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## Mariner Returns To The Sea

**A 441-POUND LEATHERBACK IS RESCUED ON FOLLY**  
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Thanks to timely appearance and quick thinking of Folly Beach City Councilmember and Folly Beach Turtle Watch (FBTW) volunteer Teresa Marshall and her neighbors at Marshview Villas, a 441-pound leatherback sea turtle was rescued from the marsh after being stranded by King Tides early Friday, May 6.

High tide was at 8 a.m., the stranded turtle sighted about 9:30 a.m., and was on its way to the hospital by 11 a.m. Marshall and her neighbors helped save the large turtle, which was named Mariner, from what could have been a long and perhaps deadly day baking in the sun before the tide's return.

Marshall notified FBTW stranding crew coordinator Bob Neville and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) who quickly responded with extra help to shade, cool, and coax the turtle onto a tarp for a mighty heavy lift and carry to the DNR truck for transport to the South Carolina Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital.

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## Full Nets, Empty Hearts

**BACKMAN'S SEAFOOD ENTERS FIRST SHRIMP SEASON WITHOUT IT'S SKIPPER AT THE HELM**

By Bill Davis | Staff Writer

There will be something missing from Battery Island during shrimp season, and it won't be the shrimp.

According to state Department of Natural Resources spokesperson Erin Weeks, this will be a big season for shrimp.

Weeks, who works out of the Fort Johnson Road DNR facility at the tip of James Island, said that scientists are reporting a variety of international factors that point toward a bumper crop.

And that could mean big sales as the economy continues to recover, boats come back laden with shrimps, and SUVs arrive at Lowcountry restaurants full of tourists. The current season, the second of the year, will end later this fall.

What will be missing is Thomas "Junior" Backman, who died late last year at the age of 76.

As the namesake of a company that ran as many as six shrimp boats from Backman's Seafood Company on Sol Legare Road, Junior was an integral part of the local fishing and shrimping industry.

Sitting inside the company's street-front retail building, dock manager Billy Goss laments the loss.

"What's it like without him? It's like you've lost everything, just lost," says Goss.

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Photo By Bill Davis

Dock Manager Billy Goss keeps things afloat at Backman's Seafood

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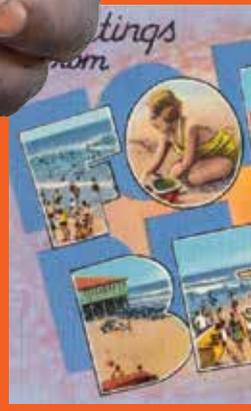
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Anna Cary at the Great Wall of China

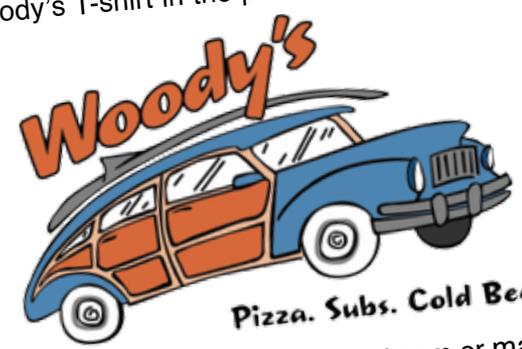


Kate Weston at Darwin Research Station, Santa Cruz, Galapagos, Ecuador.



Lindsey Chambers in front of the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, Florida

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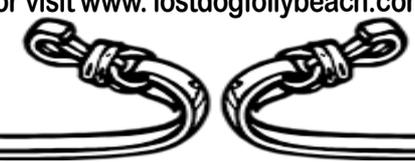
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# Team Work Wins Bohicket Tournament

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Susan & Pete Girard and Skip & Sandi Butler with the 56-pound winning fish.

The boat Teamwork out of Sunset Cay Marina on Folly Beach won the Bohicket Dolphin Tournament recently. Their 56-pound dolphin beat out 91 other boats. While fishing in 340 feet of water a fish hit one of the lines. "Fish on!" Skip Butler grabbed the rod. While fighting the fish another line went off, Pete Girard grabbed that rod. "When it jumped, we knew we had a nice one," said Girard. But the action did not stop there, as another line went off and Butler's wife Sandi grabbed that line.

Now with three fish on, Girard's wife Susan was busy clearing all the lines and getting the cockpit ready for gaffing. All three fish were landed, and the 56 pounder took 45 minutes to get in the boat.

"When Skip gaffed the fish, he turned and said 'its too heavy,'" recalls Girard. The crew lived up to the boats name as scrambled to get it in the fish box.

"It was a great day on the water with one-foot seas and this husbands and wives team aboard the Team Work, truly worked as a team to land the winning fish," said Girard.

# For Whom The Light Tolls

## LIGHTHOUSE INLET HERITAGE PRESERVE TO CHARGE \$1 ADMISSION FEE STARTING IN JUNE

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Starting June 1, the Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve park on the northeastern end of Folly Island will begin charging an admission fee of \$1.

Owned by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC), Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve lies near the former site of the old Coast Guard station and has beautiful views of the Morris Island Lighthouse. The property is regularly visited by people for uses such as lighthouse viewing, surf fishing, beachside strolls, wildlife observation and photography. The site also offers many diverse birding opportunities and is a regular site for organized bird walks.

Attendance at Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve has been tallied since October 2015 via a laser tracking system. Over 10,000 people visited the property in December 2015 alone. Fees collected from visitors will help offset maintenance costs. The \$1 fee will be collected via a kiosk at the trailhead, where a park map, site rules and other visitor information will be posted. These changes will make the park consistent with other unstaffed CCPRC facilities like Laurel Hill County Park and the Wannamaker North Trail.

Funds could also potentially support future planning initiatives for the property that could include improved parking, an interpretive center, open shelters, boardwalks, and other uses.

"Collecting the dollar admission fee helps not only to cover maintenance and preservation costs of the property, it also allows us the opportunity to possibly improve the site in the future," said CCPRC Executive Director Tom O'Rourke. "Instituting user fees allows us to keep this beautiful property as a county park without having to impact the tax base."

The property is located near 1700 East Ashley Ave. on Folly Beach, at the



It now costs \$1 to visit the Morris Island Lighthouse at the east end of Folly Beach.

northeastern terminus of Folly Island and adjacent to Cummings Point. Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve played a significant role in the Civil War and was also used throughout the twentieth century by the US Coast Guard, remnants of which can be seen on the property. It is also a prime viewing spot for the landmark Morris Island Lighthouse, and offers captivating ocean and marsh views.

In addition to oceanfront land, Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve contains marshland and maritime forest habitats that are home to diverse species of plants and animals. Portions of the property are nesting sites for threatened loggerhead sea turtles and threatened Wilson's Plovers. Some of the grounds are also migratory stopover areas and winter roosting sites for threatened and endangered Piping Plovers. Plans are in

place for protecting these habitats. CCPRC hosts guided bird walks at Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve once every other month.

The passive park offers minimal parking available on East Ashley Avenue. No restrooms or concessions are available at the site. Swimming is not allowed. Dogs are not allowed. Other prohibited activities include trespassing in dunes and wooded areas, the use of metal detectors, any disturbance to natural and cultural resources, camping, hunting and others.

**Admission to the property will be covered by the annual Gold Pass, which allows entry to 11 other county parks for a full year. For more information, call (843) 795-4386, visit [www.CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://www.CharlestonCountyParks.com), download Charleston County Parks' mobile app,**

# Folly Current PETS OF THE MONTH



## HUNTER

Hunter is a 5 year old, M/N German Shepherd/mix that is extremely silly! He loves to play with his other dog friends, go on car rides, and run around. He'd do great with a family with a backyard and lots of time to play. This silly boy is waiting for you!



## LOLA

Lola is an 11 year old, F/S that is quite the stunner! This ragdoll mix gets along great with all other animals and kids and loves to be petted. Sunbathing is one of her favorite hobbies and loves to play! Come see Lola today!

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# Catch Summer Fun on the Pier

**CAST OFF FISHING TOURNAMENT SERIES CONTINUES JUNE 25,  
TAKE A KID FISHING DAY HELD JUNE 4**

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This summer you can catch fish, fun, and prizes at the Edwin S. Taylor Folly Beach Fishing Pier tournament series. The first tournament of the season was held over Memorial Day Weekend, on a very rainy Saturday, May 28.

The Folly Beach Pier continues the tournament season throughout the summer on June 25, July 23 and Aug. 20. The pier will also host the annual "Take a Kid Fishing Day," a free kids' tournament hosted by the Folly Beach Anglers, on Saturday, June 4, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Folly Beach's wooden pier stretches out 1045 feet into the Atlantic Ocean and offers spectacular views, fishing, dining, and events. Common catches off the Folly pier include blue fish, sheepshead, spotted sea trout and whiting.

Managed by Charleston County Parks & Recreation Department, the pier offers everything an expert or a novice needs, including equipment rentals, tackle and frozen bait, plus knowledgeable staff to offer tips. The pier also provides snack bars, gift shops and restrooms. Adult beverages can be purchased at Locklears Beach City Grille. So slap on some

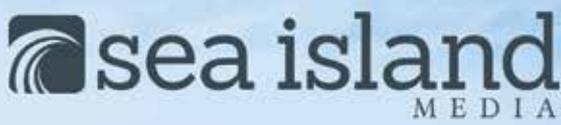
sunscreen and head out this summer for some good-spirited competition.

Tournament registration fees are \$13 for ages 13 and up (discount available for Charleston County residents), \$8 for ages 3-12 and seniors, or \$5 for fishing pass holders. The final tournaments at each pier will have a similar award and pricing structure; tournaments will offer awards for the top three biggest fish category.

Registration is available online at [CharlestonCountyParks.com/fishing](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com/fishing) through the Thursday prior to each tournament. On-site registration for tournaments begins at 6 a.m. the day of the event. Summer tournament hours are 6 a.m.-2 p.m. and prizes are awarded afterward. In September and October, tournament hours will be 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Parking fees are an additional charge. For details, call the Folly Beach Fishing Pier at (843) 762-9516 or visit [www.CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://www.CharlestonCountyParks.com). The Cast Off Fishing Tournament Series is made possible by Haddrell's Point Tackle, Charleston Cotton Exchange, Dick's Sporting Goods, Domino's and your Charleston County Parks.



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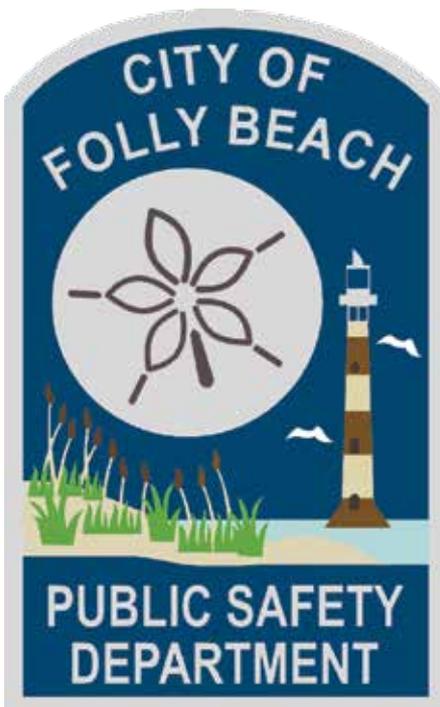


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# BEACH BLOTTER



*The following were taken from actual incident reports filed last month by the Folly Beach Public Safety Department.*

*These are not convictions and the names of businesses, complainants, and suspects have been left out to protect the innocent. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty ... of course.*

SUNDAY, MAY 1

## NUDIE TIME

The Responding Officer (R/O) was on routine patrol around 1 a.m. in front of a Folly Beach hotel when he observed three subjects, a 27-year-old male, a 41-year-old male, and a 37-year-old female yelling on the beach and running into the ocean while wearing no clothing. The officer also observed other beachgoers were leaving the area due to the subjects' antics. The officer made contact with the offenders (hopefully got them clothed), and issued them all citations for Disorderly Conduct.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

## ANIMAL MOLESTATION

The R/O was dispatched to the fifth block of East Erie in reference to suspicious activity. A witness had observed an unknown person flying a drone around a nearby cell phone tower and buzzing an osprey nest on the tower. The witness said they believed the drone operator was attempting to drive the federally protected bird from its nest. The witness had obtained a tag number for the drone operator's vehicle and the Department of Natural Resources was contacted to investigate.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

## BEASTIE BOYS VISIT FOLLY

The R/O was dispatched to a West Arctic residence around 11:30 a.m. in reference to a case of vandalism. Upon

arrival, he met with two victims, a 26-year-old man and his 52-year-old mother, both visiting Folly Beach.

The victims reported that sometime during the morning, two Mercedes Benz vehicles had had their Mercedes emblems removed from a 2005 Roadster and 2008 C-class. The female victim said she had seen two juvenile males loitering around the cars that morning, and gave the officer a description of the suspects.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

## BAD DAY ON FOLLY

Around 2 p.m. a group of patrons outside of Loggerheads heard a car crash on the street below the deck. They observed a silver in color SUV crashed into a telephone pole. They observed a 21-year-old male exit the vehicle and walk away from the scene. The police were called and the 45-year-old female owner of the car was called to the scene. The woman said she knew the man who had been driving her car, and that she had not given him permission to do so. However, she declined to press charges "due to his rough past and hard life." The vehicle was towed and a crash report completed.

About two hours later, an officer was dispatched to the community park behind the library around 4 p.m. in reference to a case of vandalism and other crimes. Upon arrival, the officer met with a witness who said she had seen the 21-year-old male subject (the same as the hit and run incident) stab and deflate a tire on a Ford van in the parking lot and then brandish the knife. The witness got scared and went into the library to call police. The R/O observed the flat tire and located the subject behind the library using an outside power outlet to charge his phone. The officer asked the subject if he was carrying a knife and he replied he was. The officer took the knife off of the subject and found it to be an illegal weapon according to the city's laws on length of blades in the city. The knife was confiscated and the subject was issued citations for illegal possession of a weapon and vandalism and released.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

## CALL FOR SERVICE BACKFIRES

The R/O was dispatched to and East Hudson Avenue residence in reference to an illegally parked vehicle. Upon arrival, the officer met with the 58-year-old male complainant who was requesting the vehicle be towed. Upon further investigation it was determined the complainant had an active warrant out for his arrest from 2014. The subject insisted the warrant was a mistake and he had already served the time for the crime. However, Charleston County dispatchers insisted the warrant was valid, and the man was taken into custody and transported to the county jail.

MONDAY, MAY 9

## BLAZING UP ON EAST ASHLEY

The R/O was dispatched to an East Ashley residence around 7 p.m. in reference to a woman starting a fire in her yard. Upon arrival, the officer met with the 32-year-old female subject who admitted to starting a grass fire in her yard, which by then had been extinguished. At this time a neighbor showed the R/O a video of the woman lighting a 10 to 15-foot strip of grass and leaves on fire. During the investigation, the subject said she had started the fire to clear some debris and to try to get rid of fire ants. Fire department personnel were called to the scene and determined the fire to be an illegal burn, and the subject was ticketed for the crime.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

## THE TROUBLE WITH CLEANERS

A 30-year-old woman entered public safety headquarters around 9 a.m. to report a case of possible harassment. She said she worked at a Folly Beach hotel, and believed two other women previously under her employ as housekeepers might be trying to intimidate her. She said the two subjects were poor employees, and she would often have to go behind them to compete inadequately performed tasks. At some point a of this lead to conflict between the three women, however the complainant said she thought the issue had been put to rest. However, the previous week, she had been driving around James Island and noticed a car following her. She observed one of the subjects driving. The car followed her for awhile before turning off. A similar incident occurred the following day. The R/O informed her that she would need to contact the Sheriff's Department if she wanted to pursue the matter. She said she didn't want to proceed with the issue, but wanted if documented.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

## MISSING MEDS

The R/O was dispatched to a Folly Beach hotel around 1:30 p.m. in reference to missing medication. He met with the 56-year-old female victim who said she was missing over 120 tablets of various mood stabilizing drugs and painkillers. The woman said the pills were in a paper bag from her pharmacy in England, and believed the meds might have been thrown out by housekeeping by mistake. She said she was in contact with her pharmacy back in England and was trying to get her prescriptions emailed to her.

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**Mariner Returns To The Sea ... continued from PAGE 1**



City Councilmember and Folly Turtle Watch volunteer Teresa Marshall helps provide shade for Mariner before he's transported to the SC Aquarium's Turtle Hospital.

Mariner, received hydration and medical attention from the staff of the SC Aquarium's Sea Turtle Rescue Program, which aids sick and injured sea turtles in partnership with DNR. After a day of treatment Mariner was sent back to the sea and Marshall and the FBTW crew was there to help.

Mariner measured 5 feet in length and weighed 441 pounds. Leatherbacks can grow well over 6 feet and weigh upwards of a ton. All seven species of sea turtles are listed as threatened or endangered. However, leatherbacks are the largest of the seven and are extremely rare to find in the Lowcountry.

According to the FBTW website, Leatherback sea turtles have nested on Folly Beach three times in past seasons, but this is the first live leatherback stranding Folly has experienced, and only the second admitted to the Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital for immediate care and release.

So far for 2016 the season has gotten off to a fast start with six nests arriving on Folly in one week, and more than 200 in the state in just over two weeks. The arrival of six nests in seven days means that six individual sea turtles have nested on Folly so far this year. With luck, they'll be back to lay their next nests on Folly any day now, and be joined by new arrivals.

FBTW was organized in 1998 as a volunteer group licensed by the DNR to protect sea turtles, their nests, and hatchlings on Folly Beach. Today, about 25 volunteers contribute their time and energy each turtle season (May-October) to protect an average of 45

nests on Folly Beach. Nest protection includes recording new nests, assessing site selection and moving the nest if necessary to protect it from tidal flooding, monitoring each nest's progress until hatching, and inventorying nest contents after hatching has taken place. Data is collected on each nest's success and submitted to DNR.

**Folly Beach Turtle Watch has put together a list of what you can do to protect our turtles:**

- Lights out from Dusk to Dawn. Baby sea turtles are attracted to the brightest horizon which should be over the ocean. Artificial light from houses – cars – street lights and flash lights can easily disorient hatchlings and lead them away from the ocean.
- Remove Beach Equipment. This includes tents – chairs – coolers – toys – fishing gear. Obstructions like these slow a turtle's progress and may result in entanglement.
- Pick up your trash. Plastic bags – diapers – soda cans – plastic bottles.
- Fill in holes. Holes are traps! Please fill in holes after you have finished playing or digging.
- Do not disturb sea turtles or nests. They are endangered animals and are protected by Federal and State laws.
- Report any tracks or turtles to FB Public Safety. 843-588-2433. They have the numbers of Folly Beach section leaders and stranding leader.

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# City Council Report — May 2016

## NEW COUNCILMEMBERS GET TO WORK, STUCKEY NAMED MAYOR PRO TEM

By Lorne Chambers | Editor

### WORK SESSION

Prior to the regular City Council meeting, councilmembers and Mayor Tim Goodwin met to discuss the 2016-2017 budget.

The meeting started with a little bickering when councilmember DJ Rich immediately voiced his opposition to public safety's push to add license plate recognition cameras coming on and off the island that can be monitored by public safety.

"The camera's got to go," said Rich, who was immediately rebutted by Mayor Goodwin. "I don't think so," said Goodwin. "You're not going to get a consensus."

Rich and Goodwin went back and forth for a few minutes before some other councilmembers chimed in. Councilmember Dale Stuckey supported the mayor and the need for the tag recognition cameras. But councilmember Pennell Clamp also had some concerns about the cameras, saying he wouldn't fight it but that he didn't like big government looking over everything. "That's 1984," he said referencing George Orwell's futuristic Big Brother monitoring system.

The mayor instantly pointed over to City Attorney Joe Wilson referencing a time several years ago when Wilson's son was struck by a hit-and-run driver. "The first thing we did was throw up cameras on the bridge, to try and catch people for that sort of stuff," said Goodwin. "Back then we didn't have license plate recognition cameras and it did us no good. So now you have the technology and a chance to put them up there. I say we put them up there and let us see if it helps us out."

The rest of the session was relatively civil as council members discussed what should stay in and what should come out of the budget, which would be voted on for first reading at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 24

### REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Council was called to order promptly at 7 p.m. The mayor and all councilmembers except for

councilmember Rich were present. City Administrator Spencer Wetmore and City Attorney Joe Wilson were also in attendance.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

To get things started, Mayor Goodwin introduced Dale Hawkins, who presented council with a Civil War-era cannonball she discover at the west end of Folly. The cannonball is now encased in a glass display case and located on the second floor of City Hall.

### STAFF REPORTS:

Eric Lutz, Director of Building/Facilities/Public Works for the City of Folly, spoke about the FEMA High Water Mark Initiative, which he wants the City of Folly Beach to be a part of. Lutz said the idea is that there would be signs around the island for public awareness to help people remember how high the water can get. He also said the real reason he is supporting it is it helps with the Community Rating System (CRS), which helps keep our flood insurance down.

### PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Chris Carnevale, the Coastal Climate and Energy Coordinator for Southern Alliance for Clean Energy spoke about the seventh annual Hands Across the Sands Event which was held on Saturday, May 21. "The purpose is to make a visual statement that citizens can participate in to say that we want to protect the beach from the impacts of offshore drilling (and seismic testing)," said Carnevale.

Mayor Goodwin gave a warning of just how detrimental an oil spill can be to a coastal community, citing the Exxon Valdez spill. "So it's important that we keep an eye on these offshore events ... as a community, as a society we need to keep our eye on it."

After all members of council and the Mayor voted to support the Hands Across the Sand event, Carnevale thanked them, not only for their support of this event,

but for for passing the resolution against offshore drilling and other actions dealing with this issue.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Ordinance 07-16** — An Ordinance amending Chapter 166, Development Standards, of the Folly Beach Code of Ordinances Section 166.06, Off Street Parking and Loading, by amending the requirements for off-street parking in the downtown district passed its second reading unanimously and without further discussion.

**Ordinance 09-16** — An ordinance amending Chapter 33 of the Folly Beach Code of Ordinances (Boards, Commissions, and Departments) Section 33,046 (Composition) by aligning the terms of Planning Commissioners appointed by council and the mayor with the terms of the council and the mayor passed second reading unanimously and without further discussion.

**Ordinance 10-16** — An Ordinance amending Chapter 31 of the Folly Beach Code of Ordinances (City Government) Section 31.03 (Oath of Office) by amending the period in which a newly elected official may be sworn in after certification of election results passed second reading with all but Councilmember Stuckey being the lone vote against, stating that she felt it should be done before council.

**Ordinance 11-16** — An prdinance amending Chapter 33 of the Folly Beach Code of Ordinances (Boards, Commissions, and Departments) Section 33,065 (Establishment) by clarifying that no member of the BZA Shall hold public office in the City or County passed second reading unanimously and without further discussion.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Council appointed Anton Dumars, Nina Coggin, and Randy Carter to the Planning Commission. Kenny Hanson was appointed to the Community Promotions Foundation. Pat Poole was appointed to the Election Commission. Michael Ezelle, Sam Fink, Katherine Houghton, and Kelly Travers were appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board.

**Resolution 24-16** — A resolution unanimously authorizing staff to spend \$5,824 from the Public Works Capital Outlay Account to install low voltage lighting at the Folly River Park.

### CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

The mayor closed the meeting by talking about a new printed handout the city has created highlighting all the accomplishments it's made in the last year. It's also available online at [www.cityoffollybeach.com/accomplishments-2015-2016](http://www.cityoffollybeach.com/accomplishments-2015-2016).

Councilmember Stuckey congratulated all the new appointments to City Boards and then she said good-bye to former City Attorney Ben Peebles who attended his last council meeting before he heads out on a motorcycle trip from Charleston to Anchorage, Alaska. Councilmember Clamp added "Come back and see us."

Councilmember Marshall spoke directly to new Parks and Rec appointees Ezelle, Fink, Houghton, and Travers, telling them that the department is a true passion of hers and that she would still be around to help. "It's an exciting time for Parks and Recreation, especially with all the history that's coming out and going on with Folly."

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Full Nets, Empty Hearts ... continued from PAGE 1

"If Junior were still around, normally that boat would be to go fishing," says Goss, pointing at the company's lone remaining boat, moored to a pier. "That boat gave me some hell, though."

But with a hull covered with barnacles and other crusty critters, it needs to be dry-docked and scrapped, so the boat's big diesel engine won't over-eat or overheat from the drag.

These days, Backman's buys shrimp and crab and fish from other boats and purveyors, becoming more of a distributor.

Goss has worked for the Backmans going back 44 years. "When I started here, diesel was .13 cents a gallon. Oysters were \$2.73 a bushel. Shrimp was \$1.79 a pound. Flounder, .65 cents. Whiting was .10 cents a pound. And a can of soda was .12 cents."

Goss brightens when he talks about how he and Junior tackled every task with a DIY approach born of survival. "If we hadn't learned to do everything ourselves, this place wouldn't be here," he says.

Once, they had to hire a mechanic to rebuild one of the boat's engines when they were fishing near St. Augustine, Fla. When the bill came back for \$14,000, they got serious about learning.

Every time he or Junior hired someone to do work for them from that day on, Goss said they'd "help," studying whatever craft was

before them.

But when it came to welding, instead of taking a class at the local community college or enrolling in a maritime engineering class — both of which takes major bucks — Goss and Junior took a decidedly old school path.

"We went out and bought a steel bath tub and some goggles, and learned how to weld in a day," laughs Goss, whose hands look like they carry enough strength to crack a walnut, if not the whole tree.

Along the way, fishing and Junior taught Goss a lifetime of lessons, as well as having taken him to some hellish spots. One time, off the coast of Florida, the "doors" on one boat's outriggers wouldn't open.

That meant no shrimp could get caught, and no money would be coming in. So a younger Goss walked out to the end of the outrigger, in open seas, to get everything working.

Once, he and Junior responded to one of their boats dead in the water in rising seas. Junior threw out a rope with a life preserver attached to it, floated it to the other boat, whose workers grabbed it and pulled the vessels closer.

But, because of the roiling water, they couldn't get but so close; so Goss had to jump from one deck to the other, waiting for shifting seas to bring the boats' decks in alignment so he wouldn't get hurt. From



Backman's Seafood Company Dock Manager Billy Goss feeds a pelican named "Junior" in honor of the Backman patriarch who died late last year.

there it was relatively simple fuel-line fix and the boat was quickly underway.

These days, the only "Junior" hanging around Backman's is the pelican that zooms up daily and waits for Goss to throw him a small fish in the store's gravel parking lot.

There's no way a visitor from Ohio or

Canada or Charlotte chowing down on a fried shrimp platter could ever have a full appreciation for what went into that meal, and the decades of hard, dangerous work that preceded it.

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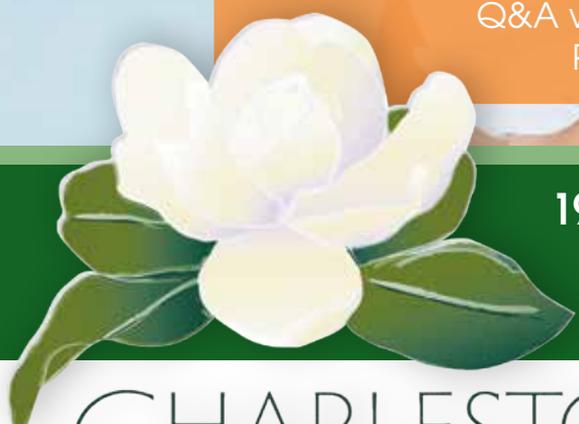
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*Sincerely,  
Christy Dukes (aka: A resident of Folly Beach that values her legs and arms)*

**DEAR FOLLY CURRENT:**

First off let me say I enjoy reading your paper. But I read the article on festivals in your latest issue. It mentions a "digital survey" was done showing 72.1 percent of the residents said we have "just enough" festivals and 11.2 percent wants more. I find that hard to believe. Was this a scientific poll of just some Facebook or internet questionnaire? I ask because I've lived out here a little more than 35 years and I rarely talk to anyone who is happy with the number of festivals we have and certainly no one who thinks we need more.

I'm not against having a "festival" for the community and folks in the surround area to enjoy. It's great to show off our beautiful Island. So I'm wondering if you have particulars on the survey taken, how the respondents were selected, what the sample was, the exact wording of the questions and what the complete results were? Has anyone ever done an actual scientific poll of the folks who live here? A poll of a scientific sampling of year round island residents. If this is really what the majority of the people who live here want that's fine. The question is settled and we go on.

I'm told the festivals are to supplement the income of businesses on Center Street but there are other beach communities whose businesses seem to survive just fine with out six or seven festivals a year. I'm just curious how many festivals are held on Edisto, The Isle of Palms, Sullivans Island, Tybee, etc.? Out here we don't call them festivals any more, we call them Saturday!

*Regards,  
Mike Ferguson,  
Folly Beach resident*

**EDITORS NOTE:**

Mr. Ferguson,  
First of all, thank-you for reading. And to answer your question about where the survey is from — I don't know if I would go so far as to call the referenced survey "scientific," but it was a "Folly Beach Public Opinion Survey Report" administered by the City of Folly Beach through the City's website. You can see the survey results in their entirety at [www.cityoffollybeach.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Folly-Report-Complete-Draft-31.pdf](http://www.cityoffollybeach.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Folly-Report-Complete-Draft-31.pdf).

*Sincerely,  
Lorne Chambers, editor*



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**FOLLY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: NEW FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERIES STARTS JUNE 21**

From Staff Reports



The Folly Beach Parks & Recreation Board is proud to host the first annual Folly Family Fun Night, a summer-long family-friendly series held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday nights starting June 21 through Aug. 2 at the Folly River Park, located at 58 Center St.

Each Tuesday night will be hosted by a different entertainment act, along with a food and beverage option. No alcohol is permitted. A few of the acts include but are not limited to: Charleston Performing Arts Center, Youth To Ocean, Dragonfly Yoga, Curious Moon Puppets, Ancient Echos Bellydancing, Kendall's Art, Folly Beach Fire Dept., Sweet Lulu's Bakery, Lowcountry Festival Foods, Mardi Gras Snowballs, Kool Katz Italian Ice, and more!

Folly Family Fun Night is a free event, and is open to the public. Families are encouraged to bring their little ones and any friends.

Event donors include Dunes Properties, Folly Beach Civic Club, Charleston Performing Arts Center.

**For more information, or to inquire about donations, please contact Angel Ward (803) 427-7790, [award@dunesproperties.com](mailto:award@dunesproperties.com), or visit the Folly Beach Parks & Recreation Facebook page for ongoing event updates.**

# Smiling Ear-To-Ear

**LOCAL SURFER AND ARTIST 'STOKED' TO DEBUT FILM CELEBRATING FOLLY WOMEN SURFERS**

By Lorne Chambers | Editor



The first day of summer is Monday, June 20, which is significant when you live in a beach community. But it's something bigger on Folly Beach. It's also International Surfing Day as well as the premier of *Ear To Ear*, the debut movie by local surfer, artist, and now filmmaker Kate Barattini.

Sponsored by Reef, McKevin's Surf Shop, and Roots Hummus, McKevin's Local Movie Night will include board raffles and free swag as well as two short films, including one from Folly's own Thomas Brothers and another from Reef. The evening will culminate with the premier of *Ear to Ear*, a 30-minute film, which is the result of five months of traveling, shooting, and editing for Barattini.

"The film is a representation of the sliding (aka surfing) women of Folly Beach. They are happy people and find in order to maintain their happiness they must spread it and consistently reflect that stoked energy. *Ear to Ear* exists to carry on and continue making the people we care about most smile," says Barattini, who has a way of talking that's just as fun and colorful as her artwork. Her exhibit *Animal Shred*, which debuted last year, featured a series of 10 paintings that blended

together two of her favorite things — surfing and animals.

"I'm enamored with our home and the folks who make it home, says Barattini on why she decided to make a film featuring Folly girls catching waves at various locales. "Sure, a lot of surfing locations in the film aren't here, but the people surfing them are Folly folk. I have to say that every trip we took to shoot we were welcomed because we were respectful and stoked ... Folly Beach has created the good folks I'm talking about."

A talented visual artist, *Ear to Ear* is Barattini's first official foray into the world of film. "I've only made a short clip called Cheese on vimeo," she says. "The making of that only conjured more ideas in my mind and then McKevin's offered the chance to make this for their summer local film event. Why not?"

According to Barattini, the filmmaking process was just as rewarding as painting. "Putting together the puzzle of editing a sequence of clips to a song is so much fun! I'd find myself laughing out loud in pure joy because a funny little movement happened with someone's feet that matched with a diddle

in the song. You can't plan those things, they happen, and it's awesome! I'm grateful to get those moments painting as well," she says.

That doesn't mean that the process wasn't challenging for Barattini. Making a surf film, in particular, presents its own set of challenges. "I think producing a film where surfing isn't involved may be a little easier to schedule, says Barattini. "I had five months to make this film, which meant that I needed waves, waves that were good to look at."

She said there were weeks when there would be good swell and a plan to shoot would follow through perfectly. "After editing a new sequence I'd feel on top of the world. Although if there wasn't swell for a week or more I'd start to feel like a complete doofus," she says. "Its kind of cool to go through something like that in a creative process you can feel it making you stronger and ready to create some more."

**Kate Barattini's film *Ear to Ear* will premier as part of McKevin's Local Movie Night on Monday, June 20 beachfront at Tides Hotel, located at 1 Center St.**

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# Finding Your Inner Picasso

**PAINT WITH A BUZZ HELPS YOU TAP INTO YOUR MORE CREATIVE SIDE ... WITH A COLD BEER**

By Miranda S. Steadman | Contributing Writer

Pablo Picasso believed, "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." For Folly Beach residents, 'dusting the sand off our soles' might be a better analogy.

Whether you have artistic talent or not, local artist Briahna Wenke wants everyone to tap into their inner Picasso by bringing Folly residents together in a serene, outdoor setting to harvest their creative confidence. Wenke hosts Paint with a Buzz at Chico Feo every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. Participants are given paint, paintbrushes, easles, canvases, smocks, and creative guidance from Wenke. Dusty souls and sandy feet are welcome.

Between the ocean breeze and spring sun shining through the trees, the group was put at ease amongst the shade of the trees. With groovy tunes and people alike, the event made for a lovely Thursday afternoon spent painting by the sea. Attendees created a blue crab this past class, but art subjects change from week-to-week, with a list of upcoming images online at [www.paintwithabuzz.com](http://www.paintwithabuzz.com).

An entrepreneur from a young age, Wenke began painting both commercial and residential wall murals by age 16. Wenke moved to Folly Beach in 2014, seeking a new source

of inspiration to spark her art career. She has experienced how receptive the Charleston area is to local artists. With pieces displayed in local restaurants and shops, Wenke's art can be spotted throughout Folly Beach, as well as at the Downtown Charleston Night Market on Friday and Saturday nights and at the Folly Beach Farmers Market on Wednesday evenings. Some of Wenke's personal work can be viewed at [www.ArtbyBri.com](http://www.ArtbyBri.com).

"My intention is to give people the opportunity to find confidence in trying something new. I constantly hear people tell me they can't draw a straight line, and so they never gave a thought to pursuing anything artistic," says Wenke. "Our lives can become so one dimensional and colorless, and many adults are made to believe that this is the way adult life must be. By stepping outside your comfort zone a bit, maybe for the first time in years or for the first time ever, and perhaps by gaining a little confidence after seeing the product of just two hours with a paintbrush, you can open up some very positive possibilities for yourself."

Wenke has a way of pulling creativity out of everyone who comes to her class. "I'll bribe you with a cold beer if I have to," she says.

"This one's from Bob Ross, but it's spot on: 'Talent is, simply, pursued interest'. If you find you like to do something, and do it a lot, you will probably improve at it," says Wenke. "It's so simple, yet people make excuses immediately without trying. It is never too late to begin anything, OR to pick up where you left off long ago. The choice is yours."

Paint With A Buzz attendee and local lover of the arts, Debbie Pustorino, explains, "It's like meditative therapy, it can be intimidating to a lot of people, but I believe we all have an artist within us and Bri brings it out in a fun atmosphere. It brings people together."

Gathering every Thursday at Chico Feo, Paint with a Buzz is a wonderful way to kick off the weekend, brushing your worries away with each stroke you make. A great creative outlet for the community, a seat will set you back only \$35. It's great for birthday parties,



Briahna Wenke holds a Painting With A Buzz class every Thursday evening at Chico Feo

bachelorette parties, baby showers, and office parties. Wenke makes each event a relaxing and enjoyable time. You can choose a painting from her online gallery or choose a custom one for the group to paint.

**Paint With A Buzz is held from 4-6 p.m. every Thursday at Chico Feo, located at 122 E Ashley Ave. For more information, visit [www.paintwithabuzz.com](http://www.paintwithabuzz.com).**

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# What's the BUZZ on the Beach for JUNE?

## JUNE 5

Ben Fagan & Holy City Hooligans

Chico Feo: The Screamin' J's

Crab Shack: Live Local Music

Folly River Park: Live Entertainment

Locklear's: Jazz on the Edge

Loggerhead's: Sunflowers & Sin; Jaykob Kendrick

Planet Follywood: Dave Grunstra

Rita's: Cattle in the Cane; Luke Cunningham; BYOG

Snapper Jack's: Nathan Salley

St. James Gate: Live Music

Surf Bar: Old Bull Lee

## MONDAY, JUNE 6

Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra

Loggerhead's: BYOG

Planet Follywood: Bingo

Rita's: TBA

Woody's Pizza: Hair Banditos

## TUESDAY, JUNE 7

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts

Drop-In Deli: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis

Folly River Park: Family Fun Night

Grill & Island Bar: Shaggin' w/ Jim Bowers

Loggerhead's: Derek Cribb; DJ E Karaoke

Planet Follywood: Open Mic w/ Eric Penrod

Rita's: Midnight City Trio

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Chico Feo: Deadwin

Crab Shack: Sweet T

Drop-In Deli: Trivia

Folly River Park: Farmer's Market w/ Mike Martin Band

Loggerhead's: Howard Dlugasch; Karaoke w/ Amanda

Planet Follywood: Kevin West

Rita's: Ed Smith

Snapper Jack's: Jeff Houts

Surf Bar: Operation Irie

Tide's Hotel: Beach Movie: Finding Nemo

## THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Crab Shack: Island Duo

Drop-In Deli: Stratton Moore & Friends

Green Room: DJ Dance Party

Grill & Island Bar: Folly Beach Bluegrass Society

Loggerhead's: Calhoun's Calling; Darius Ruckus

Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E

Rita's: Super Reggae Man

Snapper Jack's: Dave Grunstra

St. James Gate: Live Music

Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Blu: Masker Band

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling

Green Room: Operation Irie

Loggerhead's: Soul Fish; DJ Sparkbox

Planet Follywood: The Jimmies

Rita's: Kevin West

Sand Dollar: Trainwreck  
Snapper Jack's: Erik Swartz; DJ Akfool  
St. James Gate: Live Music  
Surf Bar: Dallas Baker & Friends

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Blu: Jaykob Kendrick Duo; Pic N Roll feat. Ryan Becknell

Crab Shack: Live Local Music

Green Room: DJ Dance Party

Loggerhead's: Dave Gillease; Tom Crowley; DJ E

Planet Follywood: Shakin' Martini's

Rita's: Matt Mackelcan; Nathan Salley; Jamisun

Sand Dollar: Trainwreck

Snapper Jack's: Dan Clamp w/ Nautical Audio; DJ Akfool

St. James Gate: Live Music

Surf Bar: Tom Crowley & The Speakers

## SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Blu: Midnight City

Chico Feo: Domino Domingo

Crab Shack: Live Local Music

Locklear's: Jazz on the Edge

Loggerhead's: Sunflowers & Sin; Jaykob Kendrick

Planet Follywood: Sweet T

Rita's: Keith & Penny; Shane Clark; Weigh Station

Snapper Jack's: Nathan Salley

St. James Gate: Live Music

Surf Bar: BYOG Trio

## MONDAY, JUNE 13

Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra

Loggerhead's: BYOG

Planet Follywood: Bingo

Rita's: Smoking Guns

Woody's Pizza: Hair Banditos

## TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts

Drop-In Deli: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis

Folly River Park: Family Fun Night

Grill & Island Bar: Shaggin' w/ Jim Bowers

Loggerhead's: Derek Cribb; DJ E Karaoke

Planet Follywood: Jess Strickland

Rita's: Midnight City Trio

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Chico Feo: Deadwin

Crab Shack: Sweet T

Drop-In Deli: Trivia

Folly River Park: Farmer's Market w/ Ka-Tet

Loggerhead's: Howard Dlugasch; Karaoke w/ Amanda

Planet Follywood: Kevin West

Rita's: Josh Roberts

Snapper Jack's: Jeff Houts

Surf Bar: MOZO

Tides Hotel: Beach Movie: Kung Fu Panda

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Crab Shack: Island Duo

Drop-In Deli: Stratton Moore & Friends

Green Room: DJ Dance Party

Grill & Island Bar: Folly Beach Bluegrass Society

Loggerhead's: Calhoun's Calling; Darius Ruckus  
Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E  
Rita's: Super Reggae Man  
Snapper Jack's: Dave Grunstra  
St. James Gate: Live Music  
Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

## FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Blu: Smoking Guns

Chico Feo: Gavin w/ choose your own adventure set

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling

Green Room: Bottom Feeder

Loggerhead's: Danny May; DJ Sparkbox

Planet Follywood: Jay Mabry Band

Rita's: Louis D Project

Sand Dollar: The Cubes

Snapper Jack's: Erik Swartz; DJ Akfool

St. James Gate: Live Music

Surf Bar: Don't Mess with the Tiger

## SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Blu: Jimmy James Super reggaeman; High 5 Band

Crab Shack: Live Local Music

Green Room: DJ Dance Party

Loggerhead's: Danny May; DJ E

Planet Follywood: Don't Mess with the Tiger

Rita's: Chris Boone; Nathan Salley; Hungry Monks

Sand Dollar: The Cubes

Snapper Jack's: Dan Clamp w/ Nautical Audio; DJ Akfool

St. James Gate: Live Music

Surf Bar: Jefferson Coker Band

## SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Blu: Return of the Mac

Chico Feo: Domino Domingo

Crab Shack: Live Local Music

Locklear's: Jazz on the Edge

Loggerhead's: Sunflowers & Sin; Jaykob Kendrick

Planet Follywood: Dan Clamp

Rita's: Cattle in the Cane; Josh Roberts; BYOG

Snapper Jack's: Nathan Salley

St. James Gate: Live Music

Surf Bar: Funk You Folly

## MONDAY, JUNE 20

Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra

Loggerhead's: BYOG

Planet Follywood: Bingo

Rita's: Molly O'Durnin

Woody's Pizza: Hair Banditos

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts

Drop-In Deli: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis

Folly River Park: Family Fun Night

Grill & Island Bar: Shaggin' w/ Jim Bowers

Loggerhead's: Derek Cribb; DJ E Karaoke

Planet Follywood: Open Mic w/ Eric Penrod

Rita's: Midnight City Trio

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Chico Feo: Deadwin

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Crab Shack: Sweet T

Drop-In Deli: Trivia

Folly River Park: Farmer's Market w/ (Stephen Saniford's) Ross

Bon Blues Band

Green Room: Wine & Canvas Painting Event

Loggerhead's: Mack to the Future; Karaoke w/ Amanda

Planet Follywood: Kevin West

Rita's: Derek Cribb

Snapper Jack's: Jeff Houts

Surf Bar: Shwizz

Tides Hotel: Beach Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

## THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Crab Shack: Island Duo

Drop-In Deli: Stratton Moore & Friends

Green Room: Jane Doe

Grill & Island Bar: Folly Beach Bluegrass Society

Loggerhead's: Cliff Cody; Darius Ruckus

Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E

Rita's: Super Reggae Man

Sand Dollar: CoverUp

Snapper Jack's: Dave Grunstra

St. James Gate: Live Music

Woody's Pizza: Team Trivia

## FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Blu: Jimmy James Super Reggaeman; Chris Crosby Duo

Chico Feo: Family Jam

Crab Shack: Calhoun's Calling

Folly Beach Pier: Moonlight Mixer w/ DJ Jim Bowers

Green Room: Live Music TBA

Loggerhead's: Cliff Cody; DJ Sparkbox

Planet Follywood: Whiskey Diablo

Rita's: Forty Mile Detour

Sand Dollar: HeadRush

Snapper Jack's: Erik Swartz; DJ Akfool

St. James Gate: Live Music

Surf Bar: Hans Wenzel and The Eighty-Sixers

## SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Blu: Smokin Guns; Ronnie Johnson Duo

Crab Shack: Live Local Music

Green Room: DJ Dance Party

Loggerhead's: Dave Gillease; Cliff Cody; The Hibachi Heroes

Planet Follywood: Hans Wenzel & the 86ers

Rita's: Nathan Salley; Molly O'Durnin

Sand Dollar: HeadRush

Snapper Jack's: Dan Clamp w/ Nautical Audio; DJ Akfool

St. James Gate: Live Music

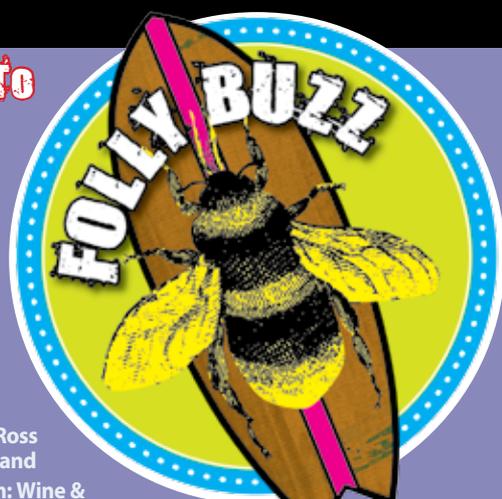
Surf Bar: Bringers of the Dawn

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Blu: Jamisun

Chico Feo: Domino Domingo

Crab Shack: Live Local Music



Locklear's: Jazz on the Edge  
Loggerhead's: Sunflowers & Sin; Cliff Cody  
Rita's: Cattle in the Cane; Matt Mackelcan; Whit's End  
Snapper Jack's: Nathan Salley  
St. James Gate: Live Music  
Surf Bar: Sunday Sessions

## MONDAY, JUNE 27

Crab Shack: Open Mic w/ Dave Grunstra

Loggerhead's: BYOG

Planet Follywood: Bingo

Rita's: Regina Ferguson & John Shields

Woody's Pizza: Hair Banditos

## TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Crab Shack: Jeff Houts

Drop-In Deli: Honky Tonk w/ Lewis

Folly River Park: Family Fun Night

Grill & Island Bar: Shaggin' w/ Jim Bowers

Loggerhead's: Derek Cribb; DJ E Karaoke

Planet Follywood: Open Mic w/ Jess Strickland

Rita's: Midnight City Trio

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Chico Feo: Deadwin

Crab Shack: Sweet T

Drop-In Deli: Trivia

Folly River Park: Farmer's Market: Lipsink/ Karaoke Night hosted by The V-Tones

Green Room: Wine & Canvas Painting Event

Loggerhead's: Howard Dlugasch; Karaoke w/ Amanda

Planet Follywood: Kevin West

Rita's: Ed Smith

Snapper Jack's: Jeff Houts

Surf Bar: Cash Monet

Tides Hotel: Beach Movie: Frozen

## THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Chico Feo: Regina Ferguson

Crab Shack: Island Duo

Drop-In Deli: Stratton Moore & Friends

Green Room: DJ Dance Party

Grill & Island Bar: Folly Beach Bluegrass Society

Loggerhead's: Calhoun's Calling; Darius Ruckus

Planet Follywood: Karaoke w/ DJ E

Rita's: Taylor McClesky

Sand Dollar: CoverUp

Snapper Jack's: Dave Grunstra

St. James Gate: Live Music

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## CAFFEINE FIX JUST A STUMBLE AWAY

New coffee shop open on Center St.



Thanks to the recently opened Center Street Coffee, locals and visitors don't have to stumble off the main drag to get their caffeine fix. Located next door to the owners' other Center Street endeavor, Dolce Banana, this conveniently located coffee spot offers your typical caffeinated beverages, plus a variety of fresh pastries. *Center Street Coffee is located at 18 Center St.*

## THE WAIT IS OVER

Breakfast is back at Chico Feo



We told you before that good things come to those who wait, and friends, the

wait is over. Chico Feo is now open for breakfast, serving up breakfast burritos and sandwiches, Cuban and cold pressed coffee, and Acai bowls from the front window of the building. It's called Mañanas. We think it could be like those signs that say "Free Beer Tomorrow." In this case, maybe it's "Open Mañana." *Chico Feo's Mañanas is open for breakfast daily. 122 East Ashley Ave.*

## SLÁINTE

St. James Gate celebrates 1st anniversary with Lowcountry Boil customer appreciation party



Folly Beach's only Irish pub is turning one year old and to celebrate they're throwing a three-day long customer appreciation party, in typical Irish-style from June 9-12. Put on your party kilt and head over to St. James Gate all weekend long. Listen to live music in The Garden and The Green Room Thurs.-Sat., engrave a Guinness Blonde pint on Sat. at 5 p.m., and chow down on shrimp, sausage and potatoes at the customer appreciation Lowcountry boil

on Sat. from 2-6 p.m.. With a bit of Irish luck, may the Gate be around for many more years of celebrating! *Sáinte! St. James Gate will be celebrating their 1st anniversary June 9-12. at 11 Center St.*

## RITA'S UNVEILS NEW MENU

New items added to Rita's menu just in time for summer



To start the season off, Rita's has added a few new items to their already vast menu. For those ready to hit the sand in a bikini, there's the grilled Ahi tuna salad with ginger, wasabi, teriyaki sauce, sriracha over mixed greens with a citrus vinaigrette. For those looking to dive bomb into the sand for an afternoon nap, go for the 12-ounce Ribeye. We know it's good; the folks behind Rita's are the Halls Chophouse family, and they know their steaks. You can even get a side helping of king crab, crab cake, or chilled or grilled shrimp. Can't go wrong with the tried and true Rita's signature tuna nachos or the Captain Crunch French toast (Psst, it has crunch berries in it!) *Rita's Seaside Grill is open for breakfast 7 days a week starting at 8 a.m., Saturday & Sunday brunch, and lunch and dinner daily. 2 Center St.*

## Folly Current

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# Folly Island Shrimp and Grits

By Paula Keener-Chavis

First published in *Bon Appétit* magazine in October 1994

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 cups canned low-salt chicken broth
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
- 3/4 cup quick-cooking white grits
- 3 tablespoons cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons half and half
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled, deveined
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

### DIRECTIONS:

- Combine chicken broth and 1 tablespoon butter in heavy medium saucepan and bring to boil. Stir in grits. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Mix cream cheese and half and half into grits. Cover and simmer mixture until almost all liquid has evaporated and grits are tender, stirring frequently, about 7 minutes. Stir in green onions. Remove mixture from heat.
- Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter in heavy large skillet over medium-high heat. Add shrimp and sauté just until shrimp are cooked through, about 3 minutes. Stir in lime juice.
- Remove skillet from heat. Spoon grits onto center of plate. Top with shrimp and drizzle with lime butter from the skillet.



*Paula Keener-Chavis is the National Education Coordinator for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), so she knows a thing or two about the ocean and the wonderful bounty that we harvest from it here in South Carolina. With shrimp season upon us we set out to find a delicious Shrimp and Grits recipe that anyone could make. We stumbled upon this classic version from a 1994 issue of Bon Appétit magazine. Low and behold, it's named Folly Island Shrimp & Grits. So it just seemed appropriate to offer this recipe as our Folly Current Recipe of the Month.*

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Planet Follywood  
32 Center St. 588-7380

## TUESDAY

\$2 House Liquors  
Woody's Pizza  
39 Center St. 588-0088

## WEDNESDAY

\$4 select Wines 5-7pm  
Snapper Jack's  
10 Center St. 588-2362

## THURSDAY

It's Crabby Hour 4-7pm  
with \$3.50 wells  
Crab Shack  
26 Center St. 588-3080

## FRIDAY

\$21.99 Prime Rib Dinner  
with 2 sides 5-9pm  
Loggerhead's Beach Grill  
123 W. Ashley Ave. 588-2365

## SATURDAY

\$5 Build-Your-Own Bloody  
Mary Bar  
The Grill & Island Bar  
41 Center St. 633-0143

## SUNDAY

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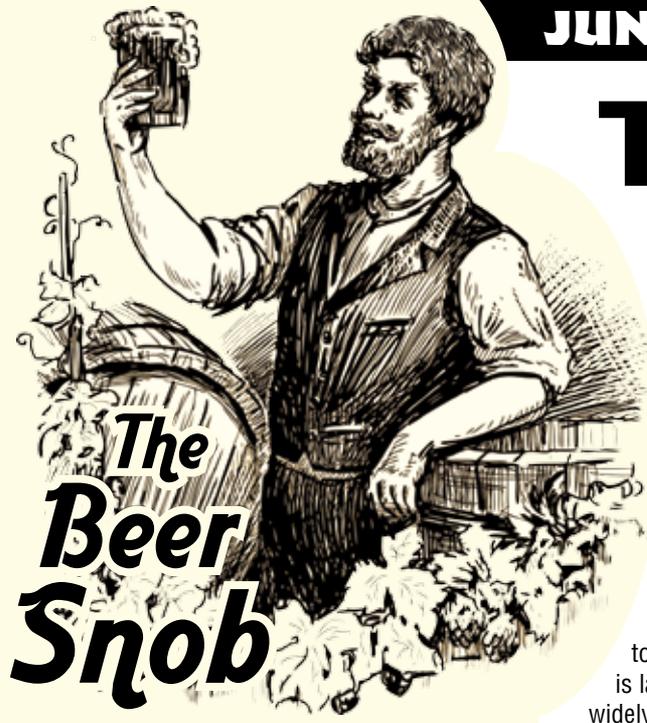
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# Trouble in Paradise

## DON'T BE A CRAFT BEER JERK

### The Beer Snob

By Dr. Jeffrey M. Gredlein

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



The Barrel is a craft beer bar located along a tidal creek just off of Folly Beach. The Barrel boasts 33 taps and loads more bottle choices. While The Barrel may not have every beer that The Beer Snob writes about, chances are they will. The Barrel is located at 1859 Folly Road. For more information, call (843) 732-2337 or visit [www.thebarrelcharleston.com](http://www.thebarrelcharleston.com).

Let's face it, if you're reading this column it's likely you're a fan of American craft beer. You enjoy the scene and you want to know more and experience the movement to the full extent. Cheers to you, and I agree in this pursuit of all the good that quality beer has to offer.

In general, the flourishing trend toward better beer in this country is largely positive. A quality product, widely available, made by those who care about their creation is obvious. And there's also the growing community and creativity surrounding craft beer, brewpubs, and any individuals who are interested in this topic we know, love, and enjoy.

Yet like all trends, there will be problems that arise, the darker side of any area of public interest that catches fire. And I'm not talking about brewery disputes over naming rights or state and federal restrictions on distribution and amounts brewed.

The oft-unseen negative is the behavior of a small portion of folks in the craft beer scene which can have an overwhelming

effect on the landscape at large. What follows is a list of some of the worst behaviors seen in craft beer realms. Let's call them craft beer jerks, it's these folks that give us all a bad rap.

The first category is the one-upper, the individual who has to brag and outdo everyone else. Instead of discussing and comparing, this is an individual who always has to win in considerations of beer. You had Dark Lord? Well I just had Hunahpu! You got a Mexican cake? So what, I got tequila barrel-aged Mexican cake.

A related problem is moderate to well-informed beer folks who put down newbies and make fun of those with less-crafty knowledge. I realize this column is called The Beer Snob, but I like to see myself as more of a Beer Professor, coaching about the subject, not belittling the uninitiated. If a novice asks for a cold glass, tell them why a room temp one is preferred. Ask a new friend why they prefer Blue Moon, and steer them toward Allagash White. Teach don't preach.

The last two transgressions are the real problems I see with craft beer today. And no, it's not the fat, bearded beer fest clichés nor the ridiculous jokey bottle

labels and names or the "more sour the better" trend — its hoarding and worse, the selling of rare beer.

You might say one has the right to buy up any beer within one's own means and do whatever one likes with said beer. Yes, it's America, and you're correct. But, this is the kind of selfish and egocentric behavior that's making craft beer not fun.

Hoarding small batch beers and not sharing them is a real concern. I fully understand the purchasing of several bottles of a given beer with a plan to cellar them, but when it gets to the point that a person drives to numerous establishments and ends up with 10 4-packs of a rare release, essentially removing the chance for others to experience this extraordinary elixir, you're a hoarder, and a jerk.

Even worse is the person who buys up all the rare beer, and then sells the bottles online for profit. Sure, it's your right, but this is not the conduct of one who appreciates not only craft beer, but the community we've worked to build. If you think it's cool to profit from the fact you skipped out of work to purchase all the 'Special X Release' and you're selling them, you don't get it, and you're out of the club. Enjoy the brews ... Cheers.



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**BLACK MAGIC CAFÉ**

**103 E. Erie Ave. 633-0025**  
**www.blackmagicfb.com**  
 Offering breakfast and lunch daily, complemented by an extensive coffee and espresso bar, they use only hormone-free meats, free range eggs, and source ingredients from local farms when possible. Taste the flavor in everything from the beach burrito; to the cafe specialties, like the standby shrimp & grits and huevos rancheros, to the omelets and sandwiches.

**BLU RESTAURANT & BAR**

**1 Center St. 588-6658**  
**www.blufollybeach.com**  
 A platinum partner through the S.C. Aquarium's Sustainable Seafood Initiative, this upscale restaurant offers ocean views that complement fresh signature seafood creations. Enjoy a variety of beverages, including frozen cocktails from the oceanside bar. Catch live music on the patio.

**BOWEN'S ISLAND**

**1870 Bowen's Island Road. 795-2757**  
 Located just off Folly Beach, Bowen's Island Restaurant is a Lowcountry landmark. Best known for their local steamed oysters and fried seafood, Bowen's is also a great place to grab a beer and watch the sunset. They have 15 all-local beers on tap at any given time.

**CHICO FEO**

**122 E. Ashley Ave. 296-7155**  
**www.chicofeos.com**  
 Chico Feo is as authentic as they come. Captain Hank Weed, who sailed the Caribbean for years, now helms the kitchen, cooking up island favorites such as curry goat, Cuban rice and beans, and Hawaiian poke. They recently started serving island-style breakfast, wick Cuban coffee and fresh acai bowls. The outdoor dive bar is part tiki bar-part, backyard bbq. There are always two rotating taps of craft beer and a decent selection of bottled beer.

**DOLCE BANANA**

**18 Center St. 633-0187**  
**www.dolcebananacafe.com**  
 Part FroYo joint, part sandwich bar, stop in for breakfast, lunch, dinner or an afternoon snack. The sandwich bar offers the highest quality breads, meats, and toppings; even a build your own flat bread pizza. Dress up your FroYo with dozens of delicious toppings.

**DROP-IN DELI & BAR**

**32 Center St. 633-0234**  
**www.dropindeli.com**  
 Favorite locals deli by day, bar by night, you're invited to drop in and hang out. The variety on the menu is impressive, offering deli favorites; Tex-Mex, including The Dang Quesa-Dilah and

Blackened Phish Tacos, 5 salads, a house-made black bean burger, The Redneck, which is a twist on the Chicken Cheesesteak with the addition of jalapeños, ranch, caramelized onions, bacon, and 'da Whiz. Several beers on tap, including local favorite Coast Hop Art, and a full bar.

**FOLLY BEACH CRAB SHACK**

**26 Center St. 588-3080**  
**www.crabshacks.com**  
 Voted one of the Best Seafood Spots in South Carolina by *Southern Living Magazine*, The Crab Shack invites you to "Come out of your Shell and Roll up your Sleeves". You'll have to, when you see the size of their overflowing buckets of fresh, local seafood! Dine with this longtime Folly staple at the raw bar, in the restaurant, or out on the patio, where you can catch live music.

**THE GRILL & ISLAND BAR**

**41 Center St. 633-0143**  
**www.follygrill.com**  
 Focused on fresh, local ingredients, feast on grilled or fried fish; burgers; sandwiches; soups; salads; and pastas on the huge covered patio overlooking all the action on Center St. or inside the dining room. Explore the inventive light bites, including the grilled gazpacho salad and select a protein; the specialties, like the seafood skillet; grilled entrees, fried seafood; and burgers. Lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch.

**JACK OF CUPS SALOON**

**34 Center St. 633-0042**  
**www.facebook.com/jack.ofcups**  
 At this intimate beach saloon, Chef Lesley and Nick will take your taste buds on a trip through Asian cuisine. The menu offers a variety of curries, including Lentil Dahl, Massaman, and Thai red curry mac. Dine and drink on the front porch, inside the cozy bar, or outside in the backyard, weather permitting. Choose from several rotating taps and a large list of bottled craft beer and fine wines.

**THE JUICE JOINT**

**108 E. Ashley Ave. 795-8060**  
**www.thejuicejoint.com**  
 Developed by Folly Beach residents Michael & Wendy are dedicated to serving supremely healthy and nutrient-dense juices made from whole, organic, sustainable raw fruits and vegetables; whole fruit smoothies; & healthy and delicious breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Enjoy healthy eats like the avocado toast or the Hawaiian Acai Bowl.

**LOCKLEAR'S BEACH CITY GRILL**

**101 East Arctic Ave. 588-6412**  
**www.locklearsbeachcitygrill.com**  
 Undeniably the best view of any place on the beach, Locklear's offers lunch,

dinner, and brunch. Start with local seafood favorites Caper's Island shrimp and crab dip or boiled shrimp. For lunch, the shrimp burger boasts shrimp from nearby Beaufort. The dinner menu has the award winning Eggplant Tower, a rib-eye, a filet, Maine lobster, and Alaskan snow crab legs, just to name a few. The only place on Folly who can serve alcohol on the pier.

**LOGGERHEAD'S BEACH GRILL**

**123 W. Ashley Ave. 588-2365**  
**www.loggerheadsbg.com**  
 Boasting the largest deck on Folly, Loggerhead's is a place to soak up some rays while enjoying one of their many frozen concoctions or a juicy burger. On the appetizer menu you'll find seafood favorites conch fritters, Calamari, snow crab clusters, and peel-n-eat shrimp. On the main menu the Seafood Platters come with your choice of two sides. Loggerhead's is also a lively nightlife spot where you can enjoy music 7 nights a week. Check out the innovative wine on tap system and Folly's largest selection of local beer on draft.

**LOST DOG CAFÉ**

**106 W. Huron Ave. 588-9669**  
**www.lostdogfollybeach.com**  
 The breakfast menu is served all day, offering Folly's original breakfast burrito, Society Street french toast with fresh strawberries, biscuits & homemade sausage gravy. If you're looking for a fresh salad, try the Very Berry Spinach or the Folly mahi-mahi with fresh mango salsa. The Southern-style BLT with pimento cheese and a fried green tomato will give you a taste of the South. Enjoy \$3 mason jar mimosas on Mondays all day. Breakfast & lunch daily.

**PLANET FOLLYWOOD**

**32 Center St. 588-7380**  
**www.planetfollywood.com**  
 This beachy dive bar, open year round, serves up some great food and entertainment on the island to both locals and tourists. Their friendly staff will help you build an appetizer, choose a basket of land or sea fare, or pick from the biggest selection of burgers on the beach! Breakfast on the weekends will always cure what ails ya. Several beers on tap and a menu full of options are just a few of the highlights of this popular hangout. With fun events ranging from bingo to karaoke and great live local music, Planet Follywood is always a great time!

**RITA'S SEASIDE GRILLE**

**2 Center St. 588-2525**  
**www.ritasseasidegrille.com**  
 Just steps away from the beach and the Folly Pier, Rita's offers you a chance to grab a bite or a meal and a drink

indoors at it's long bar, in the dining room, or outside on the comfortable, dog-friendly patio. Offering breakfast, lunch, dinner and brunch, their menus have everything from bacon and eggs, a massive Fried Chicken & Pancake tower, a famous burger, to award-winning Rita's chili, sandwiches, & seafood. On Saturday & Sunday during Brunch this popular spot offers a pretty amazing Bloody Mary bar.

**SAND CASTLE**

**2293 Folly Road. 795-4910**  
 Open for dinner Thursday-Sunday during the beach season, this waterfront restaurant serves up a feast of grilled or fried seafood in a friendly, family atmosphere. Enjoy your meal in their dining room that overlooks the marsh or on their back porch that sits on Little Oak Creek.

**SNAPPER JACK'S**

**10 Center St. 633-0174**  
**www.snapperjacks.net**  
 Snapper Jack's is one of the most popular spots on the beach for a reason. It's just a block off the beach and offers three stories of fun! Each level has it's own beach-y appeal. The top deck gives sweeping views of Folly Beach and there is often live music. From oysters to succulent crab legs, the seafood is brought in every day. Get your oysters raw, steamed, or as a shooter.

**ST. JAMES GATE**

**11 Center St. 633-0046**  
 Folly's only Irish Pub, St. James Gate offers several beers on tap and a handful of traditional Irish favorites including shepherd's pie, corned beef and cabbage, and fish 'n' chips. With over 25 beers on tap, there's plenty of options for finding a pint, or two, that suits your tastes.

**SURF BAR**

**103 W. Cooper Ave. 588-2009**  
**www.surfbarfollybeach.com**  
 Surf Bar is reminiscent of a Costa Rican roadside bar (or soda) and it's Pura Vida inside. Try one of their killer Philly cheesesteaks, a house-made black bean burger, or a juicy beef burger, all cooked on the wood-burning grill; or one of their famous Painkillers, made with dark rum, cream of coconut, pineapple and orange juice, and fresh ground nutmeg. There are also a handful of beers on tap. There is also a back patio with a fireplace and foosball a table.

**SUSHI BY LISA**

**Drop In Deli, 32 Center St. 633-0234**  
**www.dropindeli.com/sushi-by-lisa/**  
 Serving up sushi 4 nights a week from the side bar at Drop In Deli, Lisa takes care in rolling your sushi to order. From tuna, eel, salmon, to fish roe, she's got everything you need for a sushi roll! There's large and small rolls; even nigiri. Enjoy calamari salad (when available) and seaweed salad on the side. Tuesday-Friday.

**TACO BOY**

**15 Center St. 588-9761**  
**www.tacoboy.net**  
 Taco Boy is always one of the busiest restaurants on the beach, but you can usually belly up to the bar at any given time and get a margarita, Dos

Equis, Negra Modela, or Pacifico. While you're there, grab a taco (grilled fish, al pastor, carne asada, kimchi beef, portobello mushroom) or nachos with cowboy beans, chili con queso, salsa cruda, guac, & crema. Come in on the weekends and try their frozen screwdriver, a true hangover slayer (don't forget to add a Grand Marnier floater).

**TOKYO CREPES**

**107 E. Ashley Ave. 580-6333**  
**www.tokyocrepe.com**  
 A food vending stand located just off Center Street, Tokyo Crepes offers the only Japanese-style crepes you can find in the South East. The crepe shell resembles a soft tortilla, but has the taste of a sweet pancake. The shell is filled with a variety of toppings, and fall into two main categories: sweet and savory. Both groups have hot and cold options, such as banana and Nutella (hot and sweet), the strawberry dream (cold and sweet), the smoky pork (hot and savory), and the teriyaki chicken (cold and savory).

**Whole Lotta Empanada**

**110 East Ashley Ave. 580-3995**  
 An empanada is a stuffed bread or pastry, fried and served hot! But what you'll find at this Folly food truck is a Lowcountry twist on the classic Latin hand held pastries! The Mac Attack is made with macaroni & cheese and applewood smoked bacon, topped with housemate chipotle ranch. There's a pulled pork served with Carolina mustard BBQ sauce, and a mildly spicy Buffalo chicken. To satisfy the sweet tooth, try the peanut butter & M&M or the apple pie. Catering available. Bringing people together, one empanada at a time. Lunch, dinner, late night.

**THE 'WICH DOCTOR**

**106 W. Hudson Ave. 588-6666**  
**www.thewichdoctor.net**  
 The concoction of husband and wife team, this eclectic gourmet sandwich and Neopolitan-style pizza shop will surprise your taste buds! Every part of the pizzas, sandwiches, and noodle dishes is made in house, from the cured meats, to the marinades and sauces. Many menu items have an Asian flare, like the spicy shrimp stir fry sandwich, the Szechuan pork belly, and the Hanoi hoagie made with lemongrass beef & traditional Vietnamese condiments & of course, nuoc cham. Visit their website for daily specials that shouldn't be missed!

**WOODY'S PIZZA**

**39 Center St. 588-0088**  
**www.dowoodyspizza.com**  
 Much more than just a local pizzeria, Woody's is a local hotspot. Sit inside at the bar or if you're one of the lucky ones to grab the few outdoor bar seats that open up to the restaurant, you might just want to stay parked there all evening. Order pizza by the slice or a whole pie. There's also subs, served hot or cold, breadsticks, and a couple of salads. It's one of the best spots on the island to people watch.

# From the Mountains To The Sea

## I LOVE FOLLY BEACH FACEBOOK PAGE FOUNDER DEBBIE PUSTORINO HAS FOUND HER HAPPY PLACE AT THE EDGE OF AMERICA



Debbie Pustorino was born in Johnson City, Tenn. and grew up in Bristol, Vir. Then in 1989 she visited the mountains of Asheville, N.C. and fell in love with them. Pustorino says she felt as if she had found her “soul home” and five years later moved to Asheville. But it was also that year she discovered just how close the Carolina beaches were and made a trip to Folly Beach and also fell in love with this town. Years later she found herself living at the Edge of America. And last year, while hunting for shark teeth one early morning she met her soul mate Jeff Ford.

Pustorino is a former counselor and social worker who now owns Mindful Cleaning, an eco-friendly house cleaning service based on Folly Beach and is the founder and manager of the wildly popular I Love Folly Beach Facebook page. The Folly Current had a chance to catch up with Pustorino recently and chatted with her about why *she* loves Folly Beach and about the popularity of the site. Here is some of that conversation:

### HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR WAY TO FOLLY BEACH?

It called to me as the mountains did, not just because of the land and energy I felt, but also the people I met during my visits. It had the same loving feeling to me as Asheville. So I visited for the next 20 years. In 2014 I made a decision to leave a job and home I loved to come here again to help a friend of mine bring his elderly dad, who suffered from Parkinson’s after his wife of 63 years passed. At one time my friend’s father owned land by the lighthouse but sold it, much to his dismay now. So we brought him here to spread some of her ashes and while here he decided he

wanted to live here for a while. So I decided to make the move with them in May 2014.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE ISLAND?

Now that is a tough question. What is there not to love about Folly Beach? Because the beach faces East to West you get to view the most breathtaking sunrise and sunset without leaving the island. The marsh and the smell of the pluff mud, the many varieties of birds, dolphins, the turtles nesting, fishing and fresh seafood, the locally-owned restaurants and businesses, and most of all the lovely people that love to call this place home even if just in their hearts.

When I cross that last bridge onto the island I feel like I have entered into another world much like I do when I first see the mountains come into view when arriving in Asheville. So my heart now flows from the mountains to the sea.

### WHY DID YOU START THE “I LOVE FOLLY BEACH” FACEBOOK PAGE?

I must say it was started with somewhat selfish reasons of wanting to meet others that loved it here as much as I do and wanting to make new friends. Also all of my life I have loved connecting people and feeling a sense of community and belonging. I also love sharing when I find beautiful places and people that touch my soul. I searched online and only found a few groups but none that had what I imagined would be a place for people to come together to share in the love of Folly Beach. I don’t believe one has to be born in or live in a place in order to love it and call it home. None of us can help where we were born or grew up but we can acknowledge when a place speaks to us and calls us to it. So I guess I am saying I wanted to create a place to come home to.



### WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST REWARDING PART ABOUT CREATING THIS FORUM?

All of the beautiful souls I have met and continue to do so daily. I do not like recognition and sometimes find it crazy-weird when people stop me and say hey you are Debbie from I Love Folly. But, hey if I make one soul happy for a few minutes, then that is awesome! I love hearing the stories of how others that are part of the group love waking up and checking the group page with their morning coffee. The Meet and Greets that I have held so far and look forward to others where we put faces to posts and just knowing that it has not only helped me but also others. For I truly believe that is what life is about. And now almost 6,000 members later I know why I felt called to do this and it makes my

heart happy.

### WHAT IS ONE THING PEOPLE MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT YOU?

I don’t think I could share anything that others might be surprised about since I use social media as my online diary. I am a transparent soul just trying to live and love every moment of my life to the fullest and meet as many people as I can and share in the beauty of life here on the Edge of America. Folly Beach.

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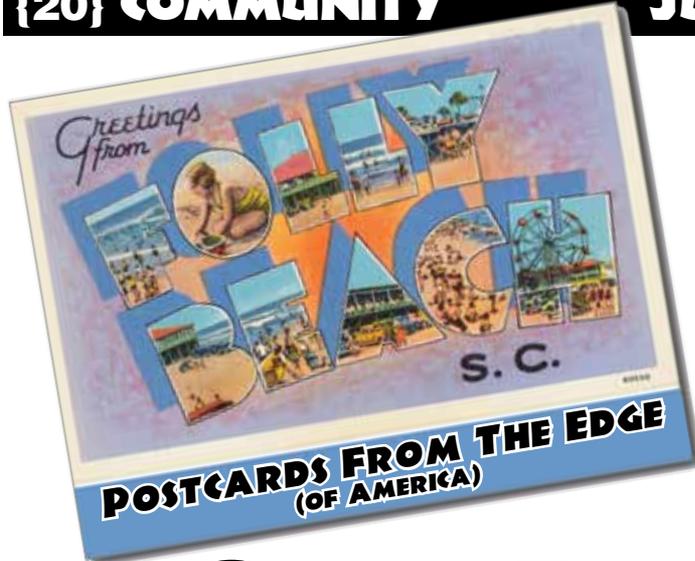
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# One Day With April

In 1965 I was a young airman stationed at the nearby Charleston Air Force Base. In spring of 1966 I saw Folly Beach for the first time. It was also the first time for me to ever see an ocean. I fell in love with Folly right then and there. I would spend almost all of my off duty weekends there. In 1967 a big year for me, I turned 20 years old and bought my first car — a Green 1957 Chevy. It was only half as old as I was.

One day while on Folly in the off-season at my favorite spot — the south end of the seawall rail — I was just taking everything in, watching a gentleman walk down the beach with a bucket of shrimp feeding the sea gulls, others were digging for crabs or clams, and others were just walking up and down the beach. That's when I noticed the most beautiful girl near me at the rail. I watched her throw something in to the sand. It was a ring that soon disappeared as the waves would extend out to where it was.

Just as it was, it was like an angel had told me to talk to her. I do not remember what I said to her. She smiled at me and came close to me. Then she told me how her true love had placed that ring on her finger. She said he had died in the Vietnam War and that it was hard, but this was the only way she could move on with her life.

Her name was April and we had lunch

together at one the outdoor places on Folly. Everyone knew April and spoke to her as they passed. She was so easy to talk to. After lunch, we went down a little ways and visited some of her friends. They were a retired couple that were very kind to me and they talked to me as if they had known me all of their life. It was then that I decided I wanted to live at Folly Beach forever.

It rained very hard that night and we got the car stuck in some wet sand. Of course, April knew someone close by who got us on our way. I realized April knew everyone on Folly then.

As our night was coming to an end, April took my hand and gave me the sweetest kiss. She told me she just couldn't be with a military man again. I understood the hurt and pain that she felt. And I knew there was no way that I could be part of something that may cause her great pain again.

I did not know it at the time, but that would be my last day at Folly Beach. Soon orders came that I was to report for duty with an Air Rescue unit halfway around the world.

It will soon be 50 years since that night, but I never forgot April and often wonder what might have happened if I had not been a military man. Thank-you April for such a magical day

— Bobby Couch,  
The young Airman who fell for April

## Here's to patio dining

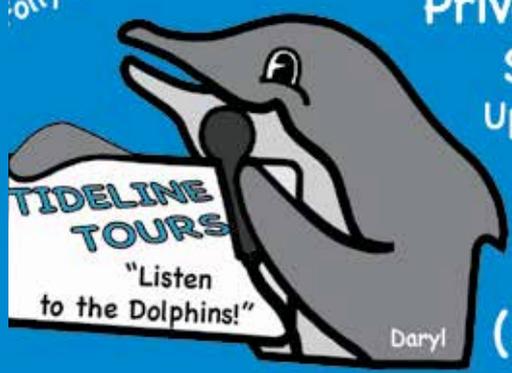


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**ACROSS**

- 1. Play a guitar
- 6. River of Spain
- 10. Invited
- 14. A kind of macaw
- 15. A feudal vassal
- 16. Dogfish
- 17. Lustrous fabric
- 18. If not
- 19. Not a win
- 20. Eyeglasses
- 22. Leader
- 23. Countertenor
- 24. Unsaturated alcohol
- 26. Winglike
- 30. Fiddle stick
- 31. Arrive (abbrev.)
- 32. Debauchee
- 33. Constellation bear
- 35. Makes changes to
- 39. Turmeric
- 41. Clean
- 43. Step
- 44. Tardy
- 46. Glance over
- 47. Explosive
- 49. Fury

50. Male deer

- 51. Convulse
- 54. Pervert
- 56. Warmth
- 57. Dilapidated
- 63. Hindu princess
- 64. Angers
- 65. Relating to tone
- 66. Therefore
- 67. A climbing plant
- 68. Office worker
- 69. Biblical garden
- 70. Dines
- 71. Peddles

**DOWN**

- 1. Back talk
- 2. Snare
- 3. Be worthy of
- 4. Relating to urine
- 5. Devilfish
- 6. Relating to elections
- 7. Roars
- 8. Ploy
- 9. Black Sea port
- 10. Nonsense
- 11. French for "Love"

12. Popular dance music

- 13. Artist's workstand
- 21. Phonograph disc
- 25. Tall woody plant
- 26. Circle fragments
- 27. Boor
- 28. Emanation
- 29. A verbatim performance
- 34. Female thespians
- 36. Ancient Peruvian
- 37. Russian emperor
- 38. Dispatched
- 40. Coffee dispensers
- 42. Bloodsucker
- 45. Illness
- 48. Flourish
- 51. Half of six
- 52. Listened to
- 53. Cooktop
- 55. Emerge from eggs
- 58. Operatic solo
- 59. Soft drink
- 60. Was cognizant
- 61. Frolic
- 62. North American deer (plural)

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**TRIVIA** BY GREY MATTER GAMES

**1 MUSIC**

WHAT BAND HELPED KICKOFF THE '90S SKA FAD AND HAD A HIT WITH THE SINGLE "JUMP, JIVE, AND WAIL?"

**2 CLASSIC TELEVISION**

ACTOR ALAN YOUNG DIED LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF 96. HE'S BEST KNOWN FOR PLAYING WILBUR ON WHAT CLASSIC TV SHOW?

**3 MARKETING**

ACTOR NEIL PATRICK HARRIS IS THE PITCHMAN FOR WHAT IMPORT BEER?

**4 CELEBRITY GOSSIP**

WHAT ACTOR WAS CRITICIZED FOR RECENTLY TAKING TWO PRIVATE JETS TO RITZY NEW YORK CITY GALA TO ACCEPT AN AWARD FOR CHAMPIONING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS?

**5 DIRECTORS**

WHAT GRITTY 1992 FILM WAS QUENTIN TARENTINO'S BIG BREAKTHROUGH, STARRING HARVEY KEITEL, TIM ROTH, AND STEVE BUSCEMI?

**6 REST IN PEACE**

LESS THAN ONE WEEK AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, WHAT VETERAN NEWSMAN DIED LAST MONTH AT THE AGE OF 84?

**7 ACTORS & ACTRESSES**

WHAT MULTIPLE EMMY-WINNING ACTOR PORTRAYS FORMER PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON IN THE NEW HBO ORIGINAL MOVIE ALL THE WAY?

**8 CELEBRITY COUPLES**

WITH WHAT OSCAR-WINNING ACTOR IS KATIE HOLMES NOW BEING ROMANTICALLY LINKED TO?

**9 CARTOONS**

WHAT DISNEY CARTOON SERIES FOLLOWED THE ADVENTURES OF DRAKE MALLARD AND HIS SUPER HERO ALTER-EGO?

**10 MOVIES**

WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE UPCOMING X-MEN MOVIE THAT IS SET TO HIT THEATERS SOON?

**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 23**

# You Won't Get this Education in a Classroom

## DOLPHINS, SHARKS, AND RED BEARD SPONGES



### SALT MARSH DIARIES

BY CAPTAIN ANTON DUMARS OF TIDELINE TOURS

We left the dock around 5 p.m. Two moms and two dads, plus five pre-teen kids smiled, anticipating their adventure into the salt marsh. The two dads shared a Bert's Market growler, while the moms and kids scanned the water. Five fishing rods rattled in the overhead as I came up onto a plane in a mild southwest chop.

A flood tide supported our mission of dolphin watching, a little fishing, and some beach combing. I chose the scenic route to Morris Island by the Sol Legare fishing dock, past Bowens Island, the sunken "pirate" boat, and on to Crosby's shrimp boat dock. Cars clattered overhead as we passed under the bridge on Folly Creek.

"That's Long Island just ahead of us" I tell nine attentive faces. I explain, from an aerial photo I'm holding, how you could almost draw a line through Long Island, Peas Island, Bowen's Island, and Back Cole's Island.

"Looks like they were all the same shoreline" I speculate. Dolphins spontaneously appear just off the starboard bow. Moms and kids squeal while the dads pour another glug from the growler. I turn right into 1st Sister creek. After twisting my way past several meanders, I glide into a shallow side creek. "Shark!" I yell. Heads snap to the right and catch the splash as a 3-foot bonnethead disappears. Back into the main channel, we push ahead for Morris. I put



the anchor over, pay out scope, and make the anchor line off on the forward cleat. Bodies shuffle as I pass out fishing rods, attach pyramid sinkers, offer fishing instructions, and issue warnings of sharp hooks.

The boat continues to drift in the strong flood current. I pay out more scope. Finally, the anchor catches along the oyster-strewn bottom. "What makes the current?" a redheaded 8-year-old daughter asks. I seize the teaching moment, spouting off facts about gravity, the sun and moon, and the huge ellipsoid bulge of water swashing against our shoreline twice per day. Turning around from my arm-waving march forward, my enthusiasm wanes a bit as glassy-eyed kids stare toward the water. The two moms appear to hang on my words. They're eyes

say, "More, please!" I'm vindicated.

Waiting for fish to bite, attention wanders. Boat railings become monkey bars. The dads take another glug each from the growler. "I've got something!" shouts dad number two. Laughter follows as he drags in a red beard sponge.

"Time for beach combing", I suggest. Treasures collected, we load up and head back toward the marina. Tomorrow's a school day and everybody almost saw a shark.

*Anton DuMars, owner of Tideline Tours, is a coastal geologist and longtime Folly resident. Visit [www.tidelinetours.com](http://www.tidelinetours.com) and sign up to receive limited off charter offers.*

# June Fishing Report

By Captain Geoff Bennett  
Charleston Charter Fishing



Weeks full of sunny weather and warm temperatures have made our fishery come alive. Bait is everywhere and eager fish are chasing it down. Anglers have a whole host of options now that our seasonal species have arrived to compliment the traditional targets of redfish and trout.

Redfish are very active and attacking artificial lures. Jerk shad lures rigged on flutter hooks are my go to option. These artificial lures, usually 4"-5" in length, imitate the baitfish flooding our waters. Flutter hooks have a weight on their shank that let you cast a far distance and also put motion on the lure. I use them in size 3/0 with a 1/8oz. weight. Make sure to cast to the edges of the schools to avoid spooking the fish.

With water temperatures so warm, our trout bite continues to improve. The preferred choice of live bait under a popping cork is hard to beat. Live shrimp are now available and will give you another option besides mud minnows. It's a good idea to start carrying your cast net and see if you can find some finger mullet. Finger mullet under a cork is just deadly.

Spanish mackerel are beginning to show up especially in the harbor and can be best found at first light. If you find schools of fish slashing across the surface, throw reflective casting jigs and reel them quickly through the school. Alternatively, if you know fish are present but not up top, try trolling Clark Spoons at different depths and different speeds. Remember to check your leader often as it only takes catching a few of these toothy fish to cut through it.

My favorite summer fish is the ladyfish. These dynamic fish will smack shrimp under a popping cork and make your drag zing. Their acrobatic jumps and hard runs make these fish so entertaining. Look for them in some of the same spots that you find trout.

See you on the water!

*Captain Geoff Bennett operates Charleston Charter Fishing providing light tackle and fly fishing charters. For more info, call 843-324-3332 or visit [www.charlestoncharterfishing.com](http://www.charlestoncharterfishing.com) or email [captain@charlestoncharterfishing.com](mailto:captain@charlestoncharterfishing.com).*



### OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

BY CHARLIE STONECYPHER

Howdy Folks. In our constant quest for peace of mind there's no better feeling (at least for some of us) than looking around our home or yard and seeing things finished and orderly. However, this time of year the finished and complete look has a short window for outdoor environments since a few days after you've done yard work, it's growing right back. A quick pop-up thunderstorm can knock down debris from trees and such, and there's some weeds such as greenbrier which grow at a very rapid rate. So how do we keep yards from getting out of control or better yet, improve them gradually? My answer: Stay on top of it and apply frequent but short forays.

What is the best way to clean the inside of a house? I think most would agree if you

# More Means Less

clean as you go doing small maintenance each and every day, then you avoid those dreaded chores day where you lose a whole weekend just to catch up. The same applies to outside work as well. If we make it a small part of our everyday activities then there never really is a need for the dreaded "lost weekend of too many tasks and I need to play catch-up now" scenarios. Yard work is something you'll fall behind on quick. Lawns do better from frequent mowings so don't let it get too hairy before you or someone mows it or it'll actually stress the grass. You don't want to cut more than 2" of new growth each cut. For pruning I suggest learning about hand pruning instead of power shears. The right cuts made by hand on a constant basis will keep a plant very manageable and have much less debris to pick up in the long-run.

In gardening, house cleaning, exercising, whatever, there is no "instant" results. These

things become a reality when we practice a small daily routine of each. 15 minutes a day in your yard,chores, stretching, whatever area you want to improve in is how we arrive at good, long lasting results. The cool thing is, once you've made it to a certain point you don't have to work as hard in that area because you're constantly on top of it. Stay the course in your everyday pursuits and you'll come out strong. Thus the concept of doing more means you'll have less to do.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe June! Until next time, Aloha!

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**The Folly Current**  
**COMMUNITY BILLBOARD**  
 The Folly Current Community Billboard is a Free listing for events happening on Folly Beach.  
 Please submit all happenings to info@follycurrent.com by the 21st of the month in order to be included in the next issue of The Folly Current.

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

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

**Knitting on the Edge (adult)**  
 Every Wednesday at 6 pm. Bring a knit or crochet project to work on, and share ideas with others. Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St.

**P.L.A.Y.: Saturday Movie & Craft (children)**  
 Saturday, June 11 at 11 am. Watch The Mighty Ducks, and make a fun craft. Rated PG, 100 minutes. Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St.

**CLUBS & SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Book Club (adult)**  
 Wednesday, June 8 at 2:30pm. Guests on Earth by Lee Smith Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St.

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

**Folly Association of Business**

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

**Green Team**  
 Meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. For more info, contact Penny Travis, 259-1143.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FAMILY FRIENDLY**

**Cast Off Fishing Tournament Series**  
 Saturday, June 25 6am-2pm. Prizes awarded for the three largest catches in the big fish category. On-site registration begins at 6am. An adult chaperone is required for children under 15. Fees vary. Visit charlestonCountyParks.com for more information.

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

**Family Story Time (all ages)**  
 Every Monday at 10:30 am. Interact with stories, sing songs, & make a fun craft. Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St.

**Folly Family Fun Night**  
 A summer-long family-friendly series on Tuesday nights (June 21-Aug. 2) from 5-7pm brought to you by Folly Beach Parks & Recreation. For more information: award@dunesproperties.com.

Folly River Park, 58 Center St.  
**Imani Milele Children's Choir**  
 from Uganda (all ages) Monday, June 27 at 4pm. Play a part in this once in a lifetime experience.

**Jam with Farmer Jason (all ages)**  
 Monday, June 20 at 4pm. Enjoy music by this Emmy award-winning entertainer.

**Pork chop Productions**  
 Presents: The Tortoise and the Hare (all ages). Monday, June 6 at 4pm. Enjoy a stage adaptation of this classic about teamwork and sharing. Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St.

**Puppet Show by All Hands Productions (all ages)**  
 Monday, June 13 at 4:30pm. Laugh along during a performance of Billy Goats Gruff and Other Stuff. Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St.

**Take a Kid Fishing Day**  
 Sat., June 4, 8:30am-12:30pm. 8th annual Jerry Pierce Memorial presented by the Folly Beach Anglers. Free tournament for kids ages 16 and under. All equipment and instruction is provided free. For more information, visit fbakt.org. Folly Beach Fishing Pier

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**Beach Yoga**  
 Check with Serenity Tree Yoga & Namaste Folly for weekly schedule.

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

**Namaste Folly**  
 Meets the 2nd Friday of every month. Pot luck following the yoga practice. Folly Beach Library, 55 Center St.

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

**OUTDOOR**

**Folly Beach Bird Walks**  
 Friday, June 10, 8:30-10:30am Birding experts from CCPRC and the Audubon South Carolina explore Folly Beach in this program. Meet at the entrance to Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve. Contact Charleston County Parks & Recreation for more information www.ccprc.com Fee: \$9/\$7 CCR Discount/ Free Move IT Pass Holder

**Kayak the Surf Zone: Beginner**  
 Short Boat Surf Kayaking Sunday, June 26 8am-12pm. Learn to ride the waves on a kayak. Kayaks and instruction provided. Ages 16 & up. Contact Charleston County Parks & Recreation for more information www.ccprc.com. Meets at: Folly Beach County Park Fee: \$36/\$30 CCR Discount/ \$24 Move IT Pass Holder

**Moonlight Mixer**  
 Fri., June 17, 7-11pm. Dance the night away with DJ Jim Bowers. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Fee: \$10/\$8 CCR discount. Folly Beach Fishing Pier

**Night Beach Hike: Junior Naturalist Sampler**  
 Fri., June 10 8-9:30pm. Encounter many hidden treasures after the sun sets. Chaperones welcome to attend

and require no registration. Pre-registration required. Ages 8-12. Contact Charleston County Parks & Recreation for more information www.ccprc.com. Meets at: Folly Beach County Park Fee: \$12/\$10 CCR Discount

**Starlight Yoga**  
 Thursday, June 23 7:30-8:30pm. Open to all fitness levels. Rain date: June 30. Photo ID required. Contact Charleston County Parks & Recreation for more information www.ccprc.com. Meets at: Folly Beach County Park Fee: \$8/\$5 CCR Discount/ Free Move IT Pass Holder

**Summer Beach Movie**  
 Beach movies run April - September. They begin at dusk on Wednesdays, are free of charge, and wind and weather permitting. Call 588-6658 for more information. Beachside at Tides Hotel, 1 Center St. 588-6658.

**SUP the Surf Zone**  
 Sat., June 11 8am-12pm. Join a trained professional and learn surfing skills. Pre-registration required. Ages 16 & up. Contact Charleston County Parks & Recreation for more information www.ccprc.com. Meets at: Folly Beach County Park Fee: \$36/\$30 CCR Discount/ \$24 Move IT Pass Holder

**RELIGIOUS**

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

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

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

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

**Praise in the Park**  
 Saturday, May 7 from 11am - 5pm. Music from Crossroads, The Joshua Gospel Singers, Agape Praise Band, Epworth UMC Praise Band, and The Dixie Aires. Benefitting outreach programs and special missions of the Folly Beach United Methodist Church. Folly River Park

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

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

**CHECK OUT THE FOLLY CURRENT ONLINE**



**CROSSWORD SOLUTION**

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**TRIVIA ANSWERS**

1. Brian Seltzer Orchestra
2. Mister Ed
3. Heineken
4. Leonardo DiCaprio
5. Reservoir Dogs
6. Morley Safer
7. Bryan Cranston
8. Jamie Foxx
9. Darkwing Duck
10. X-Men Apocalypse

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



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