plates to table sculptures to brilliantly patterned mosaic benches.

James McGrath, a self-described jack-of-all-trades, is a triple-threat entrepreneur with his McGrath Custom Hardwoods and Tiny Homes of Hilton Head businesses and his community service projects. As a strong advocate for workforce housing and community art projects, he works in a variety of mediums from concrete to copper to reclaimed wood.

Jack McNulty comes from a hardy stock of can-do pioneers and recycling craftsmen. His family tree includes a grandfather who built lamps from hard hats, boiler parts, and hub caps, so it's only natural that this former chef left the heat of the kitchen to concentrate his creative talents on reclaimed wood and metal projects.

Mira Scott, one of the island's strongest proponents for the arts, has always been a mover-and-shaker since she first stepped foot on Hilton Head in 1978. It's not surprising that this Québécois native who grew up with a zookeeper-dolphin-trainer father would find her inspiration in the natural world. Toss in her love of pattern and detail which she credits to her mother's Russian-Polish heritage and the result is dynamic colorful paintings with roots in both Canada and the Lowcountry.

and...**Rory**, the Studio Dog. Expect lots of tail wagging from Tayloe Cook's young Blue Heeler, a kind of Australian cattle dog. When he's not greeting visitors, the spirited pup hangs out in the back room under a worktable or lies content in his crate.



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What: Spring Island Farm to Table Pop Up Dinner
When it took place: Feb. 25
Where: Tabby Ruins, Spring Island
Photographer: Lisa Staff
Highlights: Spring Island hosted a surprise pop up dinner for its residents. There was assorted food to choose from, all served family-style, including Whoopie Pies. The guests were satisfied judging from the smiles on their faces.

















Shopping with a purpose

What: Noonday party
When it took place: Mar. 6
Where: Pam White's home in Sea Pines
Photographer: Jessie Baker
Highlights: More than 30 women gathered to learn more about Noonday, then shop with a purpose. Noonday travels the world to identify artisan entrepreneurs who share the dream of creating meaningful opportunity in vulnerable communities. They help develop artisan businesses through fair trade, empowering them to grow sustainably. By connecting artisan businesses to a growing market for their goods, they are enabled to create more jobs for people in their communities who need them. Many guests took photos with the LOCAL Life Jeep!











Big fish

What: Darius Rucker Intercollegiate private concert
When it took place: Mar. 8
Where: Arts Center of Coastal Carolina **Photographer:** Willie Rice
Highlights: Famous musician Darius Rucker performed a private concert as part of the Darius Rucker Intercollegiate golf tournament. The concert was open to players, sponsors, coaches, Long Cove residents and their invited guests. Florida State won the tournament, beating out 16 other top teams from around the country.

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Celebrating the sporting life

What: Field + Fire sporting weekend
When it took place: Jan. 19-21
Where: Palmetto Bluff **Photographer:** Bonjwing Lee
Highlights: Palmetto Bluff's first-ever sporting weekend was a success. Field + Fire featured more than 20 events with 46 exhibitors, participants, chefs and musicians. The event was formed to celebrate Palmetto Bluff's rich sporting traditions. The luxurious community was established as a spectacular hunting retreat for an exclusive few over a century ago.







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Festival atmosphere

What: Hilton Head Island Seafood Festival
When it took place: Feb. 23
Where: Honey Horn Plantation
Photographer: Thomas Love
Highlights: The popular annual festival featured area restaurants and chefs serving up seafood specialties and other cuisine. There were also cooking demonstrations, a Ferris wheel, a giant slide, a rock-o-plane ride, a silent auction, a beer garden, an artisan market and more. Live music was provided by Deas-Guyz.











Celebrating Gullah history

What: Hilton Head Island's Gullah Celebration
When it took place: Jan. 31-Mar. 2
Where: Various locations
Photographer: Arno Dimmling
Highlights: The annual event showcases the rich cultural heritage of the Gullah people and their history on Hilton Head Island. This year's celebration included the "Arts Ob We People" art exhibition, the "Taste of Gullah" food exposition, the Gullah Gospel Music Series, the Sweetheart Ball with Deas-Guyz and more.







APRIL calendar

Hilton Head Island, Bluffton and the surrounding Lowcountry come to life in **April** — the sunniest and least humid month of the year. With average highs in the mid-70s, every weekend is packed with wonderful outdoor festivals and events. Here are our top picks, along with other days of national and international interest.

Cut this page out and stick it on your fridge!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ONGOING RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing (April 15-21) USCB: *Transparency and Light Exhibit* (April 4-30) Art Loft: *European Contemporary Art* (April 4-7) South Carolina Bike & Boat Tour (April 21-26) Sea Pines: *Gregg Russell Spring Concerts* (April 1-17)	1 **Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra** **April Fools' Day** Tatting Day	2 **CDM: *Hilton Head Farmer's Market*** Children's Book Day Peanut Butter and Jelly Day	3 **Roasting Room: *Bonnie Bishop*** Tweed Day **World Party Day**	4 **Bluffton Farmers Market** Roasting Room: *Angie Aparo* **Hampton Hall: *An Evening Celebration***	5 **Jazz Corner: *Svetlana & The Delancey Five*** WACHHI: *Jerzy Pomianowski* NCAA Women's Final Four	6 **Arts Center: *Terpsichore*** NCAA Men's Final Four Jazz Corner: *Svetlana & The Delancey Five* Sea Pines: *Party in the Pines*
7 Arts Center: *Terpsichore* **Caramel Popcorn Day** **Beer Day**	8 **Draw a Picture of a Bird Day** Zoo Lover's Day	9 **Symphony Under the Stars** WACHHI: *Allison Stiller* CDM: *Hilton Head Farmer's Market*	10 **Golfer's Day** **Siblings Day**	M1 11 **The Masters First Round** NCAA Frozen Four Bluffton Farmers Market **Roasting Room: *Pretty Darn***	M2 12 **The Masters Second Round** Roasting Room: *The Sea The Sea* **Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day**	M3 13 **The Masters Third Round** Roasting Room: *Schema* **CDM: *Native Plant Sale***
ME 14 **The Masters Final Round** **Dolphin Day**	15 **RBC Heritage Opening Ceremonies** First Tee Leadership Awards Income Taxes Due	16 **RBC Heritage Youth Day** CDM: *Hilton Head Farmer's Market*	17 fangs alot. **RBC Heritage Pro-Am** **Bat Appreciation Day** **Cheeseball Day**	18 **RBC Heritage First Round** Rooftop Bar: *Drivin N Cryin*	19 **RBC Heritage Second Round** Jazz Corner: *The Champian Fulton Quartet* Rooftop Bar: *80s Night* **Sea Pines: *Easter Bunny Wagon Ride***	20 **RBC Heritage Third Round** Jazz Corner: *The Champian Fulton Quartet* Roasting Room: *Scott Kirby* **Sea Pines: *Easter Bunny Wagon Ride***
21 **RBC Heritage Final Round** **Easter Sunday** Shelter Cove: *Easter Eggstravaganza*	22 **Earth Day** **Girl Scout Leader Day** Dyngus Day	23 **CDM: *Hilton Head Farmer's Market*** Zucchini Bread Day **Lover's Day**	24 **Pig in a Blanket Day** Administrative Professionals Day	25 **Lean Ensemble Theater: *Barefoot in the Park*** NFL Draft Bluffton Farmers Market Roasting Room: *Eric Culberson*	26 Jazz Corner: *Velvet Caravan* **Arbor Day** Hug an Australian Day	27 Art Market at Honey Horn Dash for Autism Awareness **Palmetto Heart Walk** Touch of the Lowcountry Jazz Corner: *Velvet Caravan* Roasting Room: *Szlachetka*
28 **Astronomy Day** Art Market at Honey Horn Poetry Reading Day	29 **Shrimp Scampi Day** Greenery Day	30 No. **Hairstyle Appreciation Day** **Honesty Day** CDM: *Hilton Head Farmer's Market*				

THINGS TO DO NEARBY

Savannah
Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella (April 1)
Ricky Skaggs (April 9)
Jeff Tweedy (April 12)
Funny as Ish Comedy Tour (April 19)
Brit Floyd (April 23)

Charleston
Infamous Stringdusters (April 3)
Dark Star Orchestra (April 4)
Reckless Kelly (April 4)
Boney James (April 6)
Cradle of Filth (April 10)
High Water Festival (April 13-14)
Black Jacket Symphony (April 13)
Kenny Chesney (April 25)
Patti LaBelle (April 26)
Dirty Heads (April 26)
The Milk Carton Kids (April 30)

Columbia
Boundaries (April 9)
Soja (April 16)
Moon Taxi (April 17)
Zoso (April 19)
Tyler Childers (April 20)
Faith Evans (April 20)
Dance Gavin Dance (April 25)

Jacksonville
Disney on Ice:
Dare to Dream (April 4-7)
Michael Carbonaro (April 12)
Kiss (April 12)
Kenny Chesney (April 13)
The Rolling Stones (April 24)

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Art Showings, Plays and Performances



Symphony Under the Stars

Join the **Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra and Deas-Guyz** for an "unforgettable" collaboration of classical and jazz music under a big tent at Veterans Memorial Park at Shelter Cove. "Symphony Under the Stars" is always one of the orchestra's most popular events. Conductor John Morris Russell and the orchestra's performance with Reggie Deas and his popular band make this year's event particularly intriguing. Deas-Guyz are famous for their wide range of musical fare featuring an entertaining mix of Old Motown, Rhythm and Blues, Pop, Rock, Reggae and Dance beats. Their musical selections include Motown sounds of the Temptations, The Drifters, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye and Bob Marley classics. Last year's concert was sold out, so book your tables early. You can provide your own refreshments, but wine, beer, soft drinks and water are available for sale by the League of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra.

SYMPHONY UNDER THE STARS
When: 7:30 p.m., April 9-10
Where: Veterans Memorial Park at Shelter Cove
Notes: Tickets for table seating are $85 and $75. Concert seating is $50 and outside lawn seating is $25. Gates open at 6 p.m.
Details: 843-842-2055, hhso.org

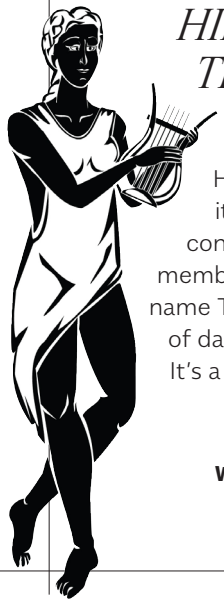
Transparency and Light Exhibit at the University of South Carolina Center for the Arts

The National Association of Women Artists presents a juried exhibit, themed Transparency and Light at the University of South Carolina Center for the Arts in Beaufort. The public is invited to attend the Wine and Cheese Reception on April 4.

TRANSPARENCY AND LIGHT EXHIBIT
When: Wine and Cheese Reception 5-7 p.m., April 4
Exhibit runs April 4-30
Where: University of South Carolina Center for the Arts, Beaufort





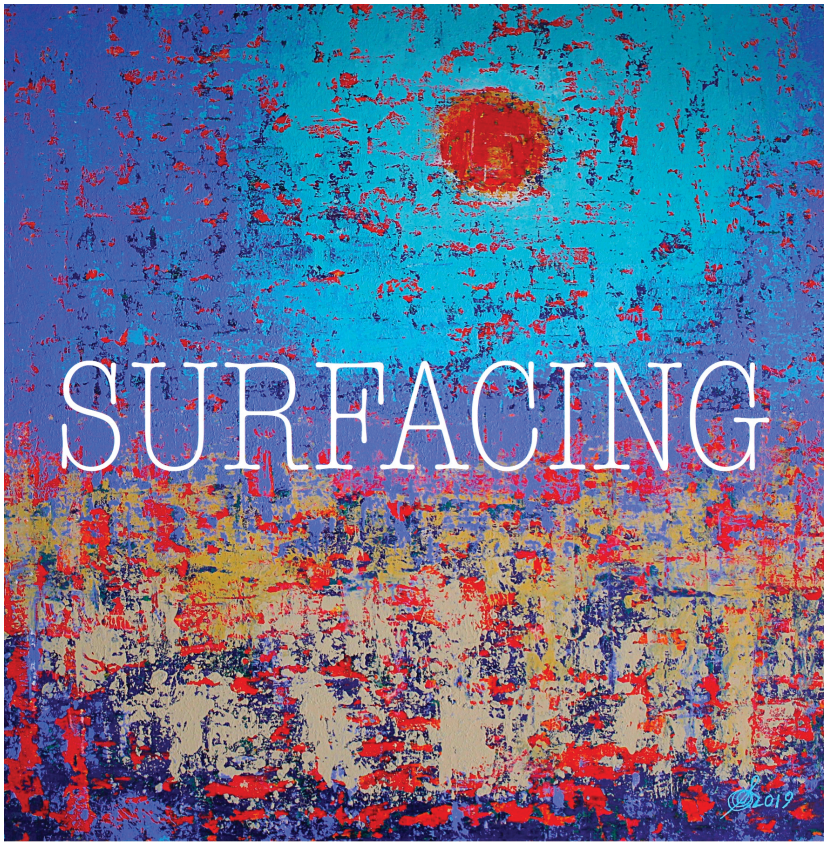


HILTON HEAD DANCE THEATER PRESENTS "TERPSICHORE"

Hilton Head Dance Theater will present its annual performance of classical and contemporary dance featuring company members and distinguished guest artists. The name Terpsichore comes from the Greek muse of dance and is always an audience favorite. It's a journey in ballet, from neo-classical to contemporary to fairy tale.

TERPSICHORE
When: 7:30 p.m., April 6 and 2:30 p.m., April 7
Where: Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
Details: www.artshhi.com

Art Showings, Plays and Performances



SURFACING: Paintings by Sol Luckman

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SURFACING
When: Exhibit: April 1-30, Artist's Reception, 5:30-8 p.m., April 12
Where: Karis Art Gallery
Details: www.karisartgallery.com

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BAREFOOT IN THE PARK
When: April 25-May 5
Where: HHPS Main Street Theatre
Details: leanensemble.org



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KICK START POETRY
When: 6-8 p.m., April 11
Where: Hilton Head Library
Details: www.beaufortcountylibrary.org or kickstartpoetry@gmail.com

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THE LAST CRUSADER
When: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., April 9
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SESSIONS
When: 8-9 a.m., April 25
Where: Corner Perk, Bluffton
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PALMETTO HEART WALK
When: Activities and race begin at 8:30 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:30 a.m., April 27
Where: Shelter Cove Community Park
Notes: $30 registration fee for 5k race
Details: www2.heart.org



MEET VERA
Vera Stewart is a Southern cooking show host, entrepreneur, caterer, mail order aficionado, cookbook author and mentor.

Very Vera and "In Good Taste" Auction at the WAHHI Spring Luncheon

Women's Association of Hilton Head Island's Spring Luncheon will feature **Vera Stewart**, host of the Very Vera Show. The luncheon will start with a silent auction themed "In Good Taste" and will benefit the WAHHI Charitable Fund. In addition, WAHHI Charitable Fund grant recipients and Youth Community Service Award winners will be recognized.

VERY VERA AND "IN GOOD TASTE" AUCTION
When: 10 a.m., April 26 auction opens; noon, lunch and program
Where: The Sonesta Resort, Shipyard Plantation
Details: www.wahhi.org or reservations@wahhi.org



22nd Annual Humane Society Dog Walk on the Beach

Bring the four-legged pals to Coligny Beach to have a grand old time and support local pets in need.

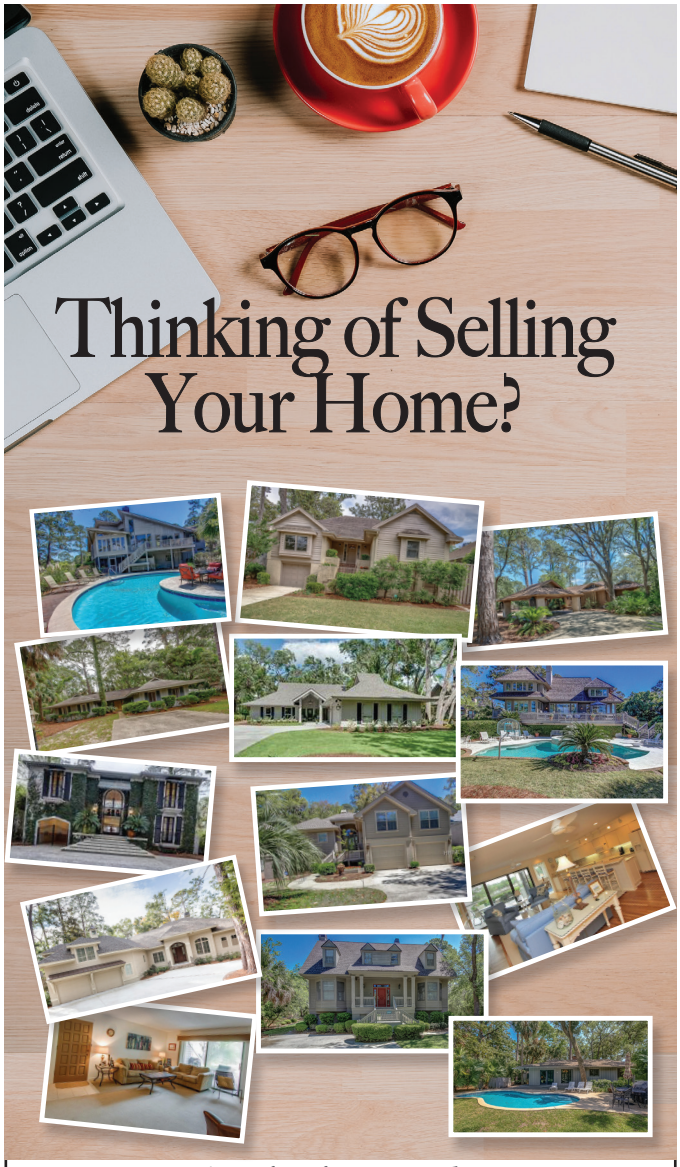
DOG WALK ON THE BEACH
When: 8:30 a.m., April 27
Where: Coligny Beach
Details: www.hhhumane.org or 843-681-8686



Palmetto Animal League Hosts Auction to Help Homeless Pets

Where else can you splurge on yourself while saving lives? Palmetto Animal League's annual Bid for PAL Online Auction is celebrating 10 years of allowing folks to shop the Lowcountry without ever leaving home. The auction benefits PAL's no-kill adoption center that rescues over 1,000 abandoned, abused and neglected pets each year. Start browsing its online catalog filled with hundreds of fantastic items donated by area animal-loving businesses. Bidding is fun, simple and life-saving. If you've never taken part before, now is the time to see what you've been missing.

HELP HOMELESS PETS AUCTION
When: 8 a.m. April 25 through 10 p.m. April 28
Where: www.PALauction.org,



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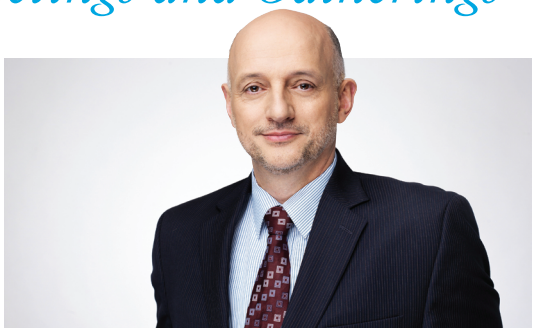
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Meetings and Gatherings

Ambassador Jerzy Pomianowski: Supporting Democracy in Eastern Europe in a Time of Uncertainty

Career diplomat and former Deputy Foreign Minister to the Republic of Poland, Ambassador **Jerzy Pomianowski** discusses the serious setbacks democracy has suffered, authoritarian rule and ever more sophisticated disinformation campaigns. Consider how to best support local activists who can translate the strategic vision of the international democratic community into a local context relevant to ordinary people. How best to support them, especially in Eastern Europe, remains a challenge.

AMBASSADOR JERZY POMIANOWSKI
What: World Affairs Council of Hilton Head Global Speakers Program
When: 10-11:30 a.m., April 5
Where: First Presbyterian Church
Details: wachh.org



Meet the Mayors with The League of Women Voters

Hilton Head Island Mayor John McCann and Town of Bluffton Mayor Lisa Sulka will address the states of their respective towns. General membership meeting, guests welcome.

MEET THE MAYORS
When: 10 a.m. April 10
Where: Hilton Head Island Public Service District
Details: www.lwvhhi.org

Building the Navy the Nation Needs

World Affairs Council Hilton Head will present **Allison Stiller**, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who will review the requirements and discuss the attendant Navy and industry investments in capital improvements, capital expansion, and a properly sized world-class workforce.

BUILDING THE NAVY
When: 5:15 p.m. April 9
Where: USCB Hilton Head Campus
Details: wachh.org



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ANNUAL ART MARKET
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., April 27 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m., April 28
Notes: Admission $3
Details: coastaldiscovery.org or 843-689-6767 ext. 223



ALSO HAPPENING AT THE COASTAL DISCOVERY MUSEUM:

Horseshoe Crabs: A Living Fossil (5-7 p.m., April 4)
Natural History and Archaeology of Beer (3 p.m., April 10)
Rising Seas, Raising Awareness (3 p.m., April 11)
Indigo Exploration (5-7 p.m., April 11)
Enhance Your Garden with Native Plants (10 a.m., April 13)
The Many Benefits of Sharks (3 p.m., April 24)
Sea Turtle Conservation: A Changing Landscape (3 p.m., April 25)
Sweetgrass Basket Workshop (5-7 p.m., April 25)



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April 19-20: The Champian Fulton Quartet
April 26-27: Velvet Caravan
Details: thejazzcorner.com or 843-842-8620

Tablescape's Cocktail Party to Benefit Historic Beaufort Foundation

A new manner of fundraising meets an old venue as the Verdier House Museum introduces Southern Settings, combining regional and international design. Enjoy cocktails in the midst of the now competitive art of beautiful table settings, decorated to acknowledge the South's influence as well as to reflect the Verdier family's French heritage. Proceeds will fund restoration of the ca. 1804 Verdier House.

EVENTS

Cocktail Party 6-8 p.m., April 26, $45
Self Guided Tour 10 a.m.-3 p.m., April 27, $25
Details: info@historicbeaufort.org or 843-379-3331



Cruise-In to the Carolina Dreamer Car Club

Fire 'em up and cruise into monthly gatherings open to all automotive enthusiasts. Awards and raffle, and takes place on Shelter Cove Lane, waterside, overlooking Broad Creek. The Carolina Dreamers Car Club is a nonprofit organization where the only requirement for membership is a love of cars.

CAROLINA DREAMER CAR CLUB

When: 5-8 p.m. April 25
Where: Shelter Cove Lane, Bluffton
Details: www.carolinadreamers.info





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Now in its 11th season, the spring outdoor concert series will feature a variety of local bands, gourmet food, shopping and sunset water views. Each Thursday night, bands will play from 6-9 p.m. Shelter Cove Harbour restaurants will set up as usual around Neptune and will offer a variety of specially priced light appetizers, wine, beer and cocktails.

HARBOUR SPRING CONCERTS
April 4: Deas-Guyz
April 11: Target the Band
April 18: Stee & the Ear Candy Band
April 25: The Headliners
May 2: The Hilton Head Plantation Big Band
May 9: The Headliners
May 16: Deas-Guyz
Details: www.sheltercovehiltonhead.com/music-and-taste or Facebook



Rock This Town

Don't miss this fun, high energy production by Rainbow Rhythm Sun City Dance Clubs.

ROCK THIS TOWN
When: 7 p.m., April 12, 2 and 7 p.m., April 13
Where: Magnolia Hall
Details: 843-707-7548

New Directions, New Horizons

Anderson Kenney Fine Art presents a collection of European Contemporary Art in collaboration with Lana Hefner Art.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Pro Practice Rounds – Morning

Opening Ceremonies (18th green: 10 a.m.)
Kick off the 51st annual RBC Heritage with opening ceremonies and a parade, beginning at the Liberty Oak at Harbour Town Yacht Basin and ending on the 18th green. Defending Champion Satoshi Kodaira, Heritage Classic Foundation board members, volunteers and state dignitaries will march in the parade around Harbour Town Yacht Basin to the sounds of the Citadel's Regimental Pipe Band.

Pro-Am Presented by Boeing (11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Pro Practice Rounds – All Day
PGA TOUR Professionals are invited to play at their discretion. No advance starting times are available. A pairings board is located by the 1st tee and is continually updated as players begin their rounds.

Coca-Cola Youth Day

Putting Contest (Putting Green: 3 - 4 p.m.)
Children 15 and under are invited to putt alongside the pros at Harbour Town Golf Links. The first 200 children to participate in the putting contest receive a free tournament souvenir. Every child who sinks a putt will also receive a prize, courtesy of Coca-Cola. Registration is in the tent next to the Clubhouse.

Family Movie on the Heritage Lawn (4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

RBC Heritage Pro-Am – 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Starting on the 1st and 10th tees



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THURSDAY, APRIL 18

FIRST ROUND

Starting on the 1st and 10th tees
Morning starting times (7:20 a.m. - 9 a.m.)
Afternoon starting times (11:50 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

SECOND ROUND

Starting on the 1st and 10th tees
Morning starting times (7:20 a.m. - 9 a.m.)
Afternoon starting times (11:50 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

PLAID NATION DAY

Wear your plaid with pride!

THIRD ROUND

Starting times (8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

Plaid Nation Contests on the Heritage Lawn (Noon - 2 p.m.)

Fans are encouraged to "Get Their Plaid On" and show their true spirit for the RBC Heritage. Contests and fun are scheduled for fans of all ages to win RBC Heritage swag and tickets to next year's RBC Heritage. Contests include Hole-in-One and Fastest Clad in Plaid competitions, Tartan Trivia and overall Best Dressed in Plaid.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Sunrise Easter Service

Liberty Oak stage (7:30 a.m.)
Spectators are invited to enjoy Sunrise Service at the Liberty Oak stage. The ceremony will feature local ministers, music and non-denominational prayer. A PGA TOUR Professional also will speak. Past speakers include Aaron Baddeley and Jonathan Byrd.

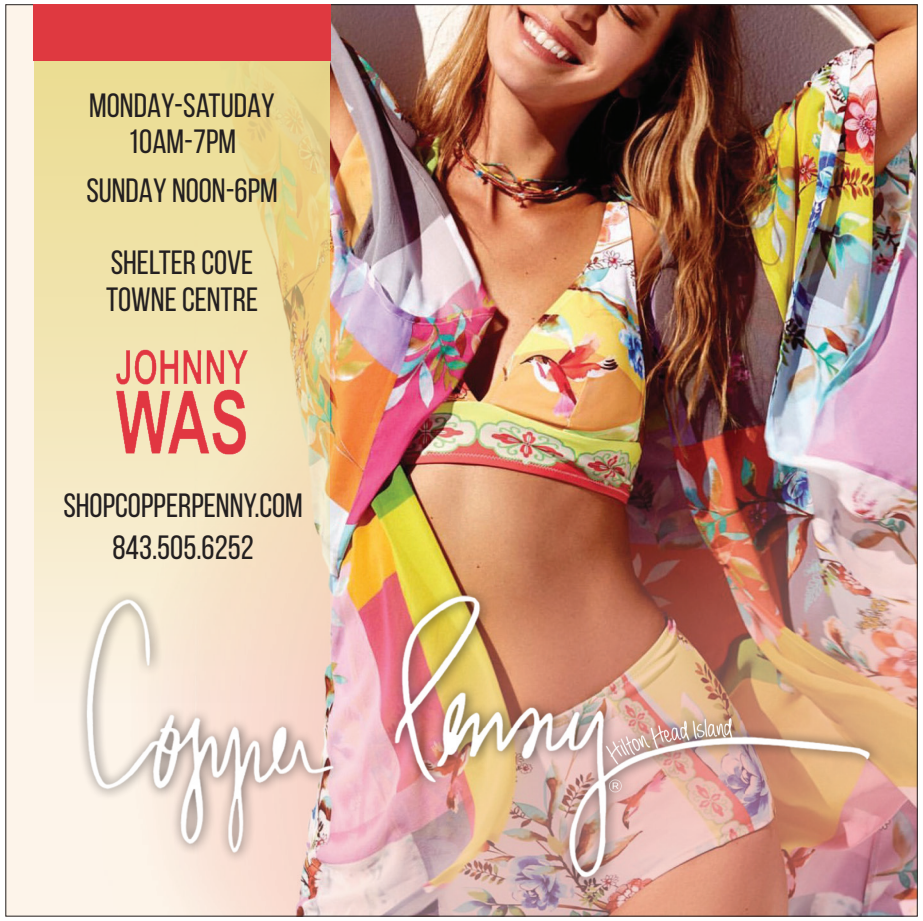
FINAL ROUND

Starting times (8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

Trophy Presentation

18th green – Immediately following close of play

Tournament tickets are needed for all special events. All times are subject to change. For more details visit www.rbcheritage.com.







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VIM FUNDRAISER
When: 4:30-7:30 p.m., May 4
Where: Poseidon Rooftop Bar
Details: Register at vimclinic.org or 843-689-6612





TEDx Hilton Head: Ideas Worth Sharing

Stimulate your thinking, challenge your boundaries and brighten your day. TEDx Hilton Head comes to SoundWaves, the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra's new island headquarters. It's a full day of inspiring talks, continental breakfast, catered lunch and more.

TEDX HILTON HEAD
When: May 11
Notes: Tickets $75, only 100 available
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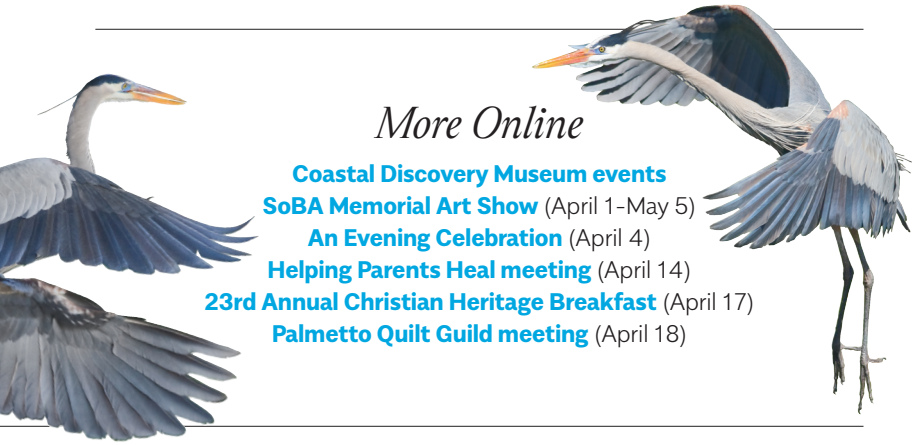
41st Annual Mayfest

Also known as the Bluffton Village Festival, this eclectic and homespun Southern festival is famous for its distinctive arts and crafts, live music and scrumptious food. Be sure to come hungry, take some time to peruse the various arts and crafts (it's the day before Mother's Day), and be prepared for so much more, including the Ugly Dog Contest, the Children's Doughnut Eating Contest and the Pie Eating Contest. And did we mention the live entertainment? There is everything from tiny dancers to rock bands to keep you moving throughout the day.

MAYFEST
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 11
Where: Calhoun Street in historic Old Town Bluffton
Notes: Admission is free
Details: blufftonmayfest.com, Facebook, or 843-815-2277



FEATURED ARTIST This year's featured Mayfest artist is Amos Hummell. A self-taught artist, Hummell is often best described as non-conventional, employing all manners of materials in his work in the name of creative expression. His ties to Bluffton (over 40 years) and his creativity are a perfect fit for the eclectic hometown festival.



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Coastal Discovery Museum events
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An Evening Celebration (April 4)
Helping Parents Heal meeting (April 14)
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HELLO SPRING
Pictured, standing from left: Keith Reyes, David Hruska, Chris Costley and Helen Hruska. **Seated:** Valarie Allen, Laura Schoch and Cynthia Leaf. **Dogs:** Piper and Roddy

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MORE ONLINE
Find more photos from this porch party and many great porch party recipe ideas online at **LocalLifeSC.com**.

No spring skips its turn

Helen and David Hruska had never considered leaving their Chicago home. After their kids graduated college, the empty nesters traveled and stayed in many beautiful places but were always happy to return home to the Windy City. You could say the Hruskas were very content. That is, until they discovered Spring Island.

"It took one visit in March and we knew we had to be back," David said.

Surrounded by the astonishingly beautiful nature and warm people that call the private nature preserve home, Spring Island exceeded their expectations. They purchased a home, left the big city and haven't looked back. And so far, life here has been even better than they imagined.

"We moved here for the privacy and the poetic nature of the marshland," Helen said. "We quickly realized we gained so much more than that; wonderful friends, many events and the first-class learning opportunities. We have performing arts, fine arts, birding, fishing, and farming here, just to name a few things. Everything is so educational, enlightening, and most importantly, fun. Although we have only been here fewer than six months, we feel like we have quickly become a part of the community with everyone being so friendly and welcoming."

The Hruskas recently met a few of their new friends on the porch of the River House, one of two restaurants on Spring Island.

The group enjoyed a charcuterie board and a hummus trio featuring black truffle, arugula, lemon and pine nuts. They also enjoyed lemonade cocktails, made with basil grown on Spring Island's six-acre Waterfall Farm.

Volunteers plant and manage the garden, and all Spring Island residents are encouraged to pick as much produce as they want.

We close this "Sports" issue with the recipe for that special drink, which reflects the relaxing and refreshing lifestyle we enjoy each spring. May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past. *LL*



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