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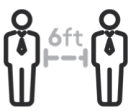
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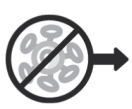
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"Total appreciation of my family, friends and community; and wearing a mask is not so bad!" **- LORI**



"My hands are incapable of not touching my face hundreds of times a day." **- LANCE**



"The world can be on fire and spinning out of control, but there's still a job to do." **- JEREMY**



"I should get out more. My life didn't change much: Introverted compulsive hand washer." **- CHARLES**



"To stop and slow down and not take the little pleasures in life for granted." **- ASHLAN**



"Complete gratitude for all. We really were all in this together, and together we all came out stronger." **- MELISSA**



"To PIVOT. And work on some of those dream projects that I have put off for too long. Oh! Should I have said how important my family is?" **- LISA**



"That our front-line health workers should all have proper PPE and full health benefits. Plus, I've become a great fan of Lean Cuisine!" **- BRUCE**



"Enjoy life in the moment, reach out to others and be thankful!" **- LEAH**



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July features



The Turtle Issue

Each summer the Lowcountry is home to a near-miraculous event, a silent ritual that has gone on for millions of years. Starting in July, thousands of baby sea turtles emerge from our idyllic sand to make their way to the nearby Atlantic Ocean. We dedicate this issue to those radical reptiles and all of the turtles who help make the Lowcountry unique.

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FIRST STEPS TO THE SEA A baby loggerhead makes its treacherous journey to sea. In our coastal waters, the loggerhead is the most common to nest on our beaches during the summer months. The largest of all hard-shelled turtles, loggerheads are named for their massive heads and strong jaws. **Learn more over the next 150 pages.**

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Be like a turtle

There is much these majestic creatures can teach us



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SHELL YEAH Publisher Lori Goodridge-Cribb loves turtles and being outside in July. Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month with her by spending as much time as possible outdoors this month.

"And the turtles, of course ... all the turtles are free, as turtles, and, maybe, all creatures should be."

- DR. SEUSS

Turtle lovers across the globe celebrate World Sea Turtle Day each year in June. Local turtle lovers should have a second celebration marked on the calendar: **July 1** — the official start of sea turtle hatchling season here in the Lowcountry.

Many loggerhead sea turtle moms made incredible journeys across the ocean to lay their eggs on their favorite beach. Now it's time for all of the cute little babies to get cracking! To celebrate this marvelous local experience, we dedicate this special summer issue to the terrific turtles of the Lowcountry. ***There is much these majestic creatures can teach us:***

- *Life begins at the beach*
- *Sometimes you have to dig yourself out of a hole you didn't dig*
- *Embrace your pace*
- *Don't look back*
- *Cherish the time you have alone*
- *Keep a hard shell, you might need it*
- *Be a good navigator*
- *Stay calm under pressure*
- *Don't forget to come up for air*
- *Think long term*
- *Never forget where you came from*
- *Age gracefully*
- *Enjoy the views*
- *Keep the faith, you'll make it*

Inside, you will learn all about our land and sea turtles and the important roles they play in our environment. We identify turtle hot spots, introduce you to turtle experts, share ways to make your home more turtle friendly, showcase turtle artwork and much more. It's one "shell" of an issue!

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BEHOLD THE TURTLES

Who didn't have a pet turtle at some point? I grew up in Ohio, so it was box turtles for me. Here in the Lowcountry, an aquarium is not required. My friend, Tracy, lives on a pond and has the turtles there trained like pets. When she steps on her back deck, they know it's snack time, and flock to her for a tasty morsel.



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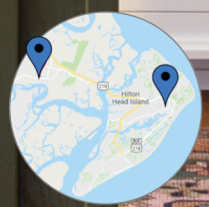
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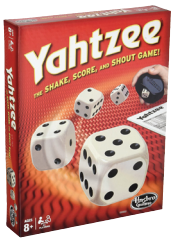
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Kim Smith *Photographer*

OTHER CREDS: Interior designer **FOR THIS ISSUE:** I Caught a Fish THIS Big **HOMETOWN:** Buffalo, New York **CURRENT HOME:** Palmetto Bay, Hilton Head Island **LOCAL SINCE:** 2019 **HOBBIES:** Guitar; pickin' and grinnin' **WHAT IS YOUR MOST UNUSUAL TALENT?** I can wiggle my nose like a bunny. I also cure hiccups. **WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU HATE, BUT WISH YOU LOVED?** Exercise. **FAVORITE TURTLE MEMORY:** Scuba diving with sea turtles in Cayman Brac. **WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT JULY?** Long sunny days





Michaela Satterfield *Writer*



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Word of our amazing beaches has apparently spread to the endangered **green sea turtle** population. The species usually prefers to nest further south, but hatchlings have been making tracks across Lowcountry beaches lately, with one nest reported in 2018 and two more in 2019 on Hilton Head Island. Hunting Island also documented hatchlings last year. Photographer **Victor Ene** captured this jolly green giant while honeymooning near the Gili Islands using a GoPro HERO7 with a PolarPro over/under dome. Find more of his work on Instagram (@victorene).



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Turtle hotspots

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FREE FOR ALL There is no admission for a self-guided tour at the Port Royal Sound Foundation Maritime Center. You'll find turtles and many exhibits related to the wildlife of Port Royal Sound there.

Turn turtle

Formerly an oyster canning factory, the **Port Royal Sound Foundation Maritime Center** between Bluffton and Beaufort works to protect the unique ecosystem which calls the sound home. Admission is free for a self-guided tour through the center, which features observation tanks filled with creatures, including turtles. Some programs allow children to feed the diamondback terrapin. To immerse yourself in the wildlife, be sure to go on a kayak tour that leaves from the center and takes you down the Chechessee River.





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Save the turtles

Learn all about the amazing journey of loggerhead sea turtles from eggs to adulthood and say hello to Myrtle, a live diamondback terrapin, at the **Coastal Discovery Museum** on Hilton Head Island. The Kids Zone features interactive turtle exhibits, puzzles, games and loggerhead bones. Don't forget to ask about the Adopt-a-Nest program. Adopters receive updates on the loggerhead sea turtle nest they adopt throughout the nesting season. Many turtle talks and lectures are held throughout the year.







Go to sea

Variety is not in short supply at the **Tybee Island Marine Science Center**. There's a constant stream of different creatures at the center's Coastal Georgia Gallery because after catching and exhibiting them, the center releases them. A program called Turtle Talk is available to groups and includes a walk on the beach, along with excavating a mock nest. While you're there, meeting Ike the sea turtle is a must before he heads out to sea. He was just a hatchling when he came to the center but is now set to be released in the Gulf Stream in a few months.

Turtlely awesome

If you're looking for a good reason to drive to Jekyll Island, make tracks for the **Georgia Sea Turtle Center**. It's the only center solely dedicated to sea turtles in Georgia. The center is all about educating visitors on the behavior of sea turtles, as well as the potential threats that affect them. Presentations, hospital tours and patient feedings all give visitors an inside look at the lives of recovering sea turtles. Be sure to sign up for an evening Turtle Walk on the beach for a chance to see a nesting mother loggerhead sea turtle.





Say shello

The South Carolina Aquarium Sea Turtle Care Center in Charleston is hard at work to protect sea turtles. You can get an up-close look at how they are helping through the Zucker Family Sea Turtle Recovery experience. Aquarium guests can check out the recovery center that houses sea turtle patients. Follow them on social media to find out about public releases of recovered sea turtles. While you're there, don't forget to say hello to Caretta, the Great Ocean Tank's 220-pound sea turtle.



CRUSH
This 150-year-old sea turtle is young at heart with a laid-back surfer dude attitude. The only thing he loves more than riding the EAC is his son, Squirt.

Turtle power

*We couldn't print a turtle issue without honoring a few **radical reptiles**.*



MASTER OOGWAY
This elderly tortoise created kung fu and developed the Dragon Warrior legend but is most respected for his wisdom. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the present."



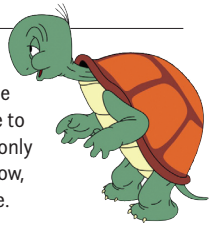
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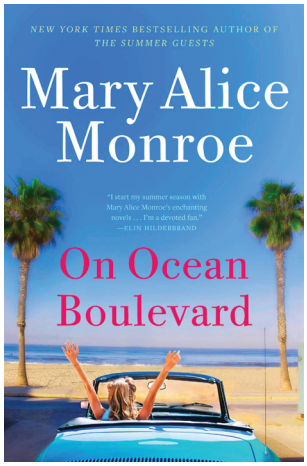
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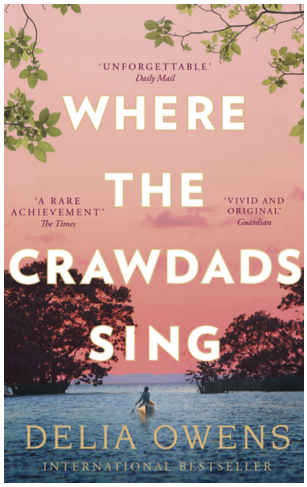
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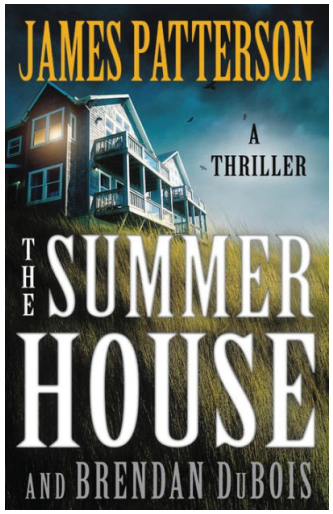
ON OCEAN BOULEVARD

Mary Alice Monroe Is synonymous with sea turtle preservation. She is an active Lowcountry conservationist, and it's often a theme in her books set on Isle of Palms. On Ocean Boulevard, the sixth book in her Beach House series, is no exception. Cara Rutledge has witnessed a lot throughout her time at her adorable island cottage. She has found meaningful work at the aquarium, is devoted to turtle rescue and is planning a wedding. Her niece, Linnea, returns from California, joining her parents who are building a new house. All this comes to a stop when a major illness strikes the family. Monroe weaves a tale of the turtles returning to the island to begin anew, akin to the Rutledge family strength at weathering this new storm in their lives.



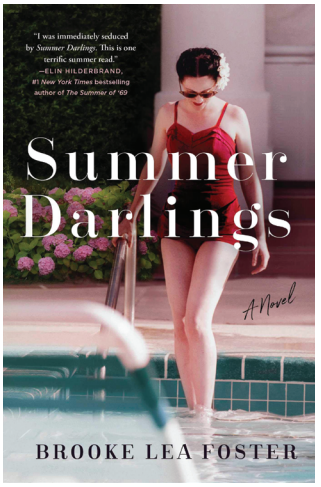
WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING

Delia Owens has written a historical fiction love story to the North Carolina Coast. A coming-of-age tale that follows young Kya as she describes how first her mother left, then her siblings, then finally her drunken father as she is left alone in a shack on the marsh. With no formal schooling and only the kindness of the local marine gas station owner and his wife, Kya learns to survive and educate herself about the natural wildlife around her through drawings. When a local acquaintance of Kya's is found dead, Kya becomes a suspect based on her strange existence. Part murder mystery, part naturalist mini-course, part love story, it is an endearing anecdote of the beauty found in the coastal marshes.



THE SUMMER HOUSE

James Patterson and ***Brendan DuBois*** have teamed up for a beach read sizzler set in Georgia. A former lavish lakeside getaway has become the scene of a grisly mass murder. As eyewitnesses point to four Army Rangers, the Army sends Major Jeremiah Cook to investigate. When it appears local law enforcement is trying to mislead them and bury the truth, the Major must battle more than the heat to find answers of what really happened in the summer house. Pack a lunch and plenty of sunscreen because you won't be able to put this crime drama down!



SUMMER DARLINGS

A debut novel by ***Brooke Lea Foster***. On Martha's Vineyard in 1962, the scene is set before commercial airlines, women in politics and Jaws hit the island. Wellesley College student Heddy Winsome is spending the summer as a nanny for an exceptionally well-off family. All is quite glamorous and fun until her academic scholarship disappears and she scrambles to come up with a plan to pay her tuition. Immersing herself in the social circles that might serve her best, she soon learns not everything is as wonderful as it seems. The historical fiction allows a peek into the wealthy Vineyard lifestyle in the early '60s.



RED, WHITE & ROYAL BLUE

Casey McQuistion has written a debut that is funny, fresh and light-hearted in its current day alternate universe depiction. The current president is female and up for re-election and her two children, Alex and June, have been enlisted to help on the campaign. They, along with their best friend, Nora, the Veep's granddaughter, make up the White House trio. They are early 20s, brilliant, beautiful and a marketing gold mine for the campaign. When Alex and the Prince of Wales get into a scuffle at a royal wedding, damage-control demands they pretend to be friends. When their disdain turns to actual friendship, then more, they are playing with an international scandal time bomb.



BIG SUMMER

In this novel by ***Jennifer Weiner***, Daphne Berg is a successful plus-size influencer on social media. She struggled with her body image in high school, including losing her best friend, Drue, over a cruel fat-shaming video. Six years later Drue appears out of nowhere and insists she be her maid-of-honor in her glamorous, over-the-top wedding on Cape Cod. The complexities of female friendships, body image and social media are all addressed in this drama, along with an unexpected plot twist that I won't spoil for you.



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MORE ABOUT LINDURA

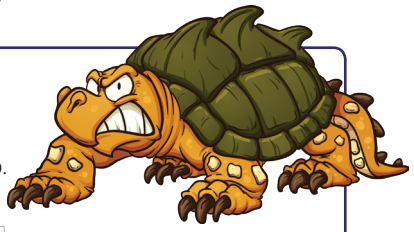
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ADOPTION UPDATE

We are happy to report all dogs LOCAL Life has featured in 2019 and 2020 have been adopted. *Muffin and Buddy (May issue) were adopted together! Have you adopted one of our featured pets? Send a photo of your new friend having fun to info@wearelocallife.com.*

Official Mensa® Challenge

Answers are available on LocalLifeSC.com/Mensa



Do you think you're smart enough to know ALL the answers? Well then 'snap' to it!

1. Go from FAIL to PASS in only four steps, changing one letter at a time and making a common English word at each step.

FAIL → _ _ _ _ → _ _ _ _ → _ _ _ _ → PASS

2. The following puzzle consists of a proverb with all its vowels removed. The remaining letters have been broken into groups of four. Put back the vowels to find the proverb.

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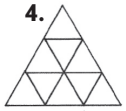
3. The coiled sentence on the right contains an idea that every motorist agrees with. Start at the right spot and move, letter by letter, in any direction to find the sentence.

3.

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4. How many triangles are in the drawing on the right?

4.



5. First unscramble the letters in each word below, then unscramble the word order to figure out the "quote." Queen Elizabeth the First:

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[LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS]

1. *two girls and three boys. G + 1 = 3(G-1).* ***2.*** *DRAPERIES and DESPAIRER. The missing letter is "S."* ***3.*** *a) cries, scribe b) regal, garble c) atlas, basalt d) yearn, nearby* ***4.*** *a) warts, straw b) evil, live c) ward, draw d) step, pets* ***5.*** *CHEDDAR, ROQUEFORT, LIMBURGER*

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Nonprofit Spotlight

Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island



MISSION

Monitor Hilton Head Island beaches for sea turtle nesting and hatching activity annually, May through October, promote the existence of these endangered species and spread awareness of their struggle through public education and outreach.



TEAM TURTLE Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island monitors sea turtle nests on local beaches.

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HISTORY

Sea Turtle Patrol HHI has been a state nonprofit since 1997, organized by the late Ed Drane, sea turtle enthusiast and town planner for Hilton Head. In February 2018, the all-volunteer organization was promoted to a 501c3 nonprofit to accept larger donations to support the program.

WHOM IT HELPS

It helps preserve the sea turtle population through nest identification, relocation and protection. This activity is not possible without a permit from the SC Department of Natural Resources. The data collected by STPHHI allows the state agency to monitor the nesting population in the state. STPHHI also contributes to a study through the University of Georgia by sampling DNA from every nest to identify each female that nests on our beach and to identify her female relatives. Community outreach based on sea turtle conservation has been growing with special projects and groups that support STPHHI such as Turtle Trackers.

HOW TO HELP

Donate to Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island or join Turtle Trackers (another 501c3 developed to support patrol with education and outreach) in their efforts to educate the public about sea turtle preservation. Pick up trash that can entangle or be ingested by sea turtles, fill holes that may entrap hatchlings on the beach, remove personal property from the beach at dusk to prevent obstacles for nesting sea turtles and use red flashlights so that sea turtles will not be distracted and be misled. *LL*

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THESE MAJESTIC SEA CREATURES COME TO OUR SHORES EVERY YEAR TO LAY EGGS BEFORE VANISHING BACK INTO THE DEEP. BUT HOW MUCH DO WE REALLY KNOW ABOUT THEM?

STORY BY BARRY KAUFMAN



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Ours are unique

You might think that when it comes to sea turtles, they are pretty much the same all over. These are, after all, animals that travel far and wide when they are not returning to shore to nest. However, years of genetic testing have shown that the sea turtles arriving on our shores are fundamentally different from populations elsewhere, like the Florida Panhandle or the Yucatan.

In addition to genetic markers, there are physical differences that separate a South Carolina turtle. "Ours are bigger and have a higher domed shell," said Sally Murphy, creator of South Carolina's sea turtle program.

Their eggs are a top priority

There are numerous reasons why a mother coming ashore to make a nest should be left alone. She has traveled hundreds of miles to the region where she was hatched and is ready to lay lots and lots of eggs.

"When they build up enough fat stores, they know they can nest again. They're not feeding during migration, and not feeding during the nesting season," said Murphy. "They have a rigid shell and it's just too full of developing eggs. There's not enough room in there for a full stomach."

Hence, the two to three years that a female must have between re-nestings. Burning through your body fat while laying up to 500 eggs a season will take it out of anyone.

You'll know the tracks when you see them

Loggerheads are not the only animals enjoying our beaches. Beyond tourists, there are numerous sea birds, raccoons, crabs and the occasional alligator that traverse the sand during all hours of the day. As such, there are a slew of different tracks. But turtle tracks stand out, because they are gigantic.

"People will send me a picture of a track maybe a foot wide, saying, 'A sea turtle nested last night,'" said Amber Kuehn, head of Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island. "Their track is going to be two to three feet wide and you're going to notice it. Most people don't understand how big a sea turtle is."

They aren't as loyal as you think...

There's a common misconception that turtles will return each year to the beach where they were hatched. While they certainly can "sense" what general region they are in based on a magnetic signature within the Earth's magnetic field, they often don't return to the same exact spot where they were born.

"This whole business about turtles coming back to the beach where they were born is a romantic myth," said Murphy. "They may switch beaches even within the same nesting season." In fact, our distinct population of sea turtles can create nests in upwards of five different spots per season within the general boundaries of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

... Except for Myrtle

While sea turtles tend to be pretty variable about which beach they choose, there's at least one sea turtle with a special affinity for Hilton Head.

"We have a turtle who nests on Hilton Head, and she lays up to eight nests in a season," said Kuehn. "Myrtle," as she is called, is tracked by her unique genetic identifier and has laid hundreds of eggs on our island. Sea Turtle Patrol HHI even erected a sculpture and put up a plaque honoring Myrtle, before an unruly group of visitors took a hammer to it.

Artist Mira Scott painted a second Myrtle statue, with all of her Hilton Head Island hatchlings depicted crawling up her shell toward the moon in a dark sky. The original sculpture will be donated to the Sandbox Children's Museum opening in the new Celebration Park. There will be a new sculpture presented each year.

You really, really shouldn't dig deep holes

One of the biggest battles won in recent years to protect sea turtles is the Town of Hilton Head Island's ban on dig-

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NEST EGGS
Loggerheads lay an average of 120 eggs per nest. The eggs incubate for 50-60 days.



ging holes deeper than one foot with the additional requirement that it be filled in before leaving the beach. Not only do these craters potentially trap hatchlings as they make their way to the water, they are also a hazard to beachgoers who may stumble upon them on a night time beach walk.

"With good intentions, some people dig trenches from the nest to the surf, hoping to direct the path of the hatchlings toward the water as they emerge, and what that does is create a funnel for water into the nest as the tide comes in," said Kuehn. "They drown. Water can go over a nest as long as it passes over and trickles down. In heavy rain or king tide, that's when it fills, and we'll lose a nest."

The future is female

Recent studies into sea turtle nests have discovered some astonishing new information that could have huge ramifications for the future of the species. Around day 40 (during the middle trimester of incubation), the embryos will begin to differentiate their gender. If the temperature stays above 95 degrees consistently, the nest will overheat and fail. And if the temperature happens to be above 82.4 degrees throughout the nest at that pivotal 40-day mark, the whole nest will become female. Cooler nests produce males.

And that fine-grained sand on the south end? It's great for drainage, but not as good at insulation, resulting in a slightly higher incubation temperature. The initial results of a three-year, SCDNR permitted study conducted by Kuehn, reveals that the five nests equipped with temperature loggers in 2019 were female biased despite sand type.

"If the temperature happens to be above 82.4 degrees throughout the nest at that pivotal 40-day mark, the whole nest will become female. Cooler nests produce males."

"Fine sand incubates at a higher temperature," said Kuehn. "We are trying to find where on our beach is most successful for incubation and sex ratios. In the future, it is possible that we'll have to adjust where we put nests or try to cool them based on directives from SCDNR. You have to have males."

Tricky tides

Due to natural erosion, the tides affect each beach differently. As a result, nest proximity to the water can change, allowing the tides to inundate them.

"Sea turtles don't know high tide versus low tide. Whenever eggs are ready to be laid, they have to release them," said Kuehn. If that time coincides with a low tide, they have a long, labored walk to reach the dry sand. It would be so convenient for them to be able to pick high tide for a short walk to their nest site. (There is some evidence that they do this on Georgia beaches.) And because sea turtles will lay when they encounter warm, dry sand, irrespective of the variable tides, they could wind up creating their nest well below the spring high tide on full or new moons, the highest tides of the month. Add in rising waters from the change in sea level, and you have particularly bad conditions at the north and south ends of the island.

We know which ones keep coming back

When a new nest is discovered, Sea Turtle Patrol staff will retrieve a single egg. The egg shell is transferred into a vial labeled with a nest number, which is sent to Dr. Brian Shamblin's lab at the University of Georgia for genetic testing. From there, scientists can analyze the DNA to track the eggs to a specific individual female, not to mention that female's forebears.

"Over the years with all these samples coming in, they have now tracked grandmothers, mothers and daughters," said Murphy. In several cases, scientists have documented two grandmother sea turtles that still return to South Carolina beaches to nest. "Which means they're at least 90 years old," added Murphy. LL

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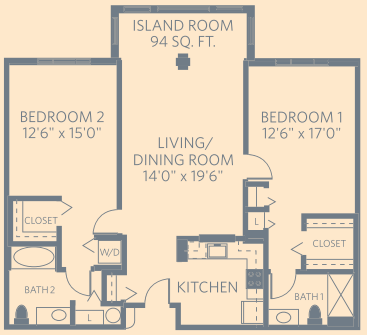
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What makes it local



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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*

Opportunity and adventure await

And now, after 22 years as a teacher and 22 more as an administrator, I have decided to transition into a new chapter in my life and retire at the end of this school year. I do not know for sure what the future holds, but I do know that my life's work is not yet complete and that my belief in the development of individuals and communities will lead me to my next challenge and opportunity."

— RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT, MAY 2013



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LOCAL SINCE 1984 Jackie Rosswurm is the interim president and CEO of Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

Yes, about seven years ago I retired, knowing that I was not done working, but not knowing what the future would bring. I arrived on Hilton Head Island in June 1984, an experienced teacher, with 16 years under my belt, who had not yet applied for a teaching job. Like so many, I had vacationed here several times with friends when finally, my dear friend, Peggy May, and I decided to make the move and live where we loved to play.

At that time the island was very quiet and far from being developed by today's standards. The fresh and new and young and alive atmosphere was filled with a sense of opportunity and adventure because of the interesting and hard-working people who also called this place home.

I did teach that fall of 1984, and the many years that followed found me as a teacher; a principal; a chief advisor to the state superintendent; a charter school advocate; agitator and director; the head of human resources and finally, before retiring, the acting superintendent for the Beaufort County School District.

And now in this new chapter in my life, I find that so many things still hold true here. The fresh and new and young and alive atmosphere, although different, is still filled with a sense of opportunity and adventure because of the interesting and hard-working people who continue to call this place home. The development of organizations around a common goal still flourishes here. As a founding member of the Turtle Trackers of Sea Pines, I have watched us grow in a few short years from seven members in Sea Pines to now over 300 island wide. We give our time and talents in order to make this community more than it would be without this support.

In recently becoming the interim president and CEO of Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, I once again see the common thread of that "Hilton Head Island local spirit." The alive atmosphere, as it continues to evolve, is still filled with a sense of opportunity because of the people who call this place home. And even in this difficult time of COVID 19, like-minded people find a way to continue to come together to focus on varying causes that need support.

So as I recall the past and anticipate the future, I know the "local spirit" that drew me here over 30 years ago, with all its excitement and intrigue, has and will always make me proud to call this island my home. *LL*



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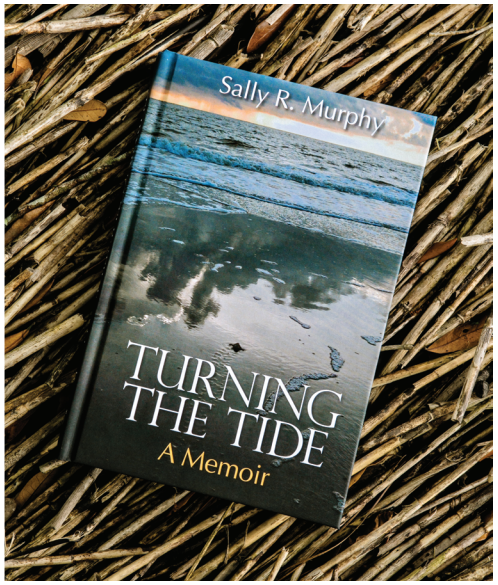
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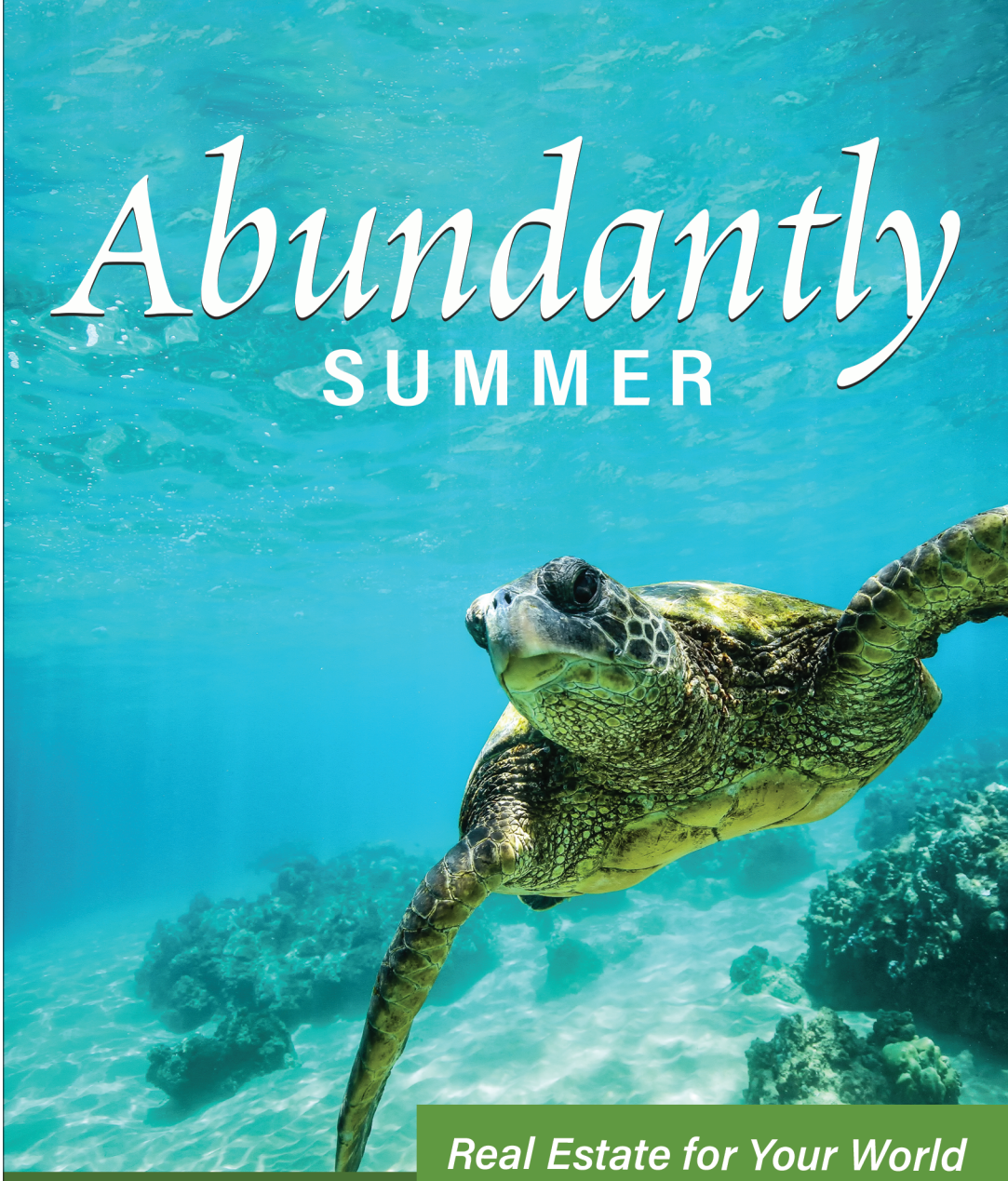
Faces of sea turtle conservation

MEET THREE WOMEN WHO HAVE DEVOTED THEIR LIVES TO OUR SHORE'S MOST FASCINATING VISITORS.

STORY BY BARRY KAUFMAN
PHOTOGRAPHY BY LISA STAFF

As the nesting season returns to Hilton Head Island, our thoughts once again turn to our area's most fascinating visitors: sea turtles. Sneaking in under cover of darkness, these mammoth creatures accomplish the impossible, dragging their 300-pound-plus frames across the sand and digging nests using flippers better suited for water than earth, all in the hopes of continuing their species.

Impossibly fragile, these nests sit just below the sand, often mere feet away from jubilant tourists basking in the sun. After a couple of months these nests erupt into a swarm of babies who must return to the water at their most vulnerable state. It is a delicate ballet of life, one where anything can go wrong and cut off a lineage of sea creatures that stretches back 80 million years. Preserving that line is critical. ***Thankfully, there are locals like these who have made it their mission.***



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Amber Kuehn

TURTLE LADY OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Given the time of year and the recent upswing in sea turtle nests on Hilton Head Island, it's amazing that Amber Kuehn had time to be interviewed for this story.

She is, after all, largely the face of preserving sea turtles on the island. While she is quick to defer credit to the army of volunteers that comprise Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island and Turtle Trackers, she was the one who brought them together. The Turtle Trackers group began with Kuehn and five women from Sea Pines sweeping the beach for holes and trash four years ago. There are now seven chapters across the island, representing nearly 350 volunteers.

And she's not leading from behind – you'll find her and her Sea Turtle Patrol volunteer staff on the beach at 5 a.m. during the nesting season, searching for tracks that lead from the ocean to the dunes and marking nests to protect them against beachgoers.

It's something she's been doing for the last 14 years, and this year you'll find her profile as the island's "turtle lady" only rising. That's thanks to a new town effort to educate visitors on measures they can take to protect turtles.

"They're going to put an educator on the beach from noon to 5 p.m., five days a week, going zone to zone talking to people about the consequences of leaving holes on the beach," she said. "And that person will be me."

A fourth-generation Blufftonian who was piloting a boat on the May River at the age of 12, Kuehn is uniquely qualified for her new role as educator. Beyond a Master's Degree in marine biology and a career that took her from Florida to Maui and back to





LIFETIME LOCAL
When she's not leading Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island, fourth-generation Bluffton resident Amber Kuehn runs an ecology tour boat company, Spartina Marine Education Charters. She enjoys spending time outside working in the yard or boating on the river and spending time with her two golden retrievers, Makai and Mauka.



the Lowcountry, she exudes an enthusiasm for the sea creatures that call our area home. She's also put in the hours, starting out in the '90s on four wheelers as she meticulously combed the beach for tracks and nests, May through October.

These days, Sea Turtle Patrol HHI has upgraded to a Jeep Commander and coordination through GPS technology, thanks to an outpouring of support from the community. It's also expanded its focus, with the help of Turtle Trackers, to help craft town policy on protecting sea turtles and setting a new standard for sea turtle-friendly homes. Her group recently did a makeover on a Forest Beach house to show homeowners how a few simple changes could help keep turtles safe.

"(The house) used to be the worst offender on the beach," she said. After a few new light fixtures, bulbs, dimmers and shields, the popular rental property still allows guests to enjoy a night on the oceanfront terrace without distracting hatchlings from returning to the sea. "We've had no misorientations at that property since, and it's been a year."

It's a good example to set, especially now as the number of nests begin to increase.

"We used to think we were doing well if we broke 100 nests a season," she said. "Now, it's not out of the ordinary for us to get between 300-400."

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Dawn Brut

A TIRELESS SEA TURTLE EDUCATOR

The first step in protecting the sea turtles that call our area home is learning more about them. And for many of our local youngsters, that education begins with the programs at the Coastal Discovery Museum.

"We see lots of kids; around 8,000 school-aged kids either here or at their school," said Dawn Brut, curator of education at Coastal Discovery Museum. Under her watch, the museum's educational programs have expanded throughout Beaufort County, with in-school workshops teaching conservation and public programs at the museum taking a deep dive into the threats facing our local turtles.

"Kids learn about things that directly and indirectly affect turtles," she said. "They learn about how trash winds up in our water, but they also do trash collection, and make art out of trash."

That art will be on display in the museum's gallery during July and August, marking just a few of what Brut calls the "ooh and aah moments" that define a child's understanding of our native sea life. "We have these life-sized cutouts in the Discovery Lab, and during the education program, the kids see just how big these sea turtles are."

It's a career that was first sparked when Brut was at summer camp in her native Pennsylvania as a child. During one of the environmental education programs the camp put on, Brut found her calling. "The 'Nature Lady' was amazing and was so excited about it," she said. "I just wanted to be her, and when I grew up, I just stuck with it."

That passion took her from the Steel City to the shores of North Carolina, where the ecosystem of salt and sand became her new home. "I absolutely fell in love with the coast," she said. "It's a whole new world of life."





LOCAL SINCE 2013 When Dawn Brut is not planning workshops and public programs at the Coastal Discovery Museum, she enjoys hiking, biking, gardening, wildlife photography and kayaking.

From there, the unique ecosystem of the Lowcountry beckoned, and Brut answered. She now enjoys one of the rarest privileges on earth – doing something she absolutely loves. "I'm such a nature nerd. When I'm not at work, I'm outside doing something," she said. "I was traveling with a friend and kept looking for fun outdoor things to do. My friend told me, 'You're the only person I know who does the same thing with their free time that they do as work.'"

But it's not all exploring the salt marshes, streams and shoreline of the Lowcountry. Equally important to Brut is educating others. Whether it's in a classroom, at the museum or in private events for clubs and organizations throughout the region, the message is the same.

"It's important for people to know they can do something that can make a difference. People feel overwhelmed by all the things they're being asked to do," she said. "Saving the planet seems very big. But if people pick small things to do, it becomes very easy. One small change at a time, that's what I leave them with. Pick one small thing you can do to protect the environment."



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Prior to joining CIGHH Terry was owner of an insurance education and consulting firm.

Terry continues to accept national and international speaking engagements. In his spare time Terry is also recognized by Federal and State courts as an expert on insurance coverages and serves as an expert witness.

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Sally Murphy

A PIONEER IN TURTLE CONSERVATION

There are moments that shaped Sally Murphy's journey to becoming one of the living legends of sea turtle conservation. Some of them are clearly defined, singular moments that signaled the next step for her. Some of them evolved at an almost imperceptibly slow pace, echoing the generational gap between saving a hatchling sea turtle and seeing that same creature return to the shore to dig its own nest 30 years later.

The first of those clearly defined moments came in April 1970 when Murphy experienced the first Earth Day. Prior to that, she'd been just another kid raised along the Georgia waterways, swimming and playing in the Vernon River at Rose Dhu, just outside of Savannah.

"I guess the term nowadays is 'river rat,'" she said. "We all were."

And then came Earth Day, and the love she had for our native ecosystem came into sharper focus. "I was a biology and chemistry teacher at Jenkins High School," she said. "There were lots of magazine articles about things that were happening to the environment at the time, such as rivers catching fire. I took my chemistry class to that first celebration, and that's where it started."

Her journey from there is beautifully documented in her memoir, "Turning the Tide," published by Evening Post Books in Charleston. As far as the pivotal moments, however, you have to acknowledge what she achieved just a few years out of school. Following undergraduate work at Armstrong State and earning her master's degree from University of South Carolina, she worked for the South Carolina wildlife department as an environmental educa-



tion specialist working with schools. "The thing is, I didn't want to live in Columbia. I wanted to be back on the coast. So I asked the director of the Marine Division if he would create a job for me in Charleston," she said.

Her request was granted, and her rise was accelerated by the passage of the Endangered Species Act in 1973, which provided funding to the state for endangered species work. Moving to the coast, Murphy started the first sea turtle program in the state. Across the country, anyone in conservation shortly knew about the work she was doing to save the turtles.

And that brings us to a moment that could easily be lost in the shuffle of listing Murphy's many accolades and achievements. That singularly magical moment was when she saw her first sea turtle in 1977. "It was a 300-pound female on the beach nesting. She was so heavy out of the water, just dragging herself up the shore. She looked like she was crying, but it was really salt excretion. But she had that aura," she said. That aura was bio-luminescent plankton on her shell. "It was just a twinkling, starry night on her carapace. If you rubbed your finger down her shell, it just made a glowing trail down her back."

Not all moments are as magical. When Murphy was among the first to identify trawler nets as a major hazard for turtles, the requirement she pioneered to add turtle excluder devices (TEDs) to nets was met by, let's say, resistance. "I was hung in effigy by shrimpers in Beaufort County."

Good or bad, these moments weave together the story of a true pioneer in saving our sea turtles. She is now retired, but as we see more sea turtle nests protected, we can truly appreciate her efforts. *LL*

LOCAL SINCE 1996 Sally Murphy and her husband Tom bought their property on Huspah Creek in 1988, but didn't move here until 1996. When not raising awareness for turtles, she enjoys volunteering for Heroes on Horseback in Bluffton, working with Friends of Gardens Corner and reading with the Sheldon Book Club.

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CELEBRITY CONNECTION

The next Olympics? Molly Solomon has it covered, literally

COLLETON RIVER CLUB MEMBER HEADS NBC OLYMPICS AND GOLF CHANNELS

STORY BY LISA ALLEN

Molly Solomon stands out in the world of sports for several reasons. First, she's been with the NBCUniversal for 30 years, a rare tenure in any industry. Second, she was the first woman in charge of a national sports network and now she's in charge of two. Third, not sports related but distinctive, she is the mother of triplets. Solomon, 52, her husband, Geoff Russell, and their three children split their time between Orlando and their home in Colleton River Club. She recently told LOCAL Life about her career and her love of the Lowcountry.



CARRYING THE TORCH Molly Solomon is filling Jim Bell's longtime role of overseeing Olympics production for NBC in 2021.

"It's a great life lesson: to continue to move forward. Life isn't perfect; it's a process."

[LOCAL LIFE] You graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1990, with a B.S. in international politics. How did you go from that to sports? [Molly Solomon] I always wanted to work in sports journalism in some capacity since I was a teen. I chose to attend Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service because I had gone to high school overseas and was intrigued by all that GU offered academically. It was very much an international university. I worked sports internships on weekends and during the summer and was able to build up a pretty robust resume for a college kid. After my senior year, I cold called NBC Sports, found a way to get my resume to the right person and ended up with a job as an Olympic Researcher for the 1992 Olympics. I've now been with the company for nearly 30 years.

[LL] What is the number one rule for doing live TV? [MS] Be flexible and work in the moment. Production teams head into every event with a plan, but you have to be ready for the storyline to change and move with it.

[LL] What is one lesson from early in your career that you have carried with you ever since? For example, I learned early on to take notes in pencil because ink runs if your notebook gets wet. [MS] You have to rebound from mistakes and disappointment quickly! In the course of a live telecast, not every decision works out. You have to move forward and continue without kicking yourself for a technical glitch or production mistake. It's a great life lesson: to continue to move forward. Life isn't perfect; it's a process.

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LOCAL SINCE 2010 Molly Solomon, her husband Geoff Russell and their triplets (Jonathan, Alexandra and Madeleine) own a home on the Jack Nicklaus Course at Colleton River Club.

[LL] It's certainly conjecture at this point, but what lasting effect of the pandemic do you see in sports? **[MS]** We are just beginning to plan for the reinstatement of sports. There are so many questions about crowds returning and how to keep players and our production teams safe. I think the public will be patient as the sports world plans the move forward. Television productions involve huge personnel and technical footprints, and now we are planning for fewer people in order to keep everyone safe.

[LL] What was the biggest surprise of having to halt planning for this summer's Olympics? **[MS]** When the Olympics were postponed, the pandemic was continuing to rise worldwide. We believe the postponement will build anticipation for the first global gathering since the world shutdown. The Olympic flame can provide the light at the end of this very dark tunnel.

[LL] The Golf Channel continues to set viewership records. Why do you think that is? **[MS]** Golf Channel is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Our co-founder Arnold Palmer realized the potential for a 24/7 single sports network, the first of its kind. When you look back at this prescient endeavor, it inspired the television sports landscape that "super serves" fans with a plethora of sport-specific offerings like NFL Network, Tennis Channel, NBATV and MLB Network.

[LL] Tennis is considering tournaments that include both genders. Do you see that happening in golf? **[MS]** Mixed gender events are taking hold in many different sports. We'll see men and women competing together next year in the Tokyo Olympics in swimming and track relay events. Several mixed gender events were planned in professional golf as well this year, but unfortunately were postponed or cancelled. I hope it's a trend for the sport.

[LL] You could have chosen anywhere for a second home. Why Hilton Head? **[MS]** We love the Lowcountry vibe, from the marsh views to the live oak canopies. Our family travels to South Carolina from Florida several times a year. Each time, we find an intriguing new restaurant on the Island or on the main street in Bluffton. The golf was particularly a strong draw. We are pretty fanatical golfers, and we quickly realized how fun yet challenging the Nicklaus and Dye layouts were at Colleton River. To have two completely different kinds of layouts as your home course is incredibly satisfying. We are blessed.

[LL] How did you discover Colleton River? **[MS]** My husband visited Colleton River when it first opened in the early 1990s and fell in love with the area and, of course, the golf. Sixteen years ago, he brought me to his "favorite place" and we bought a lot. Six years later, we traded in the lot for a house and we live(d) happily ever after.

[LL] Which course is your favorite? **[MS]** I like the diversity of the Dye and Nicklaus courses, but if you forced me to choose — I prefer the Nick. We have some great family memories of sneaking out onto the 2nd hole behind our backyard and playing "barefoot" golf with 10 people, walking and carrying their clubs. The music is blaring, the solo cups are filled and our hearts are brimming. South Carolina represents great times and happy family memories for us, Fourth of July and Thanksgiving with the rooms overflowing with relatives and friends. *LL*

MORE ABOUT MOLLY SOLOMON

Titles: Executive producer and president of NBC Olympics (since 2019); executive producer and senior vice president, production and operations for Golf Channel (since 2012)

What's she in charge of regarding Olympic coverage? All of it, from Opening Ceremony, to athletic profiles to live sports coverage to Closing Ceremony.

Number of Olympics she has helped produce for NBC Sports: 10

Number of Emmy awards won: 11

Local connection: She and her family have a home in Colleton River Club

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MARKETING EXECUTIVE AND ICE CREAM MAN JEFFREY LOBB OFFERS ADVICE FOR SUCCESS

STORY BY EDDY HOYLE













LOCAL SINCE 2015 Palmetto Bluff resident Jeff Lobb is shown with his wife, Bay, and Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry's fame. The Lobbs own the Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop in Old Town Bluffton.

Jeffrey Lobb spent his career as a marketing executive in both Canada and the US with such companies as Walmart, Nestle, and Pepsi Cola where he rose to vice president of marketing. Pepsi sent Lobb to South Carolina in 1991 for two years and that's when the Lobbs vowed to return.

"I have too much energy to retire," Lobb said. "I always worked at big companies and always thought I'd be good at owning my own business. It's a different skill set where I can use what I learned." So three years ago, Lobb opened Ben & Jerry's on the Promenade in Bluffton. "I wanted to be associated with a strong brand that is the best. Ben & Jerry's was founded by two activists who were authentic. They wanted to drive social change and that authenticity can't be faked. Now I'm in the 'memories' business. Generations of customers come in and share stories about their Ben & Jerry's experiences back home. It's all about engagement and fun. And I can work in shorts and flip flops."

Lobb's wife of 38 years, Bay, is also involved in this venture. They bought land in the Lowcountry in 2006 and moved into their Palmetto Bluff home in 2015. "It's so fantastic to live and work in a place like this," Lobb said. "And there's so much to get involved in. I love the outdoors — we kayak, golf, fish, play tennis and paddleboard." **Here are his tips for success.**

Keys to Success

1. Avoid an expensive hobby. Lobb advises that if you want to start a business, assess the market potential and create a business plan. "It's your capital and your reputation, so understand the viability of the business. At the end of the day, it's your decision. Do your homework so it's a prudent risk. You want to avoid having your business turn into an expensive hobby."

2. Exceed expectations. "It's imperative to exceed customers' expectations on every level using all five senses," Lobb stated. Your place of business should be clean, it should smell good and what customers see when they come in should be interesting and pleasing. The ambiance should be an environment that when customers come in, they really enjoy it. "We have reclaimed wood, speakers in the ceiling, and décor that reflects our brand but with a Lowcountry flavor."

3. Obsess about your staff. "When customers come in, I only have one question. How was the service?" Lobb said. "You only get what you pay for, so compensate your staff well. Train well, be a mentor, and when you hire, look for a size 10 personality. Create a great team. It's all about your people."

4. Nobody knows everything. Lobb said it's important to recognize both your strengths and your weaknesses. We all avoid tasks we don't like or don't understand. "My wife takes over for me with doing the books, for example. You must value what you're not good at and get a plan in place to overcome your weaknesses," he said.

5. Think like a local. "Develop a local business network," Lobb said. "It behooves me to know my community and become involved. We have a great Chamber of Commerce and business associations. I'm not from here, so networking accelerates our ability to grow the business." LL

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GET IN GREAT SHAPE WHILE HAVING FUN ON A STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD.

STORY BY J.L. THOMPSON + PHOTOGRAPHY BY JOHN BATSON



Stand-up paddleboarding is one of the most popular water sports here, and for good reason. It's not only fun, it's also a great way to get out and enjoy many beautiful Lowcountry landscapes. It is a great way to get and stay in shape. Paddleboarding has many proven fitness benefits and is well worth doing, just for the fitness benefits alone. It is easier to get fit paddleboarding than many other forms of exercise because it is so much more enjoyable. There are certainly many less fun and interesting ways to stay in shape. ***Here is what it can do for your body.***

Full body workout

Stand-up paddleboarding works out almost every major muscle in your body. Your back, shoulders and arms work to propel you forward. Your core muscles are constantly working to help you keep your balance. Your legs work to stabilize you. Paddleboarding will give you a truly thorough workout, and help you build real, functional strength.



SIZE MATTERS To determine the correct paddle size, take the rider's height and add 10 inches. If you're 5-foot-11 (71 inches), you should get a paddle about 81 inches.





Cardio

Paddleboarding really gets your heart rate up. The faster you paddle, the better the cardio value of your session. Paddleboarding can bring down your resting heart rate, lower your blood pressure and heighten your overall fitness level. It will also improve your cardiovascular health, and make you less vulnerable to strokes and heart attacks.

Endurance

Paddleboarding is not something you just do for 10 minutes and then quit. When you go out paddleboarding, you are going on a trip. While you're having fun, you're most likely getting a good half hour of exercise. It is very good for building your endurance.

Balance

Stand-up paddleboarding works wonders at improving your balance. It makes you practice keeping your balance, and it develops the muscles that help you do it. This muscle development will improve your skills at many other exercises and sports. The balance benefits of paddleboarding are even greater if you do stand-up paddleboard yoga, which will push your skills to a whole new level.

Other benefits

- ***Paddleboarding is a low impact exercise.*** If you have problems with your joints but still want to stay in shape, then give paddleboarding a try.
- When you paddleboard, you have a wonderful opportunity to ***get away from all of distractions and aggravations of the modern world*** and replace them with the soothing beauty of the Lowcountry. Paddleboarding is wonderful for reducing your stress.
- ***Paddleboarding is fun***, and when an exercise is fun, you're more likely to actually get up and do it. You might find that paddleboarding motivates you to exercise more often.

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TIPS FROM A LOCAL

Dr. John Batson grew up on the water as a competitive windsurfer and remains an avid water sports enthusiast. He shared a few thoughts on stand-up paddleboarding, one of his favorite pastimes.

- It's a very safe sport and activity for the entire family.
- It offers many health benefits shown in clinical studies (improved balance, improved core strength, improved cardiovascular markers, improved VO2 Max).
- Outside Hilton Head offers SUP sales, rentals, lessons and fitness classes.
- Our local waterways have miles of excellent paddling and many entry points (local boat ramps around Hilton Head Island, Pinckney Island, Bluffton and Beaufort).
- Safety gear checklist: PFD, leash, whistle, sun protection.
- Be aware of boat traffic, currents, winds and oysters. Consider water shoes if around oysters.
- Other possibilities on SUP: Salt marsh trash cleanups, fishing, exploring, yoga and surfing. *LL*





TEST THE WATERS

Paddleboarding is more than just a way to exercise, it's a chance to join a fun and rewarding community of paddleboarding enthusiasts. Many paddleboarders love sharing advice and stories and getting together to pursue the sport. Participating in community events and local races could lead you to make some great new friends. The next race for beginners and advanced paddlers is the OluKai Lowcountry Boil Paddle Battle, set for Sept. 12 at Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks. Last year the No. 1 paddler in the world, ***Seychelle Webster***, was in attendance. To no surprise, she won the female division. The event is part of the Southern Stroke Race Series. Register at paddleguru.com.





3 LOCAL WORKOUT SPOTS THAT BEAT THE GYM

BROAD CREEK, HILTON HEAD ISLAND The tidal nature of this creek means it never stops changing, so you can visit it over and over again without getting bored. It also means fewer worries, as motorboats try to avoid it.

MAY RIVER, BLUFFTON This river runs through the middle of town, so you can be in the hub of all the action and enjoy the water at the same time.

PINCKNEY ISLAND Paddleboard here to see all the flora and fauna – the island is a wildlife refuge.



Great paddle boarding exercises

STORY BY MICHAELA SATTERFIELD

You can adapt your workout to the waves. All you'll need is your paddleboard for these simple exercises. Do as many reps as you can without breaking form.

Squats on the sea

Start with feet hip-width apart, then go into a deep squat. Keep thighs parallel to the board and elbows on knees, while holding the paddle at chest level with palms facing up. To finish, rise up and stand on toes.

Crunch with a twist

Lie on your back on the board, holding the paddle at thighs. Slowly sit up, while keeping abs engaged and bending knees. Then, twist torso to one side. Repeat the beginning steps and twist torso to the other side to complete one rep.

Paddle pulls

Stand sideways on the board, feet wide. Hold out the paddle with left hand on top and right hand two feet below. Keep the tip of the paddle in the water, blade perpendicular to body. Move the blade through the water by twisting torso to one side, then to the other for one rep.

Shoulder splashers

Get in the water and place hands at about the middle of the board, shoulder-width apart. Push down to slowly lift yourself out of the water until arms are straight, then lower body back into the water.

Superman on a paddleboard

Lie face-down on the board and stretch arms in front of you. Raise arms, chest and feet as high as you can, while bringing arms back until elbows are at a 90-degree angle. Hold for one second, then return to start. *LL*

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The surprising flexibility of stone





THE FOLKS AT STONEWORKS SHOW OFF A FEW EYE-CATCHING DESIGNS AND ONE SERIOUSLY COOL TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH.

STORY BY BARRY KAUFMAN

Stone is a material known for its rigidity, both in the literal and figurative sense. When something is set in stone, it is forever immutable. When you're stuck between a rock and a hard place, there's no wiggle room. And there's a reason the undeniable truth beneath the foundation for a whole philosophy is referred to as a cornerstone.

Yet despite its legendary stability, in the right hands stone can be extraordinarily flexible. ***Take the following examples from StoneWorks.*** Whether it's a dramatic fireplace surround, an eye-catching bar amid modern art extravagance or a brand new product that is changing the way you look at kitchens, you're not going to find any moss on the exciting stone projects they are rolling out.



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Kelly Young of StoneWorks with interior designer Gretchen Goss.



MADRE PEARL MASTERPIECE IN LEAMINGTON

If you go to the StoneWorks showroom, you'll notice monitors on the walls displaying a highlight reel of the company's most dazzling projects. As soon as they were finished, there was no question that this Leamington home had made the highlight reel.

"It was just transforming," said Kelly Young. This talented designer from StoneWorks worked hand-in-hand with interior designer Gretchen Goss, helping to reimagine the home as a modern masterpiece. At the center of this design scheme was the lush quartzite madre pearl that runs throughout.

With its lush bands of darks and whites, the quartzite is an organic counterpoint to the crispy whites and metallics that inform the home's modern design scheme. That juxtaposition proved the key to the whole design.

"There isn't any stone in this house that's manmade. It's all from the earth."

"There isn't any stone in this house that's manmade. It's all from the earth," said Young. "It's a very contemporary home, so it has that kind of palette. And the stone works well anywhere – it's not fussy or busy. And they just loved it."

But perhaps the most eye-catching application of the quartzite was in the fireplace, which carries the lines and patterns of the stone to soaring heights. "The fireplace was a challenge," said Young. "Quartzite is heavy... when they first came in, they wanted to do that in one piece."

An inspired design allowed the slab of quartzite to be separated into layers, spaced perfectly with the design of the fireplace to seem like that was the plan all along.

And it was all worth it, to see the natural beauty of stone presented with such dramatic fashion, its natural veins and streaks adding texture and flair to a contemporary design. "It's hard to duplicate something like that with manmade stone."



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Shannon Baltzegar of StoneWorks.

THE FABULOUS FRANKIE BONES

While the cuisine is what made Frankie Bones famous, it's the ambiance that truly sealed the deal. Wrapped in the midcentury majesty of the Rat Pack era, Frankie Bones has a motif that could be described in a single word: Cool.

So when it came time to recreate that Frankie Bones cool in the new location, designer Kelly Caron had her work cut out for her. Having worked on several projects with SERG Group, including Dockside, a refresh at Marley's as well as One Hot Mama's Tap Room and the new Bluffton location, Caron was a perfect fit for the new Frankie Bones.

Working alongside one of her designers, Brianna Owens, they envisioned an update that would take the restaurant into new yet familiar territory.

"We felt like we could bring an old soul, Rat Pack, vibe, but with a little bit more of a modern Hollywood look for Bluffton," said Caron. That meant strong contrasts of black, white and silver, with patterns and textures from pinstripe to herringbone and light fixtures that evoked timeless cool.

The question of what to do with the bar, so prominently placed that it demanded to be a showpiece, was answered during a trip afield for Caron and Owens, with the stark black and white veining of black absolute granite. SERG Group specifically asked Caron to go with StoneWorks for the product and fabrication.

"We took a trip to the Cambria factory, and we got to see that granite in these huge slabs," said Caron. "I said, 'This is it. You can't have another stone.'"

Kelly Young was called in to facilitate installation of Frankie Bones' dazzling bar.

"We put a drip miter edge on it, so it's built up thick. It's a really great look," said Young. "It's very different – more contemporary and sleek. The collaboration of StoneWorks, SERG Group and Kelly Caron Design went great with a stunning impact."

"We felt like we could bring an old soul, Rat Pack, vibe, but with a little bit more of a modern Hollywood look for Bluffton."







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PORCELAIN BRILLIANCE IN SEA PINES

You might look at this marvelous Sea Pines kitchen renovation and think you're seeing marble, or perhaps a thickly grained granite. Appearances, however, can be deceiving.

While these counters might appear every bit as beautiful as natural stone, they actually represent a quantum leap for counter surfaces – porcelain slabs.

"It's actually manufactured in slab sheets," said Brian Baltzegar. "You get a much more consistent look because they're using a print that looks like a very accurate version of a calacatta gold marble, for example. It's very difficult for even an experienced fabricator to tell the difference."

One easy way to tell if it's porcelain slab is to try and stain it. Or scratch it. Or, heck, set it on fire. If it comes out unscathed, it's porcelain slab. The non-porous material is so durable, it can even be used in outdoor applications and never weather.

With this particular project, the homeowner didn't even know porcelain slabs were an option until she paid a visit to Rhonda Schwarz at Stone-Works. "We have a beautiful porcelain slab table in our showroom we'd just fabricated. It's a statement piece," said Schwarz. "She was looking at quartz surfaces at first, but when she came upon this table, her reaction was 'Wow, what is this?'"

With the same fabrication process as quartz, it was a simple process of creating cutouts for the sink and cooktop, then installing it with a honeycombed backer for stability. And while this client chose white, Schwarz points out that another fascinating aspect of porcelain slabs is its infinite variation. "They have some that look like concrete, some that look like wood, marbled, solid colors... It has a lot of uses," she said. "We're looking at doing full-slab showers or bathtub surrounds with porcelain slabs." *LL*

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Make an entrance

THE FOYER IS AN INVITATION INTO YOUR HOME AND, IN MANY CASES, IS THE ONLY PART VISITORS SEE. MAKE A GREAT FIRST IMPRESSION WITH THESE FIVE TIPS FROM LOCAL DESIGNER KELLY CARON.

We all know the phrase, "making an entrance!" Making an entrance for you and your guests into your home is the first intimate moment that sets the tone of the home. ***Here are five ways you can make your entryway design more inviting.***

Kelly Caron (ASID) is principal designer of Kelly Caron Designs. See more of her work at kellycarondesigns.com



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REFLECTION

A mirror is a great way to enhance the scale in a foyer space. If the space is smaller, a mirror will increase the scale. If the space is large with opportunity to reflect another room nearby, then go big in scale. Using reflection as a way to enhance a room makes the invitation into the home more welcoming. ***Mirror:*** *Buford by Made Goods, 42"W x 52"H*

MATERIALS, FINISHES & TEXTURES

Select materials, finishes and textures that are responsive to the rest of your home. The foyer materials and finishes can establish a vibe from which the rest of the home resonates. For example, if you have a Lowcountry home, like this image, you may want to have some local art or an oyster-rimmed mirror for a touch of Lowcountry culture. Glazed pottery lamps offer soft color and texture with and a handmade feel. ***Lamp:*** *Richmond Table Lamp by Currey and Company*

ANTIQUES

The furniture in the entry place does not have to be matchy matchy to anything. I love layering a foyer piece that holds its own character in finish and color. An antique always wins with affection and a good story to go along with it! ***Console:*** *Jensen Console by Sarreid LTD*

RUG OR NO RUG?

Not every foyer needs a big rug; however, a rug in the proper scale softens the foyer and makes it a room. An under-scaled rug in the foyer throws off the balance and harmony in the space. Ask a professional or even a rug shop for guidance.

PERSONALIZE

Personalizing the foyer with an element or artifact that means something to you and your home adds a sense of belonging in the space. A nice professional photo of the family or a special vase with florals add that little personal touch that can be changed with the season. ***Baskets:*** *Made Goods*

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QUARANTINED IN THE QUINTESSENTIAL RETREAT

STORY BY PAULA MAGRINI
PHOTOGRAPHY BY J. SAVAGE GIBSON

Upon arrival at the home of Betsy and Jim Utterback, I'm greeted by two of the most energetic, engaging grandchildren, Imogen and Seamus. They're communicating with walkie talkies but politely pause on their flight down the stairway to chat with an unfamiliar guest. They lead me through the bright beckoning foyer to their grandmother, who is completely unflustered by all the activity surrounding her in the midst of her signature Colleton River Club retreat.

What makes the home a signature production is the fact that Utterback herself has steered all the interior design. While her selections are as measured and deliberate as her theories on transforming house into home, she says the sequence of events following the purchase of the Colleton River property was anything but planned.







"Their home is strategically tucked close to the shoreline so the great room and porch feel virtually surrounded by rippling water and wisps of colorful horizon."

"We intended to gradually transition into our new Lowcountry lifestyle since we had deep roots in Connecticut and were in no rush to sell our Wilton home," she said. In fact, Utterback was immersed in several design projects for her new company, Nod Hill Interiors, while her husband, Jim, was successfully launching a consulting business after years in the pharmaceutical industry. "Little did we know we'd fall so quickly and completely in love with our little piece of the coast," she added.

The attraction is no wonder since the Utterbacks' home site is a unique pie-shaped parcel, flaring to embrace the most breathtaking views of the Colleton River. Their home is strategically tucked close to the shoreline, so the great room and porch feel surrounded by rippling water and wisps of colorful horizon. Sunsets are especially sensational.

"There's no question the home's footprint was limited due to the position of the lot," pointed out Brandon Edwards, partner and operations director at Element Construction. "We applied for a county variance so we could accommodate both the home's outdoor living and swimming pool areas with the water's edge just steps away."

Architect William Court weighs in with his conviction for bringing the outer habitat indoors. "Somehow we balanced the floor plan despite the challenging geometry," he said. "The result is well-proportioned, connected open spaces that flow together for relaxed, casual living, inside and out."

Betsy Utterback realizes now just how critical the thoughtfully calibrated flow of her new retreat was once the country shifted into quarantine mode. About two years after she and Jim moved into their new Colleton home, the Utterbacks' son James, wife Nikki, Imogen and Seamus (my welcoming committee) joined them while working from home and away from the pandemic woes of their Manhattan offices.





FAMILY MATTERS Imogen, Nikki, Seamus, James, Betsy and Jim Utterback will always share a special bond following their Lowcountry quarantine.





WHITE ROOM Their modern white kitchen became a culinary command central during the Utterbacks' quarantine at Colleton River Club.





GET CREATIVE Betsy Utterback encourages mindful floorplans. "If you have a creative side, designate a space for painting, sewing, woodworking ... or simply observing nature's beauty outdoors."



"Suddenly I found myself in the role of round-the-clock hostess, multi-task manager and short-order cook, all wrapped into one," she confessed. Thankfully the home's floor plan has allowed privacy for all parties, from the staggered second-story bedrooms to gracious great room and adjacent mud room and porch. "The bonus room above the garage couldn't provide a more ideal escape for two kids constantly on a mission," Utterback said.

Dwelling on the connectedness Court emphasized, she recalls quarantine days when one minute she was assisting with online home-school sessions and moments later she was serving lunch for five. Nikki, a dedicated architect, filed her projects from one of the upstairs bedrooms while her husband, James, manned the mud room below for Zoom calls and other business communication. Jim also worked from his designated space and occasionally turned mixologist for the family happy hour.

"We made a conscious effort to relax during late afternoons," Utterback explained. "With quarantine restrictions looming, our backyard truly became our favorite (and only) destination." With its manicured gardens and meandering terrace framing the waterside pool, the family couldn't ask for a more serene and secluded default space.

"Everything is perfectly and intentionally positioned in this home, as though Betsy knew exactly how it would all fit together well before installations began," said Andrea Eldred, partner - business development at Element Construction. "Collaborating with her took this custom-build experience to a new level because Betsy's a detailed communicator. Plus she's an extremely intuitive interior designer," Eldred added. "We're always grateful for this kind of positive ending to a project."



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RIGHT FRAME OF MIND More design wisdom from Nod Hill Interiors. "Use windows to frame captivating views and expand your space by bringing the outside in."





When asked to describe her design style, Betsy Utterback said she avoids clichés and, at Colleton, focused on the coastal aspect of her Lowcountry retreat. "I think a home can be light and airy yet still sophisticated." With abundant floor-to-ceiling windows and French doors ensconcing the first level, Utterback's bright color choices pop. Her finish and flooring selections provide textural contrasts, while the vivid artwork selections add elegance. She has a remarkable knack for integrating traditional furnishings with whimsical accents.

"When I think about the last few months, I see parallels between my design approach and the group of six who have called this house 'home and office' throughout the pandemic," Utterback said. "Though full of contrasts, our lifestyles blended together beautifully," Utterback said. Perhaps they offered balance for each other during their quarantine. One conclusion is certain; the family thrived in their versatile new living space. Utterback added that she looks forward to hosting her other two children, Chris and Jenny, and their families. They currently reside on opposite coasts: Chris in Philadelphia and Jenny in Los Angeles.

James, Nikki and the kids have since returned to their home in Brooklyn so the pace at the Utterbacks' Colleton address has slowed down; however, not the juggling. Nod Hill Interiors is committed to an antique house renovation in Duxbury, Massachusetts, as well as an ambitious med-spa project in Philadelphia. Betsy also is working on a couple of local projects as she continues to grow her passion and business.

After living all over this country, from Wisconsin and Indiana to Florida and then the Northeast, the Utterbacks took their talents abroad to Paris and South Africa. "That's a lot of addresses and cultures," Betsy admitted with a sigh. "What a wonderful compliment to the Lowcountry, since after all our relocations, this is where we've decided to nest once and for all." LL

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A cocktail pool, plunge pool and spool are scaled down pools that don't compromise on the bells and whistles.

Plunge pools

Plunge pools are typically around 8' X 10' in any shape or depth. As the name says, they are perfect to "plunge" into to cool off. Often they are used for exercise with the addition of swim jets that create a strong stream to swim against.

Cocktail pools

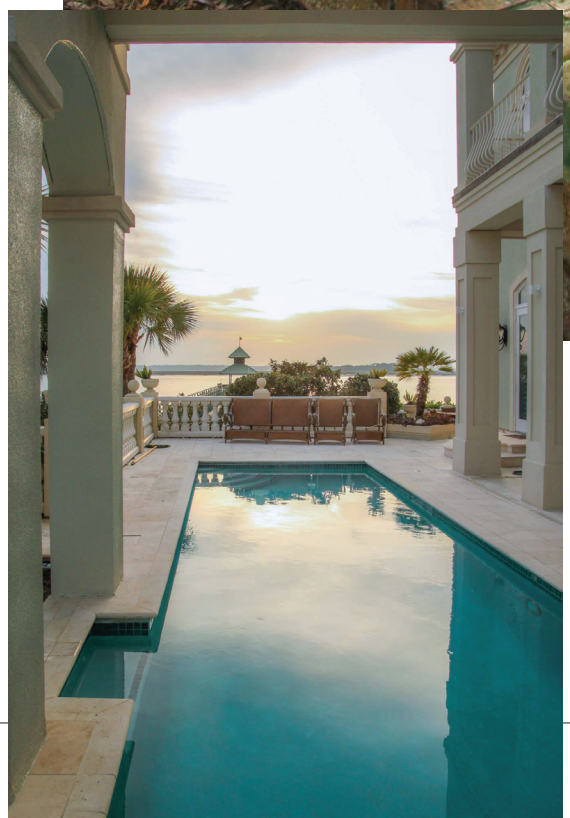
Cocktail pools are like plunge pools but usually have perimeter seating so you can sit and enjoy, well, cocktails. The same features of any pool can be added, including jets and lighting.

Spools

Spools are a combination of spa and pool. A spool can be as small as 400 square feet, and usually there is no deep end. They have jets, heaters, seating and other spa features, but they look more like a pool than a traditional above-ground hot tub.

Thanks to the petite size, these small pools can be in ground or above ground, indoors or outdoors, but don't think that because they are small they are much less expensive. Depending on the features and quality of materials, plus the maintenance, they can cost close to, or even more than a full-sized pool. Whether you opt for one of these smaller pools or a traditional full-size pool, there is no better way to enhance a yard than with the shimmer of water.





THE THREE C's

Despite the smaller size, a cocktail pool needs the same cleaning and maintenance as a larger pool – cleaning, circulation and chemicals. ***Step Cornet of Clearwater Pools*** reminds home owners that the ever-changing weather patterns from extreme humidity, to dry spells to intense rain storms can affect pool chemistry, which means pool owners need to keep a close check on their pool water, regardless of the pool size.



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STORE THESE GREAT IDEAS

The word storage might make you think of a garage, attic or basement packed with boxes. Wrong. Stylish storage is the new hot design trend, thanks in part to the reigning queen of organizing, Marie Kondo, and to the insanely popular Instagrammer, The Home Edit. The HGTV Dream Home in Windmill Harbour is another source of storage inspiration.

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Get crafty

With a little crafty ingenuity, a wall offers new-found storage space. The HGTV design pros make cleaning products look stylish with this simple wooden towel holder. The containers, towel and plant pretty up what would otherwise be generic products.

PRO TIP: *A small plant or succulent pretties up any space.*



GRIND HOUSE
The beech wood mills in this Tahiti salt and pepper set have different mechanisms, one for pepper and one for salt. The blue hues will accentuate poolside fabrics, table settings and more. *Available at wayfair.com. $65.*

Pretty pantries

It is surprisingly simple to get this look if you do three things:

1. Ditch the packaging. Jars and canisters can be labeled on the bottom with a Sharpie, and it only takes a few seconds to transfer the carton to the jar.

2. Face labels out. You may hear whispers of "Sleeping with the Enemy," but having the labels face out makes the shelves look less messy.

3. Use containers. Baskets and trays corral and hide small items and packets for a neater look.

PRO TIP: *Paint the back wall a bold color to give your shelving a designer's touch.*

Going to the dogs

Create a place for your dog with practical storage. Lucy, a Bernese mountain dog, has her own room, complete with toys. The top of this custom crate is the perfect space to store treats in pretty canisters and grooming products on top. Add a flower or plant and you have a pretty, practical and pooch-friendly space. LL

PRO TIP: *Use jars to contain pet treats, poop bags and monthly medications.*



GREAT CRATE
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Turtle friendly window treatments

Sea turtle season in the Lowcountry runs through October. Starting this month, hatchlings find their way to the ocean by following the downward slope of the beach and skylight reflected off the ocean's surface. If you own a home visible from the beach, consider upgrading your window treatments so these baby turtles don't become disoriented and move inland toward your house lights. ***Here are three stylish options to consider.***



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By now you are probably a Zoom expert and beginning to notice the room backgrounds of your Zoom friends, business colleagues and even news anchors. You are not alone. There is a Twitter account Room Rater (@ratemyskyperoom) that rates the backgrounds of TV personalities on a 10-point scale. We've gathered tips from Room Rater to help you fix up your own Zoom Room, from a 0/10 to a 10/10.



SOURCE: YOUTUBE

SCORE

10/10

TIP *Take it from the Queen, you can't go wrong with simplicity and elegance. In Zoom settings you can select "Touch Up My Appearance," which gives you a softer look.*



SOURCE: YOUTUBE

SCORE
3/10

TIP *If you want an Oscar-worthy background, prop your shelves with books and interesting items. One would expect Meryl Streep to have a gold statue or two on display.*



SOURCE: EMERIL LAGASSE

SCORE
8/10

TIP *Kick your background up a notch with better lighting. To get a 10/10, Emeril should be lit from the front. When the light is behind you, your face will look dark.*



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So glad you asked. To show your support of our turtle population, plant a turtle topiary! You can order a turtle topiary form online (even prefilled with moss) or you can make one yourself using a few basic materials. If you plan to order one online, simply get out your credit card and away you go. ***To make one yourself, you will need a few basic materials:***

Turtle topiary

MATERIALS

Wire basket with cocoa liner
Chicken wire
Landscape cloth
Rust free wire
Potting soil
Sphagnum moss
Green spray paint (optional)
4 small clay pots (optional)
4 washers



DIRECTIONS [1] Begin by stuffing your basket with soil and sphagnum moss that has been soaked in water and then cover the top (which will become the bottom of the turtle) with landscape cloth. Cut the cloth leaving 1/2-inch seam around the rim. Using wire or fishing line, sew the cloth to the frame of the basket. **[2]** Next, cut chicken wire to fit over the landscape cloth you just attached and wire it to the rim of your basket. Then cut chicken wire to form the head and tail of the turtle. You can spray paint the head and tail and simply stuff them both with sphagnum moss (that has been well soaked in water) if you like the natural look. If you plan to plant the head and tail, line them both with the landscape cloth and stuff with soil and then attach them to the basket using wire. **[3]** The head should point up and the tail obviously goes on the other side pointing down. For the feet, you can make little legs out of chicken wire (repeating the steps above) or use four small terra cotta pots. To attach the terra cotta pots, wrap a long strand of your wire around a washer and then insert the wire through the bottom hole located on the inside of the pot. Attach each pot appropriately to mimic the legs – two in front, two in back. You can cover your legs using the landscape cloth, leave them natural or paint them with a buttermilk moss mixture. **[4]** Now that you have your shape complete, you can begin planting your turtle. Simply place slits in the cocoa liner which will require a very sharp knife or nippers and insert the roots of your plants into the potting medium. I have found that creating a slit in the shape of an "X" makes for the easiest planting. Succulents are a fun way to cover your turtle and are readily available in small sizes with shallow roots. If you plan to cover your turtle in flowers, be sure to keep in mind the plants' natural shape and stature. Water your turtle regularly and place him or her in the garden to admire. So, go get your turtle on, y'all, and happy planting!



Trim a turtle

The next time you reach for the hedge trimmers, consider trimming a bush or shrub into a fun shape. Turtles are easy to do. Wrap different sizes of wire frames around your plant. Form the perfect turtle shape, then trim any branches sticking out of the frame. You also can have fun with turtle shapes in flower beds. *LL*



Ask & Answer



Dear Accidental Gardener,

I bought a beautiful basket of ***petunias*** this spring but now the whole thing looks stringy and scraggly. What should I do? Is there any way to save it?

— Put Off by Petunias in Palmetto Hall



Dear Put Off,

The silver lining is that it's your petunias that are looking stringy and scraggly, not your hairdo. Unfortunately, petunias do take a beating during the heat of our summers, but I have found that by cutting the plants back by a third, fertilizing them and moving them to the shade, they will recover, flush out and reward you with blooms through the fall. I only wish it were that easy for my hairdo.

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At ease in your own shell

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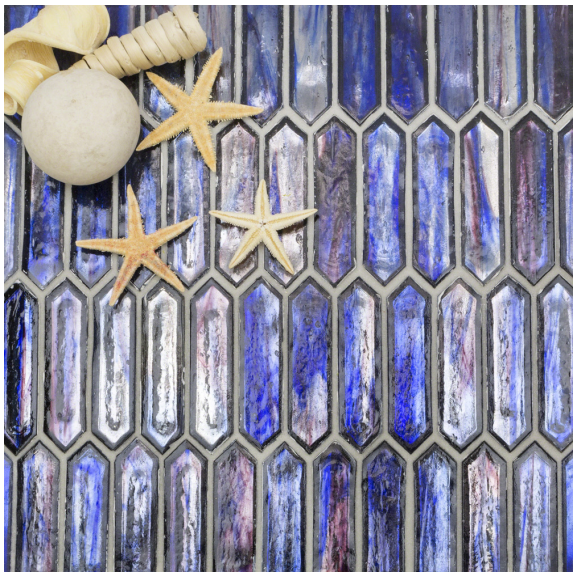
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Grill a better burger

STORY BY RHETT JERRUM



WIPE THE GRATE CLEAN
Grates should be soaked at least twice a year. Fill up the sink with water, dish soap and baking soda. Soak for an hour, then scrub and rinse. Clean grates means foods won't stick as easily and baked-on gunk won't flare up.

It's time to fire up the grill! Summer nights are finally here and your backyard is the place to be. Good burgers don't just happen; there is a lot that goes into building the best burger, and this is the ultimate guide to becoming the grill master you've always wanted to be. With tips on the perfect chuck blend, how to safely clean your grill, must-have toppings, masterful techniques and more, you might be spending more time in the backyard than you do inside your house. Happy grilling!

From crusty to crystal

There is nothing more exciting for a grill master than a perfectly clean work station. There are two different processes for cleaning gas and charcoal grills. It is best to avoid wire brushes when cleaning your grill to avoid any wire breakage getting mixed in with your food. You would be surprised what can get the job done! These are a few to try:

1. *Halve an onion on a barbecue fork. Use the cut side while the grill is still warm (be careful not burn your hands). The acidity from the onion breaks down grease for a less aggressive clean.*
2. *Balled up tin foil and tongs. You can even use the same foil that you used while grilling!*
3. *Nylon scouring pads.*
4. *A portable steamer. This can be used as a final step for any stubborn grease or food.*



FOR GAS GRILLS

Between uses, be sure to clean the grill grates with any of the aforementioned tools. Afterwards, apply vegetable oil to the grill grates using a rag or folded up paper towels. This helps prevent rust and food buildup. Clean the inside of the hood with dish soap. Between seasons, a more in-depth clean is necessary. Start by heating your grill for 15 minutes on high heat. This is going to cook off any pesky food particles before you get into the nitty gritty. After 15 minutes, turn the grill and gas completely off (either on your propane tank or the gas line). Same as before, clean your grill grates with our suggested tools. This is going to produce a lot of steam, so be sure to not lean over the top of your grill during this process. For extremely greasy grills, add a few drops of dish soap to the water for a soapy mixture. Once your grill has cooled off, wipe the grate with a dampened cloth to remove any residue. Next you're going to remove the burners and clean any blockages in the burner ports using a rag or toothbrush and avoid pushing any debris further into the port. Rinse the burner with water and run a hose through the inside of the valve. Take your soapy mixture and clean the inside of the grill while it's empty, rinse it down with water, towel dry, and reinstall your burners. It is always recommended to protect your grill with a grill cover.

FOR CHARCOAL GRILLS



Charcoal gathers at the bottom of your grill after each use. As with a gas grill, clean your grill grates and then apply vegetable oil with a rag or paper towel. Once it has cooled off, remove the charcoal grate and brush out the ash that has gathered at the bottom. Clean with your soapy mixture, towel dry and put the charcoal grate back in place. Close the grill and clean the hood with either soap and water or grill cleaner. Between seasons, clean as you would between uses. Clean the outside of the lid and bowl with your soapy water mixture. And, as always, protect with a grill cover.

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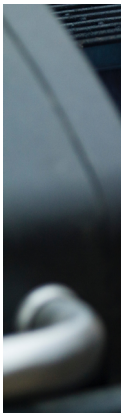




PRO TIP *To add flavor to meat with less fat, add onion, steak sauce and herbs. It will make your burger moist and full of flavor.*

Local (burger) blend

What's the secret to creating the crowd-pleaser burger? The right meat. To make the juiciest and most flavorful burger, choose ground beef that is 70 percent lean and 30 percent fat and made from chuck steak. For a healthier option, 80 percent lean and 20 percent fat is suggested. Bison is the healthiest alternative to beef and makes a delicious burger.



Fixer upper

The secret is in the sauce and the seasonings. Try mixing your meat with steak sauce, salt, pepper, onion powder, garlic powder and minced onion. For a burger with a kick, add cayenne or paprika. When mixing, be sure to avoid kneading the meat. When it's time to dress your burger up, go with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle to keep it classy. If you want a black-tie burger, add avocado or a fried egg for a flavor explosion and make your own signature sauce. Pair your classic burger with a sesame seed bun, your black-tie burger with a brioche bun and your lean bison burger with a lettuce wrap.

MAKE A TOAST
Many burger lovers feel the texture and taste of buns are best when lightly toasted. Simply split the bun, placing it cut-side down on your grill for about 10 seconds. Just don't let them get too brown. Soft buns are better than burnt ones.



LOCAL LIFE TEST KITCHEN

Classic burger sauce

If you're a fan of that special sauce Mickey D's slathers on its Big Macs, you're sure to love this easy-to-make dressing.

INGREDIENTS
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup ketchup
2 teaspoons sweet pickle relish
2 teaspoons granulated sugar
2 teaspoons white vinegar
1 teaspoon ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS Whisk all ingredients together. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to a week.



Let's talk form

Before you start forming your patties, heat your grill to avoid any down time. Temperature is key; for a gas grill, put it on high heat. If using a charcoal grill, heat coals until they are glowing bright orange and ash over. Next you're going to flatten each burger into a 3/4-inch patty. Make sure to add a dimple to the center of the meat using three fingers or your thumb. This will help cook your meat evenly and avoid bulging. Now your patties are ready for the grill. Brush each patty with melted butter or extra virgin olive oil and follow the guide below for the perfectly cooked burger, according to your preference and the temperature suggested above.

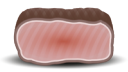




MEDIUM RARE: Cook patty on one side for three minutes, flip it and cook for another four minutes.



MEDIUM: Cook patty on one side for three minutes, flip it and cook for another five minutes.



MEDIUM WELL: Cook patty on one side for three minutes, flip it and cook for another six minutes.



WELL DONE: Cook patty on one side for three minutes, flip it and cook for another seven minutes.

Get cheesy

To make it a cheeseburger, simply add your favorite cheese slice when you have one minute left on the grill for the perfect melty goodness. There is no right or wrong here, just don't skimp on the cheese! *LL*

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Angus beef with bacon, cheddar, lettuce, tomato, crispy onion straws and Carolina Gold mustard sauce. Served with a choice of kale salad or truffle fries. ***Available at ELA's On the Water.***

Other great local burgers

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If you name any holiday, and you can bet the South has its own spin on it. Christmas? Keep your figgy pudding, we have oyster roasts. Halloween? Sit a spell under the boughs of a live oak, and you'll hear a few ghost stories that'll turn your hair white.

And the Fourth of July? Well, there's no question that the South just does the Fourth better than anywhere else. And it's not just because all the best fireworks stands are down here (but they are). No, in this case it's the Fourth of July picnic that puts us head and shoulders above the rest. At the peak of summer when we're waving that red, white and blue, the fields of the South are rife with the most mouth-watering fruits and vegetables on earth, just waiting to infuse your Independence Day soiree with color and flavor.

To help us prove that nobody holds a candle to a good old-fashioned Southern Fourth of July, we enlisted the help of great ***Southern chef and catering whiz Geist Ussery of Signature Catering & Events by SERG***. And to truly showcase the South at its finest, we set him loose on the stately grounds of Pineland Club. Comprised of some 13,000 acres of pure Southern elegance, this beautifully historic quintessential Lowcountry plantation has served as a backdrop for everything from weddings to corporate events to private parties.

With our cameras snapping away, Ussery prepared a Southern culinary tour de force for an appreciative group of lucky guests.







The drinks

The refreshing cocktails that started off the evening spoke to Ussery's driving philosophy for a perfect summer spread: seasonality. "For me, I kind of pull what's going on at that time of year, produce-wise, and go with that," he said. "And all of these are easy cocktails. Fresh mint, lime, muddled or pureed fruit; none of it's fussy."

SUMMER SANGRIA This crisp, refreshing summer drink infuses rose wine with white cranberry, strawberry juice and a generous shot of white rum to give it a kick. The real hook of this drink is to draw from whatever berries the season throws your way.

PEACH BOURBON SMASH "You tend to think of bourbon as a fall or winter spirit, but you add in some peach and it's perfect for summer," he said. Ussery notes that you can make the puree ahead of time and then add the toppings before serving for easier mixology.

WATERMELON MARGARITA When it came time to finding seasonal fruits to lend some summer flair to his drink list, Ussery says watermelon was a "no brainer." The margarita is another drink that can largely be made ahead of time, so the drinks keep on flowing. "It's always easier to make large batches ahead of time and pitcher them away."

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The sides

While there are a million ways to celebrate the flavors of summer, at its heart a Fourth of July picnic is a celebration of American tradition. Essentially, we're telling you that even if you're ramping up the Southern flair, don't forget the hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst. You can't go wrong with the classics, but you can definitely use them as base for some seriously tasty side dishes. "When I was planning this menu for the Fourth of July, I was thinking of fireworks," said Ussery. That meant culinary pyrotechnics in the form of bright colors and bold flavors. "It's not hard to do with all the fruits and veggies that are abundant this time of year."

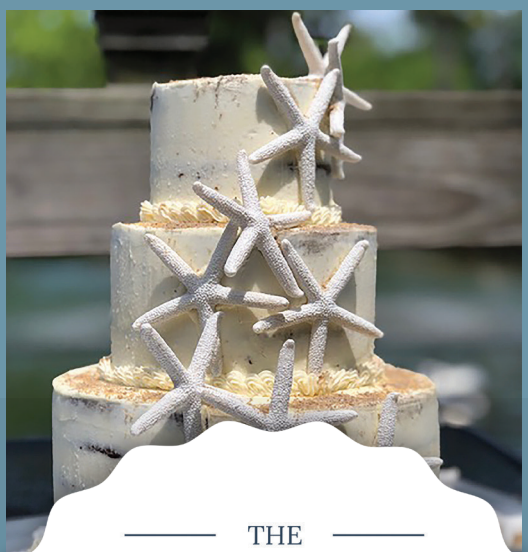
FIRECRACKER SALAD Not only does this eye-catching blend of colors from tomatoes, hot house cucumbers, pickled onion and crumbled feta resemble the burst of a firework, there's a Southern tie-in when it comes to the arugula at its base. "Growing up in the South, I always heard it called 'rocket,'" said Ussery. "The first time someone called it arugula around me, I was like, 'Arugula? What's that?'"



PICKLED SHRIMP When you think of a Southern picnic, you think of shrimp. Ussery stuck to the Lowcountry stand-by, infusing it with summer flavors like sweet Vidalia onions and sliced lemons. "It's very simple and very easy to make," he said. "And pickled shrimp is such a Southern staple."



PEPPER BAR Add some color and zest to those hot dogs and sausages by giving guests a slew of colorful options for toppings. "It looks beautiful, and it represents the colors of everything going on in spring and summer," said Ussery. "People go nuts adding all these things to their sausage. It really brings the flavors to a new level."



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THE SLAW If you're not serving fresh slaw at your picnic, it isn't Southern. It's that simple. For his slaw, Ussery blended red and green cabbage, Granny Smith apple, red pickled onion, vinegar and of course Duke's mayo. "I'm a Duke's purist, what can I say?"

"If you're not serving fresh slaw at your picnic, it isn't Southern."

GRILLED SUMMER SQUASH Sometimes a picnic means planning ahead. But when the right opportunity comes, you improvise. "They came out of the garden on property that day," he said. He was particularly intrigued by the patty pan squash that the folks at Pineland Club Plantation had produced. "I'd never cooked with it before, and it was delicious. Me and patty pan are going to become friends."

BANANA PUDDING Even something so time-tested as a standard banana pudding offers a wealth of ways to put your own spin on it. For his version, Ussery used Biscoff cookies and drizzles of chocolate and caramel for a fitting grand finale to his picnic. "With all these flavors going on, as you're digging into that trifle, it's heaven," he said. "You're supposed to feel a little bit guilty eating it. If you ain't feeling guilty, it ain't a good dessert." *LL*





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COMING SOON *Chez Georges*

Chez Georges Bistro & Bar will open this summer, where Casey's Sports Bar used to be. The men behind the restaurant, George Casalicchio and Burns Sullivan, hope the restaurant will become a gathering place for families, friends and neighbors. They will be serving classic French bistro cuisine with influences and ingredients from the Lowcountry, complemented by craft cocktails and a carefully curated wine list. For more information and reservations, visit chezgeorgeshhi.com.



Steamers is back

Local seafood lovers rejoice — **Steamers is back.** Owner Dale Augenstein has renovated the old Truffles/Darren Clarke's Tavern building on Executive Park Road and is focused on serving fresh seafood to local residents. Enjoy oysters on the half shell or the Big Red Voodoo Skillet while listening to live entertainment on the patio. steamerseafood.com.

South End SEAFOOD

NOW OPEN *South End Seafood Company*

Dondi Wall and Theresa Wall, best known for their bike shop, Pedals, have opened a **unique seafood market on the South End of Hilton Head Island**. In addition to fresh local seafood and fish, they also offer local produce, fishing bait, fishing tackle, crabbing supplies and market sundries. "Our focus is buying local to support the Lowcountry farmers and fishermen," Theresa said. Check them out at 18 Executive Park Road. For more information, call 843-540-1109.



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WHAT'S FRESH IN JULY?

Croakers, spots & whiting

STORY + PHOTOS BY COLLINS DOUGHTIE





SPOT ON A spot fish (top) and a croaker fish are shown above. To the left is a whiting. All three are easy to catch and taste great!

I know, I know, most of the time I write about large exotic species that the average angler either doesn't have a boat or could never catch, so this time around I am going back to the basics. Like anyone who fishes at all, you can probably remember those very first fishing experiences when you came running home with a dried-up largemouth bass or bream yelling "Dad, look what I caught! Can we cook it please? Huh dad, can we, can we?"

Now that you live around salt water, have kids or just want to give it a go, there are three species of readily available fish that I would gladly fry up if my kid brought `em home. They are ***croakers***, ***spots*** and ***whiting***. Laugh all you want but whether you are a beginner or a seasoned angler, these often overlooked fish may not bend your rod to the snapping point but as table fare they are sweeter than sugar. Better yet, they are quite numerous, so when taking kids fishing, it usually doesn't take long to get a bite. From experience raising my two kids and trying to get them into fishing, waiting for a bite is a killer. You need to find fish that bite quickly and often if you have any chance of getting your kids hooked on fishing.

"There are three species of readily available fish that I would gladly fry up if my kid brought `em home."

HOW TO CATCH THEM

Whether you have a $200 spinning rod or a $15 Snoopy rod, either works just fine. Whiting like a sandy bottom, while croakers and spots are more often found in our local creeks. If you have a small hook, sinker and cut bait like shrimp, you are in fat city. Those old-school two-hook rigs with a pyramid sinker often used when fishing off the beach will work just fine off docks, too. All three species are primarily bottom feeders and will readily gobble up a small piece of shrimp. As you can see in the photos, their mouths are not all that big, so smaller hooks work best. Do I have a secret bait that works better for croakers and spots? Yessiree Bob, earthworms! Way back when, an elderly gentleman was fishing right next to me and was catching spots and croakers one after another while my stinky shrimp was shunned. Since that day, worms will weed out pinfish and other bait stealers, but if there is a spot or croaker around, they absolutely love them.





REGULATIONS

Talk about a liberal limit. ***You are allowed to catch and keep 50 of each species!*** Croakers and spots look very similar except for one characteristic. Spots are somewhat deeper bodied than a croaker and right behind their head is, you guessed it, a spot. Whiting are longer and have little whiskers under their chin. Oh yeah, all three species make a croaking sound when held.

JUST ADD GREASE

Scale them, cut the heads off, clean out stomach region, roll them in flour with a touch of salt and drop them into hot oil. I swear they are some of the finest tasting fish out there. Dipped into tartar sauce, you might have to work your way around a few bones, but the flavor is incredible. For you transplants, leave the fins on when cooking and once fried, that crispy tail is to die for. So take a kid fishing or be a kid yourself and go load up on these golden nuggets from the sea before you croak. Get it? *LL*





LOCAL LIFE TEST KITCHEN

Pan-fried croaker

INGREDIENTS

2 whole croaker
1 cup flour
1/8 teaspoon ***cayenne pepper***
3/4 cup canola oil
4 tablespoons parsley, minced
Salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS [1] Scale, gut and cut heads off croaker. Wash thoroughly and season with salt and pepper. **[2]** Mix flour, cayenne, salt and pepper in a baking dish. Dredge the fish in the seasoned mixture. **[3]** Heat canola oil in your favorite pan and fry fish until golden brown on each side, turning once.

Chef's note: *The bones in this dish might even be soft enough to eat, depending on how much oil you've used and the size of your croaker. If you don't use much oil, remove the bones before eating.*

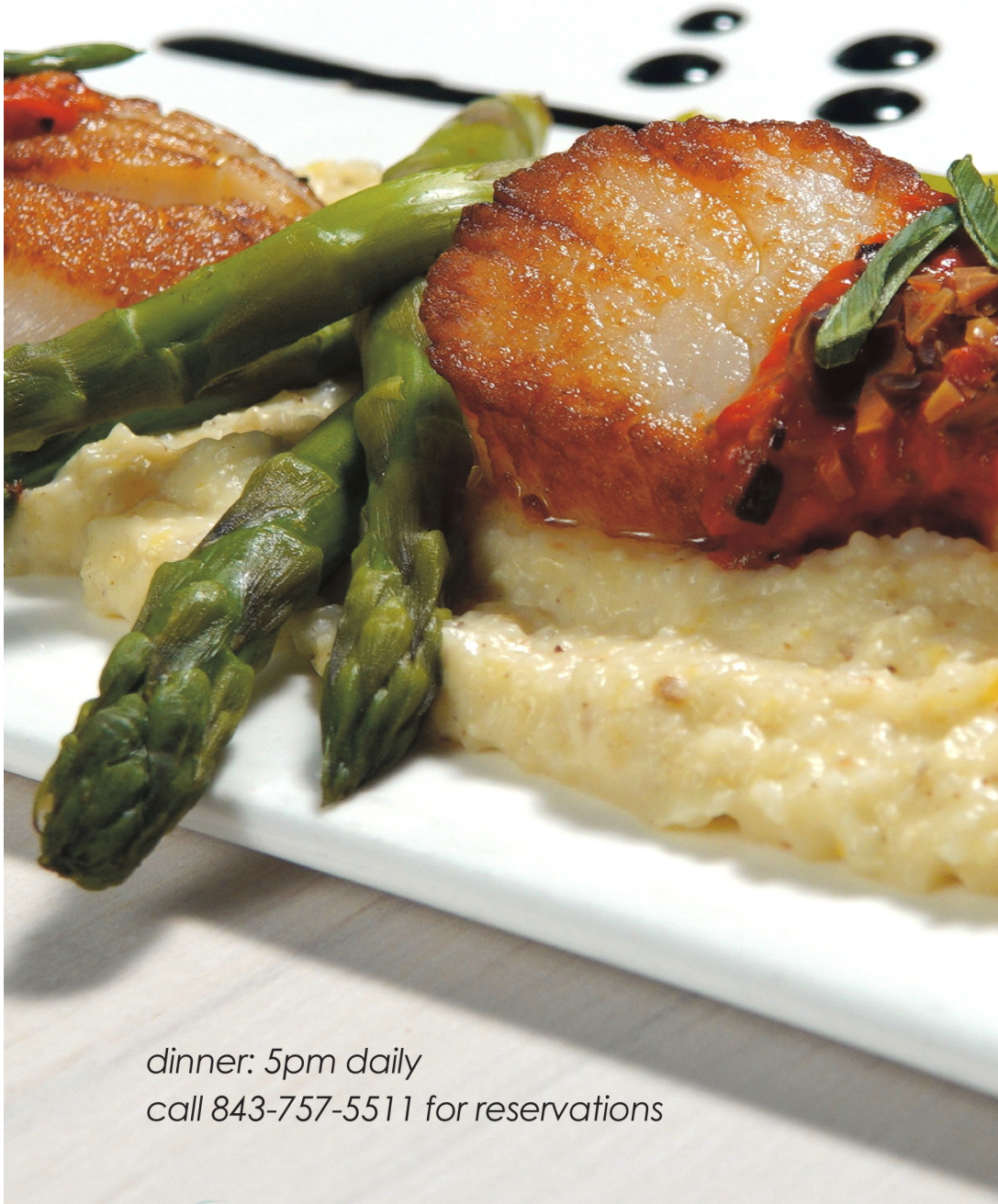


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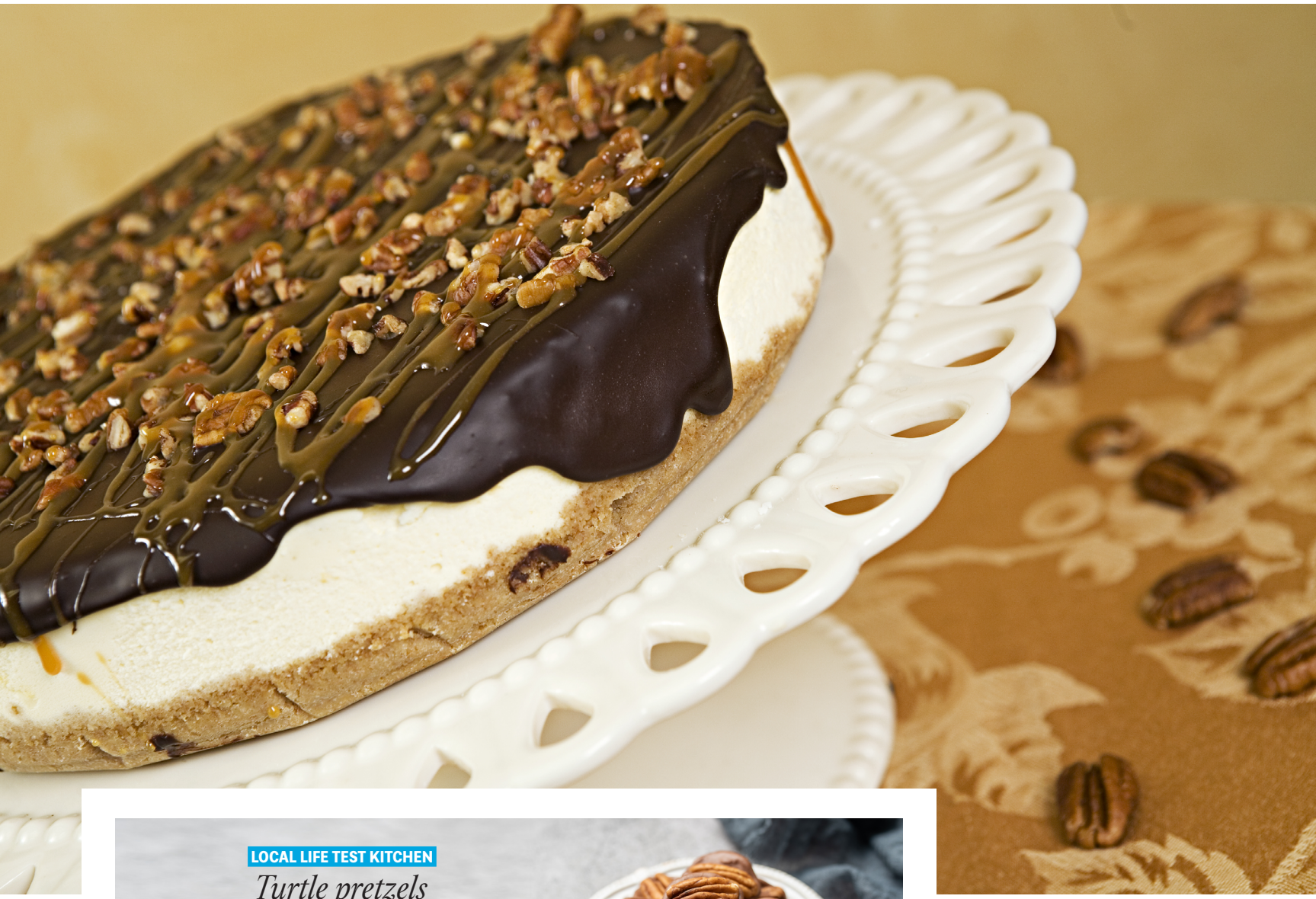
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Tasty turtles

Presidents used to eat turtles, as did millions of Americans. The demand for turtle was once so high, many populations are still recovering from the harvesting of past generations. For this turtle issue, we share a few turtle-inspired recipes you can enjoy without the guilt of eating a Federally protected species.



LOCAL LIFE TEST KITCHEN

Turtle pretzels

INGREDIENTS

20 mini pretzels
20 chocolate covered caramel candies (like Rolos)
20 pecan halves

DIRECTIONS Heat oven to 300 degrees. Arrange the pretzels in a single layer on cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Place one chocolate covered caramel candy on each pretzel. Bake for four minutes. While the candy is warm, press a pecan half onto each pretzel. Cool and serve.



SMALL WONDERS

With just three ingredients, these tasty little turtles are one of the easiest treats you will ever make. If you don't have any pecans, walnuts, hazelnuts, cashews or ***almonds*** are a great substitute.





SAY CHEESE(CAKE)

Topped with a decadent combination of pecans, ***caramel and chocolate***, this sweet dessert will be talked about long after the plates have been cleaned.

LOCAL LIFE TEST KITCHEN

Turtle cheesecake

INGREDIENTS (CRUST)

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup pecans, chopped
6 tablespoons butter, cubed

DIRECTIONS Wrap heavy-duty foil around a greased 9-inch springform pan. In a small bowl, combine the flour, brown sugar and pecans. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press onto the bottom of prepared pan. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes or until set. Cool on a wire rack.

INGREDIENTS (FILLING)

4 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon all-purpose flour, divided
2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup milk chocolate chips, melted and cooled
1/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
1/3 cup pecans, chopped

DIRECTIONS [1] In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugars until smooth. Beat in 1/4 cup flour, cream and vanilla extract. Add eggs. Beat on low speed just until blended. Remove 1 cup batter to a small bowl; stir in melted chocolate. Spread over crust. **[2]** In another bowl, mix caramel topping and remaining flour; stir in pecans. Drop by tablespoonfuls over batter. Top with remaining batter. Place springform pan in a large baking pan. Add 1 inch of hot water to larger pan. **[3]** Bake at 325 degrees for 1 1/2 hours or until center is just set and top appears dull. Remove springform pan from water bath; remove foil. Cool cheesecake on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Loosen sides from pan with a knife. Refrigerate overnight.

INGREDIENTS (GANACHE)

1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
1/4 cup heavy whipping cream
2 tablespoons pecans, chopped
Caramel ice cream topping

DIRECTIONS Place chips in a small bowl. In a small saucepan, bring cream just to a boil. Pour over chips; whisk until smooth. Cool slightly, stirring occasionally. Remove sides of springform pan. Spread ganache over cheesecake; sprinkle with pecans. Drizzle with additional caramel topping before serving.





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TURN TAIL

Mock turtle soup was created in the mid-18th Century as a cheaper imitation of green turtle soup. This recipe uses oxtail to duplicate the silky texture and unique flavor of turtle meat. It tastes even better on the second day.



LOCAL LIFE TEST KITCHEN

Mock turtle soup

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
4 cloves garlic, diced
2 pounds beef oxtail
1/4 teaspoon thyme
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/2 teaspoon Old Bay
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon flour
3 cups chicken stock
3 cups water
1 cup tomatoes, peeled and chopped
2 tablespoons Kitchen Bouquet Browning & Seasoning Sauce
1/2 lemon, peeled and sliced
2 eggs, hard boiled and chopped
Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste
***Parsley**, chopped*



DIRECTIONS [1] Brown the onion and garlic with butter and oil. Add the oxtail and brown slightly. Add thyme, allspice, Old Bay, bay leaf, salt and pepper. Stir in the flour until it bubbles. Add more butter and oil if needed. **[2]** Pour in the chicken stock and hot water. Bring to a boil. Add tomatoes, Kitchen Bouquet sauce and sliced lemon. Simmer for 2 hours. **[3]** Discard the oxtail bones, adding the meat back into the soup. Stir eggs into the soup and serve. Top with chopped parsley.

KEY INGREDIENT

KITCHEN BOUQUET BROWNING & SEASONING SAUCE

This gluten-free sauce is great for flavoring and coloring meats prior to grilling, baking or broiling. Mix it in with ground beef, tomato sauce, seasoned breadcrumbs and eggs for a satisfying meatloaf. Brush it on hamburgers, roast beef, pork chops and more for appetizing dinners. You even can use it to transform simple stuffing into something special.



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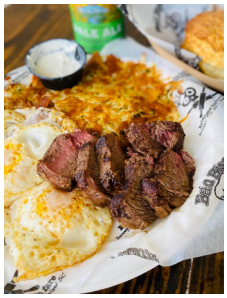
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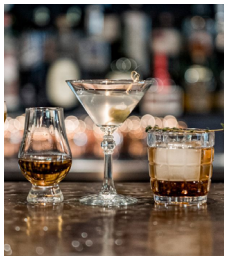
Just one bite of this coffee cake and you're hooked. Grab a few oatmeal raisin cookies for later while you are there.



FOR LUNCH

Bad Biscuit

Order the sirloin steak over medium eggs with golden hash browns and a biscuit. Wash it down with a Sierra Nevada Pale Ale. Next time you are in the Asheville area, be sure to explore their swanky brewery.



FOR DRINKS

Lucky Rooster Kitchen + Bar

We recommend the Carolina Horseman draft with an order of jalapeño cheddar cornbread at this luxurious bar with panoramic bottle views.

Turtle treats

Elevate your day with these sweet offerings from local chocolate shops.



CHOCOLATE TURTLES

These pecan turtles at ***The Chocolate Canopy*** are made by hand and feature layers of decadent chocolate, creamy caramel and crunchy pecans. Available in milk, dark and white chocolate.



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Signature cocktail

PHOTOS BY MIKE RITTERBECK

Each month, LOCAL Life features a must-try signature cocktail from a local establishment. This month, we highlight the ***Boat Scrubber Slush at Skull Creek Dockside***. It was created by legendary local mixologist **Matty Bussman**. "It's our spin off the popular tiki cocktail, The Pain Killer," Bussman explained. "It's a fun and fruity mix made of pineapple, orange, coconut and bold rum. Perfect for our sunny days on Hilton Head. It's especially popular with boaters and boat captains as well."

The concoction is the most popular drink at the Shark Bar and is kept frozen and readily available for all adults to enjoy. Enhance the experience even further with Dockside's shrimp nachos (order the large). *LL*





KEY INGREDIENT

COCO LOPEZ

Coco Lopez could make you think of tropical drink delights, but you can create much more than coladas with it. Add it to dressings, main dishes, sides and desserts for a coconut kick.



SKULL CREEK DOCKSIDE

Boat Scrubber Slush

INGREDIENTS

2 1/2 ounces Coco Lopez cream of coconut
2 ounces pineapple juice
1 ounce coconut rum
1/2 ounce Myers's Dark Rum
1/4 ounce orange juice
12 ounces ice cubes
Sprinkle of ***nutmeg***
Orange slice and cherry (for garnish)



DIRECTIONS Pour all ingredients into blender. Add ice cubes. Blend until smooth. Garnish with nutmeg, orange slice and a cherry.

Establishment: *Skull Creek Dockside*
Bartender/mixologist: *Matty Bussman*

Brighten your day

3 GRAPEFRUIT INFUSED COCKTAILS TO MIX UP

Grapefruit is known for its bright color and tangy flavor, but it's also a great option if you're leaning toward a lighter cocktail. To honor this juicy fruit, the good folks at ***Tito's Handmade Vodka*** crafted three grapefruit infused cocktails that are refreshing and easy to make at home.

Grapefruit-infused vodka



INGREDIENTS

1 bottle (500 ml) Tito's Handmade Vodka
1 large grapefruit rind

DIRECTIONS [1] Peel the grapefruit rind (avoiding the white pith) and drop into a glass container. **[2]** Fill with Tito's Handmade Vodka. **[3]** Let sit for 36 hours. Strain when the infusion has reached the desired flavor.

THE MARVELOUS 3



Grapefruit on the Rocks

INGREDIENTS

2 ounces grapefruit-infused vodka
Ice

DIRECTIONS Just pour the grapefruit-infused vodka over ice in a rocks glass.



Tito's Sparkling Grapefruit

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 ounces grapefruit-infused vodka
4 ounces sparkling water

DIRECTIONS Just add grapefruit-infused vodka and sparkling water to a glass over ice. Pro tip: Garnish with fresh herbs for an extra boost of flavor.



Grapefruit Groove

INGREDIENTS

2 ounces grapefruit-infused vodka
1 ounce grapefruit juice
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 teaspoon agave nectar

DIRECTIONS Add all ingredients to a shaker with ice. Shake vigorously and strain into a chilled martini glass.

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Fourth of July cocktail

THE BETSY ROSS

STORY BY TERRY CERMAK

Terry Cermak is a spirit specialist, online contributor and writer-at-large for Rollers Wine & Spirits.

No one knows for sure if Betsy really sewed the first American flag featuring thirteen stars on a blue field in June 1776 (or was it May?). However, virtually everyone agrees that she replaced the original six-pointed stars with five points because they were easier to cut out. Regardless, Ms. Ross made a lasting contribution to a symbol that means as much to us today as it did to the Founding Mothers and Fathers. *LL*





ROLLERS WINE & SPIRITS

The Betsy Ross

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 ounces American gin, such as ***Bulrush***
1/2 ounce strained fresh lemon juice
3/4 ounces Blue Curaçao
1 barspoon grenadine

DIRECTIONS [1] Add the Blue Curaçao into a prepared coup glass that has been chilled and filled with cracked ice. Combine the gin and lemon juice in a separate shaker or mixing glass and shake or mix well. **[2]** Pour the gin mixture slowly over the back of a spoon into the coup glass. **[3]** Gently drizzle the grenadine over the ice. Garnish with speared cherries.

WWMD
(What would Margaret drink?)

Margaret Pearman is a certified sommelier under the Court of Master Sommeliers and is responsible for curating the award-winning wine list at Charlie's L'Etoile Verte. Here is her sipping suggestion for July.





CHARLIE'S L'ETOILE VERTE

Pretty as a Peach

INGREDIENTS

Flesh from 1/2 fresh peach
2 parts lime juice
1 part simple syrup
3 parts ***Hilton Head Distillery Toasted Coconut Rum***
Splash soda water
Fresh lime for garnish

DIRECTIONS Muddle fresh peach, lime juice, and simple syrup with rum. Fill glass with crushed ice. Top off with soda water. Garnish with fresh lime wedge.



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Terrific turtles of the Lowcountry

A HANDY GUIDE FOR IDENTIFYING AND LEARNING ABOUT THE SPECIES LIVING HERE.

STORY BY MICHAELA SATTERFIELD

Turtles are found in a wide variety of habitats across the Lowcountry. Take a closer look at the fascinating reptiles that live here and learn what makes each species unique.

Sea Turtles



HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLE With beak-like jaws, these turtles can snatch food, such as sponges and squid, from places that can be hard to reach in coral reefs.



LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE
These sea turtles are named for their large heads and strong jaws, which help them eat shellfish.



GREEN SEA TURTLE As the only herbivorous adult sea turtle, these have serrated jaws to help them tear their favorite vegetation.



LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLE These turtles stand out from the rest as the only sea turtle without a hard shell, as well as the largest turtle in the world – they can grow up to seven feet long.

Snapping Turtles



KEMP'S RIDLEY SEA TURTLE Although steps are being taken to protect them, these are the most endangered sea turtles in the world due to former over-harvesting of their eggs.



ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE Sometimes called the "dinosaur of the turtle world," these turtles have spiked shells and typically live from 50 to 100 years.



COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE Known for their ability to snap, what most don't know is these turtles have this ability to protect themselves because they can't fit inside their shells like other turtles.

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Basking Turtles



PAINTED TURTLE These turtles have shells made of bone plates with rings on them. When they grow, they shed the bone plates and grow new ones, so you can determine their age by counting the rings.



CHICKEN TURTLE They don't look like chickens and they don't prey on chickens, but rumor has it their meat tastes just like chicken.



COMMON MAP TURTLE Spot these turtles, which can be found in the water or out basking on logs and rocks, by looking for the markings on their shells which resemble waterways on maps.



SPOTTED TURTLE These typically have one spot as hatchlings and gain more as they grow, but they can have anywhere from zero to over 100 spots throughout their lives.



DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN Named for the diamond-like pattern on their shells, these live in brackish water and have salt glands by their eyes to flush out extra salt, like sea turtles.



BOG TURTLE You can find them in bogs or swamps, but you won't have much luck in the winter months – they bury themselves in six to 18 inches of mud underwater to hibernate.





FLORIDA COOTER While these can be difficult to distinguish from the River Cooter, a key difference is they prefer to live in still water rather than moving water.



BOX TURTLE While some reptiles, such as snakes, don't have eyelids at all, these turtles have eyelids they close when they're sleeping and even when they're happy.



SLIDER TURTLE These turtles are common pets, but owners must do research to ensure they are taking care of them properly.



RIVER COOTER You'll find these turtles spending a lot of time underwater, as they can literally breathe underwater through a sac located on their tail.



BARBOUR'S MAP TURTLE These rare turtles can only be found in the Apalachicola River system in Florida, as well as a few nearby river systems.



FLORIDA REDBELLY TURTLE Laying eggs in alligator nests is a tactic these turtles use to ensure extra protection for their eggs, but the technique requires some sneaking around.



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Softshell Turtles



FLORIDA SOFTSHELL These turtles have skin covering their shells which resembles a pancake.



SPINY SOFTSHELL These are known for being the largest freshwater turtles in North America, as well as having rubbery shells.

LOCAL HISTORY

Gopher Hill



Ridgeland was originally known as Gopher Hill, derived from the gopher tortoise, which is indigenous to the area. The name was not considered good enough for a new railroad station, so it was changed to Ridgeland in 1902 for the fact that the town stands on a sandy ridge that is some of the highest land in Jasper County. According to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, these terrestrial tortoises are only found in the sand hills and coastal plains of three South Carolina counties — Jasper, Hampton and Aiken. Currently, the state lists them as endangered and critically imperiled.

Mud & Musk Turtles



STRIPED MUD TURTLE You'll know these turtles by the stripes on both their shells and faces.



EASTERN MUD TURTLE While these turtles can swim, they typically stick to crawling on the bottom of the body of water.



STRIPENECK/ LOGGERHEAD MUSK TURTLE You guessed it – these turtles were named for the stripes on their necks and heads.



COMMON MUSK TURTLE Look up in the trees for these – they're good climbers and have been known to spend some time high in trees. *LL*



Blinding lights

FREQUENT 'LIGHTS OUT' OFFENDER GETS A TURTLE-FRIENDLY MAKEOVER

STORY BY AMBER KUEHN

Marine biologist Amber Kuehn is the leader of Turtle Patrol HHI.





In 2017, there were 38 nests on Hilton Head beach that misoriented toward beachfront lights, resulting in an estimated 4,000 hatchlings that never reached the ocean. The following year, I started accompanying a code enforcement officer for light patrol, so that they could now alternate Saturday nights in June, July and August, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. These two individuals monitor the entire island for anything from illegal signage and parking violations to sound and lighting ordinance violations.

Over the years, I noticed that certain beachfront addresses were frequent "lights out" offenders. I learned the route to their front door to deliver the warnings on the following Monday mornings without using Google maps. Each time, someone new answered the door: "Good morning, my name is Amber Kuehn and I manage Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island. How are you this morning? ... Great! I know that you have just checked in and may not know that there is a town ordinance* requiring all beachfront homes to have their exterior lights off after 10 p.m., May through October, unless they are recessed or downward facing and shielded from the beach. The reason that this is important is because these lights attract endangered loggerhead hatchlings that are emerging from their nests at night. They will follow the brightest light. Your porch light was brighter than the moon on Saturday night." I say lightheartedly with a big smile.

Usually, they are happy to learn and ask more questions. Some of them invite me in for coffee (no, but thank you), and some of them deny it, so I show them the time-stamped picture from Saturday night.

"Can I ask you to do me a small favor? Awesome! If you can have those lights off after 10 p.m. for the rest of the week so that the nest out front is not misori-



LIGHTS OUT FOR TURTLES

The loggerhead sea turtle is the state reptile of South Carolina and the most common sea turtle nester along our shores. ***July 1 is the official beginning of hatching season.*** If your home or building is visible from the beach, turn off your outside lights after 10 p.m. through November.

ented when it hatches, it would be so helpful to the Sea Turtle Patrol and especially the hatchlings. We all want the hatchlings in the ocean, instead of backyards and swimming pools. Here is some literature explaining why it is so important to protect our sea turtles — and a cool sticker for you. Y'all have a great vacation, and thank you so much!"

Then I call the rental agency to make sure that they are reminding their patrons. As soon as they hear my name, they know what I'm going to ask. I had an idea for a public awareness project. I asked code enforcement to go back through records to find the most frequent offender. The result was an address on Ibis Street in North Forest Beach. I knew it well. I contacted the rental management company and they agreed to contact the owner of the property to present my proposal.

I'm sure it went something like this: "Yeah, the sea turtle lady wants to replace your eight exterior porch lights on all three stories with downward facing fixtures, insert sea turtle friendly light bulbs with shields, and replace the 10 understory tube fluorescent light fixtures with recessed LED panels on timers and dimmers at no charge ... Why? Something to do with saving sea turtle hatchlings that seem to be attracted to the property."

Who would say no to that proposal? The owners accepted and made a donation to Sea Turtle Patrol HHI. There have been no misorientations at this address since the project was completed in July 2019. July 1 is the official beginning of hatching season, and this is our celebrated 2020 season opener! I hope that other property owners will see that these adjustments are well worth the result.

This project was funded by donations from Palmetto Electric, Taylor Made Electric, the Women's Association of Hilton Head Island and Palmetto Dunes Cares. For more information and to learn how to help the sea turtles, visit SeaTurtlePatrolHHI.org and select the "Lights Out" tab or follow us on Facebook or Instagram at #hhiseaturtle. *LL*

**A revision of the town municipal code Chapter Five (5) Title 8 sections 111 -117, was initiated in April 2019 and is still in progress. The goal is to make it easier to understand and to update the verbiage from 1990 to reflect current sea turtle biology as it pertains to lighting standards.*



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To the rescue

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE UNIQUE VEHICLES OF SEA TURTLE PATROL HHI

Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island monitors local beaches for sea turtle nesting and hatching activity. They also transport injured turtles to rehabilitation centers and document marine mammals that wash up on local beaches. ***Here are two vehicles they use to get the job done.***

PHOTOGRAPHY BY LISA STAFF





Sea Turtle Patrol Jeep

The Sea Turtle Patrol jeep is owned by the Sea Turtle Patrol HHI nonprofit organization. It was purchased with a donation from Springer Farms in 2018. "Some people joke that chickens and turtles have nothing in common, but I will say that these chickens are very generous every year," sea turtle advocate Amber Kuehn said. The Jeep is a 2008 Commander that has been modified to incorporate a small truck bed. It is 4WD, lifted, undercoated and is very recognizable.

"The Jeep allows us to patrol the beach one way and exit the beach for a street ride back to base, Islanders Beach Park," Kuehn explained. "We have a second vehicle, a four-seat 4x4 John Deere Gator that patrols the four miles between the Folly and the north end of the Island. The Jeep covers Folly and South (10 miles). This strategy is the most time efficient and a necessity, even though we start patrol at 5 a.m. More visitors to Hilton Head Island result in a more crowded beach earlier in the day. More sea turtle nesting requires more time to get through the route, but we no longer double back on the beach, avoiding the crowds. As an added bonus, we get less wet when it rains, and it has AC!"

THE JEEP IS STOCKED WITH

- Probes
- Buckets
- Vials for genetic sampling
- Latex gloves
- Digging tools
- Mallets
- Poles
- Measuring tape
- GPS
- iPad to record data
- Pit tag scanner
- Stranding kit for dead sea turtles
- Turtle taco for transporting live turtles

THE JEEP WILL

- Run 10 miles of beach every day beginning May 1 each year. It is used for official business after the season is over. Sea turtle education programs do not stop when the sea turtles leave in October.
- Carry two or three volunteers to monitor the nesting beach (May-October).

Stranding Response Ambulance

Kuehn purchased a retired ambulance with 92,000 miles for $6,000 in 2017. "Best thing I've ever bought," she said.

The ambulance was tricked out and now transports injured sea turtles and helps raise community environmental awareness, thanks to a fund created by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in 2016. The graphic pictured was created last year by Adams Outdoor Advertising and was sponsored by Palmetto Electric to promote the "Lights Out for Sea Turtles" campaign.



THE AMBULANCE IS STOCKED WITH

- Towels
- Water
- Pit tag scanners
- Vials for sampling
- Tools
- Personal protective equipment for necropsies
- A small pool and cushion
- A turtle taco (sling with velcro to secure front flippers of large stranded sea turtles, allowing for 4 people to carry the injured animal)
- Report paperwork
- Educational equipment
- Props and printed materials

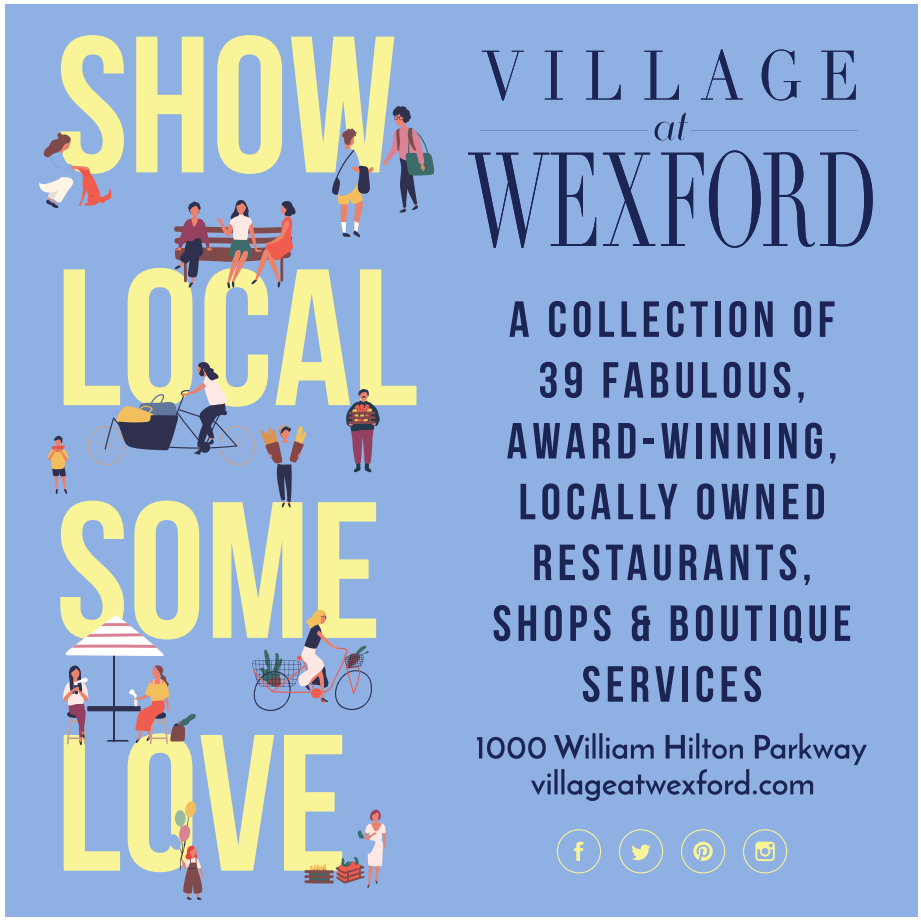




THE AMBULANCE WILL

- Meet Sea Turtle Patrol HHI near the beach to carry injured sea turtles to South Carolina Aquarium's Sea Turtle Care Center in Charleston for rehabilitation. Kuehn is permitted by the state to transport live sea turtles protected by the Endangered Species Act. Because reptiles cannot regulate their body temperature, they cannot be transported in the back of a pickup in the intense sun for the drive to Charleston. In the winter, cold and stunned sea turtles must maintain their cold state until the veterinarian can raise the internal temperature, incrementally. The back is equipped with a separate air conditioner.
- Carry marine mammal tissue samples.
- Recover and necropsy stranded marine mammals. Since 2014, Kuehn has tended to dolphins, manatees, pygmy sperm whales and pilot whales that wash up in Beaufort County. Marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Their demise is federally documented. A necropsy is performed on site and the frozen organs and head are also transported to Charleston.
- Attend outdoor events. You might have seen the colorful ambulance stationed outside of Skull Creek Boathouse restaurant, at the Clean Water Festival, at The Sandbox for family fun nights or at the Boat Show in Windmill Harbour. The ambulance sets up an informational booth out of the back that explains the biology of sea turtles and what is done on turtle patrol. Two televisions are mounted to display pictures of the patrol in action.
- Act as a moving billboard for sea turtle awareness. It carries equipment (screen, projector, props, sound system) for nightly turtle talks. June, July, and August were cancelled this summer due to the pandemic.
- Serve as a mobile office when nighttime sea turtle patrol is required during renourishment projects on Hilton Head Island beaches during the nesting season (most recently in 2016 and 2017). *LL*





SECRET SPOT OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Abercorn Creek

STORY + PHOTOGRAPHY BY MICHELE ROLDÁN-SHAW







I must admit, I was a little reticent at first to paddle Abercorn Creek. A wild tributary of the Savannah, it appears on a satellite map hemmed in by solid fields of green. When I did the usual Google recon, all that came up was a sordid headline about a missing woman whose body was pulled from a submerged sedan just off the landing (foul play suspected). The location did not recommend itself — and yet, I conceded, it wasn't the creek's fault. Perhaps I could find peace there, the silent non-judgment of nature.

My trepidation increased when I got there and saw two expensive speedboats putting in ahead of me. "Why did I come on a Saturday?," I grumbled to myself. I forgot how these Georgia yahoos roll, rippin' around, cutting wakes — they're gonna swamp me out! I felt like turning tail for home. But after many years of adventuring, I've learned to know the difference between a real warning bell and my own bad attitude. This was the latter, and it needed to be curbed.





If you go

LOCATION

Rincon, Georgia

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

Kayak

HOW TO GET THERE

From Old Augusta Road South in Rincon, turn right onto Abercorn Road, then left onto Abercorn Landing Road. Hang a left upstream, or go right and you'll soon reach the Savannah River. Look for wild spider lilies blooming this time of year.

"Barred-owl hoots echoed from the mysterious interior... Here was a pleasant situation graced with cool river breezes. I was so glad I'd come."









LOCAL HISTORY Abercorn Creek took its name from the now-extinct 18th-century settlement of Abercorn, which in turn was named after the Duke of Abercorn.

I wasn't 50 yards out before my sullenness dissolved in an instant: ***wild spider lilies***! One of my favorite flowers and a rare sight in the salty Lowcountry (I mostly associate them with Florida), I was thrilled to find the banks here dusted with their blooms for miles. In fact, Abercorn Creek was like a little slice of Florida with masses of elephant ear and palmetto, wild grape vines strung everywhere and some dense shrubby tree that resembled mangroves with its matted branches growing out of the muck. There were no bugs and it smelled like flowers. Moss-hung cypress trees towered overhead. ***Barred-owl*** hoots echoed from the mysterious interior. What on land was a still hot summer morning of gray skies and oppressiveness, here was a pleasant situation graced with cool river breezes. I was so glad I'd come.

I can't report much else from this yellow muddy stream; it was more of the same the whole way, just the peace I was looking for. The yahoos and their blaring country music left me far behind, and nothing else came to trouble the waters. There was absolutely nowhere to land in this formidable country of bogged-out woods and reedy reptile wallows — where I'm certain panthers yet lurk — so with no way to answer the call of nature, I had to turn back despite much more to explore. Rounding a bend I came upon two gators sunning on a mudbank, which startled all of us, and one of them was massive. Yet the 13-footer beat a sheepish retreat, while the little 4-footer stood his ground! A lot of things about this place had surprised me. Next time I try to judge a creek by its headlines, I'll know better. LL









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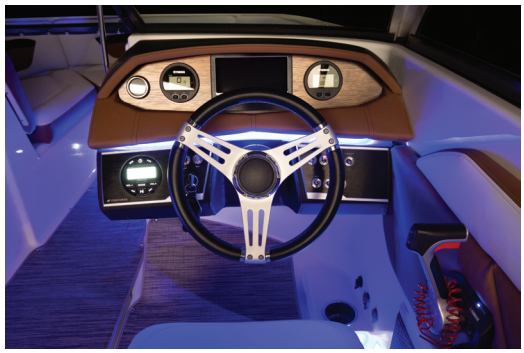
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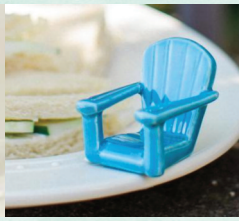
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JULY beach day



Summer is in full swing and things are getting sticky. Head to the beach to beat the heat. We're celebrating freedom this month and there's nothing more freeing than a day by the sea. Before you go, make sure your beach bag is packed with all the goods you'll need, and don't forget to check the tides. ***Here is your guide for July:***

HOT

TYPICAL DAYS

Toasty mid-summer weather means you'll need to cool off in the water. July is the warmest month on average, with temperatures staying in the high 80s to low 90s. It's typically the rainiest month, so don't forget your umbrella in case you need to take cover.







BEACH DESTINATION

Huntington Beach State Park

More than a beach, this state park (Murrells Inlet) has many other features, including a saltwater marsh, freshwater lagoon and Atalaya Castle, a Moorish-style home you can tour. The home, formerly owned by sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington and philanthropist Archer Huntington, was left as their legacy along with the park. The park covers 2,500 acres, including the three-mile beach.

Road Trip

Hilton Head Island to Huntington Beach State Park

177 miles: *3 hours, 33 minutes*



Wildlife

Explore one of the trails at Huntington Beach State Park for a chance to see some creatures in their natural habitat. Keep your eye out for loggerhead sea turtles, which like to call the saltwater marsh home. The park is a well-known hotspot for birdwatchers, too. Just watch out for the alligators.

If you go

Huntington Beach State Park is dog friendly but if you're hanging out at the beach, stick to the south end – they aren't allowed at the north end. Keep dogs on a leash six feet or shorter and don't forget to clean up after them. Make sure you bring your wallet when you visit the park, too. Daily admission ranges from free to $8, depending on your age.



What to bring.

Hat: Karen Kane Straw Crochet Sun Hat, $48 **Bag:** Scout BJ Bag, $52 (Gifted) **Book:** One Perfect Summer by Brenda Novak, $14 **Towel:** Hearth & Hand with Magnolia Stripe Beach Towel, $20 **Sunscreen:** Sun Bum Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50, $16 **Umbrella:** Sun Squad Palm Print Beach Umbrella, $30 **Chair:** Helinox Ground Sheet, $30 (Outside Hilton Head) **Float:** Williams Sonoma FUNBOY Aerin Tube Float, $25

Local Tides

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Huntington Beach State Park must-dos



CAMPING

*The park has a large campground with **more than 100 sites**. Each site has water and electricity and there are hot showers and bathrooms nearby. RVs, tents and everything in between can be accommodated in the campground.*



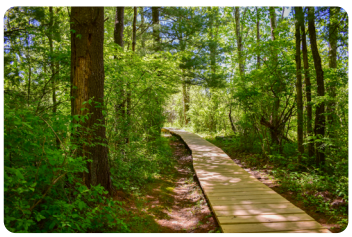
THE BEACH

*The Huntington Beach State Park beachfront stretches for **more than three miles**. There is a large central parking area where you have access to numerous amenities, including showers and bathrooms.*



ATALAYA

*The **historic home** is open for walking through on your own. There are also guided tours at various times and frequency depending on the time of the year.*



HIKING

*There are a **number of trails throughout the park**, with each trail serving different needs. Some trails are long and offer decent hiking routes while others are geared toward birders and others seeking good wildlife viewing opportunities.*

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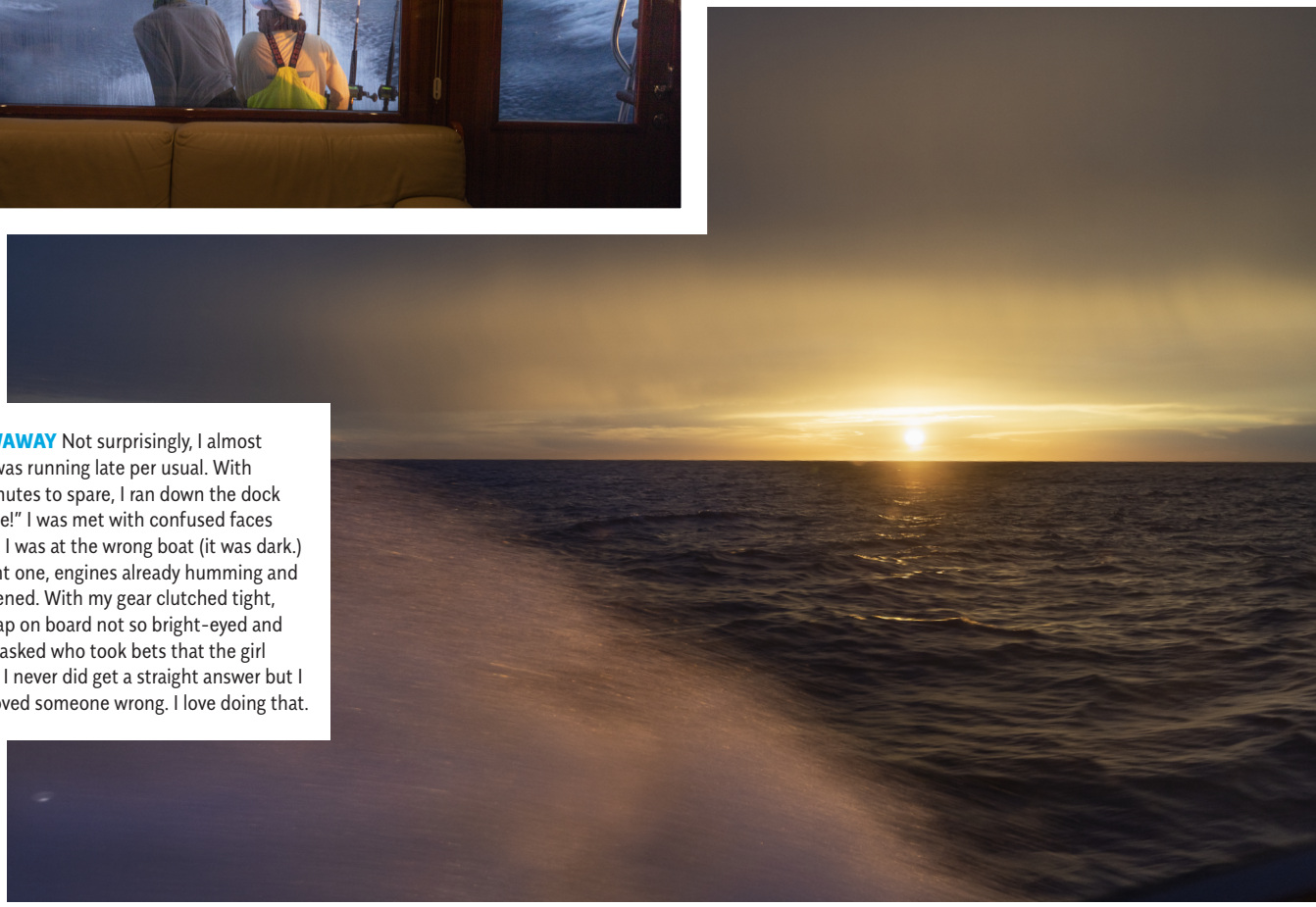
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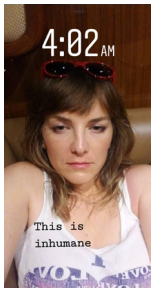
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THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE FISH
My little odyssey began with my sunset walk at Palmetto Bay. I saw a bunch of boats lit up and decked out in full gear and guys hanging out like adventure was brewing. I asked what the deal was and they explained the tournament. On a whim, I asked this friendly enough bunch if I could document the expedition. "You can come along, but we leave at 4 a.m.," said captain Dan Cornell. Gulp. "To heck with circadian rhythms and beauty rest," I told myself.





SLEEPY STOWAWAY Not surprisingly, I almost overslept and was running late per usual. With exactly two minutes to spare, I ran down the dock yelling "I'm here!" I was met with confused faces when I realized I was at the wrong boat (it was dark.) I found the right one, engines already humming and ties being loosened. With my gear clutched tight, I jumped the gap on board not so bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. I asked who took bets that the girl wouldn't show. I never did get a straight answer but I truly hope I proved someone wrong. I love doing that.





NOT SO SMOOTH SAILING The antsy anticipation was palpable, but with a two-hour hike to the fishing spot, patience was a virtue and an unavoidable necessity. They warned me how "sporty" (rough) the ride might be. I brushed it off, but I'm glad I skipped breakfast. ***Note to self:*** *Take an antacid next time and skip the coffee.*

FISH ON With the tournament clock ticking, the crew wastes no time getting started upon arrival. Reeling in a catch takes a lot of coordination and a good team spirit. Working closely together on a long tiresome day can be wearing. Good personalities and a healthy dose of humor go a long way.

FISH NOW, SLEEP LATER That sunrise was a welcome start to an interesting glimpse into a fisherman's day. I was still dragging, but these guys were raring to go despite lack of sleep.

I caught a fish THIS big!





TUG OF WAR It takes some serious stamina and strength to do this all day. Sporty waters, the drag of a moving boat, 30+ pounds of hydrodynamic muscle resisting you and possibly smacking you in the face is no joke. "The wear and tear on a fisherman's body takes a toll," said Warren Holland. I believe that. I was getting tossed around like a rag doll, but these sure-footed guys anchor themselves and somehow win a battle of wills in the choppy tug-of-war.

RUN FOR THE BULLS TOURNAMENT 2020

STORY + PHOTOGRAPHY BY KIM SMITH

I caught a fish THIS big! I know that's code for an exaggeration, but these pictures don't lie. The fair ship Game On and its crew were kind enough to let this intrepid photographer/greenhorn tag along on their hunt for the biggest bull dolphin (male Mahi Mahi). The winner gets legit bragging rights, not to mention many a fine meal. More importantly, the Run For The Bulls tournament raised well-used funds for the Waddell Mariculture Center.

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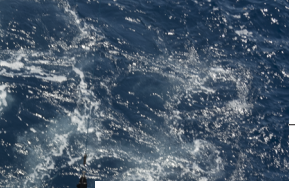


GUYS WITH CHARACTER When I finally saw how beautiful Mahi's colors and markings are, the crew's fashion choices made a little more sense. Seriously though, the colors that flash on these fish are so brilliant, they're visible from a good distance. When another species gets snagged, I appreciate these guys for only keeping what would be eaten. Long live and prosper, barracuda.





A NEW APPRECIATION Beyond the thrill of the catch, though, I appreciate these guys for only keeping what would be eaten. Live long and prosper, barracuda.



GILLS AND THRILLS The passion for this pastime was foreign to me. Anyone who knows me has heard me say, "Fish are friends, not food." Seafood isn't my favorite, and I made friends with a grouper on a dive in Cayman Brac once. (They like their bellies rubbed.) So I didn't think I'd enjoy this part of the experience. I have to admit, catching a glimpse of a Mahi on the line was exhilarating. A snag is followed by abrupt commotion, buzz, yelling, energy, excitement and ultimately, celebration. The thrill is absolutely contagious. Now I can see how this becomes an addictive, natural high.









RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK The guys had a pretty good stride going, but the clock was winding down and they weren't confident they found the big one. So from the uppermost deck, Captain Dan saw a possible sweet spot and had a hunch. Co-captain Curtis Josey made a beeline. Without much ado thereafter, they snagged this big boy!

GAME OVER FOR NOW At the end of the day, the Game On crew walked away with a highly respectable second place. I walked away with a big smile and a new infatuation. I'm hooked. Pun intended. *LL*



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STORY BY EDDY HOYLE + ILLUSTRATIONS BY MEGAN GOHEEN

Have you ever been stuck driving uphill behind a large RV and unable to pass it? It slows you down, and your blood pressure rises until you get the opportunity to pass it. You're finally able to hit the gas and whip around it. You travel quite a distance, pull off to get gas, a bathroom break, and maybe a burger. You get back on the highway, and once again, you're behind that same RV, and you wonder how it beat you.

Remember Aesop's ancient tale of the tortoise and the hare? The RV driver is traveling inside his home just like the tortoise inside its carapace. The hare (you) quickly leaves the tortoise behind only to discover that your competitor, crawling slowly but steadily, has arrived before you.

By virtue of slow movements, turtles are attributed with patience and wisdom, and the lesson of Aesop's fable is to keep moving toward your goals, no matter how slow or difficult. Focus on the journey, and pace yourself.

Turtles were held in high esteem by many cultures throughout history. Their images are present in rock art and cave drawings across the globe. Ancient peoples recognized that the turtle carries its home on its back — an enviable feat. It was admired for its longevity, its methodical pace and the fact that females produce a great number of eggs. Some turtle species live on land, others in the water. These factors influenced human culture, and the turtle became one of the oldest symbols of fertility, motherhood, perseverance, health, long life and wisdom.

The turtle became a sacred symbol of Mother Earth in many creation myths. From China to Mesopotamia to the Americas, turtles were visualized as supporting the world itself. The World Turtle (aka the Cosmic Turtle) is a part of Hindu, Indian, Chinese and Native American mythology.

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India

India created religious images of the World Turtle showing the earth supported by four elephants standing on the shell of an enormous turtle. The turtle bears the weight of the world due to the strength of its carapace or shell.

China

In Chinese myths, the World Turtle helps the god, Pangu, prop up the world representing endurance and strength. It also signifies eternity and is a common symbol when people are laid to rest. In feng shui, energy is used to harmonize the environment, and a tortoise placed in the rear of the home is a symbol of hope, relationships and family life.

Native America

Native American legends attribute creation to the Earth Diver Turtle that swam to the depths of the ocean. When it surfaced, it was covered with mud which the creator used to make the earth. In another myth, the mud was spread over the backs of seven giant turtles whose movements explain earthquakes. The turtle is also honored for saving mankind from the great flood. She is the immortal mother who carries the tremendous burden of man. They believe the shell of the turtle has spiritual healing properties, and it's used to dispense medicine. In Southwestern tribes, the turtle represents water, a necessity in desert regions.

Africa

In African cultures, the turtle's powerful ju ju appears in fertility rites. A turtle that can live 150 years has wrinkly skin, and is a reminder to pay great respect to elders. In African lore, the turtle is featured as a trickster, a clever creature, slow but smart, and able to figure a way out of sticky situations. No animal is able to kill it because it is protected by its shell. Because they live in water and on land, they are revered as special friends of the God of Rain.

Greece

In ancient Greece the turtle is a symbol of fertility and an attribute of Aphrodite/Venus. A fable exists in which Zeus invited all animals to his wedding, but the tortoise did not attend. Zeus wanted to know why. The tortoise responded, 'Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.' Zeus was angry and ordered the tortoise to carry her house with her wherever she went.

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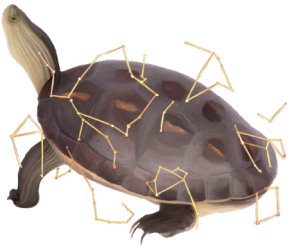
In ancient Egypt turtles were believed to have magical power to ward off evil and to defend health and life. In multiple cultures, turtle shells were tools of divination. In Polynesia, intricate shell patterns were ciphers to chart the paths that spirits travel after death. In China, mystics attempted to connect the pattern of the shell and the constellations. The shell is said to depict a map of the stars, and most turtle shells have 13 sections that are associated with the 13 phases of the moon.



African Myth



Grecian Myth



Chinese Myth



Turtle lessons

The turtle is many things to many people. Perhaps its most important attribute is the wisdom to take things one step at a time, reminding us that great undertakings are accomplished by completing one small action at a time. LL

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Local Turtle Art

Myrtle the Turtle

One of the most popular sculptures on Hilton Head Island is a sea turtle named Myrtle, located near the Tiki Hut. She was painted by local artist Mira Scott to honor a very ambitious sea turtle that has been nesting on the island since 2011. The sculpture has been donated to The Sandbox Children's Museum and will be replaced by "Lights Out Myrtle," Scott's take on her Bo Art painting "Little Dipper." Find more of Scott's work online at boarthhi.com.



Little Dipper by Mira Scott (Bo Art)



Myrtle the Turtle by Mira Scott



Lights Out Myrtle by Mira Scott



First Light by Rodel Gonzalez (Endangered Arts)



Enjoying the Sun (Marge Agin Photography)



Sea Turtle by Dan Goad (Fast Frame)



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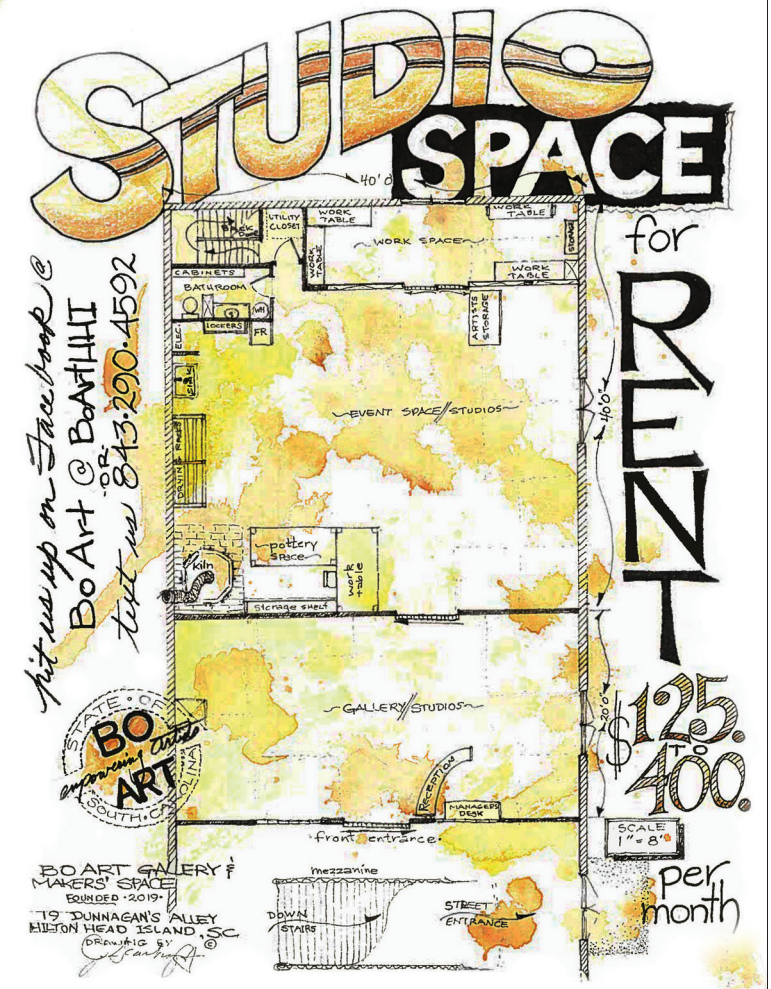


Tortuga Bay by Sandy Scott (Red Piano)



Makin' Mischief by Joseph Quillan (Endangered Arts)

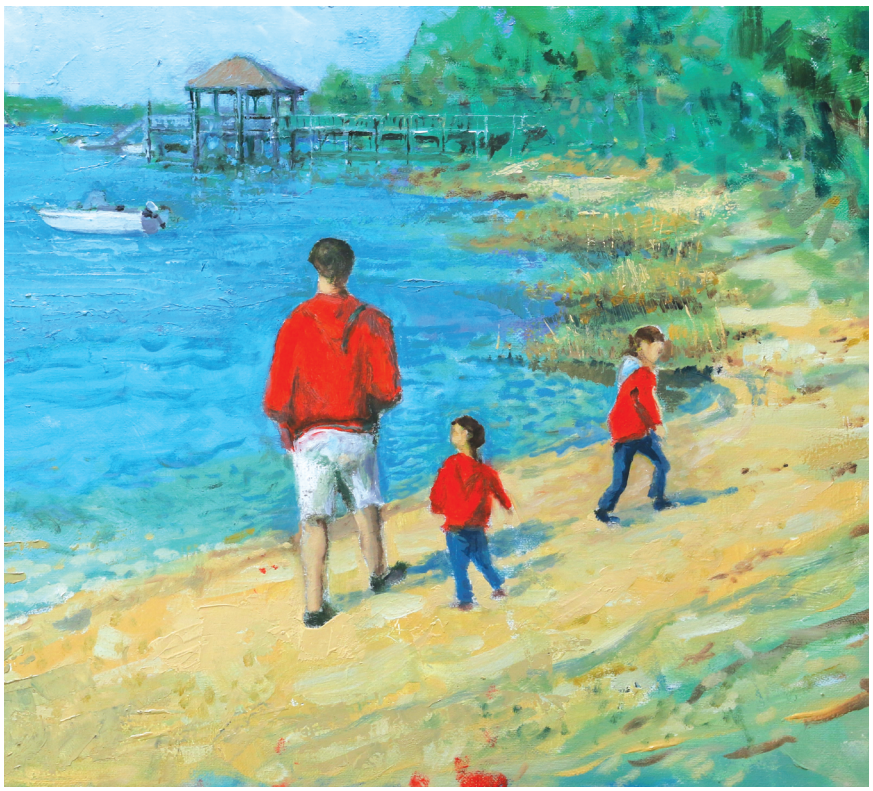
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LOCAL ART *Walk with Dad, Robert Sefton*

Shortcuts and Adventures

Dad loved "shortcuts."

A "shortcut" was his euphemism for an adventure;
a drive or trip, a sometime winding journey to a destination
where the exact ending spot may or may not have been predetermined.

Saving time was never the purpose, for
time was not an issue
back then.

We saw oceans and rivers and railroad trestles,
lakes and locks and dams, and a defunct canal.

We explored national parks and state parks and ball parks,
and a city park with a railroad locomotive we could climb on.

We visited libraries and museums and zoos,
a coal mine, a piano roll manufacturer, a casino,
and somebody's garage filled with model trains.

He drove us to Carlsbad Caverns and Cooperstown,
Disneyland and Disney World,
the Grand Canyon, and the Petrified Forest,
Mantle Rock, Starved Rock, and Rock Cut State Park.

We climbed the stairs and looked through tiny windows
atop the Arch in St. Louis, the Statue of Liberty,
and the Washington Monument.

We went to Arlington National Cemetery where we saw the eternal flame
and the final resting place for John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and
once, just off Illinois Route 9, in the middle of a cornfield turned winery,
he showed us the exact ending spot for his own final adventure.

— Phil Lindsey

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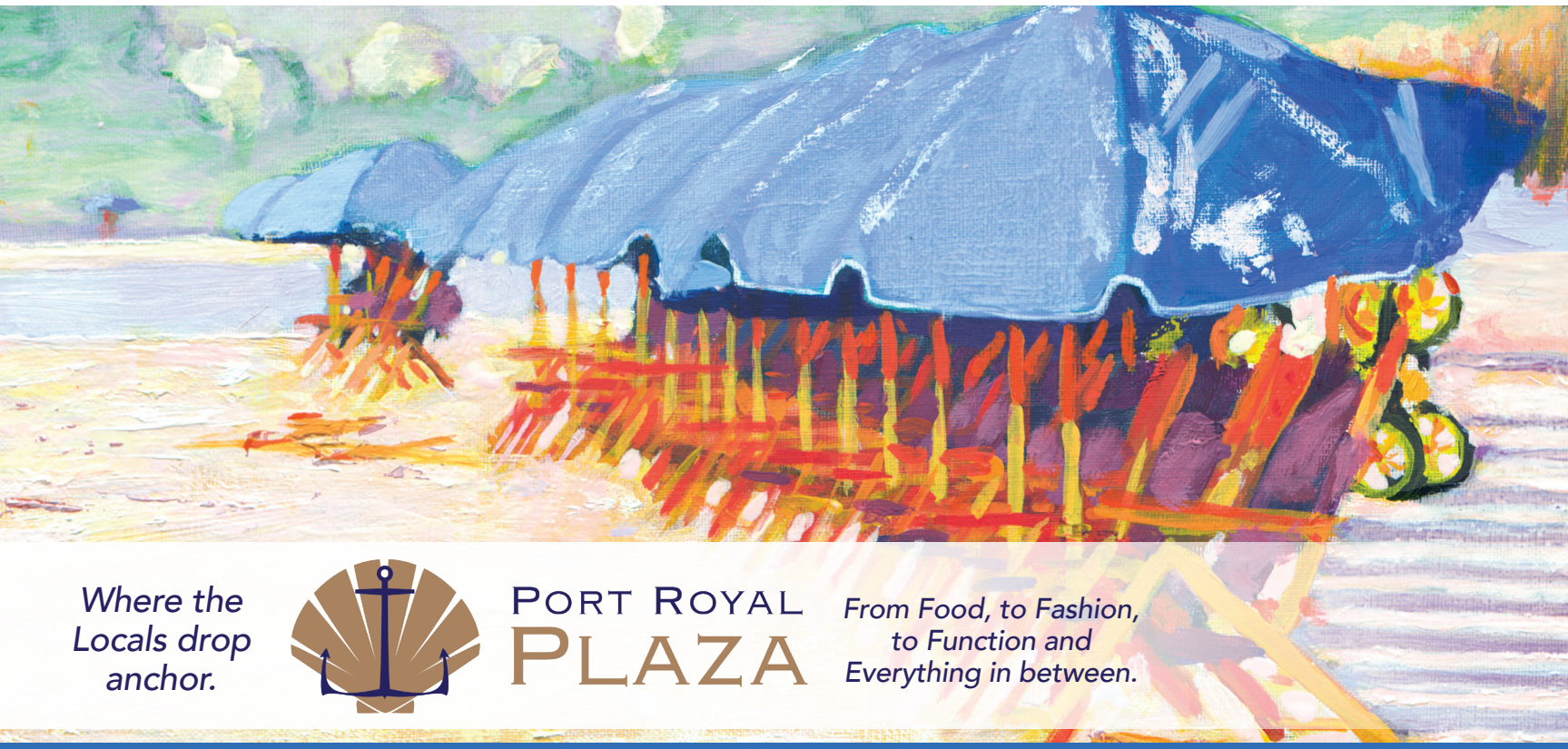


Amiri Geuka Farris's Boxed In/Break Out exhibit **"Breakout!"** will be on view in the Barnard Street windows of the Jepson Center in Savannah through Spring 2021.

Black Squares

By Amiri Geuka Farris

Don't put me in your box,
Digital hashtags like pixels of deception.
Stop.
Breakout bread together, fresh not stale.
Walk next to me, don't run swiftly ahead never looking back.
Together we were in dreams not nightmares!
Remember our hopes that would one day change reality?
Holding hands, singing and dancing, the children of the future.
Space, deep like Malcolm, Martin.
Nightingale dust of stars,
twinkling with lights of passion,
brighter than any knowledge we know.
But we can't breathe, you stream, cover us with masks of disparities.
Linked in the love of natural connection, don't teach me to hate.
Let us Create.
Let us be.
We are all spectrums of color,
not black or white but cocoa, melanin,
golden delicious drips of color.
Painted together on a canvas.
Beautiful cardboards of diversity.
If you put me in your black square do so holding hands,
clenching tightly together.
Real like the winds changing, blowing on the sun breath of a new day.
I am you and you are me.
Novas hoping for a brighter universe.
Let us together, reclaim the dream.



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Locals helping locals

DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The team at ***May River Golf Club*** gets a big thank you for collecting golf equipment from its Palmetto Bluff neighbors. Quality second-hand equipment went to the kids in ***The First Tee of the Lowcountry's Life Skills*** classes, making a huge impact on the first time golfers. If you're upgrading your clubs or bags this season, keep The First Tee in mind.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

More than $2.1 million has been raised, and more than $640K has been awarded so far to nonprofits across coastal South Carolina to support communities affected by the pandemic, thanks to the ***COVID-19 Relief*** and ***Recovery Fund of Coastal Community Foundation***.



IN MEMORY

In memory of ***"The Known and Unknown Victims of COVID-19,"*** Christ Lutheran Church planted a red camillia tree on the grounds of the church. Visit this graceful natural reminder for years to come.



LOCAL BUSINESSES STEP UP

Local businesses came together to create ***Hope4Help***, the pandemic charity that feeds local families while supporting the restaurant industry. The website, designed and implemented by ***Triad Design Group***, makes it easy to donate, buy a card or find a participating restaurant.



WELL DONE, WEXFORD

Members of the ***Wexford Foundation*** donated over $100,000 in emergency funding to meet the needs of local nonprofit organizations. Charities dealing with hunger and housing received much of this funding, but PPE equipment, education and software to assist in safety and productivity also benefitted from Wexford contributions. The Wexford Foundation donated $235,000 to 32 local charities earlier this year in annual sustaining grants and has donated more than $1.4 million since its inception in 2012.

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BACK IN BUSINESS Forsythe Jewelers, Outside Hilton Head and Michael Anthony's Cucina Italiana are three of the many local businesses that have pledged to take appropriate protective measures to help safeguard our community, workforce and visitors.

THE PATH FORWARD

Many local businesses took ***The Path Forward Pledge***, promising to use the appropriate protective measures necessary to safeguard the health of our community, workforce and visitors. The program was initiated by the ***Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce***. ***SOAR Special Recreation*** hosted a card giveaway at LOCAL Life headquarters.



ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

A WEBINAR SERIES

Hospice Care of the Lowcountry recently hosted the first in a series of webinars to help navigate through the maze of Advance Care Planning. To learn more and to download the resources from the first webinar, visit **hospicecarelc.org/webinar-resources**

"Hospice Care of the Lowcountry was a godsend when my mom was sick, not simply for my mother but for my entire family. Their ability to empathize and educate about end of life was priceless. I feel like my mother experienced her end of life with dignity."

– Debi Lynes

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CLEANING UP THE TOWN

StoneWorks recently had 12 employees participate in their quarterly trash pickup on Hunter Road on Hilton Head Island. They collected 12 bags of trash in an effort to help keep the community beautiful and clean. Warehouse manager Johnathan Whitehead coordinated the morning pick up and took the photograph.

GIRL SCOUTS RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS

Local nonprofit, ***Hospice Care of the Lowcountry***, received donation from ***Girl Scout Troop 4008***. The girls raised money with more than $16,000 in cookie sales. The troop proceeds were divided into three groups: Troop savings, pizza & pool party and local charity donation. The girls in the troop had an opportunity to vote on a charity to donate their allotment to. Their decision was to divide the amount slated for a single charity amongst three local charities — Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, Bluffton Self Help and Hilton Head Humane.





HELP US HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

Eat and drink like a local with ***LOCAL Flavor***, a LOCAL Life cookbook filled with recipes from local chefs and restaurants. Buy a cookbook for $15 and we will give $10 to the Lowcountry Community COVID-19 Response Fund. **Purchase a copy online at LocalLifeSC.com.**

ONE GOOD APPLE

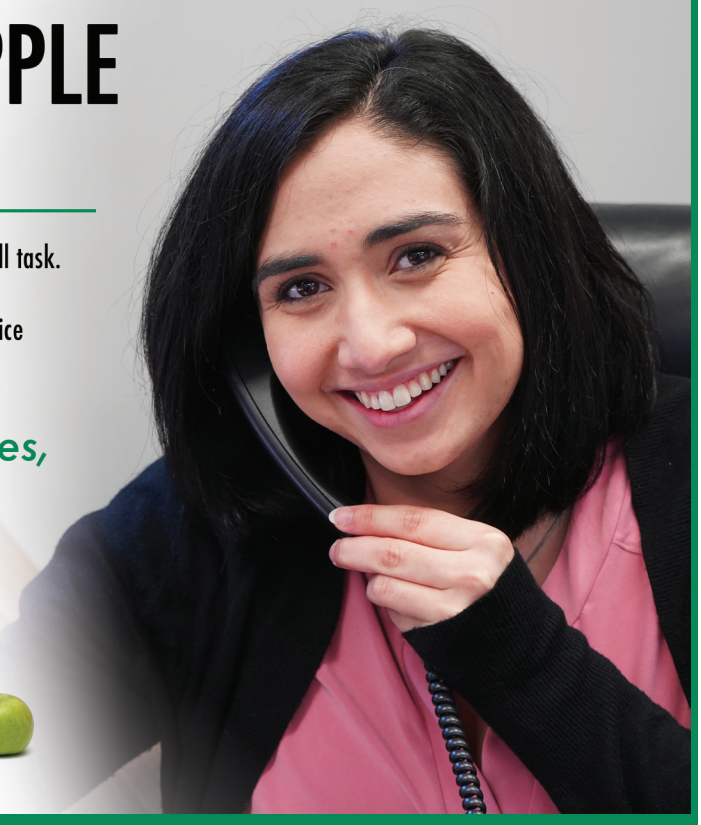
Taylor Fote, *Administrative Assistant*

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DON RYAN CENTER FOR INNOVATION OFFERS FREE MEMBERSHIP, FREE FLEX SPACE, OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES RECOVER

As part of the ***Small Business Economic Resiliency Plan*** approved by the Bluffton Town Council, the Don Ryan Center for Innovation is expanding its mission and taking on an important role in helping to assist small businesses through the economic challenges produced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The center, founded in 2012 as a nonprofit providing space, resources, experienced guidance and contacts to help entrepreneurs successfully launch and grow new businesses, has been appointed by the Town of Bluffton as the DRCI Small Business Concierge. In this expanded new role, the DRCI will help local businesses respond to business disruption and plan for recovery, including a free annual DRCI membership and free rent at The HUB, the soon-to-open new home of the Don Ryan Center for Innovation. It will offer flex space and a wide range of business-building services, as well as serving as the center for innovation and economic development in Beaufort County. ***Learn more at donryancenter.com.***

LOCAL BUSINESSES CAN RECEIVE:

- **Waived DRCI membership** fee for 12 months for the more than 3,400 companies with a Bluffton business license during the pandemic-recovery phase and waived membership fees for all businesses in Beaufort County.
- **Waived cost of rent at The HUB at Buckwalter Place for 12 months.** In addition to offering a conveniently located community work space with flexible seating, The HUB offers a wide variety of resources for local businesses, including meeting rooms, whiteboards, gigabit high-speed internet, Apple iMAC and Windows Computers, HD large panel monitors and cast-enabled LCDs in meeting rooms and gathering spaces.
- **Pro bono assistance** to help businesses navigate through legal questions and parameters facing businesses today (through partnership with local legal resources)
- **Walk-in local clinic** for local businesses
- **Assistance** in helping businesses prioritize, reshape, communicate and maximize governmental policies and programs in preparing for the new normal of business
- **Other business-building resources**, including marketing/PR/branding support

Virtual experiences



DEAS-GUYZ ON DEMAND

Wildly popular local band ***Deas-Guyz*** kept the hits coming Memorial Day weekend with its special recorded performance benefiting Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's COVID-19 response team.

PLAY AT HOME

The Arts Center, in partnership with ***The Kennedy Center***, would like to get the word out about the ***Play at Home*** project. A collaboration between theaters across the country, Play at Home is a response to the new landscape of performing arts during the global crisis. In order to continue to inspire joy and creativity through live theater, playwrights have been micro-commissioned to write short stories or plays intended for families or small groups to perform together at home. Visit the website to enjoy the performances, and share your own using #artshhi and #playathomeplays. Details at playathome.org.



VIRTUAL WINE TASTING

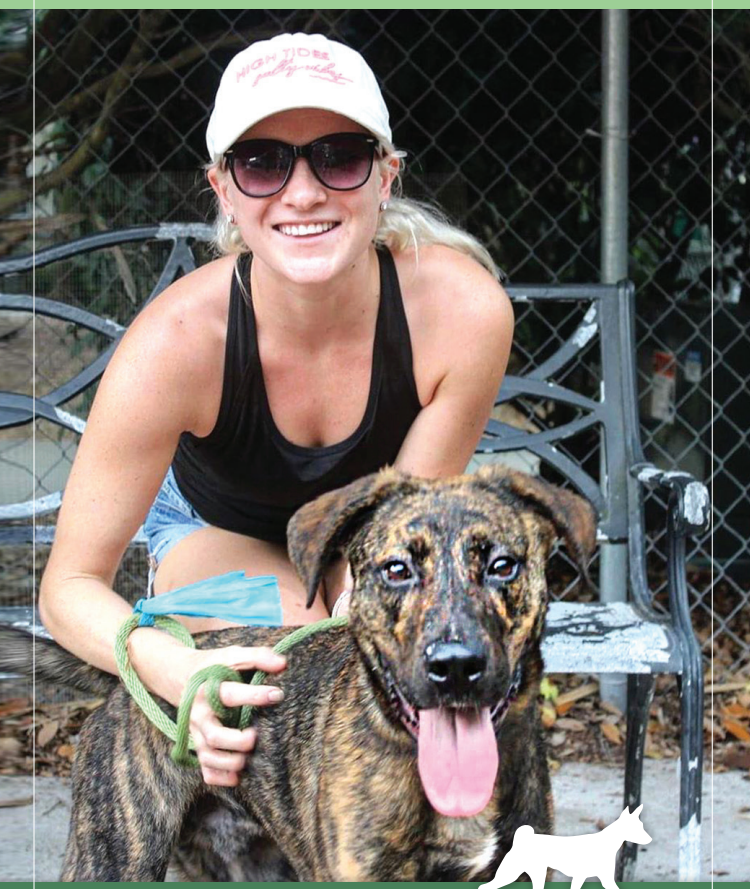
Rollers Wine & Spirits invited locals to a virtual wine tasting with ***Sokol Blosser Winery*** and its organic wines. It featured expert winemaker and son of the winery's founders, Alex Sokol Blosser. If you haven't tried a virtual tasting, the concept is perfect for social distancing. Tasters receive wine products and plates to pair via the mail and then join a broadcast with a tour guide, or in this case the vintner. A fun way to increase your wine knowledge and you won't need a ride home!

SEA PINES COUNTRY CLUB VIRTUAL TOUR

Sea Pines Country Club has coupled its state-of-the-art clubhouse with a new fully immersive virtual tour to offer an unprecedented look inside one of the island's true hidden gems. The tour offers a complete walk-through of the reimagined clubhouse including the golf shop, Blue Heron Pub & Grille, fire pit, pool deck, indoor saline pool, multimillion-dollar fitness center and new Club Course Café. Sea Pines Country Club was recently recognized by Club Management Magazine for its "state-of-the-art" interior and exterior clubhouse design. The official publication of the Club Management Association of America, Club Management recognized select clubs across the U.S. that have re-invented themselves as "stylish, modern venues" that create "unique experiences and draw in members." The tour is available at www.seapinescountryclub.com/membership.







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The Scene









Class of 2020

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Take it outside

The ***First Tee*** held its board meeting outside under the live oak, socially distanced. ***Paul Caruso*** and ***Pat Zuk*** present ***Kim Likins*** an award.







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Rally for Justice and Change

Hundreds of locals gathered for the ***"Rally for Justice and Change"*** at Chaplin Park to show solidarity on racial and social injustice.



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July happenings

A few things to look forward to this month





Saturday night market in Bluffton

Saturday evenings in Bluffton just got interesting. The entire community is invited to ***Summer Night Market***, an open-air shopping event with live music that features local artisans and makers from 5-9 p.m. Saturdays July 11, July 25, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22 in the Southern Barrel parking lot in Buckwalter Plaza in Bluffton.

The Impact of Recycling in Beaufort County

A free webinar. What materials can and can't be recycled? What happens to the material that we recycle? Is it just thrown away? Why are some recycling centers being closed? What impact does recycling have on our local economy? ***Beaufort County Recycling Coordinator Ashley Jenkins*** will give the public an overview of recycling in Beaufort County, which drives the rules for our county and how we can develop partnerships to make our county more environmentally friendly. Jenkins will talk about the impact on the South Carolina economy and what businesses have been created here because of recycling. Register in advance for this free webinar.



RECYCLING WEBINAR
When: 10 a.m. July 15
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Zoom the Room

The ***Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce*** and ***The Don Ryan Center for Innovation*** invite you to a business-building networking Zoom call to help local businesses form new partnerships and get the help they need. Bring your networking A-game, your elevator pitch and a list of your top three "needs" for your business and get ready to make dozens of new connections, resources and possible referrals. It's free to attend. Registration is required. Featuring networking expert Lucy Rosen, author of the business networking book "Fast Track Networking: Turning Conversations Into Contacts." Register at facebook.com/DonRyanCenter.

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Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival canceled

Without a clear picture of how the virus will be impacting lives come October, and with no influence or control over potential new or ongoing safety processes, organizers of the ***Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival*** announced the 2020 event has been canceled. The next event is set for Oct. 29-Nov. 7, 2021.



Fireworks shows canceled

For the first time in 32 years, ***Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina*** has canceled its 11 fireworks shows due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more than three decades, the fireworks shows have served as the centerpiece for the multi-week HarbourFest event.

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A slice of celebrity for sale

ICONIC BEAUFORT HOME KEEPS MAKING HISTORY

STORY BY LISA ALLEN
PHOTOS BY TONY PIERRO

The house at 601 Bay Street in Beaufort appears immortal, earning survivor status in the 1860s and the 1900s and in the 1990s by outlasting war, fire and Barbra Streisand, in that order.

Known now as the "Prince of Tides" house, it was built by Lewis Reeve Sams as a breezy reprieve from his cotton plantation on Dataw Island in the 1850s. Soon after, Civil War Gen. Rufus Saxton had his pick of all of the homes in Beaufort in which to live during the Union occupation and chose it first. But like the three bears, Saxon moved into a series of other Beaufort mansions, so 601 Bay then served as a hospital.

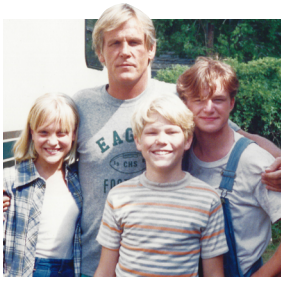
The home reverted to the Sams family after the war, and they sold it to Northerner George Waterhouse in 1866. Waterhouse became a prominent merchant and cotton-gin owner who arranged lifesaving food shipments after the town was wrecked by a hurricane in 1893.

Later, a bucket brigade from Waterhouse's cotton gin saved the house from the great Beaufort fire of 1907, the only home on that end of Bay Street to survive.

Its latest claim to fame is its scenes in the 1991 film "Prince of Tides," directed by Barbra Streisand.

"Barbra didn't think our fence was fancy enough, so she had those post toppers added," said homeowner Gwen Myers, pointing to two balls adorning their back gate. Streisand also moved around some landscaping to suit her eye.





Did you know?

Four actresses played the role of Savannah Wingo in The Prince of Tides. The 13-year-old Savannah was played by then Hilton Head Island resident **Kiki Runyan** (now Kiki Patsch living in California). Many locals know her mom, Debi Lynes. Here, she is shown on the set with Nick Nolte and two other actors from the film. "Barbara (Streisand) was really great to all of the people on the set, especially us kids," Kiki said.

"During the filming of the rape scene, she kept checking on my emotional state." She also has many funny memories of Nolte. "He would pull out his nose hairs to help him cry," she said. Kiki obviously learned from the pro tip. By the end of filming, she was so good at crying on camera, she couldn't stop. Streisand started lightheartedly referring to her as Leaky Kiki.



Etched on film

- 601 Bay Street was used as the home of Tom Wingo's mother in the 1991 film "Prince of Tides."
- Stars: Barbra Streisand, Nick Nolte, Blythe Danner
- Scenes from 601: Tom looking at the Woods Bridge from the front porch. A confrontation in the front parlor between Tom and his stepfather.









The home has passed through relatively few owners over its lifetime. Three generations of the same family owned the home, and then it was converted to the Bay Street Inn for about 25 years before being purchased and returned to a private residence. Scott and Gwen Myers bought it in 2006.

Now it's up for sale. The Myerses plan to move to Austin, Texas, to be close to their grandchildren. The new owner will learn that the 7,600-square-foot home has its own social calendar that it enjoys fulfilling.

"When we bought the house, we were informed that the house was part of the CAPA ghost tours each October and the site of an annual Open Land Trust luncheon, as well as a participant in home tours of the Historic Beaufort Foundation, and other charity tours," Gwen said, who remembered thinking at the time that the house has a presence, almost like a person, and its family is the town of Beaufort. It likes to be shared.

There are many reasons the home is a frequent flyer on architectural lists.

The home has three of the classic indicators of the Beaufort style of Greek Revival: The parapet around the low-pitched roof, T-shape construction to allow for cross ventilation of interior rooms and a raised foundation, in this case, 14 feet up.

The interior is flawless and includes black marble fireplaces, sculpted plasterwork and heart of pine floors. The furnishings, collected by the Myerses, date from the 1850s to 1890s along with a few other pieces that came with the house.

The Myerses hope the new owners will continue to keep the house's history alive as a single-family residence. For example, the first meeting of the Clover Club convened in the home's parlor in 1891. The women's study club continues today, in which members write primary-sourced papers on a different topic each year, even if it means a trip to China for research.

Real estate agent Annie Powell with Keller Williams said the next owner could be from anywhere but likely will be someone who loves history, much like the Myerses do. Scott has known of the house most of his life. He grew up in the Upstate, but went to Beaufort Academy.

"I remember whenever I came over the Woods Bridge, I would stare at this house. It was my favorite one in Beaufort," Scott said. But years later, he wasn't initially sold on the idea of buying it.





"We had vacationed on Fripp Island for years and planned to build a house there," Gwen said. "I loved this house the moment I saw it. Scott took a little convincing."

They had owned historic homes before, so they knew there was a lot involved in owning it. They redid all of the bathrooms that had been installed in the 1970s when the house was turned into a six-room inn, Scott said.

As tourists stop and gawk at the house, Gwen or Scott will surprise them with an invitation to come inside for a tour. Gwen has kept all of the thank you notes from those visitors over the years, including some from the Sams family. "I have notes from all over the world," she said.

But family calls. Austin also is where Scott and Gwen met years ago as graduate students at the University of Texas, Gwen in early childhood education, eventually earning a Ph.D. and Scott in engineering.

The Myerses will miss Beaufort and their home. "Of all of the houses I've owned, this is my favorite," Scott said.

"But as they say, it's people, not places," Gwen said. "We want to be more than a voice on the phone to our grandchildren." *LL*





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When Barbra Streisand moved to Beaufort



STORY BY TOMMY BAYSDEN
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In 1991, **Nick Nolte and Barbra Streisand** took up residence in Beaufort for five months to film "The Prince of Tides." To welcome the stars, doors were flung open and red carpets rolled out all over the little town. Nolte ate it up. Queen Barbra, not so much.

Nick rode all over town on his rickety bicycle, dressed in green surgical scrubs. He chatted up shrimpers and downtown merchants, sat down with people in cafes and became close friends with Matt Williams, another recovering alcoholic. "His charm could melt the polar ice cap," one local woman said. Nolte himself said, "I'm really into this place. I want to know every street, every place to get a good burger. You'll be sick of me by the time I have to leave!"

But Barbra didn't charm much of anybody. On the contrary, everything she did seemed calculated to irritate the locals. "Loved him, hated her," the Chicago Tribune quoted one as saying. "She was a very uppity lady, and that's not just the female point of view!"

Her first initiative was leasing a large historic home on Prince Street with a gym and pool surrounded by a high fence (the owners decamped to their beach house on Fripp Island) which she proceeded to repaint, room by room. (In fairness, the original colors were restored upon her departure.)

Her residency overlapped the town's annual Water Festival, and she was asked to sing the national anthem at the opening ceremony, backed by the Marine Corps Band, said to be one of the world's best. Nothing doing. The Renaissance Weekend, with perennial guests Bill and Hillary Clinton, was being held on Hilton Head, and one of the founders later remarked to me that Streisand strode into the room and struck up a conversation with the Clintons at a noise level that drowned out the presentation being made. "She was a total disruption," the host told me.

And then there were the fighter jets. She didn't much care for "The Sound of Freedom," so she called the CO at the Marine Corps Air Station and told him to stop flying over her house. She wanted the base shut down. This was obviously not possible, but to appease her at least a little, the CO agreed to alter the schedule a bit.



It is told that she yearned for ice cream three times a day and dispatched her minions to Plums, a local cafe, (and still popular) to pick up orders. Soon, she tired of the flavors they offered and sent her personal chef to teach them a new recipe that included coffee, fudge and almonds. It's still on the menu.

Someone had arranged for her to tour a richly historic mansion on Bay Street, and when the entourage arrived, ridiculously late, the owner extended her hand to shake Barbra's. Never making eye contact, the distinguished guest merely touched a finger to it, like a reenactment of the Sistine Chapel ceiling. She asked a few questions, always whispering them to one of her keepers who repeated the question to their hostess. In that encounter, anyway, she didn't even deign to talk to the commoners.

A final episode sort of summed it all up. Streisand was sequestered in her Winnebago, parked just outside a local home, awaiting a scene. A crowd had gathered in the July heat, hoping for autographs, when the star emerged. An hour passed. A policeman approached, saying "Miss Streisand will be out in a moment. No autographs, please." Then he moved the whole crowd fifty yards up the street.

Another hour passed. Suddenly, the trailer's door flew open and the diva emerged. She hurried across the yard about twenty feet and disappeared into the house. A local reporter commented: "A glimpse. That's all that Streisand was willing to grant that day." It may have finally dawned on the Beaufort folks in the crowd that they, along with the rest of the world, would have to wait for the movie to open before they could get a good, long look at the celebrity in their midst.

Many locals, seeing the movie months later, remarked that it bore only a passing resemblance to the book. To which Pat Conroy famously said: "When Hollywood acquired the film rights to 'The Prince of Tides,' they could have turned the Wingos into a family of Eskimos! That's just the way the business works."

Finally, it is said that on the day of her departure, the Air Station staged a five-plane, low-altitude flyover of Barbra's house. *LL*

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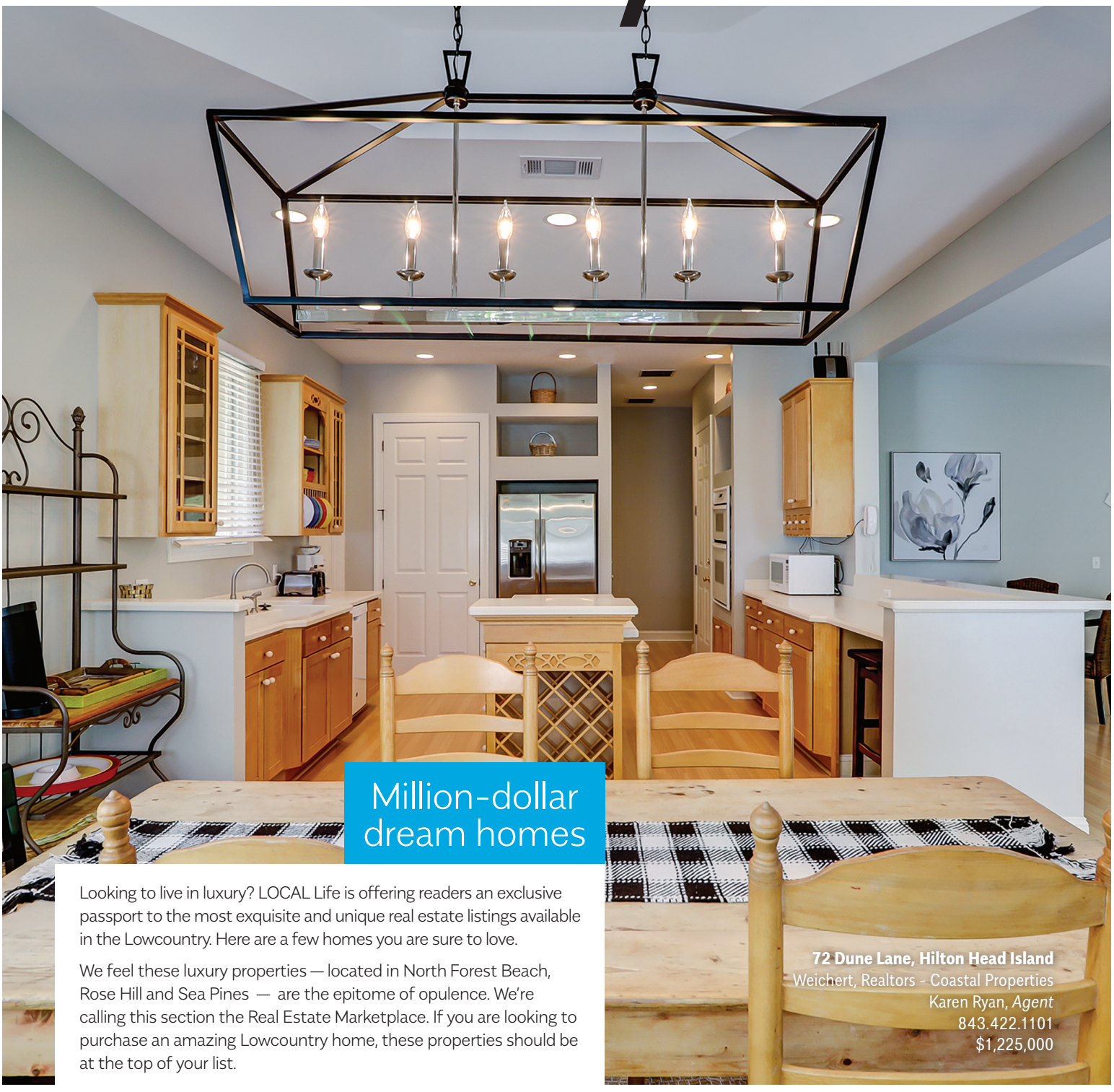
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