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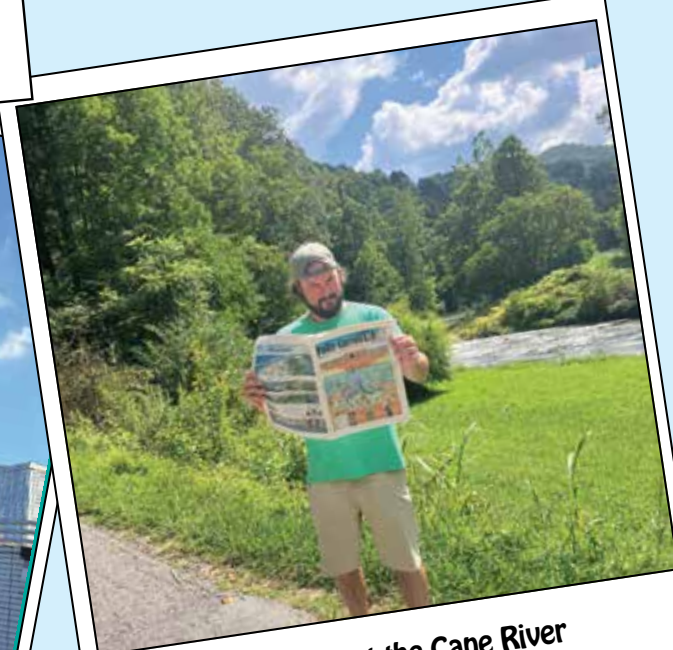
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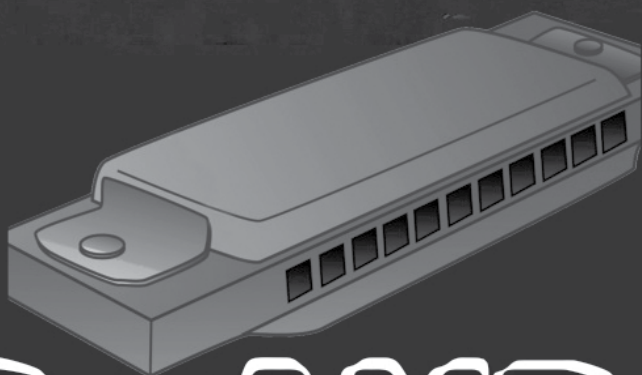


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Toby's Earth Month island-wide spring sweep a success

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More than 200 volunteers combed Folly Beach from nine different stations on Sunday, April 7, as part of Toby The Turtle's Earth Month Island-wide Spring Sweep. They collected and recorded 12,531 pieces of debris (10,433 on roadways and 2,098 on the beach). The total count included 992 cigarette butts on Center Street/business district and 1,292 cigarette butts on the beach.

The most common debris found at Lighthouse Reserve was beer cans and glass bottles. Other banned items included retail plastic bags, Styrofoam cooler/cups, and balloons, which are a danger to wildlife and marine life.

The last seven Toby's Sweep events have welcomed 1,154 Earth Warriors collecting more than 78,814 pieces of debris.

The next public sweep, hosted by Toby the Turtle and the South Carolina Aquarium will be Sunday, May 19, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

Fink Wins Folly Beach Special Election

Nearly 1,000 people turned out for special election to fill vacated city council seat last month

by Jenny Peterson | Current Staff Writer

The votes are in and new council member Skip Fink will be Folly Beach's newest council member following a special election held Tuesday, April 23 to fill the unexpired term for Eddie Ellis, who announced in January he was moving out of the state.

According to official election results, Fink received 556 votes. Jody Lynn Rogers, who also ran for the open seat, received 416 votes. There were two write-in votes. Fink will hold the seat until the council term expires in April 2026.

Fink, originally from St. Petersburg, FL, spent a 25-year career as a Marine Corps Officer and retired as a colonel. In a statement to the *The Folly Current* he stated that he was humbled by Folly residents' vote of confidence in him as an elected official.

"I am both humbled and motivated by the opportunity to serve in this important role, and pledge to represent ALL our city residents, employees, businesses, and visitors as fairly and as best I can," he wrote. "To my supporters, you made this happen, but to those who favored my opponent, I will continue to hear your concerns and will commit to bring collectively intellect, compassion and diligence to the issues we face moving forward. As a community, we may disagree on specific solutions, but let's do so agreeably as friends and neighbors with civility; that's what makes Folly both funky and functional! My first order of



business will be delving into the budget discussions for 2024-2025, which begins as soon as I take office! A special thanks

to the City staff for continued diligence in our governance and preserving quality of life for all. Let's press on together!"

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Catching Some Fun

Folly Current reporter gets some fishing tips before annual tournament returns to Folly Pier

by Jenny Peterson | Current Staff Writer

I had never fished in the Atlantic Ocean until a Tuesday in April when I arrived at the Folly Beach Fishing Pier and walked into the Charleston County Parks gift shop at the entrance of the newly rebuilt Folly landmark.

I arrived empty handed—no fishing rod, no bait, not even a fishing license—and within 10 minutes (and \$30 later) I was casting out into the ocean just beyond the surf to start a relaxing day standing directly over the Atlantic Ocean.

Folly Beach has no shortage of things to do but, in my opinion, one of the most unique activities is fishing on the Folly Beach Fishing Pier which juts dramatically out from the shore.

As a Charleston resident for more than 20 years, I had been on my fair share of boats casting lines in our many waterways. But casting a line into the ocean with nothing but the horizon in the background? That was only something I had only seen other people do as I walked past them on scenic strolls down the 1,045-foot-long Folly Beach fishing pier, which reopened in 2022.

I have always been curious about fishing off the pier. When I learned how accessible it was for everyone—that you could rent a rod and buy bait and everything else you may need right there at the gift shop—I added it to my Charleston bucket list.

I'll admit that over the years, the signs I read affixed to the pier regarding fishing and sharks was a bit intimidating: no fishing for them and no "chumming the water" to attract the predators.

While I do have fond memories of lake fishing in Mississippi with a cork and bobber growing up, the snarliest of the fish we'd hook was a small whiskered catfish.

As an ocean fishing newbie, the last thing I wanted to do was come nose-to-nose with a shark. Or a stingray.

This bucket list activity came to fruition on a beautiful April morning, prompted by an email I received from Charleston County Parks about its upcoming schedule of events for the Folly Fishing Pier.

On the schedule for the end of May was the return of the Cast Off Fishing Tournament, a morning of fishing with prizes given in several categories.

I noted that the Cast Off Fishing Tournament included a kid's contest—surely, fishing off the pier couldn't be that daunting if kids are encouraged to sign up. The email included photos of past tournaments with elementary school children showing off their ocean hauls, which sealed the deal for me.

I packed light—nothing but my wallet and sunscreen—and showed up at the gift shop. A day pass (\$7 for adults; \$4 for



seniors and children, with yearly passes available) covers all-day fishing and takes the place of a fishing license. There's a refundable deposit to rent a rod and it's \$15 to rent it for the day, or you can bring your own. While choosing your rod, you get to see photos of fishermen, some from the 1990s, and their record catches on the wall including black drum, cobia, pompano, King mackerel, Spanish mackerel, flounder and sheepshead.

Common catches off the pier are blue fish, sheepshead, spotted sea trout and whiting.

You can pick your bait from a menu, or you can bring your own. I was persuaded to choose frozen shrimp (\$8) but there is also squid and chicken necks for sale—and I took the to-go container to the pier to find a spot to set up shop.

I could choose any spot on the side of the pier. Left or right, close to the shore or all the way to the diamond-shaped platform at the end. There are shaded options and long, open stretches where you can get plenty of sunshine and tables where you can clean your fish with a connected hose and trashcan for scraps.

The rods they have available to rent are 7-foot-6-inches long and come rigged with weighted double hooks. It was suggested that I cut a shrimp in half and put one half

on the top hook, the other on the bottom. I then cast out into the ocean and saw the line effortlessly glide down to the water from the 22-foot-or-so perch from the top of the pier. I was told that some fishermen claim to have more luck dropping their lines straight down on the pilings.

The top of the pier is lined with white fishing rod holders every 15 feet or so, made of PVC piping. If you want more of a hands-off fishing experience, you can cast your line, place the rod in the holder, take a seat on the wooden bench and wait to see if the tip bends towards the water, indicating a fish on the line.

Or, you can hold onto the rod the entire time to try and feel for a bite. With these rods—and with ocean fishing in general—there are no bobbers. The goal is for a fish that's swimming near the bottom of the seafloor to see your bait flowing with the current and chomp on it.

Noah O'Brien, the Folly Beach Pier Operations Manager II, is often outside on the pier excitedly checking out what fishermen bring up to the surface. He reassured me that sharks are generally a rare catch (he said bait should be no more than 2x2x2 inches to attract smaller and more desirable fish). O'Brien said a more recent accidental catch have been sea turtles over the past month, two which were

caught and mended right away with the proper turtle watch groups alerted.

It's OK if you need to cut your line if you catch a shark or stingray or get snagged on the artificial reef near the end of the diamond platform; the gift shop won't charge you the first time. O'Brien said it's a very dramatic scene when a fish is pulled up the tall pier and flops its way to freedom once it gets 20 feet up to the very top.

On the morning of my fishing adventure, I cast my line just past where the surf breaks, placed it in the holder and waited, chatting with O'Brien about fishing in general and keeping birds from stealing the bait—who knew they can use their beaks to pry open a to-go container!

My rod bent towards the water after a few minutes, pointing at whatever was on the line and I eagerly reeled it in. Other fishermen peered over to see what was on the line. My first Atlantic Ocean fish! I already pictured my photo on the wall of the store, adding to the hall of fame.

What happened next was quite surprising. I caught...a snail!?? It was a smaller version of a conch shell—but very much inhabited by a slug-like creature—a slug which had

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halfway devoured the shrimp and had been ensnared by the hook.

A lightening whelk? A knobbed whelk?

"I didn't know these were just floating around out there!" I said as O'Brien took the creature off the rod and threw it back. Add that to the exciting things you can catch off the pier that you'd never find in a lake.

While that ended up being the only catch of my hour-long fishing morning, I'd like to say I'm hooked. I never thought that fishing could be so convenient; an all-inclusive activity where you just need to bring yourself and your wallet to start your fishing adventure in no time! I saw fishermen who had packed a lunch and sodas for the afternoon.

O'Brien said regular fisherman quite literally catch their dinner—a thought that makes me smile in the throes of deadlines and other laptop work.

A cold beer from the adjacent restaurant Pier 101 was very tempting post-fishing—especially with their chairs and tall tables overlooking the ocean.

Fishing on the Folly Pier is an activity where you really can't beat the view, no matter how long you stay. Rent a rod for an hour or an entire day. Enjoy sunrise or sunset, or both.

If you need another reason to head out there, fishing in May is a good way to practice for the Cast Off Fishing Tournament set for Saturday, May 25 from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. No need to pre-register; sign up the day of

the tournament at the gift shop. Another tournament will be held later in the summer on June 22 from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The tournament will be just like my fishing morning—anyone can sign up and anyone can rent rods—or you can bring your own. The only difference is that the fish caught will be recorded and fishing-related prizes will be up for grabs, like coolers and fishing gear. The winners will almost certainly get their photo taken.

Whether at a tournament or on a random Tuesday morning, fishing off the Folly Beach Fishing Pier is a uniquely Folly Beach activity and thanks to Charleston County Parks, it couldn't be easier to get set up and cast your line. Catching a whelk, that's the hard part.

Tournaments offer awards for the Biggest 3 Fish by Weight, the Biggest Youth Catch (12 and under) and the Best 5 Fish (total weight). Participants are only eligible to win one category. Tournament registration fees are \$12 for ages 13 and up, \$9 for members of the military, \$9 for seniors (60 and up) and ages 12 and under; \$5 for all fishing pass holders. Adult chaperones are required for ages 15 and under. No pre-registration is required. On-site registration for tournaments begins the morning of the event. Parking fees are an additional charge at the Folly Pier.

Cast Off Fishing Tournament at the Folly Beach Pier. Saturday, May 25, 6 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 22, 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, October 12, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, visit www.ccprc.com/2038/Cast-Off-Fishing-Tournaments.

May Events City of Folly Beach

- * **Two by Two – Charleston History Talk** by Peg Eastman and Bob Stockton- **May 2nd 11am** Community Center. Sponsored by The City of Folly Beach & The Senior Citizen Club. RSVP required.
- * **Iliana Rose Latin Jazz Concert** - **May 2nd 6p-8p** Folly River Park. Bonus to concert: sliced watermelon while supplies last, fun photo opp area & festive takeaways.
- * **Clemson Extension Intergenerational Healthy Cooking Class- 7th and May 14th 5p-630p** Community Center Ages 9 and up Must RSVP.
- * **Learn Mahjong w/ The Folly Beach Mahjong Club-May 14th 7p-830p and May 16 2p-330p** Community Center. Must RSVP to liz@sweetmelissas.com by May 8th. Class for learning the basics of Mahjong and also looking for lifelong players to join this group.
- * **Green Levels Bluegrass & Americana Concert-May 16th 6p-8p** Folly River Park. Bonus to concert: Fun Photo opp area and festive giveaways while supplies last.
- * **Master Gardener Container Garden Program -May 23rd 6p-730p** Community Center. Program is already full.
- * **Global Learning Lecture: The Culture, People and Landscape of Ethiopia-May 28th 6p-7p** Community Center RSVP requested.

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MARCH 22

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

A 60-year-old Wisconsin man was arrested for public intoxication at a Folly Beach gas station. The man had a strong odor of alcohol beverage coming from his breath in person as well as glassy and bloodshot eyes. The man had urinated on himself and was unable to tell officers where he was staying. A container of Fireball cinnamon whiskey was recovered from his pocket. The man became angry and threatened officers as they were putting him in handcuffs he began displaying aggressive behavior, kicking officers and threatening to kill them. Officers took him to the ground and the man received a small laceration to his right eyebrow EMS was called to render aid and he was transferred to a local emergency room for treatment before going to jail.

MARCH 23

OPEN CONTAINER

Around 11:30 p.m. an officer on patrol observed a vehicle illegally parked on East Ashley Ave near the Washout after hours. The deputy approached the vehicle and observed the front seat occupants—a man and woman—hastily moving bottles to the front passenger side floorboard. Officers located four bottles of rum in view. The driver and passenger were cited for open containers.

MARCH 23

DUI

A 68-year-old woman was placed under arrest for suspected driving under the influence after officers observed the woman strike the curb outside of a local grocery store and proceeded to pull off. Officers observed the vehicle cross over the yellow line and then cross a centerline on another street four times. Officers initiated a traffic stop and pulled the woman over who said she had “maybe one drink” and that she doesn’t drink much and that she had been coming from a local bar. Officers detected the odor of alcoholic beverages and slurred speech. The woman failed field sobriety tests.

APRIL 13

CITATION FOR MARIJUANA

Officers gave a man a citation for possession of marijuana after approaching three men who were smoking a brown joint that had the potent scent of marijuana outside of a local business. The three people in the group were separated and the “smoker” was issued a citation. It was noted that the trio were in the presence of a child about 10 feet away. Surrounding the trio were also cold beers and several open beer, cans and litter.

APRIL 14

INCIDENT REPORT

Residents called officers just after midnight to report that a group of teenagers were running through peoples yards and the streets and making a lot of noise. Officers made contact with several of the residents on the street who had witnessed the large group of teens running through the neighborhood. Officers searched the area and observed the teens nearby. As officers approached, the group scattered and began running into a residence. As officers walked to the residence, they heard voices on the porch before the suspects all went inside. Officers knocked on the front door and saw the group run out of the back door. An adult eventually opened the door. The woman whose name

was on the Airbnb rental was asked if the young people were drinking, their ages and the noise violation. The young people that were in the home had their parents and grandparents called to take custody. Officers said this case will likely be forwarded to the short-term rental division due to the copious amounts of alcohol and numerous individuals under 21 years old.

APRIL 16

CITATIONS

A foreign woman was issued a citation after officers observed her driving on the beach without an attached license plate. The woman said she did not have a license plate for her vehicle, nor did she have a valid U.S. driver’s license. While running the information on the vehicle, officers learned that that vehicle had been reported earlier that day as the suspect in a property collision where the driver had left the scene. The woman said she was the driver during that incident and she did leave without giving the property owner information. Her vehicle was towed and she was issued a court date.

April 20

VANDALISM

A homeowner reported that someone had vandalized his home and had been sleeping on his porch. The man said he was last at the property in December 2023 and the property has been vacant ever since. When he returned on April 20, the man found the porch screen torn open, which allowed a person access to the porch, many empty beer cans and cigarettes discarded on the porch. Under the residence were empty cans along with blankets where it appeared someone had been sleeping. A nearby roll cart trashcan was full of empty beer cans and boxes, which indicate that someone had been staying under the residence for an extended amount of time. It does not appear that anyone gained access to the main residence and the porch beer cans had dust on them, so it appeared it had not have been disturbed recently. The case is ongoing.

APRIL 20

SPEEDING

Officers observed a man driving a pickup truck with Texas plates driving at a high rate of speed. Officers conducted a traffic stop and the man showed a South Carolina driver’s license. The man was unable to provide registration or insurance for the vehicle. It was determined that he had recently purchased the vehicle and did not register it or obtain insurance. A tow truck was called and the man was issued a ticket for speeding

APRIL 20

ALCOHOL ON THE BEACH

Two men were cited by officers on patrol of the beachfront around 1:30 a.m. observed the men attempting to flee on foot near the beach access. Upon making contact with the men, officers detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverages and both having slurred speech and difficulty standing up. One of the men was from Georgia and the other was from Charleston. They were both cited for public intoxicated and on possession of alcohol in the beach and asked to return to their residence.

APRIL 24

RECKLESS DRIVING

Officers on patrol noticed a black sedan traveling at a very high rate of speed and being a danger to people who were about to cross the street. Officers caught up with the vehicle and observed the driver getting out of the vehicle to “act like he was checking on his driver side front tires.” The 31 year old man tried to stall when being asked for his driver’s license and vehicle registration and officers observed in plain view a half-empty bottle of fireball cinnamon whiskey sitting in the center console of his vehicle. The man was placed under arrest and was uncooperative, pulling away officers. He was charged with one count of reckless driving and open container in a motor vehicle. He also failed to register his vehicle in South Carolina, where he had been living for over three years and was given an additional citation.



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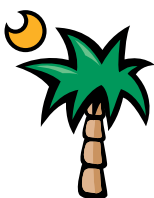


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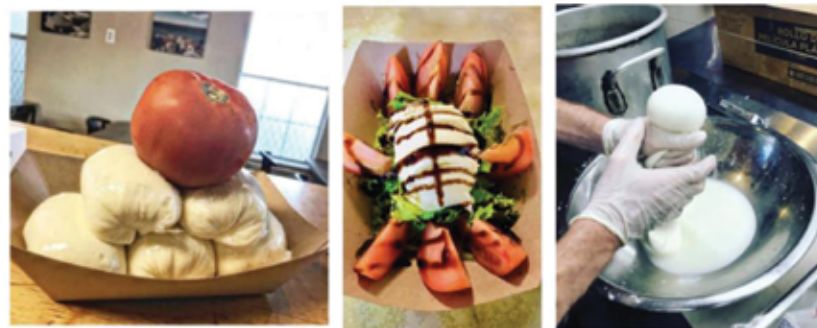
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That Sweet Swamp Music

The Harmonica Romp in the Swamp returns to Bowen's Island for 25th installment on May 26

by Lorne Chambers | Editor



Elliott & the Untouchables are among a host of experienced blues musicians set to play the 25th annual Harmonica Romp in the Swamp this month

Local bluesman Andy "Smoky" Weiner has always been good at keeping time. Something essential for a musician. But it also makes sense considering that Weiner attended the Joseph Bulova School of Watchmaking and even owned a jewelry and watch repair shop in downtown Charleston for several years in the 1990s. And like clockwork, every year he puts on some of the best and longest-running blues and jazz gatherings in the Southeast over the last 25 years. Since 1999, the Sunday before Memorial Day has become a gathering of some of the finest blues musicians from the region and beyond for what has become known as the Harmonica Romp in the Swamp.

"It's a great gig every year," says Weiner, who is bringing the Romp back to Bowen's Island on Sunday, May 26 for its silver jubilee (that's 25 years if you didn't know). In the past, the event has welcomed such blues luminaries as Miss Wanda Johnson and Big Daddy Cade to the Bowen's Island stage.

For the 25th anniversary of the Romp in Swamp, Weiner has assembled an impressive lineup of seasoned blues musicians, including Elliott & the Untouchables, Juke Joint Johnny, Cotton Blue, and, of course, Smoky Weiner. Tickets for the event are \$30 in advance through Eventbrite or \$25 cold cash at the door.

Although he doesn't consider himself

truly a promoter, the former watch repairman-turned-electrician (Handy Andy Electric) has been putting on some of the biggest and best blues events in the Southeast right here along the coast at scenic Bowen's Island. But Weiner's musical journey didn't begin among the piles of oyster shells and dolphins swimming along the marsh. The New York Native moved to Folly Beach in 1987 but he began playing music when he was just 8 years old when his grandmother gave him his first harmonica.

"I was always running around with a harmonica," recalls Weiner. "I really should be a lot better than I am now, considering I've been playing for 60 years."

Always quick with a joke or amusing antidote, Weiner says he grew up playing music with his sister, who had a guitar. They would often play Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul & Mary, Pete Seeger, and other popular folk and rock singers from the day. Weiner actually got to share the stage with the legendary Seeger once upon a time. He also had the privilege of traveling to the Capitol and playing an inauguration reception for President Barack Obama and an event called the Grits & Granite ball, thrown by the South Carolina Democratic Party and the New Hampshire Democratic Party. He has also played at events for former S.C. Governor and U.S. Congressman Mark Sanford. His

band, Smoky Weiner & The Hotlinks, has been a longtime fixture on the Charleston blues circuit. He also helped create and oversaw the Homegrown Blues Series, which was part of Piccolo Spoleto for several years.

These days, he and the Hot Links don't play as often as they used to, but Weiner is still able to tap into his vast network of blues musicians to pull together a couple of great shows every year, the Harmonica Romp in the Swamp and another Bowen's Island event held the Sunday before Labor Day every year.

"People still like the music, but there used to be a whole lot more blues bands around, and there are now far fewer. Not as many places to play now either," Weiner laments. But he and the Harmonica Romp in the Swamp continue to carry the torch for those who love to play and listen to the type of music.

Beyond the great music, this year's Romp will also feature food from Workman's Café just up the road on James Island for purchase as well as a cash bar.

The 25th annual Harmonica Romp in the Swamp will be held Sunday, May 26, from 4-8 p.m. at Bowen's Island Restaurant, located at 1870 Bowens Island Road. To purchase tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/harmonica-romp-in-the-swamp-tickets-861172258407.

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On the Road Again

Nomadic photographers make a pitstop on Folly for the month of May

by Miranda Steadman | Contributing Writer

Matt and Emily Stanfill, a creative couple from the Atlanta area, rolled the minibus they call home onto Folly Beach last month with plans to share their passion for travel and talent for photography with the local community. The Stanfills have been all over the country, including Florida, Colorado, Oregon, and South Dakota, just to name a few places. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the Stanfills moved into a GMC Vandura 3500 minibus and have taken it all over the place, documenting the places and people they meet along the way. More than just a hobby, the couple are experienced wedding and event photographers who offer their services wherever they go. They will be on Folly for the month of May.

"Matt and I love to travel and can't wait to see what the next year has in store for us," says Emily, who has always had an interest in photography. As she grew up, she fell in love with capturing nature. "For me, it was so beautiful to try and capture all that God had created for us," says Emily.

Matt and Emily first started dating in middle

school. Even then, they both had a passion for photography. A true romantic, Emily says she became in love with being in love and is so grateful to have found it early in life.

"I wanted to be able to capture that for other people ... I love hearing and seeing all the amazing love stories of others," says Emily, who started photographing weddings when she was a senior in high school. "I started off really small and simple and slowly built myself up from there."

According to Emily, she likes to use a slow shutter to create a romantic blurred effect. During receptions, she captures intriguing light streaks by using the same effect, giving a sense of movement to a still photo and bringing images to life.

In addition to weddings, the Stanfills also photograph senior portraits, engagement ceremonies, family reunions, and maternity photoshoots. They're both very excited to photograph Folly Beach together this month.

"We like to fly our drone over the beach and find wildlife whenever we get the chance,"



says Emily.

When discussing the tools of their trade, the Stanfills state they've always been fans of Canon cameras, but have also used Sony products for certain projects. Emily says Sigma is her favorite brand of lenses to use while photographing.

"For weddings, I always use a Sigma 24-70mm ... We have a couple others we trade out for different times and Matt likes to keep shoots simple with a 'Nifty fifty' for video," she says.

According to Emily, most of their clients find their business through Facebook or word of mouth.

"This industry can be hard," says Emily. "The photography market is super saturated, and it can be difficult for people like us who

are so young when this is our full-time job."

She also admits that living on the road can be tough at times, but she believes that the benefits of their nomadic lifestyle still outweigh the challenges.

"Being able to have your home wherever you go is such a unique feeling. We love being able to have everything with us at all times," she says. "Matt and I like to joke that we only have to make one trip with our groceries," says Emily.

Samples of the Stanfill's work may be viewed on their website: www.stanfillphotofilm.mypixieset.com and at their Instagram account, [stanfill.photofilm](https://www.instagram.com/stanfill.photofilm). For photography inquiries, fill out a form on their website and the Stanfills will respond to interested parties.

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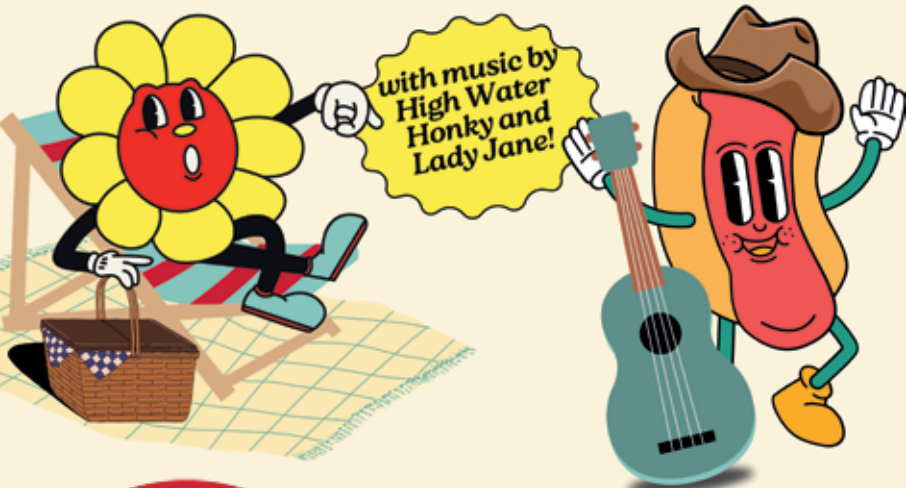
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Drop In Deli: 8pm Trivia w/ Loda
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Spud Fisher
Planet Follywood: 9pm Mike Martin Band
Rita's: 6-9pm Krystal
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Chico Feo: 4pm Paint with a Buzz; 6:30pm Folly Bluegrass Society
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10:30pm-1:30am Stratton Moore & Friends
Folly River Park: 6-8pm Concert in the Park: Iliana Rose Latin Jazz concert
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk
Planet Follywood: 9pm Karaoke
Rita's: 6-9pm Super Reggae Man
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Blu: 6-9pm Liam Murphy
Bounty Bar: 10pm The Whitney Hanna Show
Coconut Joe's: 7-10pm Sail Down South
Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark; 9-11pm DJ Lotis
Pier 101: 4-7pm Matt Mackelcan
Planet Follywood: 9pm Travellin Kine Trio
Rita's: 6-9pm George Fox
Sand Dollar: 10pm-1am Safety 3rd
The Washout: 8-11pm Eddie Bush

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Blu: 1-4pm Just Groove; 6-9pm Chad Ligon
Coconut Joe's: 12-3pm April Renee; 7-10pm Jerry Feels GOod
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Ronnie Johnson
Loggerhead's: 2-5pm Joe Fisher; 7-10pm Shane Clark
Pier 101: 2-5pm Return of the Mac
Planet Follywood: 9pm Sail Down South
Rita's: TBD
Sand Dollar: 10pm-1am Safety 3rd
The Washout: 8-11pm Dan's Tramp Stamp & The Money Bags

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Blu: 1-4pm Bennett Coleman Trio
Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
Chico Feo: 4:30 Strat Cat & Friends
Coconut Joe's: 1-4pm Shane Clark; Jerry Feels Good
Crab Shack: 1-4pm Dave Grunstra
Loggerhead's: 3-6pm DJ Lotis; 7-10pm Seitu Solomon

Pier 101: 1-4pm Sufferin' Moses
Planet Follywood: 9pm Whitney Hanna & Jeff Caldwell
Rita's: 6-9pm David Sink
The Washout: 4:30-8pm Reggae

MONDAY, MAY 6

Chico Feo: 6pm Songwriter's Soapbox w/ George Fox
Crab Shack: 6-9pm Sam Rae
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Donnie Polk
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
Rita's: 6-9pm Sufferin' Moses

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
Drop In Deli: 9pm until Honky Tonk
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Brandon Simmons
Planet Follywood: 8pm Open Mic
Rita's: 6-9pm Spoda

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Crab Shack: 6-9pm Ronnie Johnson
Drop In Deli: 8pm Trivia w/ Loda
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Spud Fisher
Planet Follywood: 9pm Mike Martin Band
Rita's: 6-9pm Kenley Young
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Chico Feo: 4pm Paint with a Buzz; 6:30pm Folly Bluegrass Society
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10:30pm-1:30am Stratton Moore & Friends
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk
Planet Follywood: 9pm Karaoke
Rita's: 6-9pm Super Reggae Man
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Blu: 6-9pm Chad Ligon
Bounty Bar: 10pm Big Stoner Creek
Chico Feo: Pleasure Chest
Coconut Joe's: 7-10pm Jerry Feels Good
Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark; 9-11pm DJ Lotis
Pier 101: 4-7pm Cori Rose
Planet Follywood: 9pm Piano D Dave
Rita's: 6-9pm Thomas Champagne
Sand Dollar: 10pm-1am Fuze Box
The Washout: 8-11pm The Quickening

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Blu: 2-5pm Super Reggae Man; 6-9pm TBD
Bounty Bar: 10pm Reverse Cowgirl
Coconut Joe's: 12-3pm Kate Vera; 7-10pm Sam McCoy steel drums
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Ronnie Johnson
Loggerhead's: 2-5pm Calhoun's Calling; 7-10pm Shane Clark
Pier 101: 2-5pm Tom Crowley
Planet Follywood: 9pm TBD
Rita's: 6-9pm Hollyn Belle
Sand Dollar: 10pm-1am Fuze Box
The Washout: 8-11pm TBD

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Blu: 1-4pm High Tide Trio
Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
Chico Feo: 4:30 Strat Cat & Friends
Coconut Joe's: 1-4pm Shane Clark

Crab Shack: 1-4pm Dave Grunstra
Loggerhead's: 3-6pm DJ Lotis; 7-10pm Seitu Solomon
Pier 101: 2-5pm Johnny Holliday Duo
Planet Follywood: 9pm Whitney Hanna & Jeff Caldwell
Rita's: 6-9pm Lola Grace
The Washout: 4:30-8pm Reggae

MONDAY, MAY 13

Chico Feo: 6pm Songwriter's Soapbox w/ George Fox
Crab Shack: 6-9pm Sam Rae
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Jaykob Kendrick
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
Rita's: 6-9pm Sufferin' Moses

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
Drop In Deli: 9pm until Honky Tonk
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Brandon Simmons
Planet Follywood: 8pm Open Mic
Rita's: 6-9pm SC Girls

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Crab Shack: 6-9pm Ronnie Johnson
Drop In Deli: 8pm Trivia w/ Loda
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Joe Fisher
Planet Follywood: 9pm Mike Martin Band
Rita's: 6-9pm Krystal
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Chico Feo: 4pm Paint with a Buzz; 6:30pm Folly Bluegrass Society
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10:30pm-1:30am Stratton Moore & Friends
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk
Planet Follywood: 9pm Karaoke
Rita's: 6-9pm Super Reggae Man
The Washout: 7-10pm Live Music

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Blu: 6-9pm Liam Murphy
Bounty Bar: 10pm Tom Crowley & The Speakers
Chico Feo: 11:30-12:30pm Raincheck
Coconut Joe's: 7-10pm Dan Marsh
Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark; 9-11pm DJ Lotis
Pier 101: 4-7pm Matt Mackelcan
Planet Follywood: 9pm Kevin West
Rita's: 6-9pm Thomas Champagne
Sand Dollar: 10pm-1am Pluff Mudd
The Washout: 8-11pm Bradford Station

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Blu: 1-4pm Dave D; 6-9pm Chad Ligon
Bounty Bar: 10pm Mike Martin & The Beautiful Mess
Chico Feo: the F.I.S.T.E.R.S.
Coconut Joe's: 12-3pm Doug Walters; 7-10pm Mac Calhoun
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Ronnie Johnson
Loggerhead's: 2-5pm Calhoun's Calling; 7-10pm Shane Clark
Pier 101: 2-5pm Super Reggae Man
Planet Follywood: 9pm Longshot Gamble
Rita's: 6-9pm Gracie
Sand Dollar: 10pm-1am Pluff Mudd
The Washout: 8-11pm Bender Funk

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Blu: 1-4pm Flash Mob
Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
Chico Feo: 4:30 Strat Cat & Friends
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Coconut Joe's: 1-4pm Shane Clark
Crab Shack: 1-4pm Dave Grunstra
Loggerhead's: 3-6pm DJ Lotis; 7-10pm Seitu Solomon
Pier 101: 1-4pm Sufferin' Moses
Planet Follywood: 9pm Whitney Hanna & Jeff Caldwell
Rita's: 3-8pm Spring Into Summer: High Water Honky; Lady Jane
The Washout: 4:30-8pm Reggae

MONDAY, MAY 20

Chico Feo: 6pm Songwriter's Soapbox w/ George Fox
Crab Shack: 6-9pm Sam Rae
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Donnie Polk
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
Rita's: 6-9pm Sufferin' Moses

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
Drop In Deli: 9pm until Honky Tonk
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Brandon Simmons
Planet Follywood: 8pm Open Mic
Rita's: 6-9pm Easy Honey

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Crab Shack: 6-9pm Ronnie Johnson
Drop In Deli: 8pm Trivia w/ Loda
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Spud Fisher
Planet Follywood: 9pm Mike Martin Band
Rita's: 6-9pm Kenley Young
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Chico Feo: 4pm Paint with a Buzz; 6:30pm Folly Bluegrass Society
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10:30pm-1:30am Stratton Moore & Friends
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk
Planet Follywood: 9pm Karaoke
Rita's: 6-9pm Super Reggae Man
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Blu: 6-9pm Matt Mackelcan
Bounty Bar: 10pm Jordan Igoe & Friends
Chico Feo: 7:30-8:30pm Gritty
Coconut Joe's: 7-10pm Mac Calhoun
Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark; 9-11pm DJ Lotis
Pier 101: 4-7pm Eric Vaughn
Planet Follywood: 9pm Travellin' Kine Trio
Rita's: 6-9pm TBD
Sand Dollar: 10pm-1am Hollow Point
The Washout: 8-11pm Big Apple Sour
SATURDAY, MAY 25
Blu: 1-4pm Clark on the Sax; 6-9pm TBD
Bounty Bar: 10pm Unity Gain
Chico Feo: Mike Martin
Coconut Joe's: 12-3pm Kate Vera; 7-10pm April Renee
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Ronnie Johnson
Loggerhead's: 2-5pm Calhoun's Calling; 7-10pm Shane Clark
Pier 101: 2-5pm Tom Crowley

Planet Follywood: 9pm Piano D Dave
Rita's: 6-9pm George Fox
Sand Dollar: 10pm-1am Hollow Point
The Washout: 8-11pm TBD

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Blu: 1-4pm Bozswells
Bounty Bar: 9pm Sunday Sessions
Chico Feo: 4:30 Strat Cat & Friends
Coconut Joe's: 1-4pm Shane Clark
Crab Shack: 1-4pm Dave Grunstra; 7-10pm Shakin' Martinis
Loggerhead's: 3-6pm DJ Lotis; 7-10pm Seitu Solomon
Pier 101: 2-5pm Chad Ligon
Planet Follywood: 9pm Whitney Hanna & Jeff Caldwell
Rita's: 5-8pm David Sink
The Washout: 4:30-8pm Reggae

MONDAY, MAY 27

Chico Feo: 6pm Songwriter's Soapbox w/ George Fox
Crab Shack: 6-9pm Sam Rae
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Jaykob Kendrick
Planet Follywood: 7pm Bingo
Rita's: 6-9pm Sufferin' Moses

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Chico Feo: 6:30-9pm Johnny Holiday
Drop In Deli: 9pm until Honky Tonk
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Brandon Simmons
Planet Follywood: 8pm Open Mic
Rita's: 6-9pm Gracious Day

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Crab Shack: 6-9pm Ronnie Johnson
Drop In Deli: 8pm Trivia w/ Loda
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Spud Fisher
Planet Follywood: 9pm Mike Martin Band
Rita's: 6-9pm Weigh Station
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Chico Feo: 4pm Paint with a Buzz; 6:30pm Folly Bluegrass Society
Crab Shack: 7-10pm Island Duo
Drop In Deli: 10:30pm-1:30am Stratton Moore & Friends
Loggerhead's: 7-10pm Bender Funk
Planet Follywood: 9pm Karaoke
Rita's: 6-9pm Super Reggae Man
The Washout: 6-9pm Live Music

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Blu: 6-9pm Chad Ligon
Bounty Bar: 10pm Jeff Caldwell Band
Coconut Joe's: 7-10pm Jimmy Shaka
Crab Shack: 8-11pm Calhoun's Calling
Loggerhead's: 6-9pm Shane Clark; 9-11pm DJ Lotis
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That's a Stretch!

Alfredo's on Folly dives into the art of cheesemaking with private mozzarella classes

by Lorne Chambers | editor

Mozzarella is one of the main pillars of Italian cuisine. It's in everything from lasagna to pizza, arancini to eggplant parmesan, calzones to caprese salad. Yet, lots of people make their own marinara or alfredo sauces, some even make their own pasta, but very few make their own mozzarella. Most haven't even considered it or perhaps didn't even know you could. Isn't cheesemaking some ancient art that requires lots of time, optimum conditions, and a cave or something?

No, not mozzarella, explains Michael Scognamiglio, owner and executive chef of Alfredo's on Folly. And it's surprisingly doable to make yourself once you know how to do it properly. And he's now offering classes at the restaurant to teach you how.

"I was taught that to truly enjoy 'fresh' mozzarella it should be eaten within 24 hours," says Scognamiglio. "Just think of how long ago store-bought 'fresh' mozzarella has been made by the time you bring it home from the store. And in the class, you can taste the difference."

Before opening Alfredo's on Folly, Scognamiglio was the owner and executive chef of the popular Italian restaurant Bacco in Mount Pleasant, where he occasionally would teach mozzarella classes.

"They were always fun for the guests and myself," he says. "Also, I just realized how many families and large groups of vacationers come to Folly, so I figured something like this could be a fun activity for groups coming onto the island. It's something different from the typical Beach and River excursion experiences that already exist."

"It's such an important cheese in Italy, known throughout the country. But taken

most seriously in the Campania region around the city of Naples where it's from," says Scognamiglio, who has family roots to that region. "Italian cooking is so regional that, for the most part, ingredients that are close to you dictate what dishes you produce."

For example, the island of Capri, which is located off of Naples is where you find mozzarella in the Caprese Salad, hence the name, Scognamiglio explains. Just on the mainland in Sorrento you find Pasta Sorrentina, which is a baked pasta dish topped with it. And, of course, the most famous dish that comes out of that area using mozzarella is pizza, which is Scognamiglio's favorite use of the cheese.


"I'm a huge Neapolitan pizza fan. Simple margarita pizza is all it takes for me," he says.

Scognamiglio says he's been teaching 1-3 classes per week since he started doing them a little over a month ago. Each private class usually has between six and eight people, but he recently did one for 13. The cost is \$60 per person (with a minimum of six people). In each class, Scognamiglio gives a brief description of how the cheese is made, some information about the differences and variations of the cheese, and also a hands-on session of how to pull and make it yourself. Afterward, he personally prepares a two-course lunch with dishes that include mozzarella, of course. Typically, classes run between 1.5-2 hours long.

Alfredo's on Folly is located at 106 West Hudson Ave. For more information or to schedule a private mozzarella making class, call (843) 633-0225 or visit www.alfredosonfolly.com.



Michael Scognamiglio, owner and executive chef of Alfredo's on Folly, teaches a small class how to make mozzarella at his restaurant



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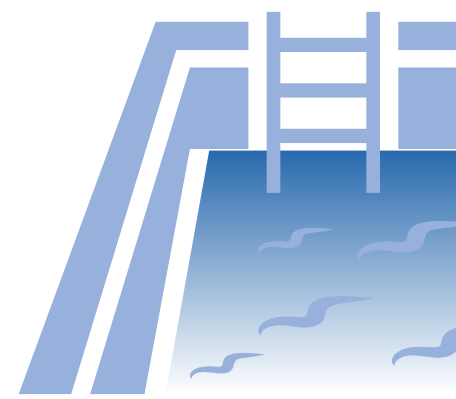
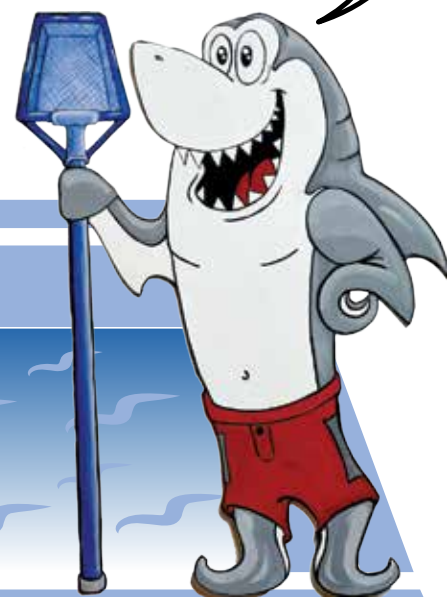
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Folly Association of Business's Litter Buster of the Month

Pet Helpers | 13th St. East Ashley Beach Access Adopters

Toby Turtle is proud to award Pet Helpers Adoption Center and Spay/Neuter Clinic the May 2024 litter buster award. Pet Helpers adopted the 13th Street East beach access, and they have been keeping the access and the beach around their access clean for more than two years. Pet Helpers is dedicated to rescuing and caring for both domesticated and wildlife animals on Folly Beach.

"We are thrilled to have been chosen as the May Litter Buster," said Shauna Shackleton, CFO for Pet Helpers, which has been saving animals in our community since 1978.

"We feel privileged to be able to work with Toby and crew by keeping Folly Beach clean and safe for the Turtles that nest and are born on Folly Beach. All beings' lives are precious to us at Pet Helpers. We couldn't do our job of saving Lowcountry animals without the help of donors, volunteers, and staff. We are always happy to lend a paw to help our community when called upon."

Toby the Turtle thanks all businesses and adoptees of beach accesses for helping to Keep Folly Clean.



FAB's Litter Committee is made up of Folly Beach business owners who volunteer their time to help devise solutions to litter-related problems both on the beach and within the business district. This committee collaborates with city entities and the Folly Green Team on actionable strategies to address these problems. They also help fund the signage that the Green Team places at beach walkovers to remind visitors to dispose of litter properly. As our mascot Toby the Turtle says, "Don't Trash Where We Splash!" If you would like to sponsor a walkover, please email Vanessa at jvolt243@gmail.com.

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Folly Beach Red Dot





by Captain Geoff Bennett
Charleston Charter Fishing

It's a perfect time to be fishing! Our waters are now full of bait and fish are actively eating. All summer seasonal species have arrived and when added to our traditional gamefish, provide a whole array of options for an angler. If you haven't started fishing yet, let's get going!

Consider making the most of live bait when focusing on redfish. Menhaden are a great choice whether fished cut or alive. We've been catching some nice redfish by casting chunks of menhaden under docks. You'll need to use enough weight to hold your bait steady so it doesn't slide around on the bottom and get snagged. I use pinch-on split shot that can be easily changed, just add or remove these weights as needed.

Topwater trout action is abundant at first light! Heddon's Super Spook Jr. in their silver mullet color works great but

my go-to is the chartreuse and black. Vary retrieve speeds as you work these lures along grassy banks and over shell rakes. When a fish strikes, reel quickly before raising your rod tip. Hard to do sometimes when a violent explosion erupts around your lure! Once the topwater bite starts to fade, suspended twitch bait lures are a good choice to continue the fun.

Sharks have filled our waters with multiple species like bonnetheads, black tips, and sharpnose, which are all easily accessible. You'll start to see the fins of sharks as they cruise along river banks and also find them feasting along drop offs in the harbor and inlets. Blue crab, live shrimp and cut bait all work well on these predators. I favor 7/0 circle hooks. Just put the rods in the holders and wait for them to whip over!

See you on the water!

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Things are Heating Up

Our waters are full of bait and fish are actively feeding

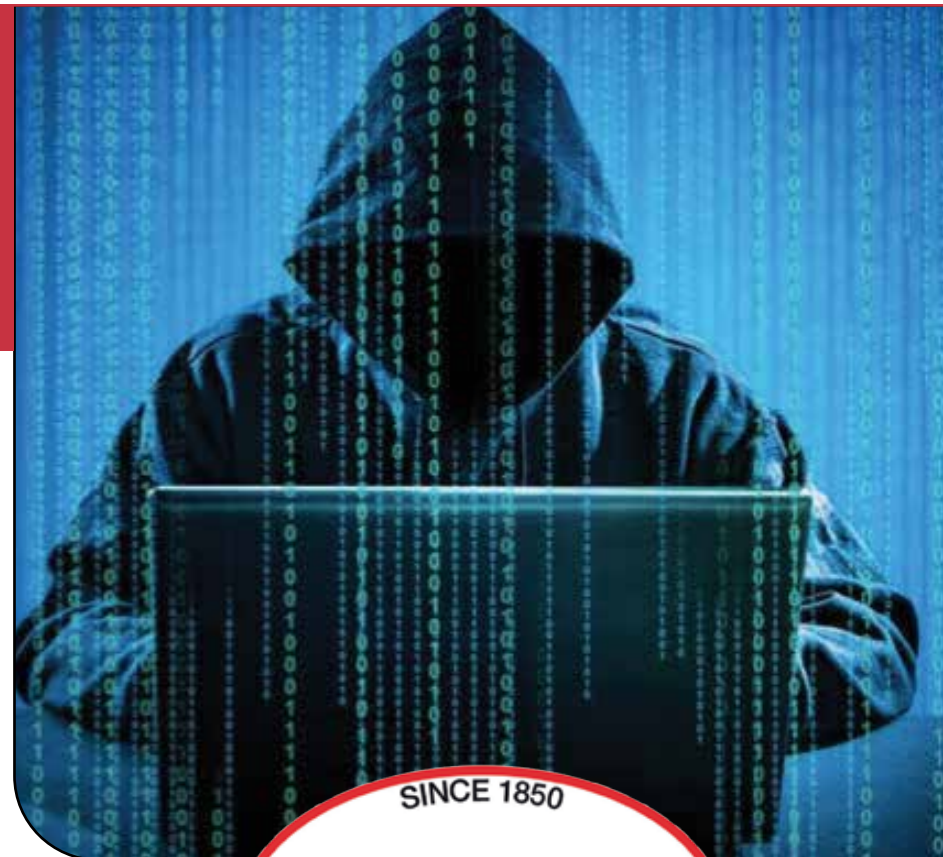


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Restaurant members of FAB are invited to attend a free ServSafe manager class on Tuesday, May 14, in the Tides ballroom. This is a \$180 value per person that FAB is happy to extend as a benefit of FAB membership. If you would like any of your team members to participate, please email secretary4fab@gmail.com to register BEFORE MAY 7TH.



FAB would like to thank Jody Lynn Rogers and Skip Fink for addressing our membership during the April meeting. We appreciate you taking the time to answer questions and discuss how you would address issues affecting our business community if you were to become a member of city council.

As we wind down a successful festival season, FAB is proud to fulfill one of its missions: to give back to the community and enhance the lives of those on and around Folly Beach. FAB made donations to three charities during our April meeting. Pet Helpers, Warrior Surf, and Surfer's Healing each received a \$2000 donation to continue their essential work. Thanks to all who attended the festivals, allowing us to help those in need.



L to R Clayton Merritt from Warrior Surf Foundation, FAB Treasurer Jeannie Fanjoy, Nancy Hussey from Surfers Healing, Carol Linville from Pet Helpers, FAB President Vince Perna

TOBY & FRIENDS @ TIDES

Sunday, May 5 from 10am-1pm free family friendly event!



For more information or to become a member of FAB, go to JoinFAB.org. Join us at our May meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 6:30pm upstairs at Tides Hotel. Social happy hour at 6pm in the bar.

FOLLY ASSOCIATION of BUSINESS MEMBER DIRECTORY

ACCOMMODATIONS

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- Carolina One Vacation Rentals
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- My Ocean Rental
- Tides Hotel
- Waters Edge Inn, LLC

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- The Bounty Bar
- Chico Feo
- Coconut Joe's
- Folly Beach Triple Dot
- Jack of Cups Saloon
- Kona Ice of Charleston Islands
- Loggerhead's Lost Dog Café
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- Revelry Brewing
- Rita's
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Turtle Nesting Season Is Upon Us



SALT MARSH DIARIES

BY CAPTAIN ANTON DUMARS OF SPARTINA SAILING ADVENTURES

Gravid loggerhead turtles historically begin making nests on Folly Island the first week of May. The “citizen scientist” Folly Turtle Watch folks (a.k.a. the turtle ladies) have already begun their pre-dawn beach surveys. They continue these patrols until nesting season ends in October.

These volunteers document all observable sea turtle nesting activity. They detail successful nests and false crawls. A false crawl occurs when a female turtle crawls up the beach, but then returns to the ocean without nesting. They move nests when necessary. Once the nests hatch, they calculate hatch rates and collect eggshells for DNA analysis.

Almost all sea turtle nests on Folly Island (and other South Carolina beaches) are made by loggerheads. Occasionally, other species such as green turtles or leatherbacks make their nests on the island.

Increased turtle nesting rates along Southeastern shorelines correlate strongly with the use of Turtle Excluder Devices (TED) in commercial shrimp nets. After much haggling, litigation, and testing, TEDs

were made mandatory in July of 1989. Turtle mortality immediately decreased.

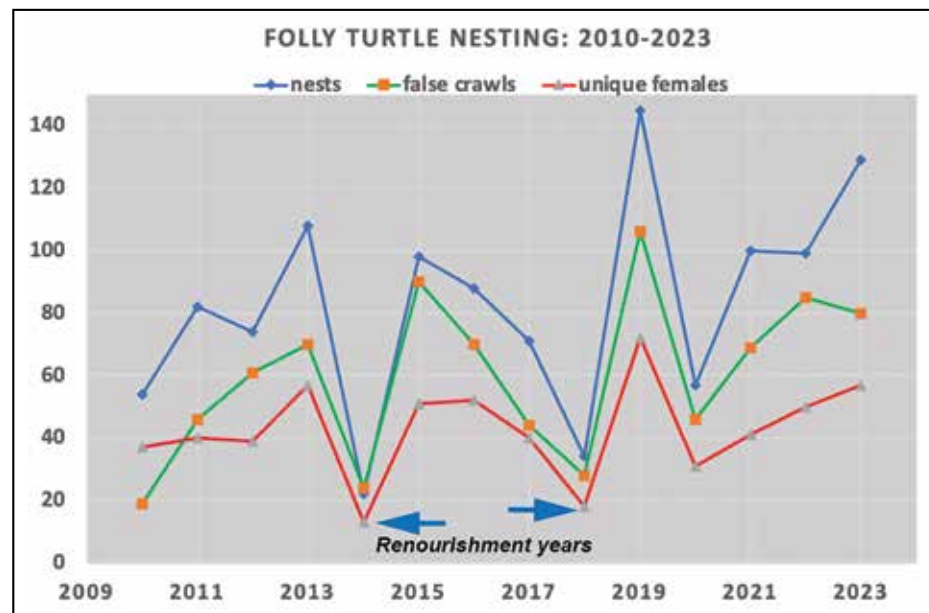
A TED, a metal grate sewn into a shrimp net, prevents turtles and other large animals from getting trapped (97% success rate) but lets the shrimp pass into the net pocket (or cod-end).

When hatched turtles emerge from their nest, they scurry to the ocean, then make a frenzied swim toward the Gulf Stream. Once there, the North Atlantic Gyre sweeps them around the Sargasso Sea, east to the Canary and Cape Verde islands. Twenty or so years later, females return to lay eggs on land near their natal origin. Male turtles never return to land.

Brian Shamblin, an associate research scientist with the University of Georgia’s Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, began extracting DNA samples from spent turtle shells in 2006.

In 2010, Shamblin, partnering with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, the South Carolina, and Georgia Departments of Natural Resources, and the University of Georgia, formed the Northern Recovery Unit Loggerhead DNA Project. Turtle Watch programs, such as on Folly Island, make this DNA analysis possible.

With DNA analysis, eggs are matched to individual “mama” turtles to determine nesting frequencies, occurrences, and locations. From these data, biologists have learned that individual turtles nest multiple times per season (up to 8), and that they nest in multiple locations. Some turtles make all



their seasonal nests within a few miles of each other. Others make seasonal nests up to 500 miles apart.

University of North Carolina Wilmington biologists Joanne Halls and Alyssa Randall have studied loggerhead turtle false crawl to nesting ratios. Their studies indicate a higher rate of false crawls on developed and renourished beaches when compared to undeveloped beaches. With Folly’s beach renourishment in full swing all summer, expect a higher false crawl to nesting ratio. Historical data shows lower nesting rates during renourishments as well. According to nesting records, turtles prefer natural

beaches/ beach profiles over unnatural freshly-renourished beaches with scarped tidelines. A renourished beach will take a year or more until waves re-establish a (natural) equilibrium beach profile.

While this turtle season may produce less nests than normal due to the renourishment, biologists at UNCW and SCDNR (and the Folly Turtle Watch program’s own data) indicate a rebound in nesting rates a year or two after renourishment.

Captain Anton DuMars, a coastal geologist and author. Visit www.saltmarshdiaries.com to buy his book. Contact him at saltmarshdiaries@gmail.com.

What Is A Green Thumb and Do You Have One?



OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

BY CHARLIE STONECYPHER

Hello Friends and thank you for taking the time to read my rant!

You know, I hear people all the time say, “I don’t have a green thumb. Everything I plant dies.” Well, that’s being rather hard on yourself. It’s also kind of dismissive to those who have had to really work at this art. And Art it is. It’s art that literally requires you to get your hands dirty. Education and research is certainly beneficial, but you’ll need to get some muscle memory and check in on things

regularly, as adjustments are required.

I know there are crash courses out there on becoming a “Master Gardener,” but even upon completion, I’d personally be hesitant to call myself a master of anything. The world of plants is its own multi-faceted universe with many possible paths to explore. So, what is a “Green Thumb?”

A quick Google search would describe this as “The ability to make plants grow and be healthy.” For me, this has taken years just to get halfway decent at ornamental landscape plants, but I still have so much to learn.

Then you have personal veggie gardens, turf, agriculture, indoor plants, starting plants from seed, agriculture etc., etc. that I honestly know absolutely nothing about, (I am practicing though). With practice and finding teachers, mentors, and other good sources of information,

you can go from scratching your head wondering why those plants you installed three months ago and never checked on died to be able to do a proper install and monitor your plants and watch them take life. So, where do we start?

Hitting up your local nurseries and talking with the “go-to” folks there is a good place. Trident Technical College offers a lot of wonderful courses that you don’t necessarily need to get a degree in to have success. One semester of Landscape Design literally has put food on my table in more ways than one. Check out groups that garden in your neighborhood and make some cool friends. Social media has a lot of gardening groups that constantly post pictures and questions from all experience levels. A fast track to getting started is creating and prepping your project. Or maybe you have some existing plants you

could check in on?

Having a green thumb, in my opinion, is the art of trying to nurture plants. They’re living things, so slapping some dirt around the base and dumping a bucket of water on it once isn’t going to cut it. I’m currently practicing this in areas I’m weak in, and I’ll tell you it is fun to take on new challenges, especially ones that yield you happiness and maybe even something delicious! So, let’s make good decisions and not excuses. Let’s go earn our “green thumb” status!

Love and Aloha until next month!

Charlie Stonecypher is the owner of Suncoast Irrigation and Landscaping. They specialize in products that work smart without wasting resources. Contact him at (843) 327-8642 or email suncoastirrigation@gmail.com.



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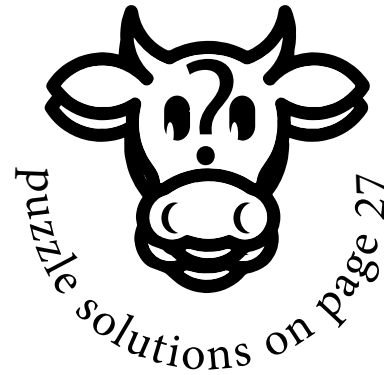
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- 6. Truthful
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- 13. Secret agent
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- 25. Chocolate source
- 26. Manila hemp
- 27. He makes bread
- 29. Belch
- 30. Expensive fur
- 31. Direct
- 33. Assist
- 34. People given to foolish talk
- 37. River bottom
- 42. Farm
- 44. Focusing glass (plural)
- 45. Two-handed grass cutting tool
- 46. Allied
- 47. Condiment
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- 51. Black-and-white cookie
- 52. Marine mammal
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TRIVIA BY GREY MATTER GAMES

1. NAME GAME

Oscar-winning actress Emma Stone said recently that she would prefer to be called by her real first name, which is what?

2. BOX OFFICE

While Dune 2 is still raking in millions, what is the name of Zendaya's new tennis movie that just hit theaters

3. HIP-HOP

The estate of Tupac Shakur has sent a cease-and-desist and is threatening to sue what artist for using AI-generated fake vocals of the deceased rapper in a recent song?

4. BROADWAY

What classic work of literature by F. Scott Fitzgerald is now a Broadway production?

5. TELEVISION

Telling the supposed true story of a female stalker, what was Netflix's top show last month and had a 100% score on Rotten Tomatoes?

6. SEX

Who has teamed up with Stormy Daniels's ex-husband Mike Moz to launch a new porn site?

7. DRUGS

What famous stoner musician wrote a song called "Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die"?

8. ROCK 'N' ROLL

What was the name of the founding member of the Altman Bros. Band who passed away last month at 80 years old?

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please join FAB at the next monthly meeting on May 9th from 6:30-7:30pm at Tides Hotel. Feel free to come early for the social happy hour at 6pm in the bar at Blu. For more information, email secretary-4FAB@gmail.com.

Home & Garden Club
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month Sept. through May at 12pm. Folly Beach Community Center, 55 Center St. For more info, contact Pauline Ray, Garden Club President.

Global Learning Lecture
The culture, people, & landscape of Ethiopia. May 28th 6-7pm at the Community Center. RSVP requested. RSVP at hodonnell@follybeach.gov. Free.

Learn Mahjong
With the Folly Beach Mahjong Club. May 14th 7-8:30pm and May 16th 2-3:30pm at the Community Center. Must RSVP to liz@sweetmelissas.com by May 8th. Class for learning the basics of Mahjong and also lifelong players.

Save the Light
Meets the 1st Monday at 6pm every month. For more information, call: 633-0099, www.savethelight.org.

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
Join us on Saturday, May 25th 6am-2pm at the Folly Beach Pier for a fun day of fishing during the Cast Off Fishing Tournament. Prize categories include Biggest 3 by Weight, Biggest Youth Catch (12 & under), and Best 5 Fish Total Weight. No pre-registration required. Register on site the morning of the tournament. Fee: \$12 for ages

13 & up, \$9 for military, \$9 for youth and seniors, \$5 for fishing pass holders. Ages 3 & up. www.ccprc.com for more info.

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

FREE Spring Concert Series
May 2nd 6-8pm: Iliana Rose, Latin Jazz at Folly River Park (bonus: watermelon while it lasts, water station, fun photo ope area & festive giveaways while supplies last)
May 16th 6-8pm: Green Levels Bluegrass & Americana at Folly River Park (bonus: fun photo opp area & festive giveaways while supplies last)
For more info, contact Heather O'Donnell, City of Folly Beach Community Coordinator at hodonnell@follybeach.gov.

Toby & Friends
Free family-friendly event connecting local organizations with the community to answer questions the community may have about turtles, litter control, marine life, and keeping our beaches and waters clean. Attendees enjoy: cash bar, merch table, turtle sand sculpture, crafts table for the kids, Toby the Turtle in costume. May 5th from 10am-1pm at Tides Hotel, 1 Center St.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

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

Folly Beach Community Yoga
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-11am. Bring your own mat. Donation based class. Folly River Park. For more information, contact Jenifer Mahanes on Facebook: Folly Beach Community Yoga.

Folly Beach Recreation
Pickleball: 8-10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 2-4p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday at Pirates Cove, 510 E. Erie Ave.
Tennis: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Wednesday, Friday. Registration required. Pirates Cove, 510 E.

Erie Ave.
Soccer: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday. Registration required. Folly River Park, 60 Center St. Yoga: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday. Folly River Park, 60 Center St.

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

OUTDOOR

Dawn Patrol Adult SUP Surf Camp
Greet the mornings with a surf session led by a certified instructor. Hone your skills and appreciation for the sport and culture over the course of a week. Tues., May 21st-Fri., May 24th 6:30-8am (one week session). Fee: \$175, ages 16 & up. Folly River Boat Landing. www.ccprc.com for more info.

Drop-in Dawn Patrol
Alumni of SUP Dawn Patrol, treat yourself to some fun by dropping into some waves. Extend your journey from previous sessions with this open session format. Fee: \$40, ages 16 & up. Fri., May 24th 6:30-8am (one week session). Folly Beach County Park. www.ccprc.com for more info.

Intro to Stand Up Paddle Boarding
This course offers a progression of skill and knowledge development for paddling at the coast. This course is designed to introduce basic coastal paddling skills and safety for beginners. Sunday, May 12th & 26th 8-11am. Fee: \$45, ages 16 & up. Folly River Boat Landing. www.ccprc.com for more info.

Lighthouse Inlet Bird Walk
Friday, May 10th, from 8:30-10:30am. Fee: \$9. Ages 12 & up. Meets at Lighthouse Inlet Heritage Preserve, 1750 E. Ashley Ave. www.ccprc.com for more info.

Moonlight Mixer
Dance the night away with DJ Bill Shelton spinning all of the hottest oldies and beach music classics! Fri., May 3rd 7-10pm at the Folly Beach Pier. Fee: \$10, ages 4 & up. www.ccprc.com for tickets and more info.

RELIGIOUS

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

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

Folly Beach United Methodist Church
Worship times: Adult Sunday school at 9am / Worship Service at 10am. Open communion table is the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome. Come as you are. Nursery and children's Sunday school is provided during worship service. 118 W. Indian Ave., 588-9174.

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.

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.

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.

** Please check with the individual clubs, groups, and events for updates, as some of these events may have changed.*

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SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

1	4	2	5	6	3	7	9	8
9	3	6	8	7	4	1	2	5
7	5	8	2	1	9	3	4	6
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4	9	3	6	8	7	5	1	2
2	8	5	4	3	1	6	7	9
6	7	1	9	2	5	8	3	4

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Emily
2. Challengers
3. Drake
4. The Great Gatsby
5. Baby Reindeer
6. Kanye West
7. Willie Nelson
8. Dickey Betts



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82 Mariners Cay Dr | \$699,000



1902 Bowens Island Rd | \$799,000



134 Marsh View Villas | \$535,000



74 Mariners Cay Dr | \$595,000



413 E Erie Ave | \$700,000



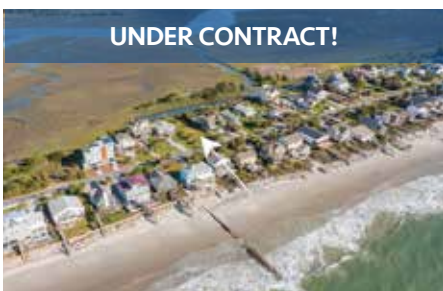
309 E Huron Ave | \$948,000



317 E Huron Ave | \$1,425,000



000 W Ashley Ave Lot B | \$700,000



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